

SFMC UNIFORM GUIDELINE REVISION

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Notes on this revision:

This is not a complete revision of all uniforms contained within the Marine Forces Manual. Only those uniforms directly affected by the rank insignia change are presented. This does not, unfortunately, include the Class C flight, and armored crew uniform, or the Scotty B uniform, as the GS is still working on these updates. Please refer to the most current Marine Forces Manual (1508) for guidelines on other uniforms.

Guidelines have been expanded to provide better clarification on uniforms, their wear, and their accoutrements. It must be noted, however, that these guidelines have not considered differing body sizes, and shapes, and all measurements should be interpreted as approximates.

As this is a change document, it is not considered complete. Comments from the field regarding changes to measurements are more than welcome, and will be considered for inclusion in this revision. Pass all comments on changes, or adjustments through your brigade chain of command. This revision will become final upon release of the updated Marine Forces Manual early next year.

7.2.1.2 Class A Uniforms:

Dress Black Uniform (a.k.a. Monster Blacks)

This uniform shares the highest level with the Mess Black, and the Original Series Dress Uniform, for purposes of Uniform of the Day planning— except for formal dinners (see Mess Black Uniform)



Occasions for wear:

1. On duty, as prescribed by local commanders.
2. Off duty, the Dress Black Uniform is normally the prescribed uniform for social functions.
3. On other appropriate occasions, as desired. When worn with white gloves and white belt, the Dress Black Uniform constitutes a formal uniform and corresponds to a civilian tuxedo.

Composition: The Dress Black Uniform is comprised of the black jacket, dress trousers, a colored branch of service undershirt/dickey, and accoutrements as authorized below.

Black Jacket: The jacket is based on the "monster maroon" as seen in Star Trek II: Wrath of Khan, but in black wool gabardine, or polyester/wool blends. It is trimmed with 1/16-inch diameter piping around the collar, jacket closure, and sleeve cuff bottom. The piping is gold for Officers, red for Warrant Officers, and silver for Enlisted.

The jacket has a shoulder strap closure, passing over the right shoulder. For senior officers, Colonel through General, the strap is gold. For Junior Officers, Second Lieutenant through Lieutenant Colonel, it is white. For Senior NCOs, Gunnery Sergeant through Sergeant Major, and Warrant Officers, it is red. For Junior NCOs and Junior Enlisted, Private through Staff Sergeant, it is gray. Additionally, Master Sergeant to Sergeant Major add 1/16- inch diameter silver piping around the shoulder strap. The piping is gold for the Sergeant Major, SFMC.

Dress trousers: Dress Trousers are low waist, flat front, straight legged, without cuffs, and with side hip pockets. There is a wide range of acceptable materials, but every effort should be made to use the same material as the jacket. A 1-inch wide red blood stripe will be worn on the outside seam of both trouser legs, running from seam of the waistband to the hem of the trouser leg. The dress black trousers may be worn bloused with boots, or unbloused with dress shoes.

Branch of Service Undershirt/Dickey: A ribbed neck undershirt/dickey, in the color of the Marine's branch of service, will be worn under the jacket. First Sergeants, Sergeants Major, Unit Officers in Charge, and General Staff Officers may wear a white undershirt/dickey instead of the branch of service color.

Belt: A 2-inch-wide black leather belt with a STARFLEET Delta buckle (as seen in Wrath of Khan), or a custom made SFMC buckle, will be worn. The belt must be passed through all three belt loops on the jacket.

Headgear: The beret is the only headgear authorized for wear with the Dress Black Uniform.

Footwear: High gloss black dress shoes, or ankle boots may be worn with the Dress Black Uniform. Aerospace branch and jump qualified members of the Infantry and Special Operations Branches may wear spit shined Jump boots.

