

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE, INC.
DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA
DANIEL J. DALY DETACHMENT # 1002
BY-LAWS (2010 REVISION)**

ARTICLE ONE

SECTION 100 - NAME

The Official name of this Detachment is: Daniel J. Daly Detachment #1002, Marine Corps League, Inc.

ARTICLE TWO

SECTION 200 - AUTHORITY

Established under the authority of the National Headquarters, Marine Corps League, Inc., and the Department of Florida

ARTICLE THREE

SECTION 300 - ALLEGIANCE

The Detachment recognizes and affirms it's allegiance and subordination to the National Headquarters Marine Corps League, Inc., and the Department of Florida

ARTICLE FOUR

SECTION 400 - PURPOSE

The purpose of this detachment is to preserve the history and traditions of the Marine Corps; to promote the interests of the Marine Corps; band together in fellowship active duty Marines, and qualifying FMF Corpsmen, and those who have honorably served in the Marine Corps; provide charitable assistance to our community; to promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy; to affirm true allegiance to the American institution to commemorate those cherished happenings that we hold in respect.

ARTICLE FIVE

SECTION 500 - POLICIES

The guiding authority of this Detachment shall be vested always in it's regular membership in good standing. Executive and administrative power will be delegated to it's elective officers as trustees in the execution of their duties as the staff of this

Detachment.

SECTION 501 - INDEPENDENCE

This Detachment shall be non-secretarian, non-political, non-partisan and shall not discriminate on any basis.

SECTION 502 - POLITICAL ACTIVITY

Nothing in the preceding sub-section shall prohibit the Detachment from participating in political issues affecting the welfare of the Marine Corps, the Marine Corps League, the national security of our nation, or any veterans claims for justice arising from service in the armed forces of the United States of America.

SECTION 503 - RESPONSIBILITIES

These by-laws incorporate the policies and guidelines established by National Headquarters, Marine Corps League, Inc., Department of Florida Marine Corps League, Inc., together with the necessary operational and management functions of the Detachment.

SECTION 504 - FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Detachment shall be July 1st to June 30th of the coming year. The budget and any revisions thereto, as approved by the Budget Committee, Paymaster and Staff will normally be voted on by the regular members in good standing at the July meeting.

SECTION 505 - AUDITS

Quarterly audits of all Detachment financial records will be made by the Budget Committee, and/or delegated authority by the Commandant at the end of September, December, March and June, the results of each audit being made available to the officers and members at the next regular meeting. An annual audit of the Detachments' financial records shall be made prior to the change of watch in March of the election year. The auditors shall make known to the officers and membership the results of their findings. The staff shall use said results for any reports required by any federal, or state agencies, National Headquarters Marine Corps League, Inc., and the Department of Florida.

The records of staff officers, both elected and appointed, who have accountability for monies and/or property of this Detachment shall be subject to audits and/or reviews on a quarterly basis as well, as prior to the change of watch.

ARTICLE SIX

SECTION 600 - MEMBERSHIP

All persons eligible for membership in the Marine Corps League, Inc., may initiate an application for membership by submitting the standard application form published by the National Headquarters, Marine Corps League, Inc. The sponsor will have the obligation to procure a copy of the Applicants DD-214 and/or other appropriate documentation. The acceptance of the applicant's membership is the sole province of the Detachment. In the event the applicant is rejected for membership, all monies from the affected applicant shall be returned. This Section pertains to all types of membership.

SECTION 601 - REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

Only persons who are serving or 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 United States 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 Officer 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 shall be deemed to be retroactive prior to August 10th, 2002, to affect current regular members. The Detachment shall not accept as a member any person who is currently incarcerated or serving active probation as a result of felony conviction or any misdemeanor conviction which has resulted in incarceration of more than two years and who is serving active probation as a result of a sentence imposed by any court of competent jurisdiction. The Detachment shall not accept for membership any person who has been convicted of a crime where the victim is a child.

