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CERTIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF BYLAWS

The Bylaws of the Tamarac Detachment 755, Inc. as amended and approved by a majority of the members as a regular meeting on 27 June 2014, have been reviewed and approved by the Judge Advocate of the Department of Florida Marine Corps League.

George LaMont


Department Judge Advocate

7 July 2014



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TAMARAC DETACHMENT

755 INC.



BY-LAWS

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ARTICLE I

IDENTIFICATION AND REGULATION

SEC. 101 The detachment, under the provisions of the charter, shall be known and identified as:

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE-TAMARAC DETACHMENT #755

SEC. 102 The Detachment shall be governed by all provisions of the National and State rules and regulations of the Marine Corps League and the by-laws of this Detachment as written and/or amended.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE AND GOALS

SEC. 201 The purpose and goals of Tamarac Detachment #755 shall be:

SEC. 201(A) To serve and promote the traditions of the United States Marine Corps and the Marine Corps League.

SEC. 201(B) To join those now serving and those who have served and have been honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps in a fellowship that will exemplify the motto of the United States Marine Corps.

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SEC. 201(C) To keep fit its members for their duties as citizens and encourage them to serve as citizens as they served “The Corps” and the nation.

SEC. 201(D) To hold sacred the history of “The Corps” and the memory of the members who have given their lives for this nation.

SEC. 201(E) To instill and maintain allegiance to “The Corps” and our nation.

SEC. 201(F) To create a bond of comradeship between those in the service of our nation and those who have returned to civilian life.

SEC. 201(G) To volunteer aid and render assistance to all Marines and former Marines and their families.

SEC. 201(H) To Perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and observe with proper ceremony historical occasions of interest to Members.

ARTICLE III

POWERS

SEC. 301 All powers in, of and for this detachment shall be vested in its regular members in good standing, assembled at a regular or special meeting.

SEC. 302 This detachment shall maintain control and supervision over any and all subsidiary groups operating under sponsorship of this

Detachment. Included will be any auxiliary unit or subsidiary unit which may hereafter be organized and instituted under Detachment sponsorship.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

SEC. 401 Regular membership and Associate membership shall be governed by the guide-lines set forth in the National Bylaws, the Department Bylaws and this Detachment's Bylaws **SEC. 402 Regular Membership: Applications shall be received by member/sponsor who, after examining proof of member eligibility (i.e. Honorable Discharge or DD214, etc.) shall be delivered to the Detachment Adjutant along with all dues and fees, as soon as possible, but no later than the next regularly scheduled meeting of the sponsor's Detachment. Adjutant shall read and record the application at the proper time stating all the pertinent data including the name of the sponsor and clearly stating that the required dues and fees are in possession of the Detachment's Staff.**

(no applicant shall be present for that portion of the meeting in which the application is being considered).

SEC. 403 **Associate Membership:**

A person of good character, not qualified for regular membership in the Marine Corps League (i.e. Navy Corpsman, Seabee, family member or friend) who demonstrates support for the principles and purposes of the Marine Corps league and this Detachment will be eligible to become an Associate Member.

SEC. 403 (A)

An associate member shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges and benefits of a regular member except that he/she may not vote for or hold a elected office.

SEC. 404

Payment of any dues or initiation are required. Membership cards and suitable certificates will be issued to honor the occasion.

ARTICLE V

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SEC. 501 All regular members of this Detachment in good standings shall be eligible for nomination for any elected or appointed office.

SEC. 501 (A) Elected officers may hold an appointed office except for the Adjutant and Paymaster position.

SEC. 501 (B) All elected officers shall serve for a period of one (1) year. Elected officers may stand for re-election for additional years.

SEC. 501 (C) **Nominations**

Commandant shall appoint, in February, a Nominating Committee composed of three (3) regular members who are best qualified and are willing and able to accept and fill that office.

SEC. 501 (D) Nomination and election of officers shall be held under “New Order of Business” of this Detachment each year as follows:

- I. March – Nominations by the Nominating Committee and from the floor.
- II. April – Nominations by the Nominating Committee and from the floor, to be followed by Elections.

SEC. 501 (E) Prior notice of election will be transmitted to each regular of the Detachment by monthly newsletter no later than seven (7) working days prior to election meeting. The detachment shall not be responsible for non-delivery of notice by the postal service.

SEC. 502 The Nominating Committee shall present a slate to the membership at the Detachment’s March meeting. This slate shall consist of nominations for the following elected officers:

- (a) Commandant
- (b) Senior Vice-Commandant
- (c) Junior Vice-Commandant
- (d) Judge Advocate

SEC. 503 Election of officers shall be by ballot of regular members. There being no opposition for an elected office, The Adjutant if a regular member or a regular member of the nominating committee may cast one (1) vote to elect.

