# **BY-LAWS**

# L/Cpl Christopher Adlesperger Detachment 1316, Marine Corps League

**A Not-For-Profit Corporation** 

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#### **BY-LAWS**

OF

# L/Cpl Christopher Adlesperger Detachment 1316, Marine Corps League

A Not-For-Profit Corporation

# **PREAMBLE**

This corporation has formed the L/Cpl Christopher Adlesperger Detachment 1316, Marine Corps League for the purpose of: Preserving the traditions and promoting the interest of the United States Marine Corps, To band together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from the service together in fellowship that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy; To fit its members for duties of citizenship and to encourage them to serve as ably as citizens as they have served the Nation under arms; To hold sacred the history and memory of the men who have given their lives to the Nation; To foster love for the principles which they have supported by blood and valor since the founding of the Republic; To maintain the true allegiance to American institutions; To create a bond of comradeship between those in service and those who have returned to civilian life; To aid voluntarily and to render assistance to all Marines and FMF Corpsman and former Marines and FMF Corpsmen as well as to their spouses, orphans and parents; To perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps, by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

#### **ARTICLE I**

L/Cpl Christopher Adlesperger Detachment 1316, Marine Corps League, P. O. Box 44304, Rio Rancho, New Mexico 87174-4304

The name of this corporation is L/Cpl Christopher Adlesperger Detachment 1316, Marine Corps League (the "Detachment"). The principal office of the Detachment in the State of New Mexico shall be located in Rio Rancho, New Mexico 87174-4304.

#### **ARTICLE II**

## Objectives and Dedication

The Detachment is organized and shall operate as an exempt charitable organization within the meaning of Section 501(c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of

1986, as amended (or similar provision of any future revenue law) (the "Code") without profit to any officer or trustee and the Detachment. The Detachment is incorporated under the laws of the State of New Mexico specifically to carry out the intent of Marine Corps League Mission. Subject to the foregoing, the Detachment may also engage in all other activities which are permissible by law.

#### **ARTICLE III**

# Membership and Dues

Section 1. Regular Membership Only persons who are serving or have served honorably in the United States Marine Corps, "On Active Duty", for not less that ninety (90) days and persons who are serving or who have served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and have earned no less than ninety (90) Reserve Retirement Credit Points and the U. S. Navy Corpsmen who have trained with the Marine FMF Units in excess of ninety (90) days and earned the Marine Corps Device (clasp) worn on the Service Ribbon and those who have earned the Warfare Device authorized for FMF Corpsmen shall be eligible for regular membership in the Detachment. Additionally, some Korean War Era Marines who were ordered to active duty prior to completion of Recruit Training or Officer's Training and subsequently received an Honorable Discharge prior to completion of ninety (90) days active or Reserve Duty, shall be deemed eligible for Regular Membership. Honorable Service will be defined by the last DD214 or Certificate of Discharge that the applicant received. The Board of Trustees will handle each request on a case-by-case basis to ensure the applicant does not meet the Ineligible Member criteria of the Detachment's By-Laws. Regular members may serve in elected positions.

Section 2. Associate Membership Those individuals not qualified for Regular Membership in the Marine Corps League who espouses the principle and purposes of the Marine Corps League as contained in its Congressional Charter may upon application to the Detachment be accepted for associate membership in the Detachment. Associates' members, upon acceptance, will pay dues in the same amounts as prescribed for regular members, including initiation fees. An Associate member shall be entitled to the rights and privileges, benefits of a regular member, unless otherwise prohibited. The Board of Trustees will handle each request on a case-by-case basis to ensure the applicant do not meet the Ineligible Member criteria of the Detachment's By-Laws. Associated members may only serve in appointed positions and shall not vote on membership application or an election of Trustees.

Section 3. <u>Honorary Membership</u> The Detachment may at the discretion of the Commandant and the by the confirmation of the Board of Trustees issue an honorary membership to those persons who have been of extraordinary service to the Nation, the community, to United States Marine Corps, or the Marine Corps League. The honorary member will not be entitled to the rights, privileges and benefits available to a regular or associate member. A suitable certificate will be issued to honor the occasion. Payment of

dues or initiation fees are not required; however, such membership will not be entitled to the official publication of the Marine Corps League, except as may be directed by the National by-laws of the Marine Corps League. Honorary members may not serve in elected or appointed positions.

Section 4. <u>Life Membership</u> Life Memberships shall follow National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.

