



**CORPORAL PETE ARNOLD  
DETACHMENT 1198**

**Harford County, Maryland**

**BYLAWS**

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**BYLAWS**  
**ARTICLE ONE**  
**NAME AND PURPOSE/MISSION**

**SECTION 100 – NAME**

No Detachment shall be named in honor of a living person. No detachment shall adopt a name previously adopted by any other Detachment unless such other Detachment has surrendered or by revocation has lost its charter. This Detachment is not formed for profit. The name of the non-profit organization shall be the Corporal Pete Arnold Detachment 1198, Department of Maryland, of the Marine Corps League, a Congressionally Chartered Marine Veterans Organization; hereinafter referred to as “Detachment”.

**SECTION 101 – PURPOSE/MISSION**

The Purpose of the Detachment shall be:

- a. To preserve the traditions and promote the interests of the United States Marine Corps;
- b. To band those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorable discharged from that service together in camaraderie and fellowship that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy;
- c. To fit its members for duties of citizenship and to encourage them to serve as ably as citizens as they have served the Nation under arms;
- d. To hold sacred the history and memory of the men who have given their lives to the Nation;
- e. To foster love for the principles which they have supported by blood and valor since the founding of the Republic;
- f. To maintain true allegiance to the American institutions;
- g. To create a bond of comradeship between those in the service and those who have returned to civilian life;
- h. To aid voluntarily and to render assistance to all Marines and former Marines as well as their families, widow, widowers and their orphans;
- i. To perpetuate the history of the United State Marine Corps, and by fitting acts, to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines, and;
- j. To promote and support the United States Marine Corps Reserve;

- k. To voluntarily aid local charitable and community service activities that are appropriate and within the purview of Detachment capability, such as Toys for Tots, providing honor and color guards, parade participation, and;
- l. To foster and encourage youth activities, patriotism, physical development and the promulgation of responsible citizenship activities such as high school level Marine Junior ROTC, the Young Marines, Devil Pups, Scouting and 4-H programs.

## **SECTION 102 – LOCATION AND MEETING**

The location and principal territorial interest of the Detachment is Harford County, northern and northeast Baltimore County of Maryland. Meetings are held monthly at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8672, 1714 Morse Road, Forest Hill, Maryland.

- a. The Detachment is organized for non-profit purposes. Individual members may not derive profit from any Detachment activity or program. This does not, however, prohibit the Detachment from hiring a member or other person on a commercial basis to provide services to the Detachment when the best interest of the Detachment or its programs will be best served.
- b. The property of the Detachment is dedicated to the purpose of this veteran's organization and no part of the net income or assets shall ever inure to the benefit of any officer, trustee or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person.
- c. Upon the dissolution of the Detachment, except when the Detachment is dissolved due to suspension/revocation of its Charter and then all assets and liabilities are assumed by the Department Board of Trustees, the assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all its debts and liabilities shall be distributed to the Marine Corps Historical Foundation, Building 58, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C. 20374-0580.

**BYLAWS**  
**ARTICLE TWO**  
**DETACHEMENT**

**SECTION 200 – BYLAWS**

The Detachment may adopt Detachment Bylaws and Administrative Procedures which are not inconsistent with the Department of Maryland, National Charter and Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, provided they have been approved by the Department Judge Advocate and provided further that a copy of such approved Bylaws and Administrative procedures are on file with the Department of Maryland Judge Advocate.

**SECTION 205 – OFFICERS**

The Detachment may have such elected and appointed officers as required by its Detachment and Department Bylaws. The Detachment, however, must elect a Commandant, a Senior Vice Commandant, a Junior Vice Commandant and a Judge Advocate. The Detachment shall elect or appoint a Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms, Adjutant, Paymaster or and Adjutant/Paymaster, and such other officers as necessary. The Standard report of Officers and Installation of Detachment Officers must be received at National Headquarters via the Department of Maryland **NOT LATER THAN 31 JULY ANNUALLY.**

**SECTION 207 – ELIGIBILITY AND TERM LIMIT FOR OFFICERS**

All officers serving as elected officers must be regular members in good standing of the Detachment. At the will of the Detachment, associate members may serve in appointive offices **only**, in accordance with Article Six, Section 600 (b). Detachment officers shall be elected for a term of one year and may stand for re-election one (1) consecutive year. Should any elected officer be unopposed after he/she has served his/her second term of office, that officer may continue to serve for another term of office.

