MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY

UNIFORM AND REGALIA CODE

We, as Auxiliary members, should be proud to wear the uniform and cover, as this is a visual sign of our support to our organization, the Marine Corps League Auxiliary, and to the Marine Corps. The Cintas Corporation, 5600 West 73rd Street, Chicago, Illinois 60638, was adopted at the 2005 National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, as the official uniform company of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary.

OFFICIAL UNIFORM

Uniform shall be a navy blue, two-piece suit with skirt or slacks. Ready-made pieces are available. For ordering information, go to www.cintas.com (MCLA Account #4098564 – refers to color and style only) or forms are available at www.nationalmcla.org. If home sewn, the style must conform to the regulation tailoring requirements in this code, Enclosure #20, in the Marine Corps League Auxiliary Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.

OFFICIAL UNIFORM DEFINED:

Navy jacket, skirt or slacks of matching fabric (the Red Stripe is approved to be worn on the skirt only), white blouse as described herein, black continental tie, cover of appropriate color, neutral color hose, plain black shoes (see description listed under Accessories), plain black purse, white tailored dress gloves (depending upon the occasion). Ribbon Badge of appropriate color (worn one inch [1”] below front, left shoulder seam of jacket) and sunbursts on jacket collar. (Rev. 8/08)

JACKET

The jacket shall be single-breasted and have peaked collars and lapels. It should be semi-fitted and have full-length sleeves that come to the wrist. A full-figured woman may want to wear a more loosely fitted garment.

There should be no vent in the back of the jacket or sleeve and no pockets or false pockets. If pockets are on a purchased jacket, they are not to be used, so as to maintain firmness of the pocket and prevent bagging.

Buttons should be Marine Corps League large gold buttons, preferably three (3). No more than (5) buttons should ever be on the jacket.

Sunbursts are to be worn on the lapels at all times. Sunbursts are purchased in pairs and worn with anchors inboard.

The Auxiliary patch, red and blue in color, is worn on the left sleeve, one inch (1”) below the shoulder seam. No other patches are to be worn on the uniform.

Membership stars are to be worn on the official jacket only. Stars representing five (5) consecutive years of service are to be placed with the lower edge of the star square one inch (1”) above left sleeve edge. The stars will run parallel to the edge of the sleeve, starting at the thumb and going to outside of sleeve. Absolutely NO stars are to be worn on the white blouse.

The Ribbon Badge is a bar with a short (3 ½ - 4 inch) or long (up to 5 ½ inches) ribbon attached with a sunburst medallion at the bottom. (Rev. 8/11) A Gold Ribbon Badge is to be worn at the National level, a Blue Ribbon Badge is to be worn at the Department level, and a Red Ribbon Badge is to be worn at the Unit level.

NOTHING SUPERSEDES THE AUXILIARY’S RIBBON BADGE.

PINS THAT MAY BE WORN ON THE RIBBON BADGE

The Past National President’s pin; the Past Department President’s pin; the Past Unit President’s pin; a Past Regent’s pin; a Flea pin; a Chapel of Four Chaplain’s pin; a Drop of Blood pin; a Hospital or VAVS pin (you must have proof of 50 hours of hospital service to be eligible for hospital pin [bar or rocker] (Rev. 8/11); a Gold Star Mother pin; a Gold Star Wife pin; a small American Flag pin; an Auxiliary Membership pin; a Presidential Citation pin (Rev. 8/08). Pins received as an award (Ex.: Department Auxiliary Member of the Year) may be worn on the ribbon (Rev. 8/11).

DESCRIPTION OF PINS AND BADGES

The Past National President's pin shall be the regular small pin set with three small diamonds with a chain and gavel attached. The Past Department President's Pin shall be the same, set with blue stones. The Past Unit President's pin shall be the same, set with red stones.

The sunburst pins are the regulation Sunburst pin and shall be worn in pairs on the jacket and on the white blouse of the summer uniform. A single sunburst pin is worn on the cover.

The membership pin is the small, round pin with MCLA emblem in the center. Any member in good standing may wear it. Any commemorative pin celebrating years involved in the M.C.L.A. may be worn.

The pin of a Gold Star Mother and of a Gold Star Wife is a small pin with a gold star, which may be worn by all Gold Star Mothers and all Gold Star Wives in good standing.

