# ARTICLE SEVEN
# AWARDS

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**SECTION 700 – GENERAL** - The MUSIC CITY DETACHMENT 378 shall encourage all Members of the MARINE CORPS LEAGUE to support and participate not only in their DETACHMENT activities, but also in the activities of their Community. This encouragement shall consist of timely recognition of exceptional accomplishments in the form of Awards presented by the DETACHMENT. In addition, individual Members may be nominated for appropriate NATIONAL and DEPARTMENT Awards.

## Section 701 – National Awards

**A. MARINE OF THE YEAR** – The Marine of the Year is the highest award presented annually to any Member of the Marine Corps League. A candidate shall be a Member in good standing and normally ONLY the Detachment may make a nomination. The Detachment will submit their nomination for Marine of the Year in accordance with the appropriate Section of Chapter Three of the National Administrative Procedures.. One (1) nomination per Detachment per year is permitted.

**B.** Several other National Awards are available for individual Members of the Marine Corps League.. When making a recommendation for one of these Awards, care should be taken to insure that the guidelines contained in the Awards Enclosure of the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures are followed.

**SECTION 702 – DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE AWARDS**

**A. The DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE MARINE OF THE YEAR** i- This is the highest award available from the Department, and is appropriately named for Marine John T. Hicks, PDC, the first recipient of the Award, and it is hereafter known as the **Department of Tennessee John T. Hicks Marine of the Year Award**.

**B. DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE MARINE OF THE YEAR SOCIETY** – The DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE MARINE OF THE YEAR Society shall consist of all recipients of the **DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE JOHN T. HICKS MARINE OF THE YEAR AWARD**. The Senior RECIPIENT OF THE present shall serve as Chair of the Society and, the incumbent RECIPIENT of the AWARD shall serve as Vice Chair. The TENNESSEE MARINE OF THE YEAR SOCIETY shall be responsible for judging the Nominations submitted for the Award. The method of judging nominations received shall be left to the discretion of the Committee. The Committee will certify by statement and signature of each member present that each Nominee was considered. The Committee will not accept any Nominations that are not submitted in accordance with the published guidelines.

**C. TIME AND PLACE OF AWARDS** – DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE shall establish their a timetable for presentations, which will generally be the Banquet of the Department of Tennessee Convention.

**D. ADDITIONAL AWARDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE** – As additional awards are developed by the DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE, the DETACHMENT shall create comparable awards to recognize individual Members of the DETACHMENT who contribute to the growth and well being of the DETACHMENT and the MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

## SECTION 703 – MUSIC CITY DETACHMENT 378 MARINE OF THE YEAR

**A.** The MUSIC CITY DETACHMENT 378 may select a DETACHMENT MARINE OF THE YEAR according to these Guidelines and the Guidelines in the Department of Tennessee Bylaws and Administrative Procedures and the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures. Normally, *ONLY* the DETACHMENT may make nominations for MARINE OF THE YEAR to the DEPARTMENT or NATIONAL. Only one Award per year will be made.

**B. QUALIFICATIONS AND/OR ELIGIBILITY -** A proposed candidate for the MUSIC CITY DETACHMENT 378 MARINE OF THE YEAR shall be a MARINE of integrity, high principles, and one who has contributed to the success of the Detachment and the Marine Corps League, and must be in good standing in the DETACHMENT, DEPARTMENT and NATIONAL. The DETACHMENT may set its own criteria for the selection process within the DETACHMENT; however, that criteria shall not be in conflict or inconsistent with the DEPARTMENT's criteria.

**C. AWARDS -** The presentation to the DETACHMENT MARINE OF THE YEAR shall consist of the medallion and ribbon currently available through the NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS. The DETACHMENT shall purchase their awards from the NATIONAL SHIPS STORE and retain them until the award is to be made.

**D. TIME AND PLACE OF AWARDS** – The DETACHMENT shall establish its own timetable for presentations.

**SECTION 704 – ADDITIONAL AWARDS -** All members of the MUSIC CITY DETACHMENT 378 shall insure that they familiarize themselves with all NATIONAL and DEPARTMENT Awards that are available. They will further insure, in so far as possible, that all eligible Members of MUSIC CITY DETACHMENT 378 are recognized for their contributions to the success and growth of the POUND by recommending qualified Marines for appropriate NATIONAL and DEPARTMENT Awards to the maximum extent, and will create other suitable awards within the DETACHMENT to recognize Members for their contributions.

**END OF ARTICLE SEVEN**