Section 5. <u>Corporate Membership</u> Corporate Memberships shall follow National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.

Section6. <u>Dual Membership</u> Dual Memberships shall follow National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.

Section 7. <u>Membership Application</u> Any person eligible for membership in the Marine Corps League under the provisions of the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures of the Marine Corps League may initiate an application for membership by submitting a standard application form to include the signature and presenting the application to a sponsoring member of the Detachment along with all required dues and fees.

Section 8. <u>Ineligible to Become a Member</u> Any person applying for membership in the Detachment who does not meet the eligibility requirements of the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures of the Marine Corps League or who is under indictment for any criminal offense, who has been convicted of a felony, who has been convicted of any crime of moral turpitude or violence may be deemed ineligible for membership in the Detachment.

Section 9. <u>Good Standing</u> All members shall be considered in good standing in the Detachment.

# Except when:

- 1. Required dues are not paid, and transmitted, on or before membership date as is shown on the member's card.
- 2. A member is indebted or in arrears to the member's detachment, Department, or to National Headquarters.
- 3. Under suspension as punishment upon adjudication of guilt as is provided for in the National, Department or Detachment Bylaws or Administrative Procedures.
- 4. A member is convicted of a felony, or a crime involving moral turpitude or violence.

Section 10. <u>Delinquent Member</u> Members who are identified as delinquent shall be governed by the Marine Corps League's National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.

Section 11. <u>Dues and Fees</u> All National Headquarters and Department dues and fees will be inclusive of the Detachment dues and fees. All membership dues shall be due as directed by the National Marine Corps League direction.

The membership year and the annual dues shall expire on the last day of the anniversary month of such member's original due having been received at the National Headquarters.

Section 12. <u>Rights of Members</u> No member shall be deprived of any rights and privileges in the Detachment except when the member has first been charged, tried and found guilty in accordance with the provisions of the Detachment By-laws and National Administrative Procedures.

Section 13. <u>Right of Appeals</u> The right of appeal under the provisions of the Detachment's Bylaws and National Administrative Procedure shall not be denied.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### **Board of Trustees**

Section 1. <u>Tenure and Qualification</u> The Board of Trustees shall-consist of the Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant, Judge Advocate and Paymaster elected by the general membership at the regular meeting held in January. Newly elected Trustees shall assume their duties at the end of the Detachment's first regular meeting held in January of each year. Each Trustee shall hold office for the term for which the Trustee is elected. The terms of the Trustees shall be for a period of one (1) year. Trustees of the Detachment shall be residents of New Mexico and must have a vested interest in L/Cpl Christopher Adlesperger Detachment 1316, Marine Corps League.

Section 2. <u>Management</u> The Board of Trustees shall manage the business of the Detachment. In the management and control of the property, business, and affairs of the Detachment, the Board of Trustees is hereby vested with all the powers possessed by the Detachment itself so far as this delegation of authority is not inconsistent with laws of the State of New Mexico, the Code, the Articles of Incorporation of the Detachment, or with these By-laws.

Section 3. <u>Resignations and Vacancies</u> Any Trustee may resign by giving written notice to the Adjutant of the Detachment. Such resignation shall be effective in accordance with its terms or upon receipt by the Adjutant of the Detachment if no date of resignation is specified. It will be effective on the date of the next Board of Trustees meeting. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Trustees "MAY" be filled by the Trustees. A Trustee

that is appointed or elected to fill a vacancy shall serve for the unexpired term of the Trustee's predecessor in office.

Section 4. <u>Interested Trustees</u> Any contract or transaction between the Detachment and its Directors and Officers, other Marine Corps League Detachment, corporation, partnership, association, or other organization in which a Detachment Director or Officer has a vested interest, whether actual or perceived, should be voidable or void.

Section 5. Removal of Trustees A Trustee of the Detachment whether elected by the Detachment or appointed by the Board of Trustees may be removed by the Board of Trustees whenever in the Board of Trustee's judgment the best interests of the Detachment would be served. A vote of two-thirds (2/3) vote of the defined quorum of all of Trustees at any special meeting of the Trustees called for the specific purpose of removing such Trustee. Such removal shall be without prejudice of the person removed. The right of appeal, under the National Bylaws and Administrative rights shall not be denied.

Section 6. <u>Definition of Active Trustee of the Board</u> An Active Trustee of the Board is any member of the Board of Trustees who attended nine (9) meetings in a calendar year.

