



## **DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

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### **Uniform Committee – May 2023**

From Enclosure 3 – Uniform Code:

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 this Uniform Code are considered appropriate to preserve the respect and dignity of The Marine Corps League and the United States Marine Corps.

Once A Marine, Always A Marine. We took great pride when we wore the Marine Corps uniform and followed the rules and regulations on the proper wear of the Marine Corps uniform. We should also take great pride when we wear the Marine Corps League uniform and follow the rules and regulations that are outlined in the Marine Corps League National By-Laws, Uniform Code – Enclosure 3. Too many are marching to the beat of their own drum when it comes to the wearing of the MCL uniform. The MCL uniform has changed over the years and it is time to get in compliance with the Marine Corps League National By-Laws, Uniform Code – Enclosure 3 and wear the MCL uniform the way it should be worn.

Do not look at someone's willingness to correct another person when they point out a uniform adjustment/violation as being the "uniform police". Having someone come up to you and take you to the side in a professional, respectful manner and point out something to you that you may have not seen earlier is a good thing.

I know Detachments are proud of what they are doing and want to publicize their photos. When photos of uniform violations are published on the internet, they are there for everyone to see. Some may think that I go out of my way looking for photos of Detachments for uniform violations, which I do not. A lot pop up in my news feed on facebook. Any other photos from the Department of PA with uniform violations are emailed to me by other MCL members.

As my responsibility being the Dept of PA Uniform Chairperson, I contact the Detachment Commandant via email when I see photos of members out of uniform so this can be corrected. I cannot do anything about those that I do not see.

We should always have the professionalism to "police our own" and help one another take pride and respect for the Marine Corps League uniform. And just because it is not in the Marine Corps League National By-Laws, Uniform Code – Enclosure 3 does not mean it is authorized for wear.

Marine Corps League National Website:  
[www.mclnational.org](http://www.mclnational.org)

Scroll down to Marine Corps League Library and click on "Visit Now"  
[www.mcleaguelibrary.org](http://www.mcleaguelibrary.org)

The Marine Corps League Member Library is password protected. The password should NOT be publicized as it is not for public view. Please see your Detachment Commandant for the password. If your

Detachment Commandant does not have the password, please get in contact with the Department Commandant.

Scroll down to Corporate Documents and here you will find a complete list of all Marine Corps League related documents: By-Laws; Administrative Procedures; Uniform Code Enclosure 3; etc.

Proposed changes to the Uniform Code must be submitted through the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures amendment process.

## **WHITE DUTY BELTS**

A. White Duty Belts 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 Short Sleeve White or Long Sleeve White Shirt.

B. The Duty Belt should be the Standard Plain White Cotton Web Belt (2-1/2") with brass Marine Corps waist plate (3 1/2" x 2 1/2") (DRILL INSTRUCTOR STYLE) or Standard Plain White Cotton Web Belt (2-1/2") with Gold (in color) Marine Corps Buckle (3 1/2" x 2 1/2"), 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.

C. The ONLY white duty 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 duty 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.

D. The White Duty Belt is **NOT** to be worn with any type of Marine Corps/Marine Corps League polo shirts, 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.

### **White Duty Belt**

**The white duty belt is to be worn with the Undress Uniform – Long/Short Sleeve only.**

**The only time the white duty belt is to be worn: when performing the duties of Sgt-at-Arms, Honor Guard/Color Guard.**



## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE CREST

### **Marine Corps League Red Blazer Pocket Inserts & Crests**



The metallic embroidered Marine Corps League Crest has clutch pins on the reverse and pins directly to the Red Blazer pocket, or may be worn on a plastic pocket sleeve, either glued or pinned to the plastic

sleeve. The commercially sold pocket crest, with Marine Corps Emblem, Marine Corps League Seal permanently set into the plastic sleeve or embroidered Marine Corps League crest that is permanently embroidered on the pocket of the Red Blazer itself, may also be worn as optional wear.

\*\*\*The United States Marine Corps Patch is **NOT** an authorized crest for wear on the red blazer at any time.\*\*\*

Associate members are not authorized to wear a pocket crest of any type with the red blazer.

