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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 that is flexible, distinctive 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 that will enhance the appearance, practicality, comfort, quality and durability of our uniforms, without imposing undue financial burdens on Marines.

2. As we continue the transition to the combat utility uniform, commanders must exercise sound judgment in prescribing the most suitable uniform for their specific environment and assigned mission. Therefore, I task all commanders to review their current uniform policies to ensure the uniform most appropriate to the occasion is prescribed without causing undue financial hardship to the individual Marine. At most commands, it should be possible to allow Marines adequate opportunities during a tour of duty to wear all the uniforms they are required to possess.

3. In the midst of change, our Corps' traditionally high standards of uniform appearance will be maintained to the highest degree possible to ensure Marine Corps uniforms continue to be a source of pride and a symbol of professionalism.


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