

Marine Corps League, Fountain Hills, Arizona  
Detachment #1439

DETACHMENT BYLAWS  
ARTICLE ONE

DETACHMENT MEETINGS

SECTION 100 – AUTHORITY:

The legislative and policy-making power of the Fountain Hills Detachment #1439 Marine Corps League shall be vested in the Detachment, composed of its properly Elected and Appointed Officers, and the members who are “in good standing”. All Detachment policy and procedures will be in accordance with guidance issued by National Headquarters and the Department of Arizona, Marine Corps League.

SECTION 101 – DEPARTMENT CONVENTION:

The Fountain Hills Detachment #1439 may participate in such annual conventions as called by the Department of Arizona and abide by the rules and regulations so established by Article One of the Department of Arizona Bylaws.

SECTION 102 – COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS:

The Fountain Hills Detachment #1439 shall establish such standing or temporary committees as is deemed necessary to accomplish the goals and objectives of the Detachment. Such members shall be “in good standing” within the Detachment.

SECTION 103 – VOTING:

The Fountain Hills Detachment #1439 shall be guided regarding issues that require official votes as follows:

- (A) Except as otherwise provided, a fifty percent (50%) insert 50% here plus one (1) vote insert comma by the members present insert comma shall carry any measure and decide any issue.
- (B) A Roll Call vote may be required and recorded upon request.

SECTION 104 – MEETINGS:

- (A) Regular meetings of the Fountain Hills Detachment #1439 shall be held monthly on the first Tuesday of the month, with the exception of July and August when no meetings are held. A vote of the membership at a previous meeting is needed to change the meeting time and place.
- (B) The time and place shall be specified by the Detachment Commandant and promulgated to the membership to ensure the widest dissemination.
- (C) Special meetings or Executive Staff Meetings may be called at the discretion of the Commandant.

SECTION 105 – ELECTIVE OFFICES:

2nd sentence needs to be corrected The Detachment shall hold an annual Election of Officers each fiscal year. The Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant, and Judge Advocate may be nominated at the April meeting. Voting will take place at the May meeting and new officers will take their seats at the September meeting as prescribed in the Department by-laws.

SECTION 106 – APPOINTED OFFICES:

The following officers may be appointed: Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms, Adjutant, Paymaster, and such other officers as the Detachment Commandant deems necessary.

SECTION 107 – TERMS OF OFFICE:

Detachment Officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year and may stand for reelection. The Commandant may succeed him or herself for one (1) additional term. This limitation shall not apply to all other Elected or Appointed Officers. Appointed Officers serve at the pleasure of the Commandant and the Detachment.

SECTION 108 – ELECTIONS:

- (A) Elected candidates must receive a majority of the votes cast (50% plus one).
- (B) No person shall hold more than one elected Detachment office at the same time. Proxies are not permitted. change last word to “permitted”

- (C) All candidates for Detachment office (elected and appointed) may receive acceptance by “acclamation” of the membership at large.

SECTION 109 – REPORTS OF INSTALLATION:

A Report of Officers and Installation must be forwarded to the insert “to the” Department and to National Headquarters, the Division Vice Commandant, and the Department Adjutant within fifteen (15) days of the installation. The Adjutant will be responsible for this report.

Installation of Detachment Officers shall be in accordance with Section 620 of National Administrative Procedures. insert a period

SECTION 110 – QUORUM:

A minimum of ten percent (10%) of the regular members and fifty percent (50%) of the elected officers are required at a regular business meeting to constitute a quorum.

SECTION 111 – RIGHT TO SPEAK:

- (A) All Detachment members and invited guests, when recognized by the Commandant and not expressly prohibited by these Bylaws, shall have the right to speak on any subject and all issues brought to the floor for consideration.
- (B) Each Detachment Officer, Past Detachment Commandant, and any member “in good standing” may be granted the floor by the Commandant.
- (C) Robert’s Rules of Order will generally guide the rules of conduct.
- (D) The official language of the Detachment will be English.

DETACHMENT BYLAWS  
ARTICLE TWO

DETACHMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS/ELECTED/APPOINTED  
OFFICERS

SECTION 200 – COMPOSITION:

The Detachment Board of Directors/Elected/Appointed Officers shall be composed of the following:

- (A) Detachment Commandant
- (B) Detachment Senior Vice Commandant
- (C) Detachment Junior Vice Commandant
- (D) Detachment Judge Advocate
- (E) Senior Past Detachment Commandant (A Marine member may be appointed to serve if the Senior Past Commandant is not available)
- (F) Chaplain.

