



Marine Corps League

Professional Development Uniforms Ribbons and Awards



Uniforms



1. Casual

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Nomenclature of MCL Uniforms

- Plain Black Socks (ALL)
- Highly Shined Smooth Toe Black Lace-up Oxford Shoes (All)
- Plain Black tie (1,2,4)
- Marine Corps or Marine Corps League gold tie bar (2,4)
- Black Standard or Pleated Trousers (1,2,3,4,5)
- Blue Trousers with **NCO** Stripe (2,3,6,7)
- Marine Corps web belt and brass buckle (2,3,6,7)
- Black belt and square gold buckle with the Marine Corps Emblem (1,2,3,4,5)

Numbers correspond with slide #2 Uniforms

Uniform Nomenclature

Continues



- Black Tuxedo Trousers (6)
- White T-Shirt (1-7)
- White Shirt w/epilates, 2 Breast Pockets w/button Flaps, Long Sleeve (2)
- White Shirt w/epilates, 2 Breast Pockets w/button Flaps, Short Sleeve (1)
- White Shirt, standard collar (1,4)
- Formal pleated shirt with a standard collar and no ruffles (6)
- Khaki, long sleeve, (Bravo) uniform shirt (7)
- Khaki, short sleeve (Charlie) uniform shirt (7)

Uniform Nomenclature

Continued



- Marine Corps khaki field scarf and Marine Corps or Marine Corps League
- Gold tie bar (Bravo Only) (7)
- Red Blazer (1,4,7)
- Red Mess Jacket (6)
- Black Nylons (3,4)
- Black Pumps (3,4)
- Women's white blouse that is worn with the USMC Dress Blues (3,4)
- Black cross over (Marine Corps Style) tie (4)
- Plain black "A" line skirt (3,4)
- Marine Corps League Cover (All)

The Standard Marine Corps League Cover



The Standard MCL cover is the minimum uniform item worn by members to be considered "in uniform". While wearing the Marine Corps League Cover, you are considered in uniform and underarms. In an opinion given by the then standing National Chaplain, Ora Fultz, "It is worn indoors and out at all times, even in church. The cover is removed only during prayer. During prayer, remove your cover and place it over your heart."



- The Standard MCL Cover is the single most important part of the uniform, without which, no other part is authorized to be worn. The cover and all attachments are purchased through the Marine Corps League.



- All members of the League are authorized to wear the red MCL cover. Members elected or appointed to Department Offices are authorized to wear the red with gold crown cover. Members elected or appointed to National Staff or Committees are authorized to wear the gold cover. Past National Commandants are authorized to wear the gold with white crown cover. The National Commandant is authorized to wear the white cover.

Male and Female Covers



MALE



FEMALE



The Female Cover



ASSOCIATE





Past Department Commandant, Past Detachment Commandant, Past Kennel Chief of the Military Order of Devil Dogs 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 covers 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.



No Pins on Cover

*Pins, ornaments, or ribbons are not authorized
for wear on the MCL cover.*



Nothing goes on the Basic Cover, except the Marine Corps Emblem on the left side and approved identification strips or embroidering on the right side. The Marine Corps emblem should be the solid gold emblem, not a Marine officer's gold and silver emblem. Identification strips should be worn to indicate "*current*" offices only, except as authorized by the Uniform Code for "Past Commandants".



“Past Commandant” may be embroidered as this is a lifetime title. It must be small enough, as to be covered by a strip denoting any current office held.

If a strip is worn to denote current office, it will be worn above the detachment name and centered. The "LIFE" strip should be worn to the rear of the right side. The "LIFE MEMBER" strip should be worn the same as the identification strips are worn. That is, centered on the right side of the cover.



Life Membership Strips

The "LIFE" and "LIFE MEMBER" strips are two different strips.

Tradition is that the "LIFE MEMBER" strip would be worn above other strips, such as a current officer strip.

Although it isn't spelled out in the Uniform Code, the detachment name should be embroidered on the right side, 1/2" to 3/4" up from the bottom of the cover, centered left to right and abbreviated, if need be. Contact your Detachment about having the detachment's name embroidered on your cover.

Casual Uniform



Casual Uniform

Red Blazer



- The red blazer is available at clothiers outside the Marine Corps League; see your Detachment Paymaster about ordering this item. All attached items are ordered through the Marine Corps League, see your Detachment Paymaster on how to order these items. The buttons it comes with must be removed and in their place Marine Corps League buttons sewn. There will be two.



