



Uniform Class

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NATION AND READERSHIPS

National Administrative Procedures

Enclosure 3 Uniform Code

- 16 Page document (2022 version)
- Updated each year, based off Bylaw Changes that are passed at a National Convention in August each year.
- This is the document that describes the MCL Uniform regulations.
- Changes may be made by submitting a Proposed Change.



2022 Edition

Marine Corps League

National Administrative Procedures

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2022 NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ENCLOSURE (3)

UNIFORM CODE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

PREFACE

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.

Because many features about these uniforms clearly resemble United States Marine Corps uniforms, it is very likely that an unmindful public may see that we are the Marines; and when today's Marines see us wearing uniforms that are a likeness to their own, they will be seeing us as one of their own. Our appearance reflects upon the Marine Corps and Marines everywhere, and we should ever be aware of that responsibility. Uniforms prescribed in his Uniform Code are considered appropriate to preserve the respect and dignity of The Marine Corps. League and the United States Marine Corps.

I. MEDALS and RIBBONS

- A. 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.
- B. 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.
- C. 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.
- D. Enclosure four (4) should be referenced for proper precedence of Marine Corps League medals and/or ribbons.
- E. 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.

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Uniforms

National Administrative Procedures - Enclosure 3

The COVER is the only uniform item to be considered in uniform.

Authorized: Eagle Globe & Anchor (EGA), gold enlisted style only.

• Not Authorized: MCL pins, USMC Division pins, mini ribbons, etc.



MALE with Regular Member EGA



FEMALE with Associate Member emblem

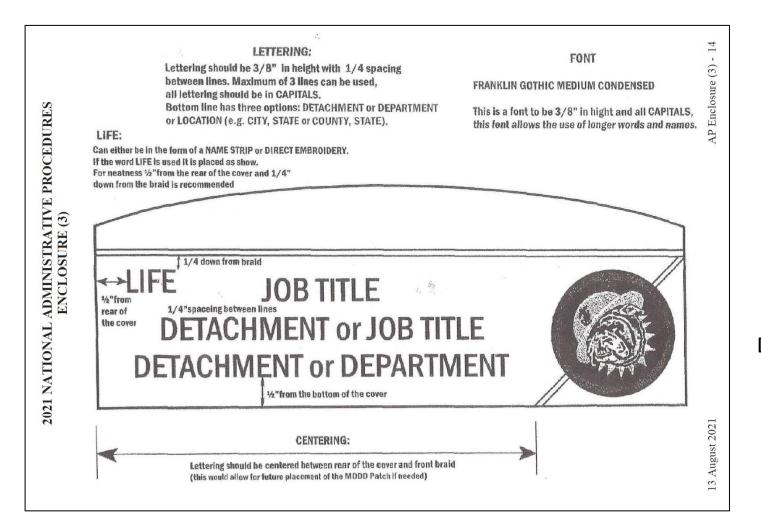


DEPARTMENT



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Check out our YouTube Video on MCL Covers



Embroidery Examples

CHAPLAIN SHAWN KNISLEY DET 983 FAYETTEVILLE, NC

COMMANDANT 2015-2017 CPL PETE ARNOLD DET 1198 HARFORD COUNTY, MD

SGT-AT-ARMS
DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY

MARINE FOR LIFE LIAISON
DEPT OF SC

NATIONAL UNIFORM COMMITTEE



DEATCHMENT POLO SHIRT WITH NAME





Great for members who are bad with names and NEW members, so they get to know everyone.

















Undress Uniform

White Aviator Shirt Black Trousers Black Skirt Female

Dress Blues Trousers (Regular Members) (Associate - NO Blood Stripe)

MCL Ribbons OR DoD Ribbons & Badges

NATION ALEADERS HIRS

Uniform Types - See Enclosure 3 for more details

Casual (= Red Blazer)

Black Trousers ONLY. <u>NOT AUTHORIZED: Dress Blue Trousers</u>

Up to 3 Large Medals (MCL or DoD) NOT AUTHORIZED: Mini-Medals

Undress Short Sleeve or Long Sleeve

Black Trousers with Black Belt OR Dress Blues Trousers with USMC Tan Web Belt, Female Black Skirt MCL Ribbons or DoD Ribbons & Badges (Do not mix DoD & MCL)

Formal Red Blazer

Gold Cummerbund or Gold Vest, Black Bow Tie, Black Trousers or Tuxedo Trousers optional Full set of MCL or DoD Mini-Medals

Formal Mess Dress

Gold Cummerbund or Gold Vest, Black Bow Tie, Full set of MCL or DoD Mini-Medals Dress Blue Trousers (SNCO type recommended) or Tuxedo Trousers optional

NATION AND SEADERSHIPS

Associate Member Uniforms

Contact Alison Noger with Associate questions.



Short Sleeve

Long Sleeve

Undress Uniform MCL placement

Committee notes:

- Sunburst on cover, NOT EGA
- Never Dress Blue Trousers with Blood Stripe
- How to orient the MCL collar bars (see photos)
- MCL Patch with associate rocker
- No pocket crest on red blazer
- Plain gold cuff links with the Mess Dress
- Give out MCL Awards so our Associate's have ribbons to wear on their Undress Uniforms



X. MEDALLIONS

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 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.)

Uniform Committee Note:

MODD Members are required to wear their Dog Collar to be considered "in uniform".

