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AIR STATION ORDER 1020.3D

From: Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point  
Commanding General, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, Cherry Point  
To: Distribution List

Subj: UNIFORM REGULATIONS

Ref: (a) MCO P1020.34G  
(b) U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations

Encl: (1) MCAS Cherry Point Uniform and Clothing Matrix  
(2) MCAS Cherry Point Uniform Regulations

1. Situation. This Order contains significant revisions which clarify and streamline uniform regulations and should be reviewed in its entirety.

2. Cancellation. AirStaO 1020.3C.

3. Mission. Per the references, to promulgate policy regarding the wearing of Marine Corps and Navy uniforms.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent

(1) Set forth specific directives for the wearing of uniforms and civilian clothing by military personnel at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS), Cherry Point.

(2) Publish standards of dress for civilians who live, work, or visit aboard MCAS, Cherry Point.

(3) Enclosure (1) specifies where uniforms and civilian clothing may be worn while on and off the Air Station. Enclosure (2) clarifies uniform regulations for MCAS, Cherry Point.

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b. Concept of Operations

(1) All personnel of this command, and tenant commands aboard this Station will conform to the uniform regulations promulgated in this Order and in the references.

(2) Area/Organizational Commanders will:

(a) Promulgate the contents of the Order to all personnel assigned to their command(s).

(b) Ensure the contents of this Order are disseminated to all incoming personnel.

(c) Post a copy of this Order in a prominent place on unit/work section troop information boards.

5. Administration and Logistics

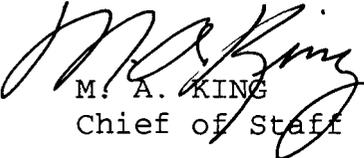
a. Violations of any provision of this order subjects involved members to disciplinary action under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). This Order is a lawful general order and is effective immediately without further implementation.

b. This Order is available electronically and can be accessed via the MCAS homepage at [www.cherrypoint.usmc.mil](http://www.cherrypoint.usmc.mil).

6. Command and Signal

a. This Order is applicable to all personnel assigned to, or visiting MCAS Cherry Point.

b. This Order is effective the date signed.

  
M. A. KING  
Chief of Staff

  
R. C. MANN  
By direction

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LOCATION	TYPE ATTIRE																					
	TO & FROM OFF-BASE QTRS	TO & FROM ON-BASE QTRS	MAIN EXCHANGE COMPLEX	COMMISSARY	BASE THEATER	BOWLING CENTER	TROOP 7-DAY STORE	PACKAGE SALES	CLUBS & MESSAGES	DINING FACILITIES	AREA & MAIN POST OFFICES	SWIMMING POOLS	GOLF COURSE	STABLES	ATHLETIC AREAS	MARINA	CHAPELS	NAVAL HOSPITAL	DENTAL CLINIC	LEGAL ASSISTANCE	FAMILY SERVICES CENTER	HOUSING AREA COMMUNITY CENTER
UNIFORM OF THE DAY (UTILITY UNIFORM)	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
PT UNIFORM (GREEN SHORTS/T-SHIRT/SWEATS)	6	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	10	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	5,7	5,7	N	N	N
SERVICE UNIFORMS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
COVERALLS	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	5	5	Y	Y	N
FOOD SERVICE PERSONNEL	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	5	5	Y	Y	N
ORGANIZATIONAL CLOTHING	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	4	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	5	5	N	N	N
SWIM WEAR	Y	3	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N
CIVILIAN ATTIRE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	5,8	5,8	Y	Y	Y

**FOOTNOTES:**

- (1) Per paragraph 4 of Enclosure (2).
- (2) Permitted if clean, and in good taste as determined by proper authority.
- (3) Upper body garment and shoes must be worn. Shower shoes authorized.
- (4) Refer to constitution and by-laws for various clubs for uniform and dress requirements.
- (5) Emergency ONLY.
- (6) Must travel in POV; no off-base stops.
- (7) At the Physical Therapy Clinic and for physical exams ONLY.
- (8) On Authorized Leave.
- (9) When entering or leaving the Devil Dog Gym or any inside fitness facility, individuals will be in the complete uniform (trousers, coat, and cover).
- (10) Only for breakfast and through the express line only.

