



Department of Texas Marine Corps League 2025-2026 Judge Advocate

Since my installation as Department of Texas Judge Advocate in mid-March, I have focused primarily on compliance oversight, bylaw and administrative procedure reviews, and support to the Department Adjutant and Bylaws/Administrative Procedures process.

1. **Detachment Bylaws and Administrative Procedures Review:** I have reviewed, certified, and returned numerous Detachment Bylaws and Administrative Procedures for compliance with Marine Corps League National Bylaws, National Administrative Procedures, and Department of Texas governing documents. These reviews included both routine recertifications and updated submissions based on current National and Department requirements.
2. **Signature Tracking and Coordination:** I have maintained coordination with the Department Adjutant and Department Staff to track receipts, review status, certification, and return of Detachment governing documents. The attached spreadsheet reflects status, including documents signed and returned, documents pending revision, and detachments not yet signature ready.
3. **Guidance and Corrective Feedback:** Where deficiencies or compliance issues were identified, I provided written guidance to ensure corrections aligned with governing authority, ensuring detachments remain or are restored to good standing.
4. **Review of Proposed Department Governing Document Changes:** I reviewed and provided legal and procedural opinions on proposed amendments to the Department of Texas Administrative Procedures, including recent submissions related to Chapter Two and Chapter Six, confirming compliance with National and Department governing authority and suitability for convention consideration.
5. **Legal Guidance on Detachment Logos and Organizational Identity:** I have provided legal guidance to detachments regarding proper use of Marine Corps League trademarks, insignia, and logos, emphasizing compliance with National policy and protection of the League's identity. Additionally, I have addressed concerns involving similarly named or affiliated non-Marine Corps League organizations, clarifying distinctions to prevent confusion, misrepresentation, or implied endorsement, and advising on corrective measures where necessary to protect the League's legal and organizational integrity.



6. **Ongoing Advisory Support:** I continue to provide Judge Advocate advisory support to Department officers and committees as requested, with emphasis on governance consistency, procedural accuracy, and risk mitigation.

Respectfully Submitted

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