

# DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOS MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

12/10/2023

FROM: DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT  
TO: DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE 30.41 STAFF CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

## **CURRENT BYLAW**

### **30.41 STAFF CONFERENCE SCHEDULE.**

(a) The Department Commandant shall call the Department Staff into conference within one (1) day following the adjournment of the Department Convention to announce and seek approval of his selection of Appointed Officers and Committees, and to seek the advice and counsel of the Staff concerning his policy and program for the ensuing year.

(b) The Department Commandant shall call his Staff into Conference immediately prior to each Department Convention to close out all necessary reports and actions of the Staff, and to assist the Commandant in the outlining of the order of business for the proceedings of the following Convention.

(c) The Staff shall meet in conference at two (2) additional conferences, held at four (4) to five (5) month intervals (Oct/Nov) and (Feb/Mar). Bids for these Staff Conferences shall be solicited and received from the various Detachments.

## **PROPOSED CHANGE**

**Eliminate 30.41 (a) and (b) and replace with:**

**30.41 STAFF CONFERENCE SCHEDULE.** The Staff shall meet in conference at two (2) additional conferences, held at four (4) to five (5) month intervals (Oct/Nov) and (Feb/Mar). Bids for these Staff Conferences shall be solicited and received from the various Detachments.

## **DISCUSSION**

**Time** – most members of the Department have multiple responsibilities with their families, kids sports, other organizations, work and community. Bottom we never have enough time. Our younger members have more important things when raising their families and we alienate them when we ask too much of them. Look around at our meeting of the age of our attendees.

**History** – 4<sup>th</sup> Staff is nothing than a rehearsal for the same reports given at convention, usually “Report on File.” It has been viewed over the years as a waste of time and costs to the members of the Department. 1<sup>st</sup> Staff is a skeleton meeting because everyone is heading back home and not attending the meeting. There is time right after election to ask for appointment of committee chairpersons.

**Cost** – Four our older members who are on fixed incomes we are asking them to spend 3-4 nights in a hotel that after taxes is hovering \$100+ and related meals can expect to cost \$150-\$200 a day, or past year costs \$400-\$600 to attend the convention and both conferences.

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**SUBJECT: PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE 30.41 STAFF CONFERENCE SCHEDULE (CONT'D)**

**Survey of Departments** – Many Departments do one day events, technology allows us to organize priorities of topics at the Convention.

**Expectation** – The Department could organize the Convention Weekend to at the most cost our members 1 to 2 nights, instead of 3-4 nights in the past years. Devil Dogs would not be impacted by the change, they would still have their Friday Evening Growl, and those who want to can head home after the banquet.

**BYLAWS IMPACT**

**BYLAW 30.31 DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS**

**55.11 INVENTORY REPORTS.**

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FROM: DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT  
TO: DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE 30.31 DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS**

**If 30.41 Approved**

**CURRENT BYLAW**

**10.31 DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS.** Pending the establishment of permanent business office and headquarters, the Department Staff shall annually designate the location of Department Headquarters. Should the staff fail to make such designation at its **first Staff Conference**, the right and duty to do shall devolve upon the Department Commandant.

**Proposed Bylaw**

Replace "FIRST STAFF CONFERENCE" with "DEPARTMENT CONVENTION" to read:

10.31 DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS. Pending the establishment of permanent business office and headquarters, the Department Staff shall annually designate the location of Department Headquarters. Should the staff fail to make such designation at its **DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**, the right and duty to do shall devolve upon the Department Commandant.

**DISCUSSION**

10.31 is an update to 30.41 Bylaw Change.

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12/10/2023

FROM: DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT  
TO: DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE 43.16 DEPARTMENT PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR**

**CURRENT BYLAW**

**43.16 DEPARTMENT PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR.** It shall be the duty of the Department Public Relations Director:

- (a) To act as the Public Relations and Press Officer for this Department.
- (b) To Chair the Department Publicity Committee as hereinafter provided.
- (c) To study, perfect and make available to the Staff and to the Detachments, every means of utilizing the press, radio, TV, and public relations, to the maximum, for the good of the League.
- (d) To secure publicity and public relations aids from the National Public Relations Officer and from other available sources for dissemination to the Detachments for enrichment of publicity in their locales.
- (e) To guide and instruct Detachment Public Relations Chairmen as to the proper conduct of their normal functions within the Detachment.

**PROPOSED CHANGE**

**Eliminate 43.16**

**DISCUSSION**

Public Relations Director was started about 15 years ago and the position has failed to meet expectations since we lost over 1000 members and 4 Detachments instead of growing the Department.

