

Department of Maryland



Department Bylaws & Administrative Procedures 2015 Proposed Changes

These Proposed Changes will be voted on at the
Department of Maryland Convention on 16 May 2015.
You must be a registered Delegate or Alternate to be eligible to cast your vote.



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
Maryland Marines Detachment 1371

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS

Change #1

28 December 2014

To: Department of Maryland Commandant, via Department Adjutant
From: Craig P. Reeling, Commandant Maryland Marines Detachment 1371

Subj: **Proposed Change to the current Department of Maryland
Administrative Procedures, Chapter Three, Section 300 (b) (2) (a) (5)**

In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article Eight, Section 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at a Department Convention.

Administrative Procedures, Chapter Three, Section 300 (b) (2) (a) (5) currently reads:

(5) The Convention Chairperson shall submit to the Department Board of Trustees, no later than October 31st following the Convention, a written report of the Convention. The report shall contain:

Change Chapter Three, Section 300 (b) (2) (a) (5) to read as follows:

(5) The Convention Chairperson shall submit to the Department Board of Trustees and the Department membership, no later than the Fall Department Meeting following the Convention, a written report of the Convention. The report shall contain:

Rationale:

Changing the date from 31 October to the Department Fall Meeting and including the entire membership, not just the Board of Trustees, will allow a report to be published and distributed to the entire membership at the Department Fall Meeting for their review.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig P. Reeling
Commandant

Maryland Marines Detachment 1371



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Maryland Marines Detachment 1371

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Change #2

29 December 2014

To: Department of Maryland Commandant, via Department Adjutant
From: Craig P. Reeling, Commandant Maryland Marines Detachment 1371
Subj: **Proposed Change to the current Department of Maryland
Administrative Procedures, Chapter Three, Section 300 (d)**

In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article Eight, Section 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at a Department Convention.

Administrative Procedures, Chapter Three, Section 300 (d) currently reads:

(d) DEPARTMENT MARINE OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE

(1) Composition

- (a) The Department Marine of the Year Committee shall be comprised of all past recipients of the Department Marine of the Year Award in attendance at the Spring Staff Meeting.
- (b) The Committee shall have no less than three (3) members.
 - (1) In the event that at least three (3) members are not available to select the Department Marine of the Year at the Spring Staff Meeting, the Department Commandant shall name one (1) or more Past Department Commandants to serve on the Selection Committee.
- (c) Each member must be a member in good standing of the Marine Corps League.

(2) Nominations - A letter of nomination for the Department Marine of the Year Award must be submitted in the following manner:

- (a) Letters of Nominations will be accepted only from a Detachment.
- (b) There shall be only one nominee from each Detachment.
- (c) All Letters of Nomination shall contain a statement of certification from the Detachment Commandant and Adjutant stating the nominee for Department Marine of the Year was approved by the detachment by a majority vote. (In the event the nominee is the Detachment Commandant, the Letter of Nomination shall be signed by the Senior Vice Commandant and the Adjutant. In the event the nominee is the Detachment Adjutant, the Letter of Nomination shall be signed by the Detachment Commandant and Senior Vice Commandant).
- (d) Each nomination submitted shall be placed in a sealed envelope and addressed to: "Chairperson, Department Marine of the Year Committee."
- (e) Each Letter of Nomination, so addressed, shall then be placed in an envelope and mailed, Certified Mail/Return Receipt Requested, to: Chairperson, Department Marine of the Year Committee, c/o Department Commandant, Department Headquarters, at their address at that time, and post marked no later than the Monday preceding the Spring Department Staff Meeting, at which the nominee is to be judged. If delivered in person, the Letter of Nomination must be presented to the Department Commandant prior to the start of the said meeting or presented in person to the Chairperson prior to the start of said meeting.

(3) Duties - The Department Marine of the Year Committee shall:

- (a) The Chairperson of the Department Marine of the Year Committee shall receive all Letters of Nomination from the Department Commandant, insuring they are all sealed.
 - (1) All Letters of Nomination for Department Marine of the Year received from the Department Commandant shall remain sealed until the Committee meets at the Department Spring Staff Meeting.
- (b) Judge each nominee received from the Department Commandant.

- (c) Attest by signature of each member of the Committee present, that the nominee was judged.
 - (d) Return, to the Department Commandant in its respective envelope and sealed, the resume of each nominee.
- (4) Responsibilities
- (a) The Department Marine of the Year Committee is responsible for the following:
 - (1) Presenting the Marine of the Year Award to the recipient at the closing banquet of the Convention.
 - (b) The Department Commandant will assist the Department Marine of the Year Committee in the following manner:
 - (1) Accept all nominations which are submitted in accordance with the requirements of this section.
 - (2) Stamp the sealed enclosed envelope with a rubber stamp furnished by Department Headquarters which shall include but need not be limited to the following data information:
 - Date received by Commandant
 - Space for assigned progressive number
 - Date the Committee received the nomination from the Commandant
 - No less that five (5) lines on which the Committee members shall attest by signature that the nomination was considered
 - Date the Committee returned the sealed envelope to the Commandant
 - (3) Ordering and purchasing of the Marine of the Year Award.
 - (4) A member in good standing, as used in this section, shall mean a regular member of the Marine Corps League who is in compliance with Article Six (6), Section 615 of the 2004 edition of the Marine Corps League's National Bylaws, as amended.

