## Marine Corps League Old Breed Detachment 767



## **BY-LAWS**

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# PREAMBLE

In the name of the beneficent God of all, we who have honorably served or are now honorably serving our country in the United States Marine **Corps and the United States Navy (as Fleet Marine** Force (FMF) Corpsmen or Chaplains), for the common good of all this nation and all nations and peoples of the world, and in order that the fundamentals, rights and freedoms of every person may be preserved, to foster interest in the welfare of wounded and disabled Marines, FMF Corpsmen, or FMF Chaplains and their dependents, for the further purposes as set forth herein do solemnly and firmly associate ourselves together in this non-profit corporation known as the "Old Breed Detachment" of the Marine Corps League, do ordain and establish this Constitution, Mission, Vision and Goals with honorable intent.

The Old Breed Detachment is a member of the Marine Corps League and is represented on countless committees and veterans' programs serving the military and veteran community of the United States and its allies.

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#### DETACHMENT VISION

The Old Breed Detachment will band together to effectively promote the ideal of American freedom and democracy.

We will display these ideals by perpetuating the history and customs of the United States Marine Corps, and by fitting acts of observance to anniversaries of historical occasions to our Country, Corps and League; most notably, the annual United States Marine Corps Birthday Celebrations.

We will support League Programs, local Marine events and other community activities that are fitting and proper for the League.

#### DETACHMENT GOALS

The Old Breed Detachment will voluntarily aid and render assistance to, any Marine and or Sailor of any era, along with their widows and orphans, and foster a love of God, Country, Family, Home, the United States Marine Corps and the Marine Corps League by promoting reverence to Honesty, Loyalty and Truth.

We will support and participate in Memorial Day, Veterans Day and other State and Community Veterans events such as parades of civic importance, along with other National, State, Community and League Programs and events as members agree.

The Membership will conduct fund raising activities to properly support our Mission, Vision and Goals as stated in the By-Laws, and for the support of authorized Marine Corps and Marine Corps League Programs.

#### **BY-LAWS**

By-Laws herein conform to National, Division and Department organizational standards.

#### ARTICLE I The Detachment

**1.1. DETACHMENT NAME:** The name of this organization shall be "OLD BREED DETACH-MENT" of the Marine Corps League. The OLD BREED DETACHMENT is an authorized and chartered unit of the Department of Arizona, Southwestern Division of the Marine Corps League, Incorporated and is designated as Detachment number 767. This Constitution, its by-laws and administrative procedures, all regulations, policies, and rules herein conform to Department, Division, and National standards. **1.2. DETACHMENT MISSION STATEMENT:** The mission of the Old Breed Detachment is: Membership joining together in camaraderie and fellowship at meetings, and other events for the purposes of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps and the Marine Corps League. Additionally, to fit its membership (regular, associate, and dual) for the duties of Citizenship and to encourage them to serve ably as they have served the Nation under arms. To hold sacred the history and memory of the men and women who have given their lives to the Nation, to foster love for the principles for which they have supported, by blood and valor, in honor since the founding of the Republic, to maintain true allegiance to American institutions and to create a bond of comradeship between those in service and those who have returned to civilian life.

**1.3. DETACHMENT VISION:** The Old Breed Detachment is an active "support element" of any Marine, Sailor, or other military branch active duty or veterans located in Glendale, Arizona and throughout the State of Arizona that their circumstances and applicable laws may allow. We will band together those who are now serving and those who have served honorably in or with our Corps that we may effectively promote the ideals by perpetuating the history and customs of the United States Marine Corps, and by fitting acts of observance to anniversaries and celebrations of historical occasion to our Country, Corps and League; most notably, the annual United States Marine Corps Birthday Celebrations. We will support League Programs, local Marine events and other community activities that are fitting and proper for the Detachment and the League.

**1.4. DETACHMENT GOALS:** The Old Breed Detachment will voluntarily aid and render assistance in any form to Marine, Sailors or other military branch of any era, along with their widows and orphans, foster a love of God, Country, Family, Home, the United States Marine Corps and the Marine Corps League, by promoting reverence to Honesty, Loyalty, and Truth. We will support and participate in Memorial Day, Veterans Day and any State and Community Veterans events of civic importance, along with National, State, Community and League Programs and events as members agree. The Membership will conduct fundraising activities to properly support our Mission, Vision and Goals as stated herein, and for the support of authorized Marine Corps and Marine Corps League Programs.