Section 7. <u>Compensation</u> The Trustees shall not receive compensation for their services as Trustees, but the Board of Trustees may be reimbursement for "authorized" expenses incurred by Trustees in connection with the performance of their duties as Trustee on behalf of the Detachment.

#### **ARTICLE V**

# Meetings

Section 1. General Membership Meetings. The regular meetings of the General Membership shall be held without other notice than these By-laws on the second Wednesday of each month If there is no business to be conducted at a regular meeting of the general membership, the Commandant of the Detachment may cancel the regular meeting by giving at least 24-hours prior telephonic, electronic or posted written notice at the location of the designated meeting place to serve as notice of such cancellation. The Board of Trustees may provide, by resolution, the time and place, within the City of Rio Rancho/Albuquerque, New Mexico or other convenient place as agreed to by the majority of Trustees, for the holding of regular meetings without other notice than such resolution. If the day fixed for the monthly meeting shall be a legal holiday, such meeting shall be held on the next succeeding business day or mutually agreed date by the Trustees. If such monthly meeting is omitted by oversight or otherwise on the date herein provided for, the Board of Trustees shall cause a meeting in lieu thereof to be held as soon thereafter as conveniently possible and any election or business transacted at such meeting shall be as valid as if transacted or held at the monthly meeting. Such subsequent meeting shall be called in the same manner as provided herein.

Section 2. Board of Trustees Monthly Meetings The monthly meeting of the Trustees should be held on the second Wednesday in each month, before the General Membership Meeting, for the purpose of electing new Trustee(s) to vacant position(s) and the transaction of such business as may come before the board at the meeting. If the day fixed for the monthly meeting shall be a legal holiday, such meeting shall be held on the next succeeding business day or mutually agreed date by the Trustees In the event that such monthly meeting is omitted by oversight or otherwise on the date herein provided for, the Board of Trustees shall cause a meeting in lieu thereof to be held as soon thereafter as conveniently possible and any election or business transacted at such meeting shall be as valid as if transacted or held at the monthly meeting. Such subsequent meeting shall be called in the same manner as provided herein.

Section 3. <u>Board of Trustees Special Meetings</u> Special meetings of the Board of Trustees may be called for at the request of any of the Trustees. The Commandant of the Detachment or their designee is authorized to call the special meeting of the Board of Trustees may fix any place, either within Rio Rancho/Albuquerque Area or other convenient place as agreed to by the majority of Trustees, as the place for holding any special meetings of the Board of Trustee as called by them.

Section 4. Executive Committee Meetings The Executive Committee is an informational committee and can be called to convene at the Commandant's discretion. The committee should convene at the minimum of biannually, but it is not mandatory so long as all information is being provided to the Commandant and the Board of Trustees during the general membership meetings from all members of the committee.

Section 5. New Member Committee Meetings The New Member Committee is an informational gathering committee that should convene thirty (30) minutes before each General Membership meeting to determine if applicants are eligible for membership in the Detachment.

Section 6. Special Meeting Notice Notice of any special meeting of the Trustees shall be given at least five (5) days previously thereto by written notice delivered personally or mailed to each Trustee at the Trustee's address in a sealed envelope with postage thereon prepaid. If notice is given by email; such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when the email is delivered to the recipient's server. Any Trustee may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a Trustee at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a Trustee attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Except as provided for in these By-laws, neither the business to be transacted at nor the purpose of any regular or special meeting of the Board of Trustees need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting.

Section 7. Quorum At any meeting of the Detachment, the majority shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a lesser number (not less than three (3)) may adjourn any meeting and the meeting may be held as adjourned without further notice.

- Section 8. Manner of Acting The act of the majority present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the full membership, except as provided by law or by these By-Laws.
- Section 9. Action by Consent Any action required to be taken at a meeting, or any other action which may be taken at a meeting, may be taken without a meeting if consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all members entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof. Such consent shall have the effect of a unanimous vote and shall be equally valid as if said action were approved at a meeting.
- Section 10. <u>Participation by Telephone</u> Any one or more members of the Board may participate in a meeting of the Board by means of a telephone conference or similar communications equipment allowing all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.
- Section 11. <u>Participation by Proxy</u> Any one or more members of the Board may participate in a meeting of the Board by means of proxy. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.
- Section 12. Rules of Order All questions of parliamentary procedure which are not specifically covered by provisions of these By-Laws shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order (Revised) or the Marine Corps League of Ritual Book (Revised) as specified in this order.
- Section 13. <u>Right to Speak at General Membership Meetings</u> All members in good standing of the detachment when recognized by the Commandant shall have the right to speak on any subject and all issues brought to the regular general membership monthly meeting.
- Section 14. Right to Speak at Board of Trustees Meetings Only elected members of the Board of Trustees, members in good standing of the Detachment and invited guest(s) when on the agenda and recognized by the Commandant shall have the right to speak at the Board of Trustees meetings.
- Section 15. <u>Charter, Colors and Bible</u> The Detachment Charter or a copy, the National colors and a bible should be displayed at all meetings.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

