



CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Cpl. Stanley L Moore, Detachment #159, Marine Corps League

PREAMBLE

In the name of the Beneficent Father of all, we who have honorably served or are now serving our country in the United States Marine Corps, for the common good of the nation and all the nations and people in this world and in order that the fundamental rights and freedom of every person may be preserved; to foster interest in the affairs of the United States Marine Corps; to protect and advance the welfare of wounded or disabled Marines and their dependents; and for the further purpose as set forth here in after do solemnly and firmly associate ourselves together in a non-profit corporation known as the "Marine Corps League, incorporated, Cpl. Stanley L. Moore Detachment #159" and ordain and establish this constitution.

ARTICLE I

NAME

Section 1 The name of this Detachment shall be the Cpl. Stanley L. Moore Detachment #159, Marine Corps League

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

Section 1 The purpose of this organization shall be:

- A) To preserve the tradition and to promote the interest of the United States Marine Corps.
- B) To band those together who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps, eligible FMF Corpsman, and those that have been honorably discharged from that service, in fellowship, so that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy.
- C) To fit its members for the duties of citizenship and to encourage them to serve ably as citizens, as they served the nations under arms.
- D) To hold sacred the history and memory of the men and women 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 services 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 widows and orphans.
- I) To perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts, to observe the anniversaries of historical occasion of particular interest to Marines.

The further objectives and purposes of the organization are: to perpetuate and honor the memory of those Marines who have passed on to their eternal rest and whenever possible to aid, assist and provide for the father, mother and other dependents of deceased Marines; to foster social and fraternal functions among the members; to urge participation of all members in patriotic, civic, state and national affairs as are of particular interest to Marines.

ARTICLE III

ELIGIBILITY/MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Regular Membership Any person eligible for regular membership as allowed in the Marine Corps League National Bylaws is eligible for membership in this detachment.

Section 2 Associate Membership Those individuals not qualified for regular membership in the Marine Corps League who espouse the principals and purpose of the Marine Corps League as contained in the Congressional Charter may upon application to the Detachment be accepted for associate membership. Associate members will pay dues in the same amounts as prescribed for regular members. National Headquarters will issue a pin and membership card indicating "Associate Member." Such members ARE NOT authorized to wear the Eagle, Globe and Anchor emblem but MAY wear the ornament device and lettering approved by Headquarters for associate members on uniforms and cover. An associate member shall be entitled to the rights, privileges and benefits of a regular member; however such member shall NOT vote on membership applications and election of officers, or hold an elective office. Associate members may hold an appointed office at the discretion of the Detachment Commandant. The Detachment Commandant may allow Associate members to vote on its internal affairs provided such vote does not affect a policy of the Marine Corps League.

Section 3 Honorary Membership At the discretion of the Detachment Commandant an Honorary membership in the Detachment may be awarded to those persons who have been of extraordinary service to the Nation, to the Community to the United States Marine Corps or the Marine Corps League. Honorary members are NOT entitled to the rights, privileges and benefits available to other members. Payment of dues is not required and such membership will not be entitled to the official publication of the Marine Corps League.

Section 4 Applications for Membership. A Standard Detachment membership application will be completed and the appropriate fees must accompany the application. Additionally, a copy of the applicants DD 214, Honorable Discharge or if applicant is on active duty, a copy of the applicant's ID card. This documentation must be included with the application to be sent to the Adjutant/Paymaster for processing. These documents will be returned to the applicant after application processing has been completed.

Section 5 Discrimination Membership in this Detachment cannot be denied on the basis of race, religion, sex, creed, or national origin, as long as all other membership requirements are met.

ARTICLE IV **ADMINISTRATION**

Section 1 The administration and conducting of business, also the exercise of power and authority of this Detachment shall be vested in a Board of Trustees of nine members. In the

event the Paymaster and Adjutant offices are combined, the Board of Trustees shall consist of eight members.

The Board of Trustees shall consist of the Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant, Jr. Past Commandant, Judge Advocate, Adjutant, Paymaster, Chaplain and Sergeant of Arms. Five members of this board shall constitute a quorum. They shall function between meetings or on regular meeting days when a quorum of the detachment is not present, or at such times as it is impossible to hold regular Detachment meetings. A written record of all proceedings shall be kept and read at the next regular meeting.

