

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Professional Development Program Uniforms, Ribbons and Awards

LESSON PLAN 4



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UNIFORMS OF THE MCL

- 1. Casual
- 2. Undress
- 3. Women's Casual
- 4. Formal Red Blazer
- 5. Formal Mess - Blue Trousers, Red NCO Stripe
- 6. Formal Mess - Tux Trousers



Nomenclature of MCL Uniforms
Numbers correspond with the previous page (Uniforms)

- Plain Black Socks (ALL)
- Highly Shined Smooth Toe Black Lace-up Oxford Shoes (All)
- Plain Black tie (Field Scarf) (1,2 long sleeve shirt only)
- Marine Corps or Marine Corps League gold tie bar (1,2 long sleeve shirt only)
- Black Standard or Pleated Trousers (1,2,3,4)
- Blue Trousers with **NCO** Stripe (2,5)
- Marine Corps web belt and brass buckle (2)
- Black belt and square gold buckle with the Marine Corps Emblem (1,2,3)

Notes:

1. White Crew (Round Collar) T-Shirt should be worn under all MCL Uniform Shirts.

Members participating in Memorial Services and who are in MCL Uniform may wear white gloves, at the discretion of the Senior Officer in charge of the detail. (Gloves shall be of the same type as worn by the Uniformed Services).

2. The White Duty Belt may be worn by a member while performing the duties of Sergeant-at-Arms, or as a member of a Color Guard or Honor Guard and only with the Undress Uniform Short Sleeve White or Long Sleeve White Shirt.

The Duty 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.

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.

- Black Tuxedo Trousers (4,6)
- White T-Shirt (1,2)
- White Shirt w/epilates, 2 Breast Pockets w/button Flaps, Long Sleeve (2)
- White Shirt w/epilates, 2 Breast Pockets w/button Flaps, Short Sleeve (2)
- White Shirt, standard collar (1)
- Formal pleated shirt with a standard collar and no ruffles (4,5,6)
- Military Bow Tie - Black (4,5,6)
- Ribbons (DOD or MCL, Do not mix), Wing and Badges. Long or short sleeve shirts. (2)

- Marine Corps black field scarf and Marine Corps or Marine Corps League Gold cuff links and gold studs (4,5,6)
- Gold tie bar (1,2)
- Red Blazer (1,3,4)
- Red Mess Jacket (5,6)
- Black Nylons
- Black Pumps (3)
- Women's white blouse that is worn with the USMC Dress Blues (3)
- Black cross over (Marine Corps Style) tie (3)
- Plain black "A" line skirt
- Marine Corps League Cover (All)

Numbers correspond with page on Uniforms of the MCL

THE STANDARD MARINE CORPS LEAGUE COVER



The basic uniform of the Marine Corps League is the unique cover that identifies the members of the Marine Corps League. Because all other parts of the uniform that are designated in this enclosure are optional, the cover remains as the only consistent identifier for Marine Corps League members, which is why the cover is worn indoors at appropriate Marine Corps League functions. When Marine Corps League Members are wearing the appropriate cover, as listed below, they are considered to be in uniform. **NO OTHER TYPE OF COVER MAY BE WORN AT A MARINE CORPS LEAGUE FUNCTION OR MEETING.**

All members of the Marine Corps League are authorized to wear the RED COVER.

- Members Elected or Appointed at the Department Level are authorized to wear the RED COVER with a GOLD CROWN.
- Members Elected to a National Office or Appointed to a National Staff/Committee are authorized to wear GOLD COVERS.
- The National Commandant will wear a WHITE COVER.
- Past National Commandants are authorized to wear a GOLD COVER with WHITE CROWN.
- Past Chief Devil Dogs are authorized to wear a GOLD COVER with a BLACK CROWN.
- Past National Vice Commandants of Divisions, Past National Directors, and Past

National Directors of Young Marines are authorized to wear a GOLD COVER with a GOLD CROWN.

- Past Department Commandants and Past Pack Leaders are authorized to wear a RED COVER with a GOLD CROWN.
- Past Detachment Commandants and Past Pound Keepers are authorized to wear a RED COVER with a RED CROWN.

All Past Officers, listed above, will identify their Past Office with a title strip or embroidery, and will display the years that they held that office.

With the exception of Past National Commandants and Past Chief Devil Dogs, they all will also display the organization where they held that office. (i.e. Southeast Division, Department of Ohio, Chattanooga Detachment, etc.).

Only the officers listed in this paragraph are authorized to retain the Cover for their previous office after they leave that office. All other members will revert back to the appropriate cover for the elected or appointed office currently held, and if any, removing the officer identification STRIP(S) for prior offices no longer held.

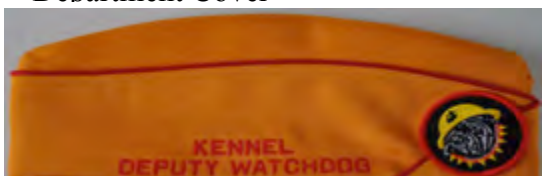
The only insignia authorized for wear on the Marine Corps League Covers is the 1-1/2" X 1-1/2" Anodized Solid Gold Color or Polished Brass Marine Corps Emblem (Enlisted Style Only) on the Left Side. The Devil Dog patch, if authorized, will be worn up front on the right side of the cover. The identification 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. NO DIVISION PINS OR OTHER PINS/ORNAMENTS ARE AUTHORIZED ON MARINE CORPS LEAGUE COVERS. (See diagram Enclosure Three (3) Attachment 1-1)

Male and Female Covers

Detachment Cover



Department Cover



The National Cover



The Female Cover



The Associate Cover

NO PINS ON COVER

PINS, ORNAMENTS, OR RIBBONS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR ON THE MCL COVER.



Nothing goes on the Basic Cover, except the Marine Corps Emblem on the left side and approved identification strips or embroidering on the right side. The Marine Corps emblem should be the anodized solid gold color or polished brass MC emblem, not a Marine officer's gold and silver emblem. Identification strips should be worn to indicate "current" offices only, except as authorized by the Uniform Code for "Past Commandants".