#### Committees of the Board of Trustees

Section 1. <u>Executive Committee</u> The Detachment Executive Committee consists of the elected officers and appointed officers of the Detachment. The purpose of the Executive

Committee is to provide a forum to collect and disseminate information from and to the Commandant and the Board of Trustees. This committee has no parliamentary authority to pass any resolutions, it is informational only. The Commandant is the Chair. In the Commandant's absence the chain of command as established by these By-laws shall be followed.

Section 2. New Member Committee It shall be the duty of the New Member Committee to convene thirty (30) minutes before each General Membership meeting. The purpose of this committee is to receive and review each application submitted from prospective new members; review and return the applicants DD214 or Certificate of Discharge, to ensure that the applicant meets all membership requirements and does not fall in Article III, Section 8. "Ineligible to Become a Member" requirements by having the applicant fill out the Detachment's eligible questionnaire. Upon reviewing the prospective new member's application, DD214 or Certificate of Discharge and the Detachment's questionnaire, the New Member Committee will make a recommendation to accept or decline the applicant's request for membership to the Board of Trustees. This recommendation will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees and presented to the general membership for final determination. The Chair and Assistant Chair of this committee shall be determined by the general membership of the Detachment and shall serve at the pleasure of the general membership.

Section 3. <u>Detachment Budget and Finance Committee</u> It shall be the duty of the Budget and Finance Committee to hold such meeting(s) as it may deem necessary, to prepare and present to the Board of Trustees a budget to conduct the business, affairs and to make recommendations to increase the funds of the Detachment. The Chair of this committee shall be the Paymaster and the Adjutant shall be the Assistant Chair. Other members may be added as deemed necessary and serves at the pleasure of the Paymaster.

Section 4. <u>Detachment By-laws and Administrative Procedures Committee</u> It shall be the duty of the Detachment By-laws and Administrative Procedures Committee to hold such meeting(s) as it may deem necessary, to review, prepare and present to the Board of Trustees proposed changes of the Detachment By-laws. The Chair of this committee shall be the Judge Advocate and the Assistant Adjutant shall be the Assistant Chair. Other members may be added as deemed necessary and serve at the pleasure of the Judge Advocate.

Section 5. <u>Detachment Merchandise (Ship's Store) Committee</u> It shall be the duty of the Detachment Merchandise Committee to hold such meeting(s) as it may deem necessary, to review new merchandise for purchase, develop sales strategies and marketing ideas, and then prepare them for presentation to the Board of Trustees. The Chair of this committee shall be the Merchandise Manager and the Assistant Merchandise Manager shall be the Assistant Chair. Other members may be added as deemed necessary and serves at the pleasure of the Merchandise Manager.

Section 6. <u>Detachment Rifle Team Committee</u> It shall be the responsibility of the Detachment Rifle Team Committee to hold such meeting(s) as it may deem necessary to

establishing shoot rules, schedule practices and competitions available for the team(s) to participate in and present these to the Board of Trustees and the general membership. The Chair of this committee shall be the Team Captain and the Assistant Team Captain shall be the Assistant Chair. Other members may be added as deemed necessary and serves at the pleasure of the Team Captain. The Team Captain and Assistant Team Captain shall be determined by the members of the shooting team(s) and shall serve at the pleasure of the team's membership.

Section 7. Detachment Pistol Team Committee It shall be the responsibility of the Detachment Pistol Team Committee to hold such meeting(s) as it may deem necessary to establishing shoot rules, schedule practices and competitions available for the team(s) to participate in and present these to the Board of Trustees and the general membership. The Chair of this committee shall be the Team Captain and the Assistant Team Captain shall be the Assistant Chair. Other members may be added as deemed necessary and serves at the pleasure of the Team Captain. The Team Captain and Assistant Team Captain shall be determined by the members of the shooting team(s) and shall serve at the pleasure of the team's membership.