**1.5. DETACHMENT LOCATION:** The meeting place and principal office of the Old Breed Detachment shall be at the:

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Hall, 8447 North 61<sup>st</sup> Avenue Glendale, Arizona 85302

or at such other place or places as directed by the Detachment Commandant with the advice and consent of a majority of the membership at regularly convened meetings.

#### ARTICLE II The Membership

**2.1. DETACHMENT MEMBERSHIP POLICY:** The Old Breed Detachment shall not and cannot deny any person requesting membership into the Marine Corps League based on race, religion, sex, creed or national origin; as long as all other membership requirements and qualifications are met. The supreme power of the Old Breed Detachment shall always be vested in the membership, functioning through its' elected Officers who shall be known as its' Corporate Board of Trustees. The Old Breed Detachment shall never take part in a labor or management dispute or issue, and it shall be nonsectarian, non-political and nonpartisan, nor shall it be used as a medium of political ambition or preferment; nor shall former or present military rank or present civilian position be used as a basis for special consideration or preferment. Nothing in the preceding paragraph shall prohibit the Detachment from participating in political issues affecting the welfare of the United States Marine Corps, Marine Corps League, the National Security of our Nation, or a veterans' claim for justice arising from service in the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

**2.2. DETACHMENT MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** The Old Breed Detachment shall be the sole judge of its membership, providing said person meets and upholds the requirements of Article Six, Section 600 of National By-Laws and Article 2, Section 2.3 of the Detachment By-Laws. The Old Breed Detachment shall not accept as a member any person who is currently incarcerated nor on supervised probation for any felony or any misdemeanor conviction which resulted in incarceration of more than two years, or who is currently incarcerated or serving active probation as a sentence imposed by any court on competent jurisdiction. The Old Breed Detachment shall not accept for membership any person who has been convicted of a crime where the victim is a child. The Old Breed Detachment shall not accept for membership any person whose name has been stricken from the rolls of the Marine Corps League at the National Level.

**2.3. REGULAR MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY:** Only persons who have received an "Honorable Discharge" from serving, or who have served in the United States Marine Corps on ACTIVE DUTY for not less than ninety (90) days, and persons who are serving, or who have served, in the United State Marine Corps Reserve Component and have earned no less than ninety (90) RESERVE RETIREMENT CREDIT POINTS are eligible for regular membership in the Old Breed Detachment and Marine Corps League. Additionally, those United States Navy FMF Corpsmen and FMF Chaplains who have TRAINED AND SERVED with Marine Units in excess of ninety (90) days, and earned the applicable "Warfare Device" authorized for FMF Corpsmen, and FMF Chaplains shall be eligible for regular membership in this Detachment and the Marine Corps League.

**2.4. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY:** Persons applying for membership as "Associate Members" shall be of good character and espouse the principles and purposes of

the Marine Corps League and the Old Breed Detachment, and willing to uphold the standards of conduct and ethics so delineated by the League and this Detachment Constitution.

**2.5. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:** The Old Breed Detachment shall hold on its rolls, all members in the Regular, Life, Dual and Associate status. Honorary Members so designated by the Old Breed Detachment shall be considered by the Board of Trustees for approval and added to the rolls of the Old Breed Detachment if approved by a majority in a general membership meeting.

**2.6. MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FEES:** Dues for the Old Breed Detachment Membership is the annual amount due on August 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Collection of Dues and/or Fees shall be for the Detachment Dues, Department Dues, National Dues, and for any other Fees as required for membership. A member will be considered delinquent if their annual dues are not received by the Old Breed Detachment by 2400 Hours on August 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, unless said member is carried as a Life Member by the Old Breed Detachment and National rolls.

**2.7. MEMBERSHIP VOTING:** Old Breed Detachment members carried on rolls in appropriate membership categories in good standing with the Old Breed Detachment, Department, Division, and National Headquarters are the only persons authorized to vote on motions, measures, and issues of concern to the Detachment (excluding associate members). A majority vote of members is an official vote and will carry any motion and/or measure and decide any issue provided that the vote was conducted at a meeting of the General Membership.

