

**New Member Handbook**  
**Hiram I. Bearss- MCL Detachment #089**



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**There is no such thing as an “Ex-Marine!”**



## **THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

### **Mission Statement**

Members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy, voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines, FMF Corpsmen and former Marines and FMF Corpsmen and to their widows and orphans; and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

### **History**

The Marine Corps League perpetuates the traditions and spirit of ALL Marines and Navy FMF Corpsmen, who proudly wear or who have worn the eagle, globe and anchor of the Corps. It takes great pride in crediting its founding in 1923 to World War I hero, then Major General Commandant John A. Lejeune. It takes equal pride in its Federal Charter, approved by An Act of the Seventy-Fifth Congress of the United States of America and signed and approved by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on August 4, 1937. The League is the only Federally Chartered Marine Corps related veterans organization in the country. Since its earliest days, the Marine Corps League has enjoyed the support and encouragement of the active duty and Reserve establishments of the U. S. Marine Corps. Today, the League boasts a membership of more than 76,000 men and women, officer and enlisted, active duty, Reserve Marines, honorably discharged Marine Veterans and qualified Navy FMF Corpsmen and is one of the few Veterans Organizations that experiences increases in its membership each year.

The Marine Corps League is headed by an elected National Commandant, with 14 elected National Staff Officers who serve as trustees. The National Board of Trustees coordinates the efforts of 49 department, or state, entities and the activities of over 1100 community-based detachments located throughout the United States and overseas. The day-to-day operations of the League are under the control of the National Executive Director with the responsibility for the management and direction of all programs, activities, and affairs of the Marine Corps League as well as supervising the

National Headquarters staff.

The prime authority of the League is derived from its Congressional charter and from its annual National Convention held each August in different major U.S. cities throughout the nation. It is a not-for-profit organization within the provisions of the Internal Revenue Service Code 501(c) (4), with a special group exemption letter which allows for contributions to the Marine Corps League, its Auxiliary and subsidiary units, to be tax deductible by the donor.

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**Welcome to the Hiram I. Bearss  
Marine Corps League  
Detachment #089**



**As a member of this detachment, you have rights and responsibilities that go along with your membership oath. We are a fraternal organization of Marines & FMF Corpsman, active and inactive duty joining together in fellowship. We gather to fraternize, aide other Marines and their families, and carry on the history, tradition and ritual of the Marine Corps. We strive to serve as good citizens, as we have served our nation under arms. We promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy.**

**You have made the first step towards these ideals by becoming a member of the Detachment and the Marine Corps League. Welcome Aboard. You will get out of your membership what you put into it.**

**We are an active unit involved in many functions and you are welcome to become involved in all of them.**

**Don't just be a dues paying member. Get the joy of camaraderie in banding with your fellow Marines. This booklet will give you a start in learning about the League. If you have questions, seek out an Officer. Introduce yourself and become involved. All of these suggestions will make your membership something you will be proud of and proud to call yourself a member.**

**Semper Fi  
The Staff of Hiram I Bearss Detachment 089**

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## About this Detachment:

This Detachment is named after the first U.S. Marine MEDAL OF HONOR recipient from Indiana, BGen. Hiram I. Bearss, USMC. The Marine Corps League has been serving Indianapolis since the 1920's when Major General John A. LeJeune, Commandant USMC first formed the MARINE CORPS LEAGUE in 1923, and subsequently incorporated in 1937. This first Indianapolis Detachment was known as the LEO LITZE DETACHMENT, named after a WWI Marine Hero, and held meetings above the OHIO THEATER. The LEO LITZE DETACHMENT served Indianapolis Marines for many years as a source of camaraderie and support for the widows and orphans of Marines. This service for and with Marines continued when the detachment was chartered again on 10 JUNE 1953 as the CAPITAL CITY DETACHMENT and served Marines in the Indianapolis area for almost twenty years, when it closed in the early seventies. But the Esprit De Corps continued to be strong and the detachment was chartered anew in APRIL 1973 as the HIRAM I. BEARSS DETACHMENT and has been serving central Indiana Marines ever since.

*The Hiram I. Bearss Detachment of the Marine Corps League, [www.IndyMarines.org](http://www.IndyMarines.org), is a non-profit organization within the provisions of IRS Code 501(c)4 with a special group exemption letter which allows for contributions to be tax deductible by the donor.*

## Hierarchy of the League:



### National Level-

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### **Department Level-**

Each State is headed by Department Commandant and an elected group of Officers, and has a Department level set of By-Laws which cannot conflict with National by-laws.