Insignia & Accoutrements: Only the following items are authorized for wear with the Dress Black Uniform:

1. **Award ribbons (7.3.12)** - worn on left chest at approximately the breast level. Ribbons will be centered, left to right, along imaginary line drawn from where the shoulder meets the neck of the jacket, down along the body of the jacket.
2. **Combade (7.3.11.2)** - worn 1/2-inch above, and centered on ribbons.
3. **Branch Devices (Type A Insignia) (7.3.1)** – worn 1/4-inch above, and centered on the combade.
4. **Campaign Ribbons (Type D Insignia) (7.3.4)** – worn on the right chest at approximately the breast level. Ribbons will be centered left to right along an imaginary vertical line drawn from where the shoulder meets the neck of the jacket, down along the body of the jacket, and an imaginary horizontal line drawn across the chest from the center of the award ribbons.
5. **Command College Qualification Badges (Type C Insignia) (7.3.3)** - worn on the right chest, 1/4-inch below any campaign ribbons.
 - a. If no campaign ribbons are worn, the badge will be centered left to right along imaginary vertical line drawn from where the shoulder meets the neck of the jacket, down along the body of the jacket, and an imaginary horizontal line drawn across the chest from the center of the award ribbons.
6. **Qualification Badges (Type B Insignia) (7.3.2)** - worn on the right chest, 1/4-inch above any campaign ribbons, or Command College Qualification badges.
 - a. If no campaign ribbons are worn, the badge will be centered left to right along imaginary vertical line drawn from where the shoulder meets the neck of the jacket, down along the body of the jacket, and 1/2-inch above an imaginary horizontal line drawn across the chest from the center of the award ribbons.
7. **SFMC Collar Brass (7.3.5.1)** - worn on the shoulder strap, 1/2 inch above the clasp.

8. **Insignia of Grade (7.3.10.1 or 7.3.10.6)** - worn on the shoulder strap, 1/4 inch above the SFMC insignia.
 - a. **Officer's Bars** – worn so that the bars are horizontal to the deck. Junior Officer bars will be spaced 1/8 inch apart along the strap. and any filled (black bars) are worn lowest on the stack, toward the clasp.
 - b. **NCO Chevrons** – worn so that the point of the least number of chevrons point toward the clasp.
2. **Shoulder Cord (7.3.7)** - worn on left shoulder. Two types of attachments are authorized.
 - a. A pin attachment - which would attach the cord at the shoulder seam.
 - b. Button loop attachment - single plain black button will be attached to the left shoulder of the jacket to attach the loop attachment of the cord.
3. **Dress gloves (7.3.11.71)** - White (when authorized by local commanders).
4. **Belt, Pistol** - Black (7.3.11.42) or White (7.3.11.43) (when authorized by local commanders)

Mess Black Uniform (Mess Blacks, or Insurrection Blacks)

This is considered the highest-level uniform for formal dinners, and shares the highest level with the Dress Black Uniform for purposes of uniform of the day planning.



Occasions for wear:

1. Off duty, the Evening Dress is normally one of the prescribed uniforms for social functions.
2. On other appropriate occasions, as desired. The Mess Black Uniform constitutes a formal uniform and corresponds to a civilian tuxedo.

Composition: The Mess Black Uniform is comprised of a black waistcoat, dress trousers, and accoutrements as authorized below.

Black Jacket, and Waistcoat (one piece): The jacket, and waistcoat are based on the formal uniform as seen in Star Trek IX: Insurrection, but in black wool gabardine, or polyester-wool blends. The waistcoat has quilted shoulders, and a stiff collar. A 1/4-inch metallic trim runs along the front seams between the jacket, and the waistcoat, and along the seams between the shoulders, and the body of the jacket. There is a 1/8-inch piping around the collar. The metallic trim and piping are gold for Officers, silver for Enlisted, and red for Warrant Officers.

Both sleeves have a 2-inch wide stripe in the Marine's branch of service. Special color combinations are authorized and correspond with shoulder cord color combinations for the General Staff, Deputy Commandant and Commandant and the following combinations are authorized for other distinguished officers: Past Commandants – Gold and Blue, Brigade OICs – Red and Black.