#### ARTICLE III The Officers

**3.1. ELECTED OFFICERS:** Old Breed Detachment Officers must be qualified "Regular Members" of the Detachment and in "Good Standing" to fill leadership positions. Officer positions to be elected are delineated below. Other Officer positions shall be appointed by the Commandant as required or desired, and may be of regular and associate membership status, as long as said member is in good standing.

**3.1.1. OFFICE OF THE DETACHMENT COMMANDANT:** This is an Elected Position: The Detachment Commandant directs activities within the community, presides at all Detachment meetings and promulgates all orders and regulations necessary for the proper administration of official affairs of the Detachment. The Commandant is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Board of Trustees for the Detachment. The Commandant will seek advice from the Trustees as may be necessary and serve as advisor to all committees of the

Detachment. The Commandant is in direct charge and responsible for all functions of the Detachment.

The Commandant may, on behalf of the Detachment, elect to provide emergency financial assistance to active duty, veterans, and/or their dependents of: Marines, FMF Corpsman, FMF Chaplains, and active duty and/or veterans of other branches of the military. The emergency financial assistance may not exceed \$500.00 and must be approved in advance (verbally or in writing), by a majority of the Detachment elected officers prior to its disbursement. The Detachment elected officers approved emergency financial assistance must then be presented and approved by a majority of the members, in attendance, at the next scheduled Membership Meeting.

**3.1.2. OFFICE OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT:** This is an Elected Position: The Senior Vice Commandant shall give assistance to the Detachment Commandant, and during the absence or illness of the Commandant, perform the duties of that office as required or directed. The Senior Vice Commandant is the second ranking Officer of the Detachment and the "Lead" Trustee of the Board of Trustees for the Detachment. The Senior Vice Commandant shall initiate and implement such dynamic programs as will increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the Detachment and will perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Detachment Commandant.

**3.1.3. OFFICE OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT:** This is an Elected Position: The Junior Vice Commandant shall create and propagate such membership incentives and programs that engenders enthusiastic response and results in continuous membership growth. The Junior Vice Commandant is the third ranking Officer of the Detachment and a Trustee member for the Detachment. In the absence of the Detachment Senior Vice Commandant, the Junior Vice Commandant shall assume the duties of that office.

**3.1.4. OFFICE OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE:** This is an Elected Position: The Detachment Judge Advocate is the fourth ranking Officer and a Trustee member for the Detachment. The Judge Advocate shall impartially interpret and construe Detachment, Department, and National By-Laws and thus give advice, counsel and render opinions on questions of "League Law" and other procedures to, and for, the Detachment and the Board of Trustees. The Judge Advocate shall conduct other such duties as normally performed by persons of judiciary or practicing Law within the limits of League law for the membership.

**3.1.5. JUNIOR PAST COMMANDANT:** The Detachment Junior Past Commandant is responsible for contributing generously and impartially from past experiences to the best interest of the Detachment and Marine Corps League. The Junior Past Commandant shall strive to build membership, teamwork and attain a State Department Office or higher (Division or National). The Junior Past Commandant shall maintain liaison between the Detachment,

Department, Division and National level Marine Corps League Officers and may be part of the Board of Trustees, if invited and elected.

**3.2. APPOINTED OFFICERS:** The Old Breed Detachment Commandant shall appoint the positions of:

□ Adjutant,

- □ Paymaster,
- □ Chaplain, and
- □ Sergeant-At-Arms, at a minimum.

Any member in good standing may serve in a Appointed office position.

**3.2.1. OFFICE OF ADJUTANT:** Shall keep a true record of all meetings, including Meetings of General Membership, Officer/Staff Planning Meetings in typewritten (or neatly handwritten form), and keep an accurate record of all members attending each meeting. The Adjutant shall forward notices of meetings, events, etc., to the membership. The Adjutant shall maintain official file records as required by law and/or direction of all correspondence received and sent by the Detachment. The Adjutant shall perform other such administrative duties as directed by the Commandant.

**3.2.2. OFFICE OF PAYMASTER:** The Paymaster shall keep true records of all monies received and expended by the Detachment. The Paymaster shall make reports of Detachments monies and transactions at meetings and submit all Income Tax and other Federal, State and Local income/financial reports, forms, fees and other financial transactions as required by law for such organizations of a "Non-Profit" status. The Paymaster shall notify members of indebtedness to the Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms. The Paymaster shall deposit all monies and securities in a bank designated by the Board of Trustees. Expenditures shall be made by check, signed by the Paymaster or by the Commandant. The office of Detachment Adjutant (Chief of Staff) and Detachment Paymaster may, either out of necessity or preference, be combined. This latter arrangement of combining offices is not normally recommended.