**SECTION 210 – MEETINGS**

The Detachment shall hold regular meetings once a month, unless a majority of the membership present at a regular meeting decides otherwise. In consensus with the majority of the Detachment, the monthly meeting shall be on the date, time and place as announced in the monthly newsletter. However, should the majority of the membership at a duly formed Detachment meeting vote to suspend a meeting during the summer/vacation season; the Commandant will suspend that meeting.

Any notice of special meetings or change of regular meeting dates shall be given to the membership by the Adjutant by e-mail/mail/telephone at least five (5) days in advance of said meeting. If the regular monthly meeting falls on a holiday, or for some other reason cannot be

held on the regular date, the Board of Trustees, by majority vote, may select some other day in that month or delete the meeting for just cause.

The Detachment Charter, or copy thereof, the National and Marine Corps Colors and a Bible shall be displayed at all regular business meetings.

### **SECTION 215 – QUORUM**

The quorum for all meetings shall be a majority of those present as long as there is no less than ten (10) regular members in good standing and of the number two (2) must be duly elected officers.

### **SECTION 220 – CHARTER AND INSTALLATION**

The Detachment Charter or copy shall always be displayed at the general/business meeting.

- a. Installation of the elected and appointed officers of the Detachment shall be conducted within thirty (30) days subsequent of the election.
- b. An Installing Officer must be requested from the Department of Maryland Commandant or an elected Department Officer, Past Department Commandant, Past National Commandant, Past Detachment Commandant or other elected Marine Corps League Officer.
- c. The Installing Officer is responsible for forwarding the report of installation to Department and National Headquarters within fifteen (15) days of installation, but in no case, later than 30 June of each election year; keeping in accordance with Department Bylaws, Article Five, Section 530(b) & Section 530(c).
- d. The suspension or revocation of Charter may be consummated by a Department Board of Trustees and/or the National Board of Trustee and shall be implemented in accordance with the provisions of the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures in manner considerate of the well being and good name of all concerned.
- e. When a Detachment Charter is suspended or revoked, the Board of Trustees of the jurisdictional Department assumes custody of such Department's assets and liabilities. The Board of Trustees of such jurisdictional Department shall, within the limits of such assets, satisfy the liabilities of the detachment in question.

### **SECTION 225 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

All elections of officers (Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant and Judge Advocate) shall be by ballot and the candidate receiving a majority of votes of those present and voting shall become elected.

The Commandant shall appoint a nominating committee annually in January. The nominating committee shall prepare a recommended slate of officers for presentation during the February meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at this meeting. Election of officers shall be held annually during the March meeting. Newly elected officers are to be installed during the April meeting; keeping in accordance with Department Bylaws, Article Five, Section 530.

#### **SECTION 228 – BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The elected officers of the Detachment shall serve as the Board of Trustees; however, the outgoing Detachment Commandant or a Past Detachment Commandant shall serve a one year term as a member of the Board of Trustees and shall be a voting member.

#### **SECTION 230 – DEFAULT**

When the Detachment is in default of any payment of monies to the Department of Maryland or the National Headquarters or fails to submit its Detachment Officers Installation report as of July 31, prior to the ensuing National Convention, such fact shall be reported by the detachment Paymaster to the National Convention Credentials Committee via the Department of Maryland.

#### **SECTION 235 – FREEDOM OF ACTION**

Unless expressly forbidden by any section of the Department and/or National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, the detachment shall be to take such action and engage in such activities as are not in violation with Federal, State, County or Local Laws and Ordinances.

**BYLAWS**  
**ARTICLE THREE**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**SECTION 300 – COMPOSITION**

The Detachment Board of Trustees shall be composed of the Detachment Commandant, the Detachment Senior Vice Commandant, the Detachment Junior Vice Commandant, the Detachment Judge Advocate and the Detachment Junior Past Commandant.

