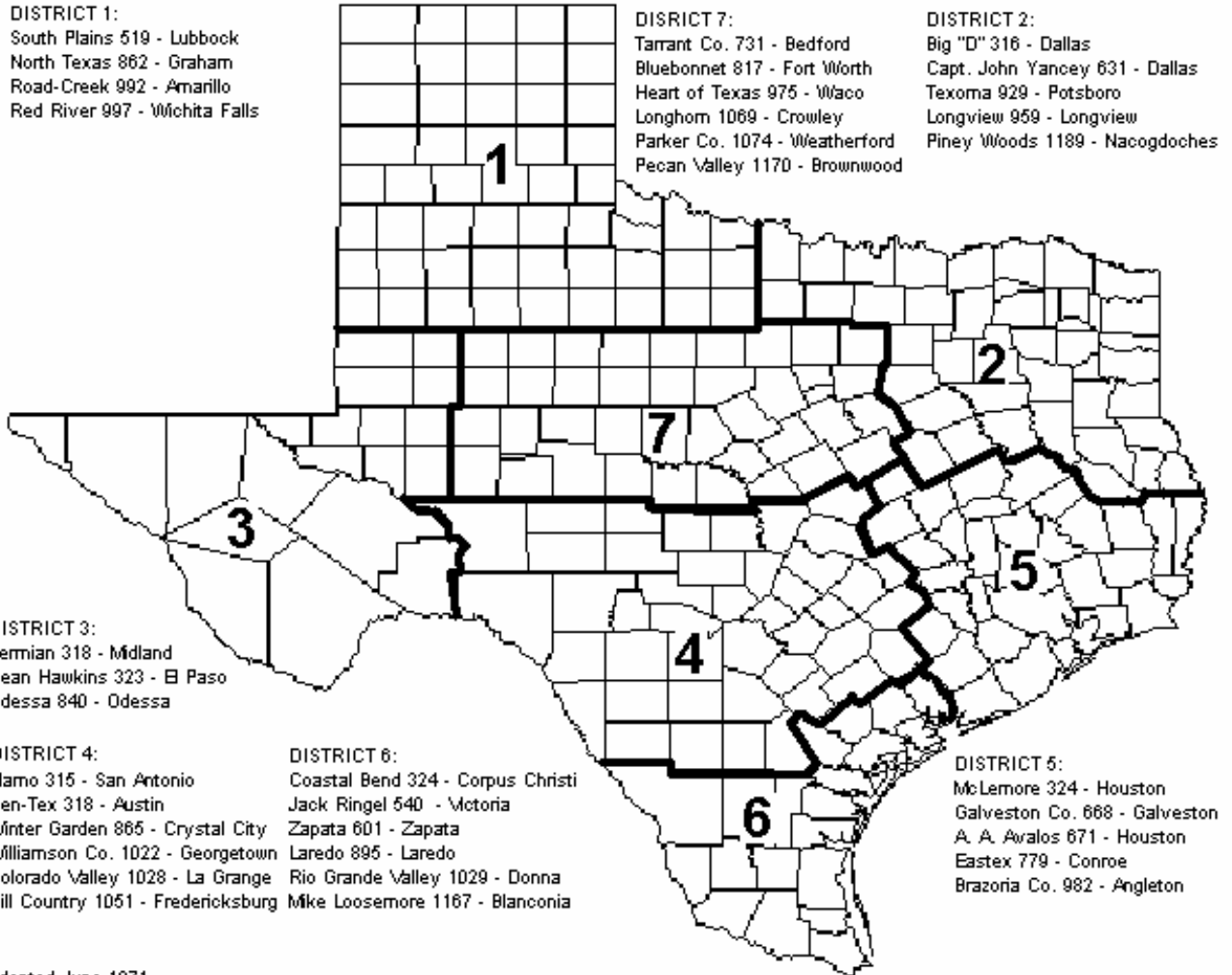


# ENCLOSURE ONE

## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS DISTRICT OUTLINES



Adopted June 1971  
Revised June 1983  
Revised June 1984  
Revised June 1991  
Revised Oct. 1993  
Revised June 2004  
Revised March 2005

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## ENCLOSURE TWO

### DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS AMERICANISM PROGRAM

**RULES:** All Books will be Bound Books, Scrap Books or Albums. Each Book turned in must have a completed *Americanism Questionnaire & Criteria* form in the front of the Book/Album. This questionnaire must be completed and it will be used by the Judges in evaluating the Americanism Report.

