



By-Laws
Detachment 999
Camden, New York

SECTION 1 - ORGANIZATION

The Constituted body of this Association shall be:

- A. A local organization located with Oneida County, in the State of New York. This organization shall be known as the L-Z Old Corps Detachment 999, Department of New York, Marine Corps League.
- B. Any subsidiary organization or organizations established with approval of the State and the National organizations.

SECTION 2 - CORPORATE SEAL

The Corporate Seal of the Marine Corps League shall be round in shape, containing in the center thereof a replica of the United States Marine Corps Emblem surrounded by the words, "Semper Fidelis L-Z Old Corps Detachment 999 Marine Corps League" within a border of two narrow rings.

SECTION 3 - POLICY

- A. The supreme power of the L-Z Old Corps shall be vested always in its membership functioning through its elected and appointed officers and in accordance with the directives of the Corporation Laws of the State of New York and the State and National Organizations thereof and by-laws of the Marine Corps League.
- B. The Board of Trustees of the L-Z Old Corps Detachment Detachment 999 shall be made up of a minimum of three and a maximum of five members in good standing. The Board of Trustees shall be elected from the floor on the annual elections of officers. The Board of Trustees shall have a minimum of three members to conduct business. The Board of Trustees of L-Z Old Corps Detachment 999 shall be vested with the power to:
 - 1. Audit any and all books pertaining to the L-Z Old Corps Detachment 999 at any time the Board sees fit.
 - 2. Oversee the present officers of the L-Z Old Corps Detachment 999 to insure that each are meeting their obligations and responsibilities as officers.
- C. The L-Z Old Corps Detachment shall never take part in any Labor dispute or issue and it shall be ever nonsectarian, non political and non partisan; nor shall it be biased on the grounds of race, color, creed, nationality, or sex, nor shall it be used as a medium of political ambition or preferment; nor shall former or present military rank or former or present civilian position be used as the basis for special consideration or preferment.
- D. Nothing in the preceding section shall prohibit the L-Z Old Corps Detachment from participating in political issues effecting the welfare of the United States

Marine Corps, the national security of our nation, or any veterans claim for justice arising from service in the armed forces of the United States of America.

SECTION 4 - AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS

These by-laws may be repealed, revised, or amended at any regular meeting provided that such repeal, revision or amendment is approved by 2/3 of the detachment members present in good standing at two consecutive meetings of the detachment, providing that such proposed repeal, revision or amendment does not conflict with Department or National By-laws.

SECTION 5 - AUTHORITY

The L-Z Old Corps Detachment shall be governed by its elected officers subordinate to the Department or National By-Laws.

SECTION 6 - BY-LAWS

This detachment may adopt by-laws not inconsistent with the Department or National By-Laws, and subject to approval by the Department of New York Judge Advocate.

SECTION 7 - OFFICERS

Officers, both elected and appointed, may be selected by the detachment members as they desire. The detachment must elect a Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant, Judge Advocate, Adjutant and Paymaster. They shall appoint a Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms and such other officers as necessary. All elected and appointed officers shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will tend to the day to day matters of the detachment with the approval of the body.

SECTION 8 - VACANCY, OFFICE OF COMMANDANT

In the event of a vacant in the office of Commandant of the detachment, all duties, responsibilities and authority of the office shall be assumed by the Sr. Vice Commandant. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Sr. Vice Commandant, the Jr. Vice Commandant shall assume the Sr. Vice Commandant duties.

SECTION 9 - VACANCY OTHER THAN COMMANDANT

In the event of a vacancy in any office other than Commandant and Sr. Vice Commandant, such office shall be filled by election of a detachment member in good standing at any regular detachment meeting within thirty days, or they can be appointed by the Commandant for the remaining term of office.

SECTION 10 - MEETINGS

Regular meeting shall be held on the third (3) Saturday of each month unless other arrangements are agreed upon by the Executive Committee. Special meetings may be called by the Commandant.