### **Detachment Level-**

Each Detachment is head by a Detachment Commandant and an elected Group of Officers and has a Detachment level set of By-Laws that cannot conflict with Department or National By-Laws.

# Department of Indiana

Detachment Locations (As of 2/01/2011)  
With Division Designations Adopted 10/12/2009

## KEY

### Division 1

- A – Calumet (Griffith)
- B – Howlin' Mad (Hobart)
- C – Dunes Leathernecks (Valparaiso)
- D - St. Joseph Valley (South Bend)
- U – Michiana Marines

### Division 2

- E - Ft. Miami (Fort Wayne)

### Division 3

- No Detachments

### Division 4

- F – David M. Shoup (Lafayette)
- G - Frankfort (Frankfort)
- H - Albert E. Shockey (Kokomo)

### Division 5

- I - Tripoli (Marion)
- J - Mounds (Anderson)
- K – Eagle, Globe & Anchor (Muncie)
- L – Whitewater Valley (Richmond)

### Division 6

- M – Joseph A. Bray (Terre Haute)

### Division 7

- N – James P. Farber (Avon)
- O – Hiram I. Bearss (Indianapolis)
- U – Morgan County (Martinsville)

### Division 8

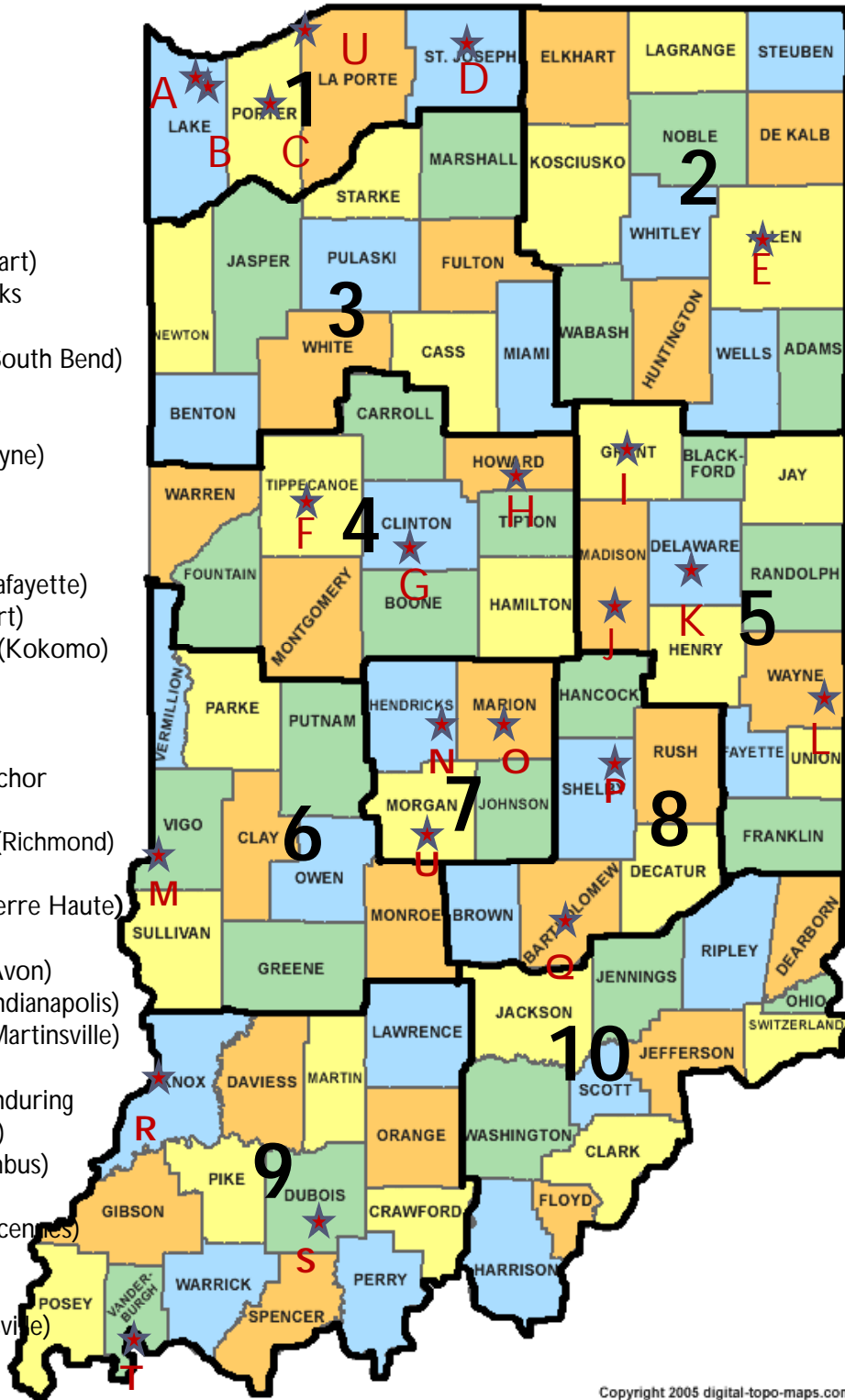
- P – Wortman/Lowe Enduring Freedom (Morristown)
- Q – Columbus (Columbus)

