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**AWARDS MANUAL**

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- A. Department of Indiana Awards Manual**
- B. Department and National By-Laws**
- C. This Awards Manual is always subject to modifications, additions and changes under the direction of the Department of Indiana.**

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## **DEDICATION**

Our Department published its 1<sup>st</sup> Edition Awards Manual in 1979. We gratefully acknowledge the work accomplished by past Department Commandant, Donald F. Myers, and this manual is dedicated to the memory of Marine Ralph H. Henry, Marine Corps League Awards Committee Chairman, who died during a meeting as Detachment Commandant of the Whitewater Valley Detachment.

## **FORWARD**

During April 1979, the Department of Indiana, Marine Corps League, published its first Edition Awards Manual. The cornerstone of this original manual evolved from National and Department bylaw changes that had taken place in the preceding ten years and also from the vision of need by several members of the Department of Indiana, Marine Corps League.

This Awards Manual has been prepared by the Department of Indiana, Marine Corps League, as the authority and guide for Department Commandant's, Auxiliary President's, the Department Awards Committee Chairman, the Department Awards Committee and other interested parties.

We gratefully acknowledge the work, effort and dedication of Past Department of Indiana Commandant Donald F. Myers, who compiled the material for this manual and pursued administrative action for its adoption.

Suggested improvements to this manual are welcomed and encouraged. They should be submitted to the Commandant, Department of Indiana, Marine Corps League.

For the sake of future generations of Marine Corps Leaguers, it should be noted that this is an **OFFICIAL PUBLICATION** in accordance with the Department of Indiana, Marine Corps League Bylaws.

**PURPOSE: TO PROMOTE AND RECOGNIZE**

Marine Corps League Members:

On behalf of our current Department Commandant and Pack Leader we wish to encourage all Detachment Commandants and Awards Committee Personnel to actively participate in the National, Department and Detachment Awards and Citations that are available to all Marine Corps League Members in good standing, recognizing their service and dedication to their beloved Marine Corps League and their community.

We would encourage that all your suggestions and written recommendations for your honorees be turned in to the Department Awards Chairperson and Committee by the Spring Conference, but no later than two (2) months before the summer convention so the Selection Process and the plaques and certificates can be completed on time.

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These are examples of the possible awards and certificates that are available and approved for Detachment, Department and National presentation:

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1. Pound Dog of the Year
2. Pound Leader Meritorious Commendation
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1. Pack Dog of the Year
2. Pack Leader Meritorious Commendation
3. Pack Leader Appreciation Commendation

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1. Kennel Dog of the Year
2. Kennel Leader Meritorious Commendation
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4. Devil Dog Pound Keeper
5. Devil Dog Pack Leader

**SAMPLE FORMAT  
COVER LETTER AND ENDORSEMENTS  
FOR  
DEPARTMENT AWARD SUBMISSIONS**

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DETACHMENT LETTERHEAD  
ADDRESS  
SOMEPLACE, IN ZIP

(DATE)

From: Detachment Commandant  
To: Department of Indiana Commandant  
Via: Department Awards Officer

Subject: Department Awards

Reference: (a) Department Awards Manual of June 2013

Enclosures: See Attached

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a) and our current Department By-Laws, the attached enclosures are hereby submitted for consideration and necessary action.

Semper Fidelis

/Signature/  
I.A. Commandant

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*(Note: The below are sample enclosures show in a general format and not chiseled in stone – use common sense.)*

**NOMINEE FOR MARINE CORPS LEAGER OF THE YEAR**

- a. Marine so and so is a member in good standing of the so and so detachment and been a member since \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Far from being a self seeker, Marine so and so has etc, etc.....
- c. He/She participates in etc, etc.....
- d. Marine so and so has a well rounded personality, etc, etc.....

Then make a closing statement in your nominee's behalf.

## **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEPARTMENT AWARDS**

### **MARINE CORPS LEAGUER OF THE YEAR**

#### **CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION:**

- a. Nominee must be a member in good standing in a detachment within the Department of Indiana, Marine Corps League.
- b. Nominee must be a dedicated, enthusiastic and loyal Marine leaguer: not a self-seeker, but rather a total, all around credit to the league.
- c. Nominee must actively participate in league functions and activities, such as recruiting new members, fund raising projects, parades, ceremonies and community affairs etc, etc.
- d. Nominee should present a well-rounded personality, balancing his/her interest with other family, community and civic activities.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Only one nomination may be made from each detachment per year. That is not to say that an individual cannot be placed into nomination again if not chosen during a particular award year for the department's highest honor (re-submission is encouraged). However, a member may be the recipient of this award **ONLY ONCE**.

