MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

UNIFORM GUIDEBOOK

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The guidance of this Uniform code is presented as a standard to establish uniformity and define appropriate wear of the Marine Corps League Uniform. The word "Uniform" itself is defined as: (1) Always the same, as in character or degree unvarying, (2) conforming to one principle, standard, or rule; consistent.

UNIFORM ITEMS OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE





American Flag OR MODD Patch – Right Sleeve
(Wearers Choice)





Left Sleeve Patch

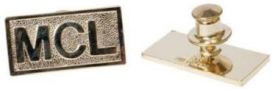


MODD Cover Patch





Regular Member – Short Sleeve Collar Ornaments &
MCL Cover Gold Enlisted EGA





Assoc. Member – Short Sleeve Collar Ornaments &
MCL Cover Ornament (Screw Back)



White Short Sleeve
Aviator Style



White Long Sleeve
Aviator Style



Women's White USMC Style
Short Sleeve



Tuxedo Shirt White
Flat Collar, Pleated Front



All three Tie Bars are authorized for wear



Black Tie, Plain



Black Female Neck tab



Khaki Web Belt







Black Leather Belt (All are authorized for wear)



White Web Belt with NCO Buckle (Regular Member)



(Assoc. Member - Plain)

(ONLY to be worn when performing the duties of Sgt-at-Arms, Color Guard, Honor Guard)



Red Blazer – Female



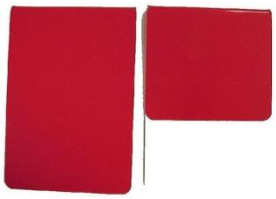
Red Blazer – Male



Red Blazer buttons – large & small



Red Blazer Crests



Red Blazer Crest Holders





Red Blazer Custom Pocket Inserts
(MARINEcrest.com)

All are authorized for wear on the Red Blazer.



Black Bow Tie



Female Gold Cummerbund



Male Gold Cummerbund



Gold Vest



MCL Evening Dress Mess Button Set



Cuff Links Gold



Tuxedo Shirt Studs Gold

***** See The Semper Fi Store for Uniform Items. *****

COVERS



Regular Member



Regular Member – FEMALE



Associate Member
Sunburst insignia (Screw back) instead of EGA

Cover Strips

(See The Semper Fi Store for more cover strips)





Cover Types

RED: All members of the Marine Corps League. This is the Detachment Cover.

Red with Gold Crown: Department Officers, elected or appointed

Gold: National Officers, elected or appointed

White: National Commandant

Gold with White Crown: Past National Commandants

Gold with Black Crown: Past Chief Devil Dogs (of the MODD)

NOTE: ONLY the following members **ARE AUTHORIZED** to wear their respective cover after their tour of duty is completed, with the years displayed for holding that office:
Past National Division Vice Commandants
Past National Chief Operating Officer
Past National Directors of the Young Marines

Past Department Commandants
Past Detachment Commandants
Past Pack Leaders (of the MODD)

All other members will revert back to the appropriate cover for their current elected or appointed office, removing their prior officer identification strips.



Detachment Cover



Shown with MODD patch ↑↑

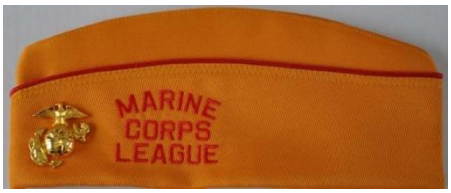
↑↑ Standard Cover worn by ALL members of the MCL ↑↑



Department Officer Cover
or MODD Pack Officer Cover



Shown with MODD patch ↑↑



National Officer Cover
or MODD Kennel Officer Cover



Shown with MODD patch ↑↑

When Marine Corps League Members are wearing the appropriate cover, they are considered to be in uniform. **NO OTHER TYPE OF COVER MAY BE WORN AT A MARINE CORPS LEAGUE FUNCTION OR MEETING.** We are seeing more MCL members with pins and devices of all kinds on their covers. If you got them on your cover, you need to remove them. They **DO NOT** belong on the cover.

- The only insignia **"authorized for wear"** on the Marine Corps League Covers is the 1-1/2" X 1-1/2" Anodized Solid Gold Color or Polished Brass Marine Corps Emblem **(ENLISITED STYLE ONLY)** on the Left Side.
- American Flag pins, Marine Corps pins, Marine Corps League pins, Chaplain/cross pins, Corpsman pins, Honor Guard pins, division/unit pins, rank pins, wings, badges or any other types of pins or devices of any kind (aviation, parachutist, explosive ordnance disposal, and diving) are **NOT** authorized for wear.
- The Devil Dog patch, if authorized, will be worn up front on the right side of the cover.
- The identification strips, i.e., Department or Detachment strip, or embroidering, will be centered on the right side. If the "LIFE" strip is worn, it will be to the rear of the right side. The "LIFE MEMBER" strip will be worn the same as the identification strips are worn, and should be worn above other strips.

- You **MUST** have a separate cover for POUND, PACK or KENNEL Officer. POUND, PACK OR KENNEL text **CANNOT** be on the same cover as DETACHMENT, DEPARTMENT OR NATIONAL.

If you cannot locate a local embroidery shop, you should order Covers directly from the MCL "The Semper Fi Store".
Current OFFICE, LIFE or LIFE MEMBER can be worn on the Cover. You can use "Cap Strips" that are available from the MCL National "Semper Fi Store" or have it embroidered.

Why should your Cover have your Detachment Name embroidered on it?

1. Out in the community – Allows the public and prospective MCL Recruits to know who you are and where you are located. They may not have realized you're located in their local community.

2. At a MCL Meeting other than your own Detachment – Allows other MCL members to identify where you're from when you attend a MCL Convention or joint event with other MCL Detachments.

