# RULES OF ORDER
## DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY CONVENTION
### June 24th 25th 26th 2021

1. Business sessions shall begin and end promptly, as indicated by the Schedule of the Department Convention, unless deemed otherwise by the Department Commandant. They will be conducted in the strict adherence to the prescribed Ritual of the Marine Corps League. Delegates are expected to be in attendance will in advance of the beginning of each session, so as to preclude any delay(s), or interruption(s) of the session.

2. The Bylaws and Administrative Procedures of the Marine Corps League and Robert's Rules of Order (revised) shall prevail at all times.

3. Cell phones are to be turned off or put on vibrate mode during all convention sessions. Members of the Marine Corps League who are registered as delegates to the Convention, Department Officers, Past Department/Detachment Commandants shall have the right to speak in any discussion or debate of the Convention.

4. Should the "Chair" decide to admit any visitor(s) to the Convention session for any purpose, the "Chair" shall first declare the session to be under the "Good of the League". After the visitor(s) purpose has been satisfied, the "Chair" shall then instruct the Sergeant at Arms or his/her assistant to escort the visitor(s) from the session and declare that the session is again "Open for transaction of official business".

5. No delegate shall be permitted to speak more than twice on a question. A time limit of three (3) minutes will be imposed upon each speaker

6. The "Chair" shall not accept a Motion for the Question, on any controversial issue until, in the opinion of the "Chair" a sufficient number of speaker, representing opposing views, have been recognized and offered the opportunity to express his/her views.

7. Delegates desiring permission to enter or leave the convention will do so by (1) presenting him/herself and (2) saluting the "Chair" In order to expedite convention business the Department Commandant may designate the Sergeant at Arms to accept the courtesy salutes.

8. The "Chair", no matter by whom occupied, shall always be addressed as "Sir or Madam Commandant".

9. Each delegate shall be provided with an "approved" convention agenda so as to provide a constant awareness of the planned and scheduled convention business. In addition, any change(s) to the convention agenda will be advised to the body during the "announcements" segment of the business session.

10. Should a "Point of Order" be raised, the Department Judge Advocate shall render an opinion on the point of order to the "Chair", the "Chair" shall then accept, reject or make a ruling on the "Point of Order".

11. During the nomination of officer procedure, the Nominator of the candidate for office will be permitted not more than five (5) minutes of floor time for his/her nomination. Seconds to the nomination, will be permitted no more than one (1) minute.

12. A request for a "Roll Call Vote", require the concurrence of at least ten (10) registered and approved delegates.

13. The "Chair" upon declaring a "Roll Call Vote" shall call a five (5) minute recess of the session to permit any detachment to caucus on the question.

14. Prior to the initiation of a "Roll Call Vote", the Chairperson of the Credentials Committee shall call the roll of detachments in attendance, and announce the voting strength of each detachment. Should a detachment elect to "pass" during the procedure, the roll of detachments will continue until all have been called. Following the completed roll call, those detachments which may have elected to "pass", will once again be called.

15. A delegate, Department/Detachment Officer or Past Department/Detachment Commandant, requesting the floor, will proceed to the rostrum, upon the request of the "Chair" and upon recognition, identify him/herself by stating his/her name, detachment and whether he/she is a delegate, Department/Detachment Officer or Past Department/Detachment Commandant, prior to making his/her remarks.

16. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present is required to Waive any Convention Rule.