COMMANDANT

PAST COMMANDANT

"Past Commandant" may be embroidered, as this is a lifetime title. It must be small enough, as to be covered by a strip denoting any current office held.

If a strip is worn to denote current office, it will be worn above the detachment name and centered. The "LIFE" strip should be worn to the rear of the right side. The "LIFE MEMBER" strip should be worn the same as the identification strips are worn.

That is, centered on the right side of the cover.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP STRIPS

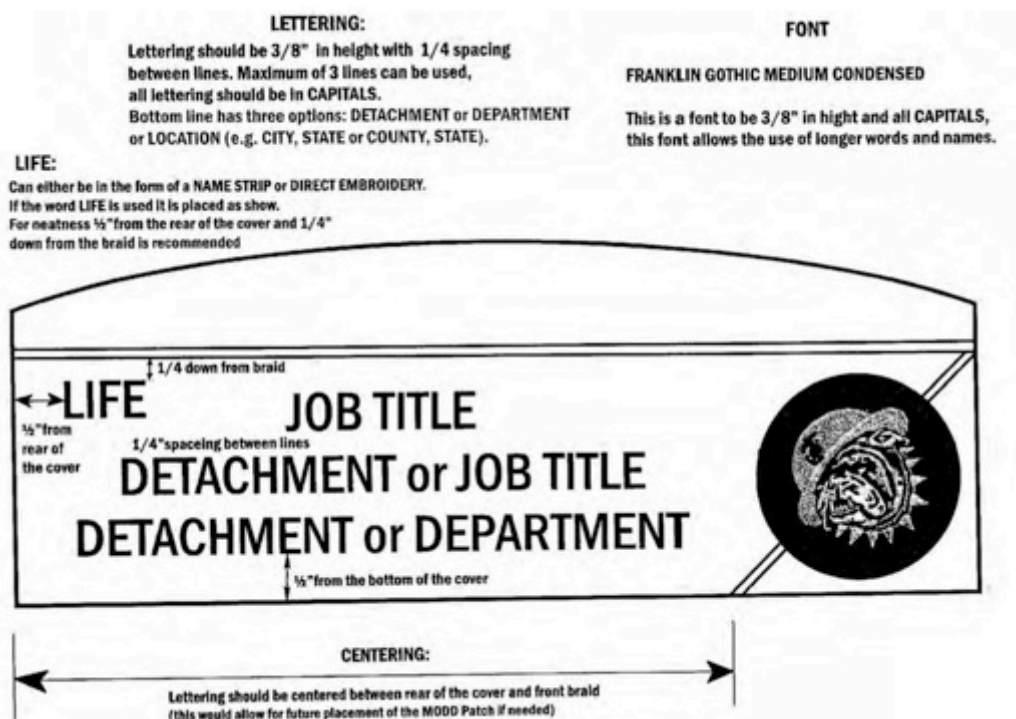
The "LIFE" and "LIFE MEMBER" strips are two different strips.

LIFE

LIFE MEMBER

Tradition is that the "LIFE MEMBER" strip would be worn above other strips, such as a current officer strip.

Enclosure three, attachment 1-1 of the Uniform Code (See next page), says that the detachment name should be placed on the right side, 1/2" up from the bottom of the cover, centered left to right and abbreviated, if need be. The recommended font is Franklin Gothic Medium Condensed. See Enclosure three for details on the correct placement of job titles, Detachment name and life membership stripes or embroidery. Contact your Detachment about having the detachment's name embroidered on your cover.



CASUAL UNIFORM



CASUAL UNIFORM RED BLAZER

- The red blazer is available from the Semper Fi store at Marine Corps League Headquarters or The Marine Shop in Quantico, VA. See your Detachment Paymaster about ordering this item. All attached items are ordered through the Marine Corps League, see your Detachment Paymaster on how to order these items. The buttons the blazer comes with must be removed and in their place Marine Corps League buttons sewn. There will be two buttons for the front and three on each sleeve.

THE MCL CREST



- The metallic embroidered Marine Corps League Crest is worn on the left breast pocket, about 1/4" below the lower half of the pocket cuff and centered on the pocket. The commercially sold pocket crest, with the MC Emblem, Marine Corps League Seal permanently set onto the plastic sleeve, or the embroidered MC League crest that is permanently embroidered on the pocket itself, may also be worn as optional wear. No Blazer Crest / Bullion Seal will be worn by Associate members, unless one is designed and approved by a National Convention.

THE RED BLAZER



RED BLAZER OR EVENING DRESS JACKET LAPEL PINS

The MCL Member, MCL Life Member, 5 Year, 10 Year, etc., pins are worn in the left lapel buttonhole. Other pins are also authorized, but never more than two (2) at a time, on the left lapel. **Refer to Enclosure three (3) paragraph VIII of the National Bylaws for Pins that can be worn.**

The Past National Commandant pin may be worn inboard with the National Marine of the Year outboard.

National Marine of the Year pin may be worn inboard, with a Past Department or Detachment Commandant, or other Member pin outboard.

NAME TAGS

The name tag is not worn with this uniform. Sunburst insignias are never to be worn with the red blazer. Miniature medals, ribbons, and badges are not to be worn on the red blazer, except when the blazer is worn as an optional jacket of the Formal Uniform, and then miniature medals may be worn or a maximum of three large Medals. The Formal Uniform will be discussed below.

CASUAL UNIFORM THE WHITE SHIRT

This outlines the shirt to be worn with the "Casual", (red blazer uniform). The shirt can be either long sleeve or short sleeve, but must be plain white in color. This shirt can be purchased at any clothing store. The shirt should have a plain collar. It will not be the "aviator" style shirt worn with the Undress Uniform. Sunburst insignias are not worn with the "Casual" uniform. Ribbons and badges are not to be worn with the "Casual" Uniform*. Patches are not worn with the "Casual" uniform.