Change Administrative Procedures, Chapter Three, Section 300 (d) to read as follows:

(d) DEPARTMENT MARINE OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE

(1) Composition

- (a) The Department Marine of the Year Committee shall be comprised of all past recipients of the Department Marine of the Year Award in attendance at the Spring Staff Meeting.
 - (b) The Committee shall have no less than three (3) members.
 - (1) In the event that at least three (3) members are not available to select the Department Marine of the Year at the Spring Staff Meeting, the Department Commandant shall name one (1) or more Past Department Commandants to serve on the Selection Committee.
 - (c) Each member must be a member in good standing of the Marine Corps League.
- (2) Nominations - A letter of nomination for the Department Marine of the Year Award must be submitted in the following manner:
- (a) Letters of Nominations will be accepted only from a Detachment.
 - (b) There shall be only one nominee from each Detachment.
 - (c) All Letters of Nomination shall contain a statement of certification from the Detachment Commandant and Adjutant stating the nominee for Department Marine of the Year was approved by the detachment by a majority vote. (In the event the nominee is the Detachment Commandant, the Letter of Nomination shall be signed by the Senior Vice Commandant and the Adjutant. In the event the nominee is the Detachment Adjutant, the Letter of Nomination shall be signed by the Detachment Commandant and Senior Vice Commandant).
 - (d) Each nomination submitted shall be placed in a sealed envelope and addressed to: "Chairperson, Department Marine of the Year Committee."
 - (e) Each Letter of Nomination, so addressed, shall then be placed in an envelope and mailed, Certified Mail/Return Receipt Requested, to: Chairperson, Department Marine of the Year Committee, c/o Department Adjutant, Department Headquarters, at their address at that time, and post marked no later than the Monday preceding the Spring Department Staff Meeting, at which the nominee is to be judged. If delivered in person, the Letter of Nomination must be presented to the Department Commandant prior to the start of the said meeting or presented in person to the Chairperson prior to the start of said meeting.

(3) Duties - The Department Marine of the Year Committee shall:

(a) The Chairperson of the Department Marine of the Year Committee shall receive all Letters of Nomination from the Department Adjutant, insuring they are all sealed.

(1) All Letters of Nomination for Department Marine of the Year received from the Department Adjutant shall remain sealed until the Committee meets at the Department Spring Staff Meeting.

(b) Judge each nominee received from the Department Adjutant.

(c) Attest by signature of each member of the Committee present, that the nominee was judged.

(d) The Committee shall destroy all non-winning Letters of Nomination, preferably by shredding. The winning Letter of Nomination is to be kept secret until the Department Convention Grand Banquet.

(4) Responsibilities

(a) The Department Marine of the Year Committee is responsible for the following:

(1) Presenting the Marine of the Year Award to the recipient at the closing banquet of the Convention.

(b) The Department Adjutant will assist the Department Marine of the Year Committee in the following manner:

(1) Accept all nominations which are submitted in accordance with the requirements of this section.

(2) Stamp the sealed enclosed envelope with a rubber stamp furnished by Department Headquarters which shall include but need not be limited to the following data information:

- Date received by Department Adjutant
- Space for assigned progressive number
- Date the Committee received the nomination from the Adjutant
- No less that five (5) lines on which the Committee members shall attest by signature that the nomination was considered
- Date the Committee returned the winning Letter of Nomination in a sealed envelope to the Adjutant

(3) Ordering and purchasing of the Marine of the Year Award.

(4) A member in good standing, as used in this section, shall mean a regular member of the Marine Corps League who is in compliance with Article Six (6), Section 615 of the 2004 edition of the Marine Corps League's National Bylaws, as amended.

Rationale:

The current Department Adjutant feels all correspondence should flow through the Department Adjutant. This means the Dept Adjutant instead of the Dept Commandant will receive the Letters of Nomination for the Dept Marine of the Year (MOY). Remember, the envelopes remain sealed until the MOY Committee opens them.

Respectfully submitted,



Craig P. Reeling

Commandant

Maryland Marines Detachment 1371



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
Maryland Marines Detachment 1371

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS

Change # 3

30 December 2014

To: Department of Maryland Commandant, via Department Adjutant
From: Craig P. Reeling, Commandant Maryland Marines Detachment 1371
Subj: **Proposed Change to the current Department of Maryland
Administrative Procedures, Chapter Seven, Section 720**

In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article Eight, Section 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at a Department Convention.

Administrative Procedures, Chapter Seven, Section 720 currently reads:

DEATH OF A MEMBER OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

- (a) Upon notification of the demise of any member, the Detachment Chaplain shall:
- (1) Immediately contact the family of the deceased member for the purpose of offering any assistance and presenting expressions of condolence.
 - (2) Without delay, report the death of the member directly to both the National Chaplain and Department Chaplain (if applicable). The report will cite the full name of the deceased, name, address, and phone number of next of kin (if applicable), and any known funeral arrangements.
 - (3) Utilize the "Notice of Death" form (available from National Headquarters). This form will be in four parts: original to National Chaplain, second copy to National Adjutant/Paymaster, third copy to Department Chaplain (if applicable), and fourth copy for the Detachment records.
- (b) It shall be the duty of all members of the Marine Corps League who are not prevented by distance or unavoidable cause to attend the funeral services of a deceased member. To this end, the Detachment Commandant, with assistance of the Detachment Chaplain and Adjutant/Paymaster, shall develop a plan to notify Detachment members in a timely manner.

Change Chapter Seven, Section 720 to read as follows:

DEATH OF A MEMBER OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

- (a) Upon notification of the demise of any member, the Detachment Chaplain shall:
- (1) Immediately contact the family of the deceased member for the purpose of offering any assistance and presenting expressions of condolence.
 - (2) Without delay, report the death of the member directly to the Department Chaplain. The report will cite the full name of the deceased, name, address, and phone number of next of kin (if applicable), and any known funeral arrangements. Utilize the "Notice of Death" form (available from National Headquarters).
 - (3) It shall be the duty of all members of the Marine Corps League who are not prevented by distance or unavoidable cause to attend the funeral services of a deceased member. To this end, the Detachment Commandant, with assistance of the Detachment Chaplain and Adjutant/Paymaster, shall develop a plan to notify Detachment members in a timely manner.