**AWARDS:** Nine (9) Awards categorized by Membership Strength (regular and associate members included).

Category 1: 15-49 1 st (plaque) – 2 nd (plaque) & 3 rd (plaque)

Category 2: 50-75 1 st (plaque) – 2 nd (plaque) & 3 rd (plaque)

Category 3: 76-Over 1 st (plaque) – 2 nd (plaque) & 3 rd (plaque)

Books should either be mailed or brought to the State Convention in June 2003. All books will be receipted in and out. All Books will be returned after the judging. All Detachments are encouraged to enter.

#### **BOOK SHOULD INCLUDE:**

Activities from **June 1, 20\_\_ to May 31 st 20\_\_** only

All pictures should have captions and date of functions

Pages should be numbered and indexed

Installations

Detachment Marine Corps Ball

Parades

Veterans Day

Christmas Parties

“Toys for Tots”

VAVS Parties

Youth Programs

Young Marines

Sports or School programs

Membership & Recruiting programs

Socials

Scholarship Presentations

Newspaper articles

Pictures of Marines or Leaguers supporting other organizations (Elk's, etc.)

Participation with other veteran's organizations such as Marine Divisions, American Legions, VFW's

Detachment participation within your community

Any questions contact: B.M. Stephens/Dept. of Texas Americanism Chairman

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*Be ever mindful, that the Americanism Award should be **the most coveted** Award for the winning Detachments. This Award exemplifies the dedication and contribution to the strength and integrity of our beloved Marine Corps League. Certainly an achievement to be proudly received and treasured by those able to receive such honorable recognition.*

**“Once a Marine, Always a Marine”**

*These Americanism Awards instructions and questionnaire are also available on the web at [www.mcltexas.org](http://www.mcltexas.org).*

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**Marine Corps League  
Department of Texas  
Americanism Questionnaire and Criteria  
20\_\_ – 20\_\_**

Detachment Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Convention: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Strength \_\_\_\_\_

1. Did the Detachment participate in any parades? (Memorial, Christmas, other, etc.)? How many? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Did the Detachment participate in Memorial Day Services? How many? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Does your Detachment have its own color guard? ( )
4. Does Detachment provide Honor Guard? ( ); Pallbearers? ( )
5. Does your Detachment provide Memorial Services for deceased Marines? ( ); Members? ( )
6. Did Detachment Organize? ( ) or Support? ( ) a Young Marine Unit this past year
7. How many members are directly involved in Scouting? ( ) or Young Marines? ( )
8. Recognize local businesses for flying the American Flag? How many? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Sponsor? ( ) or Participate? ( ) in the Toys for Tots Program
10. Sponsor? ( ) or Participate? ( ) in other patriotic or community events What Kind! \_\_\_\_\_
11. Sponsor? ( ) or Participate? ( ) in Nursing Home Activities for Veterans
12. Did Detachment actively support the National Scholarship Program during the past year? ( )
13. Does Detachment have its own Scholarship Awards Program? ( )
14. Does Detachment support Department Scholarship Programs? ( )
15. Did Detachment participate in Department Staff Meetings? ( )
16. Was Detachment represented at Department convention? ( )
17. Did Detachment conduct monthly meetings each month of the year? ( ) If not, how many ( )
18. Does Detachment publish Newsletter to members? Monthly ( ) Quarterly ( )
19. Does Detachment have an active NEW member recruitment program? ( )
20. Did Detachment sponsor or attend a Staff Meeting this past year? How many? ( )
21. Does Detachment maintain a Pictorial album or Scrap Book? ( )
22. Does Detachment recognize Detachment "Marine of the Year"? ( )
23. Does Detachment recognize Detachment Americanism Chairman/Historian Program? ( )
24. Did Detachment Sponsor ( ) or Participate ( ) in a Birthday Ball?
25. Does Detachment support a Devil Dog Pound? ( )
26. Does Detachment support an Auxiliary Unit? ( )