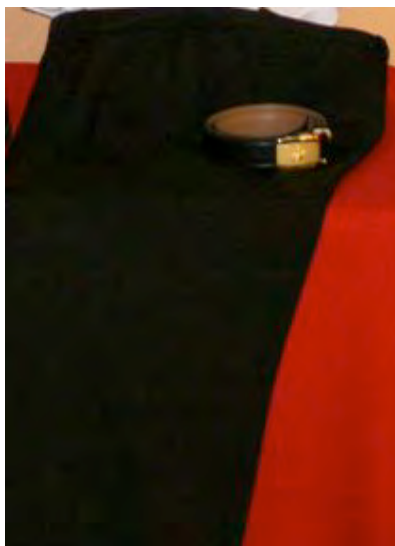
* Note: The Marine of the Year Neck Ribbon with medallion may be worn.

- No devices, badges or patches of any kind are to be worn with the "Casual" uniform. Just the shirt, field scarf, and prescribed tie bar. Exception: Up to two (2) Lapel Pins may be worn. A complete list of approved pins can be found in Enclosure Three, Paragraph VIII of the National Bylaws.



CASUAL UNIFORM THE BLACK TROUSERS

Black trousers with a black belt and square gold buckle with the Marine Corps Emblem are to be worn with the Casual Uniform. The belt can be either the wide leather belt or the narrow dress belt. The wide leather belt is worn with the large square buckle with the Marine Corps Emblem on it. Both are available through The Semper Fi store at National. The narrow dress belt with the smaller buckle, also having the Marine Corps Emblem, satisfies the black dress belt option.



- See your Detachment Paymaster about how to order these items. The trousers are purchased at any clothing store. The bottom of the cuff, should just reach the top of the heel sole of the shoes.
- Dress blue trousers with red stripe are not authorized with the Casual Uniform.
- Sans a belt trousers are not authorized with the Casual Uniform.

CASUAL UNIFORM

THE BLACK FIELD SCARF & BLACK SHOES



The field scarf should be a plain flat black tie with a Marine Corps League or Marine Corps gold tie bar. The field scarf is available at any clothing store, but the tie bar is purchased through the Marine Corps League or you may wear the Marine Corps issued gold tie bar. No other tie bar is authorized.

No tie tacks, no field scarf colors other than black, and no embroidered or other designs on the field scarf are authorized.

Just a simple, plain black field scarf. A clip on field scarf may be worn, or if using a regular field scarf, a four in hand knot is recommended.

SHOES

MALE: The shoes should be black leather oxfords, either Corfam© type, or highly shined. The uppers on the toes should be flat leather, with no seams. Rubber or leather soles may be worn. Black socks, shall be worn. Shoes, black oxford patent leather with trousers. The same shoes and socks are worn with the Undress Uniform, as with the Casual Uniform.

FEMALE: 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)



No taps are authorized.



UNDRESS UNIFORM

The Long Sleeve and Short Sleeve Undress Uniforms will be discussed here.

There's more to the Undress Uniform than just taking off your red blazer. The Dress Blue trousers with the red NCO stripe may be worn with the Undress Uniform, along with the Marine Corps Khaki web belt and brass buckle. It should be pointed out that the Dress Blue trousers have the red NCO stripe, not the wider Officers stripe.



The Black Trousers may be worn as an option with the Undress Uniform, having the same belt and buckle options as with the Casual Uniform.



WHITE T-SHIRT
Worn under MCL uniform shirts

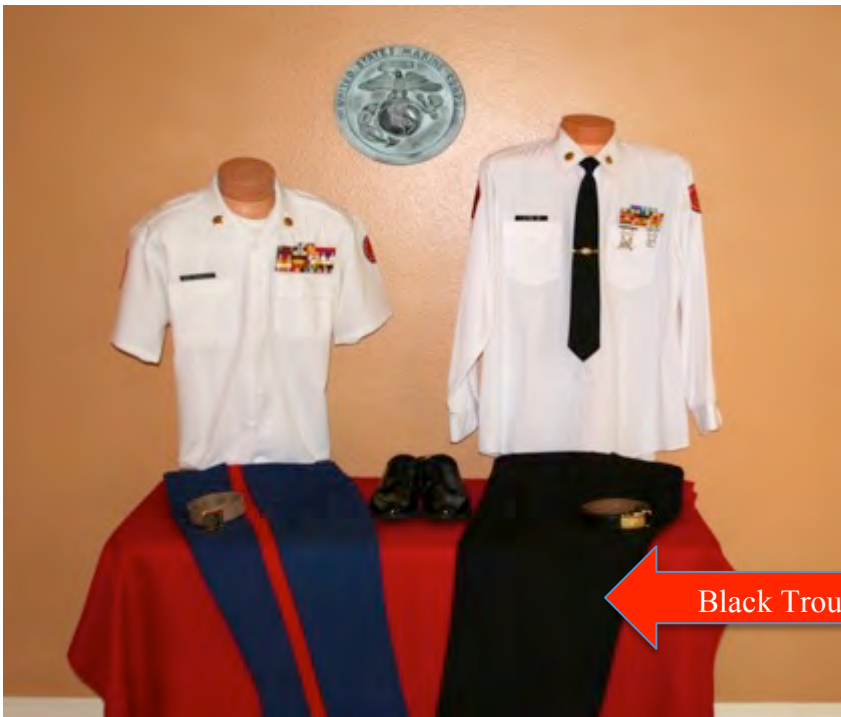
Sunburst insignia (anchor facing inboard) and ribbons are worn the same as the long sleeve shirt. MCL ribbons or DOD ribbons may be worn, but never both at the same time.

The optional nametag is worn the same way as with the long sleeve shirt.