**BYLAW IMPACTED**

**BYLAW 45.13 PUBLICITY COMMITTEE**

**BYLAW 43.17 DIRECTOR OF CONVENTIONS.**

**BYLAW 43.01 IDENTIFICATION OF APPOINTIVE OFFICERS,**

**BYLAW 45.30 CONVENTION COMMITTEE DUTIES**

**BYLAW 30.01 STAFF COMPOSITION**

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12/10/2023

FROM: DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT  
TO: DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE 45.13 PUBLICITY COMMITTEE**

**If Bylaw 43.16 is Approved**

**CURRENT BYLAW**

**45.13 PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.** The Department Publicity Committee, Chaired by the Department Public Relations Director and consisting of all of the District Commandants, is charged with the duty:

- (a) To study, perfect and put into operation (subject to approval of the Staff) a comprehensive publicity program to be used by the Department and all constituent Detachments; objective of which shall be to favorably publicize all activities of the MCL in the Department. The program shall use every possible means available to establish favorable contact with all other Veterans' Organizations in the State for the purpose of coordinating mutually beneficial objectives and developing friendly cooperation.
- (b) To assist the Department Public Relations Director in achieving the ultimate goals assigned within the duties of the Public Relations Director
- (c) To assure that every effort is made to provide the Department Historian with copies of all news releases published articles and photographs, which are influenced by the Committees or is generated at the constituent level.

**Proposed**

**Eliminate 45.13**

**DISCUSSION**

Elimination of 43.16 makes 45.13 obsolete

**BYLAW IMPACTED**

**BYLAW 43.17 DIRECTOR OF CONVENTIONS.**

**BYLAW 43.01 IDENTIFICATION OF APPOINTIVE OFFICERS,**

**BYLAW 45.30 CONVENTION COMMITTEE DUTIES**

**BYLAW 30.01 STAFF COMPOSITION**

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FROM: DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT  
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**SUBJECT: PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE 43.20 DEPARTMENT QUARTERMASTER**

**CURRENT BYLAW**

**43.20 DEPARTMENT QUARTERMASTER.** It shall be the duty of the Department Quartermaster to purchase, stock and sell items of MCL supplies, as necessary, for the welfare and functioning of the Members, Detachments and the Department; to maintain true and accurate books and records of the account of property entrusted to him; to deposit all moneys, associated with the operations of his office, in a reputable federally insured financial institution, which is approved by the Staff, in the name of the "Department Quartermaster, Dept. of Ill., Marine Corps League"; to submit quarterly financial reports to the Department Staff and annual inventory and financial reports to the Department Convention; to maintain, in coordination with Department Adjutant, an inventory register of all non-consumable property of the Department, updating such register annually as to custodian, location and transfer of Department property; to perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Department Commandant; and, upon the conclusion of his tour of duty, surrender all moneys, files, records and property of the Department to his duly elected or appointed successor.

**PROPOSED**

**Eliminate Bylaw 43.20**

**DISCUSSION**

Quartermaster is a huge undertaking for any member and hasn't been filled since vacated.

To restart this position, the Department would need to file with the State of Illinois Department of Revenue for Retail Sales Tax that would require quarterly filing. Some will say we do not need to, but if we sell outside our membership, we do have to file.

Sales Tax changes between counties and municipalities in Illinois.

Time, inventory, marketing, and administrative requirements

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE 43.20 DEPARTMENT QUARTERMASTER (CONT'D)

**BYLAW IMPACTED**

**BYLAW 51.31 QUARTERMASTER OPERATIONS.**

**BYLAW 54.02 REGULAR / SPECIAL AUDITS.**

**BYLAW 51.01 FUNDS DEPOSIT.**

**BYLAW 55.11 INVENTORY REPORTS.**

**BYLAW 43.01 IDENTIFICATION OF APPOINTIVE OFFICERS,**

**BYLAW 45.30 CONVENTION COMMITTEE DUTIES**

**BYLAW 30.01 STAFF COMPOSITION**

**BYLAW 51.02 SIGNATURE AUTHORITY.**

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

12/10/2023

FROM: DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT  
TO: DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE 51.31 Quartermaster Operations.**

**If 43.20 is Approved**

**CURRENT BYLAW**

**51.31 Quartermaster Operations.**

- (a) The operations of the Department Quartermaster shall be conducted in a business-like manner (insofar as possible, a self-sustaining operation) with complete records of all purchases and sales performed by the Quartermaster.
- (b) The Department Quartermaster is authorized to negotiate, purchase and sell all merchandise within the best interest of the Department.
- (c) The Department Quartermaster shall maintain an accounting of all funds associated with the operations and shall have such funds deposited as herein above stated.
- (d) Complete financial reports to the Staff and to the Convention shall be required as herein above stated.
- (e) Audits of property, funds and operations of the Department Quartermaster shall be periodically made as herein provided.