THE MCL CREST

- The Marine Corps League Crest is worn on the left breast pocket, about 1/4" below the lower half of the pocket cuff and centered on the pocket. The Marine Corps League Crest pocket insert may be worn in place of the standard crest, and the commercially sold plastic sleeve insert with permanently set Marine Corps Seal may also be worn.



Casual Uniform Red Blazer



RED BLAZER OR EVENING DRESS JACKET LAPEL PINS



The MCL Member, MCL Life Member, 5 Year, 10 Year, etc., pins are worn in the left lapel button hole. Other pins are also authorized, but never more than two (2) at a time, on the left lapel.

The Past National Commandant pin may be worn inboard with the National Marine of the Year outboard.

National Marine of the Year pin may be worn inboard, with a Past Department or Detachment Commandant, or other Member pin outboard.



Kennel Devil Dog of the Year Pin may be worn outboard of the National Marine of the Year Pin. The Chapel of Four Chaplains, MCL Membership, or retired Marine lapel pins, may also be worn. (Although there are several types of MCL membership pins, i.e. Past Commandant, Life Membership, Five Year, Ten Year membership, etc., only one MCL Membership pin should be worn.) Ordained Ministers or Chaplains may wear a symbol of their religion, of the size approved by DOD. The medal and ribbon presented by the Chapel of Four Chaplains may be worn around the neck with this uniform. It should be worn over top of the neck tie.



Name Tags

The name tag is not worn with this uniform. Sunburst insignia are never to be worn with the red blazer. Miniature medals, ribbons, and badges are not to be worn on the red blazer, except when the blazer is worn as an optional jacket of the Formal Uniform, and then miniature medals may be worn or a maximum of three large Medals. The Formal Uniform will be discussed below.



Casual Uniform

The White Shirt

This outlines the shirt to be worn with the "Casual", or red blazer uniform. *The shirt can be either long sleeve or short sleeve, but must be plain white in color. This shirt can be purchased at any clothing store. The shirt should have a plain collar. It will not be the "aviator" style shirt worn with the Undress Uniform.*

Sunburst insignias are not worn with the "Casual" uniform.

Ribbons and badges are not to be worn with the "Casual" Uniform*. Patches are not worn with the "Casual" uniform.

* Note: The Marine of the Year Neck Ribbon may be worn.



- No devices, pins, badges or patches of any kind are to be worn with the "Casual" uniform. Just the shirt, field scarf, and prescribed tie bar.
- Nothing more!

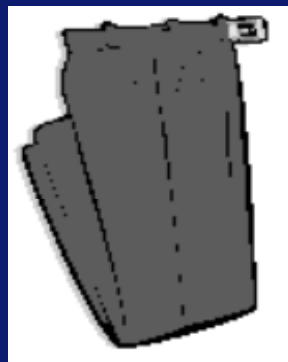




Casual Uniform

The Black Trousers

Black trousers with a black belt and square gold buckle with the Marine Corps Emblem are to be worn with the Casual Uniform. The belt can be either the wide leather belt or the narrow dress belt. The wide leather belt is worn with the large square buckle with the Marine Corps Emblem on it. Both are available through National. The narrow dress belt with the smaller buckle, also having the Marine Corps Emblem, satisfies the black dress belt option.





- See your Detachment Paymaster about how to order these items. The trousers are purchased at any clothing store. The bottom of the cuff, should just reach the top of the heel sole of the shoes.
- Dress blue trousers with red stripe are not authorized with the Casual Uniform.
- Sansabelt trousers are not authorized with the Casual Uniform.



Casual Uniform

The Black Field Scarf & Black Shoes



The field scarf should be a plain flat black tie with a Marine Corps League or Marine Corps gold tie bar. The field scarf is available at any clothing store, but the tie bar is purchased through the Marine Corps League or you may wear the Marine Corps issued gold tie bar. No other tie bar is authorized. No tie tacks, no field scarf colors other than black, and no embroidered or other designs on the field scarf are authorized. Just a simple, plain, black, field scarf . A clip on field scarf may be worn, or if using a regular field scarf , a four in hand knot is recommended.



SHOES

The shoes should be black leather oxfords, either Corfam© type, or highly shined. The uppers on the toes should be flat leather, with no seams. Rubber or leather soles may be worn. Black socks, should be worn, also.

No taps are authorized.



Undress Uniform

The Long Sleeve and Short Sleeve Undress Uniforms will be discussed here.