Nominations must be submitted in the form of a letter from the Detachment Commandant and/or their Awards Committee to the Department Commandant via the Awards Committee Chairperson.

#### **AWARD:**

The award will consist of a plaque with emblem, suitably engraved.

#### **AWARDS COMMITTEE ACTION:**

The selection of a single winner will be made by the Marine of the Year Committee following the instructions contained herein:

Marine of the Year Committee/Society: Marines who have been formally honored as Department of Indiana Marine of the Year and the current Department Commandant shall be responsible for the selection of each year's recipient.

#### **PRESENTATION:**

The Marine Corps Leaguer of the Year Award will be presented at the Annual Banquet of the Department of Indiana by an individual as the Department Commandant may direct.



## **DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT'S SPECIAL AWARDS**

### **AUTHORITY:**

The Department Commandant has the authority, without prior notification to the Department Membership, to issue in the name of the National Organization and in the name of the Department of Indiana, Marine Corps League, awards as he/she deems necessary for the good of the league.

In the same token, the Department commandant is also held responsible regarding the decorum, good taste and the reflection upon the U. S. Marine Corps and Marine Corps League as to his/her judgment when using this authority.

These awards may be in the form of medals, citations, certificates, plaques, trophies or mementos as he/she sees fit to be in the best interest of the Department of Indiana, Marine Corps League.

This authority may be delegated.

### **INFORMATION:**

The Department Commandant's Special Award authority is not a duplication or replacement of any awards found in this manual.

The Department Commandant will not bear the expense of these awards personally.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:**

When possible, copies of all awards issued will be made and kept on file with the Department Awards Officer for historical purposes.

When possible, citations will accompany any medal awarded.

## **THE EDWARD W. STORCK MEMORIAL “SEMPER FIDELIS” AWARD**

### **BACKGROUND:**

For almost 20 years the Department of Indiana, Marine Corps League was blessed with one of the best, most competent paymasters that ever balanced a financial record: **Marine Edward W. Storck**, a charter member of the Fort Miami Detachment, Fort Wayne, Indiana. In 1995 Ed was diagnosed with terminal cancer. That same year, upon the recommendation of the Department of Indiana Awards Committee, the Department Commandant authorized the creation of this award for annual presentation. Ed Storck received the first award at the 1995 Department of Indiana annual convention.

### **AWARD INFORMATION**

The criteria for this prestigious award is as simple as its title:

***Semper Fidelis*** (Always Faithful)

Edward W. Storck “Semper Fidelis” Award is to be given by the current Department Commandant to a deserving member of the league and/or auxiliary who has devoted much time and energy over the years as an outstanding member that has shown outstanding loyalty and meritorious service to the Department of Indiana.

An individual may be the recipient of this award **ONLY ONCE**.

### **AWARD:**

The award is a plaque with emblem with the following engraving:

**The Edward W. Storck Memorial  
Semper Fidelis Award  
Presented To**

*In recognition of outstanding loyalty and meritorious  
Service to the Department of Indiana, Marine Corps League  
(Year)*

### **PRESENTATION:**

The Edward W. Storck Memorial Semper Fidelis Award will be presented at the annual banquet by an individual as the Department Commandant may direct.

**RECRUITER OF THE YEAR**

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION:

Nominee must be a member in good standing in a Detachment within the Department of Indiana, Marine Corps League for at least one year.

Nominee must have recruited a minimum of five new members for the Marine Corps League. A delinquent member re-instated due to the effort of the nominee is considered a new member for the sake of this award. A normal renewal will not be considered regardless of the nominee's effort(s) to keep a member aboard.

The recruited member need not be a member of the recruiter's detachment. However, the membership application along with dues assessment must have been processed at the detachment level.

