

McLEMORE DETACHMENT BYLAWS



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1. **Purpose.** These Bylaws provide guidance concerning the organization and operations of the McLemore Detachment #324 of the Marine Corps League. The primary goal of these Bylaws is to ensure that the McLemore Detachment is operated in accordance with the Marine Corps League Bylaws and to follow applicable local, state, and national laws. The 2017 Edition of the McLemore Detachment Bylaws and Administrative Procedures are hereby canceled upon approval of the revised Bylaws.

2. **Background.** At the \_\_\_\_\_ McLemore Detachment scheduled meeting held in Houston TX the revised McLemore Detachment Bylaws were reviewed to insure that the Detachment is following Marine Corps League and applicable local, state, and national legal requirements. These Detachment Bylaws state the responsibilities incumbent upon all Detachment members and state the requirements that will facilitate the mission of the League.

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3. **Goal.** The goal of the McLemore Detachment Bylaws is to provide the Detachment leadership effective guidance to ensure that the Detachment is successful and relevant to the membership. These Bylaws and supporting Administrative Procedures set the specific guidelines and requirements for all Detachment members to follow.
4. **Ratification.** These Detachment Bylaws were presented to all members at the \_\_\_\_\_ 2019 Detachment Meeting held in Houston, TX. There was a motion and a second by qualified delegates to accept and approve the Detachment Bylaws. Discussion was opened, all questions were addressed and changes were made as required. The Detachment Bylaws were ratified/approved by majority vote of all members present at the \_\_\_\_\_ 2019 Detachment Meeting held in Houston, TX.
5. **Effective Date of McLemore Detachment 324 Bylaws.** These Bylaws were effective on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, upon approval at the Detachment meeting, subject to approval by the Department Judge Advocate.
6. **Reviewed and Approved:**

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## **ARTICLE I**

### **Compliance with National and Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures**

The McLemore Detachment operates under the Authority of the Marine Corps League (MCL). The Marine Corps League is a non-profit corporation incorporated by an Act of the Seventy-fifth Congress of the United States of America at the First Session, begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday, the fifth day of January 1937, and approved August 4, 1937. The Detachment conducts all activities in strict compliance with National and Department of Texas Bylaws and Administrative procedures. To that end, copies of these documents have been placed on the Detachment website so that they are accessible to each Detachment Member.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **Mission Statement**

McLemore Detachment adheres to and fully supports the Mission of the Marine Corps League: The mission statement of the Marine Corps League is

“Members of the Marine Corps League join in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving traditions. Promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service. Effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy. Voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Chaplains, and former Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Chaplains, and their widows and orphans; and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.”

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Purpose**

McLemore Detachment adopts the purposes of the Marine Corp League as our own. The purposes of the Marine Corps League (MCL) shall be:

- a. To preserve the traditions and to promote the interests of the United States Marine Corps;
- b. To band those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service together in fellowship that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy;
- c. 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;
- d. To hold sacred the history and memory of the men who have given their lives to the Nation;
- e. To foster love for the principles which they have supported by blood and valor since the founding of the Republic;
- f. To maintain true allegiance to American institutions;
- g. To create a bond of comradeship between those in the service and those who have returned to civilian life;

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- h. To aid voluntarily and to render assistance to all Marines, FMF Corpsman, and FMF Navy Chaplains, as well as their widows and orphans; and
- i. To perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **Not for Profit Organization**

The McLemore Detachment, Marine Corps League is not organized for and shall not be operated for pecuniary gain or profit. No part of the property of the corporation and no part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to any director, member, or other private individual. The MCL shall never be authorized to engage in a regular business of a kind ordinarily carried on for profit or in any other activity except in furtherance of the purposes for which the MCL are organized.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **Detachment Officers**

The elected Officers of the Detachment are the Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant, Judge Advocate and Paymaster. The Detachment Commandant shall appoint the following Officers: Adjutant, Chaplain, Sergeant at Arms and other Officers the Commandant deems necessary to serve the needs of the Detachment. As directed by Article IX Section 920 of the National Bylaws, all Officers serve a one year term. However Officers may be elected or appointed for an unlimited number of additional *one year* terms. The order of succession in case of an Officer vacancy will be as specified in Section IX Article 925 of the National Bylaws

### **ARTICLE V**

#### **Detachment Board of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees of the Detachment are the elected Officers: the Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant, Judge Advocate and Paymaster. The Senior Past Commandant serves on Board for one year. A quorum is established when three or more members of the Board are in attendance for any scheduled meeting of the Board or Detachment.

### **ARTICLE VI**

#### **Members**

The Detachment shall be the sole judge of its membership, providing said person meets the requirements of Article V, Section 515 and Section 520 of the National Bylaws. In the event there is a reason to believe that a Detachment member does *not* meet the qualifications of membership, the determination will be made in accordance with Article IX Section 915 of the National Bylaws.

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### **ARTICLE VII Election of Officers**

The election of Detachment Officers will be conducted at the January Membership Meeting. Elected Officers will be installed during or prior to the February Meeting. The Commandant will announce the selection of appointed Officers in time to permit their installation at the same time as the elected Officers.

### **ARTICLE VIII Meetings**

The Detachment shall meet monthly at a date, time and location of its choosing. The time, date and location of the next meeting will be established no later than at the previous monthly meeting. The Detachment charter or a copy, the National Colors, and a Bible shall be displayed at all business meetings. The Detachment shall use the current edition of *Roberts Rule of Order Newly Revised* which shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not in conflict with the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, Department Bylaws, and any special rules of order National may adopt. In the event of a conflict, the ruling authority is the National Bylaws, then the National Administrative Procedures, then *Roberts Rule of Order Newly Revised*.

### **ARTICLE IX Revision of the Detachment Bylaws**

The Detachment Bylaws may be changed by 2/3 majority of members present at any regular scheduled Membership Meeting subject to approval by the Department of Texas Judge Advocate.

The Board of Trustees shall have the authority to identify and correct clerical errors in the Detachment Bylaws and the Detachment Administrative Procedures where the error is clearly evident and the correction shall make no material change to the intent, form, or function of the bylaws or the administrative procedure in question.