

COLORADO MARINE OF THE YEAR GUIDELINES

Any member in “Good Standing” may nominate any other “Regular Member in Good Standing” for the Department Marine of the Year. The nomination must be received by the Junior Past Marine of the Year (JPMOY) by the deadline announced in the “call for nominations” letter as outlined in these Award Guidelines prior to the opening of the annual Department Convention. **(Nominations will not be accepted past the published deadline.)**

When drafting the nomination for a proposed recipient of the Department Marine of the Year, it is asked that you follow the outline below in drafting the document. This will aid the committee in conducting a timelier side-by-side comparison when presented with multiple nominees.

ELIGIBILITY

- **Must be a Past Detachment Marine of the Year prior to nomination for Dept MOY** (state year awarded)
- Involvement in detachment activities, i.e.,
 - Attends meetings
 - Participates in detachment functions
 - Serves/served on a detachment committee
 - Holds/held an Elected or Appointed Detachment Officer position
 - Supports the MODD, MCL Auxiliary, MODD Fleas
- Involvement within the local community, i.e.,
 - Volunteers time at VA
 - A Leader in Young Marines, Scouts, or other youth activities
 - Participates in Toys for Tots campaigns
 - Participates as a member in other Veteran’s organizations (VFW, DAV, American Legion, MOPH, etc.);
 - Participates in joint veterans’ activities (joint color/honor guards, funeral details, veteran coalitions, etc.)
- Department level involvement, i.e.,
 - Holds/held an appointed office
 - Served as committee chair or member
 - Supports Department activities.
- Prior awards received:
 - Prior awards received by nominee such as MODD Pound, Pack, or Kennel Awards and MCL Detachment, Department or National awards.

ALL LEVELS

Achievements can be cumulative, but current year activities should be stressed. The nominee for Department Marine of the Year should have past involvement at all levels. Overall service should show that the nominee has gone “above and beyond” what is expected of an average “good member”. The above examples are examples only and not hard requirements for the award with the exception of being a prior Detachment Marine of the Year.

If the Marine is truly deserving, please take time to submit a thorough and well written nomination.

[If a Detachment does not have an Marine of the Year Program, the Department Marine of the Year Society should help the Detachment start one.](#)