Section 8. Other Committees Other committees may be formed, and a Chair appointed by the Commandant with the confirmation of the Board of Trustees as may be deemed necessary or desirable for the proper administration and operation of the Detachment. Each such committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees and shall be subject to the control and direction of the Board of Trustees. All actions by any such committee shall be subject to revision or alteration by the Board of Trustees provided that no rights of third persons shall be adversely affected by such revision or alteration. Any action or authorization of an act by any such committee within the authority delegated to it by the resolution establishing it shall be effective for all purposes as the act or authorization of the Board of Trustees. Any such committee may act by a majority of its members present at a meeting or by writing or writings signed by all of its members.

Section 9. <u>Chair</u> Unless otherwise stated within these By-laws, one member of each committee shall be appointed the Chair by the Commandant and confirmed by the Board of Trustees.

#### ARTICLE VII

# Subsidiaries and Subordinate

Section 1. Young Marines of the Marine Corps League The Detachment recognizes Young Marines of the Marine Corps League as an official subordinate group of the Marine Corps League which shall ever be subject to the authority, supervision, direct control and discipline of the National Marine Corps League.

Section 2. <u>Marine Corps League Auxiliary Committee</u> The Detachment recognizes Marine Corps League Auxiliary Committee as an official subordinate group of the

Marine Corps League which shall ever be subject to the authority, supervision, direct control and discipline of the National Marine Corps League.

Section 3. <u>Marine Corps League Youth Physical Fitness</u> The Detachment recognizes Marine Corps League Youth Physical Fitness as an official subordinate group of the Marine Corps League which shall ever be subject to the authority, supervision, direct control and discipline of the National Marine Corps League.

Section 4. <u>Military Order of Devil Dogs</u> The Detachment recognizes Military Order of Devil Dogs as an official subordinate group of the Marine Corps League which shall ever be subject to the authority, supervision, direct control and discipline of the National Marine Corps League.

Section 5. <u>Military Order of Devil Dogs Fleas</u> The Detachment recognizes Military Order of Devil Dogs Fleas as an official subordinate group of the Marine Corps League which shall ever be subject to the authority, supervision, direct control and discipline of the National Marine Corps League.

Section 6. <u>Marines Helping Marines Inc.</u> The Detachment recognizes Marines Helping Marines and Wounded Marines Program as an official subordinate group of the Marine Corps League which shall ever be subject to the authority, supervision, direct control and discipline of the National Marine Corps League.

Section 7. The Marine of the Year Society The Detachment recognizes The Marine of the Year Society as an official subordinate group of the Marine Corps League which shall ever be subject to the authority, supervision, direct control and discipline of the Marine Corps League.

Section 8. <u>Marine Corps League Foundation</u> The Detachment recognizes Marine Corps League Foundation as an official subordinate group of the Marine Corps League which shall ever be subject to the authority, supervision, direct control and discipline of the National Marine Corps League.

#### ARTICLE VIII

## Advisory Board to Board of Trustees

The Detachment may have an Advisory Board made up of ex-officio directors who shall be elected by the Board of Trustees at their meeting. The ex-officio directors may advise and consult with the Board of Trustees but shall have no vote on any Detachment matter.

#### ARTICLE IX

#### Officers

Section 1. <u>Number of Officers</u> The officers of the Detachment shall consist of a Commandant, Senior-Vice Commandant, Junior-Vice Commandant, Judge Advocate and Paymaster which shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of this Article and who shall be the members of the Board of Trustees. Two (2) or more elected offices may not be held by the same person. A Trustee may hold an appointed position.

Section 2. Election and Term of Office The trustees/officers of the Detachment shall be elected at the January meeting by the general membership for a period of one (1) year and may stand for reelection for one (1) additional consecutive year. Each trustee/officer elected at the January meeting shall be immediately sworn in and take office at the conclusion of the meeting. If the election of officers shall not be held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as may be convenient. Vacancies in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, may be filled at any meeting of the Board of Trustees. Each officer shall hold office until such officer's successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified or until such officer's death or until such officer shall resign or shall have been removed in the manner hereinafter provided. Any officer may succeed himself or herself.

Section 3. Removal A Trustee/Officer elected or appointed may be removed by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the general membership whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Detachment would be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice of the person so removed. The right of appeal, under the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, shall not be denied.