SECTION 602 - ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Any person of provable good character not qualified for regular membership in the Marine Corps League and who has initiated the standard application form, and who demonstrates support of the principles and purposes of the Marine Corps League and its activities is eligible to become an associate member of the Marine Corps League and this Detachment. Persons who have served in the other branches of the Armed Forces must provide proof of an Honorable Discharge. Upon acceptance, they will pay the same amount of dues as prescribed for regular members including initiation fees. An applicant for associate membership must be sponsored by a minimum of two (2) regular members who will present the applicant's qualifications to the Detachment for consideration.

Associate membership shall not exceed in number more than fifteen (15) percent,

excluding spouses, of the regular members of this detachment in good standing. Should the number of regular members decrease so that the number of associate members, excluding spouses, consists of more than fifteen (15) percent at any time, no further associate members shall be accepted. Such decrease in the number of regular members shall not affect the number of associate members in good standing.

Associate members shall be entitled to all of the rights, privileges and benefits of a regular member, except they may not hold elected office, nor may they vote on election of officers of this detachment. An associate may vote on the internal affairs of this Detachment, but not on matters of Marine Corps League policy, nor may they vote on nor present any application for any regular or associate member, nor may they vote on election of officers of this Detachment.

SECTION 603 - HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

At the discretion of this Detachment, any person who has performed extraordinary services to the nation, community, United States Marine Corps League, or this Detachment, may be issued an honorary membership in this Detachment. A suitable certificate should be issued to honor the occasion. Payment of dues or initiation fees are not required. Membership cards and certificates will be available from National Headquarters.

SECTION 604 - DUAL MEMBERSHIP

When a member of the Marine Corps League becomes a regular member in good standing in more than one Detachment, such membership in the subsequent Detachments shall be counted for voting strength at Department and National Conventions only as an associate member. Such regular member shall be a regular voting member in the Detachment of such members' greatest tenure unless he/she makes a signed written request for transfer of voting rights to the receiving detachment, which upon acceptance shall forward the copies of the transfer of voting rights to National Headquarters via the jurisdictional Department Paymaster or Adjutant/Paymaster, if a Department exists.

SECTION 605 - GOOD STANDING

All members shall be considered in good standing in the Marine Corps League, Inc.,

A. EXCEPTION - When a member is delinquent in the payment of his/her annual dues; other indebtedness or in arrears to the Detachment, Department of Florida or National Headquarters; or, is under suspension, or as punishment under the adjudication of guilt as is provided in Chapter Nine of the National Procedures. All dues are payable on or before the members anniversary date.

B. HOWEVER -Such member shall be retained on the National, Department and

Detachment rolls in the delinquent status for a maximum of one (1) year, during which time the member may erase the status by making payment of all dues in arrears and all dues current. Should the affected member remain delinquent in excess of one (1) year, such member shall be dropped from all membership rolls. The good standing of a delinquent member may be restored only through the processing of a standard membership application form as a new member, which shall include the current initiation fees and dues.

SECTION 606 - INELIGIBLE MEMBERS

Any member may be required to prove membership qualifications. Should it be determined that the member does not have the required qualifications for membership, such members shall be dropped from the rolls immediately. Proper notice of such action and reasons shall be expedited to the Department of Florida and National Headquarters.

SECTION 607 - TRANSFERS

In all cases involving transfer, the standard National transfer form shall be used and approved. All transferees shall submit their last DD 214 for review.

SECTION 608 - MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE

Application for membership-at-large status may be made by any existing member in good standing using the standard National transfer form.

ARTICLE SEVEN

SECTION 700 - DETACHMENT OFFICER ELIGIBILITY

All regular members in good standing of this Detachment shall be eligible for elected staff and appointed officers in this Detachment. All elected officers must provide a copy of certification for attendance at a Department of Florida Leadership School within six (6) months of having been elected to office.

SECTION 701 - ELECTIVE OFFICES

The Detachment must elect a Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant and Judge Advocate to serve as the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 702 - APPOINTED OFFICERS

The newly elected Commandant shall appoint, with staff approval (majority), a Chaplin, Adjutant, Paymaster or Adjutant/Paymaster, Sergeant-at-Arms and a Quartermaster. The Commandant may appoint other supportive officers with staff approval.

