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TO: Cary Haerlin, Judge Advocate Department of Florida Marine Corps League
FROM: George LaMont, Commandant Department of Florida
SUBJECT: Proposed Amendment to Department Bylaws – Ways and Means Committee

The following amendment/addition to the Department of Florida By Laws and Administrative Procedure Section 200 – STANDING COMMITTEES - DUTIES is proposed for consideration of adoption by the membership.

**CURRENT:
SECTION 200 - STANDING COMMITTEES – DUTIES**

The Department Standing Committees and their Duties are as follows:

(d) WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE - The Ways and Means Committee is responsible for fulfilling the Mission of the Marine Corps League; by exploring areas and sources of revenue; from the general public, members of the League, as well as corporate sources. The sources of revenue and methods of raising these funds must conform to Federal Laws, Laws of the State of Florida, the Marine Corps League National and Department By Laws and Administrative Procedures. The Department of Florida Commandant shall appoint the Chairman and members of this committee after each Department Convention and election (By-Laws Section 140) and subject to the Administrative Procedures, (Chapter Two, and Section 220) of the Department of Florida. This Committee's responsibility shall include, but not limited to, those listed under the Scholarship Committee and the Injured Warrior's Fund of Florida Inc.

(1) The Injured Warrior's Fund Inc

The responsibility, authority, and operation of The Injured Warrior's Fund of Florida Inc (IWFF) are vested in the Ways and Means Committee, which operates under the By Laws and Administrative Procedures of the Department of Florida, Marine Corps League. The IWFF is a separate entity whose parent organization is the MCL Department of Florida with it's own Federal

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ID number and will be and included in the Federal Income Tax return of the Department of Florida, Marine Corps League as a disregarded entity. The purpose of the IWFF is to raise/solicit funds from the general public to assist those servicemen and women who have received injuries while serving in the United States Armed Forces. The immediate family members i.e.: spouses and their children may also be considered for assistance.

(2) Scholarship Fund Committee

Shall have custody of the Scholarship Fund through the Department Paymaster and shall give a complete accounting as to the collections and disposition of funds at each Staff Meeting with an Annual report at the Department Convention in June. Such Funds are to be drawn upon and dispersed only for the purpose of scholarships as approved by the committee. The Marine Corps League Department of Florida Scholarship Program is intended to provide academic assistance to all individuals who are members of the Department, their husband/wife, children and grandchildren in the pursuit of an undergraduate degree. The Department Paymaster or the Department Commandant shall sign all disbursements.

(3) Fund Raising Committee

The Fund Raising Committee shall be responsible for developing and overseeing all Department fund raising efforts other than dues, convention and conference affairs. It shall hold regular meetings, not less often than quarterly and no less than sixty days before the Department Convention. It shall submit an annual fund raising plan to the Commandant and the Budget Committee at least 60 days prior to the Department Convention. The fund raising plan shall recommend the sources, methods, and monetary goals of the fund raising programs and the uses for the money, including a designation of specific charitable beneficiaries and causes. It shall review the use of donated funds by recipients and recommend whether such donations should continue, be modified or terminated. Before any commitment or concession is made it must be viewed and approved by the Department of Florida Commandant and Department Judge Advocate.

PROPOSED: (*change underlined*)

(e) WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE - The Ways and Means Committee is responsible for fulfilling the Mission of the Marine Corps League; by exploring areas and sources of revenue; from the general public, members of the League, as well as corporate sources. The sources of revenue and methods of raising these funds must conform to

Federal Laws, Laws of the State of Florida, the Marine Corps League National and Department By Laws and Administrative Procedures.

The Department Junior Vice Commandant will serve as the chairperson. Each of the Department District Vice Commandants will serve on the committee. Additional committee members may be appointed by the Commandant.

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The Committee shall be responsible for developing and overseeing all Department fund raising efforts other than dues, convention and conference affairs. It shall hold regular meetings minimally during each conference and convention. It shall submit an annual fund-raising plan to the Commandant and the Budget Committee at least 60 days prior to the Department Convention.

The fund-raising plan shall recommend the sources, methods, and monetary goals of the fund raising programs and the uses for the money, including a designation of specific charitable beneficiaries and causes. It shall review the use of donated funds by recipients and recommend whether such donations should continue, be modified or terminated. Before any commitment or concession is made it must be viewed and approved by the Department of Florida Commandant and Department Judge Advocate.

RATIONAL:

The proposed amendment will align the bylaws with the realignment of the fund-raising efforts of the Department. The current language is focused on fund raising for the IWFF and the Scholarship Fund. Traditionally the Department has been dependent upon the membership dues and their contributions to raffles and such for fund raising. Each year, more funds are needed to minimally maintain the programs in place with insufficient funding for growth or new programs. Additional sources of fund-raising must be identified and implemented to reduce the burden on the membership.

The proposed amendment clearly identifies the committee chair and the members of the committee and should allow for continuity with improved visionary planning and functionality of the committee.

The proposed amendment removes language pertaining to the IWFF, Inc. The IWFF, Inc. is a separate entity organized under the IRS and the State of Florida. The IWFF, Inc. bylaws provide for the Department Commandant and other Department members to serve on the corporation board of directors. The IWFF, Inc. is supported by and sponsored by the Department of Florida but remains an independent organization.

Respectfully submitted,

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