SECTION 11 - PLACE OF MEETINGS

The place of meetings is to be at a place designated by the Body. In the event that the regular meeting place is changed, written notice shall be sent to all members by the Adjutant or published in the monthly newsletter.

SECTION 12 - DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS

Date and time of all regular meetings shall be determined by the Executive Committee and all special meetings by the Commandant.

SECTION 13 - RULES OF ORDER

Robert's Revised Rules of Order will be used in all meetings for the transaction of official business.

SECTION 15 - QUORUM

The minimum number of members that must be present for the transaction of business is five (5). In the event that less than 5 are present, all business shall be deferred until such time that a quorum is met.

SECTION 16 - DUES

The dues of the L-Z Old Corps Detachment are twenty dollars (\$20.00) for new members and renewals per year. Any raise in the dues must be approved by the body at a regular meeting. Any raise by the Department or National will be passed on with no action necessary.

SECTION 17 - ELECTION, INSTALLATION

The Commandant shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three members who will select the candidates for office and announce the candidates at the February meeting. Anyone wishing to run for office must contact the nominating committee prior to the February meeting or must be present at the February meeting when nominations can be accepted from the floor. Nominations will be closed at the close of the February meeting. If for some reason a nominated person drops out for any reason with no other candidate running for that office, nominations may be opened at the March meeting for that office only to select a candidate. The L-Z Old Corps Detachment shall conduct annual elections at the March meeting. The installation date of officers will be decided by the body. This may be changed at any time so long as the installation is within thirty days of the election.

SECTION 18 - MEMBERS

The L-Z Old Corps Detachment shall be the sole judge of its membership. The detachment will not however, accept as a member any person whose name has been stricken from the rolls of the Marine Corps League by the Department or National organization.

SECTION 19 - RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

- A. Only regular members in good standing shall be eligible for nomination for election to office, or to vote on all issues at detachment meetings.
- B. Delinquent members shall have the right to attendance at any regular meeting, but have no right to vote and no right to be heard except by permission of the presiding officer.
- C. Dropped members shall have no rights until they have been re-instated to membership and have paid their dues one year in advance, Section 630 of the National By-Laws shall apply.
- D. Associate members can vote on all detachment matters except Marine Corps League policy and election of officers. Associate members can not hold elected office.
- E. No member shall be deprived of any rights and privileges in the Marine Corps League except for non-payment of dues unless he shall first be charged, tried and convicted in accordance with the provisions of these By-laws dealing with offenses and penalties or unless that member is convicted of a felony.

SECTION 20 - BONDING

All members of the L-Z Old Corps Detachment handling money shall be bonded. The detachment Commandant and Adjutant Paymaster are covered under a "BLANKET" Bond held and paid for by the National Headquarters. The bonding of any and all other detachment officers shall be arranged for and paid for by the detachment. An audit is required by National Headquarters to be eligible for the Blanket Bond. Checks written by the detachment must have two (2) signatures. Three (3) members will be authorized to sign checks, the Commandant, Paymaster and a member in good standing approved by the body.

SECTION 21 - EXPENDITURES

All expenditures in excess of \$100.00 must be approved by the body. This includes all expenditures by elected or appointed officers and covers all detachment accounts. In the event of a higher dollar amount is needed, a total of four (4) officers must make the approval.

SECTION 22 - MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Membership in the L-Z Old Corps Detachment is limited to those persons who are serving or who have served honorably in the United States Marine Corps 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.

SECTION 23 - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Any person eligible for membership in the Marine Corps League under the provisions of the Congressional Charter and by-laws of the Marine Corps League, may initiate the standard application for membership by correctly completing the application form with all required dates and returning the completed application of the member sponsoring the applicant with required dues and fees.