3. A great way to honor your namesake, if your Detachment is named for a deceased Marine.

******* Same text applies to cover for POUND, PACK or KENNEL. *******

LETTERING:

Lettering should be 3/8" in height with 1/4" spacing between lines. Maximum of 3 lines can be used.
ALL lettering should be in CAPITALS.
Bottom line has 3 options: DETACHMENT or DEPARTMENT or LOCATION (e.g. CITY, STATE or COUNTY, STATE.)

FONT:

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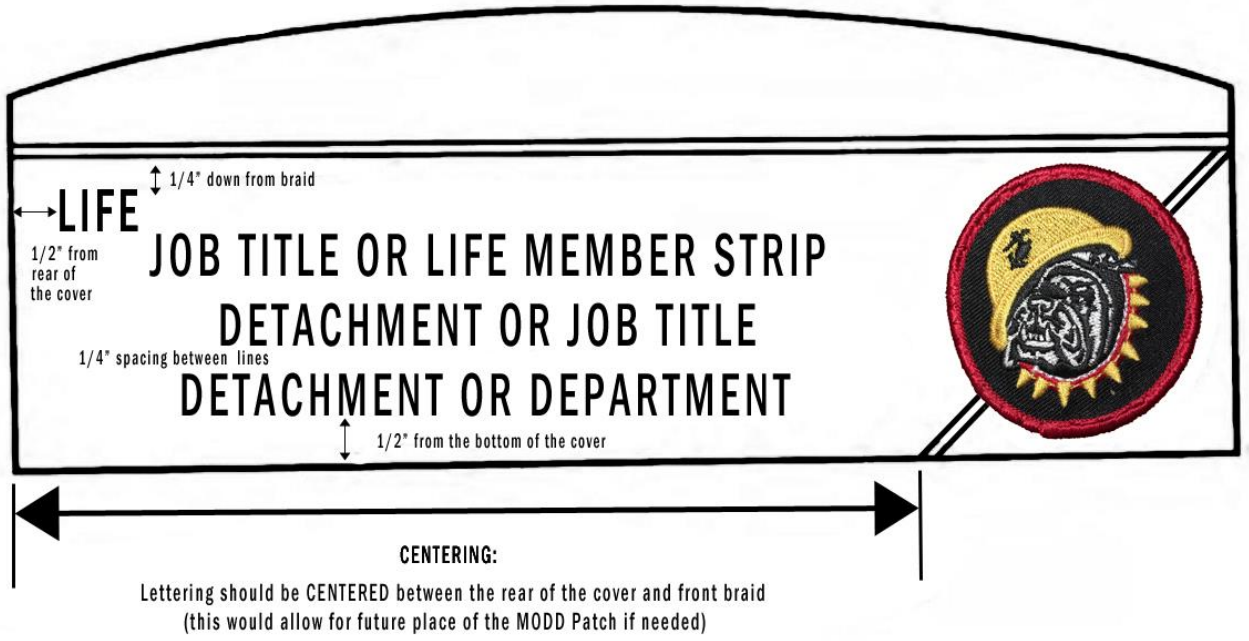
This is a font that is to be 3/8" in height and all CAPITALS.
This font allows the longer use of words and names.

LIFE:

Can be either in the name of a NAME STRIP OR DIRECT EMBROIDERY
If the word LIFE is used, it is placed as shown.
For neatness, 1/2" from the rear of the cover,
1/4" down from the braid is recommended.

LIFE MEMBER STRIP:

Will be worn as the same as the identification strips are worn, and should be worn above other strips (e.g. COMMANDANT, SR VICE COMMANDANT, etc.) with 1/4" spacing between strip and or line.



CENTERING:

Lettering should be CENTERED between the rear of the cover and front braid
(this would allow for future place of the MODD Patch if needed)

MEDALS and RIBBONS

- Marine Corps League and Department of Defense medals and/ or ribbons should **NEVER** be mixed on any uniform. The wearer has only the choice of wearing authorized medals and/ or ribbons of EITHER, but NEVER BOTH TOGETHER.
- One, two or three **LARGE** (standard) Marine Corps League medals or Department of Defense medals may be worn centered over the left breast pocket of the Marine Corps League Red Blazer Uniform. Medals must be mounted on a single ribbon bar. MEDALS MAY BE OF THE WEARER'S CHOICE.
- Miniature Marine Corps League or Miniature Department of Defense Medals may be worn **ONLY** with the FORMAL DRESS UNIFORM, either on the Evening Dress Jacket, or on the MCL Red Blazer when worn as the optional jacket for the FORMAL DRESS UNIFORM.
- Enclosure four (4) should be referenced for proper precedence of Marine Corps League medals and/ or ribbons.
- Members are expected to know their individual authority to wear Department of Defense Medals, badges, devices, and awards and the proper way to wear those decorations. Appropriate military uniform directives should be referenced for proper precedence of Marine Corps or other Department of Defense medals and/or ribbons.

WEARING OF MINIATURE MEDALS

- Miniature medals may be worn on the **FORMAL DRESS UNIFORM ONLY.**
- Miniature medals worn on the Evening Dress Jacket should be worn centered on the left lapel, and below the tip of the lapel notch.
- The following applies only if wearing the Red Blazer as an optional jacket for the Formal Dress Uniform. Miniature medals may be worn In the left lapel of the Red Blazer with the medals placed evenly between the left lapel notch and the top edge of the breast pocket and one (1) inch out from the edge of the inside of the left lapel. In those instances where regulation size holding bar/bars cannot be accommodated on the lapel, medals may be extended beyond the edge of the lapel to the left breast of the Red Blazer. Additional holding bars on the Red Blazer shall be placed under the top row in such a manner that the medallions of the upper row are in line immediately above the medallions of the succeeding row, unless medals count is uneven.

MOUNTING OF MINIATURE MEDALS

- When more than one (1) medal is worn they should be suspended from a holding bar of sufficient stiffness to support the weight of the medals.
- When eleven (11) medals are worn, there will be five (5) medals on the first row, and six (6) medals on the second row. When there is an uneven number of medals the rows cannot be even top to bottom.
- The maximum length of the holding bar for miniature medals should be four (4) inches, (3 RIBBON BAR) although a holding bar of maximum length has room for a maximum of five (5) medals side by side; it can however accommodate ten (10) medals if overlapped. Overlapping shall be equal (not more than 50%) and the right or inboard medal shall be shown in full.

