

Gold Country Detachment #885 Bylaws

2014 Board Of Trustee's Signatures

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Past Commandant,

These By-Laws were presented to and approved by a majority vote of the members of Gold Country Detachment #885 at a meeting on

Article I -- Name, Purpose & Resolve

Section 100 - Name & Incorporation

The official name of the organization is the "Gold Country Detachment", #885, **Marine Corps League**. The detachment was CHARTERED ON 7 June 1994 in accordance with the authority of the Marine Corps League National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures (hereunto referred to as (MCL-NBAPS). It was incorporated in the State of California as a NON-PROFIT organization in accordance with California & United States tax regulations. The principal office shall be maintained in the city of Grass Valley, County of Nevada, and State of California

Section 101 - Mission & Charter

To preserve the traditions & promote the interests of the United States Marine Corps.

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

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

To hold sacred the history & memory of the patriots who have given their lives to the nation

To foster love for the principles which they have supported by blood and valor since the founding of the Republic.

To maintain true allegiance to American institutions.

To create a bond of comradeship between those in the service and those who have returned to civil life.

To aid voluntarily & render assistance to all Marines in good standing, (~~delete~~ "former Marines"), their widows and orphans.

To perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of peculiar interest to Marines and members of the Marine Corps League.

Section 102 - Detachment & National Bylaws

- (A) In accordance with the MCL-NBAPS, The Gold Country Detachment has defined these Bylaws which have been approved by the Department Judge Advocate.
- (B) The Detachment Bylaws and associate Administrative Procedures are available for examination [on the Detachment website, or if the member does not have computer access and is a "Member in Good Standing" said member may request a copy of the Bylaws from the Detachment Judge Advocate or Adjutant.](#)
- (C) Any Detachment member may examine the National MCL-NBAPS on the National MCL website. If the member doesn't have a computer he may purchase a copy for the cost of reproduction from the Detachment Judge Advocate or Adjutant.
- (D) ~~(Delete this paragraph?) Upon his request the Past Detachment Commandant's shall be provided, without charge, with one copy of the Detachment Bylaws and associated Administrative Procedures and all published changes.~~

Section 103 - General Voting Requirements

- (A) Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, a Fifty (50%) percent plus one (1) vote by the "Members in Good Standing" [and in attendance at the monthly meeting](#) shall carry any measure and decide any issue within the Detachment. Likewise, except as otherwise provided in [these](#) Bylaws, a fifty (50%) percent plus one (1) vote of a Committee's Members shall carry any measure and decide any issue within a Committee.
- (B) The following issues, measures and actions must be decided by a vote of [all](#) Detachment Members "In Good Standing".
 - (1) Election of officers.
 - (2) Setting the annual budget.
 - (3) Dispersing of funds and the giving of charitable donations from the general fund not previously approved in the annual budget.

Section 104 - Charter Suspension & Revocation

- (A) The charter of the Gold Country Detachment may be suspended or revoked by the Marine Corps League for the following reasons.
 - (1) Persistent failure to maintain a minimum of fifteen (15) members in good standing.
 - (2) Persistent failure to promptly forward funds due to the National body.
 - (3) Acts and conduct bringing the Marine Corps League into public disrespect.
 - (4) Willful violation of National Bylaws.
 - (5) Violation of Federal, State, or Municipal laws or ordinances.
 - (6) Other activities detrimental to the good name of the United States Marine Corps or the Marine Corps League.

Section 105- Charter Voluntary Surrender

- (A) [The Charter of a Detachment may be voluntarily surrendered for such reasons as may be determined by the Detachment in accordance with the procedures outlined in Section 560 of the National Bylaws.](#)
- (B) Voluntary surrender of the charter should be considered if it is determined that there are not a minimum of fifteen (15) members of the Detachment who remain ready, willing, and able to carry on the Detachment. Upon this determination the Gold Country Detachment Board of Trustees shall immediately notify its [jurisdictional Department](#) , of its intent to dissolve and surrender its Charter.
- (C) The surrender of the Detachment charter shall not be deemed effective or accepted until all members of the Detachment have been appropriately transferred.

Section 106 - MCL Authority Given to Subsidiaries & Subordinate Groups

(A)The Gold Country Detachment shall function and operate directly or indirectly under the Congressional Charter and name of the Marine Corps League. As such The Detachment is and shall ever be subject to the authority, supervision, direction, control, and discipline of the Marine Corps League. The Detachment has adopted Bylaws that are compatible or consistent with the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures of the Marine Corps League.

(B) Detachments of the MCL shall never take part in any labor or management dispute or issue. It shall ever be non-sectarian, non-political & non-partisan. Membership shall not be based on the grounds of race, color, creed, nationality or sex. Nor shall it be used as a medium for political ambition or preferment. Nor shall present/former military rank or present/former civilian position be used as a basis for special consideration or preferment

Section 107 - Marine Corps League Incorporation Requirements.

The Detachments, engaged in services or business, either for profit or for non-profit, or wishing to use the name of the Marine Corps League will be incorporated in accordance with Section 700 of the MCL NBAPS.

Section 108 - Employee Identification Number (EIN)

The Detachment, in addition to their incorporation, must obtain and maintain their own EIN (delete "number") under the Marine Corps League's Group Exemption Number 0955. The Detachment shall not utilize the EIN (delete "number") of the national organization.

Section 109 - Eligibility and Attendance to the National Convention

(A) Detachment Eligibility

Gold Country Detachment will be reported to the National Convention Credentials Committee. (delete "and") The Detachment and its Officers/Delegates will not be recognized on the floor of the National Convention for the following reasons:

- (1) The Detachment is in default of monies (delete "from") due to National Headquarters as of June 30 prior to the National Convention and such debt has not been satisfied as required by Section 105 (c) of the National Bylaws. Unless previously resolved, the Credentials of the Detachment's Delegates and Alternates shall not be approved unless settlement is made by the Detachment's Delegates at the convention site in cash.
- (2) The Detachment as of June 30 immediately prior to the current National Convention, fails to report on standard transmittal forms to National Headquarters that it has fifteen (15) or more members.

(B) Committee to the National Convention

- (1) The Committee representing the Detachment at the National Convention shall be selected by a majority vote of the Detachment Board of Trustees but shall include the Commandant if he/she desires and is available to attend. The Detachment will fund reasonable transportation, lodging & food allowance for two delegates. These expenses shall be budgeted into the Detachment's Annual Budget.
- (2) Gold Country Detachment Delegates, Alternates, and Members desiring to attend business sessions of a National Convention must possess a paid up membership card, plus properly executed and signed credentials, and must be registered with and approved by, the Convention Credentials Committee. The paid up membership is determined on the basis of the Detachment's membership on record at National Headquarters as of June 30 immediately preceding the National Convention. Excluding Associate and Honorary members, the delegate calculations are based on the Detachments total membership. The delegate voting strength of the Detachment are as follows.
 - (a) The first fifteen (15) Regular members, one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate.
 - (b) Each additional full block of fifteen (15) Regular members, one (1) Delegate & one (1) Alternate.
 - (c) Partial number of fifteen (15) Regular members, one (1) Delegate & one (1) Alternate.
- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions stated above, no paid "member in good standing" may be deprived of his individual vote at a National Convention.

Section 110 - WEB Site

The Official Detachment WEB Site is: <http://www.mcl885.org/>

ARTICLE II - - Membership

Section 200 - Eligibility for Detachment Membership

- (A) The Detachment shall be the sole judge of its membership, providing said person meets the requirements of Article Six, Section 600 of the MCL NBAPS. The Detachment, however, may not accept as a member any person whose name has otherwise been stricken from the rolls of the Marine Corps League.
- (B) In accordance with the laws of the United States of America, the United States Marine Corps, the Marine Corps League, the State of California, local governments and the principles of the Gold Country Detachment, as long as all other membership requirements are met, membership in the Detachment will not be denied on the basis of race, religion, sex, creed, or national origin.

Section 201 - Members-in-Good-Standing

- (A) Members shall be considered a "**MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING**" in the Marine Corps League and the Gold Country Detachment, except when:
 - (1) Required dues are not paid, and transmitted, on or before membership expiration date as shown on the members card.
 - (2) A member is indebted or in arrears to the member's Detachment, Department, or the National Headquarters.
 - (3) Under suspension as punishment upon the adjudication of guilt as is provided in Chapter Nine, Section 910 of the MCL NBAPS.
- (B) Only Regular Member or Associate member in "Good Standing" may request a transfer to any other detachment who agrees to accept him/her or (~~delete "shall"~~) be transferred to Member-At-Large status by completing the standard transfer form as set forth in Enclosure Seven to the National Administrative Procedures.

Section 202 - Application for Membership

- (A) Any eligible person may initiate application for membership to the Gold Country Detachment by completing a standard application form and presenting the application to the detachment adjutant with the required document, dues and fees. The adjutant shall verify that applicant has served with the Marine Corps under honorable conditions as is indicated by a copy of the applicant's [last DD-214 or Certificate of Discharge](#). [A General Discharge under Honorable Conditions is acceptable](#)
- (B) Once accepted as a member in good standing by the Detachment membership, that member may not be removed from the Detachment's roll except for cause ([See Section 207](#)) or by that member's request for a transfer.

Section 203 - Types of Membership

(A) Regular Membership

Only persons who are serving or who have served honorably in the United States Marine Corps, "**ON ACTIVE DUTY**," for not less than ninety (90) days and [earned the Eagle, Globe and Anchor; or persons who are serving or who have served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and have earned no less than ninety \(90\) Reserve Retirement Credit Points; U.S. Navy Corpsmen who have trained with Marine FMF Units in excess of ninety \(90\) days and earned the Marine Corps Device \(clasp\) worn on the Service Ribbon and those who earn the Warfare Device authorized for FMF Corpsmen; and U.S. Navy Chaplains, having earned the FMF Badge, serving with Marines](#); shall be eligible for regular membership in the Marine Corps League. Additionally, some Korean War Era Marines who were ordered to active duty prior to completion of Recruit Training or Officers Training and subsequently received an Honorable Discharge prior to completion of ninety (90) days active or Reserve duty, shall be deemed eligible for Regular Membership. Nothing in Section 600(a) of the MCL NBAPS shall be deemed to be retroactive prior to August 10, 2002, to affect current Regular Members. "[Honorable Service](#)" will be defined by the [last DD Form 214 or Certificate or Discharge that the applicant received](#)). [General Discharge under Honorable Conditions is acceptable](#).

(B) Associate Membership

Those individuals who have reached the age of 18 and are not qualified for regular membership in the [Marine Corps League](#) who espouse the principles and purposes of the Marine Corps League as contained in its Congressional Charter may upon application to the Detachment, be accepted for Associate membership. This includes individuals who are serving or have served in other branches of the Armed Forces of the United States and have served honorably.

- (1) Associate members, upon acceptance, will pay dues in the same amounts as prescribed for regular members, including initiation fees. A membership pin and membership card, indicating "Associate Member" will be issued by National Headquarters.
- (2) The appropriate uniform and cover, including an ornamental device and lettering as designed by the National Uniform Committee will be worn (see uniform sections).
- (3) An associate member shall be entitled to the rights, privileges, and benefits of a regular member, however, such member shall not vote on a membership application, an election of officers, or hold an elective office.
- (4) Associate members are allowed to vote on its internal affairs provided such vote does not affect a policy of the Detachment or the Marine Corps League.
- (5) An Associate Member in good standing in the Detachment who subsequently qualifies as a Regular Member as set forth in Article Six, Section 600 of the National Bylaws, upon vote of the detachment to accept such associate member as a regular member, shall be transferred from Associate membership to Regular membership by forwarding the standard "Request for Transfer" form as set forth in Chapter Seven, Section 710 of the MCL NBAPS clearly indicating on such form that it is a transfer from Associate to Regular membership.

(C) Honorary Members

- (1) The Detachment may at the discretion of the Commandant, nominate for honorary membership those persons who have been of extraordinary service to the Nation, to Nevada County, to the United States Marine Corps or the Marine Corps League. (~~delete "Payment of dues is not required"~~) Such honorary membership shall require approval by the members in good standing of the Detachment.
- (2) Honorary members are not entitled to the rights, privileges, and benefits available to regular members or an associate member. A suitable certificate will be issued to honor the occasion. Payment of dues or initiation fees is not required. (~~delete "however"~~) Such membership will not be entitled to the official publication of the Marine Corps League, except by paid subscription. Membership card and certificate will be available from National Headquarters. MCL NBAPS, (~~delete "Article 5, Section 540"~~) **Article 6, Section (c)** applies to Honorary Members.