Y - YES  
N - NO

MCAS CHERRY POINT UNIFORM REGULATIONS

1. Personal Appearance. The references set forth specific guidance for Marines and Sailors.

2. General

a. The uniform is designed to show at a glance, with proper insignia, the branch of service and grade of the individual authorized to wear the uniform. The uniform represents visual evidence of the authority and responsibility vested in the individual by the United States of America. It is the duty and personal obligation of all Marines and Sailors to maintain a professional and neat appearance at all times. Uniforms and equipment will be maintained in a neat and serviceable condition, and will by their appearance set an example of neatness and strict conformity with these regulations.

b. The references list those articles of uniform apparel that are authorized for wear with civilian clothing.

c. Marine Corps uniform standards of grooming do not allow eccentric or faddish styles of hair, jewelry, or eyeglasses. Eccentricities in individual appearance detract from uniformity and team identity. Because it is impossible to provide examples of every appropriate or unacceptable style of "conservative" or "eccentric" grooming attire, the good judgment of Marines at all levels is key to enforcement of Marine Corps standards in this issue, as in other issues. Refer to paragraph 1004 of reference (a) for additional guidance on standards of personal appearance.

d. In garrison, the use of chewing gum, chewing tobacco, smokeless tobacco, cigarettes, hands in pockets, or the consumption of food or beverage while walking in uniform, or while in formation, are examples of activities that detract from an appropriate military presence. It should be noted that in a field environment good judgment will govern the application of this policy.

e. Headgear

(1) Outdoor Wear. Personnel will remain covered unless ordered to uncover, or during religious services not associated with a military ceremony. Personnel will remain covered during

invocations or other religious military ceremonies such as a military burial, change of command, or ship commissioning.

(2) Indoor Wear. The cover is normally removed indoors. An officer or enlisted person in a duty status when wearing a sidearm or pistol belt, may only remove headgear indoors when entering dining areas or where religious services are being conducted.

(3) While in Vehicles. Military headgear will be worn in government vehicles; however the wearing of headgear in privately owned vehicles is not required.

### 3. Uniform of the Day

a. The uniform of the day will be prescribed by the commander. In prescribing the uniform of the day, commanders will consider the duty to be performed and the local weather conditions.

b. When the Marine Corps Combat Utility Uniform (MCCU) is prescribed by the local commander as the uniform of the day, the following policy applies:

(1) During the summer season, the desert MCCU uniform with sleeves rolled up will be worn as the uniform of the day.

(2) During the winter season, the woodland MCCU uniform with sleeves rolled down will be worn as the uniform of the day.

c. It should be noted that the Marine Corps Combat Utility uniform is not authorized for wear on leave or liberty. Additional limitations are contained in paragraph (4) below, and reference (a).

4. Restrictions on Uniform Wear Off-Base. All uniforms other than the Blue Dress "A" and the Marine Corps Combat Utility uniform are authorized for wear on leave and liberty. Utility uniforms are field uniforms and are not appropriate for wear in a civilian environment. Wear of the MCCU uniform is authorized while commuting to and from work via privately owned vehicle (POV). However, en route stops while off base are not authorized except as bona-fide emergencies, such as medical emergencies, vehicle breakdown, or vehicle accident. Marines may only wear the MCCU

uniform or flight suit at off-base establishments when using drive-thru services such as ATM's, fast food restaurants, or dry cleaners when they will not exit the vehicle.

5. Uniform for Official Ceremonies and Social Occasions. The uniform for official ceremonies and social occasions will be prescribed for each occasion. The provisions of this Order and the references that allow a degree of flexibility to individuals by authorizing the sale and wear of optional articles of uniform should not be construed as limiting the authority of commanders in prescribing the wear of uniforms appropriate to the occasion. For example, at functions for which the proper civilian attire is "coat and tie", or at which members of other services are to wear their equivalent of the Marine Corps Service "A" uniform, commanders may prescribe the Service "A" uniform for Marines.

6. Organizational Clothing

a. Food service personnel will wear the proper uniform prescribed in reference (a) while on duty, or duty under instruction as required. The white mess uniform is not authorized in the exchange complex. Wear of the white mess uniform is authorized for travel from quarters to the dining facility and return, and authorized stops at the Troop Seven Day store, post office, legal assistance, and the Marine & Family Services Center.

b. Rifle range personnel engaged in marksmanship training or competition may wear the shooting jacket in place of the utility coat. The shooting jacket will only be worn at the Rifle Range by authorized personnel in designated areas. The shooting jacket will not be worn to/from the rifle range, or in any other area of the Air Station (i.e., Main exchange complex, commissary, service stations, civilian/government vehicles, etc.).

c. The flight suit and flight jacket are authorized for wear by designated personnel aboard this base, and are subject to the same regulations that apply to the utility uniform. Like the MCCU uniform, flight suits and flight jackets may be worn at all on-base facilities, including clubs, messes, and non-appropriated funds activities with the following requirement:

(1) During the summer season the desert flight suit will be worn.