Mounting of the Miniature medals by rows;

- One to ten (10) medals, one (10) row only
- Two medals, mounted side by side on a 1-5/16" (1 ribbon bar)
- Three medals mounted on a 1-5/16" bar (1 ribbon bar) overlapped
- Four medals, mounted side by side on a 2-5/8" bar (2 ribbon bar)
- Five medals, mounted on a 2-5/8" bar (2 ribbon bar) overlapped
- Six to ten medals, mounted on a 4" bar (3 ribbon Bar) overlapped

- Eleven medals, 2 rows-first row (5) second row (6)
- Twelve or more medals should be tired on rows as above
- In case of Marine Corps League issued medals only; in lieu of the above prescribed overlapping mini-medals mounting, the commercially available mini-medal mounting bars, which display the mini-medals in rows of (4) or (5), when five (5), ten (10), fifteen (15) or twenty (20) are worn, or partial additional rows of one (1), two (2), or three (3) mini-medals, without overlapping, may be worn.

SHOULDER PATCHES

- Shoulder patches are worn on the undress uniform white aviator shirt, short sleeve or long sleeve, and the female white USMC style shirt **ONLY**.
- The Marine Corps League shoulder patch will be worn on the LEFT sleeve, centered on the sleeve and 1-1/2" below the shoulder seam.
- The United States Flag patch (2" x 3") will be worn on the RIGHT Sleeve, centered on the sleeve and 1-1/2" below the shoulder seem. The United States Flag patch will have a WHITE border, and will have a field of BLUE to the right (to the wearer's front).
- **At the Wearer's Choice:** if a member is a Member of the Military Order of Devil Dogs, the MOOD patch may be worn in place of the United States Flag patch, centered on the sleeve and 1-1/2" below the shoulder seam.
- **NO** Service, Unit patches or Rockers are to be worn on the Marine Corps League Uniform.

MEDALLIONS

The Marine of the Year (National, Division, Department or Detachment) Medallion; the Chapel of Four Chaplains (Legion of Merit, Humanitarian Award, and Bronze Medallion Award); or the Military Order of Devil Dogs collar, if authorized, may be worn with the RED BLAZER CASUAL UNIFORM, RED BLAZER FORMAL UNIFORM, THE EVENING DRESS UNIFORM, OR THE UNDRESS UNIFORMS (MALE AND FEMALE). Only **ONE** of these devices, medallions, or collars, may be worn at a time at the option of the wearer. *****NOTE – MEDALLIONS MAY NOT BE WORN WITH ANY OTHER STYLE SHIRT (I.E., POLO, T-SHIRT, OR CIVILIAN DRESS SHIRTS.)*****

LAPEL PINS

The following lapel pins maybe worn only on the Red Blazer or Evening Dress Jacket.

- The Past National Commandant Pin may be worn inboard with the National Marine of the Year outboard.
- National Marine of the Year may be worn inboard with a Past Department or Detachment Commandant Pin. (ONLY ONE PAST COMMANDANT PIN MAY BE WORN AT A TIME, WEARER'S CHOICE.)
- Kennel Devil Dog of the Year Pin may be worn outboard of the National Marine of the Year.
- The Chapel of Four Chaplains, MCL Membership, or Retired Marine Lapel pins may also be worn.
- Although there are several types of MCL Membership pins (i.e. Past Commandant, Life Member, Five Year Membership, Ten Year Membership, etc.), only **"ONE"** MCL Membership pin should be worn.
- Ordained Ministers or Chaplains may wear a symbol of their religion of the size approved by DOD. Whatever pins are approved for wear ONLY TWO (2) PINS MAY BE WORN AT ANYTIME, WEARER'S CHOICE.

APPROVED LAPEL PINS

- 1. PAST NATIONAL COMMANDANT PIN
- 2. NATIONAL MARINE OF THE YEAR PIN
- 3. DEVIL DOG OF THE YEAR PIN
- 4. PAST DEPARTMENT/DETACHMENT COMMANDANT PIN
- 5. CHAPEL OF FOUR CHAPLAINS PIN
- 6. MCL MEMBERSHIP PIN
- 7. RETIRED MARINE/NAYV PIN
- 8. LIFE MEMBER PIN

- 9. ORDAINED MINISTERS OR CHAPLAINS SYMBOL PIN
- 10. AMERICAN FLAG PIN (ADOPTED AS AMENDED at the 2016 National Convention, Tulsa, OK)
- **11. VIETNAM WAR VETERAN PIN (APPROVED AT THE 2019 NATIONAL CONVENTION – BILLINGS, MONTANA)**

*****NOTE**: There are many styles of most pins but only **ONE** (1) may be worn at a time.
The Crossed Flag Pin (USA & USMC) is NOT AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR.***

NAME TAGS

A nametag may be worn on the UNDRESS UNIFORM (Short Sleeve White, Long Sleeve White or Women's USMC White Blouse) as optional wear. A nametag will **NOT** BE WORN ON ANY OTHER UNIFORM.

WHITE WEB BELT

FEMALE



MALE



- White Web Belt may be worn by a member while performing the duty as Sergeant-at-Arms or as a member of a Color Guard or Honor Guard, and **ONLY** with the Undress Uniform White Short Sleeve or White Long Sleeve Shirt.
- The White Web Belt is **NOT** to be worn with the Red Blazer, Red Satin jacket or any other type of all weather jackets while performing Funeral/Honor Detail, Color Guard, Rifle Detail and or Marching Squad.
- The White Web Belt should be the standard Plain White Cotton Belt 2-1/2" with brass Marine Corps waist plate 3-1/2" x 2-1/2" { DRILL INSTRUCTOR STYLE} or White Web Belt with Gold (in color) Marine Corps Buckle, either highly shined brass or Hamilton gold plated anodized brass with the EGA.
- The only white web belt authorized for wear is the one that can be purchased through the Marine Corps League Semper Fi Store. I do not know of any other place where the white web
- belt can be purchased that is Marine Corps League approved. The white web belt with grommets; green web belt with grommets, and the white belt that is worn with Dress Blues Jacket are **NOT** authorized for wear.
- AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER MAY WEAR THIS BUCKLE WHILE PREFORMING THE DUTIES OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OR DURING AN HONOR GUARD DETAIL CEREMONY ONLY. THE ASSOCIATE MEMBER MAY NOT WEAR THIS BUCKLE AT ANY OTHER TIME.