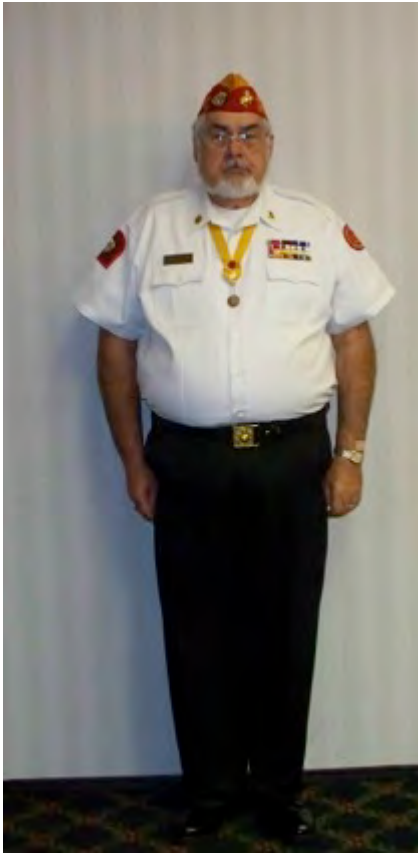
LONG SLEEVE

The Long Sleeve Undress Uniform shirt will be an aviator style shirt, with two (2) button down breast pockets and shoulder epaulets. It will have a military crease running top to bottom, centered on each pocket and three creases on the back. The Marine Corps League shoulder patch is worn on the left shoulder, centered on the crease, 1-1/2" down from the shoulder seam. The Field Forward American Flag or Devil Dog patch will be worn on the right shoulder, centered on the crease, 1-1/2" down from the shoulder seam.

Long Sleeve Shirt



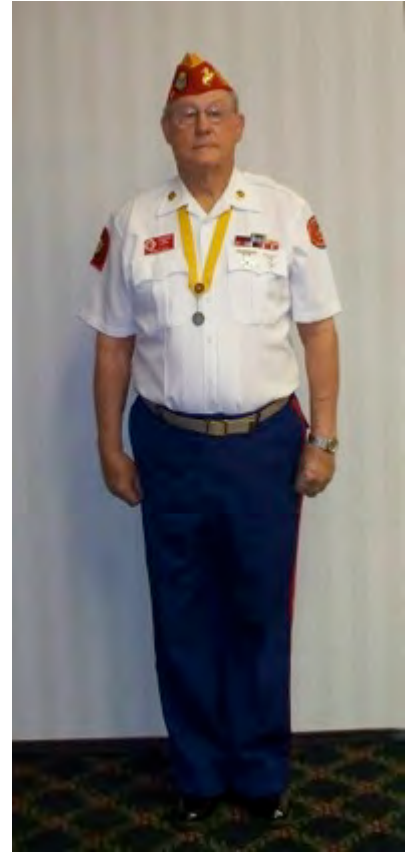
Undress Uniform



Black Trousers



**Blue Trousers with
Red NCO Stripe**



SUNBURST INSIGNIA



The Sunburst Insignias are worn on each collar, centered, 1/2" from both edges, with the eagles wings parallel to the deck, with anchors facing inboard.

The nametag may be worn above the right breast pocket, centered and 1/8" above the top of the flap. Either Marine Corps League ribbons **or** Department of Defense ribbons and badges may be worn above the left breast pocket, centered, 1/8" above the top of the flap. Marine Corps League and Department of Defense ribbons cannot be mixed. Ribbons are to be worn in rows not exceeding four ribbons per row. If the top row has fewer ribbons than the lower rows, they are to be centered on the lower rows.

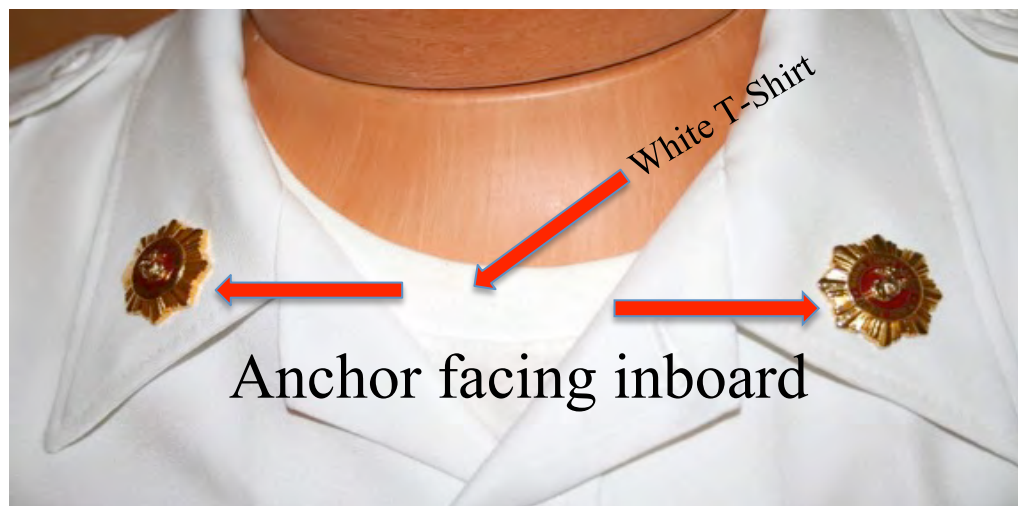
THE BLACK FIELD SCARF



The black field scarf with either the Marine Corps or Marine Corps League gold tie bar (No open collar with the long sleeve shirt).

SHORT SLEEVE SHIRT

The Short Sleeve Undress Uniform is the same as the long sleeve except in sleeve length. It has the same pockets, shoulder epaulets, creases and patches. The top most button is left open and a tie is never worn with the short sleeve Undress Uniform shirt. The dress blue trousers with red NCO stripe are to be worn with this uniform the black trousers are an option. The same belts and belt options are worn with the short sleeve Undress Uniform as with the long sleeve Undress Uniform.



WOMEN'S COVER

- The Standard Cover is to be worn with the Marine Corps Emblem worn on the left side. Officer strips, LIFE and LIFE MEMBER strips and the detachment name embroidery is the same as the men's Standard Cover.
- Enclosure 3 doesn't state that the cover be a woman's cover, so it is assumed that either the Standard Women's Cover or the Standard Men's Cover may be worn. All these items are available through the Marine Corps League.