SECTION 703 - COMMANDANT

To be elected Commandant of this Detachment, a candidate must be a regular member in good standing; must have previously held elective or appointed office in this Detachment; and, must not have presided as Commandant for the previous two consecutive years.

SECTION 704 - HOLDING MULTIPLE OFFICE WITHIN THE DETACHMENT

Qualified members may hold one (1) elective office and any such additional appointed office(s) as may be assigned. The staff must approve each instance where an elective officer is extended responsibility for an appointed office.

SECTION 705 - HOLDING MULTIPLE OFFICES OUTSIDE THE DETACHMENT

Elected and appointed officers of the detachment may hold a higher-level office in the Marine Corps League at Department of Florida or National Headquarters level.

ARTICLE EIGHT

SECTION 800 - OFFICER NOMINATION, ELECTION AND INSTALLATION

Nomination of officers shall be held under the order of New Business at the February meeting of this Detachment each year and final nominations and elections shall be held at the March meeting, with installation to follow. Prior notice of elections shall be provided by either first class mail to each regular member of the Detachment, or by E-mail, or by posting on the Detachment website, or by any combination thereof, at least one month prior to the election meeting. The Detachment shall not be held responsible for non-delivery by the United States Postal Service.

SECTION 801 - NOMINATING COMMITTEE

There shall be a Nominating Committee composed of three (3) regular members appointed by the Commandant, none of whom shall be running for office, which will meet in January for the purpose of seeking out regular members who are best qualified to fill each of the elected offices and are willing to accept such nomination. The Nominating Committee shall present their slate to the membership at the February meeting of the Detachment. The Nominating Committee Chair Person shall be in charge of the election of officers. He/she may appoint monitors.

SECTION 902 - NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Nominations for any elective office may also be freely made from the floor without concurrence of the Nominating Committee

SECTION 902 - BALLOT

Election shall be by closed ballot by the regular members unless there is only one (1) nomination for a given office, in which case a voice vote will be permitted, with the Adjutant casting one(1) vote should he/she be a regular member. Should the Adjutant be an Associate member one (1) vote shall be cast by the Senior Vice Commandant.

ARTICLE NINE

SECTION 900 - VACANCIES

In the event of resignation, continued illness, death, more than two (2) non-excused absences from the Detachment or Board Meetings, or removal from office for cause, of any elected officer, the positions shall be filled as follows:

A. The office of Commandant shall be filled by the Senior Vice Commandant for the remainder of the term. The Junior Vice Commandant shall fill the office of the Senior Vice Commandant. The Commandant, with the advice and consent of the remaining Board of Trustees, shall appoint a successor to fill the remaining term of the Junior Vice Commandant. Should a vacancy exist for Judge Advocate, the Commandant shall appoint a successor to fill the vacated position until election at the next Detachment meeting.

B. The office of Judge Advocate shall be filled by a properly called election as outlined in Article Eight.

C. Should there be a vacancy for any cause in an appointed office or any Committee Chairman, that vacancy shall be filled immediately by a member named by the Commandant.

ARTICLE TEN

SECTION 1000 - DUTIES OF THE ELECTED OFFICERS

A. DETACHMENT COMMANDANT: The Commandant's duties shall be in conformity with the National By-laws and Administrative Procedures. As the senior executive officer of the Detachment and the Board of Trustees, he may temporarily delegate the Senior Vice Commandant to substitute for him/her as needed. The Commandant, with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees, shall appoint those officers of the Detachment as specified in Article Fifteen (15).

The Commandant is in charge of the meetings. The success in accomplishing Detachment business depends largely on him/her. He/she shall make certain that the Detachment meets regularly on the appointed dates unless otherwise dictated by the Detachment membership in a regular meeting. He/she must see to it that meetings start on time, that the necessary business is carried on in an orderly fashion, without allowing the meeting to move so fast that the members are confused, or so slowly they become disinterested. He/she is also responsible for disseminating to the membership pertinent information that is sent to him from National and Department Headquarters for the information of the membership. He/she should bring such information to the membership by use of bulletin boards, Detachment Publications and letters. He/she must keep order, explain matters that are unclear, see that each member has a fair chance to participate in the discussions and decisions, and educate the membership as to parliamentary law.

