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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AWARDS

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Order of Precedence (Large Medals)

1. Distinguished Citizen Medal - Gold (Old and Current)
2. Distinguished Citizen Medal - Silver (Old and Current)
3. Distinguished Citizen Medal - Bronze (Old and Current)
4. Distinguished Service Medal
5. National Recruiter - Gold
6. National Recruiter - Silver
7. National Recruiter - Bronze
8. Past National Commandants Medal
9. National Staff Medal Elected
10. National Staff Medal Appointed
11. Department Commandant Medal
12. Department Staff Medal Elected
13. Department Staff Medal Appointed
14. Department Recruiter - Silver
15. Detachment Commandant Medal
16. Detachment Staff Medal Elected
17. Detachment Staff Medal Appointed
18. Detachment Recruiter - Bronze
19. Devil Dog Pack Leader Medal
20. Devil Dog Pound Keeper Medal
21. Marine Corps League Medal (Membership)
22. 50th National Convention Medal (Elected/Appointed/Selected) Silver
23. 50th National Convention Medal (Those in attendance) Bronze
24. 50th Department of California Convention Medal (see NOTE 2)
25. 50th Department of Illinois Convention Medal (see NOTE 2)
26. 50th Department of Wisconsin Convention Medal (see NOTE 2)
27. 50th Department of Michigan Convention (see NOTE 2)
28. State Commendation Medal (individual States' award)

Order of Precedence (Miniature Medals)

1. Distinguished Citizen Medal - Gold (Old and Current)
2. Distinguished Citizen Medal - Silver (Old and Current)
3. Distinguished Citizen Medal - Bronze (Old and Current)
4. Distinguished Service Medal
5. National Recruiter - Gold
6. National Recruiter - Silver
7. National Recruiter - Bronze
8. Past National Commandants Medal
9. National Staff Medal Elected
10. National Staff Medal Appointed
11. Department Commandant Medal
12. Department Staff Medal Elected
13. Department Staff Medal Appointed
14. Department Recruiter - Silver
15. Detachment Commandant Medal
16. Detachment Staff Medal Elected
17. Detachment Staff Medal Appointed
18. Detachment Recruiter - Bronze
19. Kennel Dog of the Year Medal
20. Pack Dog of the Year Medal
21. Pound Dog of the Year Medal

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22. Past Chief Devil Dogs Medal
23. Devil Dog Pack Leader Medal
24. Devil Dog Pound Keeper Medal
25. Marine Corps League Medal
26. 75th National Convention Medal (Elected & Selected) -Gold
27. 75th National Convention Medal (Those in Attendance) - Silver
28. 50th Department of Pennsylvania Convention Medal (see NOTE 2)
29. 50th Department of Virginia Convention Medal (see NOTE 2)
30. 50th Department of Michigan Convention Medal (see NOTE 2)
31. 50th Department of Missouri Convention Medal (see NOTE 2)

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Order of Precedence (Ribbons)

1. Distinguished Citizen Ribbon - Gold (Old and Current)
2. Distinguished Citizen Ribbon - Silver (Old and Current)
3. Distinguished Citizen Ribbon - Bronze (Old and Current)
4. Distinguished Service Ribbon
5. National Recruiter - Gold
6. National Recruiter - Silver
7. National Recruiter - Bronze
8. Past National Commandants Ribbon
9. National Staff Ribbon Elected
10. National Staff Ribbon Appointed
11. Department Commandant Ribbon
12. Department Staff Ribbon Elected
13. Department Staff Ribbon Appointed
14. Department Recruiter - Silver
15. Detachment Commandant Ribbon
16. Detachment Staff Ribbon Elected
17. Detachment Staff Ribbon Appointed
18. Detachment Recruiter - Bronze
19. Marine Corps League Community Service Ribbon
20. Board of Trustees Commendation (Victor T. Fisher Award)
21. Meritorious Unit Commendation - National
22. Meritorious Unit Commendation - Department
23. Meritorious Individual Commendation
24. Kennel Dog of the Year
25. Chief Devil Dogs Meritorious Commendation (Individual)
26. Pack Dog of the Year
27. Pack Leaders Meritorious Commendation (Individual)
28. Pound Dog of the Year
29. Pound Keepers Meritorious Commendation (Individual)
30. Past Chief Devil Dogs Ribbon
31. Devil Dog Pack Leader Ribbon
32. Devil Dog Pound Keeper Ribbon
33. Marine Corps League Ribbon (Membership)
34. 50th National Convention Ribbon (Elected/Appointed/Selected) Silver
35. 50th National Convention Ribbon (Those in attendance) Bronze
36. 75th National Convention Ribbon (Elected & Selected_ - Gold
37. 75th National Convention Ribbon (Those in Attendance) - Silver
38. 50th Department of California Convention Ribbon (see NOTE 2)
39. 50th Department of Illinois Convention Ribbon (see NOTE 2)