The Drop of Blood pin is awarded to anyone donating blood to a VAVS or Community Blood Bank. Only one pin may be worn.

The Four Chaplains pin is a small Star of David with a Cross inside. Member must be a member of the Chapel of Four Chaplain's Honor Society to wear this pin.

VAVS or Hospital pin is a round pin with a bar or rocker. Member must have proof of fifty (50) hours of hospital service to receive this pin.

A Presidential Citation pin is awarded through the President of the United States for exemplary volunteer service. (Rev. 8/08)

Pins received as an award (Ex.: Department Member of the Year Award) may be worn on the ribbon badge. (Rev. 8/11)

SKIRT

The skirt should be A-line or straight. A kick pleat may be in the back of a straight skirt; it must be a pleat, not a slit. The length shall be an attractive length for the individual, but must always cover the knees.

The Red Stripe is a one-inch or seven-eighths of an inch (1" or 7/8") width of gross grain ribbon or the authentic ribbon purchased at a PX. This stripe was approved by the then Commandant of the Marine Corps, General John A. Lejeune. He felt the women in the Auxiliary deserved it, as they had sacrificed their husbands and sons while they served and sometimes died in service to country and Corps.

BLOUSES

A white tailored blouse when worn without a jacket is considered a summer uniform. A blouse must be worn under a jacket. When worn under a jacket, a black continental tie must be worn and the jacket buttoned. When a tucked-in blouse is worn, small gold Marine Corps League buttons are worn with flat buttons on the part of the blouse to be tucked in skirt or slacks, and a small, flat button at the neck.

At the 1990 National Convention, the Assembly approved a tailored over-blouse as a supplemental optional uniform. The requirements are the same as for the regulation blouse: pointed collar, small gold Marine Corps League buttons, Sunburst pins on each collar, shoulder patch on left sleeve, one inch (1") below shoulder seam, and an optional black continental tie. The sleeves may be long or short. No sleeveless blouses can be worn unless they are under a jacket, and then the jacket is not to be removed. At the 2010 National Convention, a motion was approved that the cover can be worn without the official uniform with a nice logo shirt or white blouse and nice slacks or skirt. The ribbon badge is never to be worn on the logo shirt (Rev. 8/16).

Purchased blouses may be:

a. One (1) opened top pocket on left side only. No buttons, flaps or pleats on pockets.
b. Fitted blouse (shirt) may be purchased from any Air Force base if you have base privileges (Order a much larger size than you usually wear, as they seem to be very small). (August 2011) This blouse (shirt) may be ordered and purchased by a member through the Ship's Store of MCLA Headquarters.

More loosely fitted blouses may be made or purchased by full-figured women; however, pattern design guidelines must be followed.

SLACKS

Slacks are to be the same color as the jacket at all times. There will be NO RED STRIPE on the slacks. Jacket and skirt or slacks may be worn on the floor of the National Convention for ritualistic work.

UNIFORM ACCESSORIES

Gloves need not be worn with uniform at all times. While performing the duties in a ritualistic ceremony, all members are to wear white tailored dress gloves. Examples: Flag Folding, Avenue of Flags, Flag and Banner Bearer, Chaplain, Wreath Presentation.

A continental tie must be worn correctly around the neck by crossing the same direction as the front of the blouse (Right over left).

Flea ribbon may be worn with the uniform.

A purse is to be small, black, preferably leather, with a shoulder strap. It is to be carried when in uniform and need for a purse is there.

Shoes are to be black enclosed shoes, either flat or with a heel no higher than three (3") inches including wedges, unless there is a medical condition that requires orthopedic shoes or shoes that fit the medical condition. No decoration on shoes. (Rev. 8/08)

Nylons should be worn at all times with uniform skirt. Colors to be nude, tan, or taupe.

Earrings, if desired, shall be small eagle, globe and anchor earrings, or membership earrings, or gold button earrings no larger than membership pins. No dangle earrings are allowed.

Nametags, other than the official Convention Badge, are not to be worn on the uniform at the National Convention and the National Midwinter Conference.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY COVER (CAP)

Cover shall be overseas style, fitted to the head a worn by women in the Military. Lettering of "Marine Corps League Auxiliary" on the left side. No other wording or jewelry should be on the left side of the cover. The official sunburst pin shall be placed on covers near front and half the width of the cap on the left side. Chaplain's Cross may be worn on the front right side of cover during her tour of duty. A Gold Star Mother or Gold Star Wife pin may be worn on the right front side of the cover.