UNDRESS UNIFORM (MALE)
Short and Long Sleeve Shirts





UNDRESS UNIFORM - LONG SLEEVE

- Standard Cover (Paragraph V)
- Nametag (optional) (paragraph IX)
- White Shirt, with military creases (to be Airline Pilot style with two (2) pockets with button down flaps and shoulder epaulets)
- Marine Corps League Sunburst insignias on collar, centered 1/2" inside the collar tip, with the wings of the emblem parallel to the deck.
- Shoulder patches as authorized (Paragraph IV)
- Marine Corps League ribbons or Department of Defense authorized ribbons, wings, badges. *****NOTE:** (MCL AND DOD RIBBONS CANNOT BE WORN TOGETHER: (NO MEDALS TO BE WORN ON THIS UNIFORM).*******
- The Marine of the Year (National, Division, Department or Detachment) Medallion and Ribbon; the Chapel of Four Chaplains (Legion of Merit, Humanitarian Award, and Bronze Medallion Award); or the Military Order of Devil Dogs collar, if authorized, may be worn with the Undress Long Sleeve Uniform. Only **ONE** of these devices, medallions, or collars, may be worn at a time at the option of the wearer. *****NOTE – MEDALLIONS MAY NOT BE WORN WITH ANY OTHER STYLE SHIRT (I.E., POLO, T-SHIRT, OR CIVILIAN DRESS SHIRTS.)*****
- MCL ribbons should be centered over the left breast pocket, 1/ 8" above the pocket flap. DOD awards and decorations should be worn as authorized to the individual.
- Tie, Black Plain with Marine Corps or Marine Corps League gold tie bar' ENLISTED STYLE ONLY (no open collar).
- Trousers, Dress Blue (with NCO "RED" stripe) with Belt, Marine Corps khaki web, with web belt brass buckle.
- Shoes, Black, plain toe (military style, highly glossed)
- Socks, Black

OPTIONAL: Trousers, black, dress, with the black leather belt with square gold buckle with Marine Corps emblem (EGA); a ratcheting black leather belt with a gold Marine Corps emblem buckle (EGA); or a ratcheting black leather belt with a gold buckle with Marine Corps League logo may be worn instead of the Dress Blue trousers and khaki web belt.

UNDRESS UNIFORM - SHORT SLEEVE

- The Short sleeve UNDRESS uniform is the same in every way to the Long Sleeve UNDRESS uniform with the following exceptions:
- The shirt shall be the same Airline Pilot style, but short sleeves instead of long.
- The shirt shall be worn with an open collar and NO TIE OR TIE BAR IS WORN WITH THE UNDRESS SHORT SLEEVE SHIRT.
- The Marine of the Year (National, Division, Department or Detachment) Medallion; the Chapel of Four Chaplains (Legion of Merit, Humanitarian Award, and Bronze Medallion Award); or the Military Order of Devil Dogs collar, if authorized, may be worn with the Undress Short Sleeve Uniform. Only **ONE** of these devices, medallions, or collars, may be worn at a time at the option of the wearer. ******NOTE – MEDALLIONS MAY NOT BE WORN WITH ANY OTHER STYLE SHIRT (I.E., POLO, T-SHIRT, OR CIVILIAN DRESS SHIRTS.)******

UNDRESS UNIFORM (FEMALE)





UNDRESS UNIFORM - SHORT SLEEVE

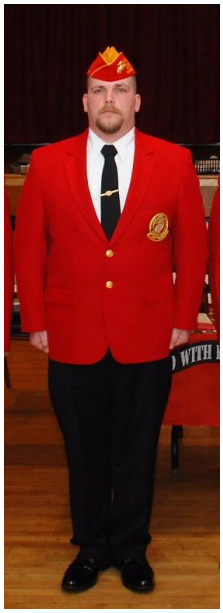
Females have the OPTION of wearing either the airline pilot style white shirt OR the Female USMC style white shirt.

- When wearing the Female USMC style white shirt can be worn with either Female Dress Blue Trousers or with black trousers, black leather belt.
  ******NOTE:*** Women's Dress Blue Trousers DO NOT have belt loops and **CANNOT** be altered to have belt loops.*********
- When wearing the Female Dress Blue Trousers OR black trousers, you must wear the women's white USMC style shirt on outside of the trousers unless performing the duties of Sgt-at-Arms, Honor Guard or Color Guard. When performing these duties, the shirt will be tucked inside of Dress Blue trousers or black trousers.
- When wearing the Men's/Women's white shirt short sleeve airline pilot style, it **CANNOT** be altered to wear on the outside of the Female Dress Blue Trousers or black trousers.
- When wearing the Male Dress Blue Trouser you must wear the men's/women's white shirt short sleeve airline pilot style as authorized under the male undress short/long sleeve regulations.
- Standard cover: Male or Female style with 1-1/2" xl-1/2" (ENLISTED STYLE) anodized solid gold color or polished brass EGA (Paragraph V, V (D).
- Nametag (optional) (Paragraph IX)
- Marine Corps League Sunburst insignias on collar, centered 1/2" inside the collar tip, with wings on the emblem parallel to the deck.
- Shoulder patches as authorized (Paragraph IV)
- Airline Pilot style white short sleeve shirt: MCL ribbons OR DOD ribbons, wings, badges should be centered over the left breast pocket 1/8" above the pocket flap. DOD-awards and decorations should

be worn as authorized to the individual. Marine Corps League ribbons OR DOD authorized ribbons, wings, badges CANNOT be worn together.