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(2) During the winter season the green flight suit will be worn.

d. Maintenance coveralls (green or blue) can be designated as the uniform of the day by unit commanders. Marines will ensure their coveralls are bloused when away from the flight line (when they walk/drive past any security checkpoint). This uniform will be clean and neat prior to entering any establishment it is authorized to be worn into (Troop Seven Day Store, Dining Facility, Post Office, Legal Assistance, IPAC, or the Marine & Family Services Center). Maintenance coveralls will only be worn between Roosevelt Road and the flight line, and will not be worn in the Station Theater, Bowling Center, Chapel, Main Exchange Complex (to include the MCCS service station or McDonald's), or any other area designated in enclosure (1).

e. Per MCO P5100.8\_, commanders will ensure proper protective footwear is worn by all members of their organizations when engaged in activities designated as foot-hazardous.

f. The extreme cold weather jacket (GORTEX) is authorized for wear with the uniform of the day (utility uniform). It is not authorized for wear on leave or liberty, nor will it be worn with civilian clothing (unless it is personally owned, and without grade insignia). When worn, the GORTEX coat will be fully snapped and zipped closed.

(1) Grade insignia will be worn as prescribed by reference (a).

(2) The GORTEX coat may be worn by Navy personnel authorized to wear the Marine Corps utility uniforms.

g. The standard issue fiber helmet is authorized for wear by designated members of the Rifle Range Detachment. It may be worn with the MCCU uniform in the area of the rifle range, only as authorized by CMC letter 1020 set MCUB/185-85 of 13 December 1985.

## 7. Navy Personnel Serving with Marine Corps Units

a. Navy officers serving with Marine Corps units and opting to wear the Marine Corps service uniform and utility uniform will abide by Marine Corps grooming and physical appearance standards.

Navy officers not serving with Marine Corps units, such as the Dental Clinic and Naval Hospital, for example, will abide by Navy grooming standards as established in reference (b).

b. Navy enlisted personnel who elect to wear and are issued Marine Corps service uniforms at no expense, shall wear, when directed by the commander, service uniforms for the duration of their continuous service with Marine Corps organizations in the capacity of hospital corpsmen, dental technicians, or religious program or personnel specialist, and will abide by Marine Corps grooming and physical appearance standards.

c. Navy enlisted personnel who do not elect to wear the Marine Corps service uniform and those Navy personnel serving with Marine Corps units wherein the wearing of Marine Corps utility uniform is required will be issued only utility uniform items and will be required to wear them as directed when a member of, or in support of a Marine Corps unit. These personnel will abide by Navy grooming regulations. When service uniforms are required, Navy uniforms will be worn.

8. Civilian Attire. Inherent with the authorization to wear civilian clothing on leave and liberty, is the service member's responsibility to ensure that their standards of dress and appearance be conservative and meet the same high standards established for uniform wear. No eccentricities of dress shall be permitted. Enclosure (1) is a matrix of uniforms and civilian clothing apparel in various activities aboard this installation. When in civilian attire, trousers will be worn at the waist and a belt will be worn (unless there are no belt loops) at all times. Civilian headgear (e.g., ball caps, visors, cowboy hats, etc.) will be removed indoors at any activity aboard local military installations. The singular exception to this requirement is that because of traditionally longer hair styles, women are authorized to wear a hat to keep their hair out of their face when exercising in any indoor athletic facility on base. Ball caps and visors will be worn in the manner they were designed, with the bill facing towards the wearers front. Civilian headgear may be worn indoors at all activities off base, in accordance with local custom.

a. Appropriate civilian attire is defined as that which meets common sense standards of safety, decency, neatness, and cleanliness. Some examples of acceptable attire that are commensurate with standards desired are:

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- (1) Coat and tie.
- (2) Slacks and Shirt.
- (3) Shirts, other than undershirts, with or without collar.
- (4) Jeans and shorts.
- (5) Shoes (not including shower shoes, also known as "flip-flops", designed to be worn in the shower/pool area).