Section 4. <u>Vacancies</u> A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, may be filled by the Board of Trustees or election by the General Membership for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 5. <u>Commandant</u> The Commandant shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Detachment. The Commandant, unless some other person is specifically authorized by vote of the Board of Trustees, shall sign, or delegate to other officers of the Detachment the power to sign, all deeds, mortgages, and extension agreements, modification of mortgage agreements, leases, and contracts of the Detachment. The Commandant shall perform all the duties commonly incident to such office and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Trustees shall designate. The Commandant shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees and general membership meetings. This is an elected position.

Section 6. <u>Senior Vice-Commandant</u> Except as specially limited by vote of the Board of Trustees during the absence or disability of the Commandant, the Senior Vice-Commandant shall perform the duties and have the powers of the Commandant and shall have the power to sign all deeds, and contracts of the Detachment. The Senior Vice-

Commandant shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as the Board of Trustees shall designate. This is an elected position.

Section 7. <u>Junior Vice-Commandant</u> Except as specially limited by vote of the Board of Trustees, during the absence or disability of the Senior Vice-Commandant the Junior Vice-Commandant shall perform the duties and have the powers of the Senior Vice-Commandant and shall have the power to sign all deeds, and contracts of the Detachment. The Junior Vice-Commandant shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as the Board of Trustees shall designate. This is an elected position.

Section 8. <u>Judge Advocate</u> Shall interpret the Detachment By-Laws and Administrative Procedures; He/she shall advise, construe, counsel and render opinion on questions of By-Laws and Procedure to the Commandant and Board of Trustees. This is an elected position.

Section 9. Paymaster The Paymaster, subject to the order of the Board of Trustees shall have the care and custody of the money, funds, valuable papers, and documents of the Detachment and shall have and exercise, under the supervision of the Board of Trustees, all the powers and duties commonly incident to such office. The Paymaster shall deposit all funds of the Detachment in such bank or banks as the Board of Trustees shall designate. The Paymaster may endorse for deposit or collection all checks and notes payable to the Detachment or to its order and may accept drafts on behalf of the Detachment. The Paymaster shall keep accurate books of account of the Detachment's transactions which shall be the property of the Detachment and shall be subject at all times to the inspection and control of the Board of Trustees. This is an elected position.

Section 10. Adjutant The Adjutant shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the Board of Trustees and general membership and shall perform all the duties commonly incident to such office and shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as the Board of Trustees shall designate. In the Adjutant's absence at any meeting an Assistant Adjutant shall perform such duties thereat. This is an appointed position by the Commandant and approved by the Board of Trustees. This appointee serves at the pleasure of the Commandant.

Section 11. <u>Assistant Adjutant</u> In the absence of the Adjutant the Assistant Adjutant shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the Board of Trustees and general membership and shall perform all the duties commonly incident to such office and shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as the Board of Trustees shall designate. In the Assistant Adjutant's absence at any meeting an Adjutant Pro Tempore shall perform such duties thereat. This is an appointed position by the Commandant and approved by the Board of Trustees. This appointee serves at the pleasure of the Commandant.

Section 12. <u>Sergeant-at-Arms</u> The Sergeant-at-Arms is responsible for ensuring the meeting area is setup and torn down as appropriate, greeting guests and members, assuring that persons present are authorized to attend the detachment meeting, present the colors, maintaining the order at all meetings, responding to instructions of the

Commandant, abiding by the ritual of Office. In the absence of the Sergeant-at-Arms the Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms or a Sergeant-at-Arms Pro Tempore shall perform such duties. This is an appointed position by the Commandant and approved by the Board of Trustees. This appointee serves at the pleasure of the Commandant.

Section 13. <u>Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms</u>. In the absence of the Sergeant-at-Arms the Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms is responsible for ensuring the meeting area is setup and torn down as appropriate, greeting guests and members, assuring that all persons present are authorized to attend the detachment meeting, present the colors, maintaining order at all meetings, responding to instructions of the Commandant, abiding by the ritual of Office. In the absence of the Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms or a Pro Tempore Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms shall perform such duties. This is an appointed position by the Commandant and approved by the Board of Trustees. This appointee serves at the pleasure of the Commandant.

Section 14. <u>Chaplain</u> The Chaplain plays an important role in the detachment by performing duties of a spiritual nature, may visit sick members and their family, abides by the ritual of office, provides notification to the Detachment, Department and National on deceased members, provides invocations and other services as required, performs duties as requested by the Commandant and the Board of Trustees. In the absence of the Chaplain a Pro Tempore shall perform such duties. This is an appointed position by the Commandant and approved by the Board of Trustees. This appointee serves at the pleasure of the Commandant.