Uniform Lapel Pins for Casual (Red Blazer) & Mess Dress

AUTHORIZED LAPEL PINS

- 1. Past National Commandant Pin
- National Marine of the Year Pin
- Devil Dog of the Year Pin
- National Associate Member of the Year Pin
- Past Department or Past Detachment Commandant Pin
- Chapel of Four Chaplains Pin
- MCL Membership Pin
- Retired Marine or Retired Navy Pin
- Life Member Pin
- 10. Ordained Ministers or Chaplains Symbol Pin
- 11. United States Flag Pin (3/8" X 3/4" in size)
- 12. Vietnam War 50th Commemorative Pin
- 13. Gold Star Pin
- 14. Next of Kin Deceased Personnel Pin
- 15. Presidential Volunteer Service Award Pin (Life, Gold, Silver, Bronze)

Committee Notes:

- Pins are worn side by side, not 1 on top of the other.









 Only 2 pins are Authorized at the same time.
 Authorized to wear one Ribbon Bar. This means you may wear 2 pins PLUS a Ribbon Bar

Uniform Violations

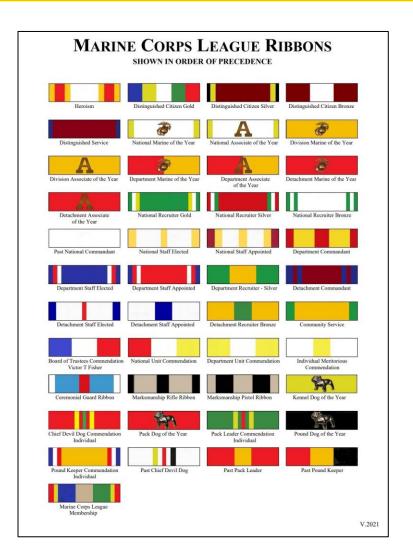
- If you are wear a MCL Uniform, wear it correctly and according to Enclosure 3 & Enclosure 4
- Many violations occur are usually due to a lack of understanding of Enclosure 3.
- Monkey See, Monkey do! Many violations occur because a newer member just copied a seasoned member.
- All <u>Semper Fi Magazine</u> Roll Call submissions are reviewed for uniform compliance.
- Photos that violate Enclosure 3 or Enclosure 4 are rejected for publication in Semper Fi Magazine.

Violation Corrections:

- Have a polite conversation with the member. Do not attack them, especially in a public setting.
- You should never lose a member over a uniform violation.
- When brought to the Uniform Committees attention, we reach out to the Department or Detachment Commandant for then to address with their member.

Social Media & Newsletters

• Photos with violations should not be published on social media (i.e. include Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) or in your Detachment (or Dept) Newsletters.



Medals / Ribbons / Awards



What can a Detachment Commandant present under their authority?

Distinguished Citizen Medal – Bronze (or "Award" to non-MCL person)

Marine of the Year Detachment Medallion (on behalf of all Detachment Moy's)

Associate of the Year Detachment Medallion (on behalf of all Detachment AoY's)

Distinguished Service Medal (or "Award" to non-MCL person)

Detachment Staff Medal – Elected

Detachment Staff Medal – Appointed

Detachment Recruiter Medal – Bronze

Membership Medal (for New or Charter Member)

Community/VAVS Service Ribbon

Community Service Ribbon (JROTC Cadet OR Scout Leader)

Meritorious Individual Commendation Ribbon

Ceremonial Guard Ribbon

Certificate of Appreciation

Honorary Membership Certificate (OR Honorary Active Duty)

Good Citizenship Award Certificate (to Eagle Scout)

Certificate of Appreciation for Flying the US Flag

Life Membership Award Certificate

Medals, Ribbons and Certificates can be purchased from the MCL National Headquarters Store

Purchase "Blank" MCL Certificates (Blank below the MCL SEAL) and print your own personalized version. They could include Detachment name, website, personalized verbiage, CgmGt, Signature Line only, etc. For more info or examples contact National Uniform Chairman Craig Reeling.

Info taken from National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures - Enclosure 4_(dated Aug 2021)

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AWARDS Enclosure 4

MCL Certificates

Buy Blank below the MCL Seal

This allows you to personalize based on the members accomplishments

Uniform Committee Note:
Use the most recent version
of the Ribbon Chart, On 2/25/23
Ver. 2021 is the newest version





NATIONAL UNIFORM GUIDEBOOK

Version 1

Last updated: Sept 2022

National Uniform Guidebook COMING SOON

- Currently being developed, with anticipated delivery of August 2023.
- Version 1 will include any bylaw changes that were passed at the 2022
 National Convention in Daytona Beach, Florida.
- Photos with mannequins posed in all the MCL uniforms. These photos will stand the test of time.
- Photos of uniform items and accessories, awards, medals, medallions, ribbons with stars (multiple awards).
- Based off Enclosure 3 & Enclosure 4.
- Smaller document size (number of pages) than Enclosure 3 & Enclosure 4.
- Do you have ideas for the Guidebook or something specific you are looking to be included, please notify the Uniform Committee.



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for the

National Training & Leadership Team

Looking for these skills:

Create classes and syllabus.
Teach and assist with ZOOM Training Classes
Create Social Media Training Videos

Contact Craig Reeling to volunteer.

Questions?

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