## LAPEL PINS

The following lapel pins may be 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 or Retired Navy Lapel pins may also be worn. Although there are several types of MCL Membership pins (i.e., National Associate member of the Year, 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.** Only ONE (1) miniature ribbon of the individual's choice may be worn above the lapel pins on the Red Blazer or Evening Dress Jacket, provided miniature medals are not worn on the Evening Dress Jacket. (Revised 2021)

### **APPROVED LAPEL PINS**

1. Past National Commandant Pin
2. National Marine of the Year Pin
3. Devil Dog of the Year Pin
4. National Associate Member of the Year Pin (Rev 2021)
5. Past Department or Past Detachment Commandant Pin
6. Chapel of Four Chaplains Pin
7. MCL Membership Pin
8. Retired Marine or Retired Navy Pin
9. 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 (Rev 2021)
14. Next of Kin Deceased Personnel Pin (Rev 2021)
15. Presidential Volunteer Service Award Pin (Life, Gold, Silver, Bronze) (Rev 2022)

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

### **MEDALLIONS**

The Marine of the Year or Associate Member 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 UNDRRESS UNIFORMS SHORT/LONG SLEEVE (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.) (Rev 2021)**

**\*AP3 flag pin is NOT authorized for wear with the MCL Uniform**

As it states in the MCL Honor Guard Policy & Procedures:  
Section 2200. Authorized Uniform Items.

(D) Authorized Provider Partnership Provider Pin. The pin is a Department of Defense device awarded in recognition of an Honor Guard Member's qualification and certification of training as an Authorized Provider Partnership Provider member. It is a lapel pin, not a badge or a medal, and it is not authorized to be worn on, or as a part of, an MCL Honor Guard Uniform or Service Dress Uniform. The pin may be worn on non-uniform clothing such as ball caps, vests, jackets, and shirts.



Flag pins like these are NOT authorized for wear on the MCL uniform at any time.

## **MARINE CORPS DRESS BLUES**

A reminder to ALL Detachments:

\*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, Dress Blue Deltas or the Service Uniform (Greens). Marine Corps League members should NOT be wearing their Dress Blues, Dress Blue Deltas or the Service Uniform (Greens) 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 1020.34H dated 1 May 2018. This order prescribes wear of the Marine Corps uniform by retirees and veterans.

<https://www.marines.mil/News/Publications/MCPPEL/Electronic-Library-Display/Article/1559865/mco-102034h-cancels-mco-p102034g/fbclid/IwAR1LoClyjgsn-3qPIF6P9jUxwsdJgZuSwUIF9Thh4LMCJaI0mxN6rcASS9o/>

## **NATIONAL ENSIGN/NATIONAL COLOR/NATIONAL STANDARD**

The National Ensign with yellow fringe is for static displays (indoor) and is not designed for Color Guard performance. The yellow fringe is strictly prohibited in the MCO P10520.3B and the 2019 Edition of the MCL Honor Guard Policy and Procedures. The 2019 Edition of the MCL Honor Guard Policy and Procedures was revised 10/03/2020.

The 2019 Edition of the Marine Corps League Honor Guard Policy and Procedures can be found on the Marine Corps League National website in the Marine Corps League Library. This is not password protected.

## **FLAG MANUAL**

<https://www.marines.mil/Portals/1/Publications/MCO%20P10520.3B.pdf>

When participating in parades: You are representing the Marine Corps League and your detachment. The Marine Corps League is only authorized to carry the Marine Corps League colors in the appropriate Marine Corps League uniform. Please be sure that your detachment is marching with their detachment colors.

The Marine Corps League Leadership & Training Committee will be putting together a series of Uniform videos. Currently the only video for view is on the Marine Corps League Cover which can be found on The Marine Corps League Facebook page under videos. Check back periodically for new videos.

## **SEMPER FI MAGAZINE PHOTOS**

When submitting photos to the Semper Fi Magazine publisher, please make sure that the photos you are submitting are in compliance of the Uniform Code – Enclosure 3. If they are not in compliance with the Uniform Code – Enclosure 3, they will not be published.

Any questions regarding the MCL Uniform, please feel free to contact me at the email address provided below.

Please discard all past copies of the Marine Corps League National By-Laws and Administrative Procedures Manual/Uniform Code/MCL Ribbons Order of Precedence/Proposed By-Law changes earlier than 2022. Corrections and/or layout were changed. Be sure to check back often for updates to the Marine Corps League National By-Laws and Administrative Procedures Manual/Uniform Code/MCL Ribbons Order of Precedence/Proposed By-Law changes files.

Semper Fidelis  
Respectfully submitted,  
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