List and explain other Detachment activities not mentioned above. Please elaborate on activities that your Detachment supports that may not be specific in above questions.

## ENCLOSURE THREE

### **Marine Corps League**

#### **Department of Texas**

#### **Bernard Joseph Sheeler**

#### **VAVS Award**

#### **Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service (VAVS):**

The Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) was officially founded in 1946 as a program to provide for our nation's veterans while they are cared for by VA health care facilities. VAVS is the largest volunteer program in the Federal government. More than 350 national and community organizations support VAVS. Since 1946, VAVS volunteers have donated 482 million hours of service.

As VA has expanded its care of veteran patients into the community, volunteers have become involved. They assist veteran patients by augmenting staff in such settings as end of life care programs, foster care, community-based volunteer programs, hospital wards, nursing homes, and veteran outreach centers.

VAVS volunteers are special and generous people. They and their organizations annually contribute an estimated \$40 million in gifts and donations. In FY 1999, all VAVS volunteers contributed a total of 13,420,738 hours of service to veterans. Monetary estimates aside, it is impossible to calculate the amount of caring and sharing that these VAVS volunteers give to veteran patients. VAVS volunteers are a priceless asset to America's veterans and to VA. (The foregoing was copied from the VAVS web site on 11/29/00)

#### **Bernard Joseph Sheeler VAVS Award:**

The Department of Texas Marine Corps League offers an award to those members who render distinguished service to veterans through the Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service (VAVS). The department award is given to commemorate the services given by Bernard Joseph Sheeler. Marine Sheeler was a Life Member of the Marine Corps League and served the league in Ohio before moving his membership to Texas in 1972. At the time of his demise in 1997, Marine Sheeler had recorded more than 32,000 hours of volunteer service to VAVS. While drawing 100% disability from the Department of Veterans Affairs it was determined that anyone who could work that many hours could hold down a full time job and his disability benefits were subsequently reduced. Although urged by many Veterans Service Officers to appeal the ruling of the VA, he declined because he was concerned he may be stopped from doing the volunteer work he so dearly loved. He accepted the VA ruling to lower his disability benefits so he might continue working for the VAVS. The Department of Texas VAVS award is given to remember Bernard Sheeler's spirit and love in serving his fellow man.

#### **Nominees for the award:**

Nominees for the award will be members of the Marine Corps League, Department of Texas, and contribute their service and time on behalf of the Marine Corps League. Nominees for the award should be submitted to the Department Awards Chairman (the incumbent Department Senior Vice Commandant) no later than April 30 of each year. The award will run from May 1 of the previous year. Considerations will be given only to this one-year time frame. Nominations may be submitted by anyone and should be made in the form of a written letter. The letter should be legible and should give the most comprehensive evaluation possible of the nominee's contribution to the VAVS endeavor. The nomination should define the nominee's devotion to the values of the VAVS. Consideration should be given to the nominee's:

- Man hours worked (as documented by VAVS)
- Visits to VA Medical Centers, nursing homes, or homebound veterans
- Travel distances to places of service
- Leadership in bringing others to the service

Any acknowledgements that lend credibility to the nominee's service, such as letters from administrators, doctors, or any other testimonials, should be included with the nomination.

