

“MARINE OF THE YEAR”



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE - MIDWEST DIVISION

Administrative Procedures

Marine Corps League

The seal of the Marine Corps League is circular with a red background. It features a central emblem of an eagle with wings spread, perched on a globe. The words "MARINE CORPS LEAGUE" are written in a white arc at the top, and "SEMPER FIDELIS" is written in a white arc at the bottom. Two white stars are positioned on either side of the central emblem.

The Midwest Division, Marine Corps League, on October 17 1998 at the Division Fall Conference, sanctioned the selection of an active member from the various Detachments within the Midwest Division to the high honor of Marine of the Year. The following comprises the administrative procedures as revised October 17, 2003 - October 22, 2005 – October 17, 2009 – April 23, 2022 at Division Conference's and establishes "The Society of Marine of the Year, Midwest Division" , hereinafter referred to as "The Society."

Membership: "The Society" will be comprised of all Marine Corps League members who have been awarded the Midwest Division Marine of the Year at a Midwest Division conference. Only those members who are active annual or life members in good standing shall be voting members of the Society. The Midwest Division National Vice Commandant shall be an "Ex-Officio" member of "The Society" without a vote. The Midwest Division National Vice Commandant will have a voting right only should the total membership of "The Society" fail to maintain four (4) active members.

Leadership: "The Society" shall elect/appoint one of its members to the office of Chair of "The Society" at the conference. In the event the Chair cannot be present at any meeting of "The Society", the senior Marine of the Year shall represent "The Society" or Chair at the meeting of "The Society".

Quorum: "The Society" shall meet once a year before the Midwest Division Conference on call of the Chair, to determine selection, if any, of that years' Marine of the Year. There shall be at least three (3) members present to constitute a quorum of "The Society".

Nominations: Nominations for Marine of the Year shall originate from the Detachment level. The nominee must be an annual or life member in good standing of the Marine Corps League and by extension, the Midwest Division. The award shall be presented to a Marine Corps League member, who in the opinion of their Detachment have rendered service and performed deeds above and beyond that expected of a member of the League. Nominations should contain information that is immediately evident to the reader that the individual enhanced the concepts of citizenship, furthered the aims, ideals of the League or acted in a heroic manner without regard to his or her personal safety. Written affidavits, newspaper articles or personal statements are not required, but may be submitted.

Application: No Individual member or Officer of the Marine Corps League other than the Detachment Leadership may make a nomination. All nominations must be submitted by the Detachment and Signed by the Detachment Commandant or Adjutant-Paymaster. Detachments will not be limited as to the number of nominations they may make in any one Division year. All nominations

will be in writing and shall be forwarded by cover letter (suggested Detachment Letterhead Stationary) **not later the 15th of February of the year in question.** Nominations not in good order or received after the deadline requirement shall be returned to the Detachment with a note from “The Society” Chair.

Forwarding of Nominations: *Since the change at the 2022 Spring Conference to only hold one meeting a year in the spring usually in April all Nominations shall be mailed with the cover letter and any/all attachments to enhance the nomination to the Chairman of the Midwest Division Marine of the Year Committee by **Certified Mail – Return Receipt Requested or Signature Required.** This is to make sure you know that the Society Chair has received the nomination in a timely manner. The Nomination must be submitted **no later than February 15th.** The envelope containing the nomination must be clearly marked “Marine of the Year Midwest Division”.*

Selection Board Actions: The Chair of the Society shall make an electronic copy of each nomination and e-mail the copies to each member of the Society by the 22nd of February for the members to examine. The 1st week of March the Society will hold a Zoom conference or some other electronic meeting to discuss and decide the nominee that will be awarded the Midwest Division Marine of the Year. This will give the Chair of the Society enough time to have the plaque made and medal engraved to be presented at the annual Midwest Division Conference in April.

The Society shall ensure that all nominations meet the basic criteria of membership in a Detachment, and with same being from the Detachment. “The Society” Members present will analyze all applications and make a selection. ***“The Society” will not be required to make a selection; if the nomination’s received do not meet the Marine of Year expectations criteria. It is the sincere intent of “The Society” to make an annual award every year. Under the circumstance, whereby Detachments neglect to submit nominations or those nominations received fail to be qualified nominations, “The Society” may forgo that provision in the Nominations and Application paragraph’s of this procedure, whereby nominations must originate at Detachment level. “The Society” may then select a worthy individual who is an active member from within various Midwest Division Detachments.***

Recognition: The Chair shall inform the Midwest Division National Vice Commandant not later than April 1 of that year of the final selection made by “The Society” for the Midwest Division Marine of the Year. The Chair and or Midwest Division National Vice Commandant shall be responsible for obtaining the Plaque and Medal prior to the Midwest Division Conference. The Midwest Division National Vice Commandant and the Chair shall make the presentation. All Detachment Commandant’s should ensure that their nominees (s) are present at the Division Conference.

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Information that may help the Society with Selection:

1. How long has Nominee been a member of the Marine Corps League and this Detachment?
2. What Offices has Nominee held on the Detachment, Department, Division, or National level if any?
3. What Committees has the Nominee served on and in what capacity, at the Detachment, Department, Division or National level if any?
4. Has Nominee received any prior awards from the Marine Corps League on any level or from any other organization?
5. Has Nominee worked with Toys for Tots in what capacity and how long?
6. Has Nominee worked with the Boy Scouts, Civil Air Patrol, or other youth organizations, what capacity, how long?
7. Does the Nominee Volunteer at VA Facilities or work with any Homeless Veterans programs?
8. Has Nominee worked with any other community services?
9. Has the Nominee been instrumental in recruiting new members or helped to start a new detachment?

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Members of Marine of Year Society Midwest Division:
Authorized 1998 by National Vice Commandant Thomas Oglesby

1999	Ron Brown *	Iowa
2000	Clyde Johnson *	Missouri
2001	Tony Drennen *	Missouri
2002	Erling Larson *	Iowa
2003	Thomas Oglesby *	Minnesota
2004	NO AWARD	
2005	Earl Weller *	Kansas
2006	Sylvester Brunnert *	Missouri
2007	Robert Box *	Missouri
2008	Gerald A. Moorehead	Iowa
2008	Levon “Lee” Hollrah *	Missouri
2009	Jerry Bradley	Missouri
2010	Robert Holsinger	Iowa
2011	Bernie Thompson	Minnesota
2012	Donald Hildrebrand*	Iowa
2013	Bryson L. Allen	Kansas
2014	David F. Hunter	Missouri
2015	David T. Ossian	Nebraska
2016	Wendell W. Webb	Missouri
2017	Courtney Livingston	South Dakota
2017	Janice Hartley	Missouri
2018	Harvey Harris	Kansas
2019	Jan Denney	Kansas
2020	George Kline	Iowa

2021	Hugh Nisbet	Missouri
2021	Jason House	Nebraska
2022	Joseph M. Hughes	Kansas
2023	Eldon (Doc) Holsey	Kansas
2023	James K Maevers	Missouri
2024	Daniel Harrington	South Dakota
* Deceased		