The waistcoat color indicates the rank of the Marine:

1. Private through Sergeant Major, and all Warrant Officers – black
2. Lieutenant through Brigadier – gray
3. Brigadier General through General – white
4. Default for all Marines - black

Dress trousers: Dress Trousers are low waist, flat front, straight legged, without cuffs, and with side hip pockets. There is a wide range of acceptable materials, but every effort should be made to use the same material as the jacket. A 1-inch wide red blood stripe will be worn on the outside seam of both trouser legs, running from the seam of the waistband to the bottom hem of the trouser leg. The dress black trousers may be worn bloused with boots, or unbloused with dress shoes.

Belt: If a belt must be worn it must not be exposed.

Headgear: No headgear is authorized for wear with the Evening Dress Uniform.

Footwear: High gloss black dress shoes, or ankle boots may be worn with the Mess Black Uniform. Aerospace branch and jump para-qualified members of the Infantry and Special Operations Branches may wear spit shined Jump boots.

Insignia & Accoutrements: Only the following items are authorized for wear with the Evening Dress Uniform:

1. **Combadge (7.3.11.2)** - worn on the left chest 1/2-inch below the shoulder piping, centered, left to right, along imaginary vertical line drawn from where the shoulder meets the neck of the jacket, down along the body of the jacket.
2. **Branch Devices (Type A Insignia) (7.3.1)** – worn 1/2-inch above the shoulder piping, centered on combadge.
3. **SFMC Collar Brass (7.3.5.1)** – Junior Officers, and Enlisted will wear the collar brass 1-inch from edge of left collar, centered, vertical to the deck.
4. **Insignia of Grade (7.3.10.2 or 7.3.10.6)** – Junior Officers, and Enlisted will wear insignia on the right collar. Flag Officers will wear rank insignia on both collars.
 - a. **Officer's Bars** – worn vertically 1-inch from edge of collar with the leading edge of the insignia parallel to the edge of the collar, and the bottom edge parallel to the seam between the body of the jacket and the collar. Junior Officer bars will be spaced 1/8-inch apart (Flag Officer bars are produced with this spacing).
 - b. **NCO Chevrons** – worn horizontally 1-inch from edge of collar, and the bottom of the insignia parallel to the seam between the body of the jacket and the collar. The greatest number of chevrons points toward the front of the neck.
5. **Dress gloves (7.3.11.71)** - White (when authorized by local commanders).

NOTE: Award Ribbons, Shoulder Cords, Qualification Badges and exposed belts are NOT authorized on this uniform.

Black Dress Blouse

This uniform shares the highest level with the Mess Blacks, and Original Series Dress Uniform for purposes of Uniform of the Day planning and shares the highest-level uniform for formal dinners. It is available for use by Marines emulating any Star Trek time periods.

Occasions for wear:

1. Off duty, the Black Dress Blouse is normally the prescribed uniform for social functions.
2. On other appropriate occasions, as desired. When worn with white gloves, the Blouse, Dress Black

Uniform constitutes a formal uniform and corresponds to a civilian tuxedo.

Composition:

The Black Dress Blouse is comprised of the jacket, dress trousers, a branch of service undershirt/dickey, and accoutrements as authorized below.

Black Jacket: The jacket is based on a steward's jacket available commercially from several retail sources. It has 6 large buttons as a closure aligned down the center of the front of the garment. All buttons must be secured for the uniform to be properly worn. It includes a mandarin style standing collar. Marines may replace the stock buttons of the jacket with an anchor type button, 25mm in size. Buttons will be gold for all Officers, and Warrant Officers, silver for Enlisted, or black for all Marines.