Rationale:

We have a chain of command. All Death Notices are sent to the Department Chaplain. He then forwards to National Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig P. Reeling

Commandant - Maryland Marines Detachment 1371

Once a Marine, Always a Marine



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
Maryland Marines Detachment 1371

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS

Change #4

31 December 2014

To: Department of Maryland Commandant, via Department Adjutant
From: Craig P. Reeling, Commandant Maryland Marines Detachment 1371
Subj: **Proposed Change to the current Department of Maryland
Administrative Procedures, Chapter Nine, Sections 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905,
906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914**

In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article Eight, Section 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at a Department Convention.

Replace the entire CHAPTER NINE GRIEVANCE AND DISCIPLINE with the following:

Administrative Procedures, Chapter Nine, Section 900 to read as follows:

SECTION 900 - PROCEDURE

All matters pertaining to the resolving of any Grievances or Disciplinary Charges against any member of the Marine Corps League shall be processed in accordance with the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, Chapter Nine.

- (a) The National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures are available for viewing and download on the National Marine Corps League website (www.MCLeague.org). They are available for purchase from the National Semper Fi Store located next to the MCL National Headquarters in Virginia.

Remove Sections 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914

Rationale:

The Department's Chapter Nine is outdated and should be removed in its entirety. The National Chapter Nine has been updated with the current procedures. Members should ALWAYS follow the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures when filing a Grievance or Disciplinary Charges. If the rules are not followed, the case could be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig P. Reeling

Commandant

Maryland Marines Detachment 1371



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
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Change #5

1 January 2015

To: Department of Maryland Commandant, via Department Adjutant
From: Craig P. Reeling, Commandant Maryland Marines Detachment 1371
Subj: **Proposed Change to the current Department of Maryland
Bylaws, Article Two, Section 240**

In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article Eight, Section 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at a Department Convention.

Bylaws, Article Two, SECTION 240 - EXPENSES currently reads:

The Department of Maryland shall reimburse the Department Board of Trustees (and others as determined by the Board) for expenses incurred in attending the Department Staff Meetings and other special meetings, provided said expenses do not exceed the amount budgeted in the Department Budget.

Replace Bylaws, Article Two, SECTION 240 - EXPENSES to read as follows:

- (1) The Department of Maryland shall reimburse the Department Board of Trustees (and others as determined by the Board) for expenses incurred in attending the Department Staff Meetings and other special meetings, provided said expenses do not exceed the amount budgeted in the Department Budget.
- (2) The Department Commandant shall be reimbursed for attending the National Convention, the National Mid-Winter Conference and the National Mideast Division Conference, provided said expenses do not exceed the amount budgeted in the Department Budget.
 - (a) The Department Commandant shall publish a written after action report no later than the next Department Meeting for each Convention or Conference they attend.

Rationale:

The Department Commandant is required to represent the Department at every National Convention, National Mid-Winter Conference and National Mideast Division Conference. Being affluent is not a job requirement of a Department Commandant. No one should be held back because they cannot afford the cost of attending a Convention or Conference. Requiring the Department Commandant to provide an after action report ensures that he/she was present during the business meetings and will bring what he/she has learned back to the Department membership. When you "publish" an after action report, it may be brought to a Department Meeting, emailed to the membership or posted on the Dept website.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig P. Reeling
Commandant

Maryland Marines Detachment 1371



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Change #6

2 January 2015

To: Department of Maryland Commandant, via Department Adjutant
From: Craig P. Reeling, Commandant Maryland Marines Detachment 1371
Subj: **Proposed Change to the current Department of Maryland
Bylaws, Article Three, Section 310 (a) (4) & Section 310 (a) (10)**

In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article Eight, Section 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at a Department Convention.

Bylaws, Article Three, Section 310 (a) (4) & Section 310 (a) (10) currently reads:

(4) Mail to each Department Officer and Detachment within sixty (60) days following each Department Convention and each meeting of the Board of Trustees, a brief summary of the minutes showing actions and decisions affecting the Department Bylaws, Administrative Procedures, and policy.

(10) Mail to each living Past Department Commandant any and all material sent to the Department Board of Trustees.

Replace Bylaws, Article Three, Section 310 (a) (4) & Section 310 (a) (10) to read as follows:

(4) Publish to each Department Officer and Detachment via USPS Mail or Electronic Mail (email) within sixty (60) days following each Department Convention and each meeting of the Board of Trustees, a brief summary of the minutes showing actions and decisions affecting the Department Bylaws, Administrative Procedures, and policy.

(10) Publish to each living Past Department Commandant any and all material sent to the Department Board of Trustees.

Rationale:

Allowing the Department Adjutant to Publish the minutes via email verses USPS mail is a cost savings and reflects the 21st century we currently live in. Still allowing for USPS Mail will only affect any Member or Detachment who does not have email.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig P. Reeling

Commandant

Maryland Marines Detachment 1371



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Change #17

3 January 2015

To: Department of Maryland Commandant, via Department Adjutant
From: Craig P. Reeling, Commandant Maryland Marines Detachment 1371
Subj: **Proposed Change to the current Department of Maryland
Bylaws, Article Three, Section 310 (b)**

In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article Eight, Section 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at a Department Convention.

