The Department of Florida of the Marine Corps League hereby forms the Department of Florida Associate of the Year Society in order that the Department may recognize the most dedicated Associates of the Marine Corps League.

If at any time there are not at least three members of the Associate of the Year Society available to consider the nominees for that year, the Marine of the Year Society will consider the nominations and select the Associate of the Year for that year.

The Associate of the Year is the highest award that can be bestowed upon an Associate Member of the Department of Florida, Marine Corps League. The Associate MUST be a member in good standing with at least one year in the Department of Florida, Marine Corps League. An Associate who stands out above all other Associates, He/She is always willing to take on any job without hesitation and do it well.

Any Regular Member or Associate Member in good standing may nominate an Associate Member to their respective Detachment Commandant for consideration for this Award. Detachment Commandants should use this Award to recognize only the best of their Associate Members.

Commandants are reminded that nominations shall be based on the performance and dedication to the detachment as shown by the Associate during the period of June 1st to May 15th of the current fiscal year.

It is imperative that Detachment Commandants submit the nomination letter from their Detachment in time to meet the deadline. All nominations post marked after the deadline of May 15th will NOT BE considered.

Below you will find the instructions for nominating your Detachment’s choice for the Department of Florida Associate of the Year. Please follow the instructions carefully. "Failure to follow any of these instructions will disqualify the nomination from consideration by the Society."

Semper Fidelis
Associate of the Year Society

**Associate of the Year Instructions**

1. The name and qualifications of each candidate must be typed or legibly printed on the Department’s Application Form and approved by the signature of the candidate’s Detachment Commandant and the Detachment Adjutant or Paymaster to verify all information is correct in order to be considered. Failure to use the Department Application or failure to properly fill out the Department Application will
**disqualify the candidate.** If the Adjutant or the Paymaster is the nominee than the Detachment Senior Vice Commandant’s signature must be submitted for the Adjutant/Paymaster.

2. Only one (1) candidate from each Detachment within the Department may be submitted per year.

3. An Associate Member may be nominated each year until awarded; **an Associate Member may only receive this Award once.**

4. The application for AOY must state in writing that the nominee was voted on and approved for AOY by the Detachment at a regular meeting and recorded in the Detachment minutes.

5. The Candidate’s letter of nomination must be placed in a sealed envelope identified as “CANDIDATE-DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA AOY” and placed in another envelope, addressed and mailed via **Certify Mail Return Request Requested**, to the Department AOY Society’s President; **post marked by May 15th**. (In the absence of an AOY Society President, mail to Department MOY President) **Failure to have the envelope post marked by May 15th will automatically disqualify the candidate for the current year.**

6. Only the Name of the AOY recipient will be announced at the Convention Banquet.

7. Eligibility: Any Associate member of the Marine Corps League in good standing with any Detachment within the Department of Florida with the following qualifications:

   a. Activities within the Marine Corps League which demonstrate devotion to the principles and the purposes of the Marine Corps and the Marine Corps League, and/or

   b. Achievements and activities in the Marine Corps League and other Veterans Organizations, and/or

   c. Achievements and activities within the community, civic and social organizations which would enhance the posture of the Marine Corps and the Marine Corps League, and/or

   d. Hold any appointed Detachment, Department, or National Office.

8. The AOY Society will consist of all past recipients present at the convention. The current holder of the AOY Award will act as President. **Therefore the candidate must be willing to serve on the Department of Florida’s Associate of the Year Society and willing to assist in selecting future awardees.**

9. **Send all nominations to:**

   Marine of the Year Society
   C/O Scott DuPree
   4335 NW 22rd Terrace
   Gainesville, Fl. 32605-1718
NOMINATION FORM
DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA
ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR

This form is interactive; you can use your keyboard to type the information in.

Date: ______________________

Name of Nominee: _________________________________________________________

Detachment Name and Number: _____________________________________________

Certification:

The above named nominee for the Department Associate of the Year was approved by the Detachment by a majority vote.

Signature of Commandant: ___________________________ Date: _________________

Signature of Adjutant/Sr. Vice: __________________________ Date: _________________

Type or Print reasons for selection of nominee; if more space is needed, use the additional sheet on second page.

You may use your keyboard to type your nominee’s accomplishments on the space below, if more space is needed you may add pages to this form.

Please print or type Reasons of Nomination below;
Continue with nomination;