

BYLAWS

EASTEX DETACHMENT #779 Department of Texas MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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PREAMBLE

In the name of the beneficent God of all, we who have honorably served or are now honorably serving our country in the United States Marine Corps, for the common good of this Nation, and all nations and people of the world, and in order that the fundamental rights and freedoms of every person may be preserved, to foster interest in the affairs of the United States Marine Corps, to protect and advance the welfare of wounded or disabled Marines, and FMF Corpsmen and Chaplains, and their dependents, and for the further purposes set forth hereinafter, do solemnly and firmly associate ourselves together in a non-profit corporation known as the Eastex Detachment #779 and order and establish these Bylaws.

ARTICLE ONE **DETACHMENT NAME**

SECTION 100 – NAME. Following Marine Corps League's National Bylaws, the name of this corporation will be the Eastex Detachment, Incorporated, #779, Marine Corps League, (hereinafter referred to as the "Detachment"). The Detachment's EIN is 74-3041811 and is eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions under the National Headquarters' 501(c)(4) tax status with a group exemption number 0955.

ARTICLE TWO **PURPOSE**

SECTION 200 – PURPOSE. The purpose of this Detachment will be to preserve the traditions and to promote the interests of the United States Marine Corps; to band those who have been honorably discharged from that service together in fellowship that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy; to fit its members for the duties of citizenship and to encourage them to serve as ably as citizens as they served the Nation under arms; to hold sacred the history and memory of the men and women who have given their lives to the Nation; to foster love for the principles which they have supported by blood and valor since the founding of the Republic; to maintain true allegiance to American institutions; to create a bond of comradeship between those in service and those who have returned to civilian life; and to aid voluntarily and to render assistance to all Marines as well as to their widows, widowers, and orphans; 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.

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SECTION 205 – STATUS. The Detachment is not formed for profit, but it is formed for promoting the ideals and purposes enumerated above. The net earnings will be devoted exclusively to the operational, charitable, educational, and recreational purposes of the Detachment, as defined by state and local statutes and these Bylaws.

SECTION 210 – ADHERENCE TO NATIONAL STANDARDS. All activities and functions of the Detachment not defined by these Detachment Bylaws shall be conducted in compliance with the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures of the Department of Texas and National Headquarters of the Marine Corps League. The Detachment shall adhere to the Department and National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures. Any area not included in these Detachment Bylaws shall be governed by the National Bylaws. Should there exist a conflict between Detachment and National Bylaws, the National Bylaws will be the determining authority.

ARTICLE THREE **MEMBERS**

SECTION 300 – CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

(a) REGULAR MEMBERSHIP. Only the following may be regular members of the MCL:

1. **MARINES** who are serving or have served honorably* in the United States Marine Corps or the United States Marine Corps Reserve.

2. **U.S. Navy Personnel**

(a) who are serving or have served honorably* in the United States Navy and 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, (i.e.: Southwest Asia Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, etc.); or

b. earned the Fleet Marine Force Enlisted Warfare Specialist Device (FMFEWS) (1 Oct 2006 to present) or the Fleet Marine Force Officer (FMFQO) Insignia (1 Jan 2006 to present) which must be noted on the DD214 form. An Award of the Fleet Marine Force Ribbon (FMF Ribbon) (1 Sept 1984 - 30 Sept 2006), the FMFEWS or FMFQO may serve as prima facie evidence of eligibility.

Note * - “Served Honorably” is determined by the last DD Form 214 or certificate of discharge that the applicant received. A General Discharge under Honorable Conditions is acceptable.

(b) ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP. Those individuals not qualified for Regular Membership who espouse the principles and purposes of the Marine Corps League as contained in its Congressional

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Charter may, upon application to this Detachment, be accepted for Associate Membership in the Marine Corps League. Associate Members, upon acceptance, will pay dues in the same amount as prescribed for Regular Members. An Associate Member will be entitled to all rights, privileges, and benefits of a Regular Member; however, such members may not vote

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1. Associate Members shall be entitled to vote on the internal affairs of the Detachment provided such vote does not affect the policies such as the Bylaws and Procedures of the Marine Corps League including this Detachment.
2. Individuals who are serving or who have served in other branches of the Armed Forces of the United States must have served honorably.
3. Individuals applying for Associate Membership must have reached the statutory minimum age for enlistment into the United States Marine Corps or the United States Marine Corps Reserve prior to being enrolled as an Associate Member.