Dress trousers: Dress Trousers are low waist, flat front, straight legged, and with side hip pockets. There is a wide range of acceptable materials, but every effort should be made to use the same material as the jacket. A 1-inch wide red blood stripe will be worn on the outside seam of both trouser legs, running from the seam of the waistband to the bottom hem of the trouser leg. The dress black trousers may be worn bloused with boots, or unbloused with dress shoes

Branch of Service Undershirt/Dickey: an undershirt or dickey in the individual's branch color will be worn under the jacket. First Sergeants, Sergeants Major, Unit Officers in Charge, and General Staff officers may wear a white dickey instead of the branch of service color.

Belt: The black web belt is worn with the buckle edge aligned with the blouse and pant closure edges. The buckle is gold for Officers and Warrant Officers, silver for Enlisted.

Headgear: No headgear is authorized for wear with the Black Dress Uniform.

Footwear: High gloss black dress shoes, or ankle boots may be worn with the Mess Black Uniform. Aerospace branch and jump para-qualified members of the Infantry and Special Operations Branches may wear spit shined Jump boots.



Insignia & Accoutrements: Only the following items are authorized for wear with the Black Dress Blouse Uniform:

1. **Award ribbons (7.3.12)** - worn centered on the left chest, centered, left to right, along an imaginary vertical line drawn from where the shoulder meets the neck of the jacket, down along the body of the jacket, and horizontally with the second button of the uniform.
2. **Combadge (7.3.11.2)** – worn 1/2-inch below and centered, left to right, on the award ribbons.
3. **Branch Devices (Type A Insignia) (7.3.1)** - worn 1/2-inch above and centered, left to right, on the award ribbons.
4. **Campaign Ribbons (Type D Insignia) (7.3.4)** – worn on the right chest. Ribbons will be centered, left to right, along imaginary vertical line drawn from where the shoulder meets the neck of the jacket, down along the body of the jacket, and centered, up and down, with an imaginary horizontal line drawn across the chest from the center of the second button.
5. **Command College Qualification Badges (Type C Insignia) (7.3.3)** - worn on the right chest, 1/4-inch below any campaign ribbons.
 - a. If no campaign ribbons are worn, the badge will be centered, left to right, along imaginary vertical line drawn from where the shoulder meets the neck of the jacket, down along the body of the jacket, and centered, up and down, with an imaginary horizontal line drawn across the chest from the center of the second button
6. **Qualification Badges (Type B Insignia) (7.3.2)** - worn on the right chest, 1/4-inch above any campaign ribbons.
 - a. If no campaign ribbons are worn, the badge will be centered left to right along imaginary vertical line drawn from where the shoulder meets the neck of the jacket, down along the body of the jacket, and 1/2- inch above an imaginary horizontal line drawn across the chest from the second button of the uniform.
7. **SFMC Collar Brass (7.3.5.1)** – Junior Officers, and Enlisted will wear brass on the left collar 1-inch from the edge of the collar, centered, and vertical to the deck.
8. **Insignia of Grade (7.3.10.2 or 7.3.10.6)** - Junior Officers, and Enlisted will wear insignia on the right collar. Flag Officers will wear rank insignia on both collars worn on the right collar.
 - a. **Officer's Bars** – worn vertically, 1-inch from the edge of the collar with the leading edge of the insignia parallel to the edge of the collar, and the bottom edge parallel to the seam between the body of the jacket and the collar. Junior Officer bars will be spaced 1/8-inch apart (Flag Officer bars are produced with this spacing).

- b. **NCO Chevrons** – worn horizontally, 1-inch from the edge of the collar, and the bottom edge of the insignia parallel to the seam between the body of the jacket and the collar. The greatest number of chevrons will point toward the front of the neck.
- 9. **Shoulder Cord (7.3.7)** - worn on right shoulder. Two types of attachments are authorized.
 - a. A pin attachment - which would attach the cord at the shoulder seam.
 - b. Button loop attachment - single plain black button will be attached to the left shoulder of the jacket for this purpose.
- 10. **Dress gloves (7.3.11.71)** - White (when authorized by local commanders).

Mess White Uniform (a.k.a. Salt and Pepper)

This is normally considered the second highest level uniform for purposes of Uniform of the Day planning.