(D) Member - At - Large

- (1) Any person desirous of joining the Marine Corps League may make application on a standard application form accompanied by the application fees as established by the delegates at National Convention, directly to National Headquarters or by presenting the application to a Regular Member of the Marine Corps League. [All applicants who submit applications on line or via mail for membership-at-large will be accepted as Associate Members pending receipt of required documentation as outlined in Section 640 MCL NBAPS.](#)
- (2) The National Executive Director at National Headquarters shall be the sole judge of the membership classification of Members-At-Large, once he/she is in receipt of and has verified the appropriate documentation (~~delete "outlined above"~~). If it is determined that the applicant is eligible for Regular Membership, the National Executive Director will cause the Member's records to be changed from "Associate" To "Regular" and issue a new membership card to reflect that status.
- (3) A member who is in good standing in this Detachment may become a Member-At-Large in the following manner.
 - a. The member shall tender a written resignation of his membership to the Detachment Commandant.
 - b. Upon acceptance of the resignation by a vote of the Detachment, the Detachment Adjutant, on a standard form via the jurisdictional Department Paymaster or Adjutant/Paymaster, shall notify National Headquarters of such resignation.
 - c. Upon receiving the notification or resignation, the Department and National Headquarters shall remove the name of the (~~delete "resignee"~~)resigned member from the Detachment membership roster.
 - d. National Headquarters shall carry the resigned member on its membership roster as Member-At-Large.

- (4) This Detachment may accept a Member-At-Large and shall (~~delete "remit"~~) submit a standard transmittal form, via the jurisdictional Department Paymaster or Adjutant/Paymaster, to National Headquarters requesting the said member be transferred from a Member-At-Large status to member status of this Detachment.

(E) Life Member

- (1) Regular or Associate Members of the Detachment who are in good standing may become a Life Member upon proper payment of the fee, as is required herein. A Life Member shall not be subject to the payment of further dues to a Detachment, Department, or National. Such member shall have all the privileges, rights, and benefits enjoyed as a member so long as that Life Member shall live.
- (2) Should a Detachment member choose to become a member in another Detachment, the member must become a member in good standing by paying Annual or Life Membership dues in each additional Detachment. Life Membership fees (~~delete "has"~~) have been established by the National Convention in accordance with Article 6, Section 645. The full Life Membership fee shall be paid to National Headquarters with no discounts, no rebates, and no installment plan, whether such fee is paid by individual or awarded by the Detachment.
- (3) Commencing with the beginning of the fiscal year of the second anniversary year, and each subsequent July 1st anniversary year of all participating Life Members on the active rolls of the Detachment and using the formula in Article 6, Section 645 the Life Member's Detachment, Department, and National Headquarter will share proceeds derived, (~~delete "above"~~) based on the ratio of 1/3 to Detachment, 1/3 to Department, and 1/3 to National Headquarters (General Fund). Prior to the second anniversary year of a Life Member's participation, no interest will be distributed for that Life Member (~~delete "s"~~).
- (4) Should a participating Life Member die, his quota of interest division shall terminate. The "unused" portion of the member's original investment in Life Membership shall remain in the blocked fund. NO REFUND shall be made to survivors, nor to his Department or Detachment.
- (5) If the Detachment awards a Life Membership and wishes that the Awardees becomes a National Life Member, it is necessary for the Detachment (~~delete "shall"~~) to pay to National Headquarters the participating fee stated (~~delete "herein"~~) in Article 6, Section 645. The Life Member and the Detachment shall be participants.
- (6) All Past National Commandants, all Past National Adjutant/Paymasters and all Medal of Honor recipients who are members of the Marine Corps League, shall be carried on the rolls of the National, Department.

Section 204 - Dues & Fees

- (A) The payment of annual National membership dues entitles all members in good standing an automatic subscription to the Marine Corps League publication, and enrollment privileges in any National Group Insurance Programs that may be in effect.
- (B) The National annual per capita dues and fees are recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee at the Mid-Winter National Staff Meeting and require approval by the delegates at the National Conventions, provided that the general membership has been advised, in writing, of the proposed dues amount not less than sixty (60) days prior to the convening of the convention. An announcement in the **Marine Corps League Magazine "Summer issue"**, will suffice as written notification.
- (C) An initiation fee shall be recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee. The initiation fee shall be as (~~delete "is"~~) approved by the delegates at the National Convention. The fee shall be collected for each new member in addition to the annual National dues. Each new member shall be provided an official membership lapel button which shall be provided by National Headquarters.
- (D) The Detachment shall fix the amount of its annual membership dues. Such dues shall include the Department and National per capita dues and fees authorized under the provisions of the National Administrative Procedures, Chapter Five, Section 520 and Chapter 6, Section 615.
- (E) The Membership year and the annual dues shall expire on the last day of the anniversary month of such member's original dues having been received at National Headquarters.

Section 205 - Responsibilities of Membership

It is very important to note that truly "**Active Membership**" goes far beyond the requirements for paying your annual dues. Although it is recognized that every member has their own schedule and other factors that may limit participation,

ALL MEMBERS are **HIGHLY ENCOURAGED** to **ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE** in the business of the Detachment as described below as far as their health and schedule will allow.

Remember, this is your Detachment. If you don't actively participate don't complain!

- (A) Attending Regular & Special Meetings on a consistent basis.
- (B) Vote at the annual election of officers, the appointment of committees, acceptance of new members and other initiatives that are created during the course of regular business.
- (C) Performing clean-up duties at the Veterans Memorial Wall When assignment comes up on the duty roster.
- (D) Volunteering to participate on one of the many regular and/or special committees. These committees represent the voice of the Detachment in various Detachment affairs. This is especially true of fund raising and charitable activities. These fund raisers are the primary source of income to the detachment.
- (E) Attending public events and ceremonies whenever possible. This is especially important for funerals & memorial services/ceremonies (~~delete "of"~~) for our fallen comrades-in-arms and events on National Holidays.
- (F) Detachment Members shall not represent the Detachment or the Marine Corps League in any public function or ceremony without the express authority of the Detachment Commandant. All request for participation in such functions should be directed to the Public Relations Director or the Commandant.

Section 206 - Delinquent Members

- (A) A member shall be identified as delinquent whenever the member's dues are not paid and transmitted on or before the membership expiration date as shown on the member's card.
- (B) Such member shall be retained in the delinquent status for a maximum one year, during which time the member may erase this status by making payment of all dues in arrears and dues current and provided that the member is not indebted in another manner to the Gold Country Detachment, Department, or to National Headquarters.
- (C) Should the affected member remain in the delinquent status in excess of one year, such member shall be dropped from all membership rolls. The good standing status of such member shall be restored only through the processing of a standard application form as a (~~delete "new member, which shall include the current initiation fee and dues as established by the MCL NBAPS, Article Six, Section 610."~~) **renewing member and forward the applicable renewal fee as currently established. Initiation fees are no longer applicable to delinquent members.** However, a member who is delinquent and wishes to retain the continued membership status may do so by submitting the standard application form, accompanied by **all past dues and assessments** which have accumulated during the entire period of the applicant's delinquent status.
- (D) Delinquent members may not be transferred from one Detachment to another or into a "Member-At-Large" status.
- (E) **Delinquent members ARE NOT "Members-in-Good Standing"...** and therefore do not retain the rights and privileges of members who are. This includes the right to vote for officers, on the detachment budget or on issues of other Detachment business.

