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To: Chief Operating Officer / Executive Director, Marine Corps League

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RE: Proposed Administrative Procedure Change

MCL National Administrative Procedures: Enclosure (3) Three: MCL Uniform Manual – Renaming of MCL uniforms.

In accordance with Marine Corps League (MCL) National Administrative Procedures Manual, Section 10020, I submit the following proposal to change the name (classifications) of the MCL uniforms as identified in the *MCL National Administrative Procedures Manual: Enclosure 3 – MCL Uniform Manual*.

EXISTING name as referenced / printed in Enclosure 3: MCL Uniform Manual	PROPOSED name for Enclosure 3: MCL Uniform Manual	Notes
MCL Cover	MCL Garrison Cover	to make distinct call-out of this specific style of MCL cover; the garrison cover.
Casual – Red Blazer – Male	MCL Service Dress “A”	distinguish this as one, standard MCL uniform classification with the red blazer, white shirt, necktie / necktab, black trousers / slacks / skirt configuration; and, combine male and female, whether as regular members or associate member.
Casual – Red Blazer – Female		
Undress Long Sleeve – Male <i>(with black trousers / slacks)</i>	MCL Service Dress “B”	distinguish this as one, standard MCL uniform classification with the long-sleeve aviator shirt, black necktie / neck tab and black trousers / slacks / skirt uniform configuration; and, combine male and female, whether as regular members or associate member.
Undress – Long Sleeve – Female <i>(with black trousers / slacks / skirt)</i>		
Undress – Short Sleeve – Male <i>(with black trousers / slacks)</i>	MCL Service Dress “C”	distinguish this as one, standard MCL uniform classification with the short-sleeve aviator shirt, black trousers / slacks / skirt uniform configuration; and, combine male and female, whether as regular members or associate member.
Undress – Short Sleeve – Female <i>(with black trousers / slacks / skirt)</i>		
Undress Long Sleeve – Male <i>(with dress blue trousers / slacks)</i>	MCL Blue Dress “B”	distinguish this as one, standard MCL uniform classification with the long-sleeve aviator shirt, black necktie / neck tab and dress blue

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Undress – Long Sleeve – Female <i>(with dress blue trousers / slacks)</i>		trousers / slacks uniform configuration; and, combine male and female, whether as regular members or associate member.
Undress – Short Sleeve – Male <i>(with dress blue trousers / slacks)</i>	MCL Blue Dress “C”	distinguish this as one, standard MCL uniform classification with the short-sleeve aviator shirt and dress blue trousers / slacks uniform configuration; and, combine male and female, whether as regular members or associate member.
Undress – Short Sleeve – Female <i>(with dress blue trousers / slacks)</i>		
Formal Dress – Male	MCL Formal Dress	distinguish this as one, standard MCL uniform classification with the red blazer, tuxedo shirt, black bow tie / neck tab, black trousers / slacks / skirt, gold cummerbund / vest uniform configuration; and, combine male and female, whether as regular members or associate member.
Formal Dress – Female		
Formal Dress – Male	MCL Evening Dress	distinguish this as one, standard MCL uniform classification with the red waist-length jacket, tuxedo shirt, black bow tie / neck tab, black trousers / slacks / skirt (or dress blue trousers), gold cummerbund / vest uniform configuration; and, combine male and female, whether as regular members or associate member.
Formal Dress – Female		
Associate Member Uniform	strike this reference	Strike this classification as a separate reference

Rationale:

1. MCL cover (hat) name clarified to MCL Garrison Cover:

There are several covers implemented for wear for both active duty / reserve and non-active duty Marines; each with their own identifying name (example – dress cover, barracks cover, garrison cover, campaign cover, field cover, utility cover). Additionally, within the MCL, members will refer to their individual headgear (baseball cap, personal utility covers / sateen covers, etc.) as a cover. This proposed name change is to assure that when a MCL cover is identified, its identity / style / design is constant as the garrison cover.

2. MCL uniform name changes:

The purpose of this proposed change to distinctly identify the only authorized MCL cover, the ‘typical’ MCL cover (all colors) worn with the various MCL uniforms as the MCL ‘garrison’ cover when all formal references to this specific uniform attire is given. There is no other change being brought forward with this proposal.

There is no information available to the origination for the MCL Casual Uniform name; neither for the MCL nor for the USMC. As such its name may be confusing to the lay-member. The genesis of the USMC Undress uniform was confirmed in correspondence between USMC Commandant Archibald Henderson and the Secretary of the Navy Smith Thompson in May of 1821; however, the original Undress uniform is far different from the presentation by MCL uniform configuration. The combined reference of the Undress uniform, whether with black trousers / slacks / skirt or with dress blue trousers / slacks is beyond confusing for the general membership.

Similarly, the combined reference of the red blazer and the red waist-length jacket being referenced, both as the MCL Formal uniform, too, brings confusion and misunderstanding.

The intention of designating the respective MCL basic uniforms (with the black trousers / slacks / skirt) as the 'proposed' MCL Service Dress "A", MCL Service Dress "B" and MCL Service Dress "C" is to streamline the understanding and application of the MCL uniforms in such a manner that makes it easier for all MCL members, today and tomorrow to comprehend, interpret, and present correctly.

Furthermore, the naming of the subsequent MCL Blues Dress "B" and MCL Blue Dress "C" is to separate this uniform configuration from the similar black trousers / slacks / skirt configuration, which is currently all clumped together as the MCL Undress uniform.

The MCL uniform configuration is not changing, only the names and references of the MCL uniforms. By applying this name, it is intended to provide better guidance, clarity, understanding, and interpretation of all MCL uniforms that will also better assist in the correct prescribed uniform configuration and presentation.

Respectfully submitted,

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