Occasions for Wear:

1. On duty, as prescribed by local commander.
2. Social functions of a general or official nature after retreat.
3. On other appropriate occasions, as specified by local commanders. When worn with long sleeves and white gloves, the Mess White Uniform constitutes a formal uniform and corresponds to a civilian tuxedo.

Composition: The Mess White Uniform is comprised of a white dress shirt, dress trousers, the black four-in-hand necktie, and accoutrements as authorized below.

White Dress Shirt: This is a buttoned white shirt, long or short sleeved, with two button-down chest pockets and shoulder epaulets. (This is often called an aviator style shirt, and is often worn by security officers and policemen.) The shirt is worn tucked into the trousers, so that the front row of buttons (the Gig Line) lines up with the belt buckle and closure of the pants.

Dress Trousers: Dress Trousers are low waist, flat front, straight legged, without cuffs, and with side hip pockets. There is a wide range of acceptable materials, but every effort should be made to use the same material as the jacket. A 1-inch wide red blood stripe will be worn on the outside seam of both trouser legs, running from the seam of the waistband to the bottom hem of the trouser leg. The dress black trousers may be worn bloused with boots, or unbloused with dress shoes.

Black Four-in-hand Necktie: A conservative black tie, without adornment or design, is worn with the long sleeve shirt. The necktie is optional with the short-sleeved shirt. If a tie clasp is used to secure the tie, it must be small, gold in color and plain in style. Enlisted may choose to wear a silver colored tie clasp instead of a gold colored one.

Belt: The black web belt is worn with the buckle edge aligned with the shirt and pant closure edges. The buckle is gold for officers, silver for enlisted.

Headgear: The beret is the only headgear authorized for wear with the Mess White Uniform.

Footwear: High gloss black dress shoes, or ankle boots may be worn with the Mess White Uniform.

Insignia & Accoutrements: Only the following items are authorized for wear with the Mess White Uniform:

1. **Award Ribbons (7.3.12)** - worn aligned directly on the top edge of, and centered on, the left chest pocket flap.
2. **Combadge (7.3.11.2)** - worn centered, left to right, top to bottom, on the left pocket flap.
3. **Branch Devices (Type A Insignia) (7.3.1)** - worn 1/2-inch above, and centered on the award ribbons.
4. **Nameplate (7.3.11.1)** - A 3-inch-long by 1-inch wide engraved plastic nameplate is worn centered above, and flush with the top of the right chest pocket. The nameplate has gold or white lettering on a black background, and shows only the wearer's last name.
5. **Qualification Badges (Type B Insignia) (7.3.2)** - Worn centered, left to right, top to bottom on the right chest pocket flap.
6. **SFMC Collar Brass (7.3.5.1)** - worn on the left collar centered, left to right, 1-inch from the tip of the collar, along an imaginary line drawn from the tip of the collar.
7. **Insignia of Grade (7.3.10.4 or 7.3.10.5)** - worn on the right collar.
 - a. Officer's Bars – centered, left to right, 1-inch from the tip of the collar, along an imaginary line drawn from the tip of the collar. Junior Officer bars will be spaced 1/8-inch apart, and any filled (black bars) are worn highest on the stack, toward the neck.
 - b. NCO Chevrons – worn centered, left to right, 1-inch from the tip of the collar, along an imaginary line drawn from the tip of the collar. Greatest number of chevrons will be worn upward, pointing toward the neck.



FIG. 1

8. **Shoulder Cord (7.3.7)** - worn on right shoulder, the button loop attachment is the only authorized method of attaching the shoulder cord.
9. **Dress gloves (7.3.11.71)** - White (when authorized by local commanders).

Mess White Uniform (Women's Variant)

This variant replaces the dress trousers with the dress skirt, and changes the headgear and footwear to a more feminine style.



Skirt, Dress: This is a plain black skirt with a 1-inch red blood stripe running vertically along the two outer seams, from the bottom of the waistband to the bottom hem of the skirt. It shall be hemmed so the edge falls within a range of 1-inch above to 1-inch below the knee. It can be with or without side hip pockets.