There's more to the Undress Uniform than just taking off your red blazer. The Dress Blue trousers with the red NCO stripe are worn with the Undress Uniform, along with the Marine Corps web belt and brass buckle. It should be pointed out that the Dress Blue trousers have the red NCO stripe, not the wider Officers stripe.



The Black Trousers may be worn as an option with both Undress Uniforms, having the same belt and buckle options as with the Casual Uniform.

The same shoes and socks are worn with the Undress Uniform, as with the Casual Uniform.



Sunburst insignia and ribbons are worn the same as the long sleeve shirt.

The optional name tag is worn the same way as with the long sleeve shirt, also.





LONG SLEEVE SHIRT

The Long Sleeve Undress Uniform shirt will be an aviator style shirt, with two (2) button down breast pockets and shoulder epaulets. It will have a military crease running top to bottom, centered on each pocket and three creases on the back. The Marine Corps League Shoulder Patch is worn on the left shoulder, centered on the crease, 1-1/2" down from the shoulder seam. The Field Forward American Flag or Devil Dog patch will be worn on the right shoulder, centered on the crease, 1-1/2" down from the shoulder seam.





Undress Uniform



Black Trousers



Blue Trousers with Red NCO Stripe



Sunburst Insignia

The Sunburst Insignias are worn on each collar, centered, 1/2" from both edges, with the eagles wings parallel to the deck.

The name tag may be worn above the right breast pocket, centered and 1/8" above the top of the flap. Either Marine Corps League ribbons **or** Department of Defense ribbons and badges may be worn above the left breast pocket, centered, 1/8" above the top of the flap. Marine Corps League and Department of Defense ribbons cannot be mixed. Ribbons are to be worn in rows not exceeding four ribbons per row. If the top row has fewer ribbons than the lower rows, they are to be centered on the lower rows.



The Black Field Scarf

The black field scarf with either the Marine Corps or Marine Corps League gold tie bar (no open collar).





Short Sleeve Shirt

The Short Sleeve Undress Uniform is same as long sleeve except in sleeve length. It has the same pockets, shoulder epaulets, creases and patches. The top most button is left open and a tie is never worn with the short sleeve Undress Uniform shirt. The dress blue trousers with red NCO stripe are to be worn with this uniform, as well and the black trousers are also an option. The same belts and belt options are worn with the short sleeve Undress Uniform as with the long sleeve Undress Uniform.





Women's Cover

- The Standard Cover is to be worn with the Marine Corps Emblem worn on the left side. Officer strips, LIFE and LIFE MEMBER strips and the detachment name embroidery is the same as the men's Standard Cover.
- Enclosure 3 doesn't state that the cover be a woman's cover, so it is assumed that either the Standard Women's Cover or the Standard Men's Cover may be worn. All these items are available through the Marine Corps League.



Women's Shirts

- A long sleeve or short sleeve white shirt, with shoulder epaulets, military creases and two button down flap pockets, similar to the men's shirt, is worn.
- An option is the women's white blouse that is worn with the USMC Dress Blues. Either Marine Corps League ribbons or Department of Defense ribbons and badges may be worn, but not mixed.



- With the long sleeve version of this uniform, either the black cross over (Marine Corps Style) tie -OR- black field scarf with MC or MCL gold tie bar will be worn.
- The Sunburst insignias, shoulder patches and name tag are all worn the same as is prescribed with the men's uniform.
- A plain black "A" line skirt or black slacks are worn the same as with the casual uniform. When the trousers are worn, the same belts that are authorized with the Casual Uniform may be worn.

Women's Undress Uniform



- Dress blue trousers with red NCO stripe may be worn, with Marine Corps web belt and brass buckle, when in Color Guard.
- Black nylon hosiery and a black, plain toe, closed pump are worn with this uniform.
- When wearing trousers, plain, black oxfords may be worn.



Earrings

- Although earrings aren't mentioned in the Women's Casual Uniform section of the National Bylaws, Enclosure (3), it is written in the section on the Women's Undress Uniform and is believed to apply to all uniforms.
- Earrings may be worn with this uniform. They must either be small, round, white pearl (or pearl like), or gold earrings, not to exceed 9mm in size. When worn, they will fit tight against the lobe of the ear and not extend below the earlobe.

Women's Casual Uniform





- The Women's Casual Uniform will consist of the red blazer, with the buttons arranged as is on the men's Casual Uniform OR The women's red blazer which is fitted differently and the front buttons are on the opposite side, from the men's red blazer worn.
- Both are available through an outside clothier.

