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Subj: Official National Judge Advocate Ruling on Wearing of Covers at National Convention/Conference

Background. Recently, a Department Judge Advocate requested a ruling concerning the wearing of the Marine Corps League (MCL) covers at National Conventions and National Mid-Winter Conferences. The question concerned Marine Corps League members attending the regular meetings at both the National Convention and the Mid-Winter Conferences and wearing of the appropriate Marine Corps League cover.

After conducting extensive research, the MCL National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures Manual, does not specify any requirements to wear a particular cover at the Convention meetings.

For Marine Corps League members attending a National Convention or a National Mid-Winter Conference, it has always been the policy that all Marine Corps League members attending the National Convention or Mid-Winter Conference, must be in uniform, which simply consist of the Marine Corps League Cover.

Therefore, the ruling is that any Marine Corps League member attending a session/meeting of a National Convention or a Mid-Winter Conference, they must wear the appropriate sanctioned MCL cover. There should be no exceptions to this policy for any Marine Corps League member, unless otherwise authorized by the National Commandant, when special circumstances prevail. **This would mean that all MCL members attending the MCL's National Convention and/or the National Mid-Winter Conference official meetings, must wear the appropriate MCL cover to be admitted into the official meeting.**

This ruling would apply to all MCL members attending the regular sessions/meetings at the National Convention or National Mid-Winter Conference. Baseball style caps and/or any other type of headwear are not authorized at the above mentioned National meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,

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