**SECTION 305 – POWERS AND AUTHORITY**

Complying with the provision of the Congressional Charter, the National Bylaws, the Department of Maryland Bylaws, and these Bylaws, the Powers and Authority of the Detachment Board of Trustees shall:

- a. To suspend or remove from office for cause any Detachment Officers;
- b. To exercise such other powers and does such other things as are compatible with these Bylaws, the Department of Maryland Bylaws and the National Bylaws, in the best interest of the Department.

**SECTION 310 – DUTIES OF BOARD MEMBERS**

In addition to the specific duties of the individual board members, as hereinafter stated, it shall be the duties of each member of the board to acquire a working knowledge of these Bylaws. The specific duties of members of the Detachment Board of Trustees shall be:

a. **DETACHMENT COMMANDANT**

It shall be the duty of the Detachment Commandant to preside at all Board of Trustees and staff meetings; to observe and enforce the Congressional Charter, the Bylaws of the Marine Corps League, the Department of Maryland and the Detachment; to represent the Detachment at meetings of the Department Staff; to make and promulgate all orders and regulations, and appoint such committees as necessary for the proper administration of the affairs of the Harford County Detachment; to ask advice and counsel of the Detachment Board of Trustees; to call such meetings of the Board of Trustees as may be necessary or on request of a majority of the Detachment Board of Trustees members; to have custody of funds and property of the Detachment subject to supervision of the Board of Trustees; and with the advice and consent of the Detachment Board of Trustees, appoint the following Staff Officers:

1. Detachment Adjutant
2. Detachment Paymaster
3. Detachment Chaplain

4. Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms
5. Detachment Director of Veterans Services
6. Detachment Quartermaster
7. Detachment Public Information Officer
8. Detachment Historian
9. Other Detachment officers as may be deemed necessary

b. **DETACHMENT SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT**

It shall be the duty of the Detachment Senior Vice Commandant, in the event of a vacancy in the office of the Detachment Commandant, to assume the duties thereof; shall be responsible for entertainment and social events of the Detachment, perform as the chairperson of the Detachment Budget and Fundraising Committee; and to perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Detachment Commandant and/or the Board of Trustees.

c. **DETACHMENT JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT**

It shall be the duty of the Detachment Junior Vice Commandant, in the event of a vacancy in the office of the Detachment Senior Vice Commandant, to assume the duties thereof; serves as chairperson of the Detachment Membership Committee; and to perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Detachment Commandant and/or the Board of Trustees.

d. **DETACHEMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE**

It shall be the duty of the Detachment Judge Advocate to act as legal counsel of the Detachment; to advise all Detachment Officers concerning the Constitution and Bylaws of the Marine Corps League, Department of Maryland and of this Detachment; when requested to do so, to render opinions on all questions of law that may arise and if requested, reduce his/her opinions to writing and file copy thereof with the Detachment Adjutant; shall serve as the chairperson of the Detachment Bylaws Committee; and to perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Detachment Commandant and/or the Board of Trustees.

e. **DETACHMENT JUNIOR PAST COMMANDANT**

The immediate Past Commandant or a Past Commandant shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees to assume this office, without further election as the new Commandant is installed and takes office; shall be the chairperson of the Nominating Committee and supervises the election of officers; serves as Assistant Chairperson of the Detachment Membership Committee; perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Detachment Commandant and/or the Board of Trustees.

1. If the immediate Past Commandant is unwilling to serve, unable to serve due to death/illness, resigned as Commandant or been removed as Commandant; the Board of Trustees may fill this position with any Detachment Past Commandant



## **SECTION 315 – VACANCIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS**

Resignation, death or unexcused absence of three (3) consecutive meetings by any elected officer shall constitute a vacancy of said office. When a Detachment elective officer fails to attend three (3) successive regular monthly meetings, the Commandant shall request by mail (signature required delivery) an explanation for failure to attend meetings and apparent lack of interest on the part of such officer(s). If an explanation is not received within ten (10) day after such request is sent to the last known address, or if the explanation is unsatisfactory, the Detachment Board of Trustees may declare such office vacant. The order of succession to the office of the Detachment Commandant shall be (1) Detachment Senior Vice Commandant and (2) Detachment Junior Vice Commandant. In the event of other vacancies on the Detachment Board of Trustees, the Detachment Commandant, with the advice and consent of the remaining Board members, shall appoint a successor to fill the remaining unexpired term of office at the next regular meeting.