**3.2.3. OFFICE OF CHAPLAIN:** The Detachment Chaplain shall perform such duties at meetings as prescribed in the Marine Corps League Ritual Book. Guidebook for Officers, National, Division and/or Department By-Laws, and other League customs and regulations as directed. The Chaplain shall perform such duties normally conducted by persons of the "Clergy". The Detachment Chaplain shall obtain and report all notices of death, births or other such occurrences of this nature at all levels of Marine Corps League leadership as regulated and required, and as part of duties in this office shall assist in funeral arrangements (including

contacts for Marine Honor Guards and or Memorial service) and publicized the needs of the injured or sick.

**3.2.4. OFFICE OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:** The Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms shall preserve order at all meetings; set up the meeting room, and perform such other duties as required by the Detachment Commandant. The Sergeant-At-Arms shall understand and strictly follow all Marine Corps League rules and regulations as directed in and by, the Marine Corps League Rituals Manual, the Guidebook and this Constitution. The Sergeant-At-Arms uniform of the day at all official meetings is the short / long sleeve undress uniform with a mandatory white duty belt as the Sergeant-At-Arms is under arms.

**3.2.5. OTHER APPOINTED OFFICERS:** The Detachment Commandant may appoint other qualified members of the Detachment as Officers for the conduct of order with duties such as; Historian, Quartermaster, Web-Sergeant (Web Master), Honor Guard Commander, Community Liaison(s) or other such positions as may arise, or be desired.

**3.3. COMMITTEES AND PROJECT OFFICERS:** The preceding Officer positions are the Detachments Officer positions minimally required to serve the Detachment while meeting the requirements set forth by the Department, and National By-Laws. These positions fulfill all obligations for the conduct of meetings, business and supporting League programs. Committee, Annual Marine Corps Ball/Cake Cutting Celebration and Project Officers, are appointed at the discretion of the Commandant, the Board of Trustees and/or Membership motions for specific purposes or tasks as delineated in this constitution in accordance with Article I. Appointment of Committee or Project Officers might be for Parade(s) Coordination, Special Events Coordination, Fundraising, Special Liaison, etc.

### ARTICLE IV

### The Elections

**4.1. ELECTIONS OF DETACHMENT OFFICERS:** Old Breed Detachment Membership shall elect Officers annually for positions of Leadership as delineated in Article 3 of this Constitution during a regular meeting of General Membership.

**4.2. RECOUNTS AND TIES OF ELECTIONS:** If recounts are required, then that vote shall be by secret ballot, collected by the Sergeant-At-Arms and presented to the currently serving Detachment Judge Advocate for counting and verification with the Sergeant-At-Arms. All results of this "recount" are final and shall not be challenged.

**4.3. RESIGNATION, IMPEACHMENT OR DEATH OF OFFICERS:** Replacement of Officers due to the resignation, death, impeachment, or by those who cannot fulfill the duties of office some respect (e.g. repeated absence, incompetence, violation of Member/Officer oaths, or other actions deleterious to the conduct of the business of the Old Breed Detachment), or any

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action or inaction deficient in financial or legal responsibilities of the Detachment or Marine Corps League governing such issues, and with the consent of the majority of the Membership can be accomplished by this Article. Judicial committees or other such bodies (i.e. Board of Trustees) may be called for and formed for such circumstances.

**4.4. TERM LIMITS:** The Old Breed Detachment has established the below term limits and restrictions of Elected and Appointed Officers serving in leadership positions.

**4.4.1. ELECTED OFFICER RESTRICTIONS:** Elected Officers shall serve one year and are eligible to serve additional years.

**4.4.2. APPOINTED OFFICER RESTRICTIONS:** Appointed Officers shall serve a one year term in office, and at the discretion of the Detachment Commandant, may be reappointed as many times as the member accepts the appointment.

#### ARTICLE V The Meetings

**5.1. MEETINGS:** The Old Breed Detachment shall hold a "Meeting of General Membership" for the conduct of Detachment Business each month at a place and time to be set by the membership through the motion and voting process. Officer meetings shall be held at least quarterly, prior to the General Meeting of Membership for purposes of Staff coordination, Training and Agenda Development. A Board of Trustees meeting shall be held annually, at a minimum, for the purpose of conducting Corporate Business. Minutes of these meetings shall be recorded and filed for legal and historical purposes.