Section 207 - Ineligible Members (Complaints, Grievances and/or Charges)

- (A) If there is reason to believe a member of the Detachment does not meet the membership qualifications to be a regular member of the Detachment and the Marine Corps League, this (these) reason (s) must be submitted in writing to the Detachment Commandant who will require the Detachment Judge Advocate to (~~delete "make a careful"~~)investigate (~~delete "into the complain, grievance or"~~) the charge (s) as presented. .
- (B) If the Detachment Judge Advocate determines that the member does not have the necessary qualifications to be a member, the Detachment Judge Advocate will present a written report of his/her investigation with a draft of the disciplinary charge to the members of the Detachment. Any member of the Detachment may make a motion for disposition of the proposed disciplinary charge. If a motion to file a charge with the Department Judge Advocate is adopted, the Detachment Judge Advocate will file the charge in accordance with NAP Section 900(g).
- (C) (~~delete "The MCL NBAPS require that if the member is carried on the rolls as a "Member-at-Large", the reasons will be submitted, in writing to the National Commandant."~~) If the person to be investigated is the Detachment Commandant, the request will be given to the Detachment Senior Vice Commandant

- (D) If the person to be investigated is the Detachment Judge Advocate, the Detachment Commandant will appoint a Past Detachment Commandant to hold the investigation.
- (E) delete "If the Detachment or a Member of the Detachment should have any complaints, grievances and/or charges against a National Marine Corps League member, Department member or a member of another Detachment, they shall notify the Detachment Commandant, who will refer it to the Marine Corps League for adjudication. It must be referred in writing via certified mail to the National Judge Advocate for appropriate action. Administrative Procedures Chapter 9, Sections 900-913 of the MCL NBAPS are applicable in correspondence circumstances".
- (E) Complaints, Grievances and/or Charges against any member of the Detachment will be files in accordance with Administrative Procedures Chapter 9, Sections 900-913 of the MCL NBAPS. Detachments do not have any disciplinary jurisdiction upon any member
- (F) No Detachment member shall be deprived of any rights and privileges in the Marine Corps League except for non-payment of dues or other indebtedness, unless the member shall first be charged, tried, and found guilty in accordance with the provisions of the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures dealing with offenses and penalties. (Refer to [Administrative Procedures, Chapter 9](#)).

Section 208 Rights of Appeal

The right of appeal under the provisions of the MCL NBAPS shall not be denied.

Section 209 - Resignation

(delete "Any member who resigns from the Detachment either in writing or verbally to a member of the Board of Trustees in the presence of a witness, (the BOT member will then put the resignation in writing) shall be removed from the active roles. Should such member reconsider their decision, and desire to again be a member of the Detachment they shall be required to wait a minimum of three (3) months (cooling-off period) and re-apply for membership through the standard application process.")

- (A) The member will submit his/her resignation from the Marine Corps League to the National Commandant via the Department Commandant and the Division National Vice Commandant with a copy to the Detachment Commandant. In the event that the member has pending Chapter 9 charges against him/her, the member must resign "with prejudice". Paragraph 651 of the MCL NBSPS applies to resignations.
- (B) Unless the resignation was "with Prejudice" - to rejoin the Marine Corps League the member must apply as a new member to a detachment of his/her choice.

Section 210 - Certification of Life Members

The Detachment will annually audit its participating Life Members as shown on the Quarterly Member Listing of 30 June each year. Following the audit, the Detachment will annotate a copy of the Quarterly Member Listing with appropriate remarks to show additions, deletions and other adjustments. Each adjustment will include the reason and whenever possible, will cite supporting documentation (i.e. Dues Transmittals, Transfer Forms, etc.) to assist in correcting the records in National Headquarters. The annotated Listing will be certified to be correct as annotated by the Detachment Commandant and the Detachment Adjutant or Paymaster, and will be returned to the National Adjutant/Paymaster at National Headquarters through the Department no later than 31 December following its receipt. No funds from the interest on the Life Member Fund will be distributed to the Gold Country Detachment until the certified listing is received at National Headquarters. Should the Detachment fail to submit the annual Eligible Life Member Audit by 31 December of a given year, the Detachment's quota of the interest distribution shall remain in the blocked fund.

Section 211 - Dual Members

Dual Membership is defined as membership in more than one Detachment by the same individual. When a member of the Marine Corps League becomes a regular member in good standing in more than one detachment, such membership in the subsequent detachment shall be counted for voting strength at department and national conventions only as an associate member. Such regular member shall be a regular voting member in the detachment of such member's greatest

tenure unless he/she makes a signed written request for transfer of voting rights to the receiving detachment, which upon acceptance shall forward the copies of the transfer of voting right to National Headquarters via the jurisdictional Department Paymaster or Adjutant/Paymaster, if a department exists. The Transfer Form, Enclosure Seven, of the MCL NBAPS will be utilized for the purpose of transfer of voting rights to another detachment.

Section 212 - Membership Listings

The membership listing of the Detachment is **PROPRIETARY INFORMATION AND UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL** of the Detachment Board of Trustees and Staff Officers. Applicable portions of the membership listing shall be provided to the Marine Corps League and the Department exclusively for internal usage in administrating membership of the League, Department and Detachment. **The membership listing will not be sold, leased, copied, loaned or assigned.**

Section 213 - Marine Corps League Auxiliary

The Marine Corps League and the Gold Country Detachment recognizes and adopt the Marine Corps League Auxiliary as the official Women's Auxiliary of the Marine Corps League, and declares the Marine Corps League Auxiliary shall ever be subject to the control and supervision of the Marine Corps League [See Article Seven (7)] of the MCL NBAPS).

