UNIFORMS I: UTILITIES AND CIVILIAN ATTIRE

TERMINAL LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Given individual field equipment and cleaning supplies, with references, maintain individual equipment, to ensure equipment is clean and serviceable. (MCCS-UNIF-1001)

2. Given individual clothing, a ruler, a marking kit, sewing kit and cleaning material, with references, maintain military clothing to ensure clothing is clean, serviceable, marked, and fits according to the uniform regulations. (MCCS-UNIF-1002)

3. Given leave, liberty, or other occasion, wear civilian attire to present a professional appearance and uphold the image of the Marine Corps. (MCCS-UNIF-1004)

4. Given commander's guidance, individual clothing and/or field equipment, a display area, and an inspector with references, stand a clothing and equipment inspection to ensure readiness, accountability, serviceability, and cleanliness of personnel and equipment. (MCCS-UNIF-1005)

5. Given commander's guidance, with or without arms, clothing and field equipment, or civilian attire, and an inspector, stand a personnel inspection to ensure readiness, serviceability, cleanliness, and personal appearance of personnel and equipment. (MCCS-UNIF-1006)

6. Given the initial issue of uniforms, optional uniform items, and commander's guidance, with references, wear a uniform to present a professional uniformed appearance in compliance with Marine Corps regulations. (MCCS-UNIF-1008)

ENABLING LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Given the requirement and cleaning supplies, clean individual equipment, ensuring equipment is clean and serviceable. (MCCS-UNIF-1001a)

2. Given the requirement, inspect equipment, ensuring equipment is clean and serviceable. (MCCS-UNIF-1001b)

3. Without the aid of references, define the correct reference to use when seeking information on correct uniform procedures without omission. (MCCS-UNIF-1002a)

4. Without the aid of references, identify the individual or position of authority who determines civilian attire guidelines without omission. (MCCS-UNIF-1004a)

5. Without the aid of references, identify the impact of strict adherence to civilian attire guidelines on the image of the service without omission. (MCCS-UNIF-1004b)

6. Without the aid of references, display clean and serviceable clothing items without omission. (MCCS-UNIF-1005a)

7. Without the aid of references, prepare for an inspection without omission. (MCCS-UNIF-1006a)

8. Without the aid of references, stand a personnel inspection to ensure readiness, serviceability, cleanliness, and personal appearance of personnel and equipment. (MCCS-UNIF-1006b)
9. Given an inspection critique sheet, remediate uniform or equipment discrepancies as needed to present a professional appearance. (MCCS-UNIF-1006c)

10. Without the aid of references, identify the components of the pt uniform without omission. (MCCS-UNIF-1008a)

11. Without the aid of references, identify the correct uniform to wear to promote uniformity and professional appearance. (MCCS-UNIF-1008b)

12. Without the aid of references, identify the limitations for wear of organizational items without omission. (MCCS-UNIF-1008e)

1. **LAWS PERTAINING TO UNIFORM**

   a. Per 10 U.S.C. 771, no person, unless otherwise authorized by law, may wear the uniform or a distinctive part of the uniform of which is similar to a distinctive part of the Marine Corps uniform.

   b. According to 18 U.S.C. 702, whoever wears the Marine Corps uniform without authority, in any place within the jurisdiction of the United States will be fined not more than $250 or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

   c. According to 10 U.S.C. 772, the Marine Corps uniform may be worn by personnel not on active duty under the following conditions:

      (1) Retired Marine Corps officers may bear the title and wear the uniform of their retired grade.

      (2) Former Marines who are discharged honorably or under honorable conditions from the Marine Corps may wear their uniform while going from the place of discharge to their home of record, within three months after discharge.

      (3) Former Marines not on active duty who served honorably in time of war in the Marine Corps may bear the title, and as authorized by regulations prescribed by the President, wear the uniform of the highest grade held during that war (subparagraph 11002.1).

      (4) While portraying a member of the Marine Corps, an actor in a theatrical or motion picture production may wear the Marine Corps uniform provided the portrayal does not tend to discredit the Marine Corps.