The Female Cover



WOMEN'S SHIRTS

- A long sleeve or short sleeve white shirt, with shoulder epaulets, military creases and two button down flap pockets, similar to the men's shirt, is worn.
- An option is the women's white blouse that is worn with the USMC Dress Blues. Either Marine Corps League ribbons or Department of Defense ribbons and badges may be worn, but not mixed.
- With the long sleeve version of this uniform, either the black cross over (Marine Corps Style) tie -OR- black field scarf with MC or MCL gold tie bar will be worn.
- The Sunburst insignias, shoulder patches and nametag are all worn the same as is prescribed with the men's uniform.
- A plain black "A" line skirt or black slacks are worn the same as with the casual uniform. When the trousers are worn, the same belts that are authorized with the Casual Uniform may be worn.

WOMEN'S UNDRESS UNIFORM

- Dress blue trousers with red NCO stripe may be worn, with Marine Corps web belt and brass plain buckle with Marine Corps Emblem, plain buckle for Associate members (no Marine Corps Emblem), when in Color/Honor Guard.
- Black nylon hosiery and a black, plain toe, closed pump are worn with this uniform.
- When wearing trousers, plain toe, black oxfords are worn.



EARRINGS

- Earrings may be worn with the Undress, Casual and Formal uniform. They must either be small, round, white pearl (or pearl like), or gold earrings, not to exceed 9mm in size. When worn, earrings will fit tight against the lobe of the ear and will not extend below the earlobe.

WOMEN'S CASUAL UNIFORM



- The Women's Casual Uniform will consist of the red blazer, with the buttons arranged as is on the men's Casual Uniform or the women's red blazer which is fitted differently and the front buttons are on the opposite side, from the men's red blazer.
- Both are available through the Semper Fi store or The Marine Shop.

The Associate Member is not to wear the Marine Corps Emblem. This Emblem is highly honored by all Marines and only those who earn it may wear it.

The regulations for Associate Member Uniforms are the same as Regular Member Uniforms, except as follows:

The Marine Corps Emblem on the Basic Cover is replaced with a Starburst Emblem with Anchor Facing Forward.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER'S UNIFORMS

CREST, SUNBURST, AMERICAN FLAG AND MCL PATCH FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS



- On the Casual Uniform, the Crest or Bullion Seal is not worn.
- The Sunburst Insignias on the Undress Uniform is replaced with 1/2" x 1/2" gold MCL insignias.
- The field forward American flag patch is worn on the right shoulder and the Marine Corps League patch with an Associate Rocker attached at the bottom will be worn on the left shoulder. They are to be worn in the same way as prescribed on the Regular Member Undress uniforms.
- Dress blue trousers may be worn, but without the red NCO stripe.



THE FORMAL UNIFORM

- The Formal Uniform will consist of the Basic Cover, as with all other uniforms. The shirt will be a formal pleated shirt with a standard collar and no ruffles. The tie will be a black, military bow tie.
- The shirt will have gold cuff links and gold studs.
- The Chapel of Four Chaplains medal may be worn with this uniform as an option and the Marine Corps League Blazer Crest or Bullion is optional when miniature medals are worn.



- The red mess jacket is worn with this uniform, but the red blazer may be worn as an option, due to the high cost of the red mess jacket, which is ordered through an outside clothier. If the red mess jacket is worn, it will be a medium weight gabardine material with Marine Corps League buttons, a gold waist chain and the Sunburst Insignia in locating holes in the jacket collar. The buttons are sewn on, three to a sleeve and three on either side of the waist, as illustrated.



THE FORMAL UNIFORM



- A gold cummerbund or gold vest front can be worn with either Jacket. They are both sold through National.



- Blue trousers with NCO Stripe or Black tuxedo trousers are worn with the Evening Dress jacket, but black trousers are an accepted option. The belt and buckle can be either of the belts worn with the Casual Uniform.
- When wearing the Red Evening Dress jacket, large medals may not be worn. When wearing the red blazer, miniature medals are authorized as described below, or up to three large medals may be worn.
- Shoes and socks are the same as the Casual Uniform.

MOUNTING OF MEDALS

When more than one medal is worn, they shall be suspended from a holding bar of metal or other material 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 (medallions cannot be even top to bottom).

One to ten medals can be mounted on one (1) row.

In the case of Marine Corps League issued medals only, in lieu of overlapping mini-medal mounting, the commercially available mini-medal mounting bars, which display the mini-medals in rows of four (or rows of five, when five, ten, fifteen or twenty are worn), or partial additional rows of one, two or three mini-medals, without overlapping, may be worn.



DESCRIPTION OF MEDALS, RIBBONS, AWARDS, PINS AND WHO MAY AUTHORIZE

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE RIBBONS

SHOW IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE



A new Ceremonial Guard Ribbon:

Thin white, blue, red, blue and thin white in color was approved at the 92nd National Convention of the MCL. Refer to Enclosure 4 of the National Bylaws for details.

NOTE 1: A new awards recommendation form can be found in Enclosure 4-21 of the National Bylaws.

NOTE 2: National, Department and Detachment "Marines of the Year", are eligible to wear the FMF device (Eagle, Globe and Anchor) signifying National, Department and/or Detachment Marine of the Year. This device will be centered on the respective ribbon for each award. National Marine of the Year will wear it centered on the Gold ribbon, Department Marine of the Year will wear it centered on the Silver ribbon, and Detachment Marine of the Year will wear it centered on the Bronze ribbon. Prior and subsequent awards (Gold, Silver or Bronze, not necessarily Marine of the Year) will be worn with the proper stars affixed.

MEDALS

Distinguished Citizens Medal-Gold

Medal: Gold

Ribbon: Blue, gold, white, green and red stripe

Awarded By: National Commandant

Recommended By: Detachment\Department\National Division Vice-Commandant.

For Approval: Department\National Division Vice Commandant\National Awards Committee Shall be awarded by National Commandant ONLY.

- Recommendation(s) for this medal **must be** in writing and sent to the National Commandant via the National Awards Committee for their recommendation for approval or disapproval. **The medal will be awarded only to regular members** who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, have answered to the call of "Above and Beyond" the principles upon which the Marine Corps League was founded.