(c) **LIFE MEMBER**. Life Membership shall be available under the conditions set forth in the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.

SECTION 305 – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(a) Any person eligible for membership in the Marine Corps League under the provisions of the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures may initiate application for membership by completing a standard application form, to include the signature, and presenting the application to a sponsoring member of the Detachment with all required dues and fees.

(b) All Regular Members and Associate Members with prior military service shall provide proof of honorable service. Proof of service shall be reviewed and verified by no less than two (2) members of the Board of Trustees and shall be returned to the applicant after verification. The Detachment Paymaster shall record the same on the Detachment's appropriate Transmittal Form for new members.

(c) At no time should the Detachment retain any applicant's verification of honorable service unless directed to do so in accordance with the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.

(d) All membership application forms, dues, and fees shall be turned into the Detachment Officer responsible for accepting membership applications no later than the next Detachment regular meeting.

(e) The Detachment shall take a vote on the prospective member's application. If the membership vote is not approved the prospective member is only told that his/her application was not approved. All applications for membership will be accepted and processed in accordance with the provisions contained in these Detachment Bylaws and the Department of Texas and National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.

SECTION 310 – DETACHMENT DUES. The Detachment's annual membership dues will be determined by the membership at the Annual Meeting each year. If a change in dues is deemed

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necessary, the Detachment Board of Trustees will present its recommended dues rate at this meeting.

SECTION 315 – GOOD STANDING. A Member in good standing is defined as one who has paid his/her current dues. No one shall hold an elected or appointed office who is not a member in good standing with the Detachment. Once accepted as a member in good standing by the Detachment membership, that Member may not be removed from the Detachment rolls except for cause (See MCL Administrative Procedures) or that Member requesting transfer (See MCL Administrative Procedures).

SECTION 320 – MEMBER EMAIL POLICY. All members of the detachment shall use the email distribution list for official Detachment business only. This policy specifically prohibits any use of the email distribution list for any emails which are outside the official business of the Marine Corps League, including but not limited to emails which are: political, sexist, racist, chain emails, jokes, or other inappropriate conduct.

ARTICLE FOUR **MEETINGS**

SECTION 400 – REGULAR MEETINGS. Regular monthly meetings of the Detachment will be held on the third Thursday of the month as set by the Board of Trustees. Notice of the meeting will be given to the members by the Detachment Adjutant or their designee by newsletter, electronic mail, or telephone, at least two (2) days in advance of the meeting. If the regular monthly meeting date falls on a holiday or for some other reason cannot be held on that date, the Commandant may select some other day in the month for the meeting with the same requirements of the notice to be given to the members.

(a) The Detachment Bylaws and the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures shall govern the procedure and conduct of the Detachment meetings. Parliamentary reference for all meetings of the Detachment shall be Robert's Rules of Order Revised.

(b) The Detachment Charter or copy, the National Colors, and a Bible shall be displayed at all regular meetings.

SECTION 405 – ANNUAL MEETING. The Annual Meeting of the Detachment will be held during the month of October if a Quorum is established. If no Quorum is present the actions of the Annual Meeting will be delayed until a meeting with a Quorum is present; previous officers will remain in place until the Annual Meeting is completed. At this meeting, the Officers shall be elected, the Board of Trustees confirmed, and such other business shall be conducted as may be brought before the Detachment. The Annual Meeting of the Detachment shall take the place of the regular monthly meeting. The election of Officers and confirmation of the Board of Trustees shall take place at the Annual Meeting. Election of Officers shall require a majority vote of members

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SECTION 410 – SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Commandant or the Senior Vice Commandant, in the absence of the Commandant. It will be the duty of the Commandant to call a special meeting whenever he/she is requested in writing to do so by six (6) or more members. Notice of a special meeting shall be given to the membership by mail, email, or telephone, as set forth in Section 400 of this Article.