AWARDS COMMITTEE ACTION:

Highest number of new members recruited. In the event of a tie a duplicate award is authorized.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE  
RECRUITER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

M.C.L. MEMBER NAME \_\_\_\_\_ M.C.L.# \_\_\_\_\_  
DETACHMENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DET.# \_\_\_\_\_  
FOR 12 MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ RANK IN DEPT. \_\_\_\_\_

RECRUIT NAMES

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

RECRUIT NAMES

- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

THE ABOVE LIST IS CERTIFIED BY ME TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT:

DETACHMENT COMMANDANT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

ADJUTANT/PAYMASTER SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## **DETACHMENT LEVEL INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AMERICANISM AWARD**

### CRITERIA:

This award is presented to one individual from each Detachment within the Department of Indiana, Marine Corps League each year. The name of the detachment candidate is submitted in writing to the Department Commandant via the Awards Committee Chairperson and may be made as an enclosure along with other award submissions. The selection of your candidate is **automatic**. (Although this is not a mandatory award, it is issued by the Department of Indiana to recognize those individuals at the detachment level who have made contributions in the field of Americanism. Candidate submission is encouraged.

### AWARD COMMITTEE ACTION:

Prepare the necessary Citations for Department Commandant's signature.

## **DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM AWARD**

### CRITERIA:

Although this is not a mandatory award it may be issued to a detachment in recognition of contributions and outstanding service of any nature in the field of Americanism that has significantly brought credit upon the U. S. Marine Corps, the Marine Corps League and the naval service.

It may be awarded for a single outstanding act a detachment has performed or (**as there is no time limit set for a detachment to be cited**) the award may be given for cumulative endeavors.

### AWARD:

The award consists of a plaque with the American Flag and Marine Corps emblem, suitably engraved. (The Department Commandant has the authority to award the Department Meritorious Unit Citation in lieu of said plaque.)

Accompanying the Department Americanism Award is a Red, White and Blue streamer ribbon which may be affixed to the detachment's colors. (Or authority for Gold/Silver Star(s) to be placed on streamer ribbon in lieu of additional award(s).

### AWARD COMMITTEE ACTION:

Be familiar with detachment action reports. Consider recommendations from other sources regarding detachment activities.

## **DETACHMENT LEVEL INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AMERICANISM AWARD**

### CRITERIA:

This award is presented to one individual from each Detachment within the Department of Indiana, Marine Corps League each year. The name of the detachment candidate is submitted in writing to the Department Commandant via the Awards Committee Chairperson and may be made as an enclosure along with other award submissions. The selection of your candidate is **automatic**. (Although this is not a mandatory award, it is issued by the Department of Indiana to recognize those individuals at the detachment level who have made contributions in the field of Americanism. Candidate submission is encouraged.

### AWARD COMMITTEE ACTION:

Prepare the necessary Citations for Department Commandant's signature.

## **DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM AWARD**

### CRITERIA:

Although this is not a mandatory award it may be issued to a detachment in recognition of contributions and outstanding service of any nature in the field of Americanism that has significantly brought credit upon the U. S. Marine Corps, the Marine Corps League and the naval service.

It may be awarded for a single outstanding act a detachment has performed or (**as there is no time limit set for a detachment to be cited**) the award may be given for cumulative endeavors.

### AWARD:

The award consists of a plaque with the American Flag and Marine Corps emblem, suitably engraved. (The Department Commandant has the authority to award the Department Meritorious Unit Citation in lieu of said plaque.)

Accompanying the Department Americanism Award is a Red, White and Blue streamer ribbon which may be affixed to the detachment's colors. (Or authority for Gold/Silver Star(s) to be placed on streamer ribbon in lieu of additional award(s).

### AWARD COMMITTEE ACTION:

Be familiar with detachment action reports. Consider recommendations from other sources regarding detachment activities.

## **VETERANS SERVICE RIBBON**

### **CRITERIA:**

All league members, including auxiliary and associate members and in worthy circumstances individuals outside the Marine Corps League are eligible for this award.

1. To have personally assisted veterans/widows and/or children in filing a minimum of ten claims for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits.
2. Or to have personally assisted veterans/widows and/or children in humanitarian assistance such as: food, clothing, financial aid, transportation, etc... a minimum of ten cases.
3. Or to have personally visited any Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Hospital or other medical facility including nursing homes, for the express purpose of Veterans Administration Volunteer Service (VAVS) a minimum of ten times.
4. Or to have helped veterans/widows and/or children in any significant manner that is not outlined above a minimum of ten times.
5. Or to have accumulated a minimum of ten events in any combination of the categories shown in criteria method paragraphs (1) through (4) above.