**PROPOSED**

**Eliminate 51.31 Quartermaster Operations.**

**DISCUSSION**

Elimination of 43.20 makes 51.31 obsolete

**BYLAW IMPACTED**

**51.01 FUNDS DEPOSIT.**

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

12/10/2023

FROM: DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT  
TO: DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE 51.01 FUNDS DEPOSIT.**

**CURRENT BYLAW**

**51.01 FUNDS DEPOSIT.**

(a) Department funds and securities, excluding those associated with the Department Quartermaster operations, shall be deposited in a federally insured financial institution(s), (which has been approved by the Staff) in the name of, "**Department of Illinois, Marine Corps League**".

**(b) Department funds associated with the operations of the Department Quartermaster shall be deposited in a federally insured financial institution in the name of, "Department Quartermaster, Dept. of Ill., Marine Corps League".**

**(c) Department funds, designated as advanced operating allowance and associated with the operations of the Illinois Marine, shall be deposited in a federally insured financial institution in the name of, "Dept. of Ill. Marine Corps League, Publication Fund".**

**PROPOSED**

**ELIMINATE 51.01 (b) and (c) and replace:**

**51.01 FUNDS DEPOSIT.** Department funds and securities, excluding those associated with the Department Quartermaster operations, shall be deposited in a federally insured financial institution(s), (which has been approved by the Staff) in the name of, "**Marine Corps League Department of Illinois**".

**DISCUSSION**

Reviewing old accounts and our current account is set up Marine Corps League Department of Illinois. There is currently no accounts for the Quartermaster or The Illinois Marine, the current editor has no desire nor needs to be involved with the funds related to operation. Having a checking account that gets invoiced 3 times a year is unnecessary.

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**SUBJECT: PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE 51.01 FUNDS DEPOSIT. (CONT'D)**

**BYLAW IMPACT**

**54.02 REGULAR / SPECIAL AUDITS.**

**51.02 SIGNATURE AUTHORITY.**

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

12/10/2023

FROM: DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT  
TO: DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE 51.02 SIGNATURE AUTHORITY.**

**CURRENT BYLAW**

**51.02 SIGNATURE AUTHORITY.**

(a) All withdrawal of funds deposited in the name of the "**Department of Illinois, Marine Corps League**", shall require signature of the Department Paymaster and countersigned by the Department Commandant or an e-mail authorization by the Department Commandant identifying expenditure & corresponding check number of Electronic Funds Transfer.

(b) Any withdrawal of invested reserve funds shall require the signatures of the Department Paymaster, Department Commandant plus the signature of another Member of the Department Staff or an e-mail authorization by the Department Commandant identifying expenditure & corresponding check number of Electronic Funds Transfer.

**(c) Withdrawal of funds deposited in the name of "Department Quartermaster, Dept. of Ill. Marine Corps League" will require only the signature of the Department Quartermaster.**

**(d) Withdrawal of funds deposited in the name of Dept. of Ill. Marine Corps League, Publication Fund" will require only the signature of the Editor of the Illinois Marine.**

**PROPOSED CHANGE**

**51.02 (a) Change "Department of Illinois, Marine Corps League", to read Marine Corps League Department of Illinois and Eliminate 51.02 (c) and (d)**

**51.02 SIGNATURE AUTHORITY.**

(a) All withdrawal of funds deposited in the name of the "**Marine Corps League Department of Illinois**", shall require signature of the Department Paymaster and countersigned by the Department Commandant or an e-mail authorization by the Department Commandant identifying expenditure & corresponding check number of Electronic Funds Transfer.

(b) Any withdrawal of invested reserve funds shall require the signatures of the Department Paymaster, Department Commandant plus the signature of another Member of the Department Staff or an e-mail authorization by the Department Commandant identifying expenditure & corresponding check number of Electronic Funds Transfer.

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE 51.02 SIGNATURE AUTHORITY. (CONT'D)**

**DISCUSSION**

Reviewing old accounts and our current account is set up Marine Corps League Department of Illinois.

Sub-paragraph (c) and (d) is obsolete and currently no accounts for the Quartermaster or The Illinois Marine, the current editor has no desire nor needs to be involved with the funds related to operation.

**BYLAW IMPACTED**

This would be in line with the change to ByLaw 51.01

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FROM: DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT  
TO: DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE 54.02 REGULAR / SPECIAL AUDITS.**

**CURRENT BYLAW**

**54.02 REGULAR / SPECIAL AUDITS.**

(a) Regular audits of the accounts handled by the Department Paymaster shall be made periodically (prior to each staff conference) and an annual audit during the Department Convention. **Regular audits of the operations of the Department Quartermaster and the operations of the Illinois Marine shall be made annually during the Department Convention.**

**PROPOSED**

**ELIMINATE** “Regular audits of the operations of the Department Quartermaster and the operations of the Illinois Marine shall be made annually during the Department Convention.”