SECTION 415 – QUORUM. A quorum at a General Membership meeting is established when there are at least ten percent (10%) when rounded down to a whole number, of the members in good standing present including two (2) or more elected officers. A majority of the members present at any meeting shall be necessary for the adoption of any matter voted upon by the members, except as noted in these Bylaws. Motions and seconds to adopt a matter at a General Membership meeting may not be made by an elected officer.

A Quorum at a Board of Trustees scheduled meeting is established when there are at least four Board members present including at least two (2) elected officers.

A Member may attend both General Membership and Board of Trustees meetings by electronic means if approved individually by the Commandant prior to the scheduled meeting. Such a member will be included in the Quorum count.

ARTICLE FIVE **OFFICERS**

SECTION 500 – OFFICERS. The Detachment shall have as a minimum, such elected and appointed officers as required by the National Bylaws. The Detachment must elect a Commandant, a Senior Vice Commandant, a Junior Vice Commandant, and a Judge Advocate. Each of the previously mentioned officers shall be a Regular Member in good standing. The Commandant shall appoint an Adjutant, Paymaster, Chaplain, Sergeant at Arms, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, Events Coordinator, Historian/Photographer, Veterans Affairs Officer, Bingo Chairperson, and any other officers as he/she may deem necessary to serve the needs of the Detachments. Appointed positions have no term limits. The Detachment Commandant may call upon the membership to nominate and vote for candidates for appointed offices, but the status of those offices shall remain appointed, not elected. Appointed officers may be Regular Members or Associate Members in good standing. The appointed positions included on the Board of Trustees must be confirmed by the Membership during the Annual Meeting.

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SECTION 505 – ELECTED OFFICE. A Member may serve in only one elected office at any one time. However, a member serving in an elected office may at the same time serve in an appointed office.

SECTION 510 – TERM OF SERVICE. The term of office for elected officers shall be one (1) year or terminate upon the next general election date if elected for a partial year. An elected officer may stand for reelection for up to two (2) consecutive terms following the initial one (1) year term. A partial year shall not be considered an additional term.

In the event any Detachment elected officer is absent for three (3) consecutive meetings which includes both called General Membership meetings and Board of Trustee meetings (sometimes referred to as Officers' meetings), and barring extenuating circumstances, the Detachment Commandant will declare that the office is vacant, and an election will take place at the next General Membership meeting where a Quorum is present to fill said vacancy and no prior notice shall be required. Likewise, when an elected officer resigns his/her office, an election will take place at the next General Membership meeting where a Quorum is present to fill the vacancy and no prior notice shall be required.

SECTION 515 – DUTIES OF OFFICERS. In addition to the specific duties of the individual Officers, as hereinafter stated, it shall be the duty of each Officer to acquire a working knowledge of the Detachment Bylaws. The specific duties of the Detachment Officers shall be:

(a) **DETACHMENT COMMANDANT**

1. Preside over all meetings of the Detachment and the Board of Trustees.
2. Direct the affairs of the Detachment as prescribed by the Board of Trustees.
3. Call meetings of the Board of Trustees and meetings of the Detachment as required by these Bylaws.
4. Appoint committees and liaisons as deemed necessary, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees; however, the Marine of the Year Committee shall be as provided as in these Bylaws.
5. Be a member of all committees, ex-officio.
6. Decide all questions of order subject to an appeal of the Detachment Judge Advocate.
7. Observe and enforce the observance of the Detachment Bylaws as well as the Department of Texas and National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures of the Marine Corps League, including the current version of the Uniform Code.
8. Direct to all Officers and members of the Detachment such orders as are not in conflict with the Detachment Bylaws and/or the Department of Texas and National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures of the Marine Corps League, including the current version of the Uniform Code.
9. The Detachment Commandant is authorized to represent the Eastex Detachment at the annual Marine Corps League National Convention. If the Detachment Commandant cannot attend the Convention, he/she may designate the Detachment Senior Vice Commandant to represent the Detachment. The Commandant or his/her designee may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses not to exceed \$2,000. In addition, the Commandant may, with the

