MARINE CORPS LEAGUE - UNIFORM REGULATIONS

I. GENERAL INFORMATION:
Information in these regulations is in accordance with National Marine Corps League Uniform Regulations; Change 21. These instructions do not include all possible MCL Uniforms, but are the most likely to be encountered at the Detachment level. For a complete listing and instructions for all MCL Uniforms refer to the National MCL web site.

A. Medals, Ribbons, Badges and other Devices.
1. Members are expected to know what ribbons, badges and devices they are authorized and the proper precedence for the same.
2. The wearer has the choice of wearing-Manne Corps League (MCL) or Department of Defense (DOD) medals or ribbons as appropriate to the MCL uniform being worn (see detailed instructions for the various MCL uniforms). MCL and DOD MEDALS AND/OR RIBBONS SHOULD NEVER BE MIXED ON ANY UNIFORM.
3. Up to three (3) large (standard) MCL or DOD medals may be worn centered over the left breast pocket of the MCL Red Blazer uniform (see photo No. 4). Medals must be mounted on a single ribbon bar. Medals may be of wearer’s choice.
4. Miniature MCL or DOD medals, badges, and devices may be worn ONLY with the Formal Dress uniform, either with the Evening Dress Jacket or the MCL Red Blazer when worn as the optional jacket for Formal Dress uniform (Photo 1).
   a) Miniature medals may be worn on the left lapel of the Red Blazer (Photo 1) in accordance with the following instructions.
      (1) The Medals are 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.
      (2) 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.
      (3) 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 the medal count is uneven.
         (a) Medals worn should be suspended from a holding bar of sufficient stiffness to support the weight of the medals.
         (b) Mounting of the miniature medals by rows:
            (i) One (1) to ten (10) medals, one row only.
            (ii) Two medals mounted side by side on a 1 5/16” (1 ribbon) bar.
            (iii) Three medals mounted on a 1-5/16” (1 ribbon) bar, overlapped.
            (iv) Four medals mounted side by side on a 2 5/8” (2 ribbon) bar.
            (v) Five medals, mounted on a 2-5/8” (2 ribbon) bar, overlapped.
            (vi) Six to ten medals, mounted on a 4” (3 ribbon) bar, overlapped
            (vii) Eleven medals, 2 rows - first row five, second row six medals. When there are an uneven number of medals the rows cannot be even to bottom. Overlapping of medals shall be equal (not more than 50% overlap) and the right or inboard medal shall be shown in full.
B. Badges and Devices
1. Ribbons, badges and other authorized devices are worn ONLY on the white shirt (short or long sleeve).
2. Shooting badges and devices such as wings, jump wings, scuba or other devices that may be authorized are worn as indicated below.
   a) Badges are worn centered above the left breast pocket 1/8” inch above the pocket flap.
   b) Ribbons are worn 1/8” inch above the badges or if no badges are worn they are centered 1/8” inch above the pocket flap.
   c) Devices are worn centered 1/8” inch above any other ribbons or badges.
C. Shoulder Patches.
1. Shoulder patches are worn on the Undress Uniform ONLY.
   a) The MCL shoulder patch will be worn on the left sleeve, centered on the sleeve and 1-1/2" below the shoulder seam.
   b) The United States flag patch (2x3-1/2) will be worn on the right sleeve, centered on the sleeve and 1-1/2" below the shoulder seam. The United States flag patch will have a white border and will have the field of blue to the right (to the wearer's front) (See photo 2).
   c) If a member of the Military Order of Devil Dogs, the MODD 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 or unit patches are to be worn on the Marine Corps League uniform.

D. Marine Corps League Cover.
The basic uniform of the MCL is the Red Cover. Because all other parts of the uniform listed herein are optional, the cover remains the only consistent identifier for the MCL members, which is why the cover is worn indoors at appropriate MCL function. When a MCL member is wearing the Red Cover they are considered to be in uniform.

