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## Uniform Class

March 2023

*Dept of Arizona  
Period of Instruction*

Pat Connell

*Past National Vice Commandant SW Division/  
Past Commandant of the Dept of AZ*

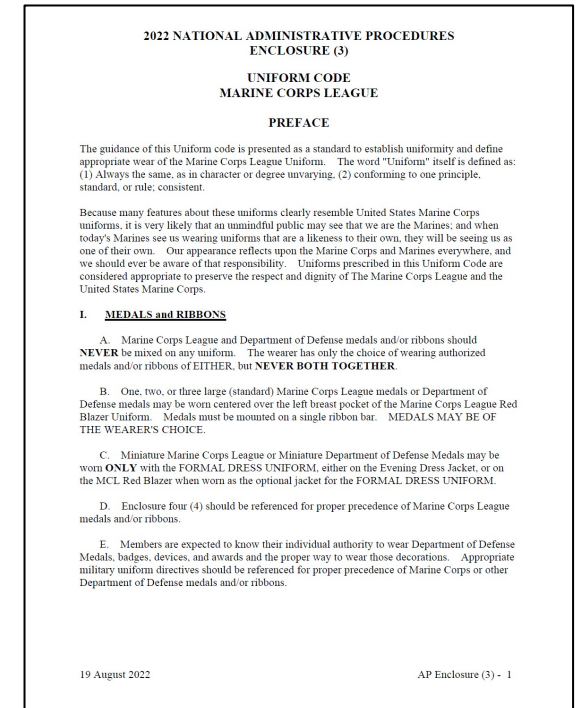
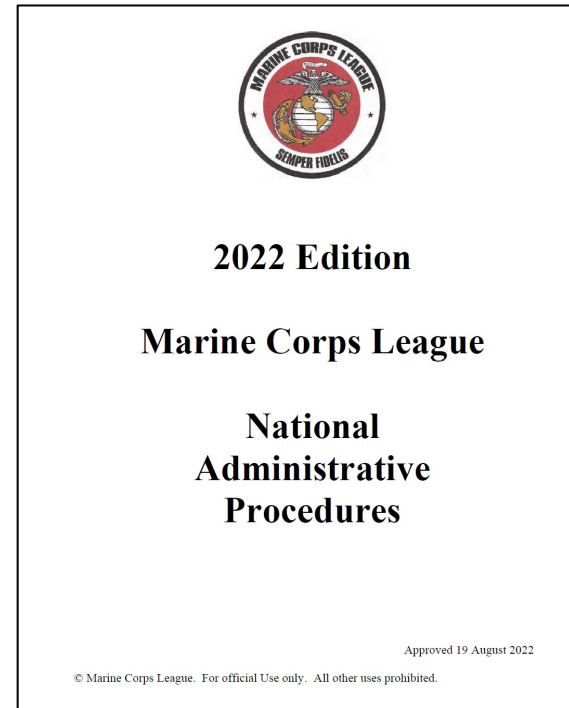
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## National Administrative Procedures

# Enclosure 3 Uniform Code

- 16 Page document (2022 version)
- Updated each year, based off Bylaw Changes that are passed at a National Convention in August each year.
- This is the document that describes the MCL Uniform regulations.
- Changes may be made by submitting a Proposed Change.



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## Uniforms

National Administrative Procedures - Enclosure 3

The **COVER** is the only uniform item to be considered **in uniform**.

- Authorized: Eagle Globe & Anchor (EGA), gold enlisted style only.
- Not Authorized: MCL pins, USMC Division pins, mini ribbons, etc.