- Female USMC style white short sleeve shirt: MCL ribbons OR DOD ribbons, wings, badges should be placed even with or up to 2 inches above or ½ inch below the first visible button and centered. DOD-awards and decorations should be worn as authorized to the individual. Marine Corps League ribbons OR DOD authorized ribbons, wings, badges CANNOT be worn together.
- The Marine of the Year (National, Division, Department or Detachment) Medallion; the Chapel of Four Chaplains (Legion of Merit, Humanitarian Award, and Bronze Medallion Award); or the Military Order of Devil Dogs collar, if authorized, may be worn with the Undress Short Sleeve Uniform. Only **ONE** of these devices, medallions, or collars, may be worn at a time at the option of the wearer.
  *****NOTE – MEDALLIONS MAY NOT BE WORN WITH ANY OTHER STYLE SHIRT (I.E., POLO, T-SHIRT, OR CIVILIAN DRESS SHIRTS.)*****
- Shoes, black oxford patent leather with trousers; patent leather flats or pumps with skirt. Heels for pumps will measure up to 2" in height.
- Black skirt: Female USMC style white shirt short sleeve ONLY, hose, nylon, black (with pumps) or socks, black, (with trousers).
- Earrings: (optional) small white pearl (or pearl like) or gold ball, not to exceed 9mm. When worn, earrings will fit tight against the ear and will not extend below the ear lobe.

CAUSAL UNIFORM
MALE / FEMALE





RED BLAZER

- It is **NOT** authorized for wear with Dress Blue trousers at any time.
- **NO** ribbons or badges are authorized for wear on the Red Blazer at any time.
- Marine Corps League and Department of Defense medals should **NEVER** be mixed on any uniform. The wearer has only the choice of wearing authorized medals of EITHER, but NEVER BOTH TOGETHER.
- One, two or three **LARGE** (standard) Marine Corps League medals or Department of Defense medals may be worn centered over the left breast pocket of the Marine Corps League Red Blazer Uniform. Medals must be mounted on a single ribbon bar. MEDALS MAY BE OF THE WEARER'S CHOICE.
- The Marine of the Year (National, Division, Department or Detachment) Medallion; the Chapel of Four Chaplains (Legion of Merit, Humanitarian Award, and Bronze Medallion Award); or the Military Order

of Devil Dogs collar, if authorized, may be worn. Only **ONE** of these devices, medallions, or collars, may be worn at a time at the option of the wearer.

*****NOTE – MEDALLIONS MAY NOT BE WORN WITH ANY OTHER STYLE SHIRT (I.E., POLO, T-SHIRT, OR CIVILIAN DRESS SHIRTS.)*****

- Standard cover.
- White shirt (No button down collars and no sunburst insignias).
- Plain Black tie, with Marine Corps or MCL gold tie bar.
- Blazer, red, with two (2) MCL buttons on front and three (3) MCL buttons on each sleeve cuff.
- MCL Crest or MCL authorized plastic pocket name badge
- Lapel pins (Max of two) Optional
- Trousers, black, dress
- Black belt leather, with Marine Corps emblem on square gold buckle or Gold Marine Corps Ratchet Belt.
- Shoes, black, plain toe (Military style, highly glossed)
- Socks, black
- Optional: A black leather dress belt may be worn as a substitute to the black leather belt with Marine Corps emblem (EGA) on square gold buckle. Also optional is a ratcheting black leather belt with a gold Marine Corps emblem buckle (EGA) or a ratcheting black leather belt with a gold buckle with Marine Corps League logo.
- One, two or three **LARGE** (Standard) Marine Corps League medals or Department of Defense medals may be worn centered over the left breast pocket of the Marine Corps League Casual Uniform - Red Blazer. Medals must be mounted on a single ribbon bar (PARAGRAPH III a.)
- Sunburst insignias are **NOT** worn on the shirt collar and the Dress Blue trousers are **NOT** worn with the casual uniform at any time.

- Additional Female Undress Uniform Options:
- Tie, black, cross over (USMC style)
- Skirt, black, straight (length should be 1-2” below knees)
- Shoes, plain closed toe, pumps (worn with skirt only)
- Hose, nylon, black (worn with pumps only)
- Earrings, (optional) Small white pearl type OR gold ball, not to exceed 9mm. When worn, earrings will fit tight against the ear and will not extend below the ear lobe.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS UNIFORM

The Uniform Code for both male and female applies to all ASSOCIATE MEMBERS with the following exceptions:

- The Associate member is to wear the Marine Corps League sunburst insignia in lieu of the Marine Corps Emblem on their cover. The 1/2" x 1/2" gold MCL insignia will be worn on the shirt collars.
- The Marine Corps League Associate shoulder patch will be worn in lieu of the standard Marine Corps League shoulder patch. (Paragraph IV a.)
- Flag patch, on right shoulder, may be worn (Paragraph IV B.)
- No Blazer crest / Bullion seal will be worn unless one is designed and approved by a National Convention.
- Marine Corps Dress Blue Trousers may be worn, but without the NCO Red Stripe

FORMAL UNIFORM (MALE)



