

# **MCVA**



**MARINE CORPS  
VETERANS  
ASSOCIATION**

## **UNIFORM REGULATIONS HANDBOOK**

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The Uniform Regulations Handbook provides the requirements for proper wearing of the uniform and grooming standards. Members are expected to comply to these regulations at all occasions where they will be viewed by the public; every effort must be made to present an image of professionalism and pride in our Marine Corps Veterans Association.

#### UNIFORMS:

(See Figures 1, 1a, 1b for Casual uniform)

Casual – White polo shirt (with MCVA official embroidering)

(See Figure 2)

Navy blue garrison cover (with MCVA official embroidering) with anodized 1 ¼” eagle, globe and anchor emblem

(See Figures 3 and 3a)

Proper placement of name tags.

(See Figure 4)

Official MCVA name tag.

(See Figure 4a)

Black ratchet leather belt with USMC Buckle, worn 3 1/2”– 5” past end of buckle.

(See Figure 5)

Non-pleated navy blue cuffless trousers, tailored to ¼” above top of heel same as ceremonial uniform

(see figure 14) (Also see Figures 1, 1a, 1b)

Plain Black dress socks (no image)

Plain black oxford dress shoes. See (Figure 6) for authorized shoes available. All shoes should maintain a highly polish appearance at all time.

The optional the winter jacket is the only authorized jacket to be worn by members. and will be form fitting. The winter jacket will have the appropriate MCVA emblems positioned on shoulder straps ¾” from the armhole sleeve. (worn when weather conditions call for it) (See Figures 7, 7a)



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

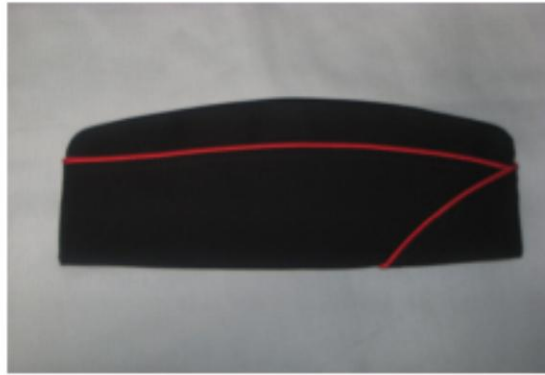


Figure 3a



Figure 4

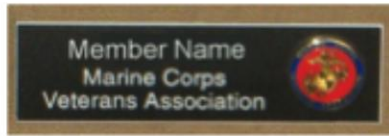


Figure 4a



Figure 5

**Military shoes available**

	<u>Make</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Price</u>
	Men's Executive Work shoes	Walmart	\$26.84
	Hi Gloss Datschle Oxfords	Vermont's bare Army Navy 1-800-443-7965	\$78.95
	Bates Durashocks High Gloss	CopShoes 1-886-280-0400 copshoes.com	\$58.95
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Figure 6



Figure 7

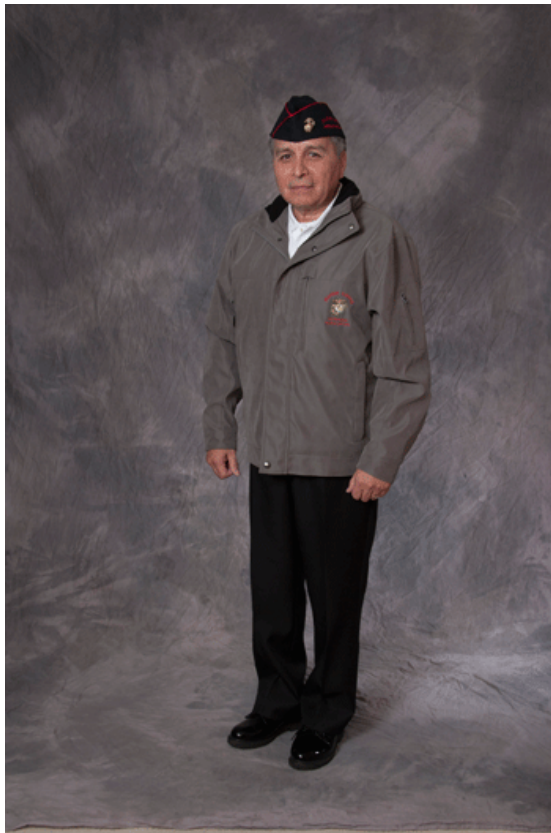


Figure 7a

(See Figures 8, 8a, 8b for ceremonial uniform)

Ceremonial - Navy blue garrison cover (with MCVA official embroidering) with 1 ¼” anodized globe, eagle and anchor emblem (See Figures 9 & 9a)

Short sleeve khaki shirt with American flag and MCVA patches. (See Figure 10)

Official MCVA name tag worn centered ¼” above right pocket of khaki shirt. (See Figure 10)

MCVA collar emblems worn on left and right collars with anchors turned inboard. See (Figure 11) for proper placement.

