



Introduction to MCJROTC Uniforms



This lesson provides an overview of the various Marine Corps uniforms from colonial times through today's MCJROTC uniform.



Lesson Objectives

1. Be familiar with the **history of the Marine Corps uniforms.**
2. Be able to **describe the different MCJROTC uniforms.**
3. Be able to **identify the insignia and devices** worn on the MCJROTC uniform.



Which sentence describes your knowledge of MCJROTC uniforms?

- A. I didn't know there was a variety of uniforms.
- B. I've seen the uniforms, but cannot describe them.
- C. I know SOME of the uniform combinations and devices.
- D. I know ALL of the uniform combinations and devices.

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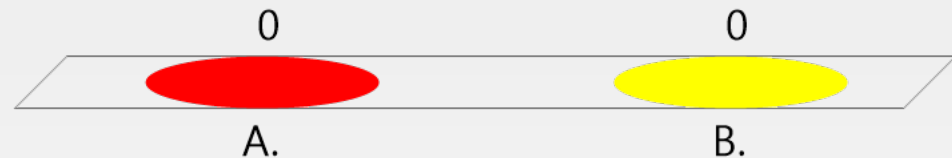


True or False:

I doesn't matter if you know all of the uniform choices as long as you wear a uniform on the designated inspection day.

A. True

B. False





Key Words

- **Subdued** - to conceal unwanted reflection as with the rank and insignia
- **Leatherneck** – a leatherneck piece to erect the neck and protect from saber slashes
- **Chevrons** - rank insignia worn by enlisted personnel
- **Epaulettes** – ornamental shoulder piece or decoration used for rank insignia



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To conceal unwanted reflection as with the rank and insignia

- A. Leatherneck
- B. Chevrons
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- D. Epaulettes

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Rank insignia worn by enlisted personnel

- A. Leatherneck
- ✓ B. Chevrons
- C. Subdued
- D. Epaulettes

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Ornamental shoulder piece or decoration used for rank insignia

- A. Leatherneck
- B. Chevrons
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A piece designed to keep the head erect to maintain a constant military appearance



- A. Leatherneck
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Opening Question

Think about your knowledge of uniforms.

List 2-3 uniform combinations that you can describe.

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Introduction

- The word uniform comes from two Latin words *unus* and *forma* which mean **one form**.
- From the earliest times soldiers in battle have needed a way to distinguish friend from foe.





Introduction

- The development of uniforms eliminated the problem with distinguishing armies.
- It also identified **ranks** and **arms** in each army.
- By the 19th century uniforms were green, gray, and khaki, similar to today's colors.
- Camouflage uniforms are designed to reduce reflection with **subdued** rank and insignia.



History of the Marine Corps Uniform

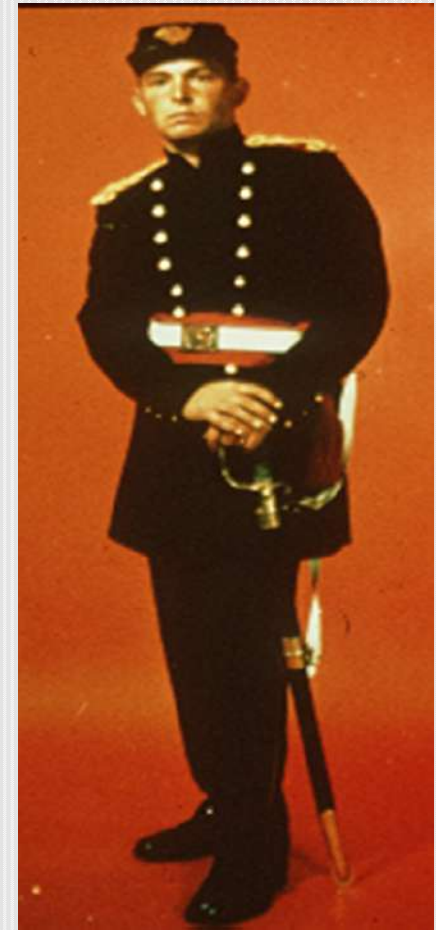
- In 1775 Continental Marines wore green coats with white facing, white waistcoats, white breeches, short black spats, and round felt hats.
- Every Marine wore a leather neckpiece from which we get the name “**leatherneck.**”





History of the Marine Corps Uniform

- The first uniform regulations were issued in 1804.
- **Chevrons** were introduced in 1822 and in 1834, the blues were replaced with green.
- In 1839, the traditional Marine Corps colors of blue, white, and scarlet were restored.





History of the Marine Corps Uniform

- At the time of the Civil War the service uniform was virtually a copy of the Army uniform.
- Everyone wore the dress uniform with gold **epaulettes**, a white cross-belt, and high crowned hat with scarlet pompons.
- In 1875, the leather neckpiece was abolished.
- In 1912, a forest green uniform was adopted and with a few minor changes is in use today.