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### **The award:**

The Department Awards Chairman and VAVS Chairman will evaluate nominations for the award. They may use their discretion to include other persons to assist them in making evaluations and determining a recipient of the award. The award shall be given as a Marine Corps League plaque and a Marine Corps League Distinguished Service Medal. The plaque shall be engraved to read:

Presented in Memory  
of

***Bernard Joseph Sheeler***

to

**Recipient's Name**

for your generous contributions to

***Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service***

The award shall be presented by the Department Commandant at an "Awards Ceremony" conducted during the Department of Texas Convention held in June.

### **A perspective view of the award:**

The primary purpose of giving this award is to bring recognition to the Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service and to profile the service itself in the highest esteem. This award should be viewed as an acknowledgement of all those persons who make generous, unselfish contributions to the VAVS. Although the award singles out an individual recipient, it should in no way diminish the generous contributions made by everyone who gives of their self to the service. Everyone who contributes to the volunteer service should be recognized and applauded for their generosity. There are simply only winners where one gives of their self to his fellow man.

***This document includes revisions approved at the Department of Texas Convention on June 9, 2001.***

## ENCLOSURE THREE

### **Marine Corps League Department of Texas**

#### **ACTIVITIES AWARD**

The Department of Texas Awards Committee will present awards to detachments in recognition of their activities for the good of the League and for membership recruiting. The primary means of measurement for the awards shall be the Monthly Membership and Activity Report forms submitted by detachments. Reports should be sent to the Chairman of the Awards Committee (Department Senior Vice-Commandant) and copies should be sent to the Department Commandant. Reports should be sent monthly, but may be sent in aggregate so long as all reports are received by the Committee Chairman by May 15<sup>th</sup>. The reporting period for the activities include the time between May 1 through April 30 prior to Department Convention. Awards will be presented at the Department Convention. Presentation of the awards will be made by categories of detachment sizes as follows:

#### CATEGORY ONE: ( 15-30 Members)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Plaque
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Certificate
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Certificate

#### CATEGORY TWO: (31-60 Members)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Plaque
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Certificate
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Certificate

#### CATEGORY THREE: (61 or more Members)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Plaque
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Certificate
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Certificate

## ENCLOSURE THREE

### *MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS Monthly Membership & Activity Report*

Month	Year	Detachment Name	Code	Group*

Note: List all New Members & New Associate Members. (500 points each)

Name	Sponsor	+Points

List of Dropped Members: (Exclude transfers and deceased members) (deduct -300 points each)

Name	- Points

Add all New Member Points and subtract all dropped member points

<b>Net Membership Points</b>	
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Fund Raising Activities: Planning and/or Completion. Limit 2 Per Month. 250 points each

P	C	Activity	Points

Service Activities including VAVS: Planning and/or Completion. Limit 2 Per Month. 250 points each

P	C	Activity	Points

Contributions: 100% for each \$100 paid by Detachment: (List Name of Organization)

Name	Amount	Points earned each \$100	Points
Cam Posey Scholarship Fund		500	
Other:		200	

Attendance at State or National Meetings: (Points awarded for each Member Registered)

Meeting	Number	Points each. Member	Points
State Staff Meetings		600	
State Convention		600	
National Convention		800	

Sponsorship of New Detachment. (Points awarded for each new member)

Name of Detachment	Number	Points each. Member	Points
		500	

<b>Total Points</b>	<b>Add net membership points to all other category points</b>	
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Contest Year: May through April

Active Members \_\_\_\_\_ Associate \_\_\_\_\_ Honorary \_\_\_\_\_ Life \_\_\_\_\_

*This form is also available for downloading on the web site [www.mcltexas.org](http://www.mcltexas.org).*

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### **Marine Corps League Department of Texas**