Section 214- Military Order of the Devil Dogs

- (A) The Marine Corps League and the Gold Country Detachment recognizes and adopts the Devil Dogs as the official subsidiary organization of the Marine Corps League and declares the **Devil Dogs** (delete "**Marine Corps League Auxiliary**") shall ever be subject to the control and supervision of the Marine Corps League [See Article Seven(7)] of the MCL NBAPS.
- (B) Membership in the Military Order of the Devil Dogs shall be limited to regular members of the Marine Corps League, consistent with the restrictions and requirements of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs

Article III -- Officers

Table 1
Detachment Officers

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Board Of Trustees	Elected	Appointed
Detachment Commandant	Detachment Commandant	Sergeant-At-Arms
Senior Vice Commandant	Senior Vice Commandant	Quartermaster
Junior Vice Commandant	Junior Vice Commandant	Chaplain
Adjutant and/or Paymaster	Adjutant and/or Paymaster	Historian
Judge Advocate	Judge Advocate	Committee Chairmen
Past Commandant (Optional)		Public Relations Director
		Veterans Services Director
		Web Master

Section 300 - Board of Trustees

- (A) The elected Officers of the Detachment are its Board of Trustees. However, the Commandant is authorized to appoint the outgoing Detachment Commandant or a Past Detachment Commandant to serve as an additional member of the Board of Trustees for a one-year term. Other Appointed Officer (as defined in Section 302 (delete "below")) are not a part of the Detachment Board of Trustees.
- (B) **Charter & Authority**
 In accordance with the Detachment Charter the powers and authority of the Detachment Board of Trustees shall be:
- (1) To ensure Detachment compliance with MCL NBAPS and mandates.
 - (2) To authorize the employment of personnel and approve their compensation.
 - (3) To propagate the Ritual for the proper conduct of official meetings and ceremonies, and such other information as is deemed advisable, for the establishment of uniform procedures throughout the Detachment.
 - ~~(4) To suspend or remove from office for cause any Detachment officer and to suspend or expel any member for cause. (See Chapter Nine, Sections 909 and 912 of the MCL NBAPS).~~
 - (4) To exercise such powers and to do such other actions as are compatible with the National, Department and Detachment Bylaws and Administrative Procedures which are in the best interest of the Marine Corps League.
 - (5) To approve or disapprove the minutes of the Detachment meetings (delete "at the next regularly scheduled Detachment meeting"), only to the degree of correcting errors or omissions.
- (C) **Duties - Board of Trustees Members**
 In addition to the specific duties of the individual Board Members, as (delete " hereinafter stated") defined in Section 301, it shall be the duty of each member of the Board of Trustees to acquire a working knowledge of the National, Department and Detachment Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.
- (D) **Term Limits and Prerequisites of Elected & Appointed Officers**
- (1) In accordance with Article Five, Section 512 of the MCL NBAPS, Gold Country Detachment has the sole right to establish term limits for our officers, both elective and appointive. All Elected & Appointed Detachment Officers shall serve for a 1 year term, with the exception of the Adjutant/Paymaster. The National MCL has advised the Detachment that because of the training required for this position relative to the administrative activities, a minimum term of 2 years is advised. Associate Members may serve as appointive officers only.
 - (2) (delete "Elected and appointed officers of the detachment shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms for any office.") The Detachment Commandant shall be limited to two (2) consecutive one (1) year terms. All other elected officers may serve in their office (as indicated in paragraph (C) (1) above) if they so desire and are elected by a vote of the Detachment in accordance with Section 400(C). Appointive positions will be filled at the discretion of the newly elected Commandant.
 - (3) In general, it is desired but not required, that members should hold junior positions within the detachment as a means of mentoring them for the responsibilities of higher offices and to provide training in the National, Department and Detachment Bylaws & Administrative Procedures.
- (E) **Board of Trustees Meetings**
- (1) The Detachment Board of Trustees shall meet:
 - a. Before the regular monthly members meeting to:

1. Review pending actions.
2. Establish the next meeting's agenda and activities.
3. Submit and review submissions for the next months monthly news letter (Boondocker).
- b. Immediately prior to each National convention to close out issues and actions from that fiscal year, to finalize preparation for the ensuing convention and to identify pending and unaccomplished executive actions warranting any action by the Convention or by the National Board of Trustees during the ensuing fiscal year.
- c. At the call of the Detachment Commandant, for special or emergency reasons, providing that a quorum of the Board is assured.
- (2) Conduct of Business
 - a. The conduct of business at all Detachment Board Meetings, shall be governed by the MCL NBAPS. Parliamentary reference shall be in accordance with Robert's Revised Rules of Order.
 1. The Judge Advocate is responsible for monitoring the adherence of the Board to Robert's Rules of Order.
 2. The Adjutant is responsible for taking, producing & filing minutes of the Board of Trustees meetings.
- (3) Quorum
The presence of a majority (fifty percent plus 1) of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- (4) Voting
Each Detachment Board Member shall have one (1) vote. There shall be NO proxy voting. The Detachment Judge Advocate shall abstain from voting on all matters wherein an official opinion has previously been rendered by the Detachment Judge Advocate.

Section 301 - Duties & Responsibilities of Elected Officers

- (A) Commandant
 - (1) Observe and enforce the observance of the Congressional Charter of the Marine Corps League, as well as the National, Department and Detachment BAPS.
 - (2) Direct to all Officers and Members such orders as are not in conflict with the MCL NBAPS which are necessary for the proper conduct of business.
 - (3) Call meetings of the Detachment Board of Trustees and General Member's meetings as are required by the Detachment Bylaws.
 - (4) Seek the advice of the Detachment Board of Trustees, Staff & Immediate Past Commandant as necessary.
 - (5) With the Detachment Paymaster, have custody of all funds and property of the Marine Corps League, subject to the supervision of the Detachment Board of Trustees.
 - (6) Directs all Marine Corps League activities in Nevada County, **provided no other detachment is located in the county**, and is in direct charge of all activities of the Detachment.
 - (7) Presides over (~~delete "at all"~~) Detachment meetings.
 - (8) Administers the oath of membership to all new members of the Detachment.
 - (9) With the help of the Adjutant and Judge Advocate (as needed), maintains communication with state, national and local Marine Corps League units.
 - (10) Approves the master calendar of Detachment activities.
 - (11) With the help of the Adjutant and Staff (as needed), establishes the agenda for monthly or special Detachment meetings.
 - (12) Schedules the annual election and installation of Officers.
 - (13) Recognizes service to the Detachment and Nevada County(i.e. such as a retiring Commandant, **Toys for Tots corporate sponsors/participants, etc.**
 - (14) With the help of the Adjutant, Veteran's Service Director & Public Relations (~~delete "Officer"~~) **Director**, maintain communication with all Nevada County Veterans Services Officers, local area recruiters, and all appropriate veterans organizations within the local area.
 - (15) **Shall appoint/reappoint members to those appointed positions as listed in Article III, Table 1.**
 - (16) Organizes and have active the following committees:
 - a. Membership/Telephone.
 - b. Marine Corps Birthday celebration.

