



Central Division, Department & Detachment Commandants:

This year the 2025 Central Division Marine of the Year and Division Associate of the year will be handled in a different way. We are taking the awards completely out of the hands of the Central Division Vice Commandant and putting it in the hands of the past award recipients. This coming Central Division conference will be held in **JOLIET, ILLINOIS on MARCH 27-30**. So here is the change other than taking it out of National Vice Commandant Dave Englert's hands. We are also having everyone make their submissions this year to our committee 30 days in advance which will make this years **due date FEBRUARY 25, 2025**. Also this year, we will allow regular mail and email for the submissions to the Marine of Year or Associate of year committee. However, in the future we may only allow email submissions. As of now this is not final and for now we are allowing snail mail.

Below are the rules to submit your members for this prestigious award within the Central Division, how to send and where you send the submission.

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**Phil Zamora – 2018 MOY**  
President  
Central Division Marine of the Year Society

**David Masunas – 2019 MOY**  
Vice President  
Central Division Marine of the Year Society



1. A letter of nomination shall be submitted by the Detachment Commandant (one (1) nomination per Detachment) to the Central Division Marine of the Year / Associate of the Year Committee, 30 days prior to the Central Division Conference, including all details on the individual leaguer. Make the letter as detailed as possible, noting any special accomplishments. Documentary proof or affidavits or photos may be submitted.
2. Should the Detachment Commandant be the nominee, the Letter of Nomination shall be endorsed by the Detachment Senior Vice Commandant.
3. Should the Associate nominee be the Spouse or significant other of the Commandant, the Letter of Nomination shall be endorsed by the Detachment Senior Vice Commandant.
4. Any meritorious deed(s) identified shall be of such substance that has brought acclaim and prestige to the Marine Corps League or has enhanced and/or has furthered the concepts of the duties of being a citizen of the United States of America or deed(s) of courage performed by the nominee without regards to his/her own safety.
5. All letters of nomination shall be addressed to the Central Division Marine of the Year Society or Central Division Associate of the Year Society, to the address below.
  - a. The envelope or email shall be marked on the envelope bottom left, "Central Division Marine of the Year Society" or "Central Division Associate of the Year Society" using email please put this in the header.
  - b. U.S. Mail must be received by the due date of FEB 25, 2025
  - c. Email nominations must be received by the due date of Feb 25, 2025
  - d. **Nominations received after FEB 25, 2025 will not be considered.**

6. **Department Commandants** may submit members from their departments that fit the criteria of the Marine or Associate of the Year even if they were not submitted by their detachments.
7. **Departments and Detachments** should submit their Department or Detachment Marine or Associate of the year.

**The Nominee criteria:**

1. Be a regular member of the Marine Corps League in good standing to be considered for Marine of the Year.
2. Be an Associate member of the Marine Corps League in good standing to be considered for Associate of the Year.
3. Belong to a Detachment / Department within the Central Division of the Marine Corps League.
4. Believe in the principles upon which the Marine Corps League was chartered.
5. Be active in the affairs of the Marine Corps League at the Detachment or Department level.
6. Be active in community affairs.
7. A deceased member of the Central Division may be submitted as Marine or Associate of the year but they must have passed away since the last Central Division Conference in Kalamazoo, Michigan
8. No nominees shall write or send in their own nomination.

- **Description of the Award**

- **Marine Corps League Marine of the Year award**
  - **Marine Corps League, Marine of the Year Medallion suspended on a thick GOLD ribbon**
  - **Gold ribbon with FMF device**
- **Marine Corps League Associate of the Year award**
  - **Marine Corps League, Associate of the Year Medallion suspended on a thick GOLD ribbon**
  - **Gold Ribbon with "A" device**

Send submissions to the following and make sure in the subject line there is either “Central Division MOY” or “Central Division AOY”

Email: [centraldivmoy@gmail.com](mailto:centraldivmoy@gmail.com)

USPS Address:

PHIL ZAMORA  
412 W HARRIS ST  
CHARLOTTE, MI 48813-1437

Make sure in left bottom corner either  
CENTRAL DIVISION MOY or CENTRAL DIVISION AOY, are on envelope

**MUST BE IN OUR HANDS BY DEADLINE OF  
FEBRUARY 25, 2025, NO EXCEPTIONS**