

BYLAWS OF THE
GREATER NEVADA DETACHMENT 186
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
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BYLAWS

These bylaws dated 1/23/17 and passed by the members of the Greater Nevada Detachment 186 of the Marine Corps League at a meeting held on 1/23/17, in accordance with proper procedure as outlined in the Detachment Bylaws Article III will supersede and override any and all bylaws and amendments previously incorporated by the Greater Nevada Detachment 186 of the Marine Corps League.

Article I: Name

The name of the Detachment has been and shall remain "**Greater Nevada Detachment 186, Marine Corps League**".

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of the detachment shall be:

- a. To act as an integral part and detachment of the Marine Corps League, Department of Nevada.
- b. To further the charitable objectives, purposes and aims of the league as set forth in the Marine Corps League National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures. Scholarships may be awarded after a vote from the detachment.
- c. This detachment is a non-profit, veterans service organization. Membership therein does not affect or increase liability for the military. Individual members may not profit from any detachment activity(s) or program(s). The net earnings will be devoted exclusively to the operational, educational, and recreational purposes of the detachment.
- d. This detachment will be non-political and will not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles or for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office. If the detachment is dissolved, the assets will be turned over to a similar group to be use for charitable purposes as described above. The detachment membership shall continue help Marines and their family's that become stranded in Las Vegas with emergency funds. Voted on by the membership.

Article III: Detachment Bylaws

Any bylaws made by this detachment shall not be averse to, or conflict with the Marine Corps League National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures or the Department of Nevada By-laws or the National By-laws.

These Detachment By-laws Bylaws may be revised, amended or repealed in the following manner:

1. Any five (5) members in good standing as defined in the Marine Corps League National Bylaws Article Six, Section 615 and Article IV of these bylaws may submit in writing to the detachment adjutant, such proposed action.
2. The said proposal shall be posted in a public viewing area of the detachment headquarters a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to a regularly scheduled meeting.
3. All members will be notified in writing (the detachment newsletter may be used) of any proposed changes at least thirty (30) days prior to the amendment being brought before the body for a vote. The Notice shall include the date, time and action that will take place.
4. The proposal will be made in the form of a motion and seconded at the first available meeting after the requirements of Article III (a) (2) and (a) (3) are met. The motion will automatically be tabled for a vote to the next regularly scheduled general membership meeting.
5. The proposal will be voted on and must be approved by no less than two thirds (2/3rds) of the members present. Once approved, the amendment will go into effect.
6. Only members in good standing as defined in the Marine Corps League National Bylaws Article Six, Section 615 shall be eligible to vote.

Article IV: Membership

- a. Only persons who are serving or have served honorably in the United States Marine Corps, Marine Corps Reserve or U. S. Navy FMF Corpsmen for not less than ninety (90) days shall be eligible for regular membership in the Marine Corps League as outlined in the Marine Corps League National Bylaws Article Six, Section 600.
- b. Any prospective member must provide proof of eligibility (i.e. DD-214, honorable discharge certificate or other official proof of eligibility) with application, sponsors signature on the application and dues for membership. Sponsor must be a member of the Marine Corps League in good standing.
- c. Any member, either prospective or active, may have their eligibility challenged by any officer of the detachment at any time. If a member is found ineligible, appropriate action will be taken in accordance with the Marine Corps League National Bylaws Article Six, Sections 625, 630 and 635.
- d. The prospective member's application will be brought up at the first regularly scheduled general membership meeting following the approval of the membership application review committee. The application will be voted on by the membership present. A simple majority of those present at the meeting is required to approve membership applications.
- e. Initiation of new members shall be consistent with the current Marine Corps League Ritual Manual. Swearing in of new members shall be conducted at the