RED BLAZER FORMAL



EVENING DRESS JACKET
DRESS BLUE TROUSERS
WITH RED NCO STRIPE



EVENING DRESS JACKET
BLACK TUXEDO TROUSERS
OR BLACK TROUSERS WITH
BLACK LEATHER DRESS BELT

FORMAL DRESS UNIFORM

- Marine Corps League Red Evening Dress Jacket, medium weight gabardine material with Marine Corps League buttons, gold waist chain, and sunburst insignias at locating holes in jacket collar.
- The Marine of the Year (National, Division, Department or Detachment) Medallion; the Chapel of Four Chaplains (Legion of Merit, Humanitarian Award, and Bronze Medallion Award); or the Military Order of Devil Dogs collar, if authorized, may be worn with the Formal Dress Uniform. Only **ONE** of these devices, medallions, or collars, may be worn at a time at the option of the wearer.
  *****NOTE – MEDALLIONS MAY NOT BE WORN WITH ANY OTHER STYLE SHIRT (I.E., POLO, T-SHIRT, OR CIVILIAN DRESS SHIRTS.)*****
- Military bow tie, black
- White shirt, formal flat collar, (NO wing tip collar) **PLEATED FRONT – NO RUFFLES.**
- Gold cuff links with EGA and gold studs
- Cummerbund, gold - OR - Gold vest front (only approved design)
- Trousers, black tux, - OR - trousers, black, with black dress belt (a ratcheting black leather belt with a gold Marine Corps emblem buckle (EGA) or a ratcheting black leather belt with a gold buckle with Marine Corps League logo are an approved optional dress belt.)
- Lapel pin(s) (optional) (Paragraph I, II and III and VIII)
- Shoes, black plain toe (military style, highly glossed)
- Socks, black
- Marine Corps League mini medals **OR** DOD mini medals, wings, badges (paragraph I, II and III)
- **OPTIONAL:** The Red Blazer may be worn as an option to the Red Evening Dress Jacket with the FORMAL DRESS UNIFORM. If the Red Blazer option is chosen, the following applies.
- The Marine Corps League Crest (Paragraph VII) is optional if miniature medals are worn.
- Medals may be worn per Paragraphs I, II and III
- OPTIONAL: In addition to the Black Tuxedo Trousers worn with the Evening Dress Jacket, the wearer may opt to wear the Marine Corps Dress Blue Trousers with NCO Red Stripe in place of the Black Tuxedo Trousers.
  *****NOTE: THE MARINE CORPS DRESS BLUE TROUSERS WILL NOT BE WORN WITH THE RED BLAZER AT ANY TIME.*****

Please see Enclosure 3 of the National Administrative Procedures

FORMAL UNIFORM (FEMALE)





FORMAL DRESS UNIFORM

- Marine Corps League Red Evening Dress Jacket, with Marine Corps League Buttons, Gold Waist Chain and Sunburst Collar Devices at locating Holes in the Jacket Collar. The Red Blazer may be worn as an option to the Red Evening Dress Jacket with the Formal Dress Uniform.
- The Marine of the Year (National, Division, Department or Detachment) Medallion; the Chapel of Four Chaplains (Legion of Merit, Humanitarian Award, and Bronze Medallion Award); or the Military Order of Devil Dogs collar, if authorized, may be worn with the Formal Dress Uniform. Only **ONE** of these devices, medallions, or collars, may be worn at a time at the option of the wearer.
  *****NOTE – MEDALLIONS MAY NOT BE WORN WITH ANY OTHER STYLE SHIRT (I.E., POLO, T-SHIRT, OR CIVILIAN DRESS SHIRTS.)*****
- White shirt, formal flat collar, (NO wing tip collar) **PLEATED FRONT – NO RUFFLES**.
- Gold cuff links with EGA and gold studs.
- Women's USMC black neck tab
- Cummerbund, Gold or Gold Vest front (only approved design)
- Skirt, Long Women's USMC Evening Dress Uniform Skirt OR Women's Tuxedo Skirt, Black Straight Ankle Length with slit on left side, no higher than bottom of knee cap
- Skirt - Short Black Straight (Length should be 1" to 2" below the knees) When wearing this Skirt, it is to be worn with the Red Blazer, White Shirt, Tie, Plain Black with Marine Corps Gold (Enlisted) or Marine Corps League Gold Tie Bar or Women's USMC Black Neck Tab.
- Lapel Pin(s) (optional) (Paragraph Ill).
- Shoes: black oxford patent leather with trousers; black patent leather flats or pumps with skirt. Heels for pumps will measure up to 2" in height.
- Hose, Nylon, black with pumps or socks, black with trousers.
- Earrings, (optional) small white pearl (or pearl like) or Gold ball, not to exceed 9mm. When worn, earrings will fit tight against the ear and will not extend below the ear lobe.
- Marine Corps League mini medals **OR** DOD mini medals, wings, badges (paragraph I, II and III **OPTIONAL:** If the Red Blazer is worn as an option to the Red Dress Evening Jacket, the following applies:
- The Marine Corps League Crest is optional (Paragraph VII)
- Miniature medals may be worn per Paragraph I, II and III.
- **OPTIONAL:** In addition to the Long Black Evening Skirt, the Black Dress Trousers may be worn with the Evening Dress Jacket. The Wearer may opt to wear Marine Corps Dress Blue Trousers with NCO Red Stripe. The wearer must wear Military Black Bow Tie in place of the Female USMC Black Neck Tab. (Men's Formal Dress)
- **NOTE: THE MARINE CORPS DRESS BLUE TROUSERS, OR THE WOMEN'S DRESS BLUE TROUSERS WILL NOT BE WORN WITH THE RED BLAZER AT ANY TIME.**

ENCLOSURE 3 SECTION VI
SPECIAL UNIFORM AUTHORIZATION

The Red Cover may be worn by members in good standing while participating in a Color Guard, Honor Guard or Funeral Detail comprised of members of multiple Veteran Service Organizations (VSO)/ County Organizations that has established its own uniform.
(APPROVED BYLAW at the 2019 NATIONAL CONVENTION – BILLINGS, MONTANA)

Photos are courtesy of the York County Veterans Honor Guard, York, PA





Photos are courtesy of the Lehigh Valley Veterans Honor Guard





The MCL Uniform Code Enclosure 3 can be found in the Marine Corps League Library. From the home page, click on VISIT NOW. Then click on Member Library. This is password protected. Please see your Detachment or Department Commandant for the password. Then click on 2019 National Admin Procedures COMPLETE. You will then scroll down until you see

