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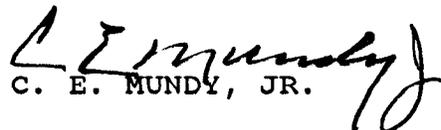
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From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
To: All General Officers
All Commanding Officers
All Officers in Charge

Subj: MARINE CORPS UNIFORMS

1. Over the past several years, many changes have been made to Marine Corps uniforms and to the regulations pertaining to their wear. These changes reflect our commitment to provide a uniform wardrobe which is flexible and responsive to the needs of our Marines without sacrificing the traditional distinctiveness associated with Marine Corps uniforms. We will continue to seek those improvements which will enhance the appearance, practicality, comfort, and durability of our uniforms, without imposing undue financial burdens on Marines.
2. The addition of new uniform items, both recent and anticipated, will require that commanders continue to exercise sound judgment in prescribing the most suitable uniform for their specific environment and assigned mission. Therefore, I am tasking all commanders to review their current uniform policies to ensure that the uniform most appropriate to the occasion is prescribed. At most commands it should be possible to allow Marines adequate opportunities during a tour of duty to wear all of the uniforms they are required to possess.
3. A revision of the Marine Corps Uniform Regulations will be published shortly. As with previous versions, the updated manual will provide policies and regulations regarding the wear of Marine Corps uniforms and accessories. It allows for local interpretations, but stops short of allowing changes in policy or practices which contradict the manual. Upon receipt of the revised Marine Corps Uniform Regulations, I am directing you to look closely at the intent of the regulations and the effect that your local interpretations have upon your Marines. It is important that leaders at every level understand this philosophy for it to be effective.
4. In the midst of change, our Corps' traditionally high standards of uniform appearance will be maintained to the highest degree possible to ensure that the Marine Corps uniform continues to be a source of pride and a symbol of professionalism.


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