Eastex Bylaws Approved 7-20-2017 and Amended 12-15-2020 concurrence of the Board of Trustees, appoint no more than two additional Regular Members to be reimbursed up to \$1,000 when attending this same National Convention. Funding must be approved and, in the Detachment's Annual Budget and funds must be available in the Detachment's banking account. Expenses will be reimbursed using the appropriate rules of the Department of Texas Bylaws. The Commandant, or his/her designee and others noted in this paragraph attending the Convention will report back to the Detachment in a timely manner the key activities and decisions made at the Convention.

10. Perform additional duties as delegated by the Board of Trustees.

(b) **SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT**

1. Shall give every assistance to the Detachment Commandant and will, in the absence or illness of the Commandant, perform the duties of the Commandant.
2. Is charged with the implementation of a training program of Detachment Officers and Staff for the proper performance of their duties to increase the effective and efficient conduct of the Detachment.
3. Prepare and submit the Detachment Activity Report monthly by the first weekend of the following month. Activities are any community service or veterans type support activity that is attended by one or multiple members of the Detachment.
4. Perform additional duties as delegated by the Commandant or the Board of Trustees.

(c) **JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT** shall create and promulgate such membership incentives and programs as to produce continuous and enthusiastic membership growth. Unless otherwise designated by the Commandant, he/she will monitor, report, and implement an active and effective retention program. He/she will assist the Commandant in the discharge of his/her official duties and will assume the duties of the Commandant in the absence or illness of the Commandant and Senior Vice Commandant. He/she will be responsible for establishing a meeting place for the monthly meetings, and for entertainment and parties of the Detachment.

(d) **JUDGE ADVOCATE** shall interpret the Bylaws of this Detachment and the Department of Texas and National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures of the Marine Corps League. He/she shall advise, construe, counsel, and render opinions of Law and Procedure to the Commandant and the Board of Trustees. He/she will be available to all Detachment officers and committees for advice and counsel pertaining to their duties and responsibilities within the scope of the Bylaws of this Detachment and the Department of Texas and National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures of the Marine Corps League.

(e) PAYMASTER shall keep records of the Detachment's finances and its members including lists of their names, home addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses. He/she shall also keep records of previous members.

The Paymaster shall be in control of all money acquired or held by the Detachment's Operating Fund. He/she shall maintain a bank account in the name of Eastex Detachment, Marine Corps League with signature of either the Paymaster or Commandant being required on all checks issued

Eastex Bylaws Approved 7-20-2017 and Amended 12-15-2020 by the Detachment from the Operating account. (The Detachment Commandant and Paymaster are included in a blanket bond issued by National Headquarters.) The financial records of the Detachment shall be audited by the Detachment's Board of Trustees following the installation of new officers each year. A record of such an audit, indicating acceptance or exceptions shall be entered into the minutes of the Detachment meeting following the month of Elections. This audit shall include monies in both the Operating Fund and Bingo Fund.

The Paymaster shall perform other duties required by these by laws or as may be required by the Board of Trustees. The Paymaster shall surrender to the duly appointed successor all Detachment books, records, codes, passwords, or other property with which the office is charged.

(f) **Bingo Chairperson** shall keep all records of the Detachment's Bingo Fund. He/she shall maintain a bank account in the name of Eastex Detachment, Marine Corps League. The signature of the Bingo Chairperson, Detachment Commandant, or bank's bill pay system is required on all checks issued from the Bingo Fund. The Fund and all activities will be operated in compliance with the Texas Lottery Commission's regulations.

The distribution of the Detachment's Bingo funds will be in accordance with the following:

The primary use of the Bingo Fund is Marines Helping Marines (MHM).