There is no set time frame involved to accumulate the necessary "ten points" to be eligible for this award. It may take one person only a year or less to accumulate the points whereas it could take another person several years to obtain the "ten points" to qualify for the award. However, the **TOTAL OF TEN SEPARATE EVENTS WILL BE STRICKLY ADHERED TO.**

Nominations for the VSR must be submitted in letter or endorsement form from the Detachment Commandant to the Department Commandant via the Awards Committee Chairperson no later than the first day of the annual meeting. *The letter format will state unequivocally that the selectee(s) have met the "ten point" standard making them eligible for this honored award.*

### **PURPOSE OF AWARD:**

The purpose of this award is to encourage and reward those who involve themselves in Veterans Affairs. One of the primary projects the Marine Corps League and Marine Corps League Auxiliary should strive for is to have every member earn the VSR.

### **AWARD:**

The award consists of a standard size military ribbon with solid scarlet field with a Marine Corps Emblem centered in the middle of the ribbon. A Veterans Service Ribbon Citation will accompany each award. Subsequent awards will be denoted by Gold/Silver Star(s).

**UNIFORM REGULATIONS:**

The Veterans Service Ribbon will be placed behind all National Marine Corps League awards but takes precedence over any/all Department or Detachment decorations.

**AWARD COMMITTEE ACTION:**

The Awards Committee will accept as valid the statement from the Detachment Commandant or Auxiliary President as to the eligibility of the nominee(s) submitted. Any questions of validity concerning eligibility by the Awards Committee will be addressed to the Detachment Commandant or Auxiliary President submitting the recommendations for clarification.

**PRESENTATION:**

The Veterans Service Ribbon, or stars in lieu of subsequent awards, with Citation will be presented to the winners at the discretion of the Department Commandant by an individual the Department Commandant may direct.

**VETERANS SERVICE RIBBON UNIT CITATION**

**CRITERIA:**

If the members of any Detachment or Auxiliary Unit, acting as a body, perform service to that degree that an individual could be cited for an award of the Veterans Service Ribbon, then that Detachment or Auxiliary Unit will have performed service to be awarded the Veterans Service Ribbon Unit Citation. (*For the term "acting as a body" must be at least fire team size, four members.*)

To further clarify the criteria the following explanation is offered: A review of the criteria for an individual to earn the Veterans Service Ribbon shows that a minimum of "ten points" must be earned to qualify that person for the ribbon. In other words, ten separate acts of service. Therefore, a Detachment and/or Auxiliary Unit "*acting as a body*" must have performed TEN SEPARATE ACTS OF SERVICE.

**AWARDS COMMITTEE ACTION:**

The Awards Committee will review the Detachment/Unit letter/endorsement paying close attention to the information provided regarding the dates and number of members performing the duty involved at the location mentioned.

**PRESENTATION:**

The Veterans Service Ribbon Unit Citation will be presented in the same manner as outlined for the Veterans Service Ribbon.

## **PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT AWARD**

### **CRITERIA:**

This award is given to each Department Commandant upon the successful completion of his/her term of duty at the helm of the Department of Indiana, Marine Corps League. (In various forms the award may be earned more than once.)

### **PRIMARY AWARD:**

The primary award consists of a plaque with emblem with trophy style gavel affixed thereon. Engraving for the award will be worded as shown below:

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP

*Awarded To*

(Commandant's Name)

Commandant

Department of Indiana, Marine Corps League  
20\_\_ to 20\_\_

A Past Department Commandant Medal and Past Department Commandant Lapel Button will accompany the plaque. (The medal and lapel button will be presented only once in the event of subsequent eligibility. Gold Star(s) will be awarded for those serving more than one term.)

For those Department Commandant's serving more than one term, a suitable memento will be awarded each year.

### **PRESENTATION:**

The Past Department Commandant Award will be presented at the annual banquet of the Department of Indiana, Marine Corps League by an individual the Awards Committee Chairperson may select.



## **RAINBOW MEDAL AND CITATION**

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Rainbow Medal and Citation is a multiple purpose award in memory of and tribute to the six Marine Corps Combat Divisions of World War II fame.

### **CRITERIA:**

The primary criteria or theme of this award is "Patriotism" as evidenced by the wording of the citation that accompanies the medal:

*YOU ARE COMMENDED FOR YOUR DEVOTION  
TO THE PATRIOTIC PRINCIPLES HELD DEAR  
BY THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS AND  
THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE*

### **AWARD:**

The award consists of a ribbon pennant with the colors of the rainbow with an attached gold sunburst medal engraved with the Marine Corps League seal. A Rainbow Medal Citation is issued with each medal.