Section 15. <u>Detachment Historian</u> Shall under the direction of the Board of Trustees assemble and maintain a record of the Detachment history of achievements. This is an appointed position by the Commandant and approved by the Board of Trustees. This appointee serves at the pleasure of the Commandant.

Section 16. <u>Liaison Officers</u> Shall under the direction of the Board of Trustees maintain close contact with military, veteran and other service organizations within the community and the State of New Mexico that promote the ideas and mission of the Detachment. These are appointed positions by the Commandant and approved by the Board of Trustees. These appointees serve at the pleasure of the Commandant.

Section 17. <u>Detachment Merchandise Manager (Ship Store)</u> The Detachment Merchandise Manager is responsible for the purchase of new merchandise as approved by the Board of Trustees or their designee; assure proper inventory control and verification of inventory by count and signature. A copy of all inventories and merchandise sales will be maintained and provided to the Board of Trustees each quarter. Merchandise Manager may appoint an Assistant Merchandise Manager with confirmation of the Commandant. This appointee serves at the pleasure of the Commandant.

Section 18. <u>Assistant Detachment Merchandise Manager (Ship Store)</u> In the absence of the Detachment Merchandise Manager the Assistant Detachment Merchandise Manager is responsible for the purchase of new merchandise as approved by the Board of Trustees

or their designee; assure proper inventory control and verification of inventory by count and signature. A copy of all inventories and merchandise sales will be maintained and provided to the Board of Trustees each quarter. Assistant Merchandise Manager is an appointed position by the Merchandise Manager and shall be confirmed by the Commandant. This appointee serves at the pleasure of the Commandant.

Section 19. Newsletter Editor The responsibility of the Newsletter Editor is to provide the Detachment's membership with actual news, real advice, and helpful tips they can use. The newsletter should be published at the end of month and should be delivered to each member either by US Postal service, email or posted at the general membership meetings. The content of the newsletter shall be approved by the Commandant or designee. This is an appointed position by the Commandant and approved by the Board of Trustees. This appointee serves at the pleasure of the Commandant.

Section 20. Website Manager The responsibility of the Website Manager is to provide the Detachment's membership with updated contents on the Detachment website. To manage the personnel who will assist with it. The content of the website shall be approved by the Commandant or designee. This is an appointed position by the Commandant and approved by the Board of Trustees. This appointee serves at the pleasure of the Commandant. The Website Manager has the authority to recruit other members to assist with the website design, contents and maintenance.

Section 21. <u>Aide-de-Camp to Commandant</u> The Aide-de-Camp will principally be concerned with the Commandant's official and social duties of the Detachment. This is an appointed position and serves at the pleasure of the Commandant.

Section 22. <u>Salaries</u> The Board of Trustees or Detachment Officers shall not receive compensation for their services but may be reimbursement for "authorized" expenses incurred in connection with the performance of their duties on behalf of the Detachment.

#### ARTICLE X

# Contracts, Loans, Checks, Deposits and Expenses

Section 1. <u>Contracts</u> The Board of Trustees may authorize any officer or officers, agent, or agents, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Detachment, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 2. <u>Loans</u> No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the Detachment and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of the Board of Trustees. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 3. Checks, Drafts and Other Financial Instruments All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the

name of the Detachment, shall be signed by at least two (2) officers of the Detachment and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Trustees.

Section 4. <u>Deposits</u> All funds of the Detachment not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Detachment in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Board of Trustees may select. The Commandant shall have the authority to spend up to one hundred dollars (\$100) within a thirty (30) day period without Board of Trustees' approval.

Section 5. <u>Expenses</u> The Detachment shall reimburse the Board of Trustees and others as determined by the Board a General Membership vote for expenses incurred during the performance of their duties and the operation of the Detachment, providing said expenses do not exceed the "authorized budgeted amount".

#### ARTICLE XI

# **Fund Raising**

Section 1. <u>Fund-Raising activities</u> may be entered into by the Detachment and Subsidiary and Subordinate units. The purpose of fund raising is to recruit new members and raising general funds in the support of the Detachment programs and objectives.

#### Provided:

- 1. All funds raised shall be for the sole benefit of Detachment less expense incurred.
- 2. The Detachment shall receive and distribute all funds.
- 3. Such fund-raising activity does not violate any Federal, State, County or Municipal law or ordnance or reflect discredit upon the Detachment or Marine Corps League.