Shirt stays (See Figure 12)

Official MCVA name tag. (See Figure 13)

Web belt with brass buckle worn with 2 ¾”– 3 ¾” between buckle and end of belt (See Figure 14)

White crew neck T shirt (no image)

Bates or other approved highly gloss plain black oxford shoes (See Figure 15)

Dress blue trousers with NCO red stripe, tailored to ¼” above top of heel. (See Figures 8, 8a, 8b & 15)

Plain Black dress socks (no image)

(Optional) USMC winter jacket with appropriate MCVA emblems positioned on shoulder straps ¾” from the armhole seam. (worn when weather conditions call for it) (See Figures 7, 7a and 16)

Authorized DoD or MCVA ribbons (optional)  
(See Figure 17)





Figure 8



Figure 9

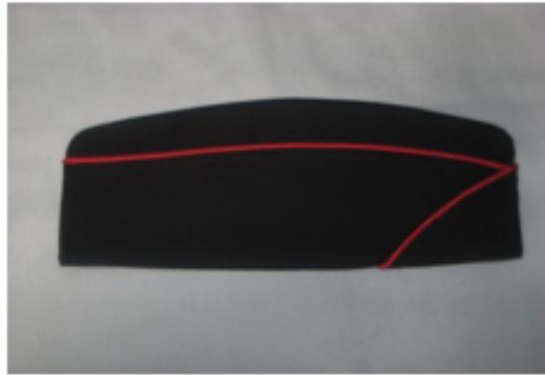


Figure 9a



Figure 10

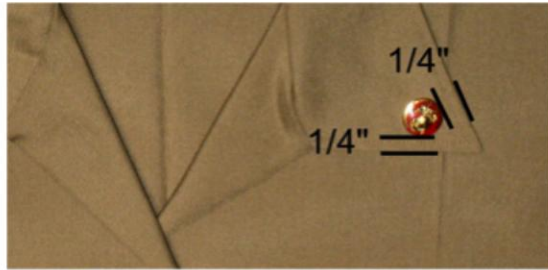


Figure 11



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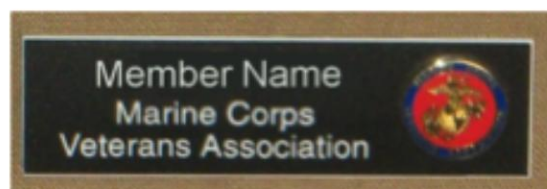


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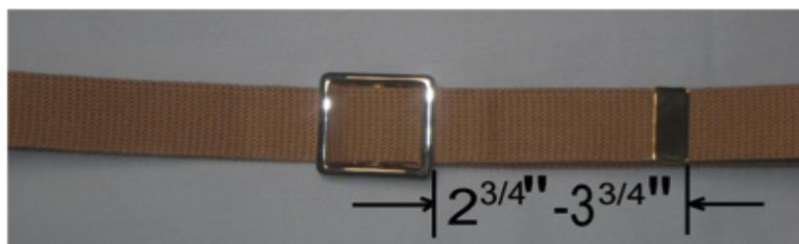


Figure 14



Figure 15



Figure 16

Former members of the Marine Corps who served honorably during a declared or undeclared war and whose most recent service was terminated under honorable conditions (this means an honorable or general discharge) may wear the uniform in the highest grade held during such war service only upon the following occasions and in the course of travel thereto:

- (1) Military funerals, memorial services, weddings, and inaugurations.
- (2) Parades on national or state holidays, or other parades or ceremonies of a patriotic character in which any active or reserve United States military unit is taking part.

Wearing of the uniform or any part thereof at any other time or for any purpose is prohibited.

Note: Personnel serving as Honor Guard or Color Guard must meet all of these prescribed ceremonial uniform regulations without exception. Additional accessories may be added to these Honor Guard/Color Guard uniform requirements as authorized by the MCVA.