### **INFORMATION:**

The liberal use of this award is encouraged by Detachments within the Department of Indiana as well as Auxiliary Units. It may be used, but not limited to, the following areas:

ROTC, Boy Scouts, Visiting VIP's, Civic Leaders, General Public Relation Presentations, Active Duty & Reserve Marines, Other Armed Forces, Veterans Organizations, Detachment & Auxiliary Members (including Associate Members)

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:**

The department Awards Officer will maintain a supply of subject award to be sold to all Detachments of the Marine Corps League. The cost of the medal and citation is \$8.00 for each set. The Detachment Commandants have the authority to sign the citations in behalf of the Department Commandant.

## **NATIONAL AWARDS**

All National Awards should come to the Department Awards Committee/Chair, forwarded to the Department Commandant for approval and then the awards chairperson shall forward said request on to the District National Vice Commandant for approval and submission to the National Chair/Committee.

### **CRITERIA:**

When submitting a request for a National Award, the request **must** include all the information regarding what the person has accomplished, not just that of serving in the Marine Corps League but what they have accomplished within their communities, etc.

The request **must** be accompanied by form **(NA-897)** which reflects the required endorsements which are part of the approval process for a National Award. Without the proper endorsements the request will be returned to the submitter.

All requests for National Awards must be submitted directly to: Chairperson, National Awards Committee at the address listed on the National Roster.

See attached National M.C.L. Award Recommendation form (NA-897).

- |   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. Marine of the Year Award               | 7. Iron Mike Award       |
| 2. Americanism Award                      | 8. Dickey Chapelle Award |
| 3. Meritorious Individ./Unit Commendation | 9. Heroism Award         |
| 4. Distinguished Service Award            | 10. VAVS Award           |
| 5. Recruiter Award                        | 11. Convention Streamers |
| 6. Distinguished Citizen Award            |                          |

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AWARDS: MEDALS OF PRECEDENCE (see attached)**

**UNIFORM REGULATIONS – INFORMATION: National By-Laws, Enclosure 3**

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE RIBBONS  
(Shown in order of precedence)**

**“ONCE A MARINE” – “ALWAYS A MARINE”**

ENCLOSURE FOUR (4)  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AWARDS

**NATIONAL  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE  
AWARD RECOMMENDATION FORM**

**From:** Detachment/Department/National Vice/National Commandant;

\_\_\_\_\_  
State Your Name and Full Title

**To:** National Commandant \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

**Via:** (1) Department Commandant  
(2) National Division Vice Commandant  
(3) National Awards and Citations Committee

I \_\_\_\_\_ recommend \_\_\_\_\_ for the  
Name and Title, if any Recipient's Name

following award \_\_\_\_\_ based upon  
Be Specific on Award Type

the reason(s) attached.

**From:** Department Commandant  
**Subject:** Award

**Recommendation for** \_\_\_\_\_  
Recipients Name

**Approved** \_\_\_\_\_ **Disapproved** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature:** Department Commandant Department Date  
**1st Endorsement**

**From:** National Division Vice Commandant  
**Subject:** Award

**Recommendation for** \_\_\_\_\_  
Recipients Name

**Approved** \_\_\_\_\_ **Disapproved** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature:** National Division Vice Commandant Division Date  
**2nd Endorsement**

CH 3-97  
Form NA-897

ENCLOSURE FOUR (4)  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AWARDS

**From:** National Awards and Citations Committee  
**Subject:** Award

**Recommendation for** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Recipients Name**

**We, the National Awards and Citations Committee hereby:**

**Approved** \_\_\_\_\_ **Disapprove** \_\_\_\_\_ **receiving of this award in accordance with the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures as set forth in Enclosure Four (4).**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairman**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Committee Members**

ENCLOSURE FOUR (4)  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AWARDS

NATIONAL  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE  
AWARD RECOMMENDATION FORM

From: Detachment/Department/National Vice/National Commandant;

\_\_\_\_\_ **State Your Name and Full Title**

To: National Commandant \_\_\_\_\_

**Name**

- Via: (1) Department Commandant  
(2) National Division Vice Commandant  
(3) National Awards and Citations Committee

I \_\_\_\_\_ recommend \_\_\_\_\_ for the  
**Name and Title, if any** **Recipient's Name**

following award \_\_\_\_\_ based upon

**Be Specific on Award Type**

the reason(s) attached.