Section 2 No money shall be expended by the Detachment except by authority previously obtained pursuant to a vote of the membership at any regular or special meeting. Provided that the Commandant may at any time authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed One-Hundred (\$100.00) for any one project, and provided further that the Detachment Staff may at any one time authorize at a staff meeting an amount not to exceed Two Hundred (\$200.00) for any one project.

ARTICLE V **MEETINGS**

Section 1 Regular meetings of this Detachment shall be held the first Wednesday of the month at a location selected by the Detachment Commandant. Six members in good standing shall be necessary in order to transact business providing there are three officers present.

Section 2 "Roberts Revised Rules of Order" shall govern the procedures and form of business except where provided otherwise in the Detachment and National Charter and Bylaws.

Section 3 The Commandant shall be addressed as "Sir Commandant" and the members shall address each other as Marines. The conduct of the meeting shall be in a serious manner and order at all times.

Section 4 Any member entering the meeting room late or leaving the meeting room early shall go to the back of the room and be recognized by the Commandant or whoever is chairing the meeting and execute a hand salute.

ARTICLE VI **ELECTIONS AND INSTALLATIONS, CHARGES AND TRIALS**

Section 1 The annual nomination of Detachment officers shall be held at the first regular business meeting in September. Elections shall be held the first regular business meeting in

October. The Detachment Adjutant shall make special note of the September meeting to the membership.

Section 2 The installation of the Detachment officers shall be held before November 25th at the Commandant-elect's request.

Section 3 If nominated and elected, a Detachment Commandant may succeed him or herself.

Section 4 The following officers shall be elected: Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Paymaster, Adjutant and Sgt at Arms. The above elected officers, along with the Jr. Past Commandant, shall serve as the Detachment's Board of Trustees.

Section 5 A sum of money to be determined by the Detachment membership shall be allocated for delegate expenses to all conventions.

Section 6 Delegates to the National or Department Conventions shall be elected at a regular business meeting of the Detachment before convention dates. The Detachment Commandant shall be Chairman of the delegation. The Commandant shall appoint a Vice Chairman.

Section 7 Charges shall be preferred against any accused member, trials conducted and penalties imposed in the same manner as prescribed in the Constitution Bylaws of the State Department and pursuant to the MCL National Bylaws.

The discipline of members and grievances are governed by Chapter Nine of the Marine Corps League Administrative Procedures.

ARTICLE VII **DUES AND ASSESSMENTS**

Section 1 The amount of the annual Detachment dues, which shall be collected along with National and State assessments and dues, shall be decided annually at the election meeting. National Headquarters shall prescribe the time limit for collection of dues.

ARTICLE VIII **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 1 It shall be the duty of the Commandant to preside at all meetings, call special meetings as herein prescribed, appoint all committees not otherwise provided for and such other duties as the good of the Detachment may require.

Section 2 It shall be the duty of the Senior Vice Commandant and the Junior Vice Commandant, in that order, to preside at meeting and assume other duties if the Commandant should be unable to function at said meetings or duties, or if called to do so by the Commandant. The Senior Vice Commandant shall automatically become chairman of membership of the Detachment and the Junior Vice Commandant shall automatically become the entertainment chairman of the Detachment.

Section 3 It shall be the duty of the Adjutant to keep proper and necessary books for the records of all business of the Detachment and to keep a record of all membership accounts. The Adjutant shall keep the minutes of all meetings and perform such other duties as are annually assigned to recording secretaries and which the best interest of the Detachment may demand. The Adjutant shall, together with the Commandant, hold all securities, monies and property of the Detachment and shall notify all members of their indebtedness to the Detachment.

Section 4 It shall be the duties of the Paymaster to keep proper records of the various accounts of the members and the Detachment. The Paymaster shall, together with the Commandant, hold all securities, monies and property of the Detachment. The Paymaster shall be bonded in such amount as may be designated by the Board of Trustees, and the Paymaster shall submit the books for audit at the request of the Trustees. In the event the Paymaster and Adjutant are combined in one office, both sections 3 and 4 shall prevail. The Paymaster must provide copies of all Paymasters reports to Commandant.

Section 5 It shall be the duty of the Judge Advocate to handle such legal duties (as prescribed in the National MCL Bylaws) as may be assigned by the Commandant and such other duties as they may pertain to his office.

Section 6 The Chaplain shall automatically become the Detachment Welfare Officer. The Chaplain shall assume also such other duties that the Commandant may assign to him/her and they may appoint an Assistant Welfare Officer.

