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During this time of political campaigning and rallies in support of political parties or specific candidates for public office, League Members are reminded that the Constitution and Bylaws of the Marine Corps League specifically prohibits the endorsement of a particular political party or candidate, or attendance at political events in any manner that might suggest such an endorsement, including the wearing of the uniform, or part of the uniform, of the Marine Corps League.

You, as an individual veteran, wearing apparel showing your service or medals earned is completely acceptable as long as none of what you are wearing contains the name and/or logo of the Marine Corps League.

Nor should you be listed as "representing" the Marine Corps League, or "speaking on behalf of" the League. You speak for you, and represent yourself as an individual veteran.

SECTION 103 - POLICY -

(2) The Department of West Virginia 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.

(3) Nothing in the preceding subsection shall prohibit a member of the Department of West Virginia or any subdivision thereof, from participating in political issues affecting the welfare of the United States Marine Corps, the national security of our Nation, or any Veterans' claims for justice arising from service in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. No part of the MCL uniform shall be worn to a meeting, rally, gathering, etc., thereby showing support for a candidate for election and/or reelection.

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 your support on this issue. God Bless America.

If you follow these guidelines there should be no concerns. For further questions please contact Department of West Virginia Judge Advocate, Jim McDade, at jmcdade63@gmail.com

Semper Fi !
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