SECTION 201 – POWERS:

In order to comply with the State of Arizona Corporation Commission and to comply with their rules and regulations, the Officers that are elected annually will also serve as the Board of Directors of the Corporation, as identified with the State of Arizona Corporation Commission. Such Officers shall be reported annually in all reports submitted to the Arizona Corporation Commission. The Fountain Hills Detachment #1439 shall have one (1) class of members. The Detachment shall comply with the National and Department of Arizona Bylaws and Administrative Procedures with respect to “classes of membership.” The powers and privileges of all member types as described in Marine Corps League National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures will be fixed by National Department and Detachment rules and regulations. The Articles of Incorporation for the Fountain Hills Detachment #1439 shall comply with Arizona State and Federal rules and regulations and be consistent with Marine Corps League National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.

SECTION 202 – VACANCY:

The order of succession to the Office of the Detachment Commandant shall be Senior Vice Commandant, then Junior Vice Commandant. In the event of other vacancies on the Detachment Board of Directors/Elected/Appointed Officers, the

Detachment Commandant, with the advice and consent of the remaining Board/Elected/Appointed Officers, insert a comma shall appoint a successor to fill the remaining unexpired term of office. In addition to death, resignation, or incapacitation, a vacancy may occur through consistent failure to attend regularly scheduled business meetings or in the case of removal from office for cause, as described elsewhere herein.

SECTION 203 – BOARD/ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICER STAFF MEETINGS:

Such meetings shall be held at the discretion of the Detachment Commandant, and the procedure for the conduct of such meetings shall be determined by the Detachment Commandant, or as otherwise specified herein.

SECTION 204 – QUORUM:

For voting purposes, a minimum of four (4) Board/Elected/Appointed Officers must be present to conduct an official Board/Elected/Appointed Staff Officer meeting. The results of such meetings will be reported to the membership at large at the next scheduled business meeting.

SECTION 205 – VOTING:

Should an issue require a vote to determine the desires of the Board/Elected/Appointed Officer at a staff meeting, then a majority of those present shall define an affirmative result. Any matter required to be brought before the membership at large should be addressed at the next scheduled business meeting.

SECTION 206 – CONDUCT OF BUSINESS:

Conduct of Business shall be at the discretion of the Detachment Commandant or whichever Board/Elected/Appointed Officer is so designated by the Detachment Commandant to Chair such meeting.

DETACHMENT BYLAWS  
ARTICLE THREE

BOARD/ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICERS AND DETACHMENT STAFF

SECTION 300 – COMPOSITION:

The Detachment Staff shall be composed of the Elected and Appointed Officers and serve at the pleasure of the Detachment Commandant.

SECTION 301 – POWERS:

The power and authority of the Detachment Staff shall be the same as that of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 302 – DUTIES OF BOARD/ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICERS:

(A) COMMANDANT:

Directs MCL activities within the community, presides at all Detachment meetings, serves as advisor to all committees of the Detachment, and is in direct charge of all functions of the Detachment. After being sworn into office, the Detachment Commandant may administer the oath of membership to new members.

(B)insert 2 spaces SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT:

Renders assistance to the Detachment Commandant, and during the absence or illness of the Commandant, performs add s to perform the duties of that office; assists add s all committees, and with their assistance, initiates and implements such dynamic programs as will increase the effectiveness of the League and their Detachment.

(C) JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT:

Creates and distributes such membership incentives and programs as will engender enthusiastic responses resulting in membership growth. In the absence or illness of the Detachment Commandant and the Senior

Vice Commandant, will be responsible for delete the preceding “the” preforming the duties of the Detachment Commandant.

(D) JUDGE ADVOCATE:

Interpret the Detachment bylaws, advise, construe, counsel and render opinions on questions of law and procedure to the Detachment Commandant during meetings. Make decisions on the local level in disputes or if unable to do so, refer the problem to the next higher echelon of the League, i.e. Department or National.

SECTION 303 – DUTIES OF STAFF OFFICERS:

(A) ADJUTANT:

Keeps a true record, typewritten, of all meetings. Keeps a record of all members and forward notices of meetings, events, etc., of the Detachment to the membership, and works closely with the Paymaster to maintain an up to date current membership file of the Detachment active (paid up) and inactive (delinquent) members. The Adjutant also handles and keeps a record of Detachment correspondence, as directed by the Detachment Commandant and performs such other duties as directed by the Detachment Commandant

(B) PAYMASTER:

Keeps a true record of all monies received and expended by the Detachment, and in close cooperation with the Adjutant, prepares an up to date record of dues by the membership and forwards notices to members when their dues have lapsed. And performs such other duties as may be assigned by the Detachment Commandant.

(C) CHAPLAIN:

Performs such duties at meetings as prescribed in the MCL Ritual Book; takes an active part in all memorials and funeral services in which the Detachment participates; visits the sick to inquire about their needs, and performs such other duties as directed by the Detachment Commandant.