**DISCUSSION**

This would update changes related to Bylaw 51.01 and 51.02

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FROM: DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT  
TO: DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE 45.16 DEPARTMENT COLOR GUARD COMPETITION  
COMMITTEE**

**CURRENT BYLAW**

**45.16 DEPARTMENT COLOR GUARD COMPETITION COMMITTEE:** The Department Color Guard Committee, chaired by the Sgt-at-Arms and consisting of two (2) additional Appointive Members is charged with the duty:

- (a) To study, perfect and initiate (subject to the approval of the Staff) plans and programs for the annual Marine Corps League Detachment Color Guard Competition held during Convention week.
- (b) Submit recommendation for budget amount to be included in the state line item budget for the promulgation of awards and certificates to the participating Detachments and Young Marine units.

**PROPOSED**

**Eliminate 45.16**

**DISCUSSION**

Low attendance and lack of desire by the Detachments to compete makes this obsolete program.

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FROM: DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT  
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**SUBJECT: PROPOSED MERGING BYLAWS 20.81 DEPARTMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE, 45.19 TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE AND 5.31 CONVENTION LIAISON COMMITTEE.**

**CURRENT BYLAWS**

**20.81 DEPARTMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE.**

(a) The Department Liaison Committee shall be constituted to provide for representation of the Department in the planning and conduct of the Department Convention.

(b) This Committee shall be composed of the Department Liaison Officer (as the Chairman), one Member of the Time and Place Committee, and one member appointed by the Department Commandant, but not from the proposed Convention city.

€ This Committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the hosting Detachment Committee, and shall generally review the plans and preparations made for the Convention objectively to assure success of the Convention.

**45.19 TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE.** The Time and Place Committee chaired by the Director of Conventions, consisting of three (3) appointive members, is charged with the duty:

(a) To encourage and advise all Detachments which are potential bidders for the Department Convention in order that they fully understand the requirements for hosting a Convention, to include bid preparation and responsibilities and associated obligations for Convention preparations as herein contained.

(b) To receive, review, and evaluate all bids submitted for Department Convention; assuring bids conform to the complete requirements stated herein, (returning those not in conformance, with advice); determine and recommend to the Staff (and when possible to the Convention) the bid (s) which is (are) in the best interest of the Department.

(c) To receive and evaluate all bids for staff conferences and present same to the Staff for its consideration.

**45.31 CONVENTION LIAISON COMMITTEE.** The Department Convention Liaison Committee, chaired by the and consisting of one (1) Member of the Time and Place Committee plus one (1) additional Member (both appointed by the Department Commandant) is charged with the duty:

(a) To assist in and monitor the preparations for Convention as herein above provided.

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**SUBJECT: PROPOSED MERGING BYLAWS 20.81 DEPARTMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE, 45.19 TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE AND 45.31 CONVENTION LIAISON COMMITTEE. (CONT'D)**

(b) To assure a line of communication is established between the Department and the Department MCLA and all subsidiary organizations, during the Convention, in order that all bodies can be kept informed of all activities associated with the Convention.

(c) To assist in resolution of unpredictable problems associated with the conduct of the Convention.

(d) To assist the Department Public Relations Director in monitoring all press releases or publicity resulting from the Convention proceedings, assuring that all releases are in the best interests of the Department and the MCL.

**PROPOSED CHANGE**

**Merge Bylaws 45.31, 20.81 and 45.19 under 20.81 to read:**

**20.81 DEPARTMENT TIME AND PLACE LIAISON COMMITTEE.**

The Department Time and Place Liaison Committee chaired by the Director of Conventions, consisting of three (3) appointive members, is charged with the duty:

(a) To encourage and advise all Detachments which are potential bidders for the Department Convention in order that they fully understand the requirements for hosting a Convention, to include bid preparation and responsibilities and associated obligations for Convention preparations as herein contained.

(b) To receive, review, and evaluate all bids submitted for Department Convention; assuring bids conform to the complete requirements stated herein, (returning those not in conformance, with advice); determine and recommend to the Staff (and when possible to the Convention) the bid (s) which is (are) in the best interest of the Department.

€ To receive and evaluate all bids for staff conferences and present same to the Staff for its consideration.

(d) Shall be constituted to provide for representation of the Department in the planning and conduct of the Department Convention.

€ This Committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the hosting Detachment Committee, and shall generally review the plans and preparations made for the Convention objectively to assure success of the Convention.

