

# Marine Corps League

## Bylaws of the Billy Stelpflug Detachment (1064)

**In accordance with Section 905 of the Marine Corps League National Bylaws, 2019 the following Detachment bylaws are set forth.**

### **Article I Name and Purpose**

The name of this organization is The Billy Stelpflug Detachment (Number 1064) of the Marine Corps League. It is a subsidiary of the Department of Alabama Marine Corps League, and of the National Marine Corps League. It is hereinafter referred to as the Detachment.

The purpose of the detachment is to promote the interests of the United States Marine Corps; to bond active duty Marines and those who have been honorably discharged or retired from that service in fellowship that may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy; to fit its members for the 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 and women 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 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 and render assistance to all Marines; as well as their widows and orphans; to perpetuate the history of the U. S. Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

The Detachment is not organized for and shall not be operated for pecuniary gain or profit. No part of the property of the Detachment and no part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any officer, member, or private individual. The net earnings shall be devoted exclusively to charitable, educational, operational, and recreational purposes, as defined by state and local laws and as set forth in the National bylaws.

## **Article II Membership**

Membership categories are Regular, Associate, Honorary, and Life, as set forth in the National Bylaws. Membership shall not be denied based on race, creed, color, nationality, or sex.

## **Article III Officers**

Elected officers shall be the Commandant, the Senior Vice Commandant, the Junior Vice Commandant, and the Judge Advocate. The aforementioned officers, along with the Immediate Past Junior Commandant, shall constitute a Board of Trustees which shall govern and manage the Detachment. Three members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. The Board shall meet at the direction of the Commandant.

The Commandant shall direct the affairs of the Detachment and conduct meetings in accordance with the requirements of the National Marine Corps League and Roberts Revised Rules of Order. The Commandant shall appoint staff officers including the Detachment Chaplain, the Adjutant, Sergeant at Arms, and the Paymaster. The Commandant shall have the power to expend emergency funds up to \$500.00.

The Senior Vice Commandant shall give every assistance to the Detachment Commandant and act as Commandant in his or her

absence. Should the Commandant position become vacant, the Senior Vice Commandant shall, if agreeable, serve the remainder of the Commandant's term.

The Junior Vice Commandant shall be next in succession. He or she shall be responsible for parties and entertainment and for recruiting efforts.

The Judge Advocate shall provide legal advice to officers as requested.

The Junior Past Commandant shall be the immediate past Commandant and shall be a full voting member of the Board. He or she shall be the chairman of the Nominating Committee, supervise the election of officers, and administer the oaths to newly elected officers.”

The Adjutant shall record and maintain for posterity a full and complete account of all Detachment business meetings and maintain a complete and accurate record of members in good standing. The Adjutant shall further maintain records of correspondence with the Department and the National Headquarters.

The Sergeant at Arms shall be responsible for securing the property of the Detachment, including but not limited to the national colors and other items required for display at meetings. These items shall include a copy of the charter and a Bible.

The Paymaster shall have charge of all finances and ensure the safety thereof. The Paymaster shall report monthly to the Board the state of Detachment finances. He or she shall receive and deposit all funds of the Detachment in a bank designated by the

Board. The Paymaster, upon request, shall produce all books and accounts required for a proper audit of the Detachment account. The Paymaster shall ensure that an audit of all accounts shall be conducted before the annual turn-over of the Commandant.

The Chaplain shall conduct all devotional exercises at Detachment meetings and shall contact all Detachment members, and members' family who may be sick or in distress. The Chaplain shall maintain a roster of such.

#### **Article IV Election of Officers**

The Commandant shall appoint a Nominating Committee from the regular membership of the Detachment at the regular February meeting. The nominating committee shall prepare a recommended slate of officers for presentation during the March meeting each year. The election of officers shall be held during the April meeting each year. Additional nominations may be made from the floor during either the March or the April meeting prior to a vote by the membership. Newly elected officers may be administered the oath of office immediately subsequent to their election or as soon thereafter if any member is unavailable. The Detachment Adjutant shall submit the list of the newly elected officers to the National Marine Corps League annually prior to June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year or within 30 days in the case of a vacancy, should any officer be replaced for any reason.

The election of the officers shall be by secret written ballot. However, any regular member in good standing nominated and unopposed for a position may be elected by a show of hands or voice vote at the discretion of the Commandant.

#### **Article V Resignation, Death, or Impeachment of An Officer**

Upon the demise of any member, the Detachment Chaplain shall immediately contact the family of the deceased member for the purpose of offering any assistance. Thereafter, without delay, the Chaplain must accomplish the administrative matters required by Section 7010 of the Marine Corps League National Administrative Procedures approved 9 August 2019 (hereinafter, NAP).

A member who wishes to resign must submit a notice of resignation to the National Commandant via the Department Commandant and the Division National Commandant with a copy to the Detachment Commandant as set forth in Section 7065, NAP. If the member has pending Chapter Nine, NAP, charges against him or her, the member must resign "with prejudice."

Should impeachment proceedings be brought against any officer, Chapter Nine of the NAP governs.

## **Article VI Meetings**

Detachment meetings shall normally be held the third Saturday of the month, at 0730, at a place designated by the Commandant. Special meetings may be called at the direction of the Commandant who will ensure that notice is provided to all members.

## **Article VII Committees**

Committees may be appointed by the Commandant to organize and direct special events.

## **Article VIII Fiscal and Finance**

Annual Detachment dues shall be four dollars (\$4.00) more than the amount charged by the Department of Alabama and National Headquarters. Dues shall be collected by the Paymaster and

deposited in a local bank account. No member shall obligate the Detachment for any funds without the prior approval of the Board. The Paymaster, the Commandant, and Senior Vice Commandant are authorized to sign checks on behalf of the Detachment.

### **Article IX Uniforms**

Uniforms must conform to the standards set forth by the National Commandant. The wearing of uniforms is encouraged but not required.

### **Article X Amendments**

These Bylaws may be amended in whole or in part at any regular or special meeting of the Detachment by two thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that such action has been announced a minimum of fifteen days prior to the meeting.

**These Bylaws are adopted by the Billy Stelpflug Detachment (Number 1064) on the date last signed:**

Commandant \_\_\_\_\_

Adjutant \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Advocate \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Department Judge Advocate  
Department of Alabama

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Detachment Approval**

These bylaws were submitted to the Detachment, and upon a motion duly made and seconded, were Approved on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

Commandant \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Vice Commandant \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Advocate \_\_\_\_\_