Note: A 5/16" gold star will be worn to indicate additional awards.



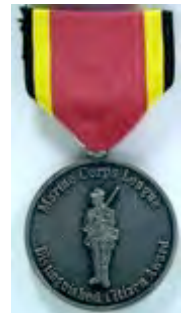
Distinguished Citizens Medal-Silver (Current)

Medal: Silver

Ribbon: Red center flanked by gold and black stripes

- A. Awarded By:** National Commandant
Recommended By: Detachment\Department\National Division Vice-Commandant.
For Approval: Department\National Division Vice-Commandant\National Commandant\National Awards Committee.
- B. Awarded By:** Department\National Division Vice-Commandant.
Recommended By: Detachment\Department\National Division Vice-Commandant.
For Approval: Department\National Division Vice-Commandant.

Note: A 5/16" gold star will be worn to indicate additional awards.



Distinguished Citizens Medal-Bronze (Current)

Medal: Bronze

Ribbon: White center flanked by maroon stripes

- A. Awarded By:** National Commandant.
Recommended By: Detachment\Department\National\Division Vice-Commandant.

- For Approval:** Department\National Division Vice- Commandant\
National Commandant\National Awards Committee.
- B. **Awarded By:** Department\National Division Vice- Commandant.
Recommended By: Detachment\Department\National Division Vice-
Commandant.
For Approval: Department\National Division Vice- Commandant.
- C. **Awarded By:** Detachment Commandant.

Note: A 5/16" gold star will be worn to indicate additional awards.

Distinguished Service Medal (God, Country, and Corps)

Medal: Bronze

Ribbon: Maroon center flanked by dark blue stripes

Awarded By: Detachment\Department\National Division Vice-
Commandant\National Commandant

Recommended By: Detachment\Department\National Division Vice-
Commandant\National Commandant

This medal should be presented to a Marine who has been awarded the Distinguished Citizen Medal-Gold, Silver or Bronze, with the Distinguished Service Certificate indicating the authorization to wear the awarded medal.

Note: A 5/16" gold star will be worn to indicate additional awards.

National Recruiter Medal

Medal: Gold – Silver - Bronze

Ribbon: Green, white and gold

Awarded By: National Jr. Vice-Commandant
Awarded to National Recruiter of the Year.

Department Recruiter Medal-Silver

Medal-Silver

Ribbon-Green, Gold, Green

Awarded By: Department Commandant
Awarded to Department Recruiter(s) of the Year

Detachment Recruiter Medal-Bronze

Medal: Bronze

Ribbon: Gold, Green, Gold

Awarded By: Detachment Commandant
Awarded to: Detachment Recruiter(s) of the Year Can be issued to all members recruiting 5 or more new members in a single year.

Department Commandant Medal (Commandant Samuel Nicholas)

Medal: Bronze

Ribbon: Red and gold stripe. (To be worn by present and Past Dept Commandants)

Department Staff Medal (Elected)

Medal: Silver

Ribbon: Blue, Red, White, Red, White, Red, Blue

To be worn by present and past elected Department Officers

Department Staff Medal (Appointed)

Medal: Bronze

Ribbon: Blue, Red, White, Red, White, Red, Blue

To be worn by present and past appointed Department Officers

Detachment Commandant Medal (Commandant John A. Lejeune)

Medal: Bronze

Ribbon: Maroon and Dark blue stripes

To be worn by present and past elected Detachment Commandant.

Detachment Staff Medal (Elected)

Medal: Silver

Ribbon: Blue, White, Red, White, Blue

To be worn by present and past elected Detachment Officers.

Detachment Staff Medal (Appointed)

Medal: Bronze

Ribbon: White, Blue, White

To be worn by present and past appointed Detachment Officers.

Marine Corps League Medal (Membership)

Medal: Marine Corps emblem on gold sunburst

Ribbon: Blue, khaki, olive stripes flanked by gold and pink stripes.

To be worn by a member of the MCL who is a member in good standing. A bronze star may be worn for each period of five (5) years of continuous membership and there has not been a break in membership. For a complete list of authorized medals see Enclosure # 4 of the MCL Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.

CERTIFICATES

Distinguished Citizen Award Certificate

The only notation on the bottom left corner will be "Authorized to Wear-Gold, Silver or Bronze"

Distinguished Service Award (Certificate only)

This award may be presented by the National, Department, or Detachment Commandant to Leaguers and non-League members who have distinguished themselves.

Certificate of Appreciation

This award may be presented by the National, Department, or Detachment Commandant for appreciation of loyalty and patriotism to country and the Marine Corps League. This may be awarded to Leaguers and non League members.

Certificate of Appreciation (For displaying the United States flag)

This award may be presented by the National, Department, or Detachment Commandant.

AWARDS

Marine of the Year

This award shall be presented to a regular member of the Marine Corps League who has rendered service(s) and performed a deed(s) above and beyond the duties and obligations required of a member of the Marine Corps League. Letters of Nomination for National or Division Marine of the Year shall originate only at the Detachment level. No individual member(s) of the Marine Corps League, nor any subsidiary unit(s) of the Marine Corps League, shall submit a Letter of Nomination other than the nominee's Detachment.

The nominee shall be a regular member of the Marine Corps League, in good standing of the Detachment, which submits the Letter of Nomination. Only officers and/or members of the Detachment submitting the Letter of Nomination shall be allowed to submit documentary proof, or affidavits on behalf of the nominee submitted.

Any meritorious deed(s) so identified as being within the scope of these rules shall be of such substance that the weight will or shall have brought acclaim and prestige to the Marine Corps League; or has enhanced and/or furthered the concepts of the duties of being a citizen of the United States of America; or has been a deed(s) of courage or valor without regard for his/her own safety. (See National Administrative Procedures Section 300, Sub-Section One (1))

“Espirite de Corps” Award

National Headquarters of the Marine Corps League will accept nomination of the individual from the Superintendent of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. This award was conceived to extend recognition by presenting a Marine Corps Officer's sword to the Marine Option Cadet, who best demonstrates the qualities of leadership sought by the Marine Corps, from the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY. The presentation will be made by the National Commandant at the Commencement ceremonies.