1. Left Side (Photo 3)
   a) 1-1/2" x 1-1/2" anodized solid gold color or polished brass (enlisted style only) Marine Corps emblem
   b) Marine Corps League identification

2. Right Side (Photo 3 and Exhibit 1)
   a) Detachment strip or embroidery (Centered)
   b) Officer identification strip (Centered)
      (1) For current office held.
      (2) Only a past commandant is authorize to wear the officer strip after their tour of duty is complete.
      (3) The Devil Dog patch (if authorized) is worn at the front of the cover
      (4) The Life Member strip (if authorized) should be worn above all others. No division pins or other pins/ornaments are authorized on the MCL cover.

II. Uniform-Male
A. Undress (Long Sleeve)
(See Photo 2 Use long sleeve shirt instead of short sleeve shirt)
1. Standard MCL cover
2. Devil Dog Collar, if authorized (optional).
3. Name tag (optional)
4. White shirt, with military creases (Airline pilot style with two (2) pockets with button down flaps and shoulder epaulets)
5. Marine Corps League Sunburst insignias on collar, centered 1/2" inside the collar tip, with wings on the emblem parallel to the deck and the anchor of the emblem pointing toward the center of the body
6. Shoulder patches as authorized
7. Ribbons, badges and other devices as authorized.
8. Tie, black with MC or MCL gold tie bar (No open collar)
9. Trousers, blue dress (with NCO (red) stripe, belt (web, khaki) with brass belt buckle
   a) OPTIONAL Trousers, black dress with black leather belt and square gold buckle with Marine Corps emblem
10. Shoes, black, plain toe (military style, highly glossed)
11. Socks, black

B. Undress (Short Sleeve) (See Photo 2)
1. The short sleeve Undress uniform is the same in every way to the long sleeve Undress uniform with the following exceptions;
   a) The shirt shall be the same Airline pilot style, but short sleeves instead of long
   b) The shirt shall be worn with an open collar and no tie or tie bar
C. Casual (Red Blazer) (See Photo 4)

1. Standard MCL Cover
2. The below listed medallions or collars may be worn at the option of the awardee, but only one of these devices, medallions or collars, may be worn at any one time
   a) The medal and ribbon presented by the Chapel of Four Chaplains
   b) National, Division, Department or Detachment Marine of the Year Medallion, and/or Devil Dog collar
3. White shirt, plain collar (No button-down collars) No sunburst insignias on the collar.
4. Tie, black with MC or MCL gold tie bar (No open collar)
5. Blazer, red, with two (2) MCL buttons on front and three (3) MCL buttons on each cuff
6. MCL Crest
   a) The metallic embroidered MCL Crest has clutch pins on the reverse and pins directly to the blazer pocket or it may be worn on a plastic pocket sleeve either glued or pinned to the plastic sleeve
   b) (OPTIONAL) The commercially sold pocket crest, with the MC Emblem, MCL Seal permanently set onto the plastic sleeve, or the embroidered MCL Crest that is permanently embroidered on the pocket itself
7. Lapel pin(s) (OPTIONAL)
   a) Whatever pins are approved for wear; ONLY TWO PINS MAY BE WORN AT ANY TIME wearer’s choice
   b) The following lapel pins may be worn only on the red blazer or the Evening Dress Jacket.
      (1) Past National Commandant Pin
      (2) National Marine of the Year Pin
      (3) Past Department or Detachment Commandant Pin
         (a) Only one Past Commandant Pin
      (4) Devil Dog of the Year Pin
      (5) The Chapel of Four Chaplains Pin
      (6) Membership Pin
         (a) Although there are several types of MCL membership pins only one should be worn: wearer’s choice.
            (i) Past Commandant
            (ii) Life Member
            (iii) Five Year Membership, Ten Year Membership, etc
      (7) Retired Marine/Navy
   c) Precedent for the wearing of pins is found on the National MCL website; Enclosure Three
5. Uniform Code - Marine Corps League; Paragraph VII
8. Trousers, black dress
   a) Marine Corps dress blue trousers are not worn with this uniform
9. Belt, black leather, with MC emblem on square gold buckle
   a) OPTIONAL A black leather dress belt may be worn as a substitute
   b) The dress leather belt with a ratcheting gold MC emblem buckle is an approved optional item
10. Up to three (3) large (Standard) MCL or DOD medals may be worn centered over the left breast pocket of the MCL red blazer

