



# Marine Corps League Department of North Carolina



**To:** Department of North Carolina, Marine Corps League  
**From:** Scott L Shermeyer, MCL Member, DoNC  
**Attn:** DoNC Adjutant  
**Subject:** Proposed Revision to Current DoNC Bylaws  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 02, 2022

## References:

1. Marine Corps League National Bylaws, 2021 Edition, effective 13 August 2021
2. Marine Corps League National Administrative Procedures, 2021 Edition, effective 13 August 2021
3. Department of North Carolina, Marine Corps League Department Bylaws, dtd 30 June 2018

## Target: Purpose Page

### Current:

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**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the Department shall be:

- A. To preserve and promote the traditions and the interests of the United States Marine Corps.
- B. To band together, those who are now serving in the U. S. Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service, in fellowship so that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy.
- C. To fit its members for the duties of citizenship and encourage to serve as ably as citizens as they have serves our nation under arms.
- D. To hold sacred the history and memory of the men and women who have given their lives to our nation.
- E. To foster love for the principles which they have supported by blood and valor since the founding of our Republic.
- F. To maintain true allegiance to American institutions.
- G. To create a bond of comradeship between those in service and those who have returned to civilian life.
- H. To aid and render assistance to all U. S. Marines and former Marines as well as to their spouses and orphans.
- I. To perpetuate the history of the U. S. Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to our Corps.

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## Rationale:

- The NBL reference in the opening paragraph is incorrect.
  - Section 400 of NBL is now the National Convention - Authority, which is not relevant so this must be revised.
  - Since this is the Purposes page, located before the Table of Contents, it makes sense to simply remove it instead of trying to change it.
- Purpose: C. -
  - add word "them" for proper grammar
  - replace word "serves" with the word "served" - for proper verb tense
- Purpose H.
  - replace word "former" with the word "veteran" – to distinguish Marines
- After Last Line -
  - remove extra floating "." punctuation mark (i.e. period)

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Semper Fidelis, *(Always Faithful, to God, Corps, Country, Community, & Family)*

Sincerely and Respectfully Submitted,

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