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POLICY LETTER 2-10

From: Commanding Officer, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit
To: Distribution List

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Ref: (a) MCO P1020.24G

1. Cancellation: 15th MEU Policy Letter 1-09 of 17 Nov 09.
2. In order to ensure uniformity and the professional appearance of Marines and Sailors of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, the following uniform policy is provided:
 - a. Only Marine Corps approved boots will be worn, i.e. boots that have the Marine Corps emblem on the side of the heel or the approved flight/safety boots.
 - b. The trousers for the Marine Corps Combat Uniform (MCCU) will be bloused. Note: Trousers may be unbloused when conducting small boat/amphibious operations when the high probability of submersion/drowning may occur.
 - c. The blouse for the MCCU will be free of Velcro patches. Name and service tapes will be sewn on (not Velcro), and the blouse will not be tucked into the trousers, unless the specific mission requires it for safety purposes. When in the field and aboard ship, sleeves will not be rolled or tucked under, but worn completely down.
 - d. Flame Resistant Operational Gear (FROG), will only be worn as the 15th MEU Commander directs and based upon the enemy's current threat level. When authorized, Marine's may wear the FROG during mission preparation and execution.
 - e. Name tapes or embroidery are not authorized on the eight point or boonie cover.
 - f. Sweatshirts worn in uniform will be green with the USMC logo or current unit logo. Sweatshirts with attached hoods will not be worn in uniform.
 - g. No civilian clothing articles will be worn with the MCCU.
 - h. Arabic head scarves (shemaghs) will not be worn with the MCCU.
 - i. Name tags for flight suits/coveralls will be the standard version (rank, last name, Marine Corps Emblem/wings, etc.) either black or brown leather. Cloth embroidered versions are authorized provided they are brown or green in color and have the standard information on them. Name tags will not have nicknames, state flags, silhouettes, or Arabic writing. Name tags

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with squadron approved call signs in addition to standard information are authorized. The call sign must be appropriate and moderate in taste.

j. Watch caps and neck gators will be authorized for wear only after the temperature, or wind chill, drops below 32 degrees Fahrenheit, and will not normally be worn throughout the entire day. Neck gators may be worn during live fire weapons training. Neck gators protect the neck from expended hot shell casings.

k. The 100 weight fleece (pull-over style) will be worn under the MCCU blouse. Under no circumstances will it be worn as an outer garment while in garrison.

l. Gloves will be military in appearance, one color (coyote tan or black) with no writing on them. The exception to this is flight gloves. Flight gloves can be tan or green.

m. Unit T-shirts may be worn as part of a boots and utility uniform. However, the T-shirt must reflect a unit currently assigned to the 15th MEU.

n. There shall be no United States flag patches displayed anywhere on the uniform.

o. The 15th MEU Commander will authorize selected Marines to wear sanitized uniforms in the performance of their duties. Sanitized uniforms will not be worn about the ship or Forward Operating Base (FOB) as the uniform of the day.

p. There shall be no blood type, "kill" number, or writing on any piece of the uniform or Consolidated Issue Facility (CIF) equipment such as helmet covers, flak jackets, etc.

q. Boonie covers will be the standard head gear when deployed in the field. The eight point cover will only be authorized for field wear at the discretion of the 15th MEU Commander.

r. No personnel are authorized relaxed grooming standards unless authorized in writing by the 15th MEU Commander.

3. The reference provides guidance in the proper wear of uniform articles, but common sense will apply.

4. Any questions regarding uniform policy should be addressed to the 15th MEU Sergeant Major.


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