MALE

with Regular Member EGA



FEMALE

with Associate Member emblem



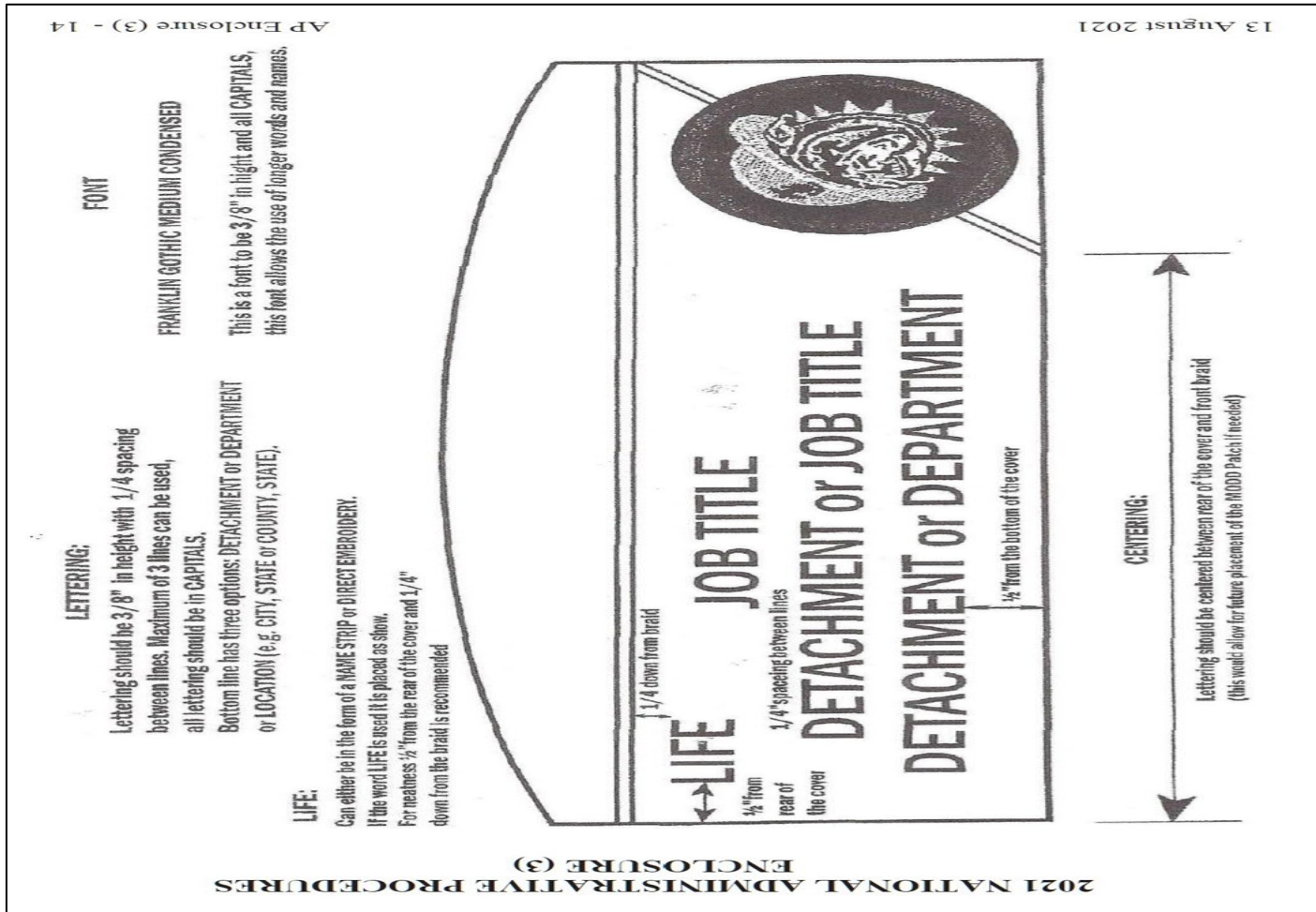
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*Check out our YouTube Video on MCL  
Covers*

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## Embroidery Examples

CHAPLAIN  
 SHAWN KNISLEY DET 983  
 FAYETTEVILLE, NC

COMMANDANT 2015-2017  
 CPL PETE ARNOLD DET 1198  
 HARFORD COUNTY, MD

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## DEATCHMENT POLO SHIRT WITH NAME



**A members FIRST Detachment shirt should come embroidered with their name!**

Great for members who are bad with names and NEW members, so they get to know everyone.

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Casual Uniform = Red Blazer



Dress Shirt



Polo Shirt



Fleece Jacket



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## Undress Uniform

White Aviator Shirt  
Black Trousers  
Black Skirt Female

Dress Blues Trousers  
(Regular Members)  
(Associate - NO Blood Stripe)

MCL Ribbons OR  
DoD Ribbons & Badges

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## Uniform Types - See Enclosure 3 for more details

### Casual (= Red Blazer)

Black Trousers ONLY.

NOT AUTHORIZED: Dress Blue Trousers

Up to 3 Large Medals (MCL or DoD)

NOT AUTHORIZED: Mini-Medals

### Undress Short Sleeve or Long Sleeve

Black Trousers with Black Belt OR Dress Blues Trousers with USMC Tan Web Belt, Female Black Skirt  
MCL Ribbons or DoD Ribbons & Badges (Do not mix DoD & MCL)

### Formal Red Blazer

Gold Cummerbund or Gold Vest, Black Bow Tie, Black Trousers or Tuxedo Trousers optional  
Full set of MCL or DoD Mini-Medals

### Formal Mess Dress

Gold Cummerbund or Gold Vest, Black Bow Tie, Full set of MCL or DoD Mini-Medals  
Dress Blue Trousers (SNCO type recommended) or Tuxedo Trousers optional



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## Associate Member Uniforms

Contact Alison Noger with Associate questions.