From: Department Commandant

Subject: Award

Recommendation for \_\_\_\_\_  
**Recipients Name**

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Department Commandant Department Date  
1st Endorsement

From: National Division Vice Commandant

Subject: Award

Recommendation for \_\_\_\_\_  
**Recipients Name**

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: National Division Vice Commandant Division Date  
2nd Endorsement

CH 3-97  
Form NA-897

ENCLOSURE FOUR (4)  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AWARDS

**From:** National Awards and Citations Committee  
**Subject:** Award

**Recommendation for** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Recipients Name**

**We, the National Awards and Citations Committee hereby:**

**Approved** \_\_\_\_\_ **Disapprove** \_\_\_\_\_ **receiving of this award in accordance with the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures as set forth in Enclosure Four (4).**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairman**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Committee Members**

**CH 3-97**  
**Form NA-897**

# MARINE CORPS LEAGUE RIBBONS

SHOW IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE



Distinguished Citizen Gold



Distinguished Citizen Silver



Distinguished Citizen Bronze



Distinguished Service Bronze



National Marine of the Year



Division Marine of the Year



Department Marine of the Year



Detachment Marine of the Year



National Recruiter Gold



National Recruiter Silver



National Recruiter Bronze



Past National Commandant



National Staff Elected Silver



National Staff Appointed Bronze



Department Commandant



Department Staff Elected Silver



Department Staff  
Appointed Bronze



Department Recruiter Silver



Detachment Commandant



Detachment Staff Elected Silver



Detachment Staff  
Appointed Bronze



Detachment Recruiter Bronze



Community Service



Board of Trustees  
Commendation—V. Fisher



National Meritorious  
Unit of Commendation



Department Meritorious  
Unit Commendation



Individual Meritorious  
Commendation



Kennel Dog of the Year



Chief Devil Dog  
Individual Commendation



Pack Dog of the Year



Pack Leader  
Commendation—Individual



Pound Dog of the Year



Pound Keeper  
Commendation—Individual



Past Chief Devil Dog



Pack Leader



Pound Keeper



Marine Corps League Membership

12/15/2011

## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AWARDS

### Order of Precedence (Large Medals)

1. Distinguished Citizen Medal - Gold
2. Distinguished Citizen Medal - Silver
3. Distinguished Citizen Medal - Bronze
4. Distinguished Service Medal
5. National Staff Medal Elected
6. National Staff Medal Appointed
7. Department Commandant Medal
8. Detachment Commandant Medal
9. 50th National Convention Medal (Elected and Appointed) Silver
10. 50th National Convention Medal (Those in attendance) Bronze
11. Marine Corps League Medal (Membership)
12. 50th Department of California Convention Medal
13. 50th Department of Illinois Convention Medal
14. Devil Dog Pack Leader Medal
15. Devil Dog Pound Keeper Medal

### Order of Precedence (Miniature Medals)

1. Distinguished Citizen Medal - Gold
2. Distinguished Citizen Medal - Silver
3. Distinguished Citizen Medal - Bronze
4. Distinguished Service Medal
5. National Staff Medal Elected
6. National Staff Medal Appointed
7. Department Commandant Medal
8. Detachment Commandant Medal
9. Marine Corps League Medal
10. 50th Department of Pennsylvania Convention Medal
11. Devil Dog Kennel of the Year Medal
12. Devil Dog Pack of the Year Medal
13. Devil Dog Pound of the Year Medal
14. Devil Dog Pack Leader Medal
15. Devil Dog Pound Keeper Medal

### Order of Precedence (Ribbons)

1. Distinguished Citizen Medal - Gold
2. Distinguished Citizen Medal - Silver
3. Distinguished Citizen Medal - Bronze
4. Distinguished Service Medal
5. National Staff Medal Elected
6. National Staff Medal Appointed
7. Department Commandant Medal
8. Detachment Commandant Medal
9. 50th National Convention Medal (Elected and appointed) Silver
10. 50th National Convention Medal (Those in attendance) Bronze
11. Marine Corps League Medal (Membership)
12. Meritorious Unit Commendation - National
13. Meritorious Unit Commendation - Department





4. Distinguished Service Medal (God, Country and Corps)

Medal - Bronze  
Ribbon - Red center flanked by dark blue stripes  
Awarded by: National Commandant  
Department Commandant  
Detachment Commandant  
National Division Vice Commandant  
Originator: National Commandant  
National Division Vice Commandant  
Department Commandant  
Detachment Commandant

This citation should be presented to a Marine who has been awarded the Distinguished Citizen Medal Gold, Silver or Bronze, with the Distinguished Service Certificate indicating the authorization to wear the awarded medal.

5. National Staff Medal (Elected)

Medal - Silver  
Ribbon - Gold and white stripe  
To be worn by elected National Officers.