The Commandant shall be the ex-officio member of all committees. He/she shall direct and supervise the activities of the elected, appointed, and committee officers and chairpersons. Together with the Adjutant/Paymaster and or Paymaster, he/she shall be responsible for all monies received by the Detachment.

The Commandant, or a member appointed by the Commandant, shall represent the Detachment at all civic, memorial, and community functions where it is customary that veterans organizations be represented.

The Commandant shall be the official spokesperson on all matters of public interest concerning detachment activities.

The position of Commandant is filled in a regular election as prescribed by Article Eight.

B. SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT: His/her duties shall be to assist the Detachment Commandant in every way, presiding at meetings in the absence or illness of the Detachment Commandant, perform that office. Additionally, this officer will initiate, complete and with the assistance and approval of the Board of Trustees supervise the effective promotion of such dynamic social, ceremonial, entertainment, and public programs as will increase the prestige , character and influence of the Detachment.

C. JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT; His/her duties shall be to create and promote such membership programs as will encourage enthusiastic response resulting in a continuing membership growth and act as Chairperson of the Membership Committee. In the absence or illness of the Commandant and Senior Vice Commandant, he/she shall perform the duties of that office.

D. JUDGE ADVOCATE; His/her duties shall coincide with those of the office of the National Judge Advocate as set forth in the National By-laws as they apply at the Detachment level, except as otherwise provided by the Detachment By-laws. He/she is the interpreter of the By-laws and Administrative Procedures of the Detachment, and may be

called upon by the Commandant, other officers and members of the Detachment to rule and/or give opinions (and state which it is) on the legality of their actions and decisions insofar as they affect the good of the Marine Corps League. Such opinions and rulings are made subject to acceptance by the detachment Commandant whose ruling will be sufficient to proceed but subject to review and reconsideration in the event that Department and/or National review is contrary to the agreed upon interpretation. Further, should a regular member ask the question, "Shall the ruling of the chair be sustained?", a standing vote of members will be called, and two-thirds (2/3rds) of the total vote will be required to reverse the ruling of the chair.

ARTICLE ELEVEN

SECTION 1100 - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Detachment elected Board of Trustees shall be composed of:

- 1. COMMANDANT**
- 2. SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT**
- 3. JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT**
- 4. JUDGE ADVOCATE**
- 5. JUNIOR PAST COMMANDANT**
- 6. ADJUTANT (FOR RECORDING PURPOSES, ONLY)**

ARTICLE TWELVE

SECTION 1200 - POWERS OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Detachment Board of Trustees shall exercise executive and administrative supervision of the business of this Detachment between the regular meetings; comply with and execute without delay the mandates and acts of the Detachment membership as expressed by the majority vote in it's regular meetings; employ and terminate employment of such employees as are deemed necessary and advisable, determining duties and compensation; exercise such other executive and administrative functions and duties as are compatible with National, Department and Detachment by-laws and deemed advisable from time to time in the best interest of the Detachment and the Marine Corps League.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN

SECTION 1300 - BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

The Board of Trustees shall meet at least once each month at Detachment Headquarters on call of the Commandant

ARTICLE FOURTEEN

SECTION 1400 - BOARD OF TRUSTEES, QUORUM

The presence of three (3) Board members shall constitute a quorum. It is understood that all Board members are to be present unless excused for a reasonable cause by the Commandant.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN

SECTION 1500 - APPOINTED OFFICERS AND DUTIES

The Commandant shall appoint the following officers of this Detachment:

A. ADJUTANT; The Adjutant shall act as the secretary of the Commandant, the Board, the Staff and Detachment, keeping in strictest confidence all the matters under consideration; attest and distribute all official orders, memoranda and correspondence received and mailed,; keep an accurate record of all members with current title, address and phone number of each; keep accurate minutes of the meetings of the Detachment, the Board, the Staff and all reports of committees; surrender without delay to the regularly appointed successor in office all books, papers, records and property on-going to the Detachment.

B. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: The Sgt-at-Arms duties shall be those defined by the National By-laws as applied to Detachment activities. He/she shall know how to arrange the meeting hall and should assist the Detachment Commandant and Adjutant in the preliminary arrangements for the meeting. It is his/her duty to verify that persons attending Detachment meetings are bonafide members; inspect their credentials and direct members to sign in prior to the call to order for the meeting; direct candidates for membership in the procedure required by the Detachment; be responsible for the keeping of order at detachment meeting and carrying out such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Detachment Commandant; assist during voting of the body, when voting by the show of hands or by ballots is required. In addition, he/she shall be the custodian of the Detachment colors and all color guard equipment and is in charge of the color detail during the presentation and retirement ceremonies of the colors; he/she shall be well informed on proper flag display and procedures used in operation a meeting; play a leading part in the Detachment color guard, burial detail and other pageantry that is part of the Marine Corps League; welcome and introduce all new Detachment members attending their first few meetings and keep the Commandant advised as to who should be acknowledged.

C. CHAPLAIN: His/her duties shall be those defined by National By-laws, as they apply to Detachment activities.

D. PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER: Under the direction of the commandant the Public

Relations Officer shall be responsible for favorable publicity of all Detachment activities, events, functions and the development of such congenial relations with TV, Radio, Newspapers, City and County Officials as will enhance and improve the good name and position of our Detachment.

E. SERVICE OFFICER: His/her duties shall be to obtain detailed knowledge of all Federal and State Laws as well as Veterans' Administration rules and regulations affecting Marines, other veterans and their dependents and survivors. Under the supervision of the National Service Director, to give every possible assistance to Marines, other veterans and their dependents and survivors. The Service Officer shall be certified by the National and State Departments of Veteran Affairs.

F. VAVS REPRESENTATIVE; His/her duties shall be under the supervision of the National VAVS Representative. He/she shall cooperate with the VAVS staff at Bay Pines and Tampa VAN Hospitals and the Detachment Service Officer; render every possible service to Marines, other veterans and their dependents and survivors; compile and submit to the National VAVS Representative a detailed annual report of activities. He/she shall be the Detachment's representative on the Board of the Florida National Cemetery Veterans Committee.

G. PAYMASTER; He/she shall act as treasurer of this Detachment, receiving and accounting for all monies due and payable to the Detachment from all sources; shall be authorized by these by-laws to use the title "Treasurer", when necessary to do so in signing any legal document, including Federal and State of Florida forms, et al; give receipt thereof and deposit all funds in the bank or banks chosen by the Board of Trustees; be accountable to this Detachment for all monies, securities, funds and monetary value of property of this Detachment; remit promptly to the Department of Florida and National Headquarters all funds due them; distribute monies and funds as directed by the Board of Trustees; make monthly financial reports to the Detachment; keep a correct accounting record of all receipts and disbursements in standard record books, which shall be available for audit quarterly at the end of September, December, March and June and also for the annual audit in March; surrender without delay to the appointed successor in office all records, monies, funds, securities and other property of the Detachment used in the performance of his/her duties.

A limited fund in the amount of one hundred (\$100.00) shall be set aside for the Commandant. This fund is to be used for incidentals and a receipt will be obtain and turned over to the Paymaster prior to replenishing the fund; a monthly accounting of this fund will be made at the regular meeting as part of the Paymaster's report.

H. QUARTERMASTER: His/her duties shall be the procurement of equipment, uniforms and supplies for the members of the Detachment so that they may perform their assigned duties with the proper paraphernalia. He/she is approved to order from various sources, but first consideration must be for the standardization and the quality of material.

The price and shipping costs of all personal orders will be borne by the purchaser. A ten percent (10%) surcharge will be added to every order to help defray expenses.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN

SECTION 1600 - DETACHMENT MEETINGS

Regular meetings of this Detachment shall be held on the first (1st) Monday of each month.

SECTION 1601 - BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees shall be held on the last Thursday of the month or at the call of the Commandant.

SECTION 1602 - SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings may be called for specific purposes by the Commandant, or upon written request stating the meeting purpose and signed by no less than ten (10) percent of the members of the Detachment. These meetings shall be called only after proper notice is given to the regular membership no less than one (1) week prior to the date of the special meeting. Notices of the meeting will be by first class mail, E-mail and notice on Detachment communication, or by any mixture of the three. The Detachment shall not be held responsible for the non-delivery by the United States Postal Service.