- regularly scheduled general membership meeting in January, April, July and October.
- f. Life membership shall be available to all regular members as outlined in the Marine Corps League National Bylaws Article Six, Section 645. Applicant must be current with all dues prior to making application for life membership.
 - g. Honorary membership shall be made available as outlined in the Marine Corps League National Bylaws Article Six, Section 600. A person may be nominated for honorary membership by any member of the detachment in good standing and submitted to the board of trustees. The board of trustees shall reflect on said nominee at its next regularly scheduled meeting and submit a recommendation to the body. A majority decision shall be required to approve honorary membership. Honorary members may not be entitled to any of the privileges associated with membership in the detachment or the league, other than being made welcome at the detachment when there is no meeting taking place.
 - h. Associate membership shall be made available in accordance with the Marine Corps League National Bylaws Article Six, Section 600. An associate member will pay the same dues as a regular member and may enjoy the privileges of membership with the following exceptions:
 - a. Shall not be able to hold elective office.
 - b. Shall not have voting privilege.
 - c. Shall not be permitted to wear the standard uniform of the detachment or the league except as noted in the Marine Corps League Administrative Procedures Enclosure (3).

Article V: Dues

The amount of dues for membership will be determined by the membership. The dues for each member will be due on the anniversary of their joining the league. All dues shall be paid to the detachment paymaster. A member will be considered delinquent and not in good standing the last day of the month of their anniversary date if dues are not paid. A member not in good standing shall not enjoy any of the benefits accorded membership in the Marine Corps League. A member has one (1) year to "make up" his/her dues or they will be dropped from the rolls of the Marine Corps League. A member may reinstate his/her membership by paying all past and current dues.

Article VI: Officers

- a. The Detachment Officers elected to office shall be composed of the following:
 - 1. Commandant
 - 2. Sr. Vice Commandant
 - 3. Jr. Vice Commandant
 - 4. Judge Advocate

- b. All other Detachment Officers are to be considered "Staff Officers" and shall be appointed to office with the consent of the Board. Staff Officers are:
 - 1. Adjutant
 - 2. Paymaster
 - 3. Sergeant at Arms
 - 4. Chaplain
- c. In order to hold office a candidate must be in good standing.
- d. The terms of office shall be for the period of time between yearly elections (one year). An office is secured once the officer has been sworn into office. All other officers have no term limits. A partial term of office shall not be considered as a "term of office".

Article VII: Board of Trustees (Herein referred to as "the board")

- a. The board of trustees shall consist of all elected officers plus the most recent past commandant. If the most recent past commandant is unavailable or unwilling to serve on the board, then the board will decide by majority vote on an acceptable substitute from former detachment officers.
- b. the board is responsible for promoting the good and welfare of the detachment and the necessary maintenance of the operation of the detachment. The board shall also rule on any recommendations made by the detachment on disputed matters.
- c. The board is responsible for the selection and appointment of Staff Officers.

Article VIII: Vacancies of Office

In the event of a vacancy of an elective office, the officer in the chain of command moves up (the Sr. Vice Commandant becomes Commandant; the Jr. Vice Commandant becomes the Sr. Vice Commandant). The Commandant will recommend a replacement for Jr. Vice Commandant for the board approval. A simple majority vote of the board is needed to approve a replacement officer. A vacancy may be declared when an officer misses three (3) consecutive detachment meetings, is no longer in good standing or resigns from his/her position.

Article IX: Nomination of Officers

- a. The Commandant shall appoint the chairman for the nominating committee (preferably a former commandant). The nominating committee shall be formed not later than the July meeting of the detachment membership and be prepared to present its recommendations for office at the August and September detachment meetings.

- b. The nominating committee will consist of a minimum of three (3) members in good standing. No current board member may serve on the nominating committee Any member of the nominating committee seeking to influence votes can be charged with misconduct.
- c. Any member in good standing may nominate another member in good standing at the August or September detachment meetings. Any member nominated either from the floor or by the nominating committee shall state their willingness to accept the responsibilities of office at the time of nomination. A member should be present at the meeting or post a letter of acceptance of the nomination and reason for absence from the meeting with the adjutant. A member may accept nomination for only one office.
- d. Each member nominated for office will have the opportunity to state their qualifications for office at the August or September general membership meetings.

