



Marine Corps League  
Rocky Mountain Division  
Marine of the Year Society

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From: Division Marine of the Year Society  
To: Commandant, Department of Colorado, MCL  
Commandant, Department of New Mexico, MCL  
Commandant, Department of Utah, MCL  
Commandant, Department of Wyoming, MCL  
  
Info: National Vice Commandant, Rocky Mountain Division, MCL  
Junior Past Division Marine of the Year  
Commandants of all Division Detachments  
  
Encl: (1) Guidelines For Division Marine of the Year Award

**SUBJECT: 2010 Division Marine of the Year Award**

1. It is time for All Division Departments and Detachments to identify deserving members for nomination as Rocky Mountain Division Marine of the Year.
2. Please identify deserving members of your Detachment / Department who have provided outstanding service for consideration as Rocky Mountain Division Marine of the Year. The enclosure provides basic guidelines for nominees. More than one nomination may be made, however only one award will be made. The Society will not disclose the names of those nominees who are not picked as the years Marine of the Year. Those nominees may be resubmitted again next year.
3. National Awards such as Gold Medal recommendations, National Meritorious Unit Commendations, etc. must be submitted to the National Commandant via the National Awards Committee. Endorsements from the Department Commandant and the Division Vice Commandant must be attached. Please review the National By Laws for specific instructions for National Level Awards.
4. Award recommendations / nominations for Rocky Mountain Division Marine of the Year must be sent to:

RMD Marine of the Year Society  
c/o JPMotY Pete Woods  
246 Logging Trail Road  
Durango, CO 81303-3608

They must be received no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

*Semper Fidelis,*

***Pete Woods***

Pete Woods

*Junior Past Marine of the Year*

***Once A Marine - Always A Marine***

## Guidelines For Division Marine of the Year Award

Any member of the Rocky Mountain Division in "Good Standing" may nominate any other "Division Regular Member in Good Standing" for Division Marine of the Year. The nomination must be received by the Junior Past Marine of the Year by the deadline on that year's Awards letter.

### Eligibility

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The nominee must have been selected by their home Detachment's Marine of the Year Society\* and received the Detachment's Marine of the Year Award and received their home Department's Marine of the Year award prior to nomination for Division Marine of the Year and be a *Regular Member in good standing*.

### Guidelines

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Must be a Detachment and Department Marine of the Year\*

Have involvement in detachment activities, e.g.

- attends meetings;
- participates in detachment functions;
- serves on a detachment committee, holds/held an office;
- supports the MCL Auxiliary;

Is involved within the local community, e.g.

- volunteers time at VA;
- a scout leader or other youth activities;
- Toys for Tots;
- Participates as a member in other Veteran's organizations (VFW, DAV, American Legion, etc.);
- Participates in joint veterans activities (joint color guards, funeral details, etc.)

Department level involvement, e.g.

- Held or holds an Office (appointed or elected);
- Committee Chair or member;
- Supports Department activities.

Division level involvement, e.g.

- Is or has served at the Division or National as an Officer;
- is or has served on a National Committee;
- has attended Division or National events.

#### All Levels:

The nominee for Division Marine of the Year should have had involvement at all levels. Overall service should show that the nominee has gone "*above and beyond*" what is expected of an average "good" member". The above examples are examples only and not hard requirements for the award with the exception of being a prior Detachment and Department Marine of the Year.

*If the Detachment does not have a Marine of the Year Program the home Department Marine of the Year Society should help the Detachment start one.*