



Marines

This will be my final report as National Sr.Vice Commandant, it will be brief.

As I traveled around the league this past year I've noticed a few things that seem to be prevalent with a number of Detachments and their members. They are not filing their 990's, not getting put under a 501(c)4 under the National umbrella of 0955, with a deductibility of 1. The attitude seems to be we don't have to change, or we will do what we want.

The other problem is the proper wearing of our uniforms. Again the attitude is we'll do and wear what we want. We all know the only required uniform is our cover. However if you are going to wear any of the other uniforms, undress, or casual you will wear them properly or not at all. If you are wearing the undress with white s/s or long sleeve you wear one patch on each shoulder, Marine Corps League patch on the left and the reverse American flag OR the Devil Dog patch on the right shoulder and ribbons (DOD OR MCL) nothing else.

If you are wearing the casual red blazer there are no sunburst, the pocket badge or three large medals (DOD or MCL), there are NO ribbons worn on the red blazer. Formal wear, tuxedo shirt , bow tie, gold sash or vest then you can wear mini-medals. If you can not wear your uniforms properly I strongly advise you to wear proper civilian attire with your cover. If you are not in the proper uniform you will not be allowed to enter any meetings.

The more I learn about our new CMC I can assure you he will not accept us as a viable Marine Corps veterans organization if we are all dressed in different uniforms and looking like a rag tag group. We want the Marine Corps to accept us as their go to organization when they need something then we have to look squared away in order to

represent the Marine Corps. It's not hard Marines, the uniform code is in by-laws/AP just follow what it says.

Department and Detachment Commandants the responsibility falls directly on your shoulders to make sure your members are properly dressed and squared away. It makes us look totally unorganized as an organization when we have a group either in red blazers or just white shirts and everyone with different articles on it. We need to square our stuff away and everyone wearing what they are supposed to wear and wearing it properly.

Semper Fidelis

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