



DATE: 11/19/2025

FROM: Sean Downey
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TO: Department of Texas Adjutant

SUBJECT: Modification to Article IX, Section 905 of the TXMCLBL

In accordance with TXMCLBL Article XI, Section 1100 and TXMCLAP Chapter Ten, Section 10020 the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at the 2026 Department of Texas Convention.

EXPLANATION of PROPOSED REVISION:

At the close of both the National Convention and the Department Convention, all approved NBL/NAP, and TXMCLBL/TXMCLAP that do not have a specific effective date, become effective upon the close of that convention. The Detachments of Texas often wait until their next annual Detachment review to implement these necessary changes, which would routinely reflect non-compliance with NBL/NAP, and TXMCLBL/TXMCLAP.

The way to correct this is to review and update the bylaws and administrative procedures promptly after the publication of the approved Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, and National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures. By doing this, the Detachment remains current with National and Department every year.

PROPOSED REVISION:

AS IT IS NOW

Section 905. Bylaws.

Department of Texas adheres to National Bylaws Section 905.

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE

Section 905. Bylaws. Each detachment shall adopt Bylaws and may adopt Administrative Procedures that are consistent with the TXMCLBL and TXMCLAP, and NBL and NAP. Bylaws and Administrative Procedures shall be approved by the Department Judge Advocate. In the absence of a jurisdictional department, the National Judge Advocate shall be the approving authority.

- A. Upon posting the updated NBL/NAP on the national website, and TXMCLBL/TXMCLAP on the department website, all relevant detachment Bylaws and Administrative Procedures shall be revised to reflect and comply with them with the sole requirement of approval from the Detachment elected officers. (Rev 2025)
- B. These updates shall be completed and submitted by the Detachment elected officers to the Department Judge Advocate for compliance review and approval no later than 31 January annually. Timely submission is required to maintain the Detachment's status in good standing. (Rev 2025)
 1. Use the latest version of the Detachment Bylaws and Administrative Procedures Certification form found in the Resources section of the Department of Texas website, txmcl.org. (Rev 2025)
- C. Upon receipt of the Detachment Bylaws and Administrative Procedures Certification form from the Detachment Judge Advocate, the Department Judge Advocate shall certify and approve the changes no later than 15 March. (Rev 2025)

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean P. Downey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Sean" and "P." on the first line and "Downey" on the second line.

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