Bylaws, Article Three, SECTION 310 (b) DEPARTMENT PAYMASTER currently reads:

Section 310 (b) is currently numbered (1) through (9)

**Add additional number in Bylaws, Article Three, SECTION 310 (b) DEPARTMENT
PAYMASTER to read as follows:**

(10) Provide a printed annual Department Budget for approval to the membership at each Department Convention with the assistance of the Department Commandant and Department Budget Committee.

(a) The Department Budget may be reexamined mid-year at the Winter Staff Meeting.

Rationale:

A printed Department Budget allows the membership to examine all the income and expenditures. It allows us to approve many of the recurring costs at one time. The Department Budget should be reexamined at the Winter Staff Meeting to make sure that income is keeping up with the expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig P. Reeling
Commandant

Maryland Marines Detachment 1371



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Change # 8

4 January 2015

To: Department of Maryland Commandant, via Department Adjutant
From: Craig P. Reeling, Commandant Maryland Marines Detachment 1371
Subj: **Proposed Change to the current Department of Maryland
Bylaws, Article Six, Section 600 (a)**

In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article Eight, Section 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at a Department Convention.

Bylaws, Article Six, SECTION 600 (a) currently reads:

(a) **REGULAR MEMBERSHIP** - Only persons who are serving or who have served honorably in the United States Marine Corps, "ON ACTIVE DUTY," for not less than ninety (90) days and persons who are serving or who have served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and have earned no less than ninety (90) Reserve Retirement Credit Points and U.S. Navy Corpsmen who have trained with Marine FMF Units in excess of ninety (90) days and earned the Marine Corps Device (clasp) worn on the Service Ribbon and those who earn the Warfare Device authorized for FMF Corpsmen shall be eligible for regular membership in the Marine Corps League. Additionally, some Korean War Era Marines who were ordered to active duty prior to completion of Recruit Training or Officers Training and subsequently received an Honorable Discharge prior to completion of ninety (90) days active or Reserve duty, shall be deemed eligible for Regular Membership. Nothing in Section 600(a) shall be deemed to be retroactive prior to August 10, 2002, to affect current Regular Members.

Change Bylaws, Article Six, SECTION 600 (a) to read as follows:

(a) **REGULAR MEMBERSHIP** - Only persons who are serving or who have served honorably in the United States Marine Corps, "ON ACTIVE DUTY," for not less than ninety (90) days and earned the Eagle, Globe and Anchor; or who have served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and have earned no less than ninety (90) Reserve Retirement Credit Points; U.S. Navy Corpsmen who have trained with Marine FMF Units in excess of ninety (90) days and earned the Marine Corps Device (clasp) worn on the Service Ribbon and those who earn the Warfare Device authorized for FMF Corpsmen; and U.S. Navy Chaplains, having earned the FMF Badge, serving with Marines; shall be eligible for regular membership in the Marine Corps League. Additionally, some Korean War Era Marines who were ordered to active duty prior to completion of Recruit Training or Officers Training and subsequently received an Honorable Discharge prior to completion of ninety (90) days active or Reserve duty, shall be deemed eligible for Regular Membership. Nothing in Section 600(a) shall be deemed to be retroactive prior to August 10, 2002, to affect current Regular Members. ("Honorable Service" will be defined by the last DD Form 214 or Certificate of Discharge that the applicant received). *General Discharge under Honorable Conditions is acceptable.*

Rationale:

Same as National Bylaws.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig P. Reeling
Commandant

Maryland Marines Detachment 1371



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
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INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS

Change #9

5 January 2015

To: Department of Maryland Commandant, via Department Adjutant
From: Craig P. Reeling, Commandant Maryland Marines Detachment 1371
Subj: **Proposed Change to the current Department of Maryland
Bylaws, Article Six, Section 605**

In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article Eight, Section 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at a Department Convention.

Bylaws, Article Six, SECTION 605 currently reads:

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - Any person eligible for membership in the Marine Corps League under the provisions of the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures of the Marine Corps League may initiate application for membership by completing a standard application form to include the signature, and presenting the application and a copy of his/her Marine Corps DD-214 or Discharge Certificate, to a sponsoring member of the League with all required dues and fees.

- (a) The standard application form published by the National Headquarters shall include the requirement for completion of identifying information, date, administrative data as may be considered appropriate, a signature, and the following printed certification: "I hereby certify that I have served on active duty as a Marine, or as a Reserve Marine having earned a minimum of ninety (90) Reserve credit points, that the character of my service has been honorable, and if discharged, I am in receipt of an honorable discharge or DD 214. By signature on this application, I hereby agree to provide proof of honorable discharge/service upon request." General Discharge under Honorable Conditions is acceptable.
- (b) The standard application form and accompanying Marine Corps 00-214 or Certificate of Discharge, received by a member- sponsor shall be turned in to the Detachment official designated to receive such applications, along with all dues and fees, as soon as practicable, but not later than the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Sponsor's Detachment.
- (c) The Detachment Adjutant shall read and record the application at the proper time, stating all pertinent data including name of sponsor, and clearly state that the required dues and fees have been verified and are in the possession of the Detachment staff. (No applicant shall be present for that portion of the meeting in which the application is being considered.)
- (d) The acceptance of applicants to membership in a Detachment is the sole province of the Detachment as set forth in Article 5, Section 540 of the National By-Laws, except as therein provided.
- (e) In cases where an applicant is rejected for membership, all monies received from the affected applicant shall be returned to such applicant by the sponsoring member.

Change Bylaws, Article Six, SECTION 605 to read as follows:

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - Any person eligible for membership in the Marine Corps League under the provisions of the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures of the Marine Corps League may initiate application for membership by completing a standard application form to include the signature, and presenting the application and a copy of his/her DD-214 or Discharge Certificate, to a sponsoring member of the League **or a Detachment directly** with all required dues and fees.