Article X: Elections

- a. Elections shall be held on the day of the regularly scheduled general membership meeting in October. The nominating committee shall be in charge of the elections. The polls will be open from noon until one half hour before the meeting. There will be no electioneering permitted when the polls are open.
- b. Members in good standing of the detachment have the right to vote.
- c. The ballot shall list the nominees for each office in alphabetical order. An asterisk will be placed by the name of the incumbent seeking re-election.

Article XI: Installation of Officers

The installation of newly elected officers will take place at the regularly scheduled November general membership detachment meeting.

Article XII: Duties of Officers

- a. Commandant
 - 1. Preside over all board, special, and general membership meetings.
 - 2. Observe and enforce the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures of the Marine Corps League and the Bylaws of the Detachment.
 - 3. Direct and/or delegate to all officers and members such orders for the good and welfare of the detachment, which are necessary for the proper conduct of business.
 - 4. Be a signature on the detachment's checking accounts.
 - 5. Represent the detachment at all social functions and ceremonies.
 - 6. Ultimately lead and guide the detachment in the purposes described in Article II.

- b. Senior Vice Commandant
 1. Assume the position of Commandant if the Commandant's office is declared vacant by the board of trustees.
 2. Assume command of any duties normally assigned to the Commandant if the Commandant is not present.
 3. Perform such duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Commandant for the good and welfare of the detachment.
 4. Be a signature on the detachment checking accounts.

- c. Junior Vice Commandant
 1. Assume the duties of the Commandant or Senior Vice Commandant in their absence.
 2. Perform such duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Commandant for the good and welfare of the detachment.

- d. Judge Advocate
 1. Interpret the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures and the Detachment Bylaws and will advise, counsel and render opinions to the officers, membership and board on various questions of law and practice.
 2. Act as the detachment parliamentarian and advise on proper procedure whenever applicable.
 3. Perform such duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Commandant for the good and welfare of the detachment.

- e. Adjutant
 1. Responsible to take, keep and report an accurate record of the minutes of all duly called detachment and board meetings. He/she shall take the appropriate roll call at said meetings and report any absence of officers to the board.
 2. Maintain an up to date and accurate record of the membership of the detachment.
 3. Perform the duties as recording and corresponding secretary.
 4. Be a signature on the detachment checking accounts.

- f. Paymaster
 1. Responsible to keep true and accurate records of all funds received and disbursed on behalf of the detachment.
 2. Arrange for the deposit of all monies and securities in a bank account designated by the board. Funds collected shall be deposited into the detachments accounts as soon as possible but in no event longer than five (5) bank business days.
 3. Pay all legitimate bills and debts for the normal upkeep and maintenance of the detachment. Disbursements shall be made by check, signed by two authorized signatories as authorized herein. The Paymaster is

authorized to spend up to two hundred (\$200.00) dollars without prior approval but must justify the expenditure to the board at the next meeting.

4. Make monthly reports to the detachment membership on the financial position of the detachment.
5. Provide reports, projections and financial recommendations to the board as required.
6. Act as the liaison with the National and State headquarters of the Marine Corps League as concerns membership and dues. He/she will submit any financial reports they require. He/she shall also make any financial reports required by the federal government.
7. If desired by the board, the Paymaster will be bonded in an amount satisfactory to the board which is in excess of that automatically provided by the Marine Corps League. The payment of such bond will be paid by the detachment.
8. Be a signature on the detachment checking accounts.
9. Make his/her books and records available at any time for a board authorized audit. A formal audit shall be performed at least once a year at a time set by the discretion of the board.
10. After his/her term of office surrender all books, records, monies and any other property under the Paymaster's charge to the newly appointed Paymaster.