(D) SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:

Preserves order at all meetings; sets up the meeting room, (checks on the Bible, and Colors); and performs such other duties as required by the Detachment Commandant. Fulfills all duties prescribed in the MCL change to “MCL” Ritual Book

(E) COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

Shall perform such duties as appropriate to the mission assigned and/or by the Detachment Commandant.

(F) DETACHMENT HISTORIAN:

Shall assemble and maintain a record of the Fountain Hills strike Detachment #1439, Marine Corps League history of achievement, performance, and other newsworthy items of interest. Shares historical facts of the Marine Corps at regular meetings.

(G) DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Shall act as public relations and press officer for the Fountain Hills Detachment #1439 Marine Corps League, maintaining close contact with local media sources and projecting a positive image to change the local community and region. Performs such other duties as assigned by the Detachment Commandant.

SECTION 304 – VACANCY:

Should a vacancy occur in an appointed office, a committee chairmanship, or a committee member, the Detachment Commandant shall fill such vacancy as soon as practicable.

SECTION 305 – CONTRACTING AUTHORITY:

No officer of the Fountain Hills Detachment #1439, Committee Chairman, or member shall enter into or sign any contract or agreement



for the purpose of binding the Detachment without first submitting such contract or agreement to the Detachment Judge Advocate for his/her consideration and review. All contractual proposals will be brought before the membership at large for approval. All contracts and/or formal agreements consummated in the name of the Detachment shall require the signature of the Detachment Commandant and Paymaster or appointee.

DETACHMENT BYLAWS

ARTICLE FOUR

DEPARTMENTS

This Detachment follows the National Bylaws.  
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DETACHMENT BYLAWS

ARTICLE FIVE

DETACHMENTS

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ARTICLE SIX

MEMBERS

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DETACHMENT BYLAWS

ARTICLE SEVEN

SUBSIDIARIES AND SUBORDINATE GROUPS

All subsidiaries and subordinate groups shall meet with the approval of National and the Department (i.e., MCL, Aux. and MODD, etc.)

DETACHMENT BYLAWS  
ARTICLE EIGHT

SECTION 800 – DETACHMENT BYLAWS AND ADMINISTRATIVE  
PROCEDURES DISTRIBUTION

Detachment Commandant, Detachment Judge Advocate, Detachment Paymaster, Department of Arizona Judge Advocate, and such other organizations within the Department of Arizona Marine Corps League who request the above documents FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY by the Commandant of the Fountain Hills Detachment #1439 shall pay the cost of printing and shipping, as set forth by the Detachment Paymaster. Copies are to be given to the Department Board and/or the Department Adjutant upon request, at no cost.

SECTION 801 – BLANKET BOND:

The following Detachment Officers are included under a Blanket Bond paid for by National:

- (A) Detachment Commandants.
- (B) Detachment Paymaster.
- (C) Anyone the Detachment Commandant notifies to National that may handle money.

SECTION 802 – DISSOLUTION:

Should this organization be dissolved, all funds, property, and assets of the Fountain Hills Detachment #1439, Department of Arizona Marine Corps League, shall be given to the Department of Arizona.

SECTION 03 – VIOLATIONS:

Any member who violates the precepts of the National, Department of Arizona, or the Fountain Hills Detachment #1439 Detachment Bylaws/Administrative Procedures of the Marine Corps League is subject to the provisions of Chapter Nine (9) Grievance and Discipline, as stated in the National and Department of Arizona Administrative Procedures.

SECTION 804 – UNIFORMS:

The Fountain Hills Detachment #1439 follows the National Uniform Code – Marine Corps League.

It is the responsibility of each Detachment Commandant to ensure their members wear the proper uniforms authorized in National Enclosures.

END OF  
FOUNTAIN HILLS DETACHMENT #1439  
BYLAWS

Certification

I, Commandant of Fountain Hills Detachment #1439, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bylaws were approved by a majority of members present at the regular meeting of the Fountain Hills Detachment #1439.

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(Signature)

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COMMANDANT

WITNESS:

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Date

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(Signature)

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(Print Name)

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(Signature)

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Date

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(Print name)

JUDGE ADVOCATE

DETACHMENT BYLAWS  
APPENDIX A

NAME AND PURPOSE

The name of this organization is the Fountain Hills Detachment #1439. It is a subsidiary organization of the National Marine Corps League, which is a nonprofit 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, D.C. on Tuesday, January 5, 1937, and approved August 4, 1937. The purposes for which the corporation is formed are:

- (A) To preserve the traditions and to promote the interests of the United States Marine Corps.
- (B) To bond those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorable discharge from that service together in fellowship that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy.
- (C) To encourage its members for duties of citizenship, and to encourage them to serve as citizens as they have served the Nation under arms.
- (D) To hold sacred the history and memory of the men and women 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 Marine and former Marines, as well as to their spouses, children, orphans and parent(s).
- (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.