- (a) The standard application form (most recent edition) published by National Headquarters, on the National website, shall be deemed acceptable. A Service Number is required for Regular Membership.
- (b) A Detachment can publish their own personalized application so long as includes, at a minimum, all the same information as the standard national application form (most recent edition).

- (c) The standard application form and accompanying DD-214 or Certificate of Discharge, received by a member-sponsor shall be turned in to the Detachment official designated to receive such applications, along with all dues and fees, as soon as practicable, but not later than the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Sponsor's Detachment.
- (d) The Detachment Adjutant **or Detachment Junior Vice Commandant** shall read and record the application at the proper time, stating all pertinent data including name of sponsor, and clearly state that the required dues and fees have been verified and are in the possession of the Detachment staff. (No applicant shall be present for that portion of the meeting in which the application is being considered.)
- (e) The acceptance of applicants to membership in a Detachment is the sole province of the Detachment as set forth in Article 5, Section 540 of the National By-Laws, except as therein provided.
- (f) In cases where an applicant is rejected for membership, all monies received from the affected applicant shall be returned to such applicant by the sponsoring member.

Rationale:

Updates in **RED**. We all should be using the most recent edition of the National MCL Application. If a Detachment desires to create an application with their name, address, website, etc it must contain the same information as the National Form. It should also have a "© 2014" date or newer on it.

Respectfully submitted,



Craig P. Reeling

Commandant

Maryland Marines Detachment 1371



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
Maryland Marines Detachment 1371

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Change #10

6 January 2015

To: Department of Maryland Commandant, via Department Adjutant
From: Craig P. Reeling, Commandant Maryland Marines Detachment 1371
Subj: **Proposed Change to the current Department of Maryland
Bylaws, Article Six, Section 610**

In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article Eight, Section 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at a Department Convention.

Bylaws, Article Six, SECTION 610 currently reads:

MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FEES - The payment of annual National membership dues entitles all members in good standing an automatic Subscription to the Marine Corps League publication, and enrollment privileges in any National Group Insurance Programs that may be in effect

- (a) The Department annual per capita dues and fees shall be recommended by the Department Paymaster at the 3rd Scheduled Staff Meeting and require approval by the delegates at the Department Conventions, provided that the general membership has been advised, in writing, of the proposed dues amount not less than sixty (60) days prior to the convening of the convention. An announcement in the written minutes, distributed to each detachment, will suffice as written notification.
- (b) An initiation fee shall be recommended by the Department Paymaster. The initiation fee shall be as is approved by the delegates at the Department Convention. The fee shall be collected for each new member in addition to the annual National dues.

Change Bylaws, Article Six, SECTION 610 to read as follows:

MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FEES - The payment of annual National membership dues entitles all members in good standing an automatic Subscription to the Marine Corps League publication, and enrollment privileges in any National Group Insurance Programs that may be in effect

- (a) The Department annual per capita dues shall be recommended by the Department Paymaster at the **Winter Staff Meeting** and shall require approval by the delegates at the Department Convention, provided that the general membership has been advised. An announcement in the written minutes, distributed to each detachment, will suffice as written notification.

Rationale:

Replaced "3rd Scheduled Staff Meeting" with "Winter Staff Meeting." Deleted 60 day notice since the Winter Staff Meeting is always at least 60 days prior to the Department Convention.

Deleted section (b). The Department does NOT charge and initiation fee.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig P. Reeling
Commandant

Maryland Marines Detachment 1371



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
Maryland Marines Detachment 1371

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Change # 11

7 January 2015

To: Department of Maryland Commandant, via Department Adjutant
From: Craig P. Reeling, Commandant Maryland Marines Detachment 1371
Subj: **Proposed Change to the current Department of Maryland
Bylaws, Article Eight, Section 800**

In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article Eight, Section 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at a Department Convention.

Bylaws, Article Eight, SECTION 800 AMENDMENTS currently reads:

- (a) The Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures may be revised, amended or repealed by a majority vote of the properly registered and approved Delegates voting at a Department Convention, provided that the proposed revision, amendment or repeal is submitted to the Department Adjutant at Department Headquarters no later than One hundred-twenty (120) prior to the Department Convention at which said proposal is to be considered. Submission of proposed revisions, amendments or repeals will be in typewritten form, and will be in the exact wording intended. Submission should be sent via Certified U.S. Mail or by other carriers where Certified delivery may be verified, and a Return Receipt may be requested.
- (b) To avoid possible confusion, each submission will address only one Section. However, if the proposal incorporates a revision, amendment or repeal that will interact with any other Sections, the changed or corrected wording of those Sections will be included in the single submission.
- (c) The Department Adjutant will distribute copies of each proposal, without personal comment, to each existing Detachment Commandant, each member of the Department Board of Trustees, and each Past Department Commandant no later than ninety (90) days prior to the Department Convention at which the proposal is to be considered.