SEC. 504 In the event of resignation, a prolonged illness, death, unexcused absence for more than two (2) consecutive meetings of the detachment or Board of trustees, or removal from office for any cause, of any elected officer, the vacancy shall be filled as follows:

The office of the commandant by the Senior Vice

The office of the Senior Vice by the Junior Vice

An election for office of the Junior Vice shall be called in accordance with the By-Laws of this Detachment.

The office of judge Advocate shall be filled by a properly called election.

SEC. 504(A) The commandant shall fill any vacancy in an appointed office or Committee chair as expeditiously as possible.

ARTICLE VI

DUTIES OF DETACHMENT OFFICERS

SEC. 601 Detachment officers duties shall be:

SEC. 601 (A) Detachment Commandant

- (1) appoints and presides at all Detachment meetings;
- (2) serves as advisor to all committees;
- (3) co-signs checks in conjunction with the Paymaster;
- (4) administers oath of membership to all new members.

SEC. 601 (B) Senior Vice Commandant

- (1) shall give every assistance to the detachment Commandant;
- (2) presides during the absence of the Detachment Commandant.

SEC. 601 (C) Junior Vice Commandant

- (1) shall create and promulgate membership incentives and programs to insure continuous membership growth;
- (2) in the absence of the detachment Commandant and the Senior Vice Commandant, he/she shall perform the duties of the Commandant.

SEC. 601 (D) Detachment Judge Advocate

- (1) shall become familiar with and interpret the Detachment By-Laws;
- (2) shall advise construe, counsel and render opinions on questions of law and procedure to the detachment Commandant during meetings;
- (3) shall be privy to all staff and special meetings;
- (4) shall make decisions, on the Department or National if no Department exists;
- (5) shall review and make recommendations of submitted By-Law amendments.

SEC. 601 (E) Past Commandants

- (1) shall avail themselves and contribute generously and impartially from their past experience to the best interest of the Marine Corps League.

SEC. 601 (F) Adjutant

- (1) shall keep and maintain a true record of all meetings of the Detachment;
- (2) records shall be typewritten, word-processed or neatly handwritten in ink and kept in a ledger or log book;
- (3) shall maintain a record of all members and forward notices of meetings, events, etc. of the Detachment to the membership;
- (4) shall maintain with the assistance of the Paymaster an up-to-date membership roster of all Detachment paid up and delinquent members;
- (5) shall maintain a record of all Detachment correspondence;
- (6) shall maintain an audio recording of all meetings which shall be kept on file for the period of one (1) year, Such tape shall not preclude written records;
- (7) shall perform such duties as are directed by the Commandant.

SEC. 601 (G) Paymaster

- (1) shall keep and maintain a true record of all monies received and expended by the Detachment;
- (2) Shall notify members sixty days prior to expiration of membership dues;
- (3) shall perform such other duties as are directed by the Commandant;
- (4) shall maintain a small expenditure fund between 100.00 and 150.00; any requests for monies in excess of said amount must be presented to the Detachment at a regular meeting;
- (5) no officer/member shall obligate the Detachment in any matter without prior endorsement at a regular meeting;
- (6) Reimbursement for non-endorsed financial obligations by any officer or member may occur only after proper justification and approval of the membership.
- (7) The Commandant representing the Detachment at any Marine Corps League Conference and or Convention shall be reimbursed for one hotel night stay at the advertised function rate (8)
- (8) Quarterly Audits shall be conducted and a Annual Audit shall be filed with the Adjutant.

SEC. 601 (H) Chaplain

- (1) Shall perform such duties at meetings as prescribed in the League Ritual;
- (2) shall take an active part in all memorial and funeral services in which the Detachment participates;
- (3) shall visit the sick;
- (4) shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred for the purchase of cards and postage;

SEC. 601 (I) Sergeant-at-Arms

- (1) shall arrange the meeting hall;
- (2) shall assist the Commandant and Adjutant in meeting arrangements
- (3) shall verify membership of all persons attending meetings;
- (4) shall preserve order at the meetings;
- (5) shall perform all duties as prescribed in the Marine Corps Ritual Manual and such other duties as are required by the Commandant;

SEC. 601 (J) Historian

- (1) shall, under the direction of the Board of Trustees, assemble and maintain a record of the achievements of the Detachment.

