

Marine Corps League
Department of Colorado
Marine of the Year Society
Guidelines, Procedures and Eligibility

Submission of Nominee:

Any member in “Good Standing” may nominate any other “Regular Member in Good Standing” for Department Marine of the Year. The nomination must be submitted to the previous year’s recipient of the award who serves as Chairperson of the current year’s committee. The committee is comprised of all previous Colorado Marine of the Year award recipients present at the Department Convention. Nominations must be received by the Chairperson as described by the “Award Guidelines” prior to the opening of the Convention. The committee will meet on the convention Friday during the time allotted for committees.

Selection:

All nominations will be reviewed by the committee members present. Upon completion of the review, each member will cast a ballot for the nominee who best meets the criteria in the opinion of the member. If a majority is achieved, the Marine of the Year is selected. If a majority is not achieved on the first ballot, a second ballot will be taken between the two candidates who received the most votes in the first ballot. The successful nominee will thus be selected. If no nominations are received or those nominations received do not show that the nominee has “gone above and beyond” what is expected of a member, the society members assembled may by unanimous vote not make an award for that year.

Confidentiality:

No member shall reveal the name of the successful nominee to anyone prior to the announcement at the banquet concluding the convention, at which time the Marine of the Year recipient will be introduced. Other Nominees, those not selected are not named and nomination letters are discarded.

Award:

The Department Marine of the Year Medallion for Marine of the Year will be presented at the Grande Banquet. The Department Level Marine of the Year Medallion is authorized for wear with formal uniform attire only. A Distinguished Service Award certificate shall be presented at the next Department Staff meeting. The Chairman is responsible for having the medallion at the banquet and a certificate at the following staff meeting. Assistance can be requested from the Department Adjutant Paymaster and the Department Awards Chairman.

Repeat Nominations:

The committee can elect to respond to unsuccessful nominators with encouragement to resubmit their candidate the following year.

Repeat Awards:

A member can only receive the award once. If nominated a second time his/her nomination shall be disregarded.

Turnover:

It is the current chairman's responsibility to present the new Marine of the Year with a folder containing these instructions and a list of the past recipients. The new chairman shall advise all Colorado Detachments to submit their nominee for the upcoming convention no later than the March Staff meeting, providing them with the eligibility requirements and submission guidelines and deadlines.

Publicity:

The Junior Past Marine of the Year shall release an appropriate press announcement to media sources in the new Marine of the Year's home area and in other areas where League Detachments exist. A color photo and caption should be forwarded to the National MCL Magazine for publication also.

Detachment Assistance starting a Marine of the Year Program/Society:

When requested by a Detachment the Department Society Chairperson shall:

First Year: Select three (3) Department Past Marines of the Year to act as judges for the detachment. Detachment nominations shall be addressed to the chairperson of the Provisional Detachment Society (one of the three judges). The three judges shall select and present the award at an appropriate ceremony sponsored by the requesting detachment. The detachment must provide the Detachment Marine of the Year Medallion for presentation.

Second Year: Select two (2) Department Past Marines of the Year and the Detachment's Past Marine of the Year to act as judges for the detachment Provisional Marine of the Year Society. Detachment nominations shall be addressed to the chairperson of the Provisional Detachment Society (one of the three judges). The three judges shall select and present the award at an appropriate ceremony sponsored by the requesting detachment. The detachment must provide the Detachment Marine of the Year Medallion for presentation.

Third Year: Select one (1) Department Past Marine of the Year and the Detachment's two (2) Past Marines of the Year to act as judges for the detachment. Detachment nominations shall be addressed to the chairperson of the Provisional Detachment Society (one of the three judges). The three judges shall select and present the award at an appropriate ceremony sponsored by the requesting detachment. The detachment must provide the Detachment Marine of the Year Medallion for presentation.

Fourth Year: The Detachment's three (3) Past Marines of the Year shall act as judges for the detachment. Detachment nominations shall be addressed to the chairperson of the Detachment Society (the Junior Past Marine of the Year). The three members shall select and present the award at an appropriate ceremony sponsored by the detachment. The detachment must provide the Detachment Marine of the Year Medallion for presentation.

Colorado Marine of the Year Guidelines

Any member in "Good Standing" may nominate any other "Regular Member in Good Standing" for Department Marine of the Year. The nomination must be received by the Junior Past Marine of the Year as outlined in the "Award Guidelines" prior to the opening of the annual Department Convention (It will not be accepted past the deadline)

Eligibility

1. The nominee must have been selected by the Detachment's Marine of the Year Society* and received the Detachment's Marine of the Year Award prior to nomination for Department Marine of the Year; and,
2. be a Regular Member in good standing at the time of nomination who has never received the Department Marine of the Year Award; and have,
3. Demonstrated devotion to the principals and purposes of the U.S. Marine Corps and the Marine Corps League by activities and achievements within the Marine Corps League; and,
4. Achievements and activities in community, civic, fraternal, and social organizations which would enhance the posture of the U.S. Marine Corps and the Marine Corps League; and,
5. Hold or have held any Department or National elected or appointed office or Committee Chairperson. (Detachment Commandant is a Department Staff office).

* If the Detachment does not have a Marine of the Year Program the Department Society will help start one. The requirement may be waived, but, a waiver of the requirement must be requested in the nomination letter.

Guidelines

Detachment Level: Have involvement in detachment activities, e.g.

attends meetings;
participates in detachment functions;
serves on a detachment committee, holds or held an office;
supports the MODD, MCL Auxiliary and MODDF Fleas;

Community Outreach Service: Is involved within the local community, e.g.

volunteers time at VA;
V.A. Volunteer recognition and community and civic awards.
a scout leader or other youth activities;
participates in the Toys for Tots program;
Participates as a member in other Veteran's organizations (VFW, DAV, American Legion, etc.)
Works with other Veterans groups in the community, coordinating Veterans functions and recognition events.
Other community activities promoting or advocating patriotism, country, duty, and freedom.
Participates in joint veterans activities (joint color guards, funeral details, etc.)

Department Level: Department level involvement, e.g.

Officer (appointed or elected), Committee Chair/member
Supports Department activities;

Prior Awards received:

Prior awards received by nominee such as MODD Pound, Pack or Kennel awards, and MCL Detachment, Department or National awards.

All Levels:

Achievements can be cumulative, but current year activities should be stressed. The nominee for Marine of the Year should have involvement at all three levels. Overall service should show that the nominee has gone "*above and beyond*" what is expected of an average "good" member. The above guidelines are examples only and not hard requirements for the award.

If the Marine is truly deserving, please take time to submit a thorough and well written nomination.