g. Sargant at Arms

1. Preserve order and ensure that proper decorum is maintained at all detachment meetings.
2. Ensure that all persons in attendance at the detachment meetings are members in good standing and if any guest is present, that they are logged in and announced to the presiding officer.
3. Deputize other members as needed to assist in the performance of his/her duties.
4. Assist in the performance of the rituals as described in the official Marine Corps League Ritual Handbook.
5. Announce the opening and the closing of the detachment meetings.

h. Chaplain

1. Perform such duties of a spiritual nature as are customarily performed by members of the clergy within the guidelines of established Marine Corps League procedures.
2. Assist members with sickness and condolence calls, correspondence with family members and any other duties related to the emotional and spiritual wellbeing of members and their families.
3. Advise the board and/or the general membership of any marines who are sick or distressed.

4. Perform whatever rituals are required of his/her office at meetings, funerals and specific functions outlined in the Marine Corps League Ritual Handbook.

Article XIII: Committees

- a. the commandant may appoint as many committees as he/she feels are necessary for the good of the detachment.
- b. The commandant shall appoint a chairperson and as many members as is practical for the committee. It is permissible to appoint a board member to a committee as a member or as a chairperson.
- c. The committees shall have the authority to act on behalf of the board of trustees. This authority will be within the limits of the guidance given to the committee by the board. Committees will act with discretion when conducting business on behalf of the detachment. When they are actively working on a project, committees shall report on the committee's progress at the monthly board meeting. This report will include, at minimum, any contractual and/or financial obligations entered on behalf of the detachment and any outstanding financial obligations.
- d. The required standing committees are as follows:
 1. Marine Corps Birthday Ball Committee
 2. Ceremonial Committee
 3. Membership Application Committee
- e. The term of any committee shall be at the discretion of the board. A committee for a special function may disband at the recognized completion of that function. (i.e. Nominating Committee, Golf Tournament Committee, etc.)

Article XIV: Meetings

- a. The regular detachment general membership meetings will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1900. Any changes in the date or location will be published in the Detachment Newsletter if time permits.
- b. The board will convene monthly on a day of the month suitable to the board. The Commandant may invoke special meetings of the board at his/her discretion. If a disillusion of accounts created to carry out the function(s) and the responsibilities of these By-Laws is necessary, then any funds left will be transferred to the new organization to be dispersed to as necessary as to achieve the original purpose.
- c. A quorum for a regular detachment meeting shall consist of a minimum of five (5) members in good standing and two (2) detachment officers present.
- d. A quorum for an officer's meeting shall consist of a minimum of two (2) members.

APPROVAL

In accordance with the provisions of Article III, the Detachment 186 Bylaws dated 1/23/17 were approved by unanimous vote of the general membership at the Marine Corps League Greater Nevada Detachment 186 meeting held on 1/23/17.

CERTIFICATION

I, **Daniel O'Connell**, Commandant of the Marine Corps League Greater Nevada Detachment 186, do hereby certify and attest that the Bylaws herein submitted, are the true and accurate Bylaws adopted by the legally voting members of the Marine Corps League Greater Nevada Detachment 186.

Daniel O'Connell DATE: 1/23/2018
Daniel O'Connell, Commandant
Marine Corps League Greater Nevada Detachment 186

ATTEST

I, **William Coveney**, Judge Advocate of the Marine Corps League Greater Nevada Detachment 186, do hereby Certify and attest that the Bylaws herein submitted, are the true and accurate Bylaws adopted by the legally voting members of the Marine Corps League Greater Nevada Detachment 186.

William Coveney DATE: 1/23/2018
William Coveney, Judge Advocate
Marine Corps League Greater Nevada Detachment 186

I, **Paul Bowen**, Past Commandant of the Department of Nevada, Marine Corps League, do hereby Certify and attest that the Bylaws herein submitted, are the true and accurate Bylaws adopted by the legally voting members of the Marine Corps League Greater Nevada Detachment 186.

Paul Bowen DATE: 23 Jan 18
Paul Bowen
Past Commandant of the Department of Nevada Marine Corps League