6. National Staff Medal (Appointed)

Medal - Bronze  
Ribbon - Gold and white stripe flanked by red stripes  
To be worn by appointed National Officers.

7. Department Commandant Medal (Commandant Samuel Nicholas)

Medal - Bronze  
Ribbon - Red and gold stripe  
To be worn by elected Department Commandant.

8. Detachment Commandant Medal (Commandant John A. Lejeune)

Medal - Bronze  
Ribbon - Red and gold stripe  
To be worn by elected Detachment Commandant.

9. Marine Corps League Medal (Membership)

Medal - Marine Corps Emblem on gold sunburst  
Ribbon - Blue, gray, green stripes flanked by gold  
and red stripes

To be worn by any Marine who has been a member of the Marine Corps League for five continuous years and has not had membership revoked.

10. Devil Dog-Pack Leader Medal

Medal - Bronze Cross with Devil Dog emblem  
Ribbon - Gold center flanked by red stripes

To be worn by elected Pack Leader. A bronze star will be worn for each additional term of office.

**11. Devil Dog Pound Keeper Medal**

Medal - Bronze Cross with Devil Dog emblem  
Ribbon - Red, gold and black stripes

To be worn by elected Pound Keeper. A bronze star will be worn for each additional term of office.

**Past National Commandant Pin**

Oval-shaped pin with Marine emblem and a diamond. Presented to the outgoing National Commandant at the completion of his tour of as National Commandant at the National Convention. It will be worn centered on the left lapel, one inch below the lapel notch.

**National Marine of the Year**

Gold pin in the shape of the United States. Awarded at the National Convention to the Marine selected by the Marine of the Year Society as the Marine of the Year. It will be worn centered on the left lapel one inch below the lapel notch, left of the Past National pin if so awarded.

**National Dog of the Year**

Gold pin with Devil Dog emblem in the center. Presented at each National Convention to the Marine selected as the Kennel Dog of the Year. It will be worn centered on the left lapel one inch below the lapel notch, left of the National Commandant pin and Marine of the Year pin if so awarded.

**Unit Awards:**

**Meritorious Unit Commendation (National) for a Department/Detachment**

Ribbon - Red, white and gold striped  
Streamer - Red, white and gold striped  
Awarded by: National Commandant  
Presented to: A Department or a Detachment  
Recommendation from: National Commandant  
For Approval: National Awards Committee  
National Commandant

**Meritorious Unit Commendation - Department**

Ribbon - White center flanked by gold  
Streamer - White center flanked by gold  
Awarded by: Department Commandant  
Presented to: A Detachment  
Recommendation from: Department Commandant

**Meritorious Individual Commendation (National/Department/Detachment)**

Ribbon - Gold center flanked by white  
Streamer - Gold center flanked by white  
Awarded by: National/Department/Detachment Commandant  
Presented to: An individual designated by a National, Department, or Detachment Commandant  
National Award approval: National Awards Committee  
National Commandant

Department Award Approval: Department Commandant  
National Division Vice Commandant  
National Awards Committee  
Detachment Award approval: Detachment Commandant  
Department Commandant  
National Division Vice Commandant  
National Awards Committee

**Chief Devil Dogs Meritorious Commendation (Individual)**

Ribbon: - Red , Gold, Red, Green  
Awarded by: Chief Devil Dog  
Recommended by: Chief Devil Dog  
Kennel Staff Member to Chief Devil Dog

**Pack Leaders Meritorious Commendation (Individual)**

Ribbon: - Green, Yellow, Green, Red  
Awarded by: Pack Leader

**Pound Keepers Meritorious Commendation (Individual)**

Ribbon: - Blue, White, Red, Gold  
Awarded by: Pound Keeper

**Distinguished Service Award (Certificate only)**

This award may be presented by the National, Department, or Detachment Commandant to Leaguers and non-League members who have distinguished themselves.

**Certificate of Appreciation**

This award may be presented by the National, Department, or Detachment Commandant for appreciation of loyalty and patriotism to country and the Marine Corps League. This may be awarded to Leaguers and non-League members.

**Certificate of Appreciation (For Displaying the United States Flag)**

This award may be presented by the National, Department or Detachment Commandant.

**MARINE OF THE YEAR**

Ch2- This award shall be presented to a **regular member** of the Marine  
96 Corps League who has rendered service(s) and performed a deed(s)  
above and beyond the duties and obligations required of a member of  
the Marine Corps League.