## **SECTION 320 – BOARD MEETINGS**

- a. Meetings shall be at the call of the Detachment Commandant or a majority of the members of the Board of Trustees, at least once each quarter and as often as said Commandant may deem necessary
- b. Meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be conducted with order and precedence of the National Marine Corps League Bylaws and Roberts Revised Rules of Order. No detachment business shall be conducted outside such meetings.

## **SECTION 325 – QUORUM**

The presence of a majority of the Board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

## **SECTION 330 – VOTING**

Each Board member shall have one vote. There shall be no proxy voting. Members shall abstain from voting on matters pertaining to their specific office or direct area of responsibility.

## **SECTION 335 – CONDUCT OF BUSINESS**

The Detachment Board of Trustees is empowered to conduct business at any regular or special meeting, by mail (to include e-mail) or by telephone. All business by mail requiring a “yes or no” vote shall be handled routinely by the Detachment Adjutant who shall mail to each Detachment Staff member and Board member and identical copy of the question on a printed ballot containing space for the “yes or no” vote with a space for the voter’s signature and date.

### **SECTION 340 – EXPENSES**

The Detachment, upon approval of the Detachment Staff and Board members shall reimburse the Detachment Board members and others as determined by the Board for expense incurred in attending special meetings.

### **SECTION 350 – EXPENDITURES**

No member of the Detachment shall enter into a contract of financial commitment on behalf of the Detachment without prior approval from the Commandant, the Board of Trustees and with the approval of the membership with exception to:

- a. The Board of Trustees shall have a maximum of \$500.00 per month for discretionary spending without first having received approval and ratification of the membership. This would primarily be for urgent operating costs or expenses that need immediate attention.
- b. The Commandant shall have a maximum of \$150.00 per month for discretionary spending without first having received approval from the Board of Trustees or approval and ratification of the membership. This would be for normal operating costs such as office supplies, postage, printing or urgent Detachment matters.

**BYLAWS**  
**ARTICLE FOUR**  
**DETACHMENT STAFF**

**SECTION 400 – COMPOSITION**

The Detachment Staff shall be composed of the Detachment Board of Trustees and all appointed Detachment Staff Officers and Committee Chairpersons.

**SECTION 405 – POWERS**

The power and authority of the Detachment Staff shall be advisory only.

**SECTION 410 – DUTIES OF DETACHMENT STAFF OFFICERS**

It shall be the duty of each Detachment staff officer to acquire a working knowledge of these Bylaws in addition to those duties further defined:

a. **DETACHEMNT ADJUTANT**

It shall be the duty of the Detachment Adjutant to keep minutes of all Detachment meetings, Detachment Board of Trustees meetings and Detachment Staff Meetings; to perform those duties usually assigned to recording secretaries; and to perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Detachment Commandant and/or the Board of Trustees

b. **DETACHMENT PAYMASTER**

It shall be the duty of the Detachment Paymaster to keep proper and necessary books for the recording of all business of the; to hold all monies, property and securities of the Detachment; to keep a correct record of all financial transactions; to deposit all monies and securities in a bank designated by the Board of Trustees in the names of the Detachment; to ensure that all expenditures of the Detachment monies are made by check, signed by the Detachment Paymaster, Detachment Commandant or other designated elected officer; prepares a monthly report for the Board of Trustees, reflecting the condition of the finances of the Detachment, which such recommendations as he/she may deem expedient or necessary for raising funds with which to carry on the activities of the Detachment; retain and produce, upon request, all financial records, vouchers and papers required for the proper maintenance of the Detachment account and/or for the required annual audit; to close the books on collections of dues for the determination of voting rights on 1 June of each year; to surrender all books, records and other property of the Detachment with which he/she is charged to the duly appointed and qualified successor, or to a proper audit committee of the Detachment; and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Detachment Commandant and/or Board of Trustees.