Associate Members Uniform



The Associate Member is not to wear the Marine Corps Emblem.
This Emblem is highly honored by all Marines and only those who earn it, may wear it.

The regulations for Associate Member Uniforms are the same as Regular Member Uniforms, except as follows:
The Marine Corps Emblem on the Basic Cover is replaced with a Starburst Emblem with Forward Facing Anchor.

Crest, Sunburst, American Flag and MCL Patch



On the Casual Uniform, the Crest or Bullion Seal is not worn.

- The Sunburst Insignias on the Undress Uniform is replaced with 1/2" x 1/2" gold MCL insignias.
- The field forward American flag patch is worn on the right shoulder and the Marine Corps League patch with an Associate Rucker attached at the bottom will be worn on the left sleeve.
- They are to be worn in the same way as prescribed on the Regular Member Undress uniforms. Dress blue trousers may be worn, but without the red NCO stripe.

The Formal Uniform



- The Formal Uniform will consist of the Basic Cover, as with all other uniforms. The shirt will be a formal pleated shirt with a standard collar and no ruffles. The tie will be a black, military bow tie.
- The shirt will have gold cuff links and gold studs.
- The Chapel of Four Chaplains medal may be worn with this uniform as an option and the Marine Corps League Blazer Crest or Bullion is optional when miniature medals are worn.



- The red mess jacket is worn with this uniform, but the red blazer may be worn as an option, due to the high cost of the red mess jacket, which is ordered through an outside clothier. If the red mess jacket is worn, it will be a medium weight gabardine material with Marine Corps League buttons, a gold waist chain and the Sunburst Insignia in locating holes in the jacket collar. The buttons are sewn on, three to a sleeve and three on either side of the waist, as illustrated.

The Formal Uniform





- A gold cummerbund can be worn with either Jacket. The gold vest front may be worn with the Formal Red Blazer only. They are Both sold through National.
- Blue trousers with NCO Stripe or Black tuxedo trousers are worn with this uniform, but black trousers are an accepted option. The belt and buckle can be either of the belts worn with the Casual Uniform.
- When wearing the red mess jacket, large medals may not be worn. When wearing the red blazer, miniature medals are authorized as described below, or up to three large medals may be worn.
- Shoes and socks are the same as the Casual Uniform.



Ceremonial Uniform

Departments or Detachments having a Color Guard may wear the Ceremonial Uniform, ONLY when participating in these ceremonies. This uniform is authorized for both male and female members.

Marine Corps League ribbons ONLY are to be worn, or no ribbons at all. The shirt is either the Marine Corps, khaki, long sleeve, (Bravo) uniform shirt or the Marine Corps, khaki, short sleeve (Charlie) uniform shirt.



- If the long sleeve (Bravo) shirt is worn, the Marine Corps khaki field scarf and Marine Corps or Marine Corps League gold tie bar is worn.
- Only the dress blue trousers with red NCO stripe and the Marine Corps web belt and brass buckle are to be worn with this uniform.
- The rest of the uniform, the shoes, socks, patches and name tag are the same as worn on the Undress Uniform.

Ceremonial Uniform





Mounting of Medals

When more than one medal is worn, they shall be suspended from a holding bar of metal or other material of sufficient stiffness to support the weight of the medals. No more than seven medals are to be worn on one row.

When more than seven medals are worn, additional rows shall be used. When more than four medals are on a single row, they are to overlap evenly, on a four ribbon bar, up to seven medals.



Mounting of Medals

When eight or more medals are worn, the lower row will contain the same number as, or one more than, the upper row and overlap evenly, up to seven medals. The upper row will be side by side up to four medals, then overlapping if the second row is more than Four medals and less than seven. The upper row, should never be more than one medal greater in number than the lower row.



- In the event that more than fourteen medals are worn, they are to be placed on three rows, with the lower and middle rows containing the same number of medals and the top row, either the same number or one less than the middle row.
- At no time are there to be more than seven medals to a row. Any time there are more than four medals to a row, they are to be overlapped evenly (no more than 50%) and the upper rows will have no more than one more medal than the next lower row.