**AWARD RIBBONS** - Ribbons awarded during active or reserve duty or authorized MCVA ribbons may only be worn on the ceremonial uniform. DoD and MCVA ribbons should never be worn together. DoD ribbons shall be worn over the left breast pocket of the khaki shirt and arranged in the Order of Precedence as prescribed in Attachment "A". The most distinguished ribbons are to be first to the wearers right on the holding bar and others following in the prescribed sequence. (See figure 17)

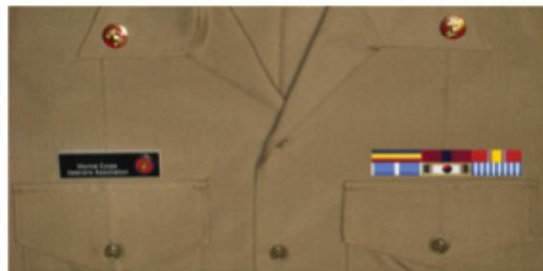


Figure 17

PATCHES - Marine Corps Veterans Association 3” authorized patch (left sleeve)  
American flag reversed field with white border 3” x 2” (right sleeve) (See Figure 18)

Patches are to be attached to the khaki shirt 3” below the shoulder seam. (See Figure 19)

EMBLEMS - GARRISON COVER:

1 ¼” Brass USMC globe, eagle and anchor worn on the left side at the grommet location.  
(See Figures 9, 9a)

EMBLEMS - KHAKI CEREMONIAL SHIRT:

Authorized MCVA collar emblems worn on left and right collars with anchors turned inboard. (See Figure 11)

EMBROIDERY - GARRISON COVER:

Marine Corps Veterans Association name in red on left side of cover. (See Figure 20)

EMBROIDERY - WHITE POLO SHIRT:

Marine Corps Veterans Association uniform logo in authorized colors and design on the left breast. (See Figure 3)



Figure 18



Figure 19





Figure 20

Name tags - Name tags will consist of the members name with Marine Corps Veterans Association below. The name tag will have the MCVA lapel pin attached following the members name. Name tags shall be worn on the right breast of the white polo shirt and centered and level with the MCVA logo, ¼” and centered over the right pocket of the khaki ceremonial shirt and over the left breast of the tanker jacket. (See Figure 4 for casual uniform, Figure 17 for ceremonial uniform & Figures 7 or 16 for tanker jack

PERSONAL ARTICLES - Personal articles are not to be worn exposed while in uniforms. (excluding watches and rings) Cellular phones and pagers, etc. are not to be worn with the authorized uniform. When sunglasses are worn the frames should be in keeping with Marine Corps standards and conservative in design.

Personal grooming - Hair should be kept neatly trimmed. Although hair length will not be stipulated it should be kept in a manner that would not detract from the appearance we wish to portray as former Marines. Any hair style which is eccentric and not keeping with the conservative Marine Corps mind-set is not acceptable while in uniform. Facial hair will be allowed but should be kept properly trimmed when in uniform. Chest hair should not protrude in an unsightly manner above the collar of the white polo or khaki shirt. Male Marine veterans are not allowed to wear any body piercing which are visible while in uniform. Women Marine veterans are permitted to wear studded earrings & makeup while in uniform but not to be eccentric and detract from the Marine Corps Veterans Association uniform. Active Marines must adhere to Marine Corps standards. Good judgment is the key to the enforcement of these standards.

Personnel serving as Honor Guard or Color Guard will be held to a higher standard of personal grooming than prescribed above.

#### FINAL NOTE REGARDING WEARING OF THE MCVA UNIFORM

MCVA uniforms are authorized for wearing only at MCVA sanctioned events, and while traveling to or from such events.

We should always attempt to portray an image of professionalism when conducting MCVA official business while in or out of uniform, with this in mind these regulations were written as a guide. When in uniform any inappropriate behavior would reflect adversely on the reputation of the Marine Corps Veterans Association.











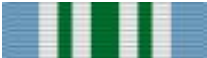






We should wear our uniform with the same pride we had during our days of military service Always remember, we are the few, the proud, the Marine Corps Veterans Association.

# MARINE CORPS VETERANS ASSOCIATION ORDER OF DISPLAY/WEAR

## Attachment "A"

### DOD Ribbons

This display represents the correct order of precedence of ribbons to be worn on the Marine Corps Veterans Association uniforms. Devices worn on these ribbons must be worn in a specific manner and are used to denote additional awards or participation.

