SUBMIT A NOMINATION FOR THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN MARINE OF THE YEAR

Fellow Marines:

Every year at the Department Convention in June one League member is honored as the Department Marine of the Year. Please consider nominating one of your fellow Marines for this high honor. The winner receives a Department of Michigan Marine of the Year Medallion, a beautiful wall plaque and his/her name will be added to the large and impressive trophy shown. (It's over three feet tall.) It's our version of the Stanley Cup and the winner gets to keep it for one year. The winner also becomes a member of the Department of Michigan Marine of the Year Society with the right to participate in choosing the Marine of the Year every year thereafter.



Any member of the League, or a detachment, can submit a nomination. What we are looking for are qualities and performance that exemplify the best ideals of the League. Participation in the MCL at the Department level is the most heavily weighted criteria. He or she should have performed outstanding service to the Department and to the League (at any other level.) We also consider service to his or her community and the veterans' community. Examples include: being a Department and/or detachment officer or committee member; working on Department and detachment projects; volunteering at a V.A. Medical Center or other V.A. or non-V.A. medical facilities; participating in Veterans Day, Memorial Day, and other patriotic events; organizing and/or participating in charitable activities, especially those that aid veterans or our Marines and other forces on active or reserve duty; participation in civic activities, both state and local, and in other service organizations; advocating for veteran's rights and programs. These are examples only. You may know of additional reasons to nominate someone.

To make a nomination we need a written description of the nominee's activities and an explanation of why it is worthy of recognition. Think of it as writing a resume. It is not limited to this year and the description should cover as many years as possible. You can include newspaper clippings, copies of awards, on-line links showing the nominee, etc. A brief

description of the nominee's USMC service is also welcome, but not a consideration unless it involved the League.

You can submit by email (in fact, that is the preferred method) as well as through the U.S. mail. The addresses are: for email: **mimclmoy@gmail.com** Put "**Department of Michigan MOY**" in the subject line.

By U.S. mail send to:
Wendy Zamora – Commandant
Marine of the Year Chairman
412 W. Harris Street
Charlotte, MI 48813

The award is presented at the Department Convention and *the winner is NOt notified in advance*. It is hoped and expected (but not mandatory) that he or she will be present and surprised. If your nominee wins you will be contacted in secrecy and encouraged to try to have the winner attend the Department Convention. *Be sure to put your name, address, phone number(s) and email address in the nomination.*

THE ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS MAY 1, 2017
THE NOMINATION MUST BE RECEIVED IN OUR HAND BY THAT DATE AT MIDNIGHT