Dickey Chapelle Award

National Headquarters of the Marine Corps League will accept nominations for the annual Dickey Chapelle Award prior to 1 June annually. This award was conceived to extend recognition to the woman who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, has contributed most to the morale, welfare, and well being of the officers and men of the United States Marine Corps. While not limited to the immediate past 12-month period, nominations should stress accomplishments during that period. Nominations should be forwarded directly to: Awards Committee @ Marine Corps League, Post Office Box 3070, Merrifield, Virginia 22116-3070.

Heroism Medal

Shall be awarded by the National Commandant or his/her representative. This medal is presented to a civilian for an act of heroism. Recommendation(s) for this medal must be in writing and sent to the National Commandant via the National Awards Committee for their recommendation for approval or disapproval. The medal will be awarded only to civilians who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, have answered to the call of "Above and Beyond" the principles upon which the Marine Corps League was founded.

VAVS Award

The National VAVS Representative and Deputy Representatives will select at the national convention the recipients of the Detachment VAVS awards and individual award as described below:

Plaques

None (sp) plaques categorized by membership strength of the detachment as reflected on the current 30 June strength report roster.

Category 1: 15 to 50 members. First, Second and Third Place plaques.

Category 2: 51 to 100 members. First, Second and Third Place plaques.

Category 3: Over 100 members. First, Second and Third Place plaques.

Past National Commandant's VAVS Award

Nominee's for the PNC's VAVS Award must be a member in good standing of the Marine Corps League and must have served on a regular basis in the VAVS Program at a VAMC for a minimum period of at least three years. Recommendations for the PNC's VAVS Award must be made by the detachment and approved at a regular scheduled detachment meeting. Recommendations to be submitted to the National VAVS Representative are to be received no later than July 1st prior to the National Convention. Recipient of the PNC's VAVS Award is entitled to wear the Marine Corps League's Community/VAVS Service Ribbon.

Detachment VAVS Award

Detachment VAVS Award recommendations should also be submitted to the National VAVS Representative to be received no later than July 1st prior to the National Convention, outlining the activities of the detachment VAVS program to include total hours volunteered and monetary donations to the VAVS program.

National Jr. Vice Commandant's Awards

- **100% Membership Citations**

100% Membership Streamers will be given to those Detachments, Departments, and Divisions, who have achieved 100% membership during the period of 1 July to 30 June and will be Red in color with Gold lettering.

1. Increased Membership Citations and Plaques

- (a) Increased Membership Citations will be awarded to all Detachments, Departments and Divisions that exceed their membership strength from 1 July through 30 June. The Citations will be presented during the National Convention each and every year.

- (b) Increased Membership Plaques will be awarded to all Detachments, Departments, Divisions that exceed 100% membership by percentage in the following manner:

1. Detachment Membership from 15 to 50 members, three (3) plaques; 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
 2. Detachment Membership from 51 to 100 members, three (3) plaques: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
 3. Detachment Membership from 101 to 200 members, three (3) plaques: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
 4. Detachment Membership from 200 plus, three (3) plaques: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
 5. Department Membership, three (3) plaques; 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
 6. Division Membership, three (3) plaques; 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Individual Membership Recruiting Awards

Each and every year, a special form (See Enclosure Four (4)) must be filled out by the individual member and signed by the Detachment Commandant and Detachment Adjutant/Paymaster, then mailed to the National Junior Vice-Commandant.

Recruiting Awards will be issued as follows:

- (a) A Citation will be given to those members who have recruited 5-24 members during the year.
- (b) A National Recruiters Medal-Bronze and a Distinguished Service Award Citation (signifying the accomplishment) will be presented to those members who recruited 25-49 members during the year.
- (c) A National Recruiters Medal-Silver and a Distinguished Service Award Citation (signifying the accomplishment) and a plague will be presented to those members who recruited 50 plus members during the year.

The top Recruiter of the Year, the one individual member that has recruited the most members through his/her individual efforts will be presented the National Recruiters Medal-Gold (appropriately engraved), and a plague in the shape of the United States with his/her name engraved thereon and the Distinguished Service Award Certificate (signifying the accomplishment).

National Convention Streamers

Streamers will be awarded to those Detachments, Departments and Divisions who display the League standards at the National Convention and will be in the color of the state in which the National Convention is being held, with appropriate lettering.

**NATIONAL MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
AWARD RECOMMENDATION FORM**

National Award Criteria: When submitting a request for a National award, the request must include all the information regarding what the person has accomplished, while serving in the capacity as a Marine Corps League member, a member of a subsidiary/subordinate unit or person(s) whom exemplify the principles and purposes to which the Marine Corps League was founded.
Award recommendations must be legible. A blank second sheet in typewritten form is recommended, preferably in at least 12 point times new roman, as a continuation of the award recommendation.
The request must be accompanied by the required endorsements. Without the proper endorsements, the request will be denied and returned to the submitter.
Note: All requests for National Awards must be submitted directly to: Chairman, National Awards Committee at the address listed on the National Roster.

From: Name and Title, if any	To: National Commandant	Via: (1) Department Commandant (2) National Division Vice Commandant (3) National Awards and Citations Committee
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A. Awardee Information

1. Name of Awardee or (Proposed New or Change to existing Award)	2. Detachment Name and Number	3. Dept
4. Awardee is a/an (Please check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Member <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Member <input type="checkbox"/> Other If other, specify _____ (Auxiliary, Young Marine, JROTC, etc.)		5. Membership ID
6. Type of Award	7. Anniversary Ribbon chartered _____ (day) (month) (year)	

8. Justification for Award (Use a blank sheet to continue.):

B. Authorization

(1 st Endorsement) Recommendation for _____ <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Recipients Name</div>	(2 nd Endorsement) Recommendation for _____ <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Recipients Name</div>
(Please check one) Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved <input type="checkbox"/>	(Please check one) Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved <input type="checkbox"/>
Signature: Department Commandant Department Date	Signature: National Division Vice Commandant Division Date

C. Committee Use Only

From: National Awards and Citations Committee

Subject: Award

Recommendation for _____ We, the National Awards and Citations Committee hereby:

Recipients Name

Approve Disapprove ____ to ____.