Headgear: The beret is authorized for wear with the women's White Service Uniform. The beret may be replaced with a US Navy Women's Service Hat, if so desired.

Footwear: There are three types of footwear authorized with the Woman's variant. Plain black pumps, black oxfords, and hosiery are worn with the skirt. The pumps, and oxfords should be highly polished, have no bows or decorations. The pumps will have a heel of 1.25-inches. Stockings or pantyhose should be flesh-toned, without decoration or visible seams. Fishnet, lace, or multicolored hosiery is specifically prohibited. Calf-high black boots are also authorized. Boots will be highly polished, have no decorations, plain toe and have heels of three inches or less.



Insignia & Accoutrements:

The same items are authorized for wear on the Women's Variant. The combadge is worn above the ribbons and the other accoutrements may be adjusted as necessary for proper fit and image. Women are also authorized to carry a plain black purse with no adornment or decoration.

7.2.2.3 Class B Uniforms:

Duty Uniforms (DS9 and VOY)

This is normally considered the third highest level uniform for purposes of Uniform of the Day planning. It is based on the standard uniform seen on Star Trek: First Contact and lately on Star Trek: Deep Space Nine.



Occasions for Wear:

1. On duty, as prescribed by local commanders.
2. As a field uniform when worn with Class C (BDU) trousers, as prescribed by local commanders. (When worn as a field uniform only the combadge and rank insignia is authorized for wear).
3. On other appropriate occasions, as desired.

Composition: The Duty Uniform is comprised of the jacket, trousers, a branch of service undershirt/dickey, and accoutrements as authorized below.

Jacket: The jacket is the standard open collar, shoulder cut, Starfleet issue top. It is black with gray shoulders. The shoulder area is quilted vertically. The jacket is worn outside the trousers, not tucked into the waistband.

Both sleeves have a 1-inch wide stripe in the Marine's branch of service. Special color combinations are authorized and correspond with shoulder cord color combinations for the General Staff, Deputy Commandant and Commandant and the following combinations are authorized for other distinguished officers: Past Commandants - Gold and Blue, Brigade OICs - Red and Black.

Branch of Service Undershirt/Dickey: an undershirt/dickey in the individual's branch color will be worn under the jacket. First Sergeants, Sergeants Major, Unit Officers in Charge, and General Staff Officers may wear a white undershirt/dickey instead of the branch of service color.

Trousers: the trousers are black in color, low waist, flat front, straight legged, with, or without, side, and hip pockets. Simple black dress slacks without any product labels will do. The trousers are worn unbloused.

Tactical Trousers: Tactical trousers are six, eight, or eleven pocket black trousers, and are authorized for wear when the Duty Uniform is worn as a Class C, or field uniform. Unlike BDU trousers, tactical trousers are less baggy, and do not have articulated knees. The trousers will be worn bloused with military style boots in this configuration. An affordable example of the trousers can be found here:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B001VIQ5JU/ref=oh_aui_detailpage_o02_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1

Belt: The black web belt is authorized for wear with the trousers.

Headgear: The beret is the only headgear authorized for wear with the Duty Uniform.

Footwear: Dress shoes, or ankle boots are authorized for wear with the Duty Uniform. Military style boots are only authorized for wear with the Class C (BDU) trouser, when the Duty Uniform is worn as a field uniform.