### Division 9

- R – Knox County (Vincennes)
- S – Southern Indiana Leathernecks (Jasper)
- T – River Cities (Evansville)

### Division 10

- No Detachments



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★ Detachment Location

## **Elected Detachment Officers & Duties:**

### **Commandant-**

- 1) Call Staff meetings and appoint committees.
- 2) Preside over all membership and Staff meetings.
- 3) Approve or disapprove all orders of the Paymaster for disbursement of Detachment funds.
- 4) Enforce the observance of all provisions of National, Department and Detachment by-laws.
- 5) Direct all officers and members with orders not in conflict with the bylaws and administrative procedures of National, the Department, and the Detachment.
- 6) Act as the sole contracting authority for the Detachment
- 7) Authorize awards
- 8) Perform other such duties as directed by the Department or National.

#### Representation.

- 1) The Commandant shall represent this Detachment at all social functions, ceremonies, and at civilian and community events.
- 2) The Commandant shall represent the Detachment at Department and National conventions and other gatherings and events sanctioned by the Marine Corps League.

### **Senior Vice-Commandant-**

- 1) Aid and assist the Commandant as directed.
- 2) Perform the duties required by the Ritual at membership meetings.
- 3) Preside over membership and Staff meetings in the absence of the Commandant.

#### Representation.

The Senior Vice-Commandant shall represent the Detachment in the absence of the Commandant.

### **Junior Vice-Commandant-**

- 1) Aid and assist the Commandant as directed.
- 2) Oversee membership programs to ensure continued growth of the Detachment.
- 3) Serve on the awards committee.

#### Representation.

The Junior Vice-Commandant shall represent the Detachment at official functions as requested by the Commandant and in the absence of the Senior Vice-Commandant.

### **Adjutant-**

- 1) Maintain a record of the Detachment proceedings and report the minutes at each membership meeting.
- 2) Notify the membership of special meetings.
- 3) Submit annual membership and election reports to National.
- 4) Prepare for the last regular membership meeting during his/her term of office, a written report showing, at the beginning of his/her term and at the end of his/her term, the numbers initiated, delinquent, reinstated, suspended and expelled, withdrawn, transferred, and deceased, and the total current resulting membership in good standing.
- 5) Aid and assist the Commandant as directed.

#### Exception

Office of the Adjutant may be combined with Office of the Paymaster

### **Paymaster-**

- 1) Maintain a true accounting of all Detachment funds, accounts, securities, and financial instruments.
- 2) Collect and record all Detachment membership fees and annual dues, and all income generated by Detachment activities.
- 3) Establish and maintain deposits in the name of the Detachment for Detachment securities and funds in a financial institution approved by the Trustees.
- 4) Establish and monitor procedures that require signatures of both the Paymaster and the Commandant on all checks.
- 5) Submit an annual audited financial report regarding the use and disbursement of Detachment funds.
- 6) Develop and publish a budget at the end of each fiscal year, or as agreed upon by the Trustees.
- 7) Submit to an inspection and/or audit of the books upon reasonable notice.
- 8) Deliver a report of Detachment financial activities to be considered at the regular monthly membership meeting.
- 9) Advise the Commandant and the Trustees on the sound uses of Detachment funds.

