



# Marine Corps League Uniform, Medals, Ribbons and Awards Code



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## Uniform Code Extracts

### I. Marine Corps League Medals and Ribbons

Marine Corps League medals may be worn on any Marine Corps league uniform except Casual, starting with the most distinguished medal/ribbon first and others following in sequence. See enclosure (4) National Award Section for further details. Under no conditions are Marine Corps Service medals/ribbons to be worn with Marine Corps League medals/ribbons. It must be one or the other. Marine Corps Service or Marine Corps League ribbons are to be worn above left shirt pocket.

### V. Marine Corps League Patches

Marine Corps League patches shall be worn on the left sleeve, one and one-half (1 1/2) inches below the shoulder seam. No service or Unit patches to be worn on the Marine Corps League Uniform. Devil Dog Patch will be worn on the right sleeve one and one-half (1 1/2) inches below the shoulder seam.

U.S. flag 2" x 3 1/2" on right sleeve 1 1/2" below the shoulder seam, if not member of MODD, and may be worn by Associate members.

## **VI. Marine Corps League Covers**

All members of the Marine Corps League are authorized the Red cover. Members elected to National office, or appointed to National Staff/Committees are authorized to wear Gold covers. The National Commandant will wear a White cover. Members elected to, or appointed on the Department (State) level are authorized to wear Red with Gold crown covers. The Past National Commandants are authorized to wear a Gold with White crown cover. Past Department Commandant, Past Detachment Commandant, Past Kennel Chief and Past National Director of Young Marines, with the years displayed for holding that office, are the only members who are authorized to wear their respective cover after their tour of duty is completed. All other personnel will revert back to what they were wearing before they were elected or appointed to office, removing past office identification strips. The only insignia authorized to be worn on Marine Corps League covers is the Marine Corps Emblem on left side. The Devil Dog patch will be worn up front on the right side of the cover. The identification strips, i.e., the 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. NO Division pins or other ornaments are authorized to be worn on Marine Corps League covers.

## **VII. Special Uniform Authorization**

The standard Marine Corps league cover is the minimum uniform item worn by members to be considered "in uniform". Members who are participating in memorial Services and who are in MCL Uniform may wear "White Gloves" of the type as is worn by the Uniformed Services. Wearing of White Gloves will be at the discretion of the Senior Officer in Charge of the detail. Although clothing and apparel worn with the standard cover may or may not have a Marine Corps or Marine Corps League theme, and may be appropriate attire, that attire is not a uniform of the League. ONLY those uniforms that are outlines under "UNIFORM – MALE"; "UNIFORM – FEMALE"; "ASSOCIATE MEMBER UNIFORM"; and "CEREMONIAL UNIFORM" are approved uniforms of the Marine Corps League. No variation(s) of the prescribed uniforms are authorized. In case of inclement weather (rain, snow, sleet, or cold), the local Detachment or

Department Commandants may authorize appropriate outer wear to be worn over the Marine Corps League Uniform. Proposed changes to the Uniform Code must be submitted through the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures amendment process.

## **Ceremonial Uniform**

Regular and Associate male and female members of Departments and/or Detachments having "COLOR GUARDS" may wear the "CEREMONIAL Uniform" (see Associate member Uniform), when participating in a Color Guard or Ceremonial Rifle Honor Squat.

- Standard Cover (Paragraph V)
- Devil Dog Collar (optional)
- Nametag (optional) Paragraph IX)
- Uniform
  - UNDRESS (long sleeve), UNDRESS (short sleeve), CASUAL or ASSOCIATE as appropriate
- Shoes, black, plain toe (military style, highly glossed)
- Socks, black.

## **UNIFORM - MALE**

### **UNDRESS - (Long Sleeve)**

Standard cover - with Devil Dog patch when authorized.

Devil Dog collar (optional), Name tag (optional).

Sunburst insignias

Marine Corps League shoulder patch (left sleeve) - Devil Dog patch (right sleeve) when authorized, or U.S. flag 2" x 3 1/2" if not member of MODD (see NOTE 2)

Marine Corps League ribbons OR Marine Corps ribbons and Badges (NOT MIXED).

White shirt, military crease (to be Airline pilot style with two (2) pockets with button down flaps and epaulets)

Tie, black, with Marine Corps or Marine Corps League gold tie bar.

Trousers, Blue dress (with NCO "red" stripe) with belt, Marine Corps.

Web with brass buckle.

Trousers, Black (optional).

Belt, black with Marine Corps emblem on square gold buckle or Belt, black, dress (optional).

Socks, black.

Shoes, black, plain toe.

## **UNDRESS - (Short Sleeve)**

Standard cover - with Devil Dog patch when authorized.

Devil Dog collar (optional), Name tag (optional).

Sunburst insignias.

Marine Corps League shoulder patch (left sleeve) - Devil Dog patch (right sleeve) when authorized, or U.S. flag 2" x 3 1/2" if not member of MODD (see Para V).

Marine Corps League ribbons OR Marine Corps ribbons and Badges (NOT MIXED).

White shirt open collar, military crease (to be Airline pilot style with two (2) pockets with button down flaps and epaulets).

Trousers, Blue dress (with NCO "red" stripe) with Belt, Marine Corps Web with brass buckle.

Trousers, Black (optional).

Belt, black with Marine Corps emblem on square gold buckle or Belt, black, dress (optional).

Socks, black.

Shoes, black, plain toe.

## **CASUAL**

Standard cover - with Devil Dog patch when authorized.

Devil Dog Collar (Optional).

Blazer, Red, two (2) Marine Corps League buttons on front and three (3) Marine Corps League buttons on cuffs. (NO ribbons/medals or sunburst insignias are to be worn with this uniform).

White shirt, plain collar (no button down collars or sunburst insignias on collar).

Black tie with Marine Corps or Marine Corps league gold tie bar.

Marine Corps League Crest of Bullion seal.

Trousers, black.

Belt, black with Marine Corps emblem on square gold buckle or belt, black, dress (optional).

Socks, black.

Shoes, black, plain toe.

Lapel pin (s) - See note 1 below.

## **FORMAL DRESS**

Standard cover - with Devil Dog patch when authorized.

Devil Dog Collar or Chapel of Four Chaplains medal, choice of one (1) (optional).

Military bow tie - black.

White shirt, formal (standard collar), pleated. (NO RUFFLED SHIRTS).

Gold cuff links and gold studs.

Marine Corps League Blazer Crest or Bullion Seal is optional with the Formal Dress when miniature medals are worn.

Marine Corps League Red Mess Jacket, medium weight gabardine material with Marine Corps League buttons, gold waist chain and sunbursts in locating holes in jacket collar (WHEN AVAILABLE).

Red Blazer optional to Red Mess Jacket.

Cummerbund, gold or Gold vest front (only approved design).

Trousers, black tux pants or trousers, black (optional).

Belt, black with Marine Corps emblem on square gold buckle or belt, black, dress (optional).

Socks, black.

Shoes, black, plain toe.

Miniature medals as prescribed (large medals may be worn on Red Mess Jacket).

## **NOTE 1:**

The following lapel pins may be worn, but NOT more than two (2) - your choice: The Past National Commandant Pin may be worn inboard with the National Marine of the Year outboard. Also National Marine of the Year may be worn inboard with a Past Department or Detachment Commandant Pin (one (1) only). Kennel Devil Dog of the Year Pin to be worn outboard of National Marine of the Year. The Chapel of Four Chaplains, Membership or Retired Marine lapel pins may also be worn, under same limitations.

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