Insignia & Accoutrements: Only the following items are authorized for wear with the Duty Uniform:

1. **Combadge (7.3.11.2)** - worn on the left chest, centered left to right, along imaginary vertical line drawn from where the shoulder meets the neck of the jacket, down along the body of the jacket, and 1/2 inch below the bottom stitching of the shoulder quilting.
2. **Branch Devices (Type A Insignia) (7.3.1)** - worn on left side of chest, centered, left to right, along imaginary vertical line drawn from where the shoulder meets the neck of the jacket, down along the body of the jacket, and 1/2 inch above top stitching of the shoulder quilting.
3. **Collar Brass (7.3.5.1)** - Worn on the left collar of the undershirt, and vertical to the deck. The leading edge of the insignia is 1.5-inches from, and parallel to the zipper of the undershirt. If a dickey is being worn, and has no zipper, the insignia will be placed accordingly from the center of the neck of the dickey.
4. **Insignia of Grade (7.3.10.2 or 7.3.10.6)** - worn on the right collar of the undershirt, and vertical to the deck.
 - a. **Officer's Bars** – worn vertically, with the leading edge of the insignia parallel to the zipper seam of the undershirt, and the bottom edge parallel to the seam between the body of the undershirt and the collar. The leading edge of the insignia is 1.5-inches from the zipper of the undershirt. If a dickey is being worn, and has no zipper, the insignia will be placed accordingly from the center of the neck of the dickey
 - b. **NCO Chevrons** – worn horizontally with the leading edge of the insignia parallel to the zipper seam of the undershirt, and the bottom edge parallel to the seam between the body of the undershirt and the collar. The leading tip of the insignia is 1.5-inches from, and parallel to the zipper of the undershirt. If a dickey is being worn, and has no zipper, the insignia will be placed accordingly from the center of the neck of the dickey. The greatest number of chevrons will be worn pointing to the front of the neck.

Duty Uniform, Type B

This is normally considered the third highest level uniform for purposes of Uniform of the Day planning. It is based on the standard uniform seen on Star Trek: The Next Generation.

Occasions for Wear:

1. On duty, as prescribed by local commanders.
2. On other appropriate occasions, as desired.

Composition: The Duty Uniform is comprised of the jacket and trousers, and accoutrements as authorized below.

Jacket: The jacket is a pull over style with collar as seen in episodes of Star Trek: The Next Generation (seasons 3-7), and early episodes of Deep Space Nine. Keeping with the TOS SFMC tradition the color is charcoal instead of branch or departmental color as with the Fleet side.

Trousers: Duty Trousers are black in color, low waist, flat front, straight legged with, or without, side, and hip pockets. Simple black dress slacks without any product labels will suffice. A 1-inch wide red blood stripe will be worn on the outside seam of both trouser legs, running from the seam of the waistband to the bottom hem of the trouser leg.

Headgear: The beret is the only headgear authorized for wear with the Duty Uniform.

Footwear: High gloss black dress shoes, or ankle boots may be worn with the Duty Uniform, Type B. Aerospace branch and jump para-qualified members of the Infantry and Special Operations Branches may wear spit shined Jump boots.



Insignia & Accoutrements: Only the following listed items are authorized for wear with the Duty Uniform:

1. **Combadge (7.3.11.2)** - worn on the left chest, centered left to right along imaginary vertical line drawn from where the shoulder meets the neck of the jacket, down along the body of the tunic, and 1/2 inch below the shoulder yoke seam (1/2 inch into the charcoal colored material of the body of the tunic).
2. **Branch Devices (Type A Insignia) (7.3.1)** – worn on left chest, centered left to right along imaginary vertical line drawn from where the shoulder meets the neck of the jacket, down along the body of the tunic, and 1/2 inch above the shoulder yoke seam (or 1 inch above the combadge) and centered on the combadge.

3. **Collar Brass (7.3.5.1)** - worn on the left collar of the tunic, 1 inch from the edge of the collar, centered top to bottom, and vertical to the deck.
4. **Insignia of Grade (7.3.10.2 or 7.3.10.6)** - worn on the right collar of the tunic, 1 inch from the edge of the collar, centered top to bottom
 - a. **Officer's Bars** – worn vertically with the bottom edge of the insignia parallel to the seam between the body of the tunic and the collar.
 - b. **NCO Chevrons** – worn horizontally with the bottom edge of the insignia parallel to the seam between the body of the tunic and the collar. Greatest number of chevrons will be worn pointing to the front of the neck.