#### **Exception.**

Office of the Paymaster may be combined with Office of the Adjutant

### **Judge Advocate-**

- 1) Act as arbiter in matters of any point of law and order regarding the Detachment and its meetings.
- 2) Maintain all charters, articles of incorporation, by-laws, and other legal papers that relate to the Detachment and update the same as required.
- 3) To be knowledgeable of Detachment, Department, and National bylaws, regulations and provisions, and to research the same as requested by the Commandant.
- 4) Advise the Commandant and the Detachment regarding legal issues affecting the Detachment.
- 5) Perform the other duties assigned to the Judge Advocate in the Bylaws, including the review of proposed contracts and proposed amendments to the Bylaws, and the investigation of ineligibility of a member.

### **Chaplain-**

- 1) Serve as a spiritual advisor to the membership.
- 2) Offer prayers at all membership meetings, ceremonies and rituals of the Marine Corps League.
- 3) Visit the sick and comfort the distressed members and their families and report such visits at the regular membership meeting.
- 4) Track the death of members and report such to Department and National.

### **Sergeant-at-Arms-**

- 1) Prepare the hall for the monthly meeting of the membership.
- 2) Track and record all attendance at the membership meetings.
- 3) Determine the eligibility of those present to sit in the meetings and participate as members in good standing.
- 4) Identify and introduce special guests and visiting Marines at the membership meeting.

- 5) Be familiar with the ritual and the handling of the Bible and the Colors.
- 6) Aid and assist the Commandant as directed.

**Trustees.**

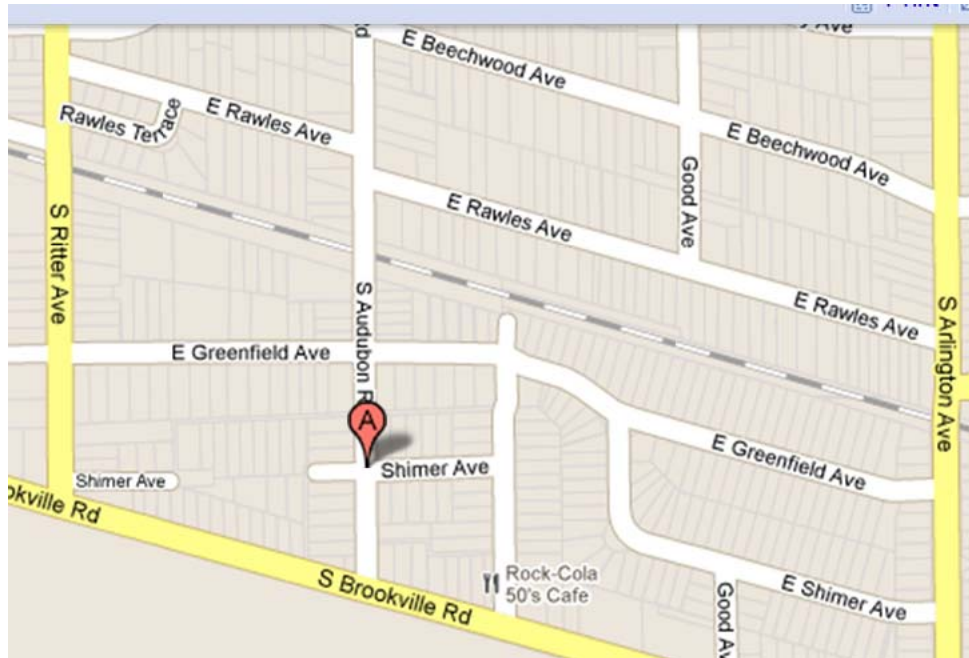
- 1) The Commandant, Senior Vice-Commandant, Junior Vice-Commandant, Paymaster, Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Sgt at Arms, and Chaplain shall, upon their installation, constitute the Board of Trustees { not exceed nine Trustees } of this Detachment and shall fulfill their obligations as specified in the Bylaws with a high degree of care for the business of this Detachment and the interests of its membership.
- 2) The immediately preceding Commandant who has left office shall be known as the “Junior Past Commandant” and shall serve as a Trustee until that title passes to the Commandant upon leaving office