Letters of Nomination for National Marine of the Year shall originate **only at the Detachment level**. No individual member(s) of the Marine Corps League shall submit a Letter of Nomination other than the nominee's Detachment. All nominations shall be in writing.

The nominee shall be a **regular member** of the Marine Corps League, in good standing of the Detachment which submits the Letter of Nomination.

Ch 2- Only the officers and/or members of the Detachment submitting the  
96 Letter of Nomination shall be allowed to submit documentary proof, or affidavits on behalf of the nominee they submitted.

Ch 2- Any meritorious deed(s) so identified as being within the scope  
96 of these rules shall be of such substance that weight will or shall have brought acclaim and prestige to the Marine Corps League or has enhanced and/or furthered the concept of the duties of being a citizen of these United States of America or has been a deed(s) of courage or valor without regards for his/her own safety (See National Administrative Procedures, Chapter Three, Section 300(i)).

#### IRON MIKE AWARD

National Headquarters of the Marine Corps League will accept nominations for the annual Iron Mike Award up to 1 June annually. This award was conceived to extend recognition to the man who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, has contributed the most to the United States of America and the United States Marine Corps. While not limited to the immediate past 12-month period, nominations should stress accomplishments during that period. Nomination should be forwarded directly to: Awards Committee, Marine Corps League, Post Office Box 3070, Merrifield, Virginia 22116-3070.

#### DICKEY CHAPELLE AWARD

National Headquarters of the Marine Corps League will accept nominations for the annual Dickey Chapelle Award prior to 1 June annually. This award was conceived to extend recognition to the woman who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, has contributed most to the morale, welfare and well-being of the officers and men of the United States Marine Corps. While not limited to the immediate past 12-month period, nominations should stress accomplishments during that period. Nominations should be forwarded directly to: Awards Committee, Marine Corps League, Post Office Box 3070, Merrifield, Virginia 22116-3070.

#### National Junior Vice Commandant's Awards (Membership)

Marine Corps League Recruiter of the Year Award - Will be presented to the League's top membership recruiter. The recipient will receive a plaque in the shape of the United States with his/her name engraved thereon and will be presented a Distinguished Citizen Medal - Gold. This award will be presented annually at the national Convention.

#### National Junior Vice Commandant Citation

Ch 2- This Citation will be awarded to all Detachments, Departments,  
96 and Divisions that maintain 100% Membership from 30 June through 31 December. The Citations will be presented during the Mid-Winter Conference each and every year.

Ch 2 - This Citation will be awarded to all Detachments, Departments,  
96 and Division that have exceeded their membership strength from 30 June through 30 June. The Citations will be presented during the National Convention each and every year.

National Convention Streamers - These will be awarded to those Divisions, Departments and Detachments who display their League standards at the National Convention and will be Blue in color with Gold lettering.

National Junior Vice Commandant's Awards (Membership)  
RECRUITMENT AWARDS

- Citations will be given to those members who have recruited 5 - 24 members during the year.
- Distinguished Citizens Medal - Bronze will be given to those members who have recruited 25 - 49 members during the Year and a Distinguished Service Award signifying the accomplishment.
- Distinguished Citizens Medal - Silver and plaque will be given to those members who have recruited 50 plus members during the year and a Distinguished Service Award signifying the accomplishment
- 100% Membership Streamers will be given to those Divisions, Departments and detachments who have achieved 100% membership during the Fiscal Year ending 30 June, as compared to Membership on 30 June of the prior Fiscal Year. The streamer will be Red in color with Gold lettering.

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NOTE

1. For each additional medal award, a bronze star will be worn. A silver star will be worn in lieu of five (5) bronze stars; a gold star will be worn in lieu of five (5) silver stars unless otherwise noted. The exception is Distinguished Citizens Medal - Gold, where one (1) 5/16" gold star will be worn in lieu of five (5) 3/16 gold stars.
2. All stars noted in the above will be 3/16 except for the Distinguished Citizens Medal - Gold.
3. When a Marine is elected to the National Staff, it is suggested that the Marine be honored by the Department and presented with the National Staff Medal (Elected). When a Marine is appointed to the National Staff, it is suggested that the Marine be honored by the Detachment and presented with the National Staff Medal (Appointed).
4. When a Marine is elected to the Office of Department Commandant, the Department should present the Marine with a Department Commandant Medal.
5. When a Marine is elected to the office of Detachment Commandant, the Detachment should present the Marine with a Detachment Commandant Medal.