SEC. 601 (K) Public Relations Officer

- (1) shall be responsible for favorable publicity of all Detachment events, functions and activities;
- (2) shall develop such relations with TV, Press, City and County officials to enhance and insure the good name and position of this Detachment;
- (3) shall perform other related duties as are required by the Commandant.

SEC. 601 (L) Service Officer

- (1) shall become knowledgeable of any and all benefits available to veterans and shall assist veterans in obtaining said benefits.

ARTICLE VII

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SEC.701 The Board of Trustees shall be composed of all the elected officers of this Detachment in accordance with the National By-Laws of the Marine Corps League.

SEC. 701 (A) The Board of Trustees shall

- (1) exercise executive and administrative supervision of this Detachment between regular meetings;
- (2) comply with and execute, without delay, the mandates and acts of the membership as expressed by majority vote in regular and special meetings
- (3) exercise such other executive and administrative functions and duties that are in the best interests of the Detachment and the Marine Corps League, and are compatible with the National, Department and Detachment By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII

COMMITTEES

SEC. 801 **The Commandant**

- (1) shall form, as he deems necessary, for the good of the Detachment and the Marine Corps League, such committees that will be capable of complying with the assigned mission;
- (2) he shall appoint a member to chair each committee formed and said chairperson shall keep the Commandant and membership apprised of progress. See SEC. 601(C)(4) with regard to expenditures.

ARTICLE IX

DETACHMENT MEETINGS

SEC. 901 The Detachment shall met regularly on the third (3) Wednesday of each month at 1930 hours.

SEC. 902 **Special Meetings**

Special meetings may be called for specific purposes by the Commandant or upon written request stating purpose of such meeting and signed by at least five (5) members in good standings. The Commandant shall call such special meeting and proper written notification shall be given to the membership.

ONLY THE STATED QUESTION SHALL BE ADDRESSED AT SUCH MEETING

SEC. 903 **Quorum:**

A quorum consisting of at least 10 percent (10%) of the regular members in good standing, of which at least two (2) shall be members of the Board of Trustees, must be present in order to conduct official business at either a regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE X

RULES OF ORDER

SEC. 1001 The detachment shall be guided in its deliberation by the Rules of Order as set forth in.

- (A) (1) The National By-Laws
- (2) The By-Laws of this Detachment
- (B) “Roberts Rules of Order” (most recent version) shall be the guide for any parliamentary rule not specifically covered or provided for in **SEC.1001A.**
- (C) In any case, the more stringent rule shall be applied. It shall be the duty of the Commandant to see that they are strictly enforced.

ARTICLE XI

DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

- SEC.1101** The detachment shall fix the amount of its membership dues, which shall include National and Department per capita dues and fees.
- SEC.1102** Any change in the National and/or Department per capita dues and fees shall be discussed and acted upon at a regular meeting.
- SEC.1102(A)** all dues from members and associate members shall be paid to the Paymaster. The Paymaster shall immediately acknowledge receipt of same.
- SEC.1103** Any members owing dues to this Detachment past the due date shall be considered delinquent. They will be transferred to the delinquent roster and carried on such roster, unless reinstated, for a period of one (1) year. Failure to renew membership within one (1) year of expiration will be sufficient cause to be terminated as a member. Special consideration shall be extended to those who are deemed to be indigent and unable to afford financial obligation to the Detachment.

ARTICLE XII

AMENDMENTS

- SEC.1201** All amendments to these By-Laws shall be proposed, in writing and proposed, in writing and read at a regular meeting of the detachment. Proposed amendments will then be carried over and voted upon at a regular detachment meeting to be held not less than one (1) month, nor more than two (2) months thereafter.
- SEC.1201(A)** A majority vote of regular members, in good standing, present at such meeting will be necessary to ratify such amendments.
- SEC.1202** All proposed amendments to these By-Laws which may be in conflict with any rule or regulation of the Marine Corps League, Inc. shall be declared out of order by the Commandant.

SEC.1203 No By-Law amendments or revisions shall take affect until submitted, reviewed and approved by;

- (1) Detachment Judge Advocate and the By-Laws Committee;
- (2) Membership of the detachment;
- (3) Department Headquarters.



BY-LAW CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the By-Laws of Tamarac Detachment #755 of the Marine Corps League, Inc., were submitted to the Department Judge Advocate, Marine Corps League, Inc. for approval and were adopted by a majority vote of regular members, in good standing, at a regular Detachment meeting held on (date) Feb. 14, 1997.

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Detachment Judge Advocate, Chairman Rewrite Committee Jacob J. Mirsky

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Robert Gaston Robert Gaston

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Detachment Adjutant [Signature]
 Dale MacCutcheon

Past Commandant [Signature]
 Jim Ruggiero