History of the Marine Corps Uniform

- During WWI, the Marines in France wore Army **olive drab uniforms** and after the war went back to standard blues, khakis, and greens.
- By 1942, the green utility uniform and field shoes had been adopted replacing both the khaki uniform and felt field hat.
- With the arrival of the utilities, the basic field outfit of the Marine Corps uniforms had reached virtually what it is today.



The word uniform comes from two Latin words "uns" and "forma" which mean...

- A. many types
- B. unit forms
- C. one form

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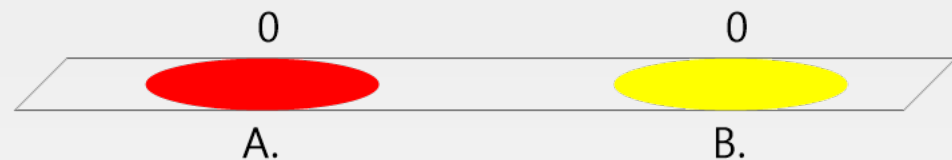
True or False:

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A. True

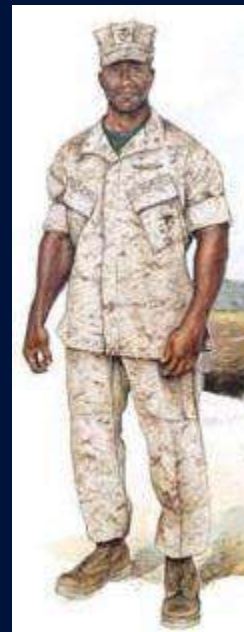
B. False





Marine Corps Uniforms Today

Presently, Marine Corps uniforms are divided into three categories: **dress**, **service**, and **utility**.





Dress Uniforms

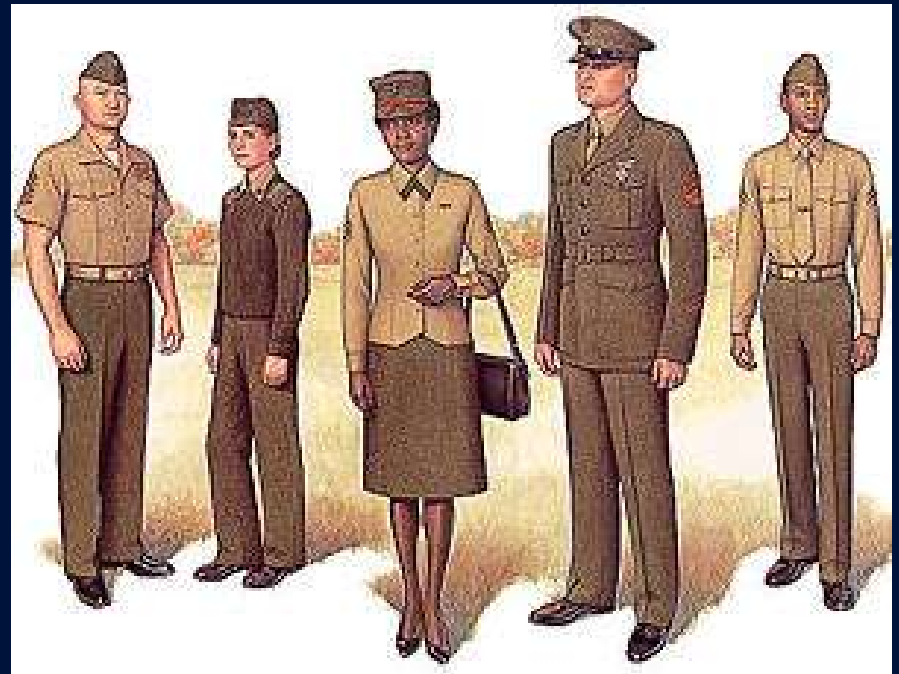
- The **dress uniform** is for parades, ceremonies, reviews, and official social occasions.
- There are **six** categories of the dress uniforms:
 - ✓ Blue-White Dress A
 - ✓ Blue-White Dress B
 - ✓ Blue Dress A
 - ✓ Blue Dress B
 - ✓ Blue Dress C
 - ✓ Blue Dress D





Service Uniforms

- For most day to day activities Marines wear what are termed service uniforms.
- There are **three** forms of service uniforms, designated A, B, and C.





