Administrative Procedures
Department of Tennessee
Marine Corps League

Chapter One
General

Section 100 – Name and Location

(a) This Organization, known as "Department of Tennessee, Marine Corps League", hereinafter shall be referred to as "Department."

(b) The principal offices are to be located in a place designated by the presiding Department Commandant.

Section 110 – Purpose – The purposes for which the organization is formed are as follows:

(a) To preserve the traditions and promote the interests of the United States Marine Corps;

(b) To band those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service together in fellowship that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy;

(c) To fit its members for duties of citizenship and to encourage them to serve as ably as citizens as they have served the Nation under arms;

(d) To hold sacred the history and memory of the men who have given their lives to the Nation;

(e) To foster love for the principles which they have supported by blood and valor since the founding of the Republic;

(f) To maintain true allegiance to American institutions;

(g) To create a bond of comradeship between those in the service and those who have returned to civilian life;

(h) To aid voluntarily and to render assistance to all Marines and former Marines. As well as to their spouses, orphans and other dependent members of their immediate and extended families;

(i) To perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps, and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

Section 120 – Policy

(a) The power of the Department shall be vested always in its membership functioning through Delegates at all Department Conventions. Executive and administrative powers may be delegated to the Department Board of Trustees or individual members of the Department only in accordance with Article Two (2) and Article Three (3) of the Department Bylaws. Said powers shall be subordinate to the National Organization.

(b) The Department shall never take part in any labor or management dispute or issue, and it shall be ever non-sectarian, non-political and non-partisan; nor shall it be biased on the grounds of race, color, creed, nationality or sex; nor shall it be used as a medium of political ambition or preferment; nor shall former or present military rank, or former or present civilian position be used as the basis for special consideration or preferment.

(c) Nothing in the preceding subsections shall prohibit the Department or any subdivision thereof from participating in political issues affecting the welfare of the United States Marine Corps, the national security of our Nation, or any veterans' claims for justice arising from service in the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

Section 130 – Authority – A Department Convention subordinate to the National Convention shall govern The Department.

Section 140 – Organization – The constituted bodies of the Department shall be subordinate local organizations, i.e. Detachments, located anywhere within the State of Tennessee, as formed, chartered, instituted and with affairs conducted in accordance with Article Five (5) of the National Bylaws and Chapter Six (6) of the National Administrative Procedures, in their entirety.

Section 150 – Other Groups – The Department encourages the formation of State and local chapters of subsidiary or subordinate groups which directly or indirectly operate under the Congressional Charter and name of the Marine Corps League. These organizations and groups are cited and bound by the requirements as set forth in Article Seven (7) of the National Bylaws and Chapter Eight (8) of the National Administrative Procedures, in their entirety.

End of Chapter One (1)