Change Bylaws, Article Eight, SECTION 800 AMENDMENTS to read as follows:

- (a) The Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures may be revised, amended or repealed by a majority vote of the properly registered and approved Delegates voting at a Department Convention, provided that the proposed revision, amendment or repeal is submitted and postmarked to the Department Adjutant's home of record (as listed on the Department Staff Directory or Department website) no later than One hundred-twenty (120) prior to the Department Convention at which said proposal is to be considered. Submission of proposed revisions, amendments or repeals will be in typewritten form, and will be in the exact wording intended. Submission should be sent via Certified U.S. Mail or by other carriers where Certified delivery may be verified, and a Return Receipt may be requested.
- (b) To avoid possible confusion, each submission will address only one Section. However, if the proposal incorporates a revision, amendment or repeal that will interact with any other Sections, the changed or corrected wording of those Sections will be included in the single submission.
- (c) The Department Adjutant will publish copies of each proposal, without personal comment, on the Department website at least ninety (90) days prior to the Department Convention at which the proposal is to be considered. The Department Adjutant will notify the membership via electronic mail (email) that the proposed changes are available on the Department website. Printed copies will be made available at the Department Spring Staff Meeting for anyone without email.
- (d) Typographical errors that do not change the intent of the Bylaw or Administrative Procedure may be updated by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees.

Subj: **Proposed Change to the current Department of Maryland
Bylaws, Article Eight, Section 800**

Rationale:

Proposed Changes should be posted on the Department Website for the entire membership to review. At least one member of each Detachment has email and can visit the Dept website to view or download and print the proposed changes.

Added (d) so typing errors may be fixed without the need for a bylaw change.

Respectfully submitted,



Craig P. Reeling

Commandant

Maryland Marines Detachment 1371



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Change #12

8 January 2015

To: Department of Maryland Commandant, via Department Adjutant
From: Craig P. Reeling, Commandant Maryland Marines Detachment 1371
Subj: **Proposed Change to the current Department of Maryland
Bylaws, Article Eight, Section 810**

In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article Eight, Section 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at a Department Convention.

Bylaws, Article Eight, SECTION 810 currently reads:

DEPARTMENT BY-LAWS DISTRIBUTION

- (a) Each Detachment, member of the Department Board of Trustees, Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Military Order of Devil Dogs Pack, and Regimental Headquarters Young Marines of the Marine Corps League shall be provided, without charge, with two (2) copies of the Department By-Laws and Administrative Procedures of the Marine Corps League or published changes thereafter each time they are printed. The Department By-Laws and Administrative Procedures are to be made available for examination to any member in good standing, upon request. Any member of the Marine Corps League may purchase copies of the Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures from the Department Adjutant for \$5.00 to cover the cost of copying.
- (b) Every Past Department Commandant shall be provided, without charge, with one copy of the Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures of the Department of Maryland, Marine Corps League or published changes thereafter each time they are printed.

Change Bylaws, Article Eight, SECTION 810 to read as follows:

DEPARTMENT BY-LAWS DISTRIBUTION

- (a) The Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures shall be posted on the Department website for anyone to view, download or print.
- (b) They shall be posted on the Department website no later than 90 days after the Convention at which they were approved.
- (c) Each member of the Department Board of Trustees, Past Department Commandant, Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Military Order of Devil Dogs Pack and Regimental Headquarters Young Marines of the Marine Corps League may request and shall then be provided, without charge, a printed copy of the Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures or published changes thereafter each time they are printed.
- (d) Any member of the Marine Corps League in good standing may purchase copies of the Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures from the Department Adjutant for \$10.00 to cover the cost of printing and mailing.

Rationale:

Since we now post the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures on the Department website there is no need to provide copies automatically to numerous people or organizations. Adding 90 Days after the Department Convention provides guidance and a deadline for the Department Judge Advocate to produce a current set of documents.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig P. Reeling

Commandant - Maryland Marines Detachment 1371

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Change # 13

10 January 2015

To: Department of Maryland Commandant, via Department Adjutant
From: Craig P. Reeling, Commandant Maryland Marines Detachment 1371
Subj: **Proposed Change to the current Department of Maryland
Administrative Procedures, Chapter Six, Section 620**

In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article Eight, Section 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at a Department Convention.

Administrative Procedures, Chapter Six, Section 620 currently reads:

INSTALLATION OF DETACHMENT OFFICERS

- (a) The Detachment Commandant - elect shall select an Installing Officer of his/her choice. Such information shall be forwarded to the Department Commandant.
- (b) The Installing Officer must be the National Commandant, an elected National Officer, a Past National Commandant, the Department Commandant, an elected Department Officer, a Past Department Commandant, the Detachment Commandant, or a Past Detachment Commandant.
- (c) It shall be the responsibility of the Installing Officer to sign, date and forward the installation report, within the time frame as specified in Article Five (5), of the National Bylaws. (See Enclosure Five (5) of the National Bylaws for instructions on completing the report of the Report of Officers and Installation.)

Change Chapter Six, Section 620 to read as follows:

INSTALLATION OF DETACHMENT OFFICERS

- (a) The Detachment Commandant - elect shall select an Installing Officer of his/her choice. Such information shall be forwarded to the Department Commandant.
- (b) The Installing Officer must be the National Commandant, an elected National Officer, a Past National Commandant, the Department Commandant, an elected Department Officer, a Past Department Commandant, the Detachment Commandant, or a Past Detachment Commandant.
- (c) The Detachment shall invite the Department Commandant and his/her Staff to the Installation.
- (d) It shall be the responsibility of the Installing Officer to sign, date and forward the installation report, within the time frame as specified in Article Five (5), of the National Bylaws. (See Enclosure Five (5) of the National Bylaws for instructions on completing the report of the Report of Officers and Installation.)

Rationale:

Moved old (c) to (d) and then added a NEW (c). The Department Commandant (along with his/her Staff) should be invited to attend every Detachment Installation. It is an annual opportunity for the Department Officers to interact with the Detachment membership in their own location.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig P. Reeling
Commandant

Maryland Marines Detachment 1371



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Change #14

10 January 2015

To: Department of Maryland Commandant, via Department Adjutant
From: Craig P. Reeling, Commandant Maryland Marines Detachment 1371
Subj: **Proposed Change to the current Department of Maryland
Bylaws, Article Five, Section 530**

In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article Eight, Section 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at a Department Convention.

Bylaws, Article Five, SECTION 530 currently reads:

ELECTION, INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS - Each Detachment shall hold an ANNUAL ELECTION of Officers between October 1 and May 15:

- (a) Installation must be conducted **no later than 45 days after the election.**
- (b) Report of Officers and Installation must be forwarded to National Headquarters, the Division Vice Commandant, and the Department Adjutant within fifteen (15) days of the installation.
- (c) Notwithstanding the above, Report of Officers and Installation must be received at National Headquarters no later than June 30 each year (Administrative Procedures, Chapter 6, Section 620 applies to this section).

Change Bylaws, Article Five, SECTION 530 to read as follows:

ELECTION, INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS - Each Detachment shall hold an ANNUAL ELECTION of Officers between October 1 and May 15:

- (a) Installation must be conducted **no later than 45 days after the election.**
- (b) Report of Officers and Installation must be forwarded to the Department Adjutant within fifteen (15) days of the installation.
- (c) The Department Adjutant shall forward the Detachment Report of Officers National Headquarters.
- (d) Notwithstanding the above, Report of Officers and Installation must be received at National Headquarters no later than June 30 each year (Administrative Procedures, Chapter 6, Section 620 applies to this section).
- (e) The Detachment shall invite the Department Commandant and their Department Staff to attend the Installation of Officers.

Rationale:

Replace (b), add (c), move old (c) to (d), add (e). This clearly defines the Department Adjutant as the recipient of all Detachment Report of Officer Installation Forms. By inviting the Department Commandant and Staff to the Installation it allows the interaction between the Department and the Detachment membership on at least an annual basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig P. Reeling

Commandant

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Change # 15

11 January 2015

To: Department of Maryland Commandant, via Department Adjutant
From: Craig P. Reeling, Commandant Maryland Marines Detachment 1371
Subj: **Proposed Change to the current Department of Maryland
Bylaws, Article Three, Section 310**

In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article Eight, Section 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at a Department Convention.

Bylaws, Article Three, SECTION 310 currently reads:

Section 310 is lettered (a) through (l).

Add addition letter to Bylaws, Article Three, SECTION 310 to read as follows:

(m) **DEPARTMENT EAGLE SCOUT CHAIRMAN** shall coordinate the Marine Corps League Good Citizenship Award Program to every Detachment. Coordinate with Boy Scout Troops and Councils to recognize Eagle Scout's in Maryland with a Good Citizenship Award presented at their Court of Honor by members of the Marine Corps League.

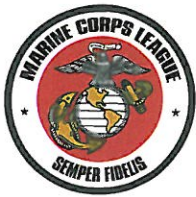
Rationale:

This position already exists in the Department. Placing it in the Bylaws will make sure that the program lives on for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig P. Reeling
Commandant

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Change # 16

11 January 2015

To: Department of Maryland Commandant, via Department Adjutant
From: Craig P. Reeling, Commandant Maryland Marines Detachment 1371
Subj: **Proposed Change to the current Department of Maryland
Bylaws, Article Two, Section 210 (a) (6)**

In accordance with the Department ByLaws, Article Eight, Section 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at a Department Convention.

Bylaws, Article Two, Section 210 (a) (6) currently reads:

(6) With the advice and consent of the Department Board of Trustees, appoint the following Department Staff officers:

- a Department Adjutant
- b Department Paymaster
- c Department Chaplain
- d Department Chief of Staff
- e Department Director of Veterans' Service
- f Department Director of Youth Activities
- g Department Historian
- h Department Sergeant-at-Arms
- i Department Director of Public Relations
- j Department Liaison Officers (as required)
- k Department Legislative Officer
- l Department VAVS Representative
- m Department Protocol Officer

Replace the following letters in Bylaws, Article Two, Section 210 (a) (6) to read as follows:

(6) With the advice and consent of the Department Board of Trustees, appoint the following Department Staff officers:

- e Department Veterans' Service Officer (VSO) Chairman
- f Department Young Marines Liaison
- i Department Public Relations Officer
- l Department VAVS Chairman
- n Department Eagle Scout Chairman

Rationale:

Bring the letters e, f, i and l in line with our current Department Officer Titles. The older terms are no longer used. Add n. The Department Eagle Scout Chairman is a current Dept Officer.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig P. Reeling
Commandant

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Change # 17

11 January 2015

To: Department of Maryland Commandant, via Department Adjutant
From: Craig P. Reeling, Commandant Maryland Marines Detachment 1371
Subj: **Proposed Change to the current Department of Maryland
Bylaws, Article Three, Section 310 (j)**

In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article Eight, Section 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at a Department Convention.

Bylaws, Article Three, SECTION 310 (j) currently reads:

(j) **DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS** shall act as the Public Relations and Press Officer for the Department Organization, and perform such other duties as are assigned by the Department Commandant.

Change Bylaws, Article Three, SECTION 310 (j) to read as follows:

(j) **DEPARTMENT PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER** shall act as the Public Relations and Press Officer for the Department Organization, and perform such other duties as are assigned by the Department Commandant.

Rationale:

The renaming of this position is more in line with the actual position. We don't fill the "Director" position at the Department level.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig P. Reeling
Commandant

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Change # 18

11 January 2015

To: Department of Maryland Commandant, via Department Adjutant
From: Craig P. Reeling, Commandant Maryland Marines Detachment 1371
Subj: **Proposed Change to the current Department of Maryland
Bylaws, Article Three, Section 310 (f)**

In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article Eight, Section 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at a Department Convention.