      (5) While attending a course of military instruction conducted by the Marine Corps, a civilian may wear the uniform prescribed by the commander of the installation conducting the instruction.

   d. According to 10 U.S.C. 773, a person for whom one of the following uniforms is prescribed may wear it, if it includes distinctive insignia prescribed by the Secretary of the military department concerned to distinguish it from the uniform of the Marine Corps (subparagraph 11003.2).

      (1) The uniform prescribed by the university, college, or school for an instructor or member of the organized cadet corps of:

         (a) A State university or college, or a public high school, having a regular course of military instruction.

         (b) An educational institution having a regular course of military instruction, and having a member of the Marine Corps as instructor of military science and tactics.

      (2) A uniform prescribed under subparagraph 11004.4a, above, may not include insignia of grade the same as, or similar to, those prescribed for Marine Corps officers.
(3) Under such regulations as the secretary of the military department concerned may prescribe, any person who is permitted to attend a course of instruction prescribed for members of Reserve Officers’ Training Corps, and who is not a member of that corps, may, while attending that course of instruction, wear the uniform of that corps.

e. According to 18 U.S.C. 244, whoever, being a proprietor, manager, or employee of a theater or other public place of entertainment or amusement in the District of Columbia or in any territory, or possession of the United States, causes any person wearing the uniform of any of the Armed Forces of the United States to be discriminated against because of that uniform, shall be fined not more than $500.

2. PHYSICAL TRAINING UNIFORM

a. **Standard.** The standard physical training (PT) uniform consists of the green general purpose trunks and the standard olive green undershirt. Footwear or headgear with PT uniforms will be as prescribed by the commander.

b. **Cold Weather.** The cold weather PT uniform consists of an olive green sweat shirt and olive green sweat pants, with "USMC" lettering and Marine Corps emblem on the left breast of the shirt and upper left leg of the pants per paragraph 3030. This uniform may be prescribed for unit physical training when the weather requires.

c. **Prescribed for Wear.** The standard for cold weather PT uniform will be prescribed for all command PT activities except on those specific occasions when the commander determines that the wear of shirts with unit distinct markings, or when the modified wear of another uniform or other clothing is more appropriate to the respective unit’s physical training objective.

d. **Marine Corps Running Suit.** The Marine Corps running suit consists of an olive green jacket and bottoms. The running suit is meant to complement existing PT uniforms, not take their place. It may be worn in any combination with the green pt shorts and green undershirt, however the running suit is not authorized for wear in any form with the USMC sweat suit.

3. DESCRIPTION OF COMBAT UTILITY UNIFORMS

a. **Regulations.** As with nearly everything else in the Marine Corps, from chow hall recipes to hair length, the uniforms worn by Marines are regulated by a written order - MCO P1020.34G Marine Corps Uniform Regulations. The Regulations offer an explanation as to why Marines wear uniforms: "The Marine Corps uniform, with appropriate insignia, is designed primarily to show at a glance the branch of service and grade of the individual authorized to wear it. The uniform represents visual evidence of the authority and responsibility vested in the individual by the United States Government."

b. **Sources of Uniforms.** Primarily, there are four sources which provide uniforms: The Marine Corps supply system, such as cash sales; Marine Corps Exchange uniform shops, such as the one located at The Basic School; commercial sources, such as several tailor shops in the town of Quantico, and a mail order program exists to enable individual Marines to purchase approved regulation uniform items by mail. The best way to order uniforms if you are not physically close to a Marine Corps Base is to order through the Marine Corps Exchange mail order catalog. Copies of this catalog and/or additional order blanks may be obtained by contacting:

Commandant of the Marine Corps
Morale Welfare and Recreation
Support Activity
3044 Catlin Ave
Quantico, VA 22134-5099

Or by calling the Military Clothing Coordinator:

For enlisted uniforms, the number is: 1-800-368-4088;
For officer uniforms, the number is: 1-800-762-8762.

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c. **Approval Label.** All uniform items normally bear a seal indicating that it meets Marine Corps standards; some newer items, such as women's flats, do not.