**Appointed Officers-**

- a) **Historian.** The Historian shall maintain a historical record of the Detachment's activities for presentation at Department and National conventions.
- b) **Legislative Officer.** The Legislative Officer shall stay abreast of current legislative proposals that concern The United States Marine Corps, The Marine Corps League, national defense, veterans programs and benefits and any other legislation that may be of interest to the Detachment.
- c) **Parade Officer.** The Parade Officer shall correlate information, times, and places of parades for Detachment participation.
- d) **Public Relations Officer.** The Public Relations Officer shall issue press releases and increase favorable publicity of the Detachment and its activities
- e) **Quartermaster.** The Quartermaster shall maintain the ship's stores of professional merchandise.
- f) **Stars and Stripes Officer.** The Stars and Stripes Officer shall promote the recognition and sale of the American flag and the Marine Corps Colors.
- g) **Young Marines Liaison.** The Young Marines Liaison shall serve as liaison with the Young Marines Detachment.
- h) **Veterans Services Officer.** The Veterans Service Officer shall lend aid and assistance to distressed Marines, veterans, their dependents, widows or widowers upon request in securing the benefits that they are entitled to by law and regulation.

OATH OF OFFICE	COMMENTS
I do solemnly swear that I will bear true Allegiance to the United States of America and to the Marine Corps League; that I will enforce and uphold, and will myself obey, the laws of the League; I shall ever bear in mind the purposes for which, and the principles upon which the Marine Corps League and the Detachment were founded.	You declare your <u>commitment</u> to our country <u>and</u> to the Marine Corps League. You will read/understand <u>and</u> enforce and obey the Bylaws and policies of the League, Department and Detachment. You will constantly remind yourself and the membership of the founding principles set forth by General Lejeune for the League and make them part of your Detachment objectives and programs.
I will subordinate myself to the best interests of my fellow Marines and the Marine Corps League, and will never personally benefit at the expense of the League or my Detachment in the slightest degree.	You will subordinate yourself to the best interest of fellow Marines and the League. Your service to the Detachment will be unselfish, serving only to promulgate the League and your Detachment.
At the termination of my tour of duty, I will surrender my office to my duly elected or appointed successor, accounting for any property that may have been entrusted to my care or custody.	You will maintain a record of your activities and contacts and pass this information, with any other Detachment property on to your successor.
All this I solemnly swear, so help me God.	This is a solemn oath of commitment to serve your Detachment and the League made before God and the members of your Detachment.

