

2024 Marine Corps League Rim Country Detachment 928 Bylaws

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ARTICLE I Name

Section 100. Name.

The name of the corporation shall be Marine Corps League Rim Country Detachment 928, Payson AZ.

Section 105. Mission Statement.

The mission of the Marine Corps League is to promote the interest and preserve traditions of the United States Marine Corps; strengthen the fraternity of Marines and their families; serve Marines, FMF Navy Personnel who wear or have worn the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor; and foster the ideals of Americanism and patriotic volunteerism.

ARTICLE II Purpose of the Marine Corps League

Section 200. Purpose.

The purposes of the Marine Corps League (MCL) are:

- 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;
- 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.

Section 205. Not for profit.

The MCL 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.

Section 210. Non-Discrimination.

The Marine Corps League:

- A. Shall never take part in any labor or management dispute or issue;
- B. Shall not be sectarian, political, and partisan;
- C. Shall not be based on race, color, creed, nationality, or sex;
- D. Shall not be used as a medium of political ambition or preferment, and
- E. Shall not use former or present military rank or former or present civilian position as the basis for special consideration and preferment.

ARTICLE III Organization [Reserved to higher authority - included to maintain alignment]

ARTICLE IV National Convention [Reserved to higher authority - included to maintain alignment]

ARTICLE V Membership [Other than 515.B.4.c Reserved to higher authority - included to maintain alignment]

Section 515.B.4.c Associate Members of MCL Detachment 928 are allowed to vote on its internal affairs with the exception of bylaws or bylaw changes.

ARTICLE VI Detachment Board of Trustees

Section 600. Composition.

The Detachment Board of Trustees shall be composed the following:

- A. Detachment Commandant,
- B. Detachment Senior Vice Commandant,
- C. Detachment Junior Vice Commandant,
- D. Detachment Judge Advocate, and
- E. Junior Past Detachment Commandant.

Section 605. Powers.

To adopt administrative procedures to implement the Detachment ByLaws and to conduct the business of the Detachment.

Section 610. Elected Officers.

The Detachment Officers to be elected in accordance with Section 800 below shall be:

- A. Detachment Commandant,
- B. Detachment Senior Vice Commandant,
- C. Detachment Junior Vice Commandant, and
- D. Detachment Judge Advocate

Section 615. Detachment Elected Officers Term of Office

The Detachment Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant, and Judge Advocate shall be elected for a term of one year. and may be reelected for additional terms as provided in the department bylaws. Consecutive terms shall be limited to two.

Section 620. Vacancies

1. Order of Succession.

The order of succession to the office of Detachment Commandant shall be:

- first, Detachment Senior Vice Commandant and
- second, Detachment Junior Vice Commandant.

Should the Detachment Commandant's position become vacant, the Detachment Senior Vice Commandant, if agreeable, will serve as the new Commandant for the remainder of the term. If not agreeable, the Detachment Junior Vice Commandant, if agreeable, will serve as the new Commandant for the remainder of the term. The new Commandant will be responsible for finding a replacement for their previous position with assistance and approval of the Detachment Board of Trustees.

Should the Detachment Senior Vice Commandant position become vacant, the Junior Vice Commandant, if agreeable, will serve as the new Senior Vice Commandant for the remainder of the term. If not agreeable, the Commandant will be responsible for finding and appointing a replacement for the vacancy, with assistance and approval of the National BOT

Should the Detachment Junior Vice Commandant or Detachment Judge Advocate position become vacant, the Detachment Commandant will be responsible for finding and appointing a replacement for the vacancy, with assistance and approval of the Detachment BOT.

2. Causes for Vacancy:

Death, resignation, or incapacity;
Removal from office by disciplinary action in accordance with the National Administrative Procedures, or
When the offending officer is no longer a member in good standing.

Section 625. Duties of Detachment Board of Trustee Members.

1. Each member of the Detachment BOT shall acquire a working knowledge of the NBL and NAP of the MCL.

2. The specific duties of the Detachment BOT are:

A. The Detachment Commandant shall:

1. Serve as the CEO of the Detachment and shall preside at all meetings of the Detachment.
2. Together with the Detachment BOT, shall have direction and control of the executive and administrative affairs of the Detachment;
3. Direct to all officers and members orders not in conflict with the NBL and NAP;
4. Call such meetings of the Detachment BOT;
5. Seek the advice of the National BOT and staff;
6. Have custody of all funds and property of the Detachment subject to the supervision of the Detachment BOT;
7. With the advice and consent of the Detachment BOT, appoint necessary standing committees;

8. Elect or appoint an adjutant, paymaster (or adjutant/paymaster), chaplain, and sergeant at arms; and such additional elected and appointed officers as required by the Detachment, Department, or National bylaws or, in the absence of department bylaws, as desired.
8. Approve or disapprove expenditures which are not in excess of two hundred (\$200) dollars; and
9. Represent the Detachment at social functions and ceremonies in a manner that will enhance the dignity, honor, and prestige of the MCL.

B. The Detachment Senior Vice Commandant shall:

1. Assist the Detachment Commandant and during the absence or illness of the Detachment Commandant perform the duties of that office.
2. Initiate and implement dynamic programs that will increase the effectiveness of the Detachment; and
3. Be designated the Detachment "Corporate Secretary" and shall be directly responsible to the Detachment BOT for that position.