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d. **Combat Utility Uniform Components.** The combat utility uniforms consist of:

1. Field cap, woodland and desert MARPAT with embroidered emblem.
2. Garrison cap, woodland and desert MARPAT with embroidered emblem.
3. Coat, woodland and desert MARPAT with embroidered emblem.
4. Trousers, woodland and desert MARPAT with embroidered emblem.
5. Service tapes, embroidered, woodland MARPAT with black lettering and desert MARPAT with brown lettering.
6. Name tapes, embroidered, woodland MARPAT with black lettering and desert MARPAT with brown lettering.
7. Boot, Marine Corps combat – Temperate Weather (TW)
8. Boot, Marine Corps combat – Hot Weather (HW)

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e. **Required.** Officers will be required to maintain the below listed combat utility uniform items.

1. Combat utility uniforms (MARPAT woodland) (2 sets)
2. Combat utility uniforms (MARPAT desert) (2 sets)
3. Marine Corps combat boots (HW) (1 pair)
4. Marine Corps combat boots (TW) (1 pair)

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f. **Fit.** The combat utility uniform should be loose fitting and comfortable. Items should be fitted loose enough to allow for some shrinkage without rendering the garment unusable. No items of desert and woodland camouflage patterns will be mixed.

g. **Name And Service Tape.** Name and Service Tapes will be worn on the combat utility uniform. The name tapes will be made of the same material as the uniform and will be embroidered ¾ inch high black (for woodland combat utilities) and brown (for desert combat utilities) block lettering. (If necessary to accommodate longer names the lettering may be condensed print, ½ inch high) Nametapes will include the individual last name only in upper case letters. Service tapes will be inscribed with “U.S. Marines” in upper case letters, with a space before “Marines”. The nametape will be worn over the right breast pocket and the service tape will be worn over the left breast pocket. The tapes will be placed immediately above and parallel with the top of the slanted chest pocket flaps.

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h. **Rolling Sleeves.** When authorized by the commander, sleeves will be rolled with the inside out, forming a roll about 3 inches wide, and terminating at a point about 2 inches above the elbow.

i. **Blousing Boots.** When combat boots are worn, the trousers will be bloused in a neat uniform manner.

j. **Combat Utility Cover.** The combat utility garrison cap will be worn in garrison. The combat utility field (boonie) cap may be worn during field-type exercises only, and may not be prescribed during parades, reviews or other ceremonies.

k. **Optional Accessories**

   1. **All-weather coat.** The pewter gray all-weather coat (AWC) with a zipped-in liner is authorized for wear with the combat utility uniforms. It may be worn with or without the liner at the wearer's option. The length of the AWC shall extend to a point midway between the knee and the mid-calf. In all cases, the coat must be at least long enough to reach the bottom of the kneecap and must not extend below mid-calf.

      For females, the coat must be at least long enough to reach one inch below the bottom of the kneecap (because of length of skirt). Sleeves of the coat shall be sufficient in length to cover the sleeves of all under garments. The top button of the AWC may be left open with the collar neatly folded back to form lapels.

   2. **Green service sweater.** The green service sweater, or “wooly-pulley,” may be worn with the combat utility uniform. It is worn under the blouse. The green service sweater is authorized for leave or liberty while worn with civilian attire.

   3. **Maternity Uniforms.** The Maternity Combat Utility Uniform is worn in lieu of the combat utility uniform. These uniforms are issued on a one time basis to enlisted female Marines. Female Officers must purchase their maternity uniforms.

l. **Seasonal variations.** All bases require Marines to wear woodland utilities during winter months and desert utilities during the summer. The change between uniforms occurs during the change between daylight-saving time and standard time in March and October/November.