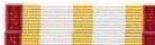


Marine Corps
League
Medals, Ribbons,
Certificates, Awards
and Pins

**DESCRIPTION OF MEDALS, RIBBONS, AWARDS, PINS AND
WHO MAY AUTHORIZE**

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE RIBBONS

SHOWN IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

			
Distinguished Citizen Gold	Distinguished Citizen Silver	Distinguished Citizen Bronze	Division Marine Of the Year
			
Department Marine Of the Year	Detachment Marine Of the Year	Distinguished Service Bronze	National Recruiter Gold
			
National Recruiter Silver	National Recruiter Bronze	National Staff Elected Silver	National Staff Appointed Bronze
			
Department Commandant	Department Staff Elected Silver	Department Staff Appointed Bronze	Department Recruiter Silver
			
Detachment Commandant	Detachment Staff Elected Silver	Detachment Staff Appointed Bronze	Detachment Recruiter Bronze
			
Community Service	Board of Trustees Commendation—V. Fisher	National Meritorious Unit Commendation	Department Meritorious Unit Commendation
			
Individual Meritorious Commendation	Kennel Dog of The Year	Chief Devil Dog Individual Commendation	Pack Dog Of the Year
			
Pack Leader Commendation—Individual	Pound Dog Of the Year	Pound Keeper Commendation—Individual	Past Chief Devil Dog
			
Pack Leader	Pound Keeper	Marine Corps League Membership	





Medals



Distinguished Citizens Medal-Gold

Medal: Gold

Ribbon: Blue, gold, white, green and red stripe

Awarded By: National Commandant

Recommended By: Detachment\Department\National Division Vice-Commandant.

For Approval: Department\National Division Vice Commandant\National Awards Committee Shall be awarded by National Commandant ONLY. This medal is automatically presented to the National Marine of the Year with the FMF device (Eagle, Globe and Anchor) signifying National Marine of the Year (see Note #3).



- Recommendation(s) for this medal must be in writing and sent to the National Commandant via the National Awards Committee for their recommendation for approval or disapproval. The medal will be awarded **only** to Marines who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, have answered to the call of "Above and Beyond" the principles upon which the Marine Corps League was founded. A 3/16" gold star will be worn to indicate additional awards.



- **Distinguished Citizens Medal-Silver (Current)**

Medal: Silver

Ribbon: Red center flanked by gold and black stripes

(A) Awarded By: National Commandant

Recommended By: Detachment\Department\National Division Vice-Commandant

For Approval: Department\National Division Vice-Commandant\National Commandant\National Awards Committee

(B) Awarded By: Department\National Division Vice-Commandant

Recommended By: Detachment\Department\National Division Vice-Commandant

For Approval: Department\National Division Vice-Commandant





- **Distinguished Citizens Medal-Bronze (Current)**

Medal: Bronze

Ribbon: White center flanked by maroon stripes

(A) Awarded By: National Commandant

Recommended By: Detachment\Department\National Division Vice-Commandant

For Approval: Department\National Division Vice-Commandant\National Commandant\National Awards Committee

(B) Awarded By: Department\National Division Vice-Commandant

Recommended By: Detachment\Department\National Division Vice-Commandant

For Approval: Department\National Division Vice-Commandant

(C) Awarded By: Detachment Commandant





- **Distinguished Service Medal (God, Country, and Corps)**

Medal: Bronze

Ribbon: Maroon center flanked by dark blue stripes

Awarded By: Detachment\Department\National Division

Vice-Commandant\National Commandant

Recommended By: Detachment\Department\National
Division Vice-Commandant\National Commandant

This medal should be presented to a Marine who has been awarded the Distinguished Citizen Medal-Gold, Silver or Bronze, with the Distinguished Service Certificate indicating the authorization to wear the awarded medal.



- **National Recruiter Medal**

Medal: Gold – Silver - Bronze

Ribbon: Green, white and gold

Awarded By: National Jr. Vice-Commandant

Awarded to National Recruiter of the Year.

- **Department Recruiter Medal-Silver**

Medal-Silver

Ribbon-Green, Gold, Green

Awarded to Department Recruiter(s) of the Year

- **Detachment Commandant Medal** (Commandant John A. Lejeune)

Medal: Bronze

Ribbon: Maroon and Dark blue stripes

To be worn by present and past elected Detachment Commandant.



- **Detachment Staff Medal (Elected)**

Medal: Silver

Ribbon: Blue, White, Red, White, Blue

To be worn by present and past elected Detachment Officers.

- **Detachment Staff Medal (Appointed)**

Medal: Bronze

Ribbon: White, Blue, White

To be worn by present and past appointed Detachment Officers.