b. Inappropriate and eccentric clothing is defined as that which is torn, ripped, ragged, dirty, revealing, or closely related with drugs, extremist/racist groups or other illegal activities. Other examples of inappropriate attire include:

- (1) Clothing with designs of an obscene or suggestive nature.
- (2) Shirts, with or without collars, which are adorned with sexual, racist, obscene, anti-military or drug-related pictures, designs, words, or printings. White undershirts (crew neck or V-neck) or white sleeveless "muscle" t-shirts when worn as outer garments, and shorts that have been altered or modified by cutting off sleeves or making holes are prohibited.
- (3) Trousers which are frayed, dirty, or adorned with sexual, racist, anti-military or obscene pictures, designs, words, or phrases.
- (4) Short shorts, beach/swim gear (except at beaches), or garments designed as underwear/under garments.
- (5) Tank tops and so-called "muscle shirts" except at beaches and while participating in physical training.
- (6) Wearing of clothing articles not specifically designed to be normally worn as headgear, (e.g., bandannas, "doo-rags"), is prohibited.
- (7) Any civilian clothing revealing the midriff, buttocks, or excessive amounts of chest or cleavage are prohibited.

c. The examples cited in paragraphs 8(a) and (b) are not inclusive, nor are they meant to limit the authority of commanders or heads of non-appropriated fund activities from establishing specific guidelines for the wearing of apparel in their respective areas of responsibility.

d. Marines are readily identified with the Marine Corps in and out of uniform, and when on or off duty. Therefore, when civilian clothing is worn, Marines will ensure that their dress and personal appearance are conservative and commensurate with the high standards traditionally associated with the Marine Corps. No eccentricities of dress will be permitted. Marines are prohibited from attaching, affixing or displaying objects, articles, jewelry or ornamentation to, through or under their skin, tongue or any other body part, or body mutilation in any manner.

e. Tattoos or brands on the neck and head. As in other areas of the body, tattoos or brands that are prejudicial to good order, discipline and morale or are of a nature to bring discredit upon the Marine Corps are also prohibited. Examples are branding and surgical tongue splitting or "forking".

f. Dental Ornamentation. The use of gold, platinum caps (permanent or removable) for purposes of ornamentation is prohibited. Teeth, whether natural, capped, or veneered, will not be ornamented with designs, jewels, initials, etc. Unnatural shaping of teeth for non-medical reasons is also prohibited. Unit commanders may consider waivers for permanent non-ornamented gold or platinum caps that are applied prior to 1 October 2007.

g. Earrings. Male Marines are not authorized to wear an earring, or earrings at any time, whether in uniform or in civilian attire. Female Marines are authorized to wear one earring per ear, as described in paragraph 3010 of reference (a), in uniform or in civilian attire.

9. Athletic Attire. Athletic attire is defined as clothing designed for a specific activity such as sweat suits, running or jogging suits, shorts and singlets, basketball or football jerseys, swim attire, etc. Most of this type of clothing lends itself well to casual attire, but common sense standards of neatness,

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cleanliness, and decency will be met. See enclosure (1) for areas/activities where such apparel is acceptable.

10. Standard of Dress - Non-Military Personnel

a. It is recognized that the term "appropriate civilian attire" is subject to many trends in fashion, and is difficult to define. It is expected that family members, retirees, guests, and government service employees will exercise good judgment in selecting appropriate civilian apparel for wear. All individuals should take pride in their appearance and observe common sense standards of safety, decency, neatness, and cleanliness. Additionally, clothing must meet approved safety standards when worn within facilities or working areas where it is required.

b. Civilians and/or family members, whether visiting, living, or working aboard this base will abide by the above standards. All persons are expected to dress in civilian attire that meets appropriate standards of safety, decency, and cleanliness. Clothing which reveals the midriff, buttocks, or excessive amounts or the chest or cleavage does not meet these standards. Hot pants, short shorts, halter, or other tops that are exceptionally revealing, cut-off shorts, uncovered hair rollers, or bare feet are not acceptable female dress in public areas. For children, footwear is required except in quarters, beach and pool areas, or when being carried in arms or in a stroller or carriage.

c. Uniform items that have been declared obsolete may be worn with civilian clothing, when appropriate, provided that that such items contain no distinctive insignia or buttons.

d. Military personnel are responsible for the actions of their family members and guests while on board MCAS Cherry Point.