Utility Uniforms

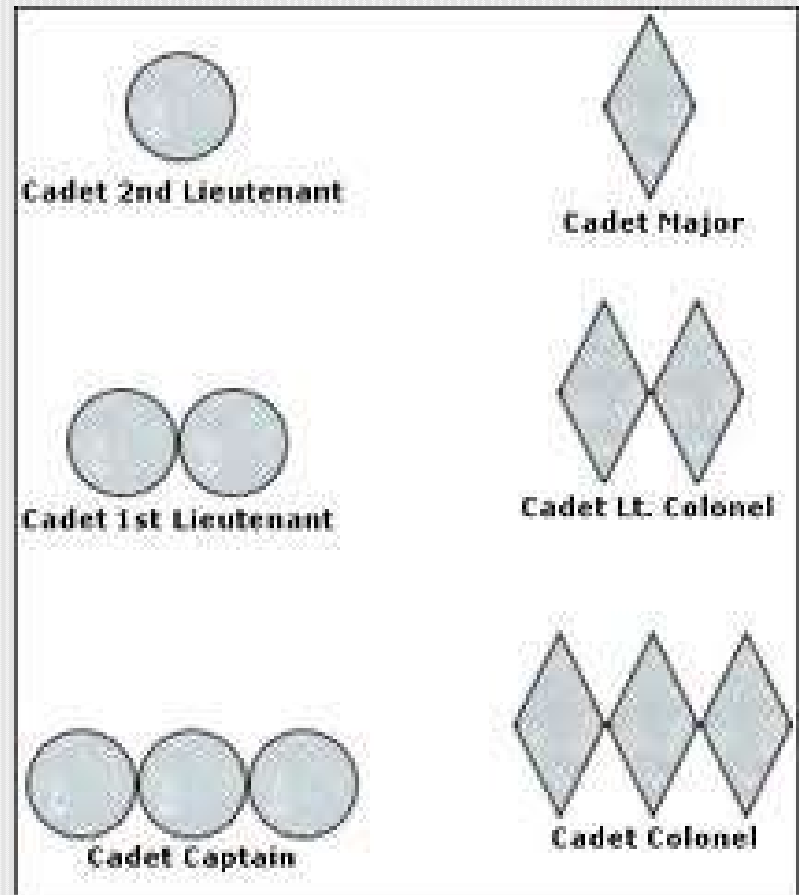
The **utility uniform** is not authorized for wear except when in the field for field type exercises or for those work conditions wherein it is not practical to wear the service uniform.





MCJROTC Cadet Officer Insignia

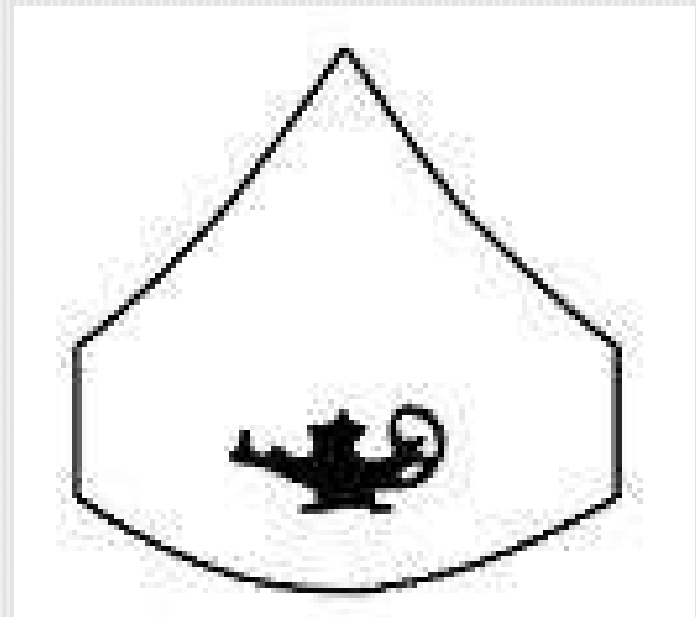
- The cadet **company** grade officer insignia consist of a flat disk $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch in diameter (large) and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide (small).
- The cadet **field** grade officer insignia consists of flat lozenges, $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch wide by $1 \frac{1}{4}$ inches long (large) and $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch wide by $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch long (small).





MCJROTC Cadet Officer Insignia

- The cadet **enlisted** insignia contains a Lamp of Learning device in lieu of crossed rifles used in the Marine Corps.
- The **Lamp of Learning** signifies intensive study, a source of intellect, and moral and spiritual illumination.





Distinguishing Devices

- A distinctive MCJROTC round patch will be worn on left sleeve of all outer clothing except the service sweater.
- The patch will be centered on the outer sleeve, ½ inch below the shoulder seam.





Awards and Badges

- **Awards** are for publicly recognizing meritorious service and outstanding achievement that distinguishes an individual or unit from others.
- Only those awards, decorations, and badges prescribed in MCO P1533.6 will be worn.
- Marksmanship qualification **badges** will be awarded annually following qualification fire.



Which Marine Corps uniforms are for day-to-day activities?

- A. Dress uniforms
- B. Service uniforms
- C. Utility uniforms



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The cadet enlisted insignia contains a _____ in lieu of _____ used in the Marine Corps.

- A. crossed rifles / lap of learning
- B. lamp of learning / crossed rifles
- C. None of the above

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Closing Question

List 2-3 things about the MCJROTC uniform that you learned in this lesson that you did not already know.

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Questions





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