	Medal of Honor
	Navy Cross Medal
	Defense Distinguished Service Medal
	Silver Star Medal
	Defense Superior Service Medal
	Legion of Merit Medal
	Distinguished Flying Cross
	Navy and Marine Corps Medal
	Bronze Star Medal
	Purple Heart Medal
	Defense Meritorious Service Medal
	Meritorious Service Medal
	Air Medal
	Joint Service Commendation Medal
	Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal
	Joint Service Achievement Medal
	Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal
	Combat Action Ribbon
	Presidential Unit Citation
	Joint Meritorious Unit Award



Navy Unit Commendation



Meritorious Unit Commendation



Navy "E" Ribbon



Prisoner of War Medal



Good Conduct Medal



Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal



Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal



Navy Expeditionary Medal



China Service Medal



American Defense Service Medal



American Campaign Medal



Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal



European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal



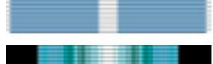
World War II Victory Medal



Navy Occupation Service Medal



National Defense Service Medal



Korean Service Medal



Antarctica Service Medal



Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal



Vietnam Service Medal



Southwest Asia Service



Kosovo Campaign Medal



Afghanistan Campaign Medal



Iraq Campaign Medal



Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal



Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal



Global War on Terror Service Medal



Korea Defense Service Medal



Armed Forces Service Medal



Humanitarian Service Medal



Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal



Navy and Marine Corps Sea Service Deployment Ribbon



Navy Arctic Service Ribbon



Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon



Armed Forces Reserve Medal



Marine Corps Reserve Ribbon



Philippine Presidential Unit Citation



Re[public of Korea Presidential Unit Citation



Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation



Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross



Vietnam Civil Actions Medal



United Nations Korean Service Medal



United Nations Medal



NATO Medal (Former Yugoslavia)



NATO Medal (Kosovo)



Inter-American Defense Board Medal



Multinational Force and Observers Medal



Vietnam Campaign Medal



Kuwait Liberation Medal



Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait)



Republic of Korea War Service Medal

## Marine Corps Veterans Association Awards

Awards are to be given for members in good standing in accordance with the By-Laws of the Marine Corps Veterans Association as amended. They are to be awarded on a yearly basis with the recommendations of a Awards committee. However, these recommendations may be overturned by a majority vote of the MCVA officers in a private session. All recommended awards must be submitted on the proper form for each award. Detachment awards shall be given at the detachment level. Detachments shall submit recommendations for State awards for approval by the State headquarters. State headquarters shall submit recommendations for National awards for approval by the National headquarters. The ribbons being chosen will only be awarded to regular members of the MCVA, associate members are not eligible.

Requirements for receiving awards and required forms can be found in MCVA Administrative Procedure MCVA AP-10. The specifics for wearing of awards can be found in the MCVA Uniform Regulations Handbook.

### MCVA Ribbons

	Detachment Marine of the Year
	Detachment Recruiter of the Year
	Detachment Commanding Officer
	Membership
	Detachment Achievement
	Honor Guard
	Color Guard
	State Marine of the Year
	State Recruiter of the Year
	National Marine of the Year
	National Recruiter of the Year

Membership awards will be represented by the following uninterrupted membership:

- (2) years membership (1) bronze star
- (5) years membership (2) bronze stars
- (10) years membership (3) bronze stars
- (20) years membership (1) gold star
- (30) years membership (1) silver star

When multiple awards are given to an individual for the same category the following colored devices will be used:

2<sup>nd</sup> award = bronz    3<sup>rd</sup> award = gold    4<sup>th</sup> award = silver





Any award received after the 4th will still be designated by a single silver device.

The following devices will be worn for multiple awards given to an individual:

National Marine of the year = globe/eagle/anchors

National Recruiter of the year = globe/eagle/anchor

State Marine of the year = globe/eagle/anchor

State Recruiter of the year = stars

Detachment CO award (per term) = stars

Detachment Marine of the year = stars

Detachment Recruiter of the year = stars

Detachment Honor Guard award = stars

Detachment Color Guard award = stars

Detachment Achievement award = stars

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1. National Marine of the year
2. State Marine of the year
3. Detachment Marine of the year
4. National Recruiter of the year
5. State Recruiter of the year
6. Detachment Recruiter of the year
7. Honor Guard Award
8. Color Guard Award
9. Commanding Officer Award
10. Membership Award
11. Detachment Achievement

The wearing of ribbons will coincide with those prescribed by the Department of Defense with the exception of Order of Precedence.