- c. Fund raisers, such as dinners, merchandise sales, etc.
 - d. Ceremonies & Color Guard.
 - e. Participation in activities such as parades, funerals, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, etc.
 - f. Budget Development.
 - g. Toys for Tots Program.
 - h. Other committees as required.
- (B) Senior Vice Commandant
- (1) Shall give assistance to the Detachment Commandant and during the absence or illness of the Commandant, perform the duties of that office as outlined in the Marine Corps League Ritual and as recommended by the Detachment Commandant.
 - (2) Serves as chairman of the Membership Committee.
 - (3) Recruit new members for the Detachment and verify their eligibility.
 - (4) Serve as an ex-officio member of all standing and special committees.
- (C) Junior Vice Commandant
- (1) Shall create and promote membership incentives and programs designed to produce enthusiastic response and resulting in the continuous growth of Detachment membership.
 - (2) In the absence or illness of the Detachment Commandant the Detachment Senior Vice Commandant, he/she shall perform the duties of (~~delete "that"~~) those offices.
 - (3) Serves as member of entertainment or social activities committees.
 - (4) Perform such duties as outlined in the Marine Corps Ritual and as recommended by the Gold Country Detachment Commandant.
 - (5) Assist the Commandant and other officers in insuring success of all active Detachment committees
- (D) Adjutant (special term limits of 2 years minimum)
- (1) Keep records (minutes) of all meetings, typewritten or neatly handwritten in ink.
 - (2) Provide notices of special meetings & events to members. Notification of meetings and events can be via the Detachment monthly news letter, the Boondocker. The Boondocker is published and available per request in hard copy, in e-mail and on the Detachment web site.
 - (3) In close cooperation with the Paymaster, the Adjutant will maintain an up-to-date membership file of the Detachment's active (paid-up) and inactive (arrears in dues) members. The Adjutant will forward notices to members when their dues have lapsed.
 - (4) Handling and keeping records of the Detachment's correspondence as directed by the Commandant.
 - (5) Will maintain an active roster of Detachment members to include:
 - a. Name
 - b. Address
 - c. Contact telephone numbers (Business, home and cellular phone, as applicable)
 - d. Date of installation
 - e. DD-214 verification
- (E) Paymaster (special term limits of 2 years minimum)
- (1) Responsible for all monies received by the Detachment resulting from the payment of dues, from fund raising activities, from the sale of merchandise, from donations and from any other source.
 - (2) Shall maintain detailed transactional records of monies received & expended by and for the Detachment.
 - (3) The financial records shall either be kept in standard paper financial ledgers (in ink) or in electronic form using commercially available software such as, Excel, Quicken, etc. When the financial records are kept in electronic form, a copy of the saved file(s) shall be supplied to the Adjutant each month as a "back-up" copy. Additionally, a printed copy of the Detachment "books" shall be supplied to the Adjutant quarterly. The Paymaster shall ensure that the processes & tools used follow generally accepted accounting practices and provide adequate financial audit trails.
 - (4) Shall manage bank checking and savings accounts that are held in the name of Gold Country Detachment. All accounts shall be balanced monthly. The Detachment's "books" are open to external auditing and review by the Detachment members. However, the Paymaster need not report the detailed transactions at the regular monthly meetings, as long as the transactions were approved in the Detachment's Annual Budget. A report of the monthly account balances and any discrepancies shall be presented to the Detachment as the regular monthly meetings.

- (5) Will submit a list of paid memberships to the Adjutant monthly.
 - (6) Surrender to the duly appointed successor all Marine Corps League books, records, and other property with which the office is charged.
 - (7) Surrender to official & authorized financial auditors, books, records, and other documentation as necessary.
- (F) Judge Advocate (JAG)
- (1) Maintains and interprets the National and Department By-Laws and Administrative Procedures.
 - (2) Maintains (~~delete "and approves"~~) the By-Laws & Administrative Procedures of the Gold Country Detachment.
 - (3) Shall provide advice, counsel, and render opinions on questions of Law and Procedure pertaining to the Marine Corps League and the Detachment to the Detachment Commandant, Board of Trustees, Staff and Detachment Members, when so required.
 - (4) At regular membership meetings, Board of Trustee meetings, Staff Officers meetings or Committee meetings or upon the request of the Commandant, other Detachment Officers or Committee Chairpersons; shall render an opinion on Law and Procedure to the Commandant or Committee Chairperson. Whereupon the Commandant or Chairperson will rule on the opinion and the question, which ruling shall be final unless overturned as the result of an appeal. A (~~delete "standing"~~) vote of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the (~~delete "total vote"~~) requesting body will be required to reverse the ruling of the Commandant or Chairperson.
 - (5) All questions of Law and Procedure pertaining to the Detachment shall be referred to this officer through channels, who shall rule in writing, mailing copies of the ruling to the parties concerned and to the Detachment Commandant. Such ruling shall be binding unless and until reversed by the National Judge Advocate or the National Board of Trustees or the National Convention.

Section 302 - Duties and Responsibilities of Appointed Officers

Should a vacancy occur in an appointed office, a committee chairmanship or committer membership, such vacancy shall be filled as soon as practicable by the Detachment Commandant.

(A) Sergeant-At-Arms

- (1) The Sergeant-At-Arms is responsible for the preservation of order and military discipline at:
 - a. All meetings of the Gold Country Detachment as required by the Commandant and as prescribed in the Marine Corps League Ritual

~~Delete~~ **b. Administrative hearings (as requested by the Judge Advocate) resulting from grievances or the discipline of any Detachment Officer or Member.**

b. At functions and ceremonies sponsored by the Gold Country Detachment

- (2) The Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms is empowered to deputize such Deputy Sergeants-At-Arms and Field Music as may be necessary for the proper performance of his duties.
- (3) Will verify the status of members from the list generated by the Adjutant, to ensure only "Members in Good Standing" are in attendance.

(B) Quartermaster

- (1) Maintains up-to-date information on uniforms, price lists, catalogs, decals, etc.
- (2) Maintains appropriate levels of inventory of uniform articles as approved by the Commandant and Board of Trustees. For example: caps, sunburst emblems, shirt patches, belts & buckles, tie clasps.
- (3) Promotes the sale of inventory & orderable articles as one of the sources of funding for the detachment.
- (4) Orders, receives and issues materials, uniforms and equipments as requested by Members.
- (5) Providing an audit trail of orders from conception to final payment as shown below:
 - a. Initial placement of an order from the Member.
 - b. Placement of the order with the Supplier.
 - c. Receipt of the order from the Supplier.
 - d. Payment to the Supplier in the name of the Detachment.
 - e. Issue and Receipt of the article(s) by the Member.
 - f. Payment for the article(s) by the Member.