c. **DETACHMENT CHAPLAIN**

It shall be the duty of the Detachment Chaplain to perform such duties of a spiritual nature for the welfare of all members and will offer divine but non-sectarian services in the event of dedications, funerals, public functions, meetings, etc. as are required by the Bylaws and rituals of the Detachment, Department and the Marine Corps League; to perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Detachment Commandant and/or the board of Trustees.

d. **DETACHMENT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**

It shall be the duty of the Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms to preserve order at all Detachment meetings; to arrange the quarters and insure that only paid-up qualified members and authorized guests are admitted and present at such meetings; to be the custodians of the Detachment Colors; and to perform other duties as may be assigned by the Detachment Commandant and/or the Board of Trustees.

e. **DETACHMENT DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICES**

It shall be the duty of the Detachment's Director of Veterans Services to assist Detachment members, Marine veterans and/or their dependents in securing any benefits provided by law pertaining to their veteran dependent status; to advise all Detachment members of their benefits provided by law; and to perform such other duties as may be assigned by the detachment Commandant and/or the Board of Trustees.

f. **DETACHMENT QUARTERMASTER**

It shall be the duty of the Detachment Quartermaster to secure uniform articles and Marine or Marine Corps League related articles for distribution to Detachment members.

g. **DETACHMENT HISTORIAN**

It shall be the duty of the Detachment Historian to secure and maintain articles of memorabilia relating to the Detachment, or items of interest relating to the United States Marine Corps in the Maryland area.

h. **DETACHMENT PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE**

It shall be the duty of the Public Information Officer to submit articles, pictures, film and information periodically to local media publicizing the works of the Detachment and the Marine Corps League.

**SECTION 415 – VACANCIES OF APPOINTED OFFICERS**

In the event of a vacancy in any appointed officer for any cause, the vacancy shall be filled immediately by the Detachment Commandant with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees.

### **SECTION 420 – CONTRACTS**

No Detachment officer or committee member shall enter into or in any manner commit the Detachment to a contract without the approval of the Detachment Commandant. The Detachment Board of Trustees thereafter shall have the power to accept or reject by majority vote any such approved contract.

### **SECTION 425 – STAFF MEETINGS**

The Detachment Staff shall meet at any time as may be called by the Detachment Commandant or by a majority of the Board of Trustees. No Detachment business shall be conducted outside such meetings.

### **SECTION 430 – QUORUM**

The presence of a majority of the Detachment Staff members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

### **SECTION 435 – VOTING**

Each Detachment Staff member shall have one vote. There shall be no proxy voting. Members shall abstain from voting on matters pertaining to their specific office or direct area of responsibility.

**BYLAWS**  
**ARTICLE FIVE**  
**MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION 500 – MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY**

- a. **Regular Membership:** Only persons who are serving or who have served honorably in the United States Marine Corps, "ON ACTIVE DUTY," for not less than ninety (90) days and earned the Eagle, Globe and Anchor; \* or who have served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and have earned no less than ninety (90) Reserve Retirement Credit Points; U.S. 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; and U. S. Navy Chaplains, having earned the FMF Badge, serving with Marines; 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 Officers 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 the National Bylaws, Article Six, Section 600(a) shall be deemed to be retroactive prior to August 10, 2002, to affect current Regular Members. ("Honorable Service" will be defined by the last DD Form 214 or Certificate of Discharge that the applicant received). *General Discharge under Honorable Conditions is acceptable.*

1. Members-at-Large (see National Bylaws, Article Six, Section 640)
2. Life Members (see National Bylaws, Article Six, Section 645)
3. Dual Membership (see National Bylaws, Article Six, Section 650)

- b. **Associate Membership:** Those individuals not qualified for regular membership in the Marine Corps League who espouse the principles and purposes of the Marine Corps League as contained in its Congressional 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 amounts as prescribed for regular members, including initiation fees. A membership pin and membership card, indicating "Associate Member" will be issued by National Headquarters. An associate member shall be entitled to the rights, privileges, and benefits of a regular member, unless otherwise prohibited. Such member shall not vote on any regular or associate membership applications; cannot participate in the nomination process and/or elections of officers; or hold an elective office. Associate members are allowed to vote on all internal affairs of the Detachment except for those items noted above and votes that affect a policy of the Marine Corps League, such as Bylaws or Bylaw changes.