- **Detachment Recruiter Medal-Bronze**

Medal: Bronze

Ribbon: Gold, Green, Gold

Awarded By: Detachment Commandant

Awarded to: Detachment Recruiter(s) of the Year

Can be issued to all members recruiting 5 or more new members in a single year.

- **Marine Corps League Medal (Membership)**

Medal: Marine Corps emblem on gold sunburst

Ribbon: Blue, khaki, olive stripes flanked by gold and pink stripes.

To be worn by a member of the MCL who is a member in good standing. A bronze star may be worn for each period of five (5) years of continuous membership and there has not been a break in membership.

CERTIFICATES



- **Distinguished Citizen Award Certificate**

The only notation on the bottom left corner will be "Authorized to Wear-Gold, Silver or Bronze"

- **Distinguished Service Award (Certificate only)**

This award may be presented by the National, Department, or Detachment Commandant to Leaguers and non-League members who have distinguished themselves.



- **Certificate of Appreciation**

This award may be presented by the National, Department, or Detachment Commandant for appreciation of loyalty and patriotism to country and the Marine Corps League. This may be awarded to Leaguers and non-League members.

- **Certificate of Appreciation (For displaying the United States flag)**

This award maybe presented by the National, Department, or Detachment Commandant.

AWARDS



- **Marine of the Year**

This award shall be presented to a regular member of the Marine Corps League who has rendered service(s) and performed a deed(s) above and beyond the duties and obligations required of a member of the Marine Corps League.

Letters of Nomination for National Marine of the Year shall originate only at the Detachment level. No individual member(s) of the Marine Corps League, nor any subsidiary unit(s) of the Marine Corps League shall submit a Letter of Nomination other than the nominee's Detachment.

- The nominee shall be a regular member of the Marine Corps League, in good standing of the Detachment which submits the Letter of Nomination.



- Only officers and/or members of the Detachment submitting the Letter of Nomination shall be allowed to submit documentary proof, or affidavits on behalf of the nominee submitted.

Any meritorious deed(s) so identified as being within the scope of these rules shall be of such substance that the weight will or shall have brought acclaim and prestige to the Marine Corps League; or has enhanced and/or furthered the concepts of the duties of being a citizen of the United States of America; or has been a deed(s) of courage or valor without regard for his/her own safety. (See National Administrative Procedures Section 300, Sub-Section One (1))



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“Espirite de Corps” Award

National Headquarters of the Marine Corps League will accept nomination of the individual from the Superintendent of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. This award was conceived to extend recognition by presenting a Marine Corps Officer's sword to the Marine Option Cadet, who best demonstrates the qualities of leadership sought by the Marine Corps, from the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY. The presentation will be made by the National Commandant at the Commencement ceremonies.



- **Dickey Chapelle Award**

National Headquarters of the Marine Corps League will accept nominations for the annual Dickey Chapelle Award prior to 1 June annually. This award was conceived to extend recognition to the woman who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, has contributed most to the morale, welfare, and well-being of the officers and men of the United States Marine Corps. While not limited to the immediate past 12-month period, nominations should stress accomplishments during that period. Nominations should be forwarded directly to: Awards Committee, Marine Corps League, Post Office Box 3070, Merrifield, Virginia 22116-3070.



- **Heroism Medal**

Shall be awarded by the National Commandant or his/her representative. This medal is presented to a civilian for an act of heroism. Recommendation(s) for this medal must be in writing and sent to the National Commandant via the National Awards Committee for their recommendation for approval or disapproval. The medal will be awarded only to civilians who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, have answered to the call of "Above and Beyond" the principles upon which the Marine Corps League was founded.



- **VAVS Award**

The National VAVS Representative and Deputy Representatives will select at the national convention the recipients of the Detachment VAVS awards and individual award as described below:

- 1. Plaques**

None (sp) plaques categorized by membership strength of the detachment as reflected on the current 30 June strength report roster.

Category 1: 15 to 50 members. First, Second and Third Place plaques.

Category 2: 51 to 100 members. First, Second and Third Place plaques.

Category 3: Over 100 members. First, Second and Third Place plaques.



2. Past National Commandant's VAVS Award

Nominee's for the PNC's VAVS Award must be a member in good standing of the Marine Corps League and must have served on a regular basis in the VAVS Program at a VAMC for a minimum period of at least three years. Recommendations for the PNC's VAVS Award must be made by the detachment and approved at a regular scheduled detachment meeting. Recommendations to be submitted to the National VAVS Representative are to be received no later than July 1st prior to the National Convention. Recipient of the PNC's VAVS Award is entitled to wear the Marine Corps League's Community /VAVS Service Ribbon.



