Introduction to MCJROTC Uniforms

LE-I/II
Northridge HS
Purpose

This lesson provides an overview of the various Marine Corps uniforms and today’s MCJROTC uniforms.
After the lesson, Cadets will:

- Be able to describe the different Marine Corps and MCJROTC uniforms.
- Be able to identify the insignia and devices worn on the MCJROTC uniform.
Cadets will also be able to demonstrate:

- Proper wear of the utility uniform.
- Understanding of personal appearance & appropriate conduct while in uniform.
The word uniform comes from two Latin words * eius and * forma which mean *one form. *

From the earliest times soldiers in battle have needed a way to distinguish friend from foe.
Marine Corps uniforms are divided into three categories: **dress**, **service**, and **utility**.
The **dress uniform** is for parades, ceremonies, reviews, and official social occasions.

There are **six** categories of the dress uniforms:

- Blue Dress A
- Blue Dress B
- Blue Dress C
- Blue Dress D
- Blue-White Dress A/B
Dress Uniforms
Service Uniforms

- For most day to day activities Marines can wear what are termed “service” uniforms.
- There are three forms of service uniforms, designated A, B, and C.
Utility Uniforms

The utility uniform is the working uniform of Marines. It is authorized for daily wear on base (or campus), or when in the field for field type exercises and leadership camps.
Utility Uniforms
A distinctive MCJROTC round patch will be worn on left sleeve of all dress & service uniforms.
Awards are for publicly recognizing meritorious service and outstanding achievement that distinguishes an individual or unit from others.

- Marksmanship qualification badges will be awarded annually following qualification fire.
Questions
LE-I & II Cadets will wear the **utility uniform** once every week.

- The Utility Uniform should be washed each week, dried, and immediately hung up to prevent wrinkling.
Cadets are required to wear their uniform every **Thursday**, unless the instructors direct otherwise.

- If Cadets are not in school on a uniform day, they will be required to wear their uniforms on an alternate day.
  - **Excused absence**: Cadet must make up missed uniform day within one week of missed day for full credit.
  - **Unexcused absence**: Cadet must make up missed uniform day within one week for ½ credit.
  - **Get all absences cleared (excused)!!!**
Occasion for Wear

- While in the Utility Uniform, Cadets are not permitted to wear them around town unless authorized by the SMI. They are to be worn to and from school only.
  - Exception to this will be for organizational training/events taking place outside of school, and for wear to/from lunch on school days.

- Uniform parts will not be worn with civilian clothes.
Wear of Covers

- The Utility Cover will be worn sitting flat on the top of the head.
  - Female hair style will not interfere with its wear.

- While outside, Cadets will wear their cover and salute all officers.
  - While inside, Cadets will remove their covers.
Web Belt Wear

- The tan web belt will extend **2-4 inches** past the buckle to the wearer's left.

- Right edge of buckle should align with fly and shirt edge
  - “Gig Line”
Socks & Boots

- Tan boot laces will be worn and will be laced left over right.
- Cadets will be issued black or tan socks for wear with the Utility Uniform.
- Trousers will be bloused using Boot Bands.
  - Worn above or at the top of the boots.
Rank Insignia

- Enlisted rank will be worn $1/2$ inch away from both sides of the collar with the Lamp of Learning facing inboard on each side.
Cadets are responsible for these uniforms and they will be collected at the end of the school-year.

Uniform items are property of the US Government.

- Fine slips will be issued for items not turned-in.
The required physical training (PT) uniform consist of the green MCJROTC shorts and a standard green undershirt.

- USMC Sweats for cold weather.
- Unit PT shirts may be worn at the discretion of the SMI.
Being “Out of Uniform”

- Being **out of uniform** refers to unauthorized **mixing** of uniform combinations or with civilian clothing.

- Care must be taken to ensure fit, size, footwear, and other elements of your uniform conform to standards.

- All personnel will maintain a high standard of dress and appearance.
Uniforms should be carefully put on and buttoned.

When not worn, uniforms should be on hangers or folded to preserve their original shape.

Utility uniforms should be washed at the lowest possible temperature, dried and hung up. Pressing is an individual choice.

Wash PT uniforms in cold or warm water. Do not bleach.
Personal Appearance
Male Grooming
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Female Hair

Longest hair - 1-inch from scalp

Shortest hair
1/4-inch from scalp, but may be graduated to the hair line

Bottom edge of collar

Less than 1-inch difference in length from front to back

Max. 2 Inches

Max. 3 Inches

Bottom edge of collar

Buns may be no wider then the width of the head

Short Hair Length

Medium Hair Length

Long Hair Length

Bulk of Hair
Female Hair

**SIZE OF BUN AND BANGS**

Hair buns can extend no further than 3 inches from the scalp and can be no wider than the head. Bangs must not cover the line of sight.
Piercings

- MCJROTC Cadets are prohibited from attaching, affixing or displaying objects, articles, jewelry or ornamentation to, through or under their skin, tongue or any other body part.

- **Gauges NOT authorized**

- **No earrings authorized in utility uniform**

- Females are permitted to wear small, polished, ball or round stud **earrings** while in **Dress uniforms**.
  - One earring per ear.
Make-up

- **Cosmetics**, if worn, will be applied conservatively and will complement the individual's complexion tone.
  - Exaggerated or faddish cosmetic styles are inappropriate with the uniform and will not be worn.

- **Colored nail polish** is not authorized for wear with the utility uniform.
  - French Manicures OK
Cadets will brush their teeth and clean their ears & fingernails.

Male Cadets will shave regularly.
Cadets will set the example for the rest of the NHS student body by following the proper dress code on non-uniform days.
Cadets will not eat or drink while **walking** in uniform.

Cadets will not **chew gum** at anytime while in uniform.
Cadets will not talk on a cell phone or text while *walking* in uniform.
Pockets

- Cadets will not put their hands in their pockets while in uniform except to remove something from their pocket.
Cadets will not use **foul language** or **wrestle/play** while in uniform.

Cadets will not have visible **writing on their skin** while in uniform.
Cadets will greet their fellow Cadets in a polite and friendly manner, and treat everyone in a respectful manner.

Cadets will render the appropriate greetings when passing the SMI/MI.
Cadets will not display gestures of affection while in uniform. This applies to holding hands, kissing, embracing or other forms of intimate behavior.

- These are private matters and should be done in private.
Jewelry in Uniform

- Jewelry will not be worn in uniform unless it is a religious medallion or approved by SMI/MI.

- Conservative rings, watches, & memorial bracelets okay.

  - If in question, ask SMI/MI
Police one another to ensure only the highest standards are maintained.
What you will be issued...

- Utility Blouse
- Utility Trousers
- Utility Cover
- Boots
- Black or tan socks
- Boot bands
- Web belt w/ buckle
- Green T-shirt
- MCJROTC PT Shorts
- Seabag (optional)
- Locker (if needed)
The Marine Corps is the only service that permits Cadets to wear the exact same uniform as their service members. **Cadets** must remember that they represent the Marine Corps and the Marines who serve our country, and they represent over 240 years of Marine Corps traditions of pride and respect.