Short Sleeve

Long Sleeve

### Undress Uniform MCL placement

#### Committee notes:

- Sunburst on cover, NOT EGA
- **Never** Dress Blue Trousers with Blood Stripe
- How to orient the MCL collar bars (see photos)
- MCL Patch with associate rocker
- No pocket crest on red blazer
- Plain gold cuff links with the Mess Dress
- Give out MCL Awards so our Associate's have ribbons to wear on their Undress Uniforms

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## X. MEDALLIONS

The Marine 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 (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.)**

*Uniform Committee Note:*

*MODD Members are required to wear their Dog Collar to be considered “in uniform”.*

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## Uniform Lapel Pins for Casual (Red Blazer) & Mess Dress

### AUTHORIZED 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
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 Pin
14. Next of Kin Deceased Personnel Pin
15. Presidential Volunteer Service Award Pin (Life, Gold, Silver, Bronze)

ONLY Approved US Flag Pin type

#11



Approved in 2021

#13

#14



#5, #6 & KDSM Ribbon Bar

### Committee Notes:

- Only 2 pins are Authorized at the same time.
- Pins are worn side by side, not 1 on top of the other.
- Authorized to wear one Ribbon Bar. This means you may wear 2 pins PLUS a Ribbon Bar

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## Uniform Violations

- If you are wear a MCL Uniform, **wear it correctly** and according to Enclosure 3 & Enclosure 4
- Many violations occur are usually due to a lack of understanding of Enclosure 3.
- Monkey See, Monkey do! Many violations occur because a newer member just copied a seasoned member.
- All Semper Fi Magazine Roll Call submissions are reviewed for uniform compliance.
- Photos that violate Enclosure 3 or Enclosure 4 are rejected for publication in Semper Fi Magazine.

### Violation Corrections:

- Have a polite conversation with the member. Do not attack them, especially in a public setting.
- You should never lose a member over a uniform violation.
- When brought to the Uniform Committees attention, we reach out to the Department or Detachment Commandant for then to address with their member.

### Social Media & Newsletters

- Photos with violations should not be published on social media (i.e. include Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) or in your Detachment (or Dept) Newsletters.

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**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE RIBBONS**  
SHOWN IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE


V.2021

## Medals / Ribbons / Awards



### What can a Detachment Commandant present under their authority?

- Distinguished Citizen Medal – Bronze *(or "Award" to non-MCL person)*
- Marine of the Year Detachment Medallion *(on behalf of all Detachment MoY's)*
- Associate of the Year Detachment Medallion *(on behalf of all Detachment AoY's)*
- Distinguished Service Medal *(or "Award" to non-MCL person)*
- Detachment Staff Medal – Elected
- Detachment Staff Medal – Appointed
- Detachment Recruiter Medal – Bronze
- Membership Medal *(for New or Charter Member)*
- Community/VAVS Service Ribbon
- Community Service Ribbon (JROTC Cadet OR Scout Leader)
- Meritorious Individual Commendation Ribbon
- Ceremonial Guard Ribbon
- Certificate of Appreciation
- Honorary Membership Certificate (OR Honorary Active Duty)
- Good Citizenship Award Certificate (to Eagle Scout)
- Certificate of Appreciation for Flying the US Flag
- Life Membership Award Certificate

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Medals, Ribbons and Certificates can be purchased from the MCL National Headquarters Store  
OR

Purchase "Blank" MCL Certificates (Blank below the MCL SEAL) and print your own personalized version.  
They could include Detachment name, website, personalized verbiage, Cmdt Signature Line only, etc.  
For more info or examples contact National Uniform Chairman Craig Reeling.

Info taken from National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures - Enclosure 4, (dated Aug 2021)

Revised: February 2022

## AWARDS Enclosure 4

## MCL Certificates

Buy Blank below  
the MCL Seal

This allows you to  
personalize based on the  
members accomplishments

**Uniform Committee Note:**  
**Use the most recent version**  
**of the Ribbon Chart, On 2/25/23**  
**Ver. 2021 is the newest version**

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## NATIONAL UNIFORM GUIDEBOOK

Version 1

Last updated: Sept 2022

# National Uniform Guidebook COMING SOON

- Currently being developed, with anticipated delivery of August 2023.
- Version 1 will include any bylaw changes that were passed at the 2022 National Convention in Daytona Beach, Florida.
- Photos with mannequins posed in all the MCL uniforms. These photos will stand the test of time.
- Photos of uniform items and accessories, awards, medals, medallions, ribbons with stars (multiple awards).
- Based off Enclosure 3 & Enclosure 4.
- Smaller document size (number of pages) than Enclosure 3 & Enclosure 4.
- Do you have ideas for the Guidebook or something specific you are looking to be included, please notify the Uniform Committee.

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## Questions?

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## LOOKING FOR NEW TEAM MEMBERS

for the  
**National Training & Leadership Team**

Looking for these skills:

- Create classes and syllabus.
- Teach and assist with ZOOM Training Classes
- Create Social Media Training Videos

Contact Craig Reeling to volunteer.