#### **MARINE OF THE YEAR**

This award shall be presented to a regular member of the Department of Texas who has rendered service that distinguishes themselves above and beyond the duties and obligations normally expected of membership in the Marine Corps League. Any member of the Department of Texas may originate the nomination of a candidate for this award. The nomination of a candidate shall be made in letter form, either typed or legibly hand written, and shall be signed by at least four members in good standing, two of which must be from the nominee's home detachment. The nomination letter must indicate the nominee's detachment name and all signers of the nomination letter must indicate the name of their detachment. The letter of nomination should clearly describe the candidate's achievements and contributions that have served to bring acclaim and prestige to the Marine Corps League or United States Marine Corps and/or have enhanced or furthered the concepts of duty as a citizen of the United States of America. The letter of nomination should stress and emphasize the nominee's achievements and contributions for the most recent year but may also include supplemental information about the nominee's merits beyond that period. The letter may be augmented by attached endorsements or affidavits, such as newspaper accounts of a deed or deeds, but such endorsements are not required. Nominations may be submitted to any member of the Marine of the Year Society but must be received by a member of the society no later than May 1 of the current year. (See Administrative Procedures Section 300) *Change 1 - 04*



## ENCLOSURE FOUR

### DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS MARINE CORPS LEAGUE CAM POSEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Cam Posey Memorial Scholarship Fund grants scholarships in the amount of \$300 to qualified individuals to attend college or rehabilitation within the State of Texas in the order of need and preference as follows:

1. Sons and daughters of Marines who have lost their lives in the line of duty;
2. Sons and daughters of active members of the Department of Texas, Marine Corps League, or Marine Corps League Auxiliary;
3. Grandchildren of active members of the Department of Texas, Marine Corps League, or Marine Corps League Auxiliary;
4. Members of the Department of Texas, Marine Corps League, Marine Corps League Auxiliary, or any honorably discharged Marine in need of rehabilitation training not provided for in government programs.

#### **REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING A SCHOLARSHIP:**

1. A letter from the applicant's high school concerning the student's ability, with a transcript of grades and a recommendation as to further education;
2. A letter from the applicant with a brief life history, choice of studies, and College preference. A recent photograph (wallet size desired) of the applicant is to be attached and any connection with the Marine Corps League or United States Marine Corps, if any, should be noted;
3. Applicant must submit a hand-written essay of approximately 250 words on the subject of "Americanism;"
4. Proof of the applicant's acceptance in an institute of higher education (preferred) or a letter from the applicant's high school counselor stating intent;
5. Completion of the application on the reverse side of this page.

#### **INFORMATION REQUIRED ON APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL (for prior recipients):**

1. Letter requesting renewal (deadline for submission is **1 May**, annually);
2. Copy of last semester grades;
3. Proof of acceptance in an institute of higher learning.

#### **THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION OR RENEWAL REQUEST IS 1 MAY, ANNUALLY**

Mail the completed application/renewal request letter by **1 MAY, annually**, to:  
Department Scholarship Chairman  
N. Buzz Fanion  
16123 Hilton Head Lane  
Cypress, Texas 77429

*This instruction document and application form is also downloadable at [www.mcltexas.org](http://www.mcltexas.org).*

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**ATTACH PHOTOGRAPH HERE**

**DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE  
CAM POSEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

FULL NAME OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/Rural Route/PO Box City State Zip Code

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Marine by which applicant is eligible: \_\_\_\_\_

Detachment Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief statement of military service of qualifying Marine: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Profession or occupation of father: \_\_\_\_\_

Profession or occupation of mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children in family: Under 18 years of age: \_\_\_\_\_ Over 18 years of age: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of graduation from High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Name and address of Institute of Higher Education that applicant plans to attend:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted by this Institute of Higher Education? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please attach a copy of the letter of acceptance or a receipt for registration fees paid.)

What special recognition, if any, did you receive for academic excellence in High School? List all Honors or other Awards. (Please attach additional pages as necessary.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List your extracurricular activities in High School. Include participation in athletics, publications, school plays, debate, club work, band, choir, Student Council, etc. List any offices you held or any special recognition you received. (Please attach additional pages as necessary.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Note to Applicant: Please insure that all required documentation is attached to this Application. Forward Application and all required documents to: Scholarship Committee, N. Buzz Fanion, 16123 Hilton Head Lane, Cypress, Texas 77429***