3. Detachment VAVS Award

Detachment VAVS Award recommendations should also be submitted to the National VAVS Representative to be received no later than July 1st prior to the National Convention, outlining the activities of the detachment VAVS program to include total hours volunteered and monetary donations to the VAVS program.

National Jr. Vice Commandant's Awards



- **100% Membership Citations**
 - (a) 100% Membership Streamers will be given to those Detachments, Departments, and Divisions, who have achieved 100% membership during the period of 1 July to 30 June and will be Red in color with Gold lettering.
- **Increased Membership Citations and Plaques**
 - (a) Increased Membership Citations will be awarded to all Detachments, Departments, Divisions that exceed their membership strength from 1 July through 30 June. The Citations will be presented during the National Convention each and every year.
 - (b) Increased Membership Plaques will be awarded to all Detachments, Departments, Divisions that exceed 100% membership by percentage in the following manner:
 - (1) Detachment Membership from 15 to 50 members, four (4) plaques; 1st through 4th place.



- (2) Detachment Membership from 51 to 100 members, four (4) plaques; 1st through 4th place.
- (3) Detachment Membership from 101 to 200 members, four (4) plaques; 1st through 4th place.
- (4) Detachment Membership from 200 plus members, four (4) plaques; 1st through 4th place.
- (5) Department Membership, four (4) plaques; 1st through 4th place.
- (6) Division Membership, three (3) plaques; 1st through 3rd place.



- **Individual Membership Recruiting Awards**

Each and every year, a special form (See Enclosure Four (4)) must be filled out by the individual member and signed by the Detachment Commandant and Detachment Adjutant/Paymaster, then mailed to the National Junior Vice-Commandant.

Recruiting Awards will be issued as follows:

- (a) A Citation will be given to those members who have recruited 5-24 members during the year.
- (b) A National Recruiters Medal-Bronze and a Distinguished Service Award Citation (signifying the accomplishment) will be presented to those members who recruited 25-49 members during the year.



- (c) A National Recruiters Medal-Silver and a Distinguished Service Award Citation (signifying the accomplishment) and a plaque will be presented to those members who recruited 50 plus members during the year.
- (d) The top Recruiter of the Year, the one individual member that has recruited the most members through his/her individual efforts will be presented the National Recruiters Medal-Gold (appropriately engraved), and a plaque in the shape of the United States with his/her name engraved thereon and the Distinguished Service Award Certificate (signifying the accomplishment).



- **National Convention Streamers**

These will be awarded to those Detachments, Departments and Divisions who display the League standards at the National Convention and will be in the color of the state in which the National Convention is being held with appropriate lettering.



PINS

- **Past National Commandant Pin**

Oval-shaped pin with Marine emblem and a diamond. Presented to the outgoing National Commandant at the completion of his tour as National Commandant at the National Convention. It will be worn centered on the left lapel, one inch below the lapel notch.

- **National Marine of the Year Pin**

Gold pin in the shape of the United States. Awarded at the National Convention to the Marine selected by the Marine of the Year Society as the National Marine of the Year. It will be worn centered on the left lapel one inch below the lapel notch, left of the Past National Commandant pin if so awarded.



- **Kennel Dog of the Year Pin**

Gold pin with Devil Dog emblem in the center. Presented at each National Convention to the Marine selected as the Kennel Dog of the Year. It will be worn centered on the left lapel one inch below the lapel notch, left of the National Commandant pin and Marine of the Year pin if so awarded



Note #1: For each additional medal award, a bronze star will be worn. A silver star will be worn in lieu of five (5) bronze stars and a gold star will be worn in lieu of five (5) silver stars unless otherwise noted. The exceptions are: Distinguished Citizens Medal-Gold; Silver; Bronze and Distinguished Service Medal. On each of the aforementioned, a 5/16" gold star will be worn to indicate additional awards and a 5/16" silver star will be worn in place of five (5) gold stars.