(f) To assure a line of communication is established between the Department and the Department MCLA and all subsidiary organizations, during the Convention, in order that all bodies can be kept informed of all activities associated with the Convention.

(g) To assist in resolution of unpredictable problems associated with the conduct of the Convention.

**Eliminate 45.19 TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE and 5.31 CONVENTION LIAISON COMMITTEE.**



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**SUBJECT: PROPOSED MERGING BYLAWS 20.81 DEPARTMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE, 45.19 TIME  
AND PLACE COMMITTEE AND 5.31 CONVENTION LIAISON COMMITTEE. (CONT'D)**

**DISCUSSION**

Reviewing these committees, many are represented by the same members and reviewing the Bylaws are redundant in overlapping responsibilities.

Merging these responsibilities into one committee will help to manage our events and unnecessary burdens on the Department.

**BYLAW IMPACT**

**BYLAW 20.81 DEPARTMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE**

**BYLAW 45.19 TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE**

**BYLAW 5.31 CONVENTION LIAISON COMMITTEE.**

**BYLAW 43.01 IDENTIFICATION OF APPOINTIVE OFFICERS,**

**BYLAW 45.30 CONVENTION COMMITTEE DUTIES**

**BYLAW 30.01 STAFF COMPOSITION**

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DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOS  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

12/10/2023

FROM: DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT  
TO: DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE 43.17 DIRECTOR OF CONVENTIONS**

**CURRENT BYLAW**

**43.17 DIRECTOR OF CONVENTIONS.** It shall be the duty of the Director of Conventions:

- (a) To chair the Department Time and Place Committee.
- (b) To maintain close contact with the National Liaison Officer and inform the Department, through the Commandant, of ways and means by which the Department can render aid and assistance to the Naval and Marine Corps Establishments.
- (c) To maintain close contact with the Department MCLA to assist and promote coordination, cooperation and a two-way communication line between the MCL and the MCLA, and to acquaint himself and inform the Department, through the Commandant, ways and means by which the Department can render aid and assistance to the MCLA.
- (d) To work closely with the Public Relations Director towards the goal of establishing effective public relations through the continuous liaison with allied veteran's organizations and civic organizations.
- (e) To serve the Department Commandant as his Aide-de-Camp upon request.
- (f) To perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Department Commandant.

**PROPOSED CHANGE**

**Update** subparagraph 43.17 (a) to read "*Time and Place Liaison Committee*"

**Remove** "*to acquaint himself and*"

**Eliminate** subparagraph 43.17 (d) with elimination of Public Relations Director

**43.17 DIRECTOR OF CONVENTIONS.** It shall be the duty of the Director of Conventions:

- (a) To chair the Department Time and Place **Liaison** Committee.
- (b) To maintain close contact with the National Liaison Officer and inform the Department, through the Commandant, of ways and means by which the Department can render aid and assistance to the Naval and Marine Corps Establishments.
- (c) To maintain close contact with the Department MCLA to assist and promote coordination, cooperation and a two way communication line between the MCL and the MCLA, and inform the Department, through the Commandant, ways and means by which the Department can render aid and assistance to the MCLA.

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**SUBJECT: PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE 43.17 DIRECTOR OF CONVENTIONS (CONT'D)**

(d) To work closely towards the goal of establishing effective public relations through the continuous liaison with allied veteran's organizations and civic organizations.

(e) To serve the Department Commandant as his Aide-de-Camp upon request.

(f) To perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Department Commandant.

**DISCUSSION**

CLEAN UP FROM BYLAWS 20.81 AND 43.16

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12/10/2023

FROM: DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT  
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**SUBJECT: PROPOSED MERGING BYLAWS 45.15 AWARDS, CITATIONS AND DECORATIONS COMMITTEE, 45.35 RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE, 93.00 RESOLUTIONS AND 93.02 RESOLUTION FORMAT.**

**CURRENT BYLAWS**

**45.15 AWARDS, CITATIONS AND DECORATIONS COMMITTEE.** The Department Awards, Citations and Decorations Committee, chaired by the Department Jr. Vice Commandant and consisting of all of the District Commandants plus one (1) Member of the Department Trustees (appointed by the Department Commandant) are charged with the duty:

- (a) To devise and suggest to the Staff practical awards and citations for the membership and the public to stimulate and encourage active participation by Members and favorable reaction from the public.
- (b) To seek out fitting acts warranting consideration for recognition; to solicit identification of potential recipients from the Detachments and to review and concur, or non-concur, on all proposals for awards and decorations prior to submission to the Staff or Convention.

