

**DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE  
COMMANDANT'S DIRECTIVE**

Directive 15-1

**Department of Florida  
Detachment Commandant of the Year Award**

“In accordance with Department of Florida By-Laws, Administrative Procedures Section 200(e) the Department of Florida Commandant shall create a Standing Committee listed as “Department Detachment Commandant of the Year”. The sitting Commandant of Florida shall appoint a past “Detachment Commandant of the Year” to Chair the committee. The selection of an annual Detachment Commandant of the Year shall be from the nominees submitted by the Detachments of the Department; and in accordance with submission requirements as established by the committee and approved by the Board of Trustees. For 2015, the appointed chair is PDC Walt Russell.

The committee shall consist of the Chairman, the sitting Department of Florida Commandant, the Junior Past Commandant and all past recipients of the Detachment Commandant of the Year award. There shall be a minimum of five members. If there are less than five members available to serve, the Department Commandant shall appoint additional members for a limited term with preference given to Past Department Commandants and/or current members of the Board of Trustees. The committee will meet annually, in closed session, during the Department Convention to deliberate and determine the most deserving of the candidates. All deliberations of the committee will remain confidential except for the announcement of the award recipient during the annual banquet.

Beginning with the 2016, all nominations must be submitted using the questionnaire form provided by the Council and available on the Department website.

Criteria for nomination and selection shall include: Leadership qualities; membership growth; a low delinquency rate; detachment activities in support of the MCL mission; activities in service to the community; participation by the Commandant in Department Conferences, Conventions, Leadership Programs and District meetings; and attendance at other MCL conventions/conferences such as Division or National events.

A budget line shall be established in the Department budget for the purchase and engraving of a suitable award to be presented to the Commandant of the Year. A perpetual listing of awardees shall be maintained on the Department web site.”

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