Official patches or embroidery and/or life member patches or embroidery should be centered on the right side above Unit or Department identification.

Covers are not to be worn on the back of the head. They are to be worn 1 ½" (or two-finger width) above the eyebrows, square on the head. See page 27 for official uniform description. The only time the cover can be worn without the official uniform is with a nice MCLA logo shirt or white blouse and nice slacks or skirt (Rev. 8/10). Covers should not be worn with inappropriate clothing such as: shorts, bathing suits, sweat suits. Covers should never be worn to a Past President's breakfast/lunch or to a meeting of the Past President's Club.

Cover shall always be worn with uniform.

Unit Covers: scarlet red in color with gold piping, lettering on right side to state name of Unit, city and state, and office.

Department Covers: royal blue in color with gold piping, lettering on right side, name of state and office. All PDPs may continue to wear this cover.

National Covers: gold in color with lighter than navy blue piping with lettering on right side to be the name of office. Gold covers shall only be worn by elected officers; appointed officers doing floor work shall wear cover during National Convention or official National occasions only. (rev. 8/16) No appointed or elected officers will continue to wear gold covers after leaving office or when their term expires. They are to revert back to their Department covers, such as Department President or their Unit covers, such as Past Unit President, whichever office they held before their election or appointment to National. There being only two exceptions: Past Division Vice Presidents may wear a Department color blue cover

with a gold crown with the words “Past Division Vice President” and the name of the Division and the years served (Rev. 08/15), and the National President will wear a white cover with blue piping and lettering “National President” during her term of office only. After her term expires, she will then revert to a gold cover with blue piping and lettering or purchase a white cap with gold sides and blue piping and lettering. National Headquarters will purchase the National President’s white cover. (Rev. 08/14) Covers are never worn at a Past President’s breakfast or luncheon as these functions are held to honor all Past Presidents, and no distinction is given to level of service.

Auxiliary covers are not to be worn with evening wear.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Associate Members shall be authorized to wear the REGULATION MCLA summer and winter uniforms with the following exceptions:

1. A rectangular brass bar with ‘MCLA’ inscribed on it – comparable to the ‘MCL’ brass bar worn by League Associate Members – shall be worn on cover and collars in lieu of sunbursts.
2. The Associate MCLA shoulder patch shall have a rocker strip below the regular MCLA patch with the word ‘ASSOCIATE’ in red on blue background in the same shades as the regular patch.
3. The red stripe on the skirt shall not be allowed.

SECONDARY UNIFORMS:

EVENING WEAR: OPTIONAL

JACKET: Bolero-style vest in navy lined in red. Military Mess dress style.

BLOUSE: White long sleeve tailored blouse with white pearl or fabric covered buttons. A continental tie is to be worn with a pointed collar blouse.

Skirt: Long Skirt, same color as jacket, lined in red. Slit in skirt is to be no higher than the knee for walking or dancing comfort.

CUMMERBUND: Gold Satin

SHOES: Black

EVENING BAG: Black

COVER: None

EARRINGS: small and round, no dangles.

SUMMER UNIFORM:

Skirt or slacks (color and fabric matching the Official Uniform), white blouse with or without continental tie, cover, neutral hose, black shoes (see description listed under Accessories) and purse, sunbursts on collars, Ribbon Badge on left side of blouse one inch (1”) below front shoulder seam.

CASUAL WINTER UNIFORM:

Slacks (color and fabric matching the Official Uniform) with a navy sweater (V-neck or cardigan) worn over a white blouse. Ribbon Badge, black shoes (see description listed under Accessories), neutral hose, cover optional.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS REGALIA:

RECRUITING RIBBON: Shall be worn on the left lapel of the jacket. ONLY ONE RECRUITMENT RIBBON IS ALLOWED ON THE UNIFORM (Rev. 8/08)

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE RIBBONS: Any ribbons awarded to an Auxiliary member by a League Commandant of any level may be worn on the right side of the blouse or on the left lapel when wearing the jacket. The recruiting ribbon may be worn (stacked) on the left side of the blouse or on the left lapel when wearing the jacket. (Rev. 8/09)