**45.35 RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.** The Department Resolutions Committee, chaired by a Past Department Commandant and consisting of three (3) additional Members (all appointed by the Department Commandant) is charged with the duty:

- (a) To receive, study, evaluate, and consider all Resolutions to be presented at the Convention.
- (b) To prepare and offer Resolutions on behalf of the Committee as are deemed expedient.
- (c) To solicit aid from other Department Committees (as deemed necessary) to assure that Resolutions pertaining to functional areas are within the best interest of the Department and the MCL.
- (d) To either approve or disapprove Resolutions; all Resolutions will be presented with recommendations to the Convention by the Committee Chairman for action of the Convention.

**93.00 RESOLUTIONS.**

Adjutant for the Convention file. Approval of Resolutions by a sponsoring Detachment prior to being submitted to the Department Adjutant is strongly encouraged.

**93.02 RESOLUTION FORMAT.** All Resolutions sent to the Department Adjutant (for presentation to the

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Convention) shall be drawn in form so as to provide that the Resolution was adopted by the Department of Illinois, Marine Corps League, in Convention assembled. Any Resolution not drawn in such form shall be returned by the Department Adjutant to the proposer for correction.

### **PROPOSED CHANGE**

**Eliminate 45.35 RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE, 93.00 RESOLUTIONS and 93.02 RESOLUTION FORMAT.**

**Merge Bylaws 45.15. 45.35. 93.00 and 93.02 under Bylaw 45.15 to read:**

**45.15 AWARDS, RESOLUTIONS, CITATIONS AND DECORATIONS COMMITTEE.** The Department Awards, **Resolution**, Citations and Decorations Committee, chaired by the Department Jr. Vice Commandant and consisting of **two** District Commandants plus one (1) Member of the Department Trustees (appointed by the Department Commandant) are charged with the duty:

- (a) To devise and suggest to the Staff practical awards, **resolutions** and citations for the membership and the public to stimulate and encourage active participation by Members and favorable reaction from the public.
- (b) To seek out fitting acts warranting consideration for recognition; to solicit identification of potential recipients from the Detachments and to review and concur, or non-concur, on all proposals for awards and decorations prior to submission to the Staff or Convention.
- (c) To receive, study, evaluate, and consider all Resolutions to be presented at the Convention.
- (d) To prepare and offer Resolutions on behalf of the Committee as are deemed expedient.
- (e) To solicit aid from other Department Committees (as deemed necessary) to assure that Resolutions pertaining to functional areas are within the best interest of the Department and the MCL.
- (f) To either approve or disapprove Resolutions; all Resolutions will be presented with recommendations to the Convention by the Committee Chairman for action of the Convention.
- (g) **Copy to the** Adjutant for the Convention file. Approval of Resolutions by a sponsoring Detachment prior to being submitted to the Department Adjutant is strongly encouraged All Resolutions sent to the Department Adjutant (for presentation to the Convention) shall be drawn in form so as to provide that the Resolution was adopted by the Department of Illinois, Marine Corps League, in Convention assembled. Any Resolution not drawn in such form shall be returned by the Department Adjutant to the proposer for correction.

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**SUBJECT: PROPOSED MERGING BYLAWS 45.15 AWARDS, CITATIONS AND DECORATIONS  
COMMITTEE, 45.35 RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE, 93.00 RESOLUTIONS AND 93.02 RESOLUTION  
FORMAT. (CONT'D)**

**DISCUSSION**

Merging these responsibilities into one committee will help to manage our events and unnecessary burdens and redundancies created on the Department.

**BYLAWS IMPACTED**

**BYLAW 45.35 RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

**BYLAW 93.00 RESOLUTIONS**

**BYLAW 93.02 RESOLUTION FORMAT.**

**BYLAW 43.01 IDENTIFICATION OF APPOINTIVE OFFICERS,**

**BYLAW 45.30 CONVENTION COMMITTEE DUTIES**

**BYLAW 30.01 STAFF COMPOSITION**

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COMMANDANT

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOS  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

12/10/2023

FROM: DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT  
TO: DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED MERGE BYLAW 45.32 RULES COMMITTEE AND 45.34 BYLAWS COMMITTEE.**

**CURRENT BYLAW**

**45.32 RULES COMMITTEE.** The Department Rules Committee, chaired by the Department Judge Advocate and consisting of two (2) additional appointed Members, is charged with the duty to study the rules of the Convention, as herein contained, and determine need for any additional rules for recommendation to the Convention for application during that specific Convention.

**45.34 BYLAWS COMMITTEE.** The Department Bylaws Committee, chaired by the Department Judge Advocate and consisting of three (3) to five (5) additional appointed Members, is charged with the duty:

(a) To receive, review, evaluate, and consider all resolutions proposing changes or additions to the Department Constitution and Bylaws, which have been presented in accordance with the provisions stated herein.