Recipients Name

receiving of this award in accordance with the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures as set forth in Enclosure Four (4).

_____ _____ _____
 Chairman _____ Date

(If disapproved) recommendation for the recipient to receive _____

Instructions:

A.1. Name of Awardee. If this is a Proposed Change to an existing award or a proposal of a new award, so specify and skip blocks 2-5.

- Identify the name of the existing award or identify the name of proposed award in block 6.
- Skip block 7.

A.2. Self-explanatory. If block 4 will be other, provide unit information.

A.3. Self-explanatory.

A.4. Self-explanatory.

A.5. For Identification purposes of Regular and Associate Members only. Failure to provide will not prevent the processing of this award recommendation.

A.6. Name of the existing award or if this is a proposed new award, designated name.

A.7. If this is an anniversary, skip blocks 1-5. Request must be submitted within a time-frame that will permit the Awards and Citations Committee to review the medal and ribbon color scheme.

- Identify anniversary year in block 6, (eg. 75th Anniversary)
- Provide chartered day, month, year in block 7.
- Provide justification in block 8 or attached blank sheet. Identify color scheme of ribbon and design of medal, if any.

Note 2: When Departments celebrate their 50th or more Anniversaries, the medals that are struck for those Departments, and issued or sold at their respective Department Convention to *only those who attended*.

A.8. Self-explanatory.

B. Endorsements of Department Commandant and National Division Vice Commandants. Request will be denied and sent back to submitter if not provided.

- Detachment Commandant forward to your Department Commandant
- Department Commandant forward to your Division Vice Commandant
- Division Vice Commandant forward to the Chairman, National Awards Committee

C. Committee Use Only

LAPEL PINS

The following lapel pins are approved for wear on the red blazer or evening dress jacket. Only two (2) may be worn at anytime, wearers choice.

- 1. Past National Commandant Pin**
- 2. National Marine of the Year Pin**
- 3. Past Department Commandant Pin**
- 4. Past Detachment Commandant Pin**
- 5. Kennel Dog of the Year Pin**
- 6. Chapel of Four Chaplains**
- 7. MCL Membership Pin**
- 8. Retire Marine / Navy Pin**

WEARING OF MINIATURE MEDALS (Formal Dress Only)

- A. 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. They shall be worn centered on the left lapel of the Formal Jacket with the medals placed evenly between the left lapel notch and the top edge of the breast pocket and one inch out from the edge of the inside of the left lapel.
- B. 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 medal count is uneven.

MOUNTING OF MINIATURE MEDALS

When more than one (1) medal is worn, they should be suspended from a holding bar of metal or other material 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 (medallions cannot be even top to bottom).

- The maximum length of the holding bar for medals should be four (4) inches, (3-ribbon bar). A maximum of five (5) medals, side by side, can be accommodated on a holding bar of maximum length. However, a maximum of ten (10) medals can be accommodated on a holding bar if overlapped.

Overlapping shall be equal (not more than 50%) and the right or inboard medal shall be shown in full.

- Mounting of medals by rows:
One to ten medals, 1 row only
One to eleven medals, 2 rows - first row (5), second row (6)
- Two medals mounted side by side on a one (1) inch bar (1 ribbon bar).
Three medals mounted on a one (1) inch bar (1 ribbon bar) overlapped.
- Four medals mounted on a two (2) inch bar (2-ribbon bar) overlapped.

When more than one (1) of the same medal has been awarded, stars shall be worn for additional awards.

MILITARY ORDER OF THE DEVIL DOGS UNIFORM REGULATIONS

The cover patch of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc. is to be sewn on the right hand side of the Marine Corps League Cover centered over the piping, (gold piping on the Detachment member and Department Officer cover, red piping on the National Officer cover) so that one half of the patch extends from either side of the piping. The eyes of the Bulldog on the Patch should be level to the deck and the Gold Trench Helmet will be canted to the left side of the Bulldog's head. The bottom line of the helmet touching the Bulldog's head on either side should be parallel to the piping on the cover. The Patch shall not touch the piping on the top of the cover, or the bottom edge of the cover, nor shall it touch any lettering on the cover.

No pins, stars, medals, or any other devices shall be worn on the cover. Kennel officers may wear gold covers, but must revert to the cover they are authorized after their term of office. Past Chief Devil Dogs are authorized to wear a Gold with black crown.

An embroidered official insignia may be worn on the right sleeve of the shirt with the top of the insignia 1-1/2 inches below the shoulder seam.

The official identification disc of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc. shall be a metal one, which can be gold or silver plat. The disc shall be 1-1/4 inches in diameter on the face of which is the official insignia surrounded by the lettering of the official title of the order and below the insignia the words "Pound No." allowing space for the number of the member's Pound. On the top of the reverse side shall appear the words "Presented to" below which shall be a space of

the name and state of the member, at the bottom the words "License No." which is for the member's license number.

The disc is to be perforated and suspended by a 1 inch ribbon of approximately 36 inches in length to permit the disc to be worn pendant about the neck in colors herein described:

- a) All active PEDIGREED DEVIL DOGS shall wear a gold ribbon.
- b) All active DEVIL DOGS shall wear a red ribbon.
- c) All active PUPS shall wear a black ribbon.
- d) Gold plated discs shall be worn by all Past Kennel Officers and bear the name of the highest office held and the fiscal year of tenure.
- e) Silver plated discs shall be worn by all Past Pack and Pound Officers and shall be similarly inscribed as to the highest Pack or Pound office held and fiscal year of tenure.
- f) All other members of the order shall wear the plain metal disc.

These Devil Dog Items are those that affect the Marine Corps League authorized Uniforms; for complete information contact your Pound Keeper.

END OF LESSON PLAN 4

