

(6) No female Marine will be required to remove leg hair except where considered unsightly and cannot be covered with appropriate hosiery as described in subparagraph 3027.5.

1005. CIVILIAN ATTIRE

1. Authority

a. The CMC has extended the privilege of wearing civilian clothing to officers and enlisted Marines within the limitations of these regulations.

b. The possession and wearing of civilian clothing by Marines may be prescribed by commanders for military reasons. In prescribing civilian clothing, commanders will be guided by the current edition of MCO P10120.28 and directives of higher authority.

2. Within the United States

a. Marines are associated and 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.

b. Marines may wear civilian clothing when in an off-duty status, when directed by competent authority, and as otherwise authorized herein. Within the confines of a military base or a DoD installation, civilian clothing will be worn subject to local regulations.

c. When civilian clothing has been authorized by competent authority for wear in a duty status in lieu of a uniform, the civilian clothing will be of the same comparable degree of formality as the uniform prescribed for such duty. Standards of dress and appearance will be conservative and meet the same high standards established for personnel in uniform.

d. The wear of clothing articles not specifically designed to be normally worn as headgear (e.g. bandannas, doo rags) is prohibited.

e. No part of a prescribed uniform, except those items not exclusively military in character, will be worn with civilian clothing.

(1) Items authorized for wear with civilian clothing by men are restricted to the gold cuff links, studs, tie bar, mourning band, footwear, socks, gloves, undergarments, black bow-tie, green wool scarf, general purpose trunks, and crew neck-service sweater, the all-weather coat, tanker jacket, personally owned extreme cold weather jackets (gortex) without grade insignia, watch caps, and cold weather physical training uniforms.

(2) Uniform items authorized for wear with civilian clothing by women are restricted to the white shirt without insignia of grade, footwear, gloves, handbag, clutch purse, mourning band, crew-neck service sweaters, green wool scarf, general purpose trunks, the all-weather coat, extreme cold

weather jacket (gortex) tanker jacket or the dress blue sweater without insignia of grade, watch caps, and cold weather physical training uniforms.

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

3. Outside the United States

a. Marines stationed outside the United States will wear the appropriate uniform when on duty unless civilian clothing is required by the laws of a foreign country, prescribed by competent authority, or necessary in performing specialized duties.

b. Personnel on leave and traveling in a foreign country should normally wear civilian clothing. When civilian clothing is worn, it will be in good taste and not in conflict with accepted attire in the country visited. The guidelines in subparagraph 1005.3c apply.

c. In Mexico, official visits will always be made in the appropriate uniform. Unofficial visits to the interior should always be made in civilian clothing. Unofficial visits to border towns may be made in either civilian clothing or the appropriate uniform.

4. Aboard Ship and Aircraft

a. Officers and enlisted Marines are permitted to possess civilian clothing when assigned duty aboard ship. Unless otherwise prescribed by competent authority, such clothing may be worn while leaving or returning to the ship, while awaiting transportation after being given permission to leave the ship, while on authorized leave of absence, liberty, or in any off-duty status ashore.

b. Officers and enlisted Marines will wear appropriate military uniform when traveling as passengers aboard MSC ships. However, all Marines traveling aboard Category E military air charters or government-owned aircraft (including AMC category M) are authorized to wear appropriate civilian attire, unless otherwise directed by the individual's orders or for unit deployment.

c. Civilian clothes will reflect in style and quality the service "C" uniform. Non-inclusive examples of appropriate civilian attire:

- (1) shirt or blouse with a collar,
- (2) trousers/slacks with a belt (if applicable), and
- (3) socks and shoes.

d. Examples of inappropriate civilian attire:

- (1) beach or swim wear,
- (2) gym or sweat gear,

- (3) tank tops,
- (4) short shorts,
- (5) ripped or torn clothing,
- (6) garments designed as underwear,
- (7) clothing with designs of an obscene or suggestive nature, and
- (8) shower shoes/flip-flops.

e. The activity issuing travel orders will refer to the current editions of the USAF Foreign Clearance Guide and MCO 4650.30, to determine whether uniform or civilian attire should be prescribed.

5. Special Assignments/Requirements

a. Marines in special billets whose offices are separate from other naval activities, and whose duties require them to associate principally with civilians, may wear civilian clothing when so stated in their orders or as otherwise authorized by the CMC.

b. Officers under instruction at civilian educational institutions and in civilian industrial establishments may wear civilian clothing for such duty.

6. White House. Civilian attire may not be worn to the White House, except as follows:

a. While attending or participating in conferences, working group sessions, etc., at the Executive Office Building when the President or his senior advisers will not be present.

b. When explicitly called for in an invitation.

c. When an assigned billet requires civilian attire be worn.

d. While visiting the White House as a tourist.

1006. UNIFORM PROCUREMENT AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS. There are two distinct categories of uniforms and therefore two separate systems for procurement and management.

1. Department of Defense (DoD) Supply System/Standard Issue Clothing

a. The first category is standard issue or "seabag" clothing items, which constitute minimum required uniforms, and accessories for enlisted Marines. These items are known as "system" items because they are procured and managed by the Defense Supply Center, Philadelphia (DSCP) and are available through the Marine Corps Supply System.