(b) To determine aforementioned proposals which are a possible asset to the Department; and by majority vote of the Committee, shall either approve or disapprove such proposals; all proposals will be presented with recommendations, by the Committee Chairman to the Convention for action.

(c) To study existing Bylaws and determine need for changes or additions beneficial to the Department and advise the Convention of such need; the purpose of which is to result in tasking the ensuing Staff to solicit sponsorship of resolutions proposing such changes or additions for presentation at the following Convention under the provisions hereinafter provided.

**PROPOSED CHANGE**

**Merge Bylaws 45.32 and 45.34 into 45.34 and eliminate 45.32 to read:**

**45.34 BYLAWS COMMITTEE.** The Department Bylaws Committee, chaired by the Department Judge Advocate and consisting of three (3) to five (5) additional appointed Members, is charged with the duty:

(a) To receive, review, evaluate, and consider all resolutions proposing changes or additions to the Department Constitution and Bylaws, **and Rules for Convention** which have been presented in accordance with the provisions stated herein.

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOS  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED MERGE BYLAW 45.32 RULES COMMITTEE AND 45.34 BYLAWS  
COMMITTEE. (CONT'D)**

(b) To determine aforementioned proposals which are a possible asset to the Department; and by majority vote of the Committee, shall either approve or disapprove such proposals; all proposals will be presented with recommendations, by the Committee Chairman to the Convention for action.

(c) To study existing Bylaws and determine need for changes or additions beneficial to the Department and advise the Convention of such need; the purpose of which is to result in tasking the ensuing Staff to solicit sponsorship of resolutions proposing such changes or additions for presentation at the following Convention under the provisions hereinafter provided.

**(d) charged with the duty to study the rules of the Convention, as herein contained, and determine need for any additional rules for recommendation to the Convention for application during that specific Convention.**

**DISCUSSION**

Reviewing these committees, many are represented by the same members and reviewing the Bylaws are redundant in overlapping responsibilities.

Merging these responsibilities into one committee will help to manage our events and unnecessary burdens on the Department.

**BYLAWS IMPACTED**

**BYLAW 45.32 RULES COMMITTEE**

**BYLAW 45.34 BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

**BYLAW 43.01 IDENTIFICATION OF APPOINTIVE OFFICERS,**

**BYLAW 45.30 CONVENTION COMMITTEE DUTIES**

**BYLAW 30.01 STAFF COMPOSITION**

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DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOS  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

12/10/2023

FROM: DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT  
TO: DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE 41.15 DEPARTMENT PAYMASTER.**

**CURRENT BYLAW**

**41.15 DEPARTMENT PAYMASTER.** It shall be the duty of the Department Paymaster to keep true and accurate books and records of the accounts and properties of the Department; to collect all moneys due the Department; to deposit all moneys and securities in a reputable federally insured financial institution (s), which is (are) approved by the Staff, in the name of the "Department of Illinois, Marine Corps League";

**PROPOSED CHANGE**

**41.15 DEPARTMENT PAYMASTER.** It shall be the duty of the Department Paymaster to keep true and accurate books and records of the accounts and properties of the Department; to collect all moneys due the Department; to deposit all moneys and securities in a reputable federally insured financial institution (s), which is (are) approved by the Staff, in the name of the " **Marine Corps League** Department of Illinois";

**DISCUSSION**

This be a cleanup of approve Bylaw Change for 51.02

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RON BURNS  
COMMANDANT

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOS  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

12/10/2023

FROM: DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT  
TO: DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE 55.11 INVENTORY REPORTS.**

**CURRENT BYLAW**

**55.11 INVENTORY REPORTS.**

- (a) An inventory shall be made, by each Officer/Committee Chairman entrusted with the custody of Department property and equipment, prior to the Last Staff Conference of each year.
- (b) Reports of such individual inventories shall be prepared (in quadruplicate) and submitted to the Department Adjutant during the Last Staff Conference.
- (c) During the First Staff Conference, the retiring Officer/Chairman shall affect the transfer of Department property to his replacement. The replacing Officer/Chairman, upon receipt of property, shall sign all copies of previously prepared report acknowledging such receipt.
- (d) The signed copies of the inventory reports shall be distributed, (one copy each), to the Department Adjutant, Department Quartermaster, to the current Officer/Chairman, and to the retiring Officer/Chairman.
- (e) The Department Quartermaster shall post the transfer of such property in the "Inventory Register" (herein above provided) and advise the Staff of any need for reconciliation of the stated inventory or of any cases of non-compliance with these Bylaws.

