

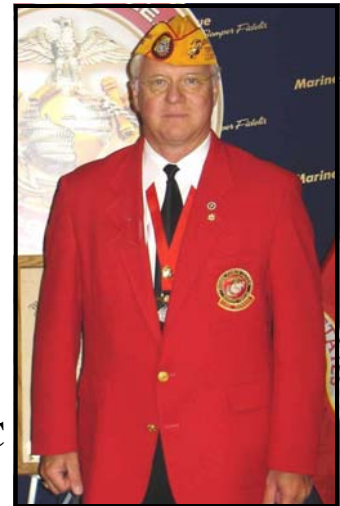
Uniform Code for Dummies

It ain't hard to understand: There's rules to follow about wearing the Marine Corps League uniform and if there were none, we'd all look like a bunch of fly-boys with all kinds of doodads hanging from blouses 'n covers and such.



First, the **basic uniform** is the cover (that's the thing you put on your head.) It looks like this. The color for detachments is red, department officers wear red and gold and national officers wear gold. Simple. If you get to be National Commandant, you wear white, but don't worry about that for awhile. Nothing is pinned on there but the EGA on the left side with embroidered MCL logo. On the right is a strip (or embroidered on) stating detachment name and office held. If you're a life member you get another strip. If you're a Devil Dog, that patch goes on there, too. That's it. Don't you dare pin any else on or we'll laugh and giggle and point fingers at you. If you are wearing the cover you are in uniform. Everything else just makes you look better.

There are three types of full uniforms—**casual, summer undress, winter undress** and **formal**. (Undress doesn't mean no clothes.) The **casual uniform** looks like this picture. Look carefully, Steve is wearing the red blazer, with MCL crest on pocket, white shirt, black tie and black trousers,. The Devil Dog ribbon is worn around the neck. (A MOY ribbon can be worn if you earned it. Not together) There are just two pins on his lapel. The full uniform code will tell you which ones) Up to three large medals may be worn with this uniform. (revision, 2008) Black belt with MC buckle or ratchet belt, black socks and black shoes, plain toe, complete this uniform. Makes you look proud to be a League member, doesn't it? Don't improvise. (There is no name tag, according to National)



Next one is the **summer undress**. You wear this one when it's too hot for the casual and when the Commandant says so. The short sleeve shirt is aviation style with epaulets and two flap pockets. The MCL sunbursts are worn on the collar. The MCL patch is worn of the left sleeve, and if you are a MODD member, you wear

that patch on the right sleeve. (American flag, if you are not a Devil Dog). Either service ribbons or MCL ribbons, but not both and don't dare mix 'em. Name tag goes over right pocket. Blue trousers with NCO red stripe or optional black trousers. With blue trousers, the USMC web belt is worn. MODD dog tag is optional. That's it. Next uniform is the **winter undress**. Same rules apply, except the sleeves are long and a black tie is worn. Make sure the tie clasp is MC or MCL. Same rules for ribbons 'n such,



Now comes the **formal uniform** There are two variations: The red blazer or the red mess jacket. With either one, a formal white shirt is worn. It is pleated, no ruffles and regular collar. Black military style bow tie (yes there is a difference.) and gold cummerbund or gold vest. Black tuxedo trousers of just plain black. New regulations adopted at the 2008 convention allow blue trousers with red stripe to be worn with the red mess jacket but **NOT** with the red blazer. Get it? Medals are worn on the left lapel. Regulations say large medals may be worn with the mess jacket, but miniature medals on both uniforms look best.

Remember, service or MCL but not both. Rest of the uniform is the same as all uniforms (shoes, etc.) if you follow pictures you can't go wrong. (except the name tag on the guy to the left. Jeez, we know who you are.)

There is one more variation uniform and it is called the **ceremonial uniform**. It is to be worn only at what the name implies—*ceremony*— as in color guard. It is not to be worn at meetings or gatherings of good ole boys. The uniform consists of khaki shirt, either short sleeve or long. Khaki tie with MC clasp with long sleeve. Sunbursts are worn on the collar and all the other patches that are worn on the white shirt. **Exception!— ONLY MCL ribbons are allowed on this uniform**, not service. Trousers are blue with NCO red stripe. (No black) Use discretion. When we were Marines, we looked like Marines. Maybe we changed a bit as we got older and a little heavier. Let's not look too much like active duty Marines and make the public think the Marine Corps has lowered it's standards.

The 2010 National Marine corps League convention will be held in Greensboro. The Department of North Carolina should look and appear as the best dressed Marines Corps Leaguers in the country, *according to regulations*.

For more information and female and Associate uniforms go to Directory — **Uniform Code 2008 Rev.** Y'all look at it, hear!