



# DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

— Incorporated by an Act of Congress on 4 August 1937 —

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## CERTIFICATE

Having reviewed the new Bylaws of the  
Lt Alexander Bonnyman Detachment 924,  
Department of Tennessee, Marine Corps League,  
enacted in their Regular Business Meeting on 26 July 2000,  
and finding them neither in conflict nor inconsistent with the  
Department of Tennessee Bylaws and Administrative Procedures,  
or the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures,  
I do hereby approve of said Bylaws in accordance  
with Article Five, Section 505 of the National Bylaws  
effective this date.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Gardner', written over a horizontal line.

DAVID J. GARDNER  
Judge Advocate  
Department of Tennessee  
Marine Corps League

4-21-01

Date

-- *Once a Marine, Always a Marine* --

The Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment #924  
Marine Corps League

BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1

NAME

The name of the organization is: "The Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment #924, Marine Corps League."

ARTICLE 2

OFFICES

The principle location of the Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment #924, Marine Corps League, hereinafter called "the Detachment," shall be the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center, 2101 Alcoa Highway, Knoxville, in Knox County, Tennessee 37920, or at such other place as shall be designated by the Detachment Officers. The Detachment's mailing address is "Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment #924, Marine Corps League, P.O. Box 145, Knoxville, TN 37901."

ARTICLE 3

ORGANIZATION AND AUTHORITY

SECTION 300 - NAME. The Detachment is named in honor of First Lieutenant Alexander Bonnyman, Jr., United States Marine Corps Reserve, who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty during the battle for Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, November 20-23, 1943.

SECTION 301 - BYLAWS. The Detachment shall adopt its Bylaws as necessary to adhere to and comply with the Tennessee Department and the National Marine Corps League Bylaws and Administrative Procedures. Amendment to these Bylaws requires the approval of two-thirds of the Detachment's members attending a regularly called meeting. Notice of the intent to consider amending these Bylaws must be provided to all Detachment members at least 30 (thirty) days before any meeting at which any amendment is to be voted on.

SECTION 302 - INCORPORATION. The Detachment shall be incorporated in the State of Tennessee in accordance with National Bylaws, Section 700.

**SECTION 303 - OFFICERS.** The Detachment Officers shall include a Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant, Judge Advocate, Adjutant, Sergeant-At-Arms, Paymaster and Chaplain.

**SECTION 304 - ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.**

(a) **Nominations.** The Detachment Officers shall be elected annually. During the October monthly meeting a Nomination Committee shall be appointed to receive and record all nominations for the election of the following year's Detachment Officers. The nominating committee shall submit the names of each candidate, by office, to the Detachment Commandant no later than December 10th of the current year. The names of the nominated members will be posted in the December issue of the Detachment's monthly newsletter. Members wishing to stand for office or wishing to nominate another member shall notify the Nomination Committee and state which office they want to be considered for or for which office they wish to nominate another member. The Committee can receive names from sources other than the individual. If any names are thus tendered, the committee will insure that the individual is willing to serve in the office for which he/she has been nominated prior to further consideration.

(b) **Nomination Committee.** The Nomination Committee shall consist of the Detachment Junior Past Commandant, one (1) other previously elected Detachment Officer and three (3) Detachment members who do not stand for one of the Detachment Elective Offices.

(c) **Election.** The election of the Detachment Officers shall be conducted during the Detachment's January meeting. The Detachment Adjutant will announce the names of the Nominee(s) being considered for each office.

(1) The members attending the January Detachment meeting vote for each nominee. The Detachment Adjutant will record the vote.

(2) The nominee receiving the largest number of votes for each office will be elected to that office.

(d) **Installation of Officers.** The new elected Detachment Officers shall be installed during the month of February of the year in which they are elected for office.

**SECTION 305 - INSTALLING OFFICER.** The incoming Detachment Commandant may select any Installing Officer meeting the guidelines established in the National Bylaws and must relay that selection to the Tennessee Department Commandant.

**SECTION 306 - REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND INSTALLATION.** It is the responsibility of the Installing Officer to sign, date and forward the installation form to National Headquarters, the Division Vice Commandant, and the Department of Tennessee Adjutant within fifteen (15) days of the installation.

**SECTION 307 - BOARD OF TRUSTEES.** The current Detachment Officers and the Junior Past Commandant of the Detachment shall constitute the Detachment's Board of Trustees. Action of the Board of Trustees shall be by consensus or by simple majority vote.

SECTION 308 - APPOINTEES. The Detachment Commandant or the Detachment Board of Trustees may appoint other officials or committee chairpersons but those individuals shall not be voting members of the Board of Trustees.

