



DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
JUDGE ADVOCATE



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To: North Texas Detachment #862

RE: 2026 Bylaws

Dear Commandant and Judge Advocate,

I have signed the attached Bylaws as not being noncompliant with the National and Department 2025 Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Judge Advocate, Department of Texas

BYLAWS
NORTH TEXAS DETACHMENT # 862
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

If not address in detachment Bylaws, see Department and National Bylaws for guidance.

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP: All applications for membership must be voted on by the membership of the Detachment at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Detachment. Membership approval shall be by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of voting members present at any regularly scheduled meeting. Dues for all non-paid members in the detachment shall be paid on or before September 1st of the fiscal year of those dues.

ARTICLE II - QUORUM: A quorum is established when three (3) or more elected officers are in attendance at any scheduled meeting of the detachment. At minimum three (3) must be present in person.

ARTICLE III - ELECTED OFFICERS: Elected officers of the North Texas Detachment #862 shall include the following: Commandant, Senior Vice-Commandant, Junior Vice-Commandant, Paymaster, and Judge Advocate. To hold office a member must have an email address and be in good standing. Associate members may not hold elected offices.

ARTICLE IV - APPOINTED OFFICERS: The detachment commandant shall appoint the following officers: Adjutant, Chaplain, Sergeant-At-Arms, and other officers as he/she may deem necessary to serve the needs of the detachment. To hold office a member must have an email address and be in good standing.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS: Meetings follow the rituals as closely as possible. You must have the charter or a copy of the charter, a Bible, and National Colors present at all meetings.

Article VI - TERM OF OFFICER: The term-of-office for elected officers is to be one (1) year. Elected officials shall not serve more than a two (2) year term in the following roles: Commandant, Senior Vice-Commandant, Junior Vice-Commandant, Paymaster, and Judge Advocate. **Term limits can be waived for the following reasons:** Low regular membership, members declining to accept nomination for position, any other reason that detachment deems necessary that is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the detachment at any regularly scheduled meeting. Nominations must be submitted, and elections must be held every year for all elected official positions. **No league member shall make a motion to keep the same elected officials for another year.** If the detachment does not have new qualified and/or eligible members to be elected, a previously elected official may serve an additional year in the same position if approved by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the detachment at any regularly scheduled meeting. In the event any detachment officer is absent for three (3) consecutive meetings, barring extenuating circumstances, the detachment commandant will declare that office vacant and an election will take place immediately to fill said vacancy and no prior notice shall be required.

ARTICLE VII - PAYMASTER: The detachment paymaster shall, at all times, be in control of all monies acquired or held by the detachment. He/she shall maintain a bank account in the name of North Texas Detachment, Marine Corps League #862 with two (2) signatures (Commandant, Senior Vice-Commandant, and Paymaster) being required on all checks issued by the detachment. **(The detachment commandant and paymaster are included in a blanket bond [Section 6035, National Administrative Procedures] issued by national headquarters.)** The Commandant has the authority to spend up to one-hundred dollars (\$100) without the approval of the detachment. Receipts and justification for the expenditure must be provided to the paymaster. The Senior Vice-Commandant and Paymaster have the authority to spend up to one-hundred dollars (\$100) with the approval of the Commandant. Receipts and justification for the expenditure must be provided to the paymaster.

ARTICLE VIII - BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BoT): The elected officers of the detachment shall be its Board of Trustees (BoT) with the Commandant being the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer.

ARTICLE IX - ELECTION & INSTALLATION: Detachment officers shall be **elected** at the regularly scheduled **February** meeting and **installed** during the regularly scheduled **March** meeting.



ARTICLE X - MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING: A member in good standing is defined as one who has paid his/her current dues. No one shall hold an elected or appointed office who is not in good standing with the detachment. Once accepted as a member in good standing by the detachment membership, that member may not be removed from the detachment roll except for cause. (**National Bylaws, Section 915 and National Administrative Procedures, Section 7040**).


ARTICLE XI - AWARDS: Marine/Associate of The Year Committee shall consist of all former recipients who will choose the new Marine/Associate of The Year. The Chair of this committee shall be the most Junior Marine/Associate of The Year. Must follow MOY/AMOY guidelines. All other detachment awards (Certificates of Appreciation, etc.) are at the discretion of the Commandant.

ARTICLE XI - CHANGES TO BYLAWS: Detachment bylaws may be amended or changed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of members present at any regularly scheduled meeting. (Subject to the written approval of the Department Judge Advocate.) Notice of change must be presented two consecutive monthly meetings to the detachment.

DETACHMENT BYLAWS ADOPTED February 4, 2026, BY VOTE OF MEMBERSHIP.

CERTIFIED BY:

 <u>Mike U (Feb 5, 2026 21:08:11 CST)</u>	Feb 5, 2026	 <u>Lee Swain (Feb 6, 2026 07:40:13 CST)</u>	Feb 6, 2026
Robert M. Ulrich	Date	Lee Swain	Date
Commandant		Adjutant	

APPROVED BY:  **DATE:** 2/7/2026
Rose Conkwright, Judge Advocate
Department of Texas, Marine Corps League