1. Individuals who are serving or have served in other branches of the Armed Forces of the United States must have served honorably.

2. Individuals, applying for Associate Membership must have reached the statutory minimum age for enlistment into the United States Marine Corps or U.S. Marine Corps Reserve prior to being enrolled as an Associate Member.
- c. **Honorary Membership**: A Detachment may, at the discretion of the Commandant, issue honorary membership to those persons who have been of extraordinary service to the Nation, to the community, to the United States Marine Corps, or the Marine Corps League. The honorary member will not be entitled to the rights, privileges and benefits available to a Regular or Associate Member. A suitable certificate will be issued to honor the occasion. Payment of dues or initiation fees is not required; however, such membership will not be entitled to the official publication of the Marine Corps League, except as may be directed by the National Board of Trustees, or by paid subscription. Membership card and certificate will be available from National Headquarters.
  - d. **Honorary Active Duty Membership**: The Detachment may, at the discretion of the Commandant, issue Honorary Membership to Active Duty Marines, FMF Corpsmen and Navy Chaplains, free of charge, for the entire tour of their active military duty. These Honorary Active Duty Members will be entitled to the rights, privileges and benefits available to a Regular Member, except for receipt of the official printed publication but will be eligible to obtain a copy of the official publication on line at no charge. In addition, members in this category will not be counted as an eligible voting delegate member in accordance with National Bylaws, nor will this category of membership be eligible to hold an elected office in the Marine Corps League.

## **SECTION 505 – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Any person eligible for membership in the Marine Corps League under the provision of the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures may initiate application for membership by completing a standard application form to include signature and presenting the application with all required dues and fees to a sponsoring member of the Detachment. The applicant for membership must present to the Detachment along with the application, dues, fees a valid DD Form 214, current military ID card or retirement certificate as proof of honorable service.

## **SECTION 510 – MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FEES**

The payment of annual National membership dues entitles all members in good standing an automatic subscription to the Marine Corps League publication, enrollment privileges in any National Group Insurance Program that may be in effect and a copy of the Detachment newsletter to be transmitted either by e-mail or US Postal Service.

## **SECTION 515 – GOOD STANDING**

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

- a. Regular dues are not paid and transmitted on or before membership expiration date as shown on the member's Marine Corps League membership card.
- b. A member is indebted or in arrears to the Detachment, Department or to the National Headquarters.
- c. Under suspension as punishment upon the adjudication or guilt as is provided in Chapter Nine, Section 900 of the Department of Maryland Administrative Procedures.
- d. In all cases involving the transfer of a member from the Detachment, the Detachment Commandant shall certify in writing whether the member is in good standing.

### **SECTION 525 – INELIBIBLE MEMBER**

Any member may be required to prove membership eligibility qualifications at any time. Should it be determined, after careful investigation, that a member does not have the required qualifications for membership such member shall be dropped from the Detachment rolls immediately. Proper notice of such action and the reason for it shall be expedited to the Department of Maryland and National Headquarters.

### **SECTION 530 – RIGHTS OF MEMBERS**

No member shall be deprived of any rights or privileges in the Marine Corps League except for non-payment of dues or other indebtedness, unless the member shall first be charged, tried and found guilty in accordance with the provision of these Bylaws and Administrative Procedures dealing with offense and penalties.

### **SECTION 535 – RIGHT OF APPEAL**

The right of appeal under the provision of these Bylaws and Administrative Procedure shall not be denied.