MHM is defined as:

- Currently serving active duty or reserve Marines, or Corpsmen or Chaplains who served with and supported Marines.
- Any Marine, or any Corpsmen or Chaplain who served with and supported Marines; and possess an Honorable Discharge.
- Any regular or associate member of the Marine Corps League in good standing.
- A dependent or immediate family member of any of the above. This includes minor or dependent children, spouse, and dependent parents (if claimed as a dependent on their most recent tax return).
- A widow and widower of any of the above.

A secondary use is to:

- 1) provide scholarship financial assistance to persons who support the Detachment's Purpose.
- 2) give financial support to non-profit organizations that assist Marines and other military veterans and that support and assist the Detachment's Purpose (see Article Two). All requesting organizations must have a Detachment Member sponsor who knows the operations of the requesting organization.

Recommendations for MHM assistance or to non-profit veterans' assistance organization can be made by any Detachment member using an approved Vetting form. When approved, assistance checks will be made to a vendor (i.e.: auto repair service) or to the non-profit entity. Only under

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unusual circumstances, and only with the approval of the Commandant and Bingo Coordinator will a check be made payable to an individual.

Up to Ten Percent (10%) of the total amount received in the prior calendar year's Bingo Fund may be transferred to the Detachment's Operating account to offset general expenses not covered by donations and Membership income. The transfer will take place in conjunction with the Detachment's approval of the Annual Budget.

Marines Helping Marines (MHM) and non-profit organizations, for purposes of Bingo Fund support, must have a relationship with the State of Texas.

Disbursement of Detachment' Bingo funds must be noted and approved by a majority of members present at the Detachment's regularly scheduled meeting. If an emergency request is recognized between meetings, any disbursement up to a maximum of \$3,000.00 may be approved by a majority of the Board of Trustees. If approved, it must then be reported to the membership at the next Detachment's regularly scheduled monthly meeting and included in the detachment's minutes. Funds must be sufficient in the Detachments' Bingo account prior to any disbursement.

Additionally, the Bingo Chairperson shall answer for all money received by him/her belonging to the Detachment' Bingo fund and give his/her receipt for same. He/she shall have the bank book and ledger at all meetings for verification and submit a report of the Detachment's current Bingo fund's assets and debts. He/she shall maintain a detailed record of all payments, contributions, transfers, revenue, and all other financial transactions on a per item basis.

The Bingo Chairperson shall perform other duties required by these by laws or as may be required by the Board of Trustees or the Texas Lottery Commission. The Bingo Chairperson shall surrender to the duly appointed successor all Detachment books, records, codes, passwords, or other property with which the office is charged.

(g) **ADJUTANT** shall keep complete records of the proceedings of the Detachment and all meetings. He/she shall maintain correspondence and keep records of the Detachment. He/she shall notify the Commandant and members of meetings as set forth in these Bylaws He/she shall read or make available copies of all communications and documents and make the proper record of same and perform such duties that may be necessary for the proper handling of the business incident to his/her office. He/she shall record and maintain for posterity a full and complete account of all Detachment business pertaining to his/her duties as Adjutant. The Adjutant shall perform other duties required by these Bylaws or as may be required by the Board of Trustees and Commandant.

(h) **CHAPLAIN** shall conduct all devotional exercises at Detachment meetings and shall contact all Detachment members and family and friends sick or in distress and maintain a roster of such. He/she shall be responsible for the timely submission of Death Notices for Detachment members to the proper National authority as directed by the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures. He/she shall perform such other duties as may be required of him/her, including the visiting of the sick, distressed, and homebound. The Chaplain, or his/her designee, may be assigned to contact

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members who did not attend a meeting to check on their welfare and determine, if applicable, why they did not attend the meeting.

(i) **SERGEANT AT ARMS** shall assist the Commandant in keeping order during Detachment meetings. He/she shall see that only members of the Marine Corps League and authorized guests are admitted to the meetings of the Detachment. He/she shall be responsible for the proper arrangement of the Detachment quarters for all meetings of the Detachment and securing the property of the Detachment. The Sergeant at Arms shall be responsible for the Detachment's colors, color guard equipment, and Color Guard coordination and performance unless the Detachment Commandant directs this responsibility to another member/committee. The Sergeant at Arms shall perform other duties as required.