CURRENTLY SERVING PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION:

May be purchased by a Department or Unit and be given to the President to wear during her term of office. This medallion may be worn with street clothes. The medallion may be worn on the right lapel of the jacket during her term of office. When the term is completed, she no longer wears the medallion with her uniform. The medallion may be worn as a pin or around the neck with a gold chain or with the appropriate ribbon (gold-National, blue-Department, red-Unit). The medallion comes with either attachment installed on it, so it may be worn either way. (Rev. 8/08)

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Ribbon Badge

American Flag

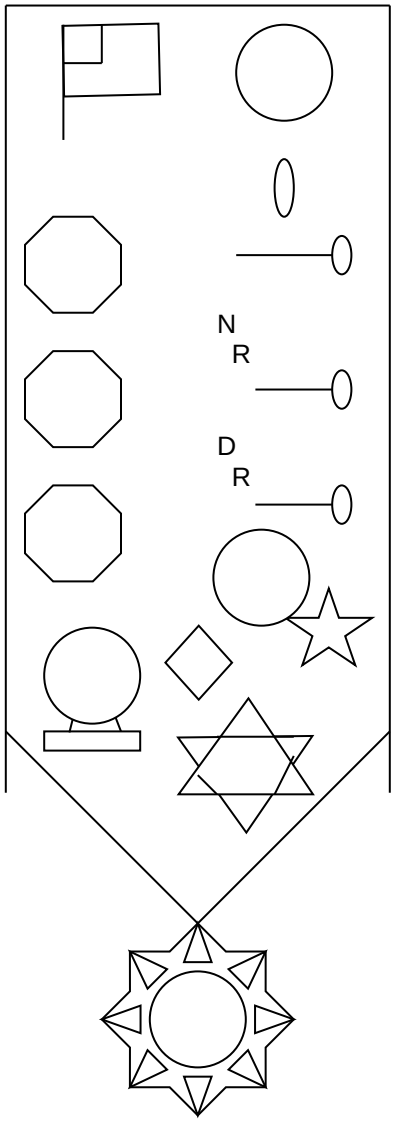
National President

Department President

Unit President

Presidential Citation Pin

Hospital Pin and Bar with Hours Optional – Can be worn on Badge or Uniform or on street clothes



Membership Pin

Drop of Blood Pin

National Regent

Department Regent

Flea Pin if not worn on designated ribbon

Gold Star if entitled to wear

Chapel of Four Chaplains Pin if entitled to wear

Gavel is worn at rest (as shown) when no longer in office. It is worn upright while serving.

Sunburst

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COVER (CAP)

Overseas style:

- Wear 1 ½ inch (2 finger width) above the eyebrows and square on head. Are not to be worn on back of head.
- DO NOT wear with inappropriate clothing (shorts, bathing suits, sweat suits)
- May not be worn without a proper uniform.
- Are never worn at a Past President's breakfast or luncheon or Past President's Club meeting as these functions are held to honor all Past Presidents, and no distinction of level of service is given. Covers are not to be worn with evening wear or at a MODD/MODDF luncheon.

Right Side: Patches or embroidery of Life Member centered above Unit or Department Identification.
Chaplain's Cross may be worn during her tour of Duty.
if eligible, a Gold Star Mother or Gold Star Wife pin may be worn on the right front side of the cover,

Left Side: Only lettering of "Marine Corps League Auxiliary"
Sunburst Pin near front and half the width of the Cover.

Colors:

- Unit:
  - Scarlet Red in color with gold piping
  - Right side states name of Unit, City, State and Office
- Department:
  - Royal Blue in color with gold piping.
  - Lettering on right side states name of State and Office.
  - ALL PDP's may continue to wear this color.
- National:
  - Gold in color with lighter than navy piping.
  - Lettering on right side states name of office.
  - Worn by elected officers;
  - Appointed officers may wear gold cover while doing floor work on official occasions.
  - No elected or appointed officers will continue to wear the gold cover after leaving their term of office or when their term of office expires (revert to Department or Unit office held before their election or appointment to National Office).
- National Presidents – exception:
  - White cover with blue piping and lettering of "National President" during her term of office only.
  - After her term expires she reverts to gold cover with blue piping and lettering or purchase a white cover with gold sides, blue piping and lettering.
  - National Headquarters purchases the National President's white Cover.

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