III. Uniform – Female
A. Undress Uniform (Long Sleeve)
1. The female undress uniform is the same as the male undress uniform with the below listed exceptions
   a) Standard cover, male or female style with the enlisted style MC emblem (paragraph IC)
   b) White shirt (Airline pilot style with two pockets with button down flaps and shoulder epaulets) or Woman’s white USMC shirt
   c) Tie, plain black with MC gold (enlisted) or MCL gold tie bar or Woman’s USMC black neck tab (no open collar)
d) Skirt, black, straight (length should be 1" to 2" below the knees). OPTIONAL: See
   (1) Women's dress blue trousers do not have belt loops and cannot be altered to have belt
   loops. When wearing women's dress blue trousers the women's white USMC shirt must
   be worn (the shirt is worn outside the trousers)
   (2) When wearing the male dress blue trousers the men's white shirt as authorized in
   paragraph A4 must be worn

e) Shoes, black oxford patent leather (when wearing trousers). Patent leather flats or pumps
   (when wearing skirt) Heels for pumps not more than 2" in height

f) Hose, nylon, black (with pumps), or socks, black (with trousers)

g) Earrings (Optional) small white pearl (or pearl like) or gold ball, not to exceed 9 mm. When
   worn, earrings will fit tight against the ear and will not extend below the ear lobe

B. Undress Uniform (Short Sleeve)
   1. The Short Sleeve uniform is the same in every way as the Long Sleeve uniform with the
   following exceptions
      a) Women's USMC white blouse, style will be worn with Dress Blue trousers
      b) The female USMC style white shirt can be worn (open collar) with either female dress blue
         trousers or with black trousers
      c) When wearing the Male Dress Blue trousers you must wear the men's white shirt.

C. Casual Uniform - Red Blazer
   1. The female casual uniform - red blazer is the same as the male casual uniform - red blazer
      with the following exceptions
      a) Standard cover, male or female with 1-1/2" x 1 W' (Enlisted style) anodized gold color or
         polished brass Marine Corps emblem.
      b) White blouse in lieu of white shirt
      c) Tie, plain black with MC or MCL gold tie bar or Women's USMC black neck tab.
      d) Red blazer, Male or Female style
      e) Skirt, black, straight (length should be 1" to 2" below the knees)

IV. Miscellaneous Uniforms
   The Uniform Code for both male and female applies to all Associate Members with the following
   exceptions.

A. Associate Members Uniform
   1. The Associate member is to wear the Marine Corps League sunburst insignia in lieu of the
      Marine Corps Emblem on their cover. The ½" X ½" gold MCL insignia will be worn on the shirt
      collars
   2. The Marine Corps League Associate shoulder patch will be worn in lieu of the standard Marine
      Corps League shoulder patch
      a) Flag patch, on right shoulder, may be worn
      b) No Blazer Crest/Bullion Seal will be worn unless one is designed and approved by a
         National Convention
      c) Marine Corps Dress Blue Trousers may be worn, but without the NCO Red Stripe

V. Ceremonial Uniforms
   NOTE: there is no unique Ceremonial Uniform following action at the 2009 National Convention.
   Whenever Ceremonial Functions are preformed, the Marine in charge of the Ceremonial detail will
   determine the Uniform. Due consideration must be given to uniformity of the personnel involved and
   to weather conditions.
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 three options: DETACHMENT or DEPARTMENT or LOCATION (e.g. CITY, STATE or COUNTY, STATE).

FONT
FRANKLIN GOTHIC MEDIUM CONDENSED
This is a font to be 3/8" in height and all CAPITALS, this font allows the use of longer words and names.

LIFE:
Can either be in the form of a NAME STRIP or DIRECT EMBROIDERY. If the word LIFE is used it is placed as shown. For neatness 1/8" from the rear of the cover and 1/4" down from the braids recommended.

1/4 down from braid
1/8" from rear of the cover
1/4" spacing between lines
1/8" from the bottom of the cover

CENTERING:
Lettering should be centered between rear of the cover and front braid (this would allow for future placement of the WOOD Patch if needed).