7.2.3 Class C Field Uniforms

Battle Dress Uniforms (BDU)

This is normally considered the fourth highest level uniform for purposes of Uniform of the Day planning. It is widely available at Army/Navy stores and via mail order, and is therefore the easiest uniform to obtain.



Occasions for Wear:

1. On duty, as prescribed by local commanders.
2. On other appropriate occasions, as desired. The BDU is authorized for year-round wear by all personnel and is the normal service uniform for outdoor and/or tactical situations.

Composition: The Battle Dress Uniform is comprised of the four-pocket jacket, gray undershirt, black six-pocket trousers, and accoutrements as authorized below.

Jacket: The jacket is a standard, black BDU four-pocket jacket. The material may be cotton (winter weight) or ripstop nylon (summer weight). The jacket is worn outside the trousers.

Trousers: The trousers are the standard, black BDU six-pocket trousers. The material may be cotton (winter weight) or ripstop nylon (summer weight), but the trousers must be of the same material. The trousers may be worn bloused, or unbloused over the boots.

Belt: The black web belt is authorized for wear with the trousers. A black buckle may be worn when wearing subdued devices or insignia. A white or black pistol belt may be worn on the outside of the blouse as directed by local commanders. The white pistol belt should be reserved for dress use or to signify a marine on guard or watch duty.

Headgear: The black, eight-point cover, black beret, or black baseball style cap with SFMC, BDE or Unit patch affixed may be worn.

Footwear: Military style boots are the authorized for wear with the Battle Dress Uniform.

Insignia & Accoutrements: Only the following items are authorized for wear on the BDU:

5. **Combade (7.3.11.2)** - worn centered on the left chest pocket flap.
6. **Branch Devices (Type A Insignia) (7.3.1)** – may be either a pin or embroidered patch. Worn 1/2-inch above, and centered on the SFMC tape.

7. **Qualification Badges (Type B Insignia) (7.3.2)** – may be either a pin or embroidered patch. Worn 1/2-inch above and centered on the right chest pocket.
8. **Insignia of Grade (7.3.10.2) or (7.3.10.6)** – Junior Officers, and Enlisted will wear insignia on the right collar. Flag Officers will wear rank insignia on both collars.
 - a. **Officer's Bars** – centered, left to right, 1-inch from the tip of the collar, along an imaginary line drawn from the tip of the collar. Junior Officer bars will be spaced 1/8-inch apart, and any filled (black bars) are worn highest on the stack, toward the neck.
 - b. **NCO Chevrons** – worn centered, left to right, 1-inch from the tip of the collar, along an imaginary line drawn from the tip of the collar. Greatest number of chevrons will be worn upward, pointing toward the neck.



FIG. 1

1. **SFMC Collar Brass (7.3.5.1)** - worn on the left collar centered, left to right, 1-inch from the tip of the collar, along an imaginary line drawn from the tip of the collar.
9. **SFMC Patch (7.3.5.2)** - worn centered on the left shoulder, 1/2 inch below the shoulder seam.
10. **Brigade Patch (7.3.5.3)** - worn centered on the right shoulder, 1/2 inch below the shoulder.
11. **Chapter Patch (7.3.5.5)** - worn centered on the right breast pocket.
12. **Unit Patch (7.3.5.4)** - worn centered on the left breast pocket.
13. **Nametape (7.3.11.52)** - worn centered on the right pocket with the bottom of the tape flush with the top pocket flap seam and running from pocket edge to pocket edge. Lettering on the nametape is yellow, and show only the wearer's last name. If wearing subdued insignia, the lettering may be gray or silver in color.

14. **SFMC Tape (7.3.11.51)** - worn centered on the left pocket with the bottom of the tape flush with the top pocket flap seam and running from pocket edge to pocket edge. Lettering on the nametape is yellow, and shows SFMC. If wearing subdued insignia, the lettering may be gray or silver in color.