

## Proposed Amendment to the Department Bylaw

1. Amend Article VIII, Committees, by inserting a new Section 803, and renumbering the current Sections 803 and 804 as 804 and 805.. The amended Article VIII will read:

### SECTION 803. Associate Member of the Year Award.

A. Nominations for recognition as the Department Associate Member of the Year may be submitted by Detachments to the Department Commandant for consideration. Letters of Nomination must be received by the Department Commandant fifteen days prior to the first day of the Department Convention. The nominee shall be an Associate Member of the Marine Corps League, in good standing of the Detachment, which submits the Letter of Nomination. Nominations submitted shall identify the justification for the award. Only officers and/or members of the Detachment submitting the nomination shall be allowed to submit letters on behalf of the nominee.

B. The Department Commandant shall convene a committee during the Department Convention of not less than three Associate members, in good standing of the Department, to review the nominations, and to select the Department Associate Member of the Year.

C. The recipient of the award will be recognized at the Convention banquet by the Department Commandant. Should the recipient not be in attendance, the Department Commandant shall notify the recipient's Detachment Commandant of the selection as the Department Associate Member of the Year, and mail the certificate and medallion to the recipient's Detachment, which shall arrange for the presentation of the award.

RATIONAL: The National Administrative Procedures were amended in 2021 to provide for the establishment of a Department "Associate Member of the Year". No guidance was provided by the National Administrative Procedures as to the wording to be used by Departments when developing their bylaw provision for Associate Member of the Year. Therefore, the wording of this proposed amendment is not in conflict with the National Administrative Procedures. The appointment of Associate Members to review the nominees for the award is in line with the spirit of the newly established award.

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