(C) Chaplain

- (1) Perform such duties at meetings and ceremonies, as prescribed in League Ritual.
- (2) Actively participates in memorial and funeral services in which the Gold Country Detachment participates.
- (3) Visits the sick and infirmed member of the detachment and local veterans.
- (4) Performs such other duties as recommended by the Detachment Commandant.
- (5) Upon notification of the death of any member of the Gold Country Detachment, the Chaplain shall:
 - a. Immediately contact the family of the deceased member to offer assistance and present expressions of condolence.
 - b. Without delay, report the death of the member, citing the decease's full name, next of kin, and known funeral arrangements to the Department Chaplain with a copy furnished to the National Adjutant/Paymaster.
 - c. Notify all members of the Detachment and urge their attendance at the funeral services of the deceased member.

(D) Historian

Part of the Detachment charter is to preserve & promote the history & traditions of the Marine Corps. The Historian is responsible for recording the history, knowledge and experiences of the Detachment members.

- (1) Maintain the Detachment's display cases with Marine Corps mementos & memorabilia.
- (2) Maintain photo albums with historic photos of our Detachment Members as well as a bulletin photo board of ~~(delete "the")~~ those Nevada County residence serving in Active ~~(delete "&")~~ or Reserve roles in the Marine Corps.
- (3) Provide input to the Detachment's monthly news letter (Boondocker) promoting historical events.

(E) Public Relations Director

- (1) Serves as the Editor-in-Chief of the Detachment's monthly news letter, the "Boondocker." This is a very critical responsibility since much of the Detachment's communication is made via the news letter.
- (2) Articles/Pictures for the "Boondocker" shall be submitted to and approved by the Editor-in-Chief.
- (3) Act as the Press Officer for the Detachment & perform such other duties assigned by the Commandant.
- (4) All request for participation in public functions should be directed to the Public Relations Director.

(F) Veteran's Services Director

Another part of our charter is to assist Marine Corps veterans and their families. The Veteran's Service Director shall:

- (1) Become acquainted with the Federal laws & regulations (within the framework of service to veterans), their interpretations and applications.
- (2) Prescribe training, practices, and instructions for Detachment Service Officers.
- (3) Upon request assist Marine veterans, and veterans of all U.S. Military services ~~(delete "upon request")~~, their dependents, widows or widowers, in securing the benefits provided by law and regulations.
- (4) Be in charge of all Veterans' Administration activities of the Marine Corps League.
- (5) Supervise the activity of all Service Officers.
- (6) Prepare and amend when necessary, such regulations, instructions, or procedures as may be required to affect a viable Detachment Service Program, including the publication and distribution of same.
- (7) Conduct such workshops or training seminars in conjunction with the National Service Committee as may be appropriate toward the improvement and enhancement of the Service Officer and Service Committee Programs.

(G) Preceding Years Detachment Commandant

- (1) If invited by the current Detachment Commandant to be a member of the Board of Trustees and such invitation if approved by the Board of Trustees, shall be a full voting member of the Board of Trustees.
- (2) Shall contribute generously & impartially from past experience to the best interest of the Marine Corps League and the Gold Country Detachment.

Article IV - Election of Officers

Section 400 - Election & Installation of Officers

- (A) The Gold Country Detachment shall hold an ANNUAL ELECTION of Officers between October 1 and May 15 each year.
- (B) Installation of elected officers shall be conducted no later than the last day of the month subsequent to the election.
 - (1) The Detachment Commandant elect shall select an Installing Officer of his/her choice. Such information shall be forwarded to the Department Commandant.
 - (2) The Installing Officer must be the National Commandant, an elected National Officer, a Past National Commandant, the Department Commandant, an elected Department Officer, a Past Department Commandant, the Detachment Commandant or a Past Detachment Commandant.
 - (3) It shall be the responsibility of the Installing Officer to sign, date and forward the Report of Officer Installation within five (5) days of installation.
- (C) Voting related to the Annual Election of Officers shall ensure that all Regular Members in Good Standing have the opportunity to vote either at the balloting meeting or via "mail-in absentee votes". Ballots for mail-in absentee voting shall be delivered to the address of record of all Members along with notification of the date of the election meeting, a minimum of 14 days prior to the balloting meeting. It is the responsibility of the absentee voter to vote and return the ballot either personally or via the mail to the Detachment Adjutant or Judge Advocate, in time to be counted at the balloting meeting. Upon receipt of any absentee ballots, neither the Adjutant nor the Judge Advocate will view the absentee ballots. Absentee ballots received after the ballot meeting will not be counted in the election results.
- (D) Before voting begins, the Commandant shall select two (2) Past Detachment Commandants, not on the ballot, to supervise voting and correctly tally the votes cast. In the event that sufficient Past Detachment Commandants are not available at the balloting meeting, then past Adjutant or Judge Advocate combinations shall be selected to complete the total number required.
- (E) The current Adjutant and Judge Advocate shall assist the voting supervisors in administrative capacities, but shall not participate in the counting of votes. All absentee ballots and those ballots received at the ballot meeting will be counted.
- (F) The election of officers shall not begin until the appointed election supervisors advise the Detachment Commandant that they are prepared to supervise the election.
 - (1) When so advised, the Commandant shall then call for the "Election of Officers."
 - (2) Upon such announcement, the **Commandant shall not accept or entertain any issue, question or subject which is not strictly related to the nominations or voting being conducted.**
 - (3) **Without explicit permission of the Commandant,** voting members shall not be allowed to enter or leave the floor until the vote in progress is concluded.
- (G) ~~(delete "Report of Officers and Installation shall be forwarded to the National Headquarters, the Division Vice Commandant, and the Department Adjutant within fifteen (15) days of the installation.")~~ Notwithstanding the requirements of Paragraph (B)(3) above, Report of Officers and Installation must be received at National Headquarters no later than June 30 each year. (MCL NBAPS, Chapter 6, Section 620 applies to this section).

~~(delete "Paragraph (H) as a duplicate of the original Paragraph (G)~~

Section 401 Eligibility

All Officers serving as elected Detachment officers shall be Active Regular Members (Members-in-Good Standing) of the Detachment. In accordance with Article Six, Section 600(b) of the MCL NBAPS, at the will of the Detachment, Associate Members may serve in appointed offices only.

