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At our April 15-16, 2016 TSC Meeting in Victoria, Texas we will be holding our "Biennial Meeting," which means the election of TSC officers per Article XV of the Texas State Council By-Laws as amended October 17, 2015. Article XV is provided for your information:

## ARTICLE XV

The "Biennial Meeting" election of officers shall be conducted prior to the "Unfinished Business" section of the meeting agenda. All Nominees and Candidates seeking office in the Texas State Council must be in attendance at the State Convention at the time of the elections to be elected to any State office. All Nominees and Candidates must submit a letter of intent identifying the office seeking, copy of their DD 214, sign an SF 180, and file these forms with the Election Committee Chair before the elections to have their names on the ballot at the election convention. Any nominee from the floor must sign a copy of a SF 180 prior to the elections for that office, and provide a copy of their DD 214. Once a verified DD 214 for Council Delegates and Officers is on file with the Council Secretary, those persons need not produce further documentation. Inactive Delegates or Officers documentation will be placed in a 'suspense' file for a period not less than three (3) years. There will be no absentee voting allowed.

In summary, for your name to appear on the ballot, you MUST submit prior to April 1, 2016, to the Election Committee Chair the following:

- A letter of intent identifying the office seeking
- A copy of your DD 214
- A signed SF 180

Submit the required documentation to:

Gregory Beck 7752 Hwy 82 Texarkana, AR 71854 Or email them to: USMCgreg@aol.com

Nominations from the floor must sign a copy of a SF 180 prior to the elections for that office, and provide a copy of their DD 214, to the Election Committee Chair prior to the elections. If you have any Election Committee questions, also contact Chairman, Gregory Beck.

Regarding Chapter Delegates, per our By-Laws, as amended October 17, 2015, Article IV states the following:

- Each Chapter shall elect two (2) delegates and two (2) alternate delegates who shall represent the Chapter on all matters that come before the Council.
- Chapters shall be responsible for ensuring the attendance of at least (1) delegate per Chapter at not less than one (1) regular meeting of the Council annually.

Note: These are the delegates who will vote during the election of the new officers. Delegates will be certified before they vote. During the election process, ONLY voting delegates will be allowed at the main tables. Note that there is NO PROXY voting and NO ABSENTEE voting is allowed!