### **SECTION 540 – LIFE MEMBERS**

Regular or Associate Members of the Marine Corps League who are in Good Standing may become a Life Member, upon proper payment of the fee. A Life Member shall be subject to the payment of NO further dues to a Detachment, Department, or National. Such member shall have all the privileges, rights, and benefits enjoyed as a member so long as that Life Member shall live. Should a Marine Corps League member choose to become a member in multiple Detachments, they must become a member in good standing by paying Annual or Life Membership dues in each additional Detachment. The Life Membership fee shall be as established by the National Convention.



**SECTION 545 – DUAL MEMBERSHIP**

Refer to National Bylaws, Article Six, Section 650

**BYLAWS**  
**ARTICLE SIX**  
**MISCELLANEOUS**

**SECTION 600 – AMENDMENTS**

These Bylaws may be amended or altered in whole or in part at any regular or special meeting of the Detachment by two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided such action has been announced a minimum of fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting. Such adopted amendments shall not become effective until the next regular or special meeting of the Detachment.

**SECTION 605 – EFFECTIVE DATE**

Any revision, amendment or repeal of these Bylaws shall become effective upon the date specified. If no date is specified, it shall be effective upon close of the meeting at which it is approved.

**SECTION 610 – BYLAWS DISTRIBUTION**

A copy of these Bylaws shall be given to the Department Judge Advocate, the Detachment Commandant, the Detachment Judge Advocate and Detachment Adjutant. A copy shall be made available upon request of any Detachment member.

**SECTION 615 – COMMITTEES**

The Commandant may appoint committees at his/her pleasure. Two standing Detachment committees will include:

- a. Nominating Committee, per Section 225 of these Bylaws – Election of Officers.
- b. Marine of the Year Committee - which shall be comprised of the previous recipients of the Detachment MOY award, with the most current recipient chairing the committee.
- c. Nominees considered for Detachment MOY must be a **regular** member in good standing, who is in compliance with Article Six (6), Section 615 of the 2004 edition of the Marine Corp League's National Bylaws, as amended.

**SECTION 620 – FINANCES**

Dues shall be determined by the Detachment board of Trustees and approved or disapproved by the membership. Dues shall not be less than that amount set by the Department and National Headquarters.

Dues for Department and National shall be forwarded to the Department Paymaster in an expeditious manner.

All funds received by Detachment Paymaster shall be deposited in the name of Detachment in banks or savings companies designated by the membership.

**An audit shall be performed annually each May. The Commandant shall appoint an audit committee consisting of three (3) members, one of which shall be the current Judge Advocate. They shall review all records of receipts and expenditures kept by the Detachment Paymaster and present their report of audit at the next Detachment meeting.**

Fund raising activity shall not violate a Federal, State or Municipal Law or Ordinance nor reflect discredit upon the Marine Corps League.

### **SECTION 625 – SUBSIDIARIES AND SUBORDINATE GROUPS**

National Bylaws, Article seven (7) shall be applied as needed by this Detachment.

### **SECTION 635 – DETACHMENT PROPERTY INVENTORY**

The Detachment Commandant will cause an inventory of all Detachment property to be conducted by the Sergeant-at-Arms and another Detachment member during the month of December and a written report of the inventory will be present to the Detachment during the January business meeting.

### **SECTION 640 – DISSOLUTION**

Should this organization be dissolved all funds, property and assets shall be given to the Department of Maryland, Marine Corps League.

### **SECTION 645 – VIOLATIONS**

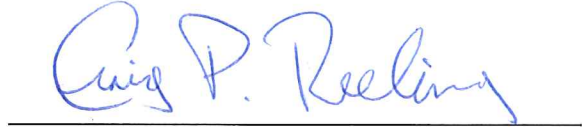
Any member who violate the precepts of these Bylaws or Administrative Procedures is subject to the provision of Chapter Nine, Grievance and Discipline as stated in the Administrative Procedures of the Department of Maryland

The Cpl Pete Arnold Detachment 1198 Bylaws, Version 5 (Revised June 2017) have been approved by the Detachment Membership.



Timothy Shepard  
**Detachment Judge Advocate**

Date: 7/20/17



Craig P. Reeling  
**Detachment Commandant**

Date: 7/20/17



Gerard Devlin  
**Judge Advocate**  
**Department of Maryland**

Date: August 5, 2017