Section 402 - Bonding of Officers

All Detachment Officers handling Detachment funds are bonded by the National Headquarters in the amount of \$10,000.00 with a deductible of \$1,000.00. Any additional bonding coverage desired for Detachment Officers, shall be arranged by the Detachment at the expense of the Detachment (Article Eight, Section 815(m) of the National Bylaws applies).

Section 403 - Elected Positions

The following officers shall be elected positions: Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant, Adjutant/Paymaster & Judge Advocate.

Section 404 - Appointed Positions

The Detachment Commandant may select and appoint one or more members to serve as Sergeant-at-Arms, Quartermaster, Chaplain, Historian, Public Relations Director and other Officers he/she deems necessary (see Table 1, Article III). As necessary, an elected officer may hold a position as an Appointed Officer as well.

Article V -- Resignation, Death or Impeachment of Officers

Section 500 - Vacancy Due to Death, Resignation or Impeachment of Officers

- (A) Other than the Commandant, the vacancy of any elected officer or committee member, for any reason whatsoever, shall be filled by nomination of the Commandant with approval by his Staff of elected Officers.
- (B) Any Detachment member appointed to fill the un-expired term of an officer or committee member shall hold office until the expiration of the original officer's or committee member's term. Such appointment shall not preclude said officer or committee member from nomination at the conclusion of the expiring term.
- (C) The order of succession to the Commandant's Post shall first be the Senior Vice Commandant and then the Junior Vice Commandant.

Article VI -- Detachment Meetings

Section 600 - Venue

- (A) The venue (location, day of the month and time) of the Gold Country Detachment regular monthly meetings are set by a majority vote of the active Detachment members and may only be changed or modified by a vote of the membership. The Detachment Bylaws and Administrative Procedures do not need to state the venue and do not need to be revised to reflect approved changes of venue.
- (B) When a regularly scheduled meeting date falls on a National Holiday, the date of the meeting will be adjusted by direction of the Commandant. Typically, it will be set for the week immediately preceding or following the regular meeting date.

Section 601 - Proceedings

- (A) The Gold Country Detachment Charter (or a copy), the National colors, and a Bible shall be displayed at all business meetings.
- (B) Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with established (delete "the") Marine Corps League Ritual and "Roberts Rules of Order".

Section 602 - Establishing a Quorum

- (A) In accordance with Article Five, Section 520 of the MCL NBAPS, Gold Country Detachment may fix the number of members required to be present for the transaction of business.

- (B) A majority (fifty percent plus one) of the members of the Board of Trustees shall be required to conduct Trustee business and to transact detachment business, such as at the monthly general meetings.
- (C) In addition to a quorum of the Board of Trustees, the detachment has established the figure for attendance of other active members (members in good standing) at the regular monthly meeting, to be not less than four (4) (delete "or a total of eight (8) members").

Section 603 - Voting

Each Gold Country Detachment Member-in-Good-Standing shall have one (1) vote. There shall be NO proxy voting. The Detachment Judge Advocate shall abstain from voting on all matters wherein an official opinion has been rendered by the Detachment Judge Advocate.

Article VII - Committees

Section 700 - Selection

- (A) Various standing and special committees shall be established as needed to support the business and activities of the Detachment throughout the year. Not all committees will be active at all times.
- (B) Each committee shall have a chairman, who is appointed by the Detachment Commandant. The Commandant may seek the counsel of his staff or the detachment at large to help in this decision making process. However, Committee Chairman and members are not elected positions, they are appointed.

Section 701 - Organization

The Committee Chairman is responsible for organizing the committee and ensuring that the committee completes its mission in a manner befitting the United States Marine Corps, the Marine Corps League and this Detachment. This includes soliciting volunteers to participate on the committee.

Section 702 - Accountability

- (A) The Chairman is accountable to the Detachment Commandant and his senior staff. As such, the Chairmen of all active committees will report to the Detachment Commandant and his senior staff on the committee's activities, progress, issues and budget each month.
- (B) No committee member shall contract for the payment of goods or services unless it is within their area of responsibility, budgeted and approved. Committees will operate within their defined budgets!

Article VIII - Fiscal & Financial

Section 800 - Detachment Budget

- (A) The budget of the Gold Country Detachment shall be developed by the Board of Trustees and Staff Officers by analyzing the past financial history (when available, such as spending & expenses, merchandise sales, fund raising and contributions) membership and activities levels. Once developed and approved by the Board of Trustees and Staff Officers, the Annual Detachment budget shall be proposed to the Detachment membership for a vote.

- (B) The Paymaster shall notify all Detachment Members of the intent to ratify the budget a minimum of 14 days prior to the proposed meeting date to ensure members can adequately plan to attend this important event.
- (C) Once the annual Detachment budget is approved by the Detachment membership, the Board of Trustees and Staff Officers are authorized to execute [the budget](#) according to the details of the financial plan.

Section 801 - Use of Funds

Under no circumstances shall the Gold Country Detachment contribute general fund monies to a charitable cause without being specifically proposed and approved by a majority vote of the membership (as described above). [Also, No member of the Detachment may represent him/her self \(or appear in MCL uniform\) as a member of the Marine Corps League at any fund raiser or political event pertaining to any issue and/or candidate.](#) Members of the Gold Country Detachment, Marine Corps League shall not commit the Detachment to any function or activity or endorse any function or activity in the name of the Detachment, except those provided by these Bylaws, without the explicit affirmation of a quorum of the Detachment determined at a scheduled or special meeting of the Detachment members conducted in accordance with these Bylaws.

Article IX - Amendments to Bylaws

Section 900 - Amendments or Adoption

The By-Laws of the Gold Country Detachment may be amended, repealed, added to, or new Bylaws may be adopted by the vote or written assent of a majority (fifty percent plus one) of the Detachment members eligible to vote, at a special meeting of the Detachment called by the Commandant. Copies of the proposed Amendments, repeals, additions or new Bylaws shall have been [posted on the Detachment website](#) or mailed to each member of the Detachment at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the meeting at which they are to be voted on or at which time a vote by mail is due.

Section 901 - Effective Date

Each revision, amendment or repeal of a provision of the Gold Country Detachment Bylaws and/or Administrative Procedures which are approved by the Members, shall include an effective date.

Section 902 - Signatures of Approval

Each member of the then current Board of Trustees shall sign the amended or new Bylaws to signify the Bylaws have been approved for adoption by a vote of the Board of Trustees and the active membership, as defined elsewhere in this document.

Article X - Addendum

Addendum 1000 - Uniform Regulations

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