Bylaws, Article Three, SECTION 310 (f) currently reads:

(f) DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICE shall:

Change Bylaws, Article Three, SECTION 310 (f) to read as follows:

(f) DEPARTMENT VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER (VSO) CHAIRMAN shall:

Rationale:

The Marine Corps League now has a National VSO. This change will bring us in line with the National Officers. This is NOT the same position as the VAVS Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig P. Reeling

Commandant

Maryland Marines Detachment 1371



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Change # 19

11 January 2015

To: Department of Maryland Commandant, via Department Adjutant
From: Craig P. Reeling, Commandant Maryland Marines Detachment 1371
Subj: **Proposed Change to the current Department of Maryland
Bylaws, Article Three, Section 310 (I)**

In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article Eight, Section 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at a Department Convention.

Bylaws, Article Three, SECTION 310 (I) currently reads:

(I) DEPARTMENT VAVS REPRESENTATIVE - It shall be the duty of the Department Veterans Administration Volunteer Service Representative to:

Change Bylaws, Article Three, SECTION 310 (I) to read as follows:

(I) DEPARTMENT VAVS CHAIRMAN - It shall be the duty of the Department Veterans Administration Volunteer Service Chairman to:

Rationale:

The renaming of this position is more in line with the actual position. It is the responsibility of the VAVS Chairman at the Department level to coordinate with the local Detachment's. Chair the Committee that is made up of Detachment Representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig P. Reeling

Commandant

Maryland Marines Detachment 1371



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Change # 20

12 January 2015

To: Department Judge Advocate, Charlie Warns, Jr.
From: Detachment 1198 Senior Vice Commandant Evelyn F. Remines
CC: Department Commandant, Stuart Blair
Department Adjutant, Paul Taylor
Department Membership
Subj: **PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES – CHAPTER TWO, DEPARTMENT CONVENTIONS**

In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article Eight, Section 800(a) the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at a Department Convention.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES CHAPTER TWO, SECTION 200 (a) currently reads:

- (a) The Convention shall be held in Ocean City Maryland. In case of emergency, the Board of Trustees may determine an alternative location for that year.

Change to read as follows:

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES CHAPTER TWO, SECTION 200 (a)

- (a) The Convention shall be held in a location in Maryland selected by the Department Convention Committee, at least one (1) year before the commencement of the convention. The Committee will ensure that the chosen venue complies with the Department Convention Requirements outlined in Section 240 of these Administrative Procedures.

Rationale:

Flexibility should always be allowed when planning such a mass gathering such as the Department Convention. To lock the location into one area permanently does not allow the Department membership to explore other venues that may be more affordable and more accommodating than the locations available in Ocean City. This will also give the membership a chance to visit areas of the state that they may not have been to previously; and the chosen location may shorten the travel time for many of the Department members, encouraging their participation.

Respectfully submitted.

Evelyn F. Remines
Senior Vice Commandant
Harford County Detachment 1198
Department of Maryland

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Change #
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12 January 2015

To: Department Judge Advocate, Charlie Warns, Jr.
From: Detachment 1198 Senior Vice Commandant Evelyn F. Remines
CC: Department Commandant, Stuart Blair
Department Adjutant, Paul Taylor
Department Membership
Subj: **PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES – CHAPTER THREE, DEPARTMENT STAFF**

In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article Eight, Section 800(a) the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at a Department Convention.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES CHAPTER THREE, SECTION 300 (b) currently reads:

- (b) The Department Conventions Committee shall consist of the Department Senior Vice Commandant and the Senior Vice Commandants from each Detachment.

Change to read as follows:

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES CHAPTER THREE, SECTION 300 (b)

- (b) The Department Conventions Committee shall consist of the Department Senior Vice Commandant and a committee of at least five (5) volunteers from the Detachments, ideally being the Detachment's Senior Vice Commandant.

Rationale:

Historically the Detachment Senior Vice Commandants have not been active participants in the organization and execution of the Department Conventions. Although the first choice of the volunteers should be the Detachment's Senior Vice Commandant, it would serve the Department Senior Vice better if he or she could form a committee of willing volunteers to help organize and run the Department Convention.

Respectfully submitted.

Evelyn F. Remines
Senior Vice Commandant
Harford County Detachment 1198
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12 January 2015

To: Department Judge Advocate, Charlie Warns, Jr.
From: Detachment 1198 Senior Vice Commandant Evelyn F. Remines
CC: Department Commandant, Stuart Blair
Department Adjutant, Paul Taylor
Department Membership
Subj: **PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES – CHAPTER TWO, DEPARTMENT CONVENTIONS**

In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article Eight, Section 800(a) the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at a Department Convention.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES CHAPTER TWO, SECTION 200 currently reads:

The Department Convention shall be convened once each calendar year during the period May 1 through July 15, unless prevented by national emergency or other unpreventable cause.

Change to read as follows:

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES CHAPTER TWO, SECTION 200

The Department Convention shall be convened once each calendar year in accordance with the timeline given by the National Bylaws, Article Four - Departments, Section 410 – Meetings.

Rationale:

In order to adhere to the National Bylaws, the Department Convention must take place between 1 April and 31 July. It is not necessary to define a timeline in the Department Administrative Procedures, as the National Bylaw will supersede the Department's. Referring to the National Bylaws is the best way to ensure the Department stays within the confines of the National Bylaws. This also allows the Department Membership to advance the Convention into April, if the need would present itself.

Respectfully submitted.

Semper Fi,

Evelyn F. Remines
Senior Vice Commandant
Harford County Detachment 1198
Department of Maryland

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