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FORCE POLICY LETTER 04-16

From: Commander  
To: Distribution List

Subj: UNIFORM POLICY

Ref: (a) MCO 1020.34G, Marine Corps Uniform Order  
(b) MARADMIN 011/16, Marine Corps Uniform Board 216 Decisions

1. Situation. Reference (a) is the published policy that outlines the Marine Corps uniform regulations. Recently, the Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC) published guidance regarding proposed changes to the uniform policy, which is provided in reference (b). Specifically, CMC delegated approval authority to deviate from seasonal wear of the Marine Corps uniform.

2. Mission. To establish policy for determining the uniform of the day for Marine Forces Reserve (MARFORRES) and Marine Forces North (MARFORNORTH) Marines and Sailors.

3. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. The Marine Corps Uniform is one of the most noticeable demonstrations to the American public that the Marine Corps epitomizes the highest standards of discipline and pride. As local ambassadors of the Marine Corps, uniform maintenance is an essential tool in building community relations and promoting the Marine Corps' reputation across the country. As such, uniforms must be fit and serviceable at all times.

(2) Concept of Operations. Commanders will ensure uniformity during all events and be cognizant of the wear of the Marine Corps Combat Utility Uniform. The Commander will dictate the appropriate uniform based on the tactical/field situation or based on the guidance from the supporting command.

b. Tasks

(1) Major Subordinate Commands

(a) Ensure guidance in the references continue to guide Commanders regarding the seasonal uniform change.

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(b) Individual Augments (IA). MFR Marines and Sailors attached as IA's will comply with assigned command directives.

(c) Attached Units. MFR units attached to Marine Corps Bases (MCB) and Installations will comply with local command uniform policies established by the Base Commander (e.g. units assigned to MCB Camp Lejeune or Camp Pendleton).

(d) Co-located Units. MFR co-located Regimental/Group commands (e.g. Fort Worth); the Commanders will ensure there is uniformity with both commands.

(e) Extreme Seasonal Conditions. Waivers will be considered for Commands located in geographic areas with extreme seasonal conditions/extended seasons (e.g. Alaska, Florida and Hawaii). Commanders should submit waiver requests to the Commander requesting any appropriate seasonal uniform variations as soon as possible.

(f) Deployments. The seasonal uniform guidelines do not apply to deployed units or units in a tactical/field environment, as the Commander will dictate the appropriate uniform based on the tactical/field situation, or based on the guidance from the supporting commands guidance as directed in paragraph (c).

(g) Birthday Balls. Per the references, in a garrison environment and regardless of when the Birthday Ball celebration occurs, the Blue Dress "A" uniform with blue trousers/skirts/slacks or the optional Evening Dress uniform will be worn.

(2) Coordinating Instructions

(a) The MARFORRES/MARFORNORTH Uniform of the day is the seasonal MCCUU.

(b) Submit waivers to policy for units located in areas with extreme seasonal conditions or extended seasons to the Commander for review and approval.

(c) Commanders will conduct quarterly uniform inspections to ensure fit and serviceability, per reference (a).

(d) Unless operating under a waiver, Marines will continue to transition to the winter uniforms on the first Monday after the fall spring Daylight Savings Time (DST) change (1st Sunday in November), and to the summer season uniforms on the first Monday after the spring DST change (2nd Sunday in March).

4. Administration and Logistics. Questions or concerns regarding this policy should be addressed to the Force Sergeant Major or Chief of Staff.

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5. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Policy Letter is applicable to MARFORRES and MARFORNORTH.

b. Signal. This Policy Letter is effective the date signed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RCMCM' followed by a stylized flourish.

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