**5.2 QUORUM:** A "QUORUM" of membership must be present in order to conduct Detachment Business at the monthly General Meeting of Membership. That quorum number shall consist of ten (10) members. The quorum number can include elected and appointed Officers. At a minimum, the quorum must include at least one elected officer and one appointed officer, along with the appropriate number of members.

#### ARTICLE VI Finances

**6.1. FINANCIAL PLANNING:** Old Breed Detachment Financial Planning shall be for the purposes of supporting and aiding Marines, Marine Corps Units, Marine Corps League Programs, Community Support Programs of interest to the United States Marine Corps and the Marine Corps League, and our next generation of young citizens (youth) from Glendale, Arizona (and surrounding areas).

**6.2. FINANCIAL CONTROLS:** Financial Controls established by the Old Breed Detachment shall be followed at all times by all members, whether regular members, elected officers, appointed officers, associate members or honorary members. All monies collected by the Detachment shall be deposited into the Old Breed Detachment Bank Account (bank and location designated by Paymaster and approved by the Board of Trustees) as soon as practical after an event for fundraising or donation to the Detachment. The Board of Trustees shall designate a Regular Member in good standing (other than the Paymaster) to audit the Financial Records of the Detachment annually or upon a new Paymaster being appointed.

**6.3. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:** All Financial transactions in excess of the maximum amount set by the Board of Trustees shall be in the form of a properly signed check of the Old Breed Detachment Bank Account. Signer shall be the Paymaster and/ or the Detachment Commandant. Deposits into the Old Breed Detachment Bank Account should only be made by the Paymaster or an Elected Officer.

**6.4. FINANCIAL EXPENDITURES:** The Board of Trustees and Elected Officers shall have the authority for expenditures of the Detachment funds. Expenditures in excess of the maximum amount determined by the membership must be approved by motion and affirmative vote from the membership at a regular Meeting of General Membership. The Commandant and Paymaster have authority to release funds without permission of the Membership for the purposes of Detachment business (i.e. Taxes) or such annual Dues and Fees to and for the Department, Division and/or National Headquarters and all U.S. Government entities as required by law.

**6.5. FINANCIAL REPORTING:** Financial reporting shall consist of a monthly report presented to the Officers and Membership of the Detachment at a regularly scheduled Meeting of General Membership held each month. If no meeting occurs the report will be submitted at the next meeting as a "double" report with funds accounted for each month. At no time shall the financial reports be shared electronically or if printed version be removed from the Membership meeting.

#### ARTICLE VII The Uniforms

**7.1. UNIFORMS OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE:** Members of the Old Breed Detachment are encouraged to obtain and wear the uniform(s) of the League from the National Ship Store or other authorized vendors. Uniforms of the Marine Corps League shall be worn in accordance with Detachment, Department, and National regulations and policies.

**7.2. UNIFORMS OF OLD BREED DETACHMENT:** Old Breed Detachment Members will wear the Marine Corps League garrison cover (red) at all Meeting of the General Membership. The garrison cover is the minimum uniform requirement of a member wishing

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to wear a uniform. All other Uniform items and types are optional, but encouraged, and if worn, must be worn properly in accordance with Marine Corps League regulations and policies.

#### ARTICLE VIII The Community

**8.1. MARINE CORPS LEAGUE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS:** Marine Corps League sponsored programs shall be of <u>TOP PRIORITY</u> to the Old Breed Detachment, as this is our way of demonstrating "Marine Veteran" support to the community at large. The following programs are of interest to the Old Breed Detachment and will be the focus of membership efforts and support.

THE FALLEN MARINE PROGRAM

YOUNG MARINES OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

MCJROTC PROGRAM - MARINE OPTION

MARINE RESERVES "TOYS - FOR - TOTS"

MARINES HELPING MARINES PROGRAM (WOUNDED WARRIOR)

MARINE - 4 - LIFE PROGRAM

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

**8.2. MARINE CORPS SPECIFIC VETERANS SUPPORT PROGRAMS:** The Old Breed Detachment supports veterans programs as desired by the General Membership.