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NROTC UNIT, ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY INSTRUCTION 1020.1

From: Commanding Officer, Naval Reserve Officers Training
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Subj: WEAR OF THE MARINE CORPS COMBAT UTILITY UNIFORM (MCCUU)
BY MIDSHIPMEN (MIDN) IN NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING
CORPS (NROTC) UNIT, ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY (ASU)

1. Purpose. The purpose of this instruction is to identify applicable Marine Corps uniform regulations and provide MIDN of NROTC Unit ASU with amplifying guidance for the proper wear of the MCCUU.

a. As with any uniform, the wear of the MCCUU should be a matter of personal pride to all MIDN. MIDN will maintain the MCCUU in a serviceable condition and will, by their appearance, set an example of strict conformity with applicable regulations and published guidance.

b. Marines are known not just for their battlefield prowess, but also for their unparalleled standards of professionalism and uncompromising personal appearance. It is a MIDN's duty and personal obligation to maintain a professional and neat appearance at all times.

c. By extension, this instruction also serves to ensure MIDN present the best possible image at all times and continue to lead the way in military presence.

2. MCCUU Components and Manner of Wear. The MCCUU should be loose fitting and comfortable. Items should be fitted loosely enough to allow for some shrinkage without rendering the garment unusable. Care of the MCCUU will be addressed in paragraph 5 of this instruction.

a. Name tapes will be worn on the MCCUU as prescribed with the exception that service tapes will either be replaced with ASU NROTC (Unit) tapes or not worn at all. Name/Unit tapes will be placed immediately above and slanted parallel with the top of the slanted chest pocket flaps. The background of the name/Unit tape will be of the same fabric and print as the uniform itself.

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b. The MCCUU coat will be worn outside the trousers. Only in certain, prescribed tactical situations will the coat be tucked into the trousers. When authorized by the Commanding Officer, NROTC Unit ASU, sleeves may be rolled with the inside out, forming a roll about 3 inches wide, and terminating at a point about 2 inches above the elbow. At all other times, garrison or field environment, sleeves will be worn down with the cuffs buttoned. When combat boots are worn, the trousers will be bloused in a neat, uniform manner. Only in certain, prescribed tactical situations will the trousers be unbloused.

c. The MCCUU garrison cap will be worn in garrison. The MCCUU field (boonie) cap may be worn during field-type exercises and operations only, and may not be prescribed during parades, reviews or other ceremonies. When worn, the MCCUU field cap brim will be worn straight or angled slightly down.

d. No older style woodland or poplin fabric items will be mixed with the MCCUU.

3. Prescribed Occasions for Wear. The Commanding Officer, NROTC Unit ASU may prescribe the MCCUU as the Uniform of the Day (UOD) in accordance with this instruction. The MCCUU can be authorized for parades, reviews or other ceremonies, and informal social functions. The MCCUU coat may be removed only for physical training and work details. When the MCCUU is worn during the summer season, the desert Marine Pattern (MARPAT) will be worn. When the MCCUU is worn during the winter season, the woodland MARPAT will be worn.

a. The MCCUU is designated a working uniform and is not ordinarily appropriate for wear in a civilian environment. Typically, wear of the MCCUU is authorized while commuting to and from work via privately owned vehicles. However, en route stops while off-base are not authorized except for bonafide emergencies, such as medical emergencies, vehicle breakdown, or vehicle accidents. Marines and Sailors may only wear the MCCUU at off base establishments when using drive-thru services such as ATMs, fast food restaurants, or dry cleaners when they do not exit the vehicle.

b. For purposes of this instruction, work will refer to any official ASU or Unit business being conducted on a given day when the MCCUU is prescribed as the UOD. En route will refer to whatever mode of transportation and designated route is being

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utilized to conduct such business. The stipulation regarding en route stops will be adhered to if the service is off base. Off base will refer to any location off of the ASU Main Campus as defined by the four corners formed by Rio Salado, Mill/Apache, and Rural. Any requirement to wear the MCCUU for official business outside of the ASU Main Campus must be cleared in advance by the Marine Officer Instructor.

4. Restrictions on Wear of the MCCUU. MIDN are prohibited from wearing the MCCUU while engaged in any of the following activities, functions or circumstances unless specifically authorized by the Commanding Officer, NROTC Unit ASU:

a. Soliciting funds for any purpose from the public outside of a military base or establishment.

b. Participating in any type of show or event which is commercially sponsored for advertising purposes, where it could be implied or construed that the Marine Corps "endorses" the product advertised.

c. "Endorsing" commercial products in such ways as to involve the uniform, title, grade or rate or in any way establish or imply their military affiliation with such products.

d. Appearing or participating in any event in public that would compromise the dignity of the uniform.

5. Handling and Care. In order to maximize service life and maintain optimum performance, the following instructions should be followed when caring for the MCCUU:

a. Wash in warm water and mild detergent containing no optical brighteners or bleach. Tumble dry at low heat (not to exceed 130° F). Remove immediately from the dryer and fold flat or place on a rustproof hanger to ensure heat from the dryer does not set wrinkles. To drip dry, remove from the washer/water and place on a rustproof hanger. Do not wring or twist.

b. A hand iron set on low heat may be used to individually press areas such as collar points or pocket flaps to help maintain a neat appearance. Care should be taken when pressing creases, as the uniform is manufactured with permanent creases.

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Improper pressing may result in multiple permanent creases. . No new creases may be created.

c. The use of starch, sizing and any process that involves dry-cleaning or a steam press will adversely affect the treatments and durability of the MCCUU and is not authorized.

6. Guidance on Interaction with Local Marine Community (Retired, Reserve, Active Duty). When dealing with the local community, MIDN are professionals and future leaders of our fighting force. If any Retired, Reserve, or Active Duty Marine has issues with the wear of the MCCUU, inform them of the existence of an NROTC Unit at ASU and the prescription of its wear as the UOD. If there are any further issues, direct them to contact the Marine Officer Instructor or Assistant Marine Officer Instructor. However, any activity which detracts from the dignified professionalism of a Marine is unacceptable and will not be tolerated by any service member, past or present.


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