

P.O. Box 3070  
Merrifield, VA 22116-3070  
www.mcleague.org  
E-mail: mcl@mcleague.org



(703) 207-9588  
(703) 207-9589  
(800) MCL-1775  
FAX: (703) 207-0047

## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

National Headquarters

October 16, 2010

MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
DEPARTMENT COMMANDANTS  
DETACHMENT COMMANDANTS  
ALL MCL MEMBERS

Subj: MARINE CORPS LEAGUE POLICY ON POLITICAL PARTICIPATION  
IN LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL ELECTIONS

Marines: As we are about to conclude the mid-term elections of 2010, it has been brought to my attention, on more than one occasion I'm sad to say, that apparently members of the Marine Corps League have publicly spoken out to endorse or speak in opposition of political candidates, and in some cases, appeared in TV and newspaper advertisements and photos on behalf of political candidates, that gives the appearance these Leaguers are offering an endorsement by the Marine Corps League for their candidacy. The following is the Marine Corps League's **POLICY** on the aforementioned subject taken from the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, Chapter One, Section 110:

### **SECTION 110 – POLICY**

(b) The Marine Corps League shall never take part in Any labor or management dispute or issue, and it shall be ever non-sectarian, non-political, and non-partisan; nor shall it be based on the grounds of race, color, creed, nationality, or sex; nor shall it be used as a medium of political ambition or preferment; nor shall former or present military rank or former or present civilian position be used as the basis for special consideration or preferment.

The Marine Corps League wants and strongly encourages **ALL** its members and families to exercise their Constitutional right and duty to vote. With that said, our membership cannot give the impression that the League supports or opposes **ANY** one candidate or political party.

I enjoin you, as the leadership of the Marine Corps League, to ensure all those members under your charge review the Marine Corps League's Policy as outlined above and ensure it is adhered to. Thank you for taking the time to read this memorandum. The League needs your total support on this issue. Give my personal best wishes to everyone as we prepare to celebrate our 235th Birthday. God Bless America.

VIC VOLTAGGIO  
National Commandant