- A. The sponsor shall inspect the applicant's credentials (discharge, separation papers or active duty or Reserve ID card) and verify the accuracy of all data supplied and shall present the application at the next regular meeting along with the required dues and fees.
- B. The detachment Adjutant shall read into the record the application at the proper time, all pertinent data including name of sponsor and clearly state that the required dues and fees have been verified and are in possession of the detachment. (No applicant shall be present in the meeting in which the application is being considered.)
- C. The membership present at such meeting shall vote upon the application by secret ballot or show of hands, at the discretion of the presiding office.
- D. In cases where the applicant is rejected, all money received from the applicant shall be returned to the applicant by the sponsor.
- E. Upon receipt of an affirmative vote of the applicant's acceptance, the Adjutant shall notify the applicant of the date and time of initiation.

SECTION 24 - INITIATION

All applicants for membership in the marine Corps League should be properly initiated with the Ritual and be presented at the official lapel pin of the Marine Corps League.

SECTION 25 - MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FEES

The payment of annual National membership dues entitles all members in good standing an automatic subscription to the National periodical, marine Corps League News and enrollment in any National programs that may be in effect.

SECTION 26 - GOOD STANDING

All members shall be considered in good standing in the Marine Corps League except when:

- A. Required dues are not paid and transmitted prior to the member's expiration date.

SECTION 27 - DELINQUENT MEMBER

A member will be identified as delinquent, and so reported to the department and National Headquarters when member's dues have expired past the date shown on the membership card.

SECTION 28 - INELIGIBLE MEMBER

Any member may be required to prove membership eligibility at any time. Should it be determined after careful investigation, that a member does not have the required qualifications for membership in accordance with the Charter and by-laws of the Marine Corps League, such members shall be dropped from the rolls immediately, proper notice of such action and the reason therefore shall be expedited to the Department and National Headquarters.

SECTION 29 - MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

Any member in good standing may transfer from one detachment to another, without payment of additional dues or transfer fees upon application to and approval of the gaining detachment and the losing detachment. All transfers are subject to the by-laws of the Department and National Organizations.

SECTION 30 - MEMBER'S DEATH

Upon notification of the death of a member:

- A. The detachment shall:
 - 1. Immediately contact the family of the deceased member for the purpose of offering assistance and condolences.
 - 2. Without delay, report the death of a member citing deceased full name, next of kin and known arrangements to the Department Chaplain with a copy to the National Director of Administration.

SECTION 31 - DISCIPLINE

In all questions of discipline, the L-Z Old Corps Detachment will follow and abide by the Department and National By-Laws concerning the subject.

SECTION 31 - FUND RAISING

In all cases concerning fund raising, the L-Z Old Corps Detachment will follow and abide by Department and National By-Laws and the laws of the State of New York.

SECTION 33 - AUTHORITY

All subsidiary organizations and subordinate groups which presently and in the future shall function and operate directly or indirectly under the Congressional Charter and name of the L-Z Old Corps Detachment Marine Corps League are and shall be subject to the authority, supervision, direction, and control and discipline of the Marine Corps League at its respective levels.

SECTION 34 - MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY

The Marine Corps League recognizes and adopts the Marine Corps League Auxiliary as the official Women's Auxiliary of the Marine Corps League and declares that the Marine Corps League Auxiliary shall ever be subject to the controls and supervision of the marine Corps League at its respective level.

SECTION 36 - MILITARY ORDER OF DEVIL DOGS

The Marine Corps League recognizes the Military Order of Devil Dogs as the official subsidiary organization of the Marine Corps League which shall ever be subject to the authority, control, and discipline of the Marine Corps League. Membership in the Military Order of Devil Dogs shall be limited to members of the marine Corps League.

SECTION 36 - MILITARY ORDER OF DEVIL DOG FLEAS

The Marine Corps League recognizes the Military Order of Devil Dog Fleas as an official subsidiary organization of the marine Corps League Auxiliary which shall be subject to the authority, supervision, direction, control and discipline of the Marine Corps League. membership in the Military Order of Devil Dog Fleas shall be limited to members of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary.