STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE  
SOUTHEAST DIVISION  
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of these procedures is to assist the National Vice Commandant (NVC) and members of the Southeast Division (SED) in arranging for the annual division conference.

The schedule of events to be covered is to include current Marine Corps League (MCL) policies, SED elections and training.

II. SOUTHEAST DIVISION OFFICERS

ELECTED:

National Vice Commandant (NVC)
Assistant Division Vice-Commandant (ADVC)

APPOINTED:

Division Adjutant/Paymaster or Adjutant and Paymaster
Division Sergeant at Arms
Division Aide-de-Camp in each Department (At discretion of the NVC)
Officers deemed necessary by the NVC

OFFICERS of SUBSIDIARY ORGANIZATIONS

National Vice President, SED Marine Corps League Auxiliary
Vice Chief Devil Dog, SED

III. RULES OF ORDER

(a) The MCL National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures will govern the proceedings at each SED Conference. Parliamentary reference will be Robert’s Rules of Order, newly revised.

(b) There will be one (1) vote per regular registered MCL member attending.

(c) Quorum: The minimum number of present attendees required to transact business shall be a majority of the number of regular MCL registered attendees, provided the total number of attendees present shall represent a majority of the Departments in the Division.
IV. SOUTHEAST DIVISION MEETINGS

(a) The SED Conference shall convene annually during the month of March, unless prevented by a national emergency, or other unpreventable cause. If this should ever occur, the alternative would be to address important issues at the next National Convention (during a SED Caucus).

(b) The ADVC will preside at the Commandants Council meeting the evening prior to the business meeting. All Department Commandants are requested to submit 30 written copies of their report for distribution.

(c) The date and location of the SED Conference is to be approved by attendees present and eligible to vote at the current conference. Locations of future conferences are to be decided and approved a minimum of two (2) years in advance.

V. SED CONFERENCE BIDS

(a) Bids to host the SED Conference shall include a letter from the bidding Department, Detachment or subsidiary, approved by the members and signed by both the Commandant and the Adjutant or their equivalent. The bid shall include a letter of agreement signed by the Host’s Commandant and Adjutant, or their equivalent. A letter of understanding signed by the Department Commandant in the department in which the bid is being held shall also be included. (Enclosure #1)

Each bidding Department, Detachment or subsidiary will present their bid, complete with all details, to the National Vice Commandant of the Southeast Division prior to the opening of the Conference, at which the bid is to be considered.

(b) The bid will include hotel/motel information, detailing the accommodations available and assurance that such facility is handicap accessible and eligible to display the International Wheelchair Symbol. In addition, a statement that all public in-house restaurants, lounges, restrooms and at least five (5) percent of all hotel/motel rooms are handicap accessible.

(c) Room rates for both single and double rooms are required, preferably one rate for both types.

(d) The SE Division National Vice Cmdt and or the SE Division Assistant Vice Cmdt shall visit the proposed conference site.

   Note – National checklist prefers flat rate for up to four persons.

(e) The reasonable availability of chauffeured vehicles for emergency use and for transportation of guests to and from transportation terminals.

(f) An adequate and acceptable hall to accommodate the joint opening session. Adequate meeting rooms for the MCL, MCLA, MODD, & MODDF.
(g) A room or special area to conduct Memorial Services (this can be held at an appropriate location outside the conference facility, provided transportation can be arranged for personnel who plan to attend).

(h) An adequate banquet facility with a public address system.

(i) There should be an accessible registration area available.

(j) Published details of all local entertainment activities, including cost of such events should be available to interested members.

(k) Complimentary rooms, registration and banquet tickets shall be provided for the SED NVC and the SED National Vice President, Marine Corps League Auxiliary. Banquet tickets shall be provided for their spouses.

VI. HOST RESPONSIBILITIES

**Note:** *A planning guide has been established to aide the hosting organization through the process of hosting a conference. See the Planning Guide on the SE Division web site.*

(a) Prepare and distribute information relating to the conference, to all Departments, Detachments, MODD Packs and Auxiliary, a minimum of six (6) months prior to the scheduled conference. Information should include, location, dates, times and costs related to the conference. Registration form (enclosure #2), advertisement form and a reminder for each Detachment to send in their nominee for the Division MOY (William D. “Bill” Carter) Award shall be included.

(b) Normal onsite registration fee for the conference will be $10.00 per MCL and MCLA member attending. A properly executed registration form will be submitted to the Host not later than two (2) weeks prior to the conference.

(c) A change in the amount of the registration fee may be requested, provided the request is submitted to the NVC one (1) month prior to the mailing of the conference packets. The NVC will make the final decision after discussion with the Host and Division Officers.

(d) There will be separate records of fees paid by the MCL and MCLA members attending. If a Department does not have an Auxiliary Unit(s) it will be the responsibility of the Department President or the Division Vice President to arrange for the staffing of the Auxiliary registration table. At the close of the Conference, the Host will turn over to the NVC, fifty (50) percent of the registration fees collected from MCL members attending. The Host will turn over to the National Vice President one hundred (100) percent of the MCLA registration fees.
(e) When checking in at registration, all attendees shall receive a name badge, conference program book and any entertainment or banquet tickets that were purchased. The name badge will have the attendee’s name (in large print), Detachment name and location.

(f) If at registration, a member’s credentials are challenged, the member’s Department Commandant, or authorized representative, may authenticate the credentials of the member in question. All MCL and MCLA members MUST possess a current membership card.

(g) In the event a host, which has previously committed to host a SED Conference, has to cancel, they shall immediately notify both their Department Commandant and the SED NVC. Should this situation occur, the Department Commandant is requested to canvas the other Detachments or subsidiaries within his/her Department to try to find a substitute Host. Should the Department Commandant find that no other Detachment or subsidiary is willing to commit, he/she shall notify the SED NVC no later than 45 days after the report of cancellation. The NVC will then contact and notify the other Department Commandants of the cancellation and request they canvas their Department for possible bids. A report is to be forwarded to the NVC no later than 45 days after the request. The SED NVC and the ADVC will have the authority to select the best offer and notify all Department Commandants of the change.

(h) At the close of the conference an After Action Report (Enclosure #3) shall be filled out and forwarded to the NVC and the host of the next year’s conference.

VII. SED PROTOCOL

(a) In an effort to extend proper respect, the following suggestions of mannerisms and courtesies should be followed when extending an invitation to a Detachment, Department, or SED function.

(1) All invitations should be in writing. If an invitation is verbal and accepted by the official, it should be followed up immediately with a written letter of confirmation, confirming the acceptance. It should also include all pertinent information concerning the scheduled function.

(2) If they were formally invited and they accepted, the Host shall make all complimentary lodging and registration arrangements.

(3) The Department or Detachment Commandant (or his/her designated representative) should meet guest(s) on arrival. The guest(s) should be assigned an aide who has proper knowledge of protocol procedures and is familiar with the surrounding area and your meeting facility/location.
(4) Guest(s) should be provided with an itinerary of events, which he/she is expected to attend.

(5) The Host should ensure that the proper arrangements have been made for the departure of their guest(s).

(b) When the Host extends a written invitation to any MCL National Officers or guest speaker from outside the area, complimentary rooms and banquet tickets shall be provided. To avoid any misunderstandings, any correspondence mailed out for informational purposes to other than specifically invited guests should be clearly marked, “FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY.” This will help avoid too many claims for complimentary rooms.

(c) National Officers are responsible for their own transportation expenses to and from where the function or activity is taking place. Once they arrive, they are the host's responsibility until they depart.

VIII. SED FUNDS

(a) The only funds the SED receives are from Conference registration fees, possible raffles and donations. The Division DOES NOT receive any portion of MCL membership dues or financial support from National Headquarters.

(b) The financial obligations the Division incurs annually, are for (1) purchases for the Division MOY (William D. “Bill” Carter) Award recipient, who will receive the Division Marine of the Year Medallion and ribbon with the FMF Device and the engraving on the Medallion, (2) updating the Southeast Division Rotating Attendance Award and the Tom Perrone and Milt Ockman Incentive awards, (3) advertisement for National Convention, and (4) printing and postage fees.

(c) The Division Paymaster is responsible for maintaining the Division financial account. He/she will record all transactions, dates, amounts and balances. The checking account will have two (2) names on the account (NVC & Paymaster), but only one (1) signature would be required to sign checks for authorized expenses listed in (b) above.

(d) As agreed upon by the SED membership, any checks for other than those items listed in (b) above will need approval of the membership at a SED Conference or at a National Convention.

(e) The NVC will appoint three (3) Division members to audit the account, along with the ADVC and the Paymaster. Whenever practical, the three (3) Division members appointed should be Past or present Department Commandants.

(f) An audit of the SED financial account will be conducted prior to the beginning of each SED Conference. At the general meeting, the Paymaster will announce results of this audit during his/her report.
IX. FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

(a) In accordance with Chapter Ten, Section 1004, Paragraph (g) of the National Administrative Procedures, any and all Fund Raising shall be under the control of the Hosting Organization. No other Detachment, Department or National Headquarters of the Marine Corps League, or any other Unit, Department or National Headquarters of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary, nor any individual or groups of individuals shall be permitted to engage in any fund raising, including sale of military or Marine Corps League related merchandise in, on or about the event site without the expressed approval and consent of the Detachment, Department or other organizations that is hosting the event, except as noted in this Section.

(b) The Division Marine of the Year (William D. “Bill” Carter) Award Society is authorized to raise the necessary funds for the purchase of the recipient’s award(s).

X. SOUTHEAST DIVISION AWARDS

A. There are four division awards which are presented annually at the Division Banquet.

1. MARINE OF THE YEAR

a. General. The Southeast Division Marine of the Year Award is named in honor of William D. “Bill” Carter and will be presented annually.

b. Marine of the Year Committee.

1). The Marine of the Year Committee (MOYC) will be a standing committee.

2). The Chairman, MOY Committee

   a). The Chairman of the MOYC (CMOYC) will be elected by the members of the committee at the end of the selection process before adjournment of the session.

   b.) The Chairman’s term is for two-years. Should the Chairman be unable to serve the full term, the Southeast Division National Vice Commandant shall appoint a temporary CMOYC. An election will be held at the next MOYC meeting for a new Chairman. The Temporary Appointed CMOYC shall be eligible for election to a full two-year term.
c). The Chairman may be elected for an additional term one time.
d). The Chairman will receive all sealed Nominations from the Assistant National Vice Commandant prior to the end of the first business session at the Conference.

3). **Committee Members**

a). Committee Members will be comprised of previous winners of the SE Division Carter MOY Award.

b). The committee quorum will be five members including the Chairman.

c). If there are not at least five (5) recipients present, the ANVC will appoint additional members to ensure that there are at least five members on the selection committee. Appointments will be considered in the following order:

   (1) Recipients of the National Marine of the Year Award.
   (2) Recipients of the Department Marine of the Year Award.
   (3) Recipients of the Detachment Marine of the Year award.
   (4) National and Department Officers present.

c. **Nominations**

1). The nomination letter must affirm that the nomination was approved by a majority vote of members of the Detachment.

2). Letters of Nomination must be submitted by the Detachment Commandant of the nominee and sent to the Assistant National Vice Commandant **by Priority Mail**.

   a). The period of consideration for the Award shall only include the member’s activities during the previous calendar year (1 January through 31 December).

   b) Each nomination submitted shall be placed in a sealed envelope and addressed to Southeast Division Marine of the Year Nomination; c/o Assistant National Vice Commandant;

   c). The sealed envelope containing the nomination shall then be placed in an additional envelope and mailed **via Priority Mail** to the Assistant National Vice Commandant *[mailing address can be found on the SE Division website, www.sediv.org]*.

3). Nominations must be post marked no later midnight, 1 March of the current year.
4). Nominations failing to meet the time requirement will not be considered.

5). The nominee must be a regular member in a Detachment in the SEDIV in good standing.

6). If the nominee is the Detachment Commandant, the Letter of Nomination will be endorsed by the Detachment Senior Vice Commandant.

7). Only one nomination can be made per Detachment.

d. Scoring

1). Nominations will be ranked by the CMOYC and each member.

2). The CMOYC and each Committee Member will rank nominations from first to last. The best nomination will receive a value of 1, the next best nomination will receive a value of two and so on until all nominations have a value.

3). The CMOYC and at least one additional member will total the scores and announce the results. The nomination with the lowest total values will be declared the winner.

4). When a tie occurs, the CMOYC and Committee Members will re-score the tying nominations. A value of 1 or 2 (and 3 if there is a three-way run off) will be given to the tying nominations by the CMOYC and Committee Members. Once again, the CMOYC and one member he chooses will total the scores. The nomination with the lowest total will be declared the winner. This process will continue until a winner is determined.

e. Awarding of MOY Medallion.

1). All nominees will be individually recognized prior to the announcement of the winner.

2). The announcement and awarding of the of the MOY will be done annually at the Southeast Division Conference Banquet by the SEDiv NVC and CMOYC.

f. List of Annual Marines of the Year.

1). A list of previous recipients will be maintained and updated annually by the Assistant National Vice Commandant.

2). The list of annual Carter MOY Recipients will be printed in the Conference Program Book each conference. See Enclosure (4).
2. ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE YEAR

   a. General. The Associate Member of the Year Award will be presented annually.

   b. Associate Member of the Year Committee.
      1). The Associate Member of the Year Committee (AMOY Committee) will be a
         standing committee.

      2). The Chairman, AMOY Committee

         a). The Chairman of the AMOY Committee will be elected by the members
             of the committee at the end of the selection process before adjournment of
             the session.

         b.) The Chairman’s term is for two-years. Should the Chairman be unable to
             serve the full term, the Southeast Division National Vice Commandant shall
             appoint a temporary AMOY Chairman. An election will be held at the next
             AMOY Committee meeting for a new Chairman. The Temporary Appointed
             Chairman shall be eligible for election to a full two year term.

         c). The Chairman may be elected for an additional term one time.

         d). The Chairman will receive all sealed Nominations from the Assistant
             National Vice Commandant prior to the end of the first business session at
             the Conference.

   3). Committee Members

      a). Initially, since there are no prior recipients of the SE Division Associate
          Member of the Year, Committee Members will be comprised of previous
          winners of the SE Division Carter MOY Award. In subsequent years, prior
          recipients of the Associate Member of the Year Award will displace the
          Carter Award Members until such time as the Associate recipients can
          comprise the full Committee.

      b). The committee quorum will be five members including the Chairman.

      c). If there are not at least five (5) recipients present, the ANVC will
          appoint additional members to ensure that there are at least five
          members on the selection committee. Appointments will be considered
          in the following order:

          (1) Recipients of the National Marine of the Year Award.
          (2) Recipients of the Division Marine of the Year Award.
          (3) Recipients of the Department Marine of the Year award.
          (4) Recipients of the Detachment Marine of the Year award.
          (5) National and Department Officers present.
b. **Nominations**

1). The nomination letter must affirm that the nomination was approved by a majority vote of members of the Detachment.

2). Letters of Nomination must be submitted by the Detachment Commandant of the nominee and sent to the Assistant National Vice Commandant by **Priority Mail**.

   a). The period of consideration for the Award shall only include the member's activities during the previous calendar year (1 January through 31 December).

   b) Each nomination submitted shall be placed in a sealed envelope and addressed to Southeast Division Associate Member of the Year Nomination; c/o Assistant National Vice Commandant;

   c). The sealed envelope containing the nomination shall then be placed in an additional envelope and mailed **via Priority Mail** to the Assistant National Vice Commandant [mailing address can be found on the SE Division website, www.sediv.org].

3). Nominations must be post marked no later midnight, 1 March of the current year.

4). Nominations failing to meet the time requirement will not be considered.

5). The nominee must be an Associate Member in a Detachment in the SEDIV in good standing.

6). Only one nomination can be made per Detachment.

c. **Scoring**

1). Nominations will be ranked by the AMOY Chairman and each member.

2). The Committee members will rank nominations from first to last. The best nomination will receive a value of 1, the next best nomination will receive a value of two and so on until all nominations have a value.

3). The AMOY Chairman and at least one additional member will total the scores and announce the results. The nomination with the lowest total values will be declared the winner.

4). When a tie occurs, the Committee Members will re-score the tying nominations. A value of 1 or 2 (and 3 if there is a three-way run off) will be
given to the tying nominations by the Committees. Once again, the AMOY Chairman and one member he chooses will total the scores. The nomination with the lowest total will be declared the winner. This process will continue until a winner is determined.

d. Awarding of AMOY Medallion.
   1). All nominees will be individually recognized prior to the announcement of the winner.

   2). The announcement and awarding of the MOY will be done annually at the Southeast Division Conference Banquet by the SEDiv NVC and AMOY Chairman.

e. List of Annual Associate Members of the Year.

   1). A list of previous recipients will be maintained and updated annually by the Assistant National Vice Commandant.

   2). The list of annual Associate Member of the Year Recipients will be printed in the Conference Program Book each conference. See Enclosure (4).

3. THE MILTONOCKMAN AWARD

   a. To be awarded to the Department with the greatest number of new detachments for the preceding year, ending with the second quarter, December 31.

   b. The Southeast Assistant National Vice Commandant will be responsible for the determination of the award winner and presentation.

   c. In the event of a tie, both Departments will be awarded the Milton Ockman Award.

4. THE TOM PERRONE AWARD

   a. To be awarded to the Department with the greatest increase of membership for the preceding year ending with the second quarter, December 31.

   b. The Southeast Assistant National Vice Commandant will be responsible for the determination of the award winner and presentation.

   c. In the event of a tie, tying Departments will be awarded the Tom Perrone Award.
Application for the Southeast Division Conference

The _________________________________________ Detachment # _______ requests to host the 20___ Division Conference.

1. Read Section V, SE Division Conference bids, and VI, Host Detachment Responsibilities.
2. Check with NVC on number and size of meeting rooms needed.
3. Check with NVP on number and size of meeting rooms needed.
4. Check with MODD on size of meeting room needed.
5. Check with MODDF on size of meeting room needed.
6. The Host Detachment collects all registration fees, MCL and MCLA. At the close of the Conference they are to disperse these fees as per Article VI, (d) of the SE Division SOP.
   There will be separate records of fees paid by the MCL and MCLA members attending. If the detachment does not have an Auxiliary Unit it will be the responsibility of the Department President or the Division Vice President to arrange for the staffing of the Auxiliary registration table. At the close of the Conference, the Host Detachment will turn over to the NVC, fifty (50) percent of the registration fees collected from MCL members attending. The Host Detachment will turn over to the NVP one hundred (100) percent of the MCLA registration fees.
7. Provide complimentary rooms, registration, and banquet tickets per Article V, (j) of the SE Division SOP.
   Complimentary rooms, registration and banquet tickets shall be provided for the SE Division NVC and the SE Division National Vice President, Marine Corps League Auxiliary. Banquet tickets shall be provided to their spouses.

The Host agrees to the above points.

Sponsoring Organization’s
Commandant or equivalent

Detachment Adjutant or equivalent

Enclosure (1)
Southeast Division Conference
March __________
Registration Form

Name:

Address:

City:________________________ State:______ Zip:_______ Phone:______________

Email Address _____________________________________________________________

Members Attending

__________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________

If you are a present Department or National Officer (list which office, League or Auxiliary) Office Held: _________________________________

You are arriving: Thursday_____ Friday_____ or Saturday _____

MCL Member Registration fee is $10.00______ X $10.00 = _______

MCLA Member Registration fee is $10.00______ X $10.00 = _______

Banquet on Saturday, ___________ _____ X $_______ = _________

Dietary needs ______________________________

Total payment __________________________________________________________________

$___________

Return this form and check by___________(date) to:

Host Organization:

Address:

Book the ______________ Hotel by ________ at ______ and mention the Marine Corps League when you make your reservations so you are able to get the conference rate.

Enclosure (2)
Southeast Division Conference
After Action Report

Conference City/State:__________________________ Dates Held __________

Host organization:__________________________________________ #________

Name of Hotel:__________________________________________ Phone # __________
Website: ____________________________

Name of Coordinator:______________________________ Phone # __________
E-mail ________________

Name of NVC ____________________________ Phone # __________
E-mail ____________________________

Name of ADVC ____________________________ Phone # __________
E-mail ____________________________

Name of NVP ____________________________ Phone # __________
E-mail ____________________________

Name of ADVP ____________________________ Phone # __________
E-mail ____________________________

Number Rooms Reserved Thursday______ Friday______ Saturday______
Cost INCLUDING Tax $_________ Number used _______

Number of Accessible Rooms Reserved_______ Number used _______

Number of Conference/Meeting Rooms _______ Number of Complimentary Rooms _______

Number of Committee meeting rooms required: _______

Number of Members attending Conference: _______

Marine Corps League Members ______________________________
Marine Corps League Associate Members ______________________________
Marine Corps League Auxiliary Members ______________________________
Marine Corps League Auxiliary Associate Members ______________________________

Military Order of the Devil Dogs ______________________________
Military Order of the Devil Dog Fleas ______________________________

Number of Dignitaries invited and attending requiring Complimentary Room & Banquet _______
What was raffled? __________________________________________

Enclosure (3)
Income from MCL Registration $___________ (50% goes to SE Div. Paymaster) $ ________
Income from MCLA Registration $__________ (100% goes to SE Div. NVP) $ ____________
MOY (William D. “Bill” Carter) Award________________________ State___ Detachment # ________

Copies to go to the NVC and the detachment hosting the upcoming year's conference for Comments/Suggestions please use reverse side

Enclosure (3)
## Past Recipients of the Carter Award

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**Notes**

1. **1988** – Cancellation of the Southeast Division Conference due to host Detachment problems
2. **1994** – Nominations were submitted. The committee considered all nominees and found none that met the requirements
3. **2002** – Award rescinded by the Committee
4. **2005** – Awarded posthumously
5. **2008** – Award rescinded by the Committee

Enclosure (4)