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- 40. 50th Department of Pennsylvania Convention Ribbon (see NOTE 2)
- 41. 50th Department of Wisconsin Convention Ribbon (see NOTE 2)
- 42. 50th Department of Virginia Convention Ribbon (see NOTE 2)
- 43. 50th Department of Michigan Convention Ribbon (see NOTE 2)
- 44. 50th Department of Missouri Convention Medal (see NOTE 2)
- 45. State Commendation Ribbon (individual States' award)

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NOTE 1

For each additional medal award, a bronze star will be worn. A silver star will be worn in place of five (5) bronze stars and a gold star will be worn in place of five (5) silver stars unless otherwise noted. The exceptions are: Distinguished Citizens Medal - Gold; Distinguished Citizens Medal - Silver; Distinguished Citizens Medal Bronze; and Distinguished Service Medal. On each of the aforementioned Distinguished Service Medals a 5/16" gold star will be worn to indicate additional awards and a 5/16" silver star will be worn in place of five (5) gold stars.

DESCRIPTION OF MEDALS, RIBBONS, AWARDS AND WHO MAY AUTHORIZE

1a. Distinguished Citizen Medal - Gold (Old)

Medal - Gold

Ribbon - Green, Gold and Silver with five (5) Gold Stars

NOTE: This was the original Distinguished Citizen Medal - Gold. There are no more, but those who have received them, may wear them in front of the current issue.

1b. Distinguished citizen Medal - Gold (Current) (see NOTE 1)

Medal - Gold

Ribbon - Blue, gold, white, green and red stripe

Awarded by: National Commandant

Recommended by: Detachment\Department\National Division Vice Commandant

For Approval: Department \National Division Vice Commandant
National Awards Committee

* Shall be awarded by National Commandant ONLY. This medal is automatically presented to the National Marine of the Year with the FMF device (Eagle, Globe & Anchor) signifying National Marine of the Year (see Note 3). Recommendation(s) for this medal must be in writing and sent to the National Commandant via the National Awards Committee for their recommendation for approval or disapproval. The medal will be awarded only to Marines who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, have answered to the call of "Above and Beyond" the principles upon which the Marine Corps League was founded. A 3/16" gold star will be worn to indicate additional awards.

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2a. Distinguished Citizen Medal - Silver (Old)

Medal - Silver

Ribbon - Green, Gold and Silver with five (5) Silver Stars

NOTE: This was the original Distinguished Citizen Medal - Silver. There are no more, but those who have received them, may wear them in front of the current issue.

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2b. Distinguished Citizen Medal- Silver (Current) (see NOTE 1)

Medal - Silver
Ribbon - Red center flanked by gold and black stripes

A- **Awarded by:** National Commandant
Recommended By: Detachment\Department\National Division Vice Commandant
For Approval: Department\National Division Vice\National Commandant
National Awards Committee

B. **Awarded by:** Department\National Division Vice Commandant
Recommended By: Detachment\Department\National Division Vice Commandant
For Approval: Department\National Division Vice Commandant

3a. Distinguished Citizen Medal - Bronze (Old)

Medal - Bronze
Ribbon - Green, Gold and Silver

NOTE: This was the original Distinguished Citizen Medal - Bronze. There are no more, but those who have received them, may wear them in front of the current issue.