Section 7 It shall be the duty of the Sergeant at Arms to assist the Commandant in keeping order at the meetings and to assist in all functions, formal or informal. The Sergeant at Arms shall also be Chairman of the House Committee and see that the meeting room and necessary equipment are in readiness for each meeting and assume any duty assigned by the Commandant.

Section 8 All officers should stand ready to turn over any property belonging to the Detachment upon completion of their term of office or upon request of proper authority.

Section 9 It shall be the duties of the Trustees to examine the paymaster's books and accounts periodically in any case not less than semi-annually. As well as serve as the policy recommending and staff planning body of the Detachment and serve as balloting committee during elections of officers of the Detachment.

ARTICLE IX **POLICY**

Section 1 This Detachment shall be non-political, non-partisan and non-sectarian and the name of the Detachment shall not be used by any member or officer to further the desires or wishes of any member in any political, sectarian or labor dispute.

Section 2 Nothing in the above section shall prohibit this Detachment from participation in political issues, which may affect the welfare of the United States Marine Corps, or any member's claim for disability incurred in the service of the United States.

Section 3 Recommended policy and staff planning shall not become effective unless and until approved by a majority of either the Board of Trustees or the members assembled at a regular or special meeting to ratify same.

ARTICLE X **GENERAL**

Section 1 It shall be the duty of the Paymaster to make a full and complete report of all assets and liabilities during his/her term of office at the last business meeting before November 25th.

Section 2 To amend these Bylaws, a two-thirds 2/3rd vote of the members present at such business meeting is necessary. Also, it is necessary to notify the membership on the regular meeting notices sent out by the Adjutant at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting that a change in the Bylaws is to be voted upon at the said meeting and the nature of the proposed changes. Such amendments to the Bylaws are to become operative following a second reading and two-thirds 2/3rd vote of members present.

Section 3 In the event of a vacancy in the Commandants chair, the Senior Vice Commandant will finish the unexpired term of office and the Junior Vice Commandant will fill the unexpired term of office in the Senior Vice Commandant chair. An election shall be held immediately to fill the unexpired term of the Junior Vice Commandant.

Section 4 The Board of Trustees shall declare an office vacant if any officer is absent from three consecutive business meetings without reasonable excuse acceptable to the Board of Trustees and at the third meeting the office will be declared open and a new officer appointed by the Commandant to fill the unexpired term. A member of the staff who will be

absent from a meeting must notify another staff member who will be present, giving the designated member the reason for being absent and requesting the designated member to make such report to staff roll call.

Section 5 All business meetings will begin at a time set by the Commandant and close at a respectable time as directed by the simple majority of those members present.

Section 6 Checks drawn on any fund for any purpose must be signed by the Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant or Jr. Past Commandant and also signed by the Paymaster for the general fund. The Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant or Paymaster must sign checks drawn on the building fund – two of the three.

Section 7 Yearly, prior to the installation of new Detachment officers, the detachment shall housekeep the gravesite of Stanley L. Moore. Gravesite is located in Oakview Cemetery, 1023 N. Main St, Royal Oak, Michigan - Lot R- Singles, Space 2731.

Section 8 The Detachment encourages members to obtain regulation Marine Corps League uniforms, however, uniforms are not a condition of membership. Any uniform(s) worn by Detachment members will be in accordance with the Marine Corps League's policy as set forth in administrative procedures of National policies.

Section 9 These Detachment Bylaws are to conform to the Bylaws, administrative procedures, regulations and policies of the Marine Corps League and Marine Corps League, Department of Michigan. Any Bylaws determined by Marine Corps League, Department of Michigan, to be inconsistent with said Bylaws, administrative procedures, regulations or policies shall be null and void. In the absence of Bylaws articles, the Marine Corps League and Marine Corps League Department of Michigan Bylaws shall take precedence.

Section 10 In the event the Detachment dissolves, or the Marine Corps League revokes the Detachment's charter, liquidation procedures outlined in Ch 8-02, Sec 560 of the Bylaws are to be followed.

Section 11 The detachment shall maintain a separate fund designated as the Glen Austin Memorial Fund. The money in honor of Glen Austin is to be applied toward the purchase of meeting quarters for the detachment or any other purpose as may be determined by a 2/3rd vote of the detachment members in attendance at a special or regular meeting.