2019 NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES
ENCLOSURE (3)
UNIFORM CODE
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

SPECIAL UNIFORM AUTHORIZATION

- The standard Marine Corps League cover is the minimum uniform item worn by members to be considered "IN UNIFORM".
- Members who are participating in Memorial Services and who are in MCL Uniform may wear "WHITE GLOVES" of the same type as worn by the Uniformed Services.
- Wearing of White Gloves will be at the discretion of the Marine Corps League member in charge of the detail.
- Although clothing and apparel worn with the standard cover may or may not have a Marine Corps or Marine Corps League theme, and may be appropriate attire, that attire is not a uniform of the League.
- ONLY those uniforms that are outlined under "UNIFORM- MALE","UNIFORM -FEMALE"; and "ASSOCIATE MEMBERS UNIFORM" are approved uniforms of the Marine Corps League.
- NO variation(s) of the prescribed uniforms are authorized.
- In case of inclement weather (rain, snow, sleet, or cold) the local Detachment or Department Commandant may authorize appropriate outer wear to be worn over the Marine Corps League Uniform.
- **(ALL UNIFORMS AND CLOTHING "MUST" BE THE SAME).** Proposed changes to the Uniform Code must be submitted through the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures amendment process.

FUNERAL HONOR GUARD UNIFORM







WORKING WITH THE MARINE CORPS HONOR GUARD DETAIL

It is very important to work with your local Marines to make the Funeral Honors something that the family will remember and cherish. Your duties may be the rifle volley, the playing of TAPS, Folding and presenting the Flag or presenting the Brass to the Family. Whatever duties you are tasked with, Work with the Local Marine Corps and work as a team. These should all be worked out prior to the funeral.

- In case of inclement weather (rain, snow, sleet, or cold) the local Detachment or Department Commandant may authorize appropriate outer wear to be worn over the Marine Corps League Uniform. **(ALL UNIFORMS AND CLOTHING "MUST" BE THE SAME).**
- Honor Guard rocker/strip is **NOT** authorized for wear on any of the Marine Corps League Uniforms.
- Honor Guard pins of any type are **NOT** authorized for wear on any of the Marine Corps League Uniforms.
- Ascots are **NOT** authorized for wear with the MCL Uniform while performing Funeral/Honor Detail, Color Guard, Rifle Detail and or Marching Squad.
- The French *Fourragère* is **NOT** authorized for wear with any of the MCL Uniforms…..and this includes performing Funeral/Honor Detail, Color Guard, Rifle Detail and or Marching Squad.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE UNIFORMS

This section will cover the need of common MCL uniforms for Funeral Honor Guard Details and uniform options for inclement weather. It is very important that all MCL Funeral Honor Guard members be dressed alike. The Funeral Honor Guard Commander has the responsibility to ensure that all members are dress appropriately and alike. The following is a list of MCL uniforms that can be worn during your service on the Funeral Honor Guard Detail.

*NOTE: The Funeral Honor Guard Uniform requirements below are specifically for the Funeral Honor Guard detail only when performing a funeral. You must revert back to the National Administrative Procedures, Enclosure (3) of the Uniform Code after your duties are finished.

ALL Funeral Honor Guard Detail members will wear the MCL Red Covers. No MCL Department (Red/Gold) or National (Gold) covers will be worn. All members of the MCL Funeral Honor Guard must wear the same uniform.

No pins are allowed on the MCL Cover per the National Administrative Procedures, Enclosure (3), Section V – MCL Covers.

- All members of the Honor Guard must be in the same uniform. No other items should be worn unless approved by the MARINE CORPS LEAGUE HONOR GUARD POLICY AND PROCEDURES.
- At no time will bayonets, pistols, or pistol holsters be used in conjunction with any Marine Corps League uniform for the Funeral Honor Guard detail.

The MCL Honor Guard Uniform can be found in the Marine Corps League Library. From the home page, click on VISIT NOW. Then click on Member Library. This is password protected. Please see your Detachment or Department Commandant for the password. Then click on 2019 MCL Honor Guard.

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POLICY AND PROCEDURES

*French Fourragere with the undress uniform, red blazer, detachment polo shirt and with Dress Blues.

As we know, the French Fourragere was awarded to the members of the 5th and 6th Marine Regiments for their heroic actions during the Battle of Belleau Wood from the French government in WWI. There are no active duty Marines authorized to wear the French Fourragere permanently. This is only authorized for wear while you are in the 5th or 6th Marine Regiments. When you retire or are discharged from the Marine Corps, you are **NOT** authorized to wear the French Fourragere with the Marine Corps Uniform or the Marine Corps League Uniform.

***Females** – we do **NOT** mix and match male & female uniforms…i.e…..

- The white female USMC style short sleeve shirt is NOT to be worn with the male Dress Blue trouser. The white female USMC style short sleeve shirt is to be worn with the female Dress Blue trousers, black trousers or black skirt and is to be worn on the outside of trousers or skirt. The only time the white shirt is tucked inside of trousers is performing the duty as Sgt-at-Arms or as a member of a Color Guard or Honor Guard.
- The white short/long sleeve shirt aviator style is **NOT** to be worn with the female Dress Blue trouser and is **NOT** to be altered to wear with the female Dress Blue trouser.
- The female Dress Blue trousers do not have belt loops; therefore, **NO** alterations are to be made to the female Dress Blue trousers for belt loops.
- When wearing the male Dress Blue trouser you **MUST** wear the white short/long sleeve shirt aviator style as authorized under the male undress white short/long sleeve shirt aviator style regulations.

***Dress Blues** – This was brought up on the floor at the 2017 National Convention, Overland Park, Kansas and addressed by Johnny Baker, who was National Judge Advocate at the time. When you are doing any type of Marine Corps League function, you are representing the Marine Corps League and should wear the appropriate Marine Corps League uniform **NOT** Dress Blues or Dress Blue Deltas. Marine Corps League members should **NOT** be wearing their Dress Blues or Dress Blue Deltas while recruiting members to join the Marine Corps League; selling raffle tickets; any type of Marine Corps League fundraising events or while doing Toys for Tots events. **The Marine Corps Uniform Regulation, MCO P1020.34G prescribes wear of the Marine Corps uniform by retirees and veterans.**

***The USMC Drill Instructor campaign cover:** is **NOT** authorized for wear at any time with the Marine Corps League uniform.