C. The Detachment Junior Vice Commandant shall:

1. Create and promulgate membership incentives and programs that will produce enthusiastic response resulting in continuous membership growth;
2. In the absence of the Detachment Commandant and the Detachment Senior Vice Commandant, perform the duties of the Detachment Commandant.
3. Be designated the Detachment's "Corporate Treasurer."

D. The Detachment Judge Advocate shall:

1. Interpret the NBL and NAP;
2. Advise, construe, counsel, and render opinions on questions of law and procedure to the Detachment Commandant, Detachment BOT, Detachment Staff, when so required, in the manner outlined in National and Department bylaws and administrative procedures.

Section 630. Board of Trustees Meetings.

A Board of Trustee meeting shall be held typically the Thursday prior to the General Detachment meeting,.

Section 635. Quorum.

A majority of the Detachment BOT shall constitute a quorum.

Section 640. Voting.

BOT voting: Each Detachment BOT member shall have one (1) vote. There shall be no proxy voting. The Detachment Judge Advocate shall abstain from voting on all matters wherein he has rendered an official opinion.

Membership voting: 50% plus 1 shall constitute a majority

ARTICLE VII Detachment Staff Officers

Section 700. Composition of Detachment Staff.

The Detachment Staff Officers shall be comprised of:

1. The Detachment BOT;
2. Appointed Detachment Staff Officers;
3. Committee chairmen, liaison officers, and
4. Past Detachment Commandants

Section 705. Detachment Staff Officers.

Detachment Staff Officers shall:

1. Acquire a working knowledge of the Detachment ByLaws and Administrative Procedures;
2. Act as assistants to the Detachment BOT; and
- 3..Perform the duties delineated in the applicable Detachment Administrative Procedures.

ARTICLE VIII Departments [Reserved to higher authority - included to maintain alignment]

ARTICLE IX Detachment

Section 900. Detachment Charter. [Reserved to higher authority - included to maintain alignment]

Section 905. Bylaws. Upon adoption, Detachment bylaws and administrative procedures shall be submitted to the Department Judge Advocate

Section 910. Members. [Reserved to higher authority - included to maintain alignment].

Section 915. Ineligible Members

A. If there is reason to believe a member of the MCL does not meet the qualifications to be a member, this (these) reason(s) must be submitted in writing to the detachment commandant, who will appoint the detachment Judge Advocate who will investigate the charge as presented. Unless,

1. The person to be investigated is the detachment commandant, the request will be given to the detachment senior vice commandant for action, or
2. The person to be investigated is the detachment judge advocate, the detachment commandant will appoint a past detachment commandant to hold the investigation.

B. If the investigation determines that the member does not have the necessary qualifications to be a member, the officer who is investigating will present a written report of the investigation, with a draft of a disciplinary charge to the members of the detachment board of trustees. The board of trustees shall file a charge with the Department Judge Advocate.

Section 920. Detachment Officers. The detachment shall:

- A. Elect the Detachment Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant, and Judge Advocate each year. Each Candidate shall apply by submitting a Letter of Intent, and election shall be conducted, typically during the October General Business Meeting in accordance with Detachment Administrative Procedures.
- B. The Detachment Commandant shall appoint an adjutant, paymaster, chaplain, and sergeant-at-arms;
- C. The Detachment Commandant may appoint additional staff officers as required;
- D. All elected officers shall be regular members of the detachment;
- E. At the will of the Detachment Commandant, and the approval of the Detachment BOT, associate members may serve in appointed offices;
- F. Each elected officer shall be elected for a term of one year and may be reelected for additional terms. with consecutive terms limited to two. Appointed officers shall serve a term that expires when the installation after the annual election occurs and may be appointed to additional terms.

Section 925. Vacancies

A. Detachment Elected Officers

(See Article VI, Section 620 above)

B. Detachment Staff Officers

A vacancy in an appointed office, a committee chairman, or a committee member shall be filled as soon as practical by the detachment commandant. All such appointments shall be approved by the detachment board of trustees.

Section 930. Meetings.

The detachment shall meet monthly, typically the last Saturday of the month. The Detachment charter or a copy, the National Colors, and a Bible shall be displayed at all business meetings.

Section 935. Detachment Board of Trustees.

The elected officers of the detachment shall be its board of trustees. The Detachment BOT is authorized to appoint the junior past commandant to serve as a member of the detachment board of trustees. No member of the detachment shall serve in more than one position on the detachment board of trustees.
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Section 940. Election of Officers

A. The detachment shall hold an annual election and installation of officers between September 1 and May 15. Installation must be conducted no later than the last day of the month subsequent to the election. The "Report of Installation - Detachment" form shall be submitted within five (5) days of the installation.

B. Upon effecting a change in any officer(s) position, the new officer(s) shall be sworn in and a new ROI form submitted.

Section 945. [Reserved to Higher authority - included to maintain alignment]

ARTICLE X Subsidiary Organizations [Reserved to higher authority - included to maintain alignment]

ARTICLE XI Bylaws - Amendments

Section 1100. Detachment Bylaws Amendments.

The Detachment Bylaws may be proposed by the Detachment BOT for revision, amendment, or repeal. The proposed revision, amendment, or repeal shall be submitted to the membership for review and formal vote in a general meeting.

Section 1105. Effective Date

Detachment Bylaws - document shall become effective upon the close of the general meeting at which it is approved.