## Meeting Time , Place & Ritual



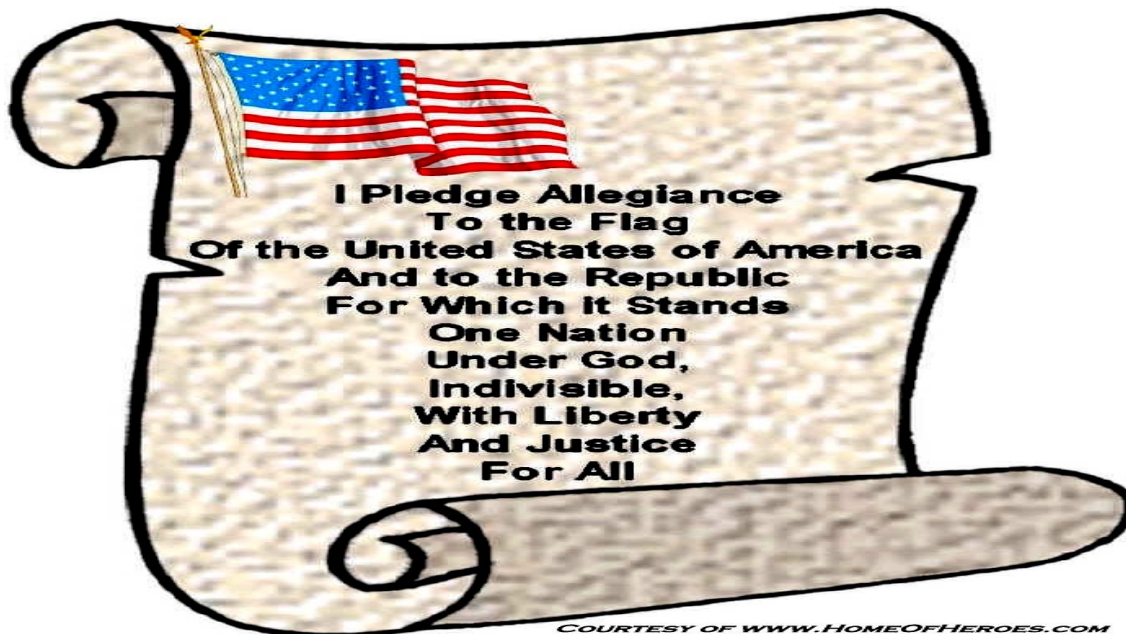
***550 South Audubon Road***

***Indianapolis, IN 46219***

***317-546-7228***

***Membership Meetings are the 2nd Thursday each Month @ 1900***

***Staff Meetings are the 4th Thursday of each Month @1800***



**Order of Business for an MCL Meeting:**

Meeting called to Order- Post Colors- ***Pledge of Allegiance***  
Officer Roll Call  
Recognition of Guests  
New Membership Applications  
Reading of Previous Months Minutes  
Correspondence  
Paymasters Report  
Report of Sick and Distressed  
Report of Officers  
Reports from Committees  
Unfinished Business  
New Business  
Good of the League  
Motion to Adjourn- ***Singing of Marine Hymn***  
Adjourn Meeting

**Marine Hymn**

**From the Halls of Montezuma,  
To the shores of Tripoli;  
We fight our country's battles  
In the air, on land, and sea;  
First to fight for right and freedom  
And to keep our honor clean;  
We are proud to claim the title  
Of United States Marine.**

**Our flag's unfurled to every breeze  
From dawn to setting sun;  
We have fought in every clime and place  
Where we could take a gun;  
In the snow of far-off Northern lands  
And in sunny tropic scenes;  
You will find us always on the job  
The United States Marines.**

**Here's health to you and to our Corps  
Which we are proud to serve;  
In many a strife we've fought for life  
And never lost our nerve;  
If the Army and the Navy  
Ever look on Heaven's scenes;  
They will find the streets are guarded  
By United States Marines.**

## MCL UNIFORMS

While not required to wear a uniform, to attend League functions and meetings, wearing one identifies you as a member of the Marine Corps League.... One of the few, the proud... a member of the Brotherhood. I therefore suggest you purchase whatever items you can afford, In an effort to gain some semblance of uniformity in our appearance. **Purchasing of all items is not required, but a Cover would give you your basic uniform needs.** Items may be purchased at our ships store from the Quartermaster.

Semper Fi,  
Commandant- Hiram I. Bearss- Detachment 089

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### The Red Cap with the gold cover ornament:



Or for Associates

**The minimum Marine Corps League uniform is the Basic Cover.** While wearing the Basic Cover, you are considered in uniform and under arms. The Basic Cover is the single most important part of the uniform, without which, no other part is authorized to be worn. The right side can be embroidered at the bottom with the Detachment name using the same size font as the left side. **NO OTHER PINS, OR ATTACHMENTS CAN BE PLACED ON THE MCL COVER EXCEPT OFFICERS STRIPS & LIFE MEMBER STRIPS & Devil Dog Patch if Authorized** (these can also be embroidered).

### The Undress Uniform – Short Sleeve:



OR



OR



OR



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 the Undress Uniforms, but wearing the black belt & buckle. The same shoes and socks are worn with both Undress Uniforms.

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 or Associate Patch is worn on the left shoulder, centered on the crease, 1-1/2" down from the shoulder seam. The Field Forward American Flag patch will be worn on the right shoulder, centered on the crease, 1-1/2" down from the shoulder seam. The Sunburst Insignias or MCL pins for Associates 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 can't be mixed. Ribbons are to be worn in rows not exceeding four ribbons per row, for multiple awards. If the top row has fewer ribbons than the lower rows, they are to be centered on the lower rows. No tie is worn.

### Undress Uniform- Long Sleeve:



**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 patch** will be worn on the right shoulder, centered on the crease, 1-1/2" down from the shoulder seam. **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 can't be mixed. Ribbons are to be worn in rows not exceeding four ribbons per row, for multiple awards. If the top row has fewer ribbons than the lower rows, they are to be centered on the lower rows. The tie and tie bar are worn. All other uniform items are the same as the Undress Short Sleeve Uniform.****

This uniform is worn during the colder months.

## The Casual uniform:



### The Red Blazer

There will be two (2) MCL buttons on the front of the blazer and three (3) MCL buttons on each sleeve. 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.

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 name tag is not worn with this uniform. Up to 3 Large DOD or MCL medals can be worn on the red blazer. Sunburst insignias 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 only miniature medals may be worn

### The White Shirt

*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.