**PROPOSED**

**55.11 INVENTORY REPORTS.**

- (a) An inventory shall be made, by each Officer/Committee Chairman entrusted with the custody of Department property and equipment, prior to the Last Staff Conference of each year.
- (b) Reports of such individual inventories shall be prepared (in quadruplicate) and submitted to the Department Adjutant during the Last Staff Conference.
- (c) **At the end of Convention**, the retiring Officer/Chairman shall affect the transfer of Department property to his replacement. The replacing Officer/Chairman, upon receipt of property, shall sign all copies of previously prepared report acknowledging such receipt.
- (d) The signed copies of the inventory reports shall be distributed, (one copy each), to the Department Adjutant, to the current Officer/Chairman, and to the retiring Officer/Chairman.

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOS  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE 55.11 INVENTORY REPORTS. (CONT'D)**

**DISCUSSION**

This is a cleanup of Bylaw Changes 30.41 and 43.20

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COMMANDANT

# DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOS MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

12/10/2023

FROM: DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT  
TO: DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES 43.01 IDENTIFICATION OF APPOINTIVE OFFICERS, 45.30 CONVENTION COMMITTEE DUTIES, AND 30.01 STAFF COMPOSITION FROM PREVIOUS APPROVED BYLAWS.**

## CURRENT BYLAWS

**43.01 IDENTIFICATION OF APPOINTIVE OFFICERS.** All appointive Department Officers identified herein as: Adjutant, Service Officer, VAVS Chairman, Historian, Editor of Illinois Marine, **Public Relations Director, Liaison Officer,** Department Scholarship Chairman, Legislative Chairman, **Quartermaster,** State Fair Sales Coordinator, Eagle Scout Award Chairman, POW/MIA Chairman, Director of Conventions, Toys for Tots Coordinator, Young Marines Liaison, Marine for Life Liaison, War Committee's Chairmen, Homeless Veterans Chairman and Chaplain.

**45.30 Convention** Committee duties. The individual Committees necessary for the proper conduct of a Convention are the: Convention Liaison Committee, Rules Committee, Credential Committee, Bylaws Committee, and **Resolutions Committee** with duty assignments and composition of such Committees identified below. All above Committees are temporary, tenure for the duration of the Convention, except the **Convention Liaison Committee,** which shall be an active Committee for the entire fiscal year.

### **30.01 STAFF COMPOSITION.**

(c) All appointive Department Officers identified herein as: Adjutant, Service Officer, VAVS Chairman, Historian, Editor of Illinois Marine, **Public Relations Director, Liaison Officer,** Department Scholarship Chairman, Legislative Chairman, **Quartermaster,** State Fair Sales Coordinator, Eagle Scout Award Chairman, POW/MIA Chairman, Director of Conventions, Toys for Tots Coordinator, Young Marines Liaison, Marine for Life Liaison, War Committee's Chairmen, Homeless Veterans Chairman and Chaplain.

**PROPOSED CHANGES** Clean up of Previous Approved changes, maybe need minor corrections depending on earlier results. To read:

**43.01 IDENTIFICATION OF APPOINTIVE OFFICERS.** All appointive Department Officers identified herein as: Adjutant, Service Officer, VAVS Chairman, Historian, Editor of Illinois Marine, Department Scholarship Chairman, Legislative Chairman, State Fair Sales Coordinator, Eagle Scout Award Chairman,  
**SUBJECT: PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES 43.01 IDENTIFICATION OF APPOINTIVE OFFICERS,**

# DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOS MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

## **45.30 CONVENTION COMMITTEE DUTIES, AND 30.01 STAFF COMPOSITION FROM PREVIOUS APPROVED BYLAWS. (CONT'D)**

POW/MIA Chairman, Director of Conventions, Toys for Tots Coordinator, Young Marines Liaison, Marine for Life Liaison, War Committee's Chairmen, Homeless Veterans Chairman and Chaplain.

**45.30 Convention Committee duties.** The individual Committees necessary for the proper conduct of a Convention are the: **Department Time and Place Liaison Committee**, -Credential Committee, Bylaws Committee, and **Awards, Resolutions, Citations and Decorations Committee** with duty assignments and composition of such Committees identified below. All above Committees are temporary, tenure for the duration of the Convention, except the **Department Time and Place Liaison Committee**, which shall be an active Committee for the entire fiscal year.

### **30.01 STAFF COMPOSITION.**

(c) All appointive Department Officers identified herein as: Adjutant, Service Officer, VAVS Chairman, Historian, Editor of Illinois Marine, Department Scholarship Chairman, Legislative Chairman, State Fair Sales Coordinator, Eagle Scout Award Chairman, POW/MIA Chairman, Director of Conventions, Toys for Tots Coordinator, Young Marines Liaison, Marine for Life Liaison, War Committee's Chairmen, Homeless Veterans Chairman and Chaplain.

### **DISCUSSION**

Cleanup to match approved previous Bylaw Changes.

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