

Central Division Marine of the Year Award

Criteria for Submitting a Nominee for the Central Division Marine of the Year

- (A) A letter of nomination shall be submitted by the Detachment Commandant (one (1) nomination per Detachment) to the National Vice Commandant of the Central Division, MCL, including all details on the individual leaguer. Make the letter as detailed as possible, noting any special accomplishments. Documentary proof or affidavits or photos may be submitted. Should the Detachment Commandant be the nominee, the Letter of Nomination shall be endorsed by the Detachment Senior Vice Commandant.

The Nominee shall:

- (1) Be a regular member of the Marine Corps League in good standing.
- (2) Belong to a Detachment within the Central Division of the Marine Corps League
- (3) Believe in the principles upon which the Marine Corps League was chartered.
- (4) Be active in the affairs of the Marine Corps League at the Detachment level.
- (5) Be active in community affairs.

- (B) Any meritorious deed(s) identified shall be of such substance that has brought acclaim and prestige to the Marine Corps League or has enhanced and/or has furthered the concepts of the duties of being a citizen of the United States of America or deed(s) of courage performed by the nominee without regards to his/her own safety.

- (C) All letters of nomination shall be addressed to and delivered to the National Vice Commandant of the Central Division by the end of the first day of the Central Division Conference. Nominations received late will not be considered.

- (1) The envelope shall be clearly marked in the lower left corner, "Marine of the Year Award Committee".
- (2) Improperly marked or opened Letters of Nomination will not be considered by the committee.
- (3) If a nomination is sent by U.S. Mail to the NVC, it must be sent by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested.
- (4) National Vice Commandant of the Central Division is to:
 - (a) Enter/write the date received on the outside of the envelope above "Marine of the Year Award Committee".
 - (b) Check to make sure there are five (5) past recipients present at the Conference. If there are not five (5) recipients present, the NVC will appoint enough to ensure that there are five members on the selection committee. Considering appointments 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) Deliver all Letters of Nomination to the Marine of the Year Award Committee, UNOPENED.
 - (d) Return all nominations to the originating Detachment AFTER THE BANQUET without comment, except those nomination(s) that were disqualified.
 - (e) Should a nomination be disqualified, reason(s) for disqualification shall be forwarded to the originating Detachment along with the Letter of Nomination.

- (D) Duties of the Marine of the Year Award Selection Committee

- (1) The Marine of the Year Award Committee shall be composed of all past recipients of the "Marine of the Year Award" who are in attendance at the Central Division conference. If there are not five (5) recipients present, the NVC will appoint enough to ensure that there are five members on the selection committee.
- (2) All members of the committee are obligated to secrecy.

- (3) The most recent recipient of the award attending the Conference will be the chairperson
- (4) All meetings of the committee shall be closed. Only committee members shall be present. Once the meeting is called to order for the purpose of deliberating no one is allowed to leave the room except for emergency reasons.
- (5) Before opening any nominations, check for the following:
 - (a) Ensure no nomination has been opened.
 - (b) All are properly addressed.
 - (1) National vice Commandant – Central Division, MCL
 - (2) Marked to the attention of the Marine of the Year Award Committee.
 - (3) Date received is marked on front of the envelope.
 - (4) Verify the nomination had been received on time.
 - (5) Open all nominations verifying they are signed by the Detachment Commandant
 - (a) If the Detachment Commandant is the nominee then the letter shall be signed by the Detachment Senior Vice Commandant.
 - (6) If there are any violations of b-1, & b-3, the nominee is disqualified. Note reason for disqualification.
 - (7) It is important to focus on the fact that the recipient of the Marine of the Year Award has to do more than attend meetings and tend to the affairs of the League. There must be community activity. This person must extend themselves above and beyond.
 - (8) Each member of the committee will get 5 points for each applicant, they can use 0 to 5 points per applicant. If the applicant comes from their state they have up to 2-1/2 points for that applicant. The points are added up and the applicant with the most points is the recipient. If there is a tie vote, another vote is taken.
 - (9) Name of the recipient and the Letter of Nomination are placed in an envelope, sealed and the Marine of the Year Award Chairperson will present the award at the banquet.
 - (10) All other Letters of Nomination are returned to the National Vice Commandant of the Central Division. Unless for reason of disqualification he/she shall return them without comment to the originating Detachment.
 - (11) If there is no qualified nominee, such a report shall be made to the National Vice Commandant of the Central Division and no award shall be presented/awarded
 - (12) A deceased regular member of the Central Division can be considered for the Marine of the Year Award.
- (E) Description of Award
 - (1) The recipient will receive a “Marine Corps League, Marine of the Year” medallion on a suspended GOLD Ribbon, which signifies that the award is Division Marine of the Year. The recipient will also receive the Division MOY ribbon with FMF device.