3b. Distinguished Citizen Medal - Bronze (Current) (see NOTE 1)

Medal - Bronze
Ribbon - White center flanked by maroon stripes

A- **Awarded by:** National Commandant
Recommended By: Detachment\Department\National Division Vice Commandant
For Approval: Department\National Division Vice\National Commandant
National Awards Committee

B- **Awarded by:** Department\National Division Vice Commandant
Recommended By: Detachment\Department\National Division Vice Commandant
For Approval: Department\National Division Vice

C- **Awarded by:** Detachment Commandant

4. Distinguished Service Medal (God, Country and Corps) (see NOTE 1)

Medal - Bronze
Ribbon - Maroon center flanked by dark blue stripes
Awarded by: Detachment\Department\National Division Vice\National Commandant
Recommended By: Detachment\Department\National Division Vice\National
Commandant

This medal should be presented to a Marine who has been awarded the Distinguished Citizen Medal Gold, Silver, or Bronze, with the Distinguished Service Certificate indicating the authorization to wear the awarded medal.

5. National Recruiter Medal - Gold

Medal - Gold
Ribbon - Green\White\Gold
Awarded By: National Jr. Vice Commandant
Awarded to National Recruiter of the Year.

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6. **National Recruiter Medal - Silver**
Medal - Silver
Ribbon - Red\White\Green
Awarded by: National Jr. Vice Commandant
Awarded to 2nd Place National Recruiter of the Year.
7. **National Recruiter Medal - Bronze**
Medal - Bronze
Ribbon - Green\White\Green
Awarded by: National Jr. Vice Commandant
Awarded to 3rd Place National Recruiter of the Year.
8. **Past National Commandants Medal - Gold**
Medal - Gold
Ribbon - White
Awarded by: National Commandant
9. **National Staff Medal (Elected)**
Medal - Silver
Ribbon - Gold and white stripe
To be worn by elected National Officers (see NOTE 1).
10. **National Staff Medal (Appointed)**
Medal - Bronze
Ribbon - Gold and white stripe flanked by red stripes
To be worn by appointed National Officers (see NOTE 1).
11. **Department Commandant Medal (Commandant Samuel Nicholas)**
Medal - Bronze
Ribbon - Red and gold stripe
To be worn by elected Department Commandant (see NOTE 1).
12. **Department Staff Medal (Elected)**
Medal - Silver
Ribbon - Blue, Red, White, Blue, White, Red, Blue
To be worn by elected Department Officers (see NOTE 1).
13. **Department Staff Medal (Appointed)**
Medal - Bronze
Ribbon - Blue, Red, White, Red, White, Red, Blue
To be worn by appointed Department Officers (see NOTE 1).
14. **Department Recruiter Medal - Silver**
Medal - Silver
Ribbon - Green, Gold, Green
Awarded by: Department Commandant
Awarded to Department Recruiter(s) of the Year

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15. Detachment Commandant Medal (Commandant John A. Lejeune)

Medal - Bronze

Ribbon - Maroon and Dark blue stripes

To be worn by elected Detachment Commandant (see NOTE 1).

16. Detachment Staff Medal (Elected)

Medal - Silver

Ribbon - Blue, White, Red, White, Blue

To be worn by elected Detachment Officers (see NOTE 1).

17. Detachment Staff Medal (Appointed)

Medal - Bronze

Ribbon - White, Blue, White

To be worn by appointed Detachment Officers (see NOTE 1).

18. Detachment Recruiter Medal - Bronze

Medal - Bronze

Ribbon - Gold, Green, Gold

Awarded by: Detachment Commandant

Awarded to Detachment Recruiter(s) of the Year

19. Devil Dog-Pack Leader Medal

Medal - Bronze Cross with Devil Dog emblem

Ribbon - Gold center flanked by red stripes

To be worn by elected Pack Leader (see NOTE 1).

20. Devil Dog Pound Keeper Medal

Medal - Bronze Cross with Devil Dog emblem

Ribbon - Red, gold and black stripes

To be worn by elected Pound Keeper (see NOTE 1).

21. Marine Corps League Medal (Membership) (see NOTE 1).

Medal - Marine Corps Emblem on gold sunburst

Ribbon - Blue, khaki, olive stripes flanked by gold and pink stripes

To be worn by any Marine who has been a member of the Marine Corps League for five (5) continuous years and has not had membership revoked.

22. State Commendation Medal

Medal - Bronze/Silver

Ribbon - Depends on individual State awarding

Awarded by: States' Governor and/or Adjutant General

Past National Commandant Pin

Oval-shaped pin with Marine emblem and a diamond. Presented to the outgoing National Commandant at the completion of his tour as National Commandant at the National Convention. It will be worn centered on the left lapel, one inch below the lapel notch.

