

Central Division, Department & Detachment Commandants:

This year the 2026 Central Division Marine of the Year and Division Associate of the Year will be handled differently. 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 Lexington, Kentucky, on MARCH 19-21. 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 year's due date FEBRUARY 21, 2026. Also, this year, we will allow regular mail and email for the submission to the Marine of the Year or Associate of the Year committee.

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. Should the Detachment Commandant be the nominee, the Letter of Nomination shall be endorsed by the Detachment Senior Vice Commandant.

2. 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.

3. 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, with email please put this in the header.

b. U.S. Mail must be received by the due date of FEB 21, 2026

c. Nominations received after FEB 21, 2026 will not be considered.

4. 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.

5. 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 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 / 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 Joliet, Illinois

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.

Email: 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

DEADLINE FEB 21, 2026