(k) **JUNIOR PAST COMMANDANT** shall be the immediate past Commandant of the Detachment and shall be a full voting member of the Board of Trustees, contributing generously and impartially from past experience as to the best interest of the Detachment. He/she shall preside at all meetings of the past Commandants of the Detachment, as necessary.

ARTICLE SIX **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

SECTION 600 – POWERS. The powers of the Detachment shall be exercised in the best interest of this Detachment and the Marine Corps League by a Board of Trustees within the scope of the Bylaws of this Detachment. The business and property of the Detachment shall be conducted and controlled by the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 605 – COMPOSITION. The Detachment's Board of Trustees shall consist of the elected officers (Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant, and Judge Advocate), the appointed positions of Adjutant, Paymaster, Bingo Chairperson, Sergeant at Arms, and the Junior Past Commandant.

ARTICLE SEVEN **DETACHMENT STAFF**

SECTION 700 – COMPOSITION. The Detachment Staff shall consist of the Detachment Board of Trustees, other Appointed Detachment Officers, Detachment Committee Chairs, being identified collectively as staff officers and individually as staff officers.

SECTION 705 – POWERS. The power and authority of the Detachment Staff shall be the same as that of the Board of Trustees except that the other Appointed Detachment Officers and Detachment Committee Chairs, shall have no vote and shall not be considered in determining a quorum for any Detachment Board of Trustees' meeting.

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SECTION 710 – DUTIES. The Detachment Staff shall acquire a working knowledge of the Detachment Bylaws to assist the Detachment Board of Trustees in its duties and to foster enthusiastic growth within the Detachment.

SECTION 715 – BOARD of TRUSTEES and STAFF MEETINGS

(a) **REGULAR BOARD of TRUSTEES MEETINGS.** The Detachment Board of Trustees shall meet monthly on a date set by the Commandant. The purpose of these meetings is to establish and monitor the ongoing proceedings and events of the Detachment and to ensure the efficient conduct of Detachment business. Reports of all Officers shall be given during these meetings.

(b) **STAFF MEETING.** Once each year, at the call of the Commandant, the Detachment Staff shall hold a meeting to plan the annual calendar and prepare a budget for the submission to and approval of the members at the next regular Detachment meeting.

ARTICLE EIGHT **CONTRACTS**

SECTION 800 – CONTRACTING AUTHORITY. No officer, employee, committee chair, or member of the Eastex Detachment 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 with the Detachment Commandant's approval.

All documents shall then be forwarded to the entire Board of Trustees. The Detachment Board of Trustees thereafter, by a majority vote, may accept or reject, in whole or in part, the contract or agreement submitted to it. All contracts or agreements consummated in the name of the Detachment shall require the signature of the Detachment Commandant and Detachment Judge Advocate.

ARTICLE NINE **AWARDS**

SECTION 900 – PURPOSE. A vital function for the membership of this Detachment is to recognize deserving members. The National Administrative Procedures outlines various awards and criteria for eligibility. The Eastex Detachment is encouraged to recognize its members and forward appropriate documentation for awards.

SECTION 905 – COMMITTEE

(a) The Commandant will establish an Awards Committee, and this Committee will have the responsibility of recommending deserving Detachment members, with the Commandant's

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(b) The Committee shall have a chair and at least three (3) other members.

SECTION 910 – MARINE OF THE YEAR. The Detachment Marine of the Year (MOY) Committee shall consist of all prior Detachment Marine of the Year recipients. The longest serving recipient of the Marine of the Year shall serve as the committee chair, and the committee shall be charged with the selection of the Detachment’s Marine of the Year. The recipient shall be a Detachment Regular member in good standing. The committee shall also be charged with the selection of the Detachment Associate Member of the Year (AMOY), to be selected from the Detachment’s Associate members in good standing. The Detachment may create, as a separate committee, an Associate Member of the Year (AMOY) Committee with comparable composition and function as the MOY committee. The MOY and AMOY recipients shall be named at the Detachment’s annual Awards Ceremony.