National Marine of the Year

Gold pin in the shape of the United States. Awarded at the National Convention to the Marine selected by the Marine of the Year Society as the National Marine of the Year. It will be worn centered on the left lapel one inch below the lapel notch, left of the Past National pin if so awarded.

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Kennel Dog of the Year

Gold pin with Devil Dog emblem in the center. Presented at each National Convention to the Marine selected as the Kennel Dog of the Year. It will be worn centered on the left lapel one inch below the lapel notch, left of the National Commandant pin and Marine of the Year pin if so awarded.

COMMENDATION AWARDS:

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Marine Corps League Community/VAVS Service (Nat'l.\Dept.\Detachment) (see NOTE 1)

Ribbon - Green, Yellow, Green
Awarded by: National Commandant
Presented to: An Individual
Recommended by: Detachment\Department\National Division Vice Commandant National Commandant\Department or National VAVS Chairman
For Approval: National Awards Committee
National Commandant

To be awarded to a Marine Corps Leaguer who in the opinion of the National Commandant and the Awards Committee has exemplified him or herself in their communities and/or National, including VAVS, but not necessarily both, helping all they have come in contact with. The recommendation MUST be in writing and have the appropriate endorsements when making the submission.

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Board of Trustees Commendation (Victor T. Fisher Award) (National\Department)

Ribbon: - Red, White, Blue
Awarded by: National\Department Commandant
Presented to: National\Department Board of Trustees member
Recommended by: National\Department\Detachment Commandant
Detachment Award approval: Detachment Commandant
Department Award approval: Department Commandant
National Award approval: National Commandant\National Awards Committee

This can be awarded by ANY National or Department Commandant to a member of their Board of Trustees who best exemplifies the principles of the United States Marine Corps, Marine Corps League and Marine Fisher.

Meritorious Unit Commendation (National) for a Detachment\Department(see NOTE 1}

Ribbon - Red, white and gold striped
Streamer - Gold with Red lettering
Awarded by: National Commandant
Presented to: A Department or a Detachment
Recommended by: Detachment\Department\National Division Vice Commandant
Detachment Award approval: Detachment\Department\Nat'l Division Vice Commandant National Awards Committee
Department Award approval: Department\National Division Vice Commandant National Awards Committee
National Award approval: National Awards Committee\National Commandant

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Meritorious Unit Commendation - Department (see NOTE 1)

Ribbon - White center flanked by gold
Streamer - White with Red lettering
Awarded by: Department Commandant
Presented to: A Detachment
Recommended by: Department\National Division Vice Commandant
Detachment Award approval: Detachment\Department\Nat'l Division Vice
Commandant\National Awards Committee
Department Award approval: Department\National Division Vice Commandant
National Awards Committee
National Award approval: National Awards Committee\National Commandant

Meritorious Individual Connendation (Detachment\Department\National) (see NOTE 1)

Ribbon - Gold center flanked by white
Awarded by: National\Department\Detachment Commandant
Presented by: An individual designated by a
National\Department\Detachment Commandant.
Detachment Award approval: Detachment\Department\Nat'l Division Vice Commandant
National Awards Committee
Department Award approval: Department\National Division Vice Commandant
National Awards Committee
National Award approval: National Awards Committee\National Commandant

Chief Devil Dogs Meritorious Commendation (Individual) (see NOTE 1)

Ribbon: - Red , Gold, Red, Green
Awarded by: Chief Devil Dog
Recommended by: Chief Devil Dog
Kennel Staff Member to Chief Devil Dog

Pack Leaders Meritorious Commendation (Individual) (see NOTE 1)

Ribbon: - Green, Yellow, Green, Red
Awarded by: Pack Leader

Pound Keepers Meritorious Commendation (Individual) (see NOTE 1)

Ribbon: - Blue, White, Red, Gold
Awarded by: Pound Keeper

CERTIFICATES:

Distinguished Service Award (Certificate only)

This award may be presented by the National, Department, or Detachment Commandant to Leaguers and non-League members who have distinguished themselves.

Certificate of Appreciation

This award may be presented by the National, Department, or Detachment Commandant for appreciation of loyalty and patriotism to country and the Marine Corps League. This may be awarded to Leaguers and non-League members.

Certificate of Appreciation (For Displaying the United States Flag)

This award may be presented by the National, Department or Detachment Commandant.

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