4. **WEAR OF THE COMBAT UTILITY UNIFORMS**

   a. **Appropriate Wear.** Wear of the utility uniform is authorized while commuting to and from work to include all travel aboard DOD-owned/controlled aircraft. ALMAR 035/07 states that utilities will not be worn in any public setting unless in the case of an emergency that is otherwise unavoidable.

   b. **Inappropriate Wear.** Marines are prohibited from wearing the utility uniform as a liberty uniform off-base or during inappropriate circumstances such as:

      1. At restaurants, pizza parlors, bars, lounges, etc.
      2. When dealing with public officials (police, courthouse, attorneys).
      3. While attending classes or activities, or conducting business at education facilities.
      4. At commercial airports/bus stations for travel or entering pick/drop off passengers.
      5. At retail/rental stores, shopping malls, and shops for shopping or paying bills.
      6. At grocery stores/supermarkets.
      7. At movie theaters, mini-golf, or other similar entertainment/ recreational or sporting activities.
c. **Wear at Public Functions.** Members of the Marine Corps shall **not** wear a Marine Corps uniform while engaged in any of the following activities without specific approval of the Commandant:

1. Soliciting funds for any purpose from the public outside of a military base or establishment.

2. Participating in any type of show or event which is commercially sponsored for advertising purposes, wherein it could be implied or construed that the Marine Corps "endorses" the product advertised.

3. "Endorsing" commercial products in such ways as to involve the uniform, title, grade or rate, or in any way establish or imply their military affiliation with such products.

4. Appearing or participating in any event in public (demonstrations) that would compromise the dignity of the uniform. This restriction means that the right to freedom of speech and freedom of assembly do not include the right to borrow the inherent dignity and prestige of the Marine Corps uniform. You can not wear the uniform to lend weight and/or significance to privately held opinions on public issues.

Marines have been permitted to attend television shows and supporting events in uniform or with Marine Corps affiliation as long as the above restrictions are not violated and the appearance is favorable upon the Marine Corps. Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC) has often left the decision to allow individuals to don the uniform, or affiliate their participation with the Marine Corps, up to the individual commands. HQMC generally supports such functions and programs that improve upon the recruiting effort of the Marine Corps.

5. **WEARING OF INSIGNIA ON THE COMBAT UTILITY UNIFORM**

a. **Rank Insignia.** Rank Insignia will be worn on both sides of the combat utility uniform.

   1. **Officer.** Officer rank insignia will be worn with the long axis of the bars approximately one inch from the front edge of the collar and parallel to the deck.

   2. **Enlisted.** Enlisted rank insignia will be worn with the single point up and the center of the insignia on a line bisecting the angle of the point of the collar. The lower edge of the insignia will be equally spaced ½ inch from both sides of the collar.

b. **Breast Insignia.** Refer to the Marine Corps Uniform Regulations MCO P1020.34 at the Marine Corps Uniform Board website.

6. **CIVILIAN CLOTHES.** The Commandant of the Marine Corps has extended the privilege of wearing civilian clothing to officers and enlisted Marines with limitations on these regulations. Marines may wear civilian clothing when in an off-duty status and when directed by competent authority. Within the confines of a military base, civilian clothing will be worn subject to local regulations. Marines are associated and identified with the Marine Corps in and out of uniform, and when on or off duty. Therefore when civilian clothing is worn, Marines will ensure that their dress and personal appearance is considered appropriate civilian attire by being conservative in nature. A good guideline is that the civilian clothes should be equivalent in nature and appearance to authorized uniforms for leave and liberty.

   a. Wearing of clothing articles not specifically designed to be normally worn as headgear (Bandanas, do-rags) is prohibited.

   b. No part of a prescribed uniform, except those items not exclusively military in character, will be worn with civilian clothing. (Gortex jacket cannot be worn with civilian attire MARADMIN 704/09).

   c. Examples of inappropriate civilian attire are:

      1. Beach or swim wear

      2. Gym or sweat gear

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(3) Tank tops
(4) Short shorts
(5) Ripped or torn clothes
(6) Garments designed as underwear
(7) Clothing with designs of an obscene or suggestive nature
(8) Shower shoes/flip-flops
NOTES:

REFERENCE:
Individual Clothing Regulations
Marine Corps Uniform Regulations
Operator Manual, Rifle, 5.56mm, M16A2 W/E
Care and Use of Individual Clothing and Equipment
Marine Corps Drill and Ceremonies Manual
Uniform Fitting and Alteration

MCO P10120.28G
MCO P1020.34.G W/CH 1-4
TM 05538 C-10/1A
FM 21-15
NAVMC 2691 W/CH 1
TM 10120-15/1B