***The NCO/Officer sword:** is also **NOT** authorized for wear at any time for parades or Color Guard with the Marine Corps League uniform.

***Pistol holster:** on white web belt is **NOT** authorized for wear with the Marine Corps League uniform at anytime.

***Fixed Bayonet:** on the M1 Garand (that is wrong in so many ways) is **NOT** authorized to have on this weapon, or any other type of weapon, while doing any type of Marine Corps League function.

- The bayonet scabbard is **NOT** authorized for wear with the Marine Corps League uniform at any time.

Appropriate Wear of the USMC Uniform and Medals/Ribbons

1. Regulations governing the wear of uniforms by active duty/retired, former Marines and civilians serving with the Corps:

Chapter *11* MCO P1 020.3G, Marine Corps Uniform Regulations (Source Document) Basic guidance (Active Duty/Reservist/Retiree and Former Marines) –

1. **Grooming Standards:** Anyone who wears the Marine Corps Uniform **MUST** abide by the Marine Corps Grooming standards (paragraph 1004 and 8000.2 of the Uniform Regulations). Active duty/Reservists/Retirees and former Marines must also abide by the height and weight standards (paragraph 8000.2 of the Uniform Regulations).
2. **Wear of Proper Insignia and Awards:** When wearing a Marine Corps uniform you may only wear your current rank, or the rank that you left the service with and may only wear the awards you rate per your personnel records. No deviations of this policy are authorized.
3. **Activities where you may not wear the Uniform**: Paragraph 11002 of the Uniform Regulations provides a list of activities that you may not wear the uniform (i.e. to an event that brings discredit to the Corps, to events in support of political interests, private and/or commercial employment...).
4. **Retiree/Reservist Wear of Uniforms:** As a Retiree/Reservist you may wear the uniform for basically any event that you wore the uniform while on active duty.
5. **As a former Marine there are some restrictions:**
   - You must have served during a time of war (i.e. earned the National Defense Medal during your time in service) and received an honorable discharge to wear the uniform.

Events you are restricted to wearing it to:

- Military funerals, memorial services, weddings, and inaugurals.
- Parades on national or state holidays; or other parades or ceremonies of a patriotic character in which any active or reserve United States military unit are taking part. 'Wearing of the uniform or any part thereof at any other time or for any purpose is prohibited.'
- Recipients of the Medal of Honor may wear the Marine Corps uniforms at their pleasure except for those specific occasions listed in paragraph 11002 of the Uniform Regulations

2. Awards Verification:

If you knowingly wear an award that you do not rate you can be prosecuted.

If you need to verify what awards you rate contact the Navy Personnel Center at: Navy Personnel Command
Retired Records Section (PERS 312D2)
9700 Page Avenue Room 5409
St. Louis, MO 63132

3. How to Report Violations:

If you have a question on how to properly wear a Marine Corps uniform please contact the Marine Corps Uniform Board at (703)432-4607. If you identify someone who is improperly wearing a Marine Corps uniform/awards/rank insignia, please contact the Inspector General for the Marine Corps at (703)614-1349 or the Uniform Board at the aforementioned phone number.

OPTIONS ON WHERE TO GET UNIFORMS

RED BLAZER

1. **MCL National Headquarters**
   The Semper Fi Store
   3619 Jefferson Davis Highway
   Suite 115
   Stafford, VA 22554
   Phone: 703-207-9588
   www.mclnational.org

MEN'S RED BLAZER

UniformsinStock.com
https://www.uniformsinstock.com/products/executive-apparel-winston-mens-red-blazer

WOMEN'S RED BLAZER

UniformsinStock.com
https://www.uniformsinstock.com/products/executive-apparel-isabella-womens-red-blazer?variant=18574257520699

FEMALE WHITE SHORT SLEEVE SHIRT

http://www.uniforms-4u.com/p-us-army-asu-white-female-overblouse-short-sleeve-3955.aspx

UNIFORM SUPPORT CENTER

http://mymcx.com/index.cfm/myproducts/uniforms/uniform-stores/

2. The Marine Shop – Quantico
300 Potomac Avenue, Quantico, VA 22134
Phone: 703-640-7195 www.MarineShop.net
On the website, look under "Uniform Accessories". They have a section for the Marine Corps League.

RED MESS JACKET

The Marine Shop – Quantico

- They also have special Dress Blue Trousers (no pockets).

Formal MCL Uniform Accessories are available from the "Semper Fi Store"

WHITE AVATIOR SHIRT

Semper Fi Store OR…local Police/Fire Uniform store (depends on whether you want to iron in the creases each time you wear your shirt or buy a shirt with the creases stitched in)

BLACK MILITARY SHOES (aka Corframs)

The Marine Shop OR…a military base exchange store OR…Police/Fire Uniform store

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE ACCESSORIES

1. Semper Fi Store - Covers, patches, belts, pins, black trousers, ties, cap strips, etc

2. The Marine Shop – Dress Blue Trousers, military shoes, DoD Medals, etc

MARINE CORPS UNIFORM ITEMS

Dress Blue Trousers, DoD Medals, etc.

1. **Uniform Support Center Customer Support (**Active, Reserve or Retired)
   Uniform Support Center
   Suite 200, 1240 Gator Blvd.
   2nd Floor, Bldg. 3126
   Virginia Beach, VA 23459
   1-800-368-4088

Uniform items are cheaper if ordered by an Active/Reserve/Retired Marine. We all have someone in our Detachment. Get together with that Marine and place an order.

OR…Visit your local Marine Corps Base Cash Sales

2. **The Marine Shop – Quantico**