

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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DUAL MEMBERSHIP

CLARIFICATION

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A regular member of the Marine Corps League in good standing can join as many detachments as he/she wishes and is accepted by each of the detachment's membership. Dues must be paid for each, as set by the individual detachment. Normally, the detachment of greatest tenure is the registered voting detachment of that member for the purposes of vote count at the National and Department Conventions. Section 650 of the Nat'l By-Laws states: "such membership in subsequent detachments shall be counted for voting strength at the department and national conventions only as an associate member". It has been the interpretation and opinion of past National Judge Advocates and the Jr. Past Department Judge Advocate as well as the current Department JA that at the detachment level members have the same rights and privileges as members that are not dual members.

Rational:

The voting at detachment level for the conduct of detachment business, i.e. election of officers, does not effect the intent of section 650 of the Nat'l By Laws because when Departments and National count delegate voting strengths at their conventions those members with an asterisk next to their names on the national roster are not counted; however, that same member will not have an asterisk by their name in the detachment that is their registered voting detachment. Therefore, their vote is only counted once at the Department and National convention.

Respectfully,
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