ARTICLE TEN
COMMITTEES

SECTION 1000 – STANDING COMMITTEES

(a) **HISTORICAL/PHOTOGRAPHY.** The Committee shall, under the direction of the Commandant and/or Board of Trustees, assemble and maintain a record of the Detachment’s history and achievements, including, but not limited to, awards, member recognition, and community involvement and photographs. The Committee may be charged with the production and submission of an Americanism Scrapbook each year in accordance with the National Bylaws and Administrative procedures.

(b) **BIRTHDAY BALL COMMITTEE** is charged annually with creating and implementing plans to properly commemorate the founding of the United States Marine Corps 10 November 1775. The Committee shall coordinate with local Marine organizations and may consult with other detachments as appropriate as well as with such units as necessary to ensure a successful Birthday Ball for the Marines and members of the Detachment. Recommendations for any ticket prices shall be submitted to the membership for approval.

(c) **NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE** be responsible for the editing and printing of the Detachment regular monthly publication. It shall take the steps necessary to publish and mail the newsletter no later than the week prior to the regular monthly meeting. Each year, the committee may submit the newsletter for consideration in the National Newsletter Competition.

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(d) **FINANCIAL COMMITTEE** shall prepare and present a financial program and budget for the conduct of affairs and normal business of the Detachment for the upcoming year and shall make recommendations regarding ways and means of increasing the funds of the Detachment. They shall be responsible for the coordination of the Detachment's fund-raising activities such as roadblocks, auctions, raffles, etc. The Committee shall present a Detachment annual budget prior to the annual meeting. The budget shall include but is not limited to funding for: Commandant's expenses, administrative expenses, official department officer expenses, and a contingency fund for disasters of members and the good of the League.

(e) **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** shall be appointed by the Commandant at least three (3) months prior to the Annual Meeting in October for the purpose of presenting a slate of elected officers. The findings of the committee shall be presented at the September meeting. Additional nominations from the floor may be made at the September meeting or any special meeting held at least one day prior to the Annual Meeting. Each nominee shall be a Regular Member in good standing in the Marine Corps League at the time of their nomination. The nominees, when called upon, shall rise, if not restricted by physical impairment, and state to the Chair that if elected, they will accept the office and serve loyally, faithfully, and to the best of their ability during the term to which they are elected. If a nominee is unable to attend the Nominating meeting, He/she shall have a signed document attesting to the foregoing statement to the Chair.

ARTICLE ELEVEN **AMENDMENTS**

SECTION 1100 – AMENDMENTS. These Bylaws may be amended, revised, replaced, or altered in whole or in part by a two-thirds majority of members present at any regularly scheduled meeting where a Quorum is present (subject to the written approval of the Department Judge Advocate) and provided such action has been announced in the calling and notice of such meeting. Changes will become effective at the time of acceptance by the members and Department of Texas Judge Advocate.

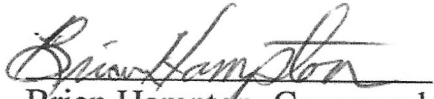
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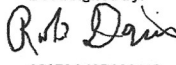
SECTION 1200 – DISSOLUTION. As per National Bylaws, the Detachment shall, to the extent assets are available, satisfy all legitimate liabilities of the Detachment prior to surrendering of its Charter. No other assets of the Detachment shall be dissipated outside of the normal course of business of the Detachment. At the dissolution of the Detachment all funds, property, and assets of the Detachment shall be held by the Department of Texas and administered as per National Bylaws.

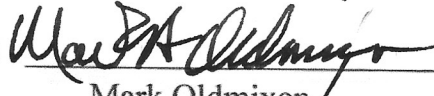

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CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned Officers of the Eastex Detachment #779 of the Marine Corps League do certify that the Bylaws as contained herein were approved by the Board of Trustees and the members present at the regular Detachment meeting of 20 July 2017 and amended by same on January 18, 2024


Brian Hampton, Commandant

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Approved By:  Date 
Mark Oldmixon
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