Section 2. Merchandise Sales (Ship Stores) The selling of Marine Corps paraphernalia can be profitable for the Detachment; the marketing should be for Detachment and Marine Corps League members. This is an excellent recruiting tool to attract new members. Merchandise sales do not have to be limited to Marine Corps paraphernalia and product may become more general depending on the market conditions. Nor do sales have to be limited to Detachment meeting; other areas to consider may include booths at local events; air shows; flea markets, drawings and raffles, and vending machines. All funds raised shall be for the sole benefit of Detachment less expense incurred. The profit margin should not be less then 10% with the ceiling of what the market will bare.

Section 3. Other Fund-Raising Opportunities Other fund-raising opportunities may include but are not limited to: Drawings/Raffles; Social Events; Flea Market/Garage Sales: Booths; Advertising; Awards and/or Banquets. These activities must be conducted under the strictest requirements and by resolution by the Board of Trustees.

Section 4. <u>Marine Corps Rose Fund Program</u> The program funds are generally used to provide health and comfort items for hospitalized veterans; Support programs such as bingo or holiday parties for hospitalized or retired veterans in Retirement Homes; Scholarships programs; Assist youth programs; and Humanitarian Aid programs.

## **ARTICLE XII**

## Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Detachment shall be the period beginning on July 1st and ending on June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

#### ARTICLE XIII

# Corporate Seal

The Board of Trustees may provide a Detachment seal, but the lack of a seal on Detachment documents shall not affect the validity of any document properly executed on behalf of the Detachment.

#### ARTICLE XIV

#### Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Trustees shall; follow the Marine Corps League National By-laws, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the Detachment, transfer or convey all of the remaining assets of the Detachment to Marine Corps League's jurisdictional Department and shall then be exempt within the meaning of Section 501(c) (4) of the Code.

#### ARTICLE XV

#### Notices

Section 1. Notices Whenever written notice is required by law, the Articles of Incorporation or these By-Laws, to be given to any director or member of a committee, such notice may be given by mail, addressed to such director or member of a committee, at such person's address as it appears on the records of the Detachment, with postage thereon prepaid, and such notice shall be deemed to be given three (3) days after the time when the same shall be deposited in the United States mail. Written notice may also be given personally and shall be deemed given on the date of personal delivery.

Section 2. <u>Waivers of Notice</u> Whenever any notice is required by law, the Articles of Incorporation, or these By-Laws, to be given to any Trustee or member of a committee, a waiver thereof in writing, signed, by the person or persons entitled to said notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent thereto.

#### ARTICLE XVI

# Indemnification of Officers and Trustees

Section 1. Power to Indemnify in Actions, Suits or Proceedings The Detachment shall Indemnify a person, who was or is a party or is threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the Detachment) by reason of the fact that such person is or was a trustee or officer of the Detachment, against expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding to the extent provided by the provisions of the New Mexico's State Non-Profit Corporation Act, as such act shall be amended from time to time.

Section 2. <u>Insurance</u> The Detachment may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a Trustee or officer of the Detachment, against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity, or arising out of such person's status as such, whether or not the Detachment would have the power or the obligation to indemnify them against such liability under the provisions of this Article XIV.

#### ARTICLE XVII

## Amendments

These By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed, in whole or in part, or new By-Laws may be adopted by the membership of the Detachment, provided, however, that notice of such alteration, amendment, repeal or adoption of new By-Laws be contained in the notice of such meeting of the general membership. All such amendments must be approved by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the entire general membership of the Detachment at a duly noticed regular or special meeting.

ADOPTED as of the 9th day of August, 2023.

L/Cpl Christopher Adlesperger Detachment 1316, Marine Corps League

By: Stephanie Pugh SR. Vice Commott
Commandant (Printed Name)

Liphanie Pugh 3:15:2024 by direction
Commandant (Signature and Date)

ATTEST:

Roccian Mounis
Adjutant (Printed Name)

# **CERTIFICATE OF ADJUTANT**

The undersigned Adjutant of L/Cpl Christopher Adlesperger Detachment 1316, Marine Corps League, hereby attests that the foregoing By-Laws represent a true and correct copy of the By-Laws adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Detachment at a duly noticed meeting.

3/13/2024

Adjutant (Printed Name)

Adjutant (Signature and Date)

Reviewed

Judge Advocate (Printed Name)

Judge Advocate (Signature and Date)