Note #2: When Departments celebrate their 50th or more anniversaries, the medals that are struck for those Departments, and issued or sold at their respective Department Conventions to **only those who attended.**



Note #3: National, Department and Detachment "Marines of the Year" are eligible to wear the FMF device (Eagle, Globe and Anchor)  signifying National, Department and/or Detachment Marine of the Year. This device will be centered on the respective ribbon for each award. National Marine of the Year will wear it centered on the Gold ribbon, Department Marine of the Year will wear it centered on the Silver ribbon, and Detachment Marine of the Year will wear it centered on the Bronze ribbon. Prior and subsequent awards (Gold, Silver or Bronze, not necessarily Marine of the Year) will be worn with the proper stars affixed.

Wearing of Miniature Medals

(Formal Dress Only)



- A. Miniature medals may be worn on the left lapel of the red blazer with the medals placed evenly between the left lapel notch and the top edge of the breast pocket and one inch out from the edge of the inside of the left lapel. In those instances where regulation size holding 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.

Wearing of Miniature Medals

(Formal Dress Only)



B. 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 medal count is uneven.

Note: This applies only if wearing the Blazer. When wearing the Marine Corps League Mess Jacket, miniatures will be worn as you would large medals.



Mounting of Miniature Medals

- A. When more than one (1) medal is worn, they should be suspended from a holding bar of metal or other material of sufficient stiffness to support the weight of the medals.
- B. When eleven (11) medals are worn, there will be five (5) medals on the first row, and six (6) medals on the second row (medallions cannot be even top to bottom).

Mounting of Miniature Medals



- The maximum length of the holding bar for medals should be four (4) inches, (3 ribbon bar). A maximum of five (5) medals, side by side, can be accommodated on a holding bar of maximum length, however, a maximum of ten (10) medals can be accommodated on a holding bar if overlapped. Overlapping shall be equal (not more than 50%) and the right or inboard medal shall be shown in full.
- Mounting of medals by rows:
One to ten medals, 1 row only
One to eleven medals, 2 rows - first row (5), second row (6)



- Two medals mounted side by side on a one (1) inch bar (1 ribbon bar).
Three medals mounted on a one (1) inch bar (1 ribbon bar) overlapped.
- Four medals mounted on a two (2) inch bar (2 ribbon bar) overlapped.

When more than one (1) of the same medal has been awarded, stars shall be worn for additional awards.

Military Order of the Devil Dogs

Uniform Regulations



- The cover patch of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc. is to be sewn on the right hand side of the Marine Corps League Cover centered over the piping, (gold piping on the Detachment member and Department Officer cover, red piping on the National Officer cover) so that one half of the patch extends from either side of the piping. The eyes of the Bulldog on the Patch should be level to the deck and the Gold Trench Helmet will be canted to the left side of the Bulldog's head. The bottom line of the helmet touching the Bulldog's head on either side should be parallel to the piping on the cover. The Patch shall not touch the piping on the top of the cover, or the bottom edge of the cover, nor shall it touch any lettering on the cover.



- No pins, stars, medals, or any other devices shall be worn on the cover without the official approval of the Kennel. Kennel officers may wear gold covers, but they must revert to the cover they are authorized after their term of office. Only Past Chief Devil Dogs may wear the Gold cover after their term of office and the dates of tenure must be sewn on the cover.
- An embroidered official insignia may be worn on the right sleeve of the shirt with the top of the insignia 1-1/2 inches below the shoulder seam.

Military Order of the Devil Dogs

Uniform Regulations



- The official identification disc of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc. shall be a metal one, which can be gold or silver plat. The disc shall be 1-1/4 inches in diameter on the face of which is the official insignia surrounded by the lettering of the official title of the order and below the insignia the words "Pound No." allowing space for the number of the member's Pound. On the top of the reverse side shall appear the words "Presented to" below which shall be a space of the name and state of the member, at the bottom the words "License No." which is for the member's license number.



- The disc is to be perforated and suspended by a 1 inch ribbon of approximately 36 inches in length to permit the disc to be worn pendant about the neck in colors herein described:
 - a) All active PEDIGREED DEVIL DOGS shall wear a gold ribbon.
 - b) All active DEVIL DOGS shall wear a red ribbon.
 - c) All active PUPS shall wear a black ribbon.
 - d) Gold plated discs shall be worn by all Past Kennel Officers and bear the name of the highest office held and the fiscal year of tenure.
 - e) Silver plated discs shall be worn by all Past Pack and Pound Officers and shall be similarly inscribed as to the highest Pack or Pound office held and fiscal year of tenure.
 - f) All other members of the order shall wear the plain metal disc.



These Devil Dog Items are those that affect the Marine Corps League authorized Uniforms; for complete information contact your Pound Keeper.

End of Lesson Plan 4