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

### 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. The narrow dress belt with the smaller buckle, also having the Marine Corps Emblem, satisfies the black dress belt option**

**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.**

### The Black Necktie

**The necktie should be a plain flat black tie with a Marine Corps League or Marine Corps gold tie bar. The tie 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 tie colors other than black, and no embroidered or other designs on the tie are authorized. Just a simple, plain, black, tie. *A clip on tie may be worn, or if using a regular tie, a four in hand knot is recommended.***

### The Black Shoes

**The shoes should be black leather oxfords, *either corafram 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.**

### 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 red mess jacket is worn with this uniform, but the red blazer may be worn as an option. 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.*

A gold cummerbund or gold vest front is to be worn with this uniform. They are both sold through National.

Black tuxedo pants 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. Shoes and socks are the same as the Casual Uniform.

When wearing the red mess jacket, large medals may be worn. When wearing the red blazer, miniature medals are the only authorized wear, not the large medals.

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.

## Women's Uniforms



### Womans Casual Uniform:

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 Basic 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 National store.

The Women's Casual Uniform will consist of the red blazer, with the buttons arranged as is on the men's Casual Uniform. *The women's red blazer is fitted differently and the front buttons are on the opposite side, from the men's red blazer. However, Enclosure 3 doesn't state that the women's red blazer must be worn.* Both are available through the National Ships Store.

As with the men's Casual Uniform, no ribbons, medals, sunburst insignia nor patches are authorized to wear with this uniform.

The same pins authorized for the men's uniform are also authorized for the women's. The MCL Crest is worn on the left breast pocket, *1/4" down from the bottom of the pocket cuff and centered on the pocket.* These items are available through the Marine Corps League National Ships Store.

A white, long sleeve, plain collar shirt is worn with this uniform. *Enclosure 3 does state that the shirt be a long sleeve shirt, unlike in the men's Casual Uniform, where it can be short or long sleeve.* It is available at most clothing stores. The tie will be either a black satin cross type or a men's black tie with a either the MCL tie bar or the Marine Corps issued men's tie bar. These items can be purchased through the Marine Corps League National Ships Store.

Either a plain, black, "A" line skirt, or black slacks are worn with this uniform. Both are available at outside clothing stores. When the trousers are worn, either the wide leather belt or the narrow dress belt, is worn. 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. These items can be ordered from the Marine Corps League National Ships Store.

**Black nylon hosiery and a black, plain toe, closed pump are worn with this uniform. They are available at most outside clothing stores.**

*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 Undress Uniform**

**The Standard Cover is worn and again Enclosure 3 doesn't say it must be the Women's Standard Cover. 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 white, women's, USMC, blouse that is worn with the 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 satin cross tie or a men's black tie with 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.**

**Dress blue trousers with red NCO stripe may be worn, with Marine Corps web belt and brass buckle. Black nylon hosiery and a black, plain toe, closed pump are worn with this uniform. When wearing trousers, plain, black men's or women's oxfords may be worn.**

**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.**

### **Associate 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 gold MCL sunburst insignia. 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 Rocker 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.**

## Devil Dog Uniform:

The Devil Dogs are a Fun & Honor Society within the Marine Corps League. You may be asked to join if after a year of regular membership within the League you have shown yourself to be an outstanding Marine. Members of this Society wear the Devil Dog Patch on the right side of their red cover as shown:



There are other Devil Dog uniform items which you will wear such as a dog collar, shoulder patch, beret, but you will learn of them after joining the society.

*I hope this clears up confusion and questions on Marine Corps League proper uniform wear. If you have questions or concerns, ask an officer, or the Quartermaster.*

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The Commandant*

This is our Detachment website: <http://indymarines.org> . Specific Links are as follows:

Detachment Officers: <http://indymarines.org/pages/officers.htm>

Programs we support: <http://indymarines.org/pages/HIBPROGRAMS.htm>

Events Calendar: <http://indymarines.org/pages/calendar.html>

Newsletter "The Scuttlebutt"- <http://indymarines.org/pages/scuttlebutt.htm>

Official Documents: <http://indymarines.org/pages/officialdocs.htm>

MCL Uniform Code: <http://indymarines.org/pages/uniform%20code.htm>

Use this website as your resource for Marine Corps League Information. If you have any questions, ask an Officer, they will get you the correct answer.

*Again Welcome to the Detachment. Enjoy your membership and the camaraderie that exists only between Marines*

# *Semper Fi*

