# ARTICLE FIVE
# MEMBERS

**SECTION 500 - GENERAL** - Eligibility and types of membership will be determined by Article Six of the National Bylaws. The Detachment is the sole and final judge of its Membership, subject to the provisions of Article Six of the National Bylaws, and unless modified herein, all categories, provisions, and restrictions provided in the National Bylaws will apply to Membership in this Detachment. Individuals enrolled in this Detachment **must** meet all the requirements of the National Bylaws. All prospective Members are subject to the approval of the Detachment Membership, and once a prospective Member is accepted by the Detachment, they may not be administratively disenrolled, except for non-payment of Dues or ineligibility. A Detachment Regular, Associate or Multiple Member may **NOT** be involuntarily separated from the Detachment unless they are charged and convicted in accordance with Chapter Nine of the National Administrative Procedures.

Amended Nov 2009

**SECTION 501 – REGULAR MEMBERS** – Care should be taken to insure that all prospective Regular Members are fully qualified to be Regular Members of the Marine Corps League, and that their conduct has not been of a nature that would bring criticism or reproach on the Detachment or the Marine Corps League.

Amended Nov 2009

**SECTION 502 – ASSOCIATE MEMBERS** – Applications may be submitted in accordance with this Section for individuals who desire to be enrolled as Associate Members of this Detachment. Applicants for Associate Membership will be considered subject to the below provisions, and those who are accepted will be subject to the restrictions and granted the privileges specified in the National Bylaws for Associate Members. Associate Members will not be counted in the voting strength of the Detachment at the Department and National levels.

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**A.** All provisions of the National Bylaws of the Marine Corps League concerning eligibility for Associate Membership **must** be met completely.

**B.** Applications will not be accepted directly from a current or prospective Associate Member and must be submitted by the Sponsoring Member, a Regular Member of the Detachment in good standing, directly to a Member of the Detachment Board of Trustees.

**C.** The Board of Trustees will consider each applicant thus submitted, and report those found favorable to the General Membership at the next Regular Business Meeting for final consideration. Criteria for favorable consideration include, but are not limited to one or more of the following:

**(1)** Potential to provide active, positive support and participation with the Detachment.

**(2)** Individual involvement in community service.

**(3)** Public perception of the individual, as far as it might reflect on the U. S. Marine Corps or the Marine Corps League.

**(4)** Overall value of the Associate Membership, both to the individual and to the Detachment.

**(5)** The record of the applicant, as far as known, in espousing principles and purposes consistent with those of the Marine Corps League as contained in the Congressional Charter.

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**D.** The recommendation of the Board of Trustees shall be presented to the Membership at the next Regular Business Meeting for their determination. However, if the recommendation is negative, the Sponsoring Member(s) will be informed first, and may elect to withdraw the Application.

**SECTION 503 – MULTIPLE (OR DUAL) MEMBERS** – An individual may be a Member of more than one Detachment by applying, being accepted and paying the appropriate Dues for each additional Detachment. A Multiple (of Dual) Member shall have all rights and privileges in each Detachment, but may not count in the voting strength of more than one Detachment at the Department and National levels.

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**SECTION 504 – LIFE MEMBERSHIP** – Life Membership is available to individual Regular and Associate Members of the Detachment in accordance with Article Six of the National Bylaws.

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**SECTION 505 – HONORARY MEMBERSHIP** -- Honorary Memberships may be issued to individuals or organizations who have contributed significantly to the United States of America, to the community, to the United States Marine Corps, or to the Marine Corps League. The provisions for consideration for Honorary Membership are contained in Article Six of the National Bylaws, and will be strictly observed.

Amended Nov 2009

**SECTION 506 – CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP** -- Corporate Memberships are available to Businesses and Organizations in accordance with Article Six of the National Bylaws. The Marine Corps League has the Internal Revenue Service Classification of 501 (c) 4. Normally this classification may not accept tax-exempt donations; however, a special provision was made for the League to accept donations. Documentation is available, if needed.

Amended Nov 2009

**SECTION 507 – MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FEES**

**A.** Annual Membership Dues collected by the Detachment shall include the total of the Detachment, Department and National Dues, and any applicable Initiation Fees.

**B.** Life Membership Dues and Fees will be collected in accordance with Article Six of the National Bylaws

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