SECTION 1603 - QUORUM

Attendance by at least 51% of the present members, with no less than nine (9) who are in good standing will constitute a quorum and official business can be conducted.

SECTION 1604 - ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business shall conform to the Marine Corps League, Inc., ritual (revised 2006 and thereafter).

SECTION 1605 - RULES OF ORDER

The rules of order for all meetings of this Detachment shall be governed by the National Rituals, By-laws and Administrative Procedures followed by ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER, REVISED. Should any provision conflict herein, the by-laws of the Detachment, Department of Florida and National Headquarters shall prevail.

SECTION 1606 - VOTING

Only members in good standing shall be entitled to vote on any motion. Associate

members shall be governed by Section 602 of the Detachment Bylaws. There shall be no voting by proxy. The Commandant or presiding officer shall be entitled to break a tie in the voting.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN

SECTION 1700 - CREATION OF COMMITTEES

Committees may be created at any time by a passed motion from the body, the Commandant or appointed staff. All Committee Chairpersons, regardless of category, shall inform the Commandant, or in his/her absence, appointed successor, of any call for meeting and shall report to the Commandant or his/her successor a summary of the results of the meeting.

SECTION 1701 - TYPES OF COMMITTEES

Committees established under these by-laws include the following types:

- A. **STANDING COMMITTEES;** These shall have an elected officer as the designated Chairperson,. Standing committees shall have a continued existence and are considered to be active at all times.

- B. **SPECIAL COMMITTEES:** These shall be appointed by the commandant, staff, or the membership to deal with a specific issue(s) of interest to the Detachment. Such committees will select their own Chairperson. Special committees cease to exist once that purpose has been served.

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN

SECTION 1800 - STANDING COMMITTEES

The following are the standing committees, but this article is not limited to just the following. (See Article 17, Section 1700)

SECTION 1801 - OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

This Committee is established for the purpose of executing the daily business of the Detachment including operations and maintenance of the Detachment property, assets, and general management. This Committee shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson.....COMMANDANT

Member.....SENIOR VICE

COMMANDANT

Member.....BUDGET

CHAIRPERSON

Member.....PAYMASTER

The Committee shall meet at the call of any one of the members for the purpose of acting on matters of an immediate operational nature. Any two members may table a motion with a request that such motion or proposed action be referred to the staff for approval.

SECTION 1802 - CONTRACT COMMITTEE

The Committee shall consist of the Commandant, the Judge Advocate and one appointed member approved by the staff. The Committee shall draft proposed contracts as required, delivers such drafts to the staff who will present drawn contracts to the body for approval. All contracts approved under these procedures will be signed by the Commandant and all available trustees.

SECTION 1803 - BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee shall consist of Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Paymaster and any other members as deemed necessary by the Chairperson. This Committee shall act on all submitted requests for funds, and meet with the newly elected and appointed committee members within thirty (30) days after the annual election to outline actions and expenditures to date, provide guidance to the new Committee members regarding the preparation of next years budget. The Senior Vice Commandant shall present the new budget at the July meeting.

SECTION 1804 - BYLAWS COMMITTEE

The ByLaws Committee shall consist of the Commandant, Judge Advocate (Chairperson) and one member from the body appointed the Chairperson. This Committee shall take the necessary actions to inform the membership of proposed ByLaw changes recommended by the committee, publish to the membership copies of all approved changes to the By-laws, publish updated By-laws when appropriate (paragraph or word changes may be promulgated via the monthly newsletter or website of the Detachment to allow individual members to update their personal copies).

ARTICLE NINETEEN

SECTION 1900 - GRIEVANCES

Grievance and/or discipline, as well as appeals, shall be handled solely in accordance with the provisions of the Department of Florida By-laws, the National By-laws, and Administrative Procedures. The Detachment shall not retain any adjudication authority.