## ARTICLE 4

### MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 400 - MEMBERSHIP. The Detachment shall be the sole judge of its membership within the guidelines established by the National Marine Corps League Bylaws. Proof of eligibility shall be required from each applicant for membership in the Detachment. Membership application and acceptance of membership shall be in accordance with the National Bylaws, Article Six, Section 605. At any official Detachment meeting, the Detachment members can determine or change its annual Detachment membership fee, which shall include the Department and national per capita dues and fees.

#### SECTION 401- ELIGIBILITY.

(a) Regular Member. Only persons who are serving or who have served honorably in the United States Marine Corps for not less than ninety (90) days and persons who are serving or who have served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and have earned no less than ninety (90) Reserve Retirement Credit Points shall be eligible for regular membership in the Detachment.

(b) Life Member. Any member of the Detachment who is in good standing may become a Life Member of the Marine Corps League, upon proper payment of the fee as established by the National Convention.

(c) Associate Member. Those individuals not qualified for regular membership in the Detachment or the Detachment's Auxiliary who espouse the principles and purposes of the Marine Corps League as contained in its Congressional Charter and meet the requirements of the Marine Corps League National Bylaws, Article Six, Section 600(b) may be accepted into the Detachment as an Associate Member.

(d) Honorary Member. The Detachment may issue honorary membership to those persons who have been of extraordinary service to the Nation, the community, the United States Marine Corps or the Marine Corps League, as defined by the National Bylaws Article 6, Section 600(c).

SECTION 402 - DEATH OF A MEMBER. The Detachment Board of Trustees shall develop a plan to notify Detachment members in a timely manner of the demise of a Detachment member. The Detachment Chaplain upon notification of the demise of any Detachment member shall comply with the provisions of the National Administrative Procedures, Chapter Seven, Section 720.

## ARTICLE 5

### FINANCE

**SECTION 500 – FINANCE.** The Detachment Paymaster shall have charge of all books and records of accounts of the Detachment; collect, receive and have charge of all funds of the Detachment; make disbursements on behalf of the Detachment for all reasonable Detachment expenses, within guidelines established by the Detachment Board of Trustees; and deposit Detachment funds in a bank as directed by the Detachment Board of Trustees. The Paymaster shall make a written report of the financial standing of the Detachment at each meeting of the Detachment Board of Trustees and at each official meeting of the Detachment's members. Copies of these reports shall also be made available to any member.

**SECTION 501 – AUDIT/INVENTORY.** An audit of the Detachment's financial records and an inventory of its assets shall be conducted annually or at other times when ordered by the Detachment Board of Trustees.

(a) **Financial records.** The annual audit of the Detachment's financial records shall be made immediately after the election of the Detachment's Commandant in January of each year. The audit team shall consist of the incoming and outgoing Detachment Paymasters and two other Detachment members who are not members of the Detachment Board, incoming or outgoing. The incoming and outgoing Detachment Commandant will be provided a copy of the audit results. Additional copies will be incorporated into the Detachment Adjutant's and the Detachment Paymaster's records. The results of the audit will also be announced to the members of the Bonnyman Detachment.

(b) **Assets.** An inventory of the Detachment's assets shall be accomplished within thirty (30) days after the election of the Detachment Commandant. The incoming and outgoing Detachment Commandants shall conduct the inventory. A copy of the inventory results shall be provided to the outgoing and incoming Detachment Commandants and a copy shall be made part of the Detachment Adjutant's records

## ARTICLE 6

### DETACHMENT MEETINGS

**SECTION 600 - DETACHMENT MEETINGS.** The Detachment shall conduct a monthly meeting of its members on the last Tuesday of each month, unless circumstances require that the meeting date be changed at the discretion of the Detachment Officers. If the meeting cannot be held on the regularly scheduled date, the Detachment Commandant shall schedule the meeting as soon as reasonable thereafter. During any official Detachment meeting, the Detachment Charter, the National Colors, the Bible and either the Marine Corps Colors or the Detachment Colors shall be displayed. Detachment business shall be conducted according to "Robert's Revised Rules of Order," as interpreted by the Detachment Judge Advocate.

SECTION 601 - QUORUM. There must no less than ten (10) members and two (2) elected Officers present to transact official business for the Detachment. Actions taken by the Detachment at its official meetings shall be by simple majority vote unless specified otherwise herein. Regular Members can vote on any issue. Associate Members can only vote on issues which affect solely the internal affairs of the Detachment; Associate members and Honorary Members cannot vote on any membership application, election of officers, or other issue affecting Marine Corps League policies.

End of the Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment #924 Bylaws, enacted by membership vote on 26 July 2000 and approved by the National Judge Advocate on \_\_\_\_\_.