If a conflict should arise as to procedures, the National By-laws and Administrative procedures will prevail. The aggrieved (petitioner) shall present the complaint in writing to the Detachment Judge Advocate with a copy for the Detachment Commandant. The right of appeal will not be denied.

ARTICLE TWENTY

SECTION 2000 - TRANSITION

Within 30 days after each annual election, the outgoing and incoming officers shall meet in conference to discuss and resolve all problems relating to the transition of authority. At the conclusion of this conference, the Commandant-Elect shall consider and agree upon the choice of appointed officers and such committee Chairpersons as needed.

ARTICLE TWENTY ONE

SECTION 2100 - AWARDS

The Detachment shall recognize two of it's outstanding members once a year, at the annual Marine Corps Ball.

SECTION 2101 - MARINE OF THE YEAR SELECTION

A. A Marine Of The Year for Detachment 1002 shall be selected in the following manner:

1) At the July meeting of each year, the Commandant shall meet with the active members of the Marine Of The Year Society, which will be comprised of all previous Marine Of The Year recipients, and make his/her recommendation(s) for a new recipient for this award. The Marine Of The Year shall take the Commandant's recommendation into account plus any recommendation of their own. Recommendations shall take into account, but not be limited to, a member who has a minimum of one year as a member of the Marine Corps League; what the member has done for the Detachment during the past year; what the member has done in the community at large; and, any other traits which help to fill out an entire viewing of the individuals overall achievements which have placed the Detachment in a good light.

2) Once the Commandant and Marine Of The Year Society have reached an agreement as to the individual to receive this award, the Commandant shall announce the findings at the general meeting in July to the regular membership, which may also nominate a member for consideration from the floor. After all names have been placed in consideration, the Commandant shall call for a secret ballot vote from the membership for each nominee, with each regular member voting only once. The ballots shall be counted by the previous winner of the Marine Of The Year. The regular member with the most votes shall received the award. Should there be a tie in the voting, each of the top two nominators shall be given three minutes to present his/her case before the membership, followed by a second vote. This shall continue until the tie is broken. The Commandant shall then announce that a final selection is approved, but shall not name the award recipient until the presentation by the Commandant at the Birthday Ball first following the July meeting.

SECTION 2102 - ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR SELECTION

A. The Detachment would like to take notice of the many fine Associates that join our cause and help the membership of the Marine Corps League. To do this, an annual award named ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR, is hereby created. Similar to the annual Marine Of The Year award, this distinction shall be provided to those that go above and beyond the call of duty to the Detachment and their Community in the work they do towards the furtherance of the principles and traditions of the League.

B. The award shall be given in the following manner:

1) The Commandant and Staff shall select individual(s) who have materially contributed to the overall performance of the Detachment for the previous year. They shall present their selection to the membership at the general meeting in July.

2) The Commandant shall then open the floor to the members who may also recommend an individual for this award.

3) Once all recommendations have been presented at the meeting, the Commandant will ask for a vote of the membership to confirm the one individual to receive this award. If there is more than one recommendation, a secret ballot vote shall be held, with each member voting only once. The current Marine Of The Year shall count the votes. Should there be a tie, the top two Associate's nominators shall each be given three minutes at the meeting to state their case. A second vote may be taken, with the person receiving the highest number of votes to receive the award. The recipient of the Associate Of The Year shall not be announced until the Commandant presents the ward at the Birthday Ball next following the meeting.

ARTICLE TWENTY TWO

SECTION 2200 - AMENDMENTS

The By-laws may be revised, repealed, or amended at any time by a favorable vote of two thirds (2/3s) of the regular members present at the stated meeting, provided the proposed change is submitted to the By-Law Committee in typewritten form in the exact wording desired, including the section it proposes to change. Whereupon the Chairperson will take these changes under advisement and submit them to the Committee as stated in the above paragraph.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

This is to certify the foregoing By-laws of Daniel J. Daly 1002 Detachment, Inc., Marine

Corps League, have been approved and adopted by the regular members in a regular meeting on _____, 2010, proper notice having been given and proper corrections have been made as of _____, 2010.

**Judge Advocate
Commandant**

**Sr. Vice Commandant
Commandant**

Jr. Vice