

# MCVA



**MARINE CORPS**  
**VETERANS**  
ASSOCIATION

## Uniform Regulations Handbook

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The Uniform Regulations Handbook provides the requirements for proper wearing of the uniform and grooming standards. Members are expected to comply with these regulations on all occasions. Every effort must be made to present an image of professionalism and pride in our Marine Corps Veterans Association.

#### **UNIFORMS:**

(See Figure 1 for Casual uniform)

Casual – White polo shirt with MCVA official embroidering.  
(See Figure 2)

Navy blue garrison cover with MCVA official embroidering with anodized 1 1/4" eagle, globe, and anchor emblem. (See Figures 3 and 3a)

Proper placement of name tags. (See Figure 4)

Official MCVA name tag. (See Figure 4a)

Black ratchet leather belt with USMC Buckle, worn 3 1/2"–5" past end of buckle. (See Figure 5)

Non-pleated navy blue cuff-less trousers, tailored to 1/4" above top of heel same as ceremonial uniform. (See figure 14) (Also see Figures 1, 1a, 1b)

Plain black dress socks. (no image)

Plain black oxford dress shoes. See (Figure 6) for authorized shoes available. All shoes should maintain a highly polished appearance at all time.

The optional the USMC winter jacket is the only authorized jacket to be worn by members, and should be form fitting. The winter jacket will have the appropriate MCVA emblems positioned on shoulder straps 3/4" from the armhole sleeve. (Worn when weather conditions call for it). (See Figures 7, 7a)



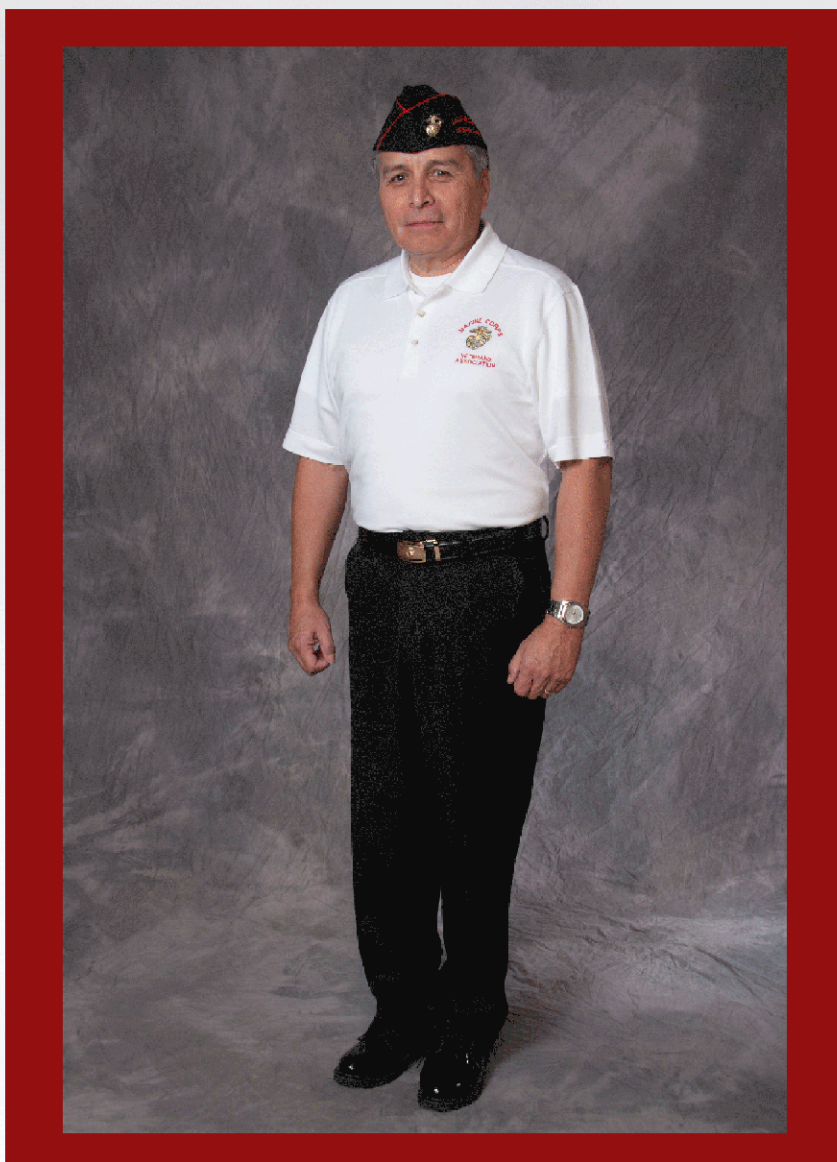


Figure 1



Figure 2





Figure 3

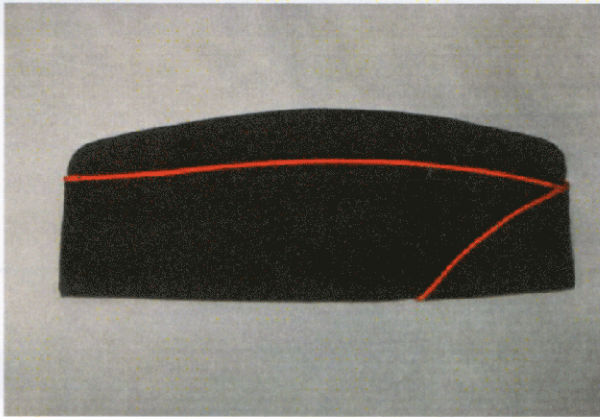


Figure 3a



Figure 4



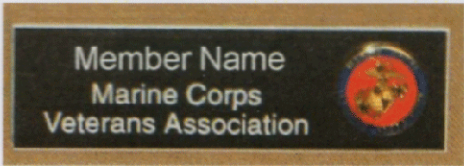


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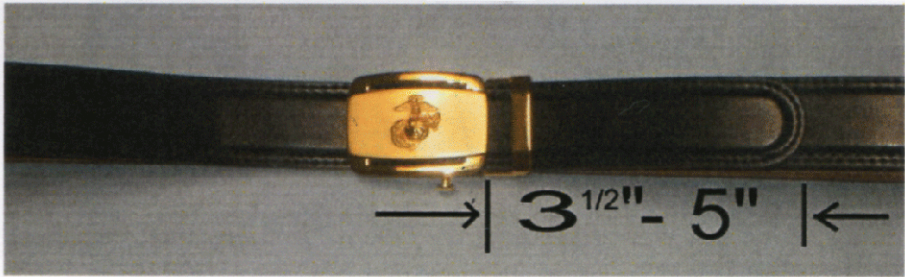


Figure 5

**Military shoes available**

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	Men's Executive Work shoes	Walmart	\$26.64
	Hi Gloss Oxfords Overseas import	Vermont's barre Army Navy 1-800-448-7965	\$29.95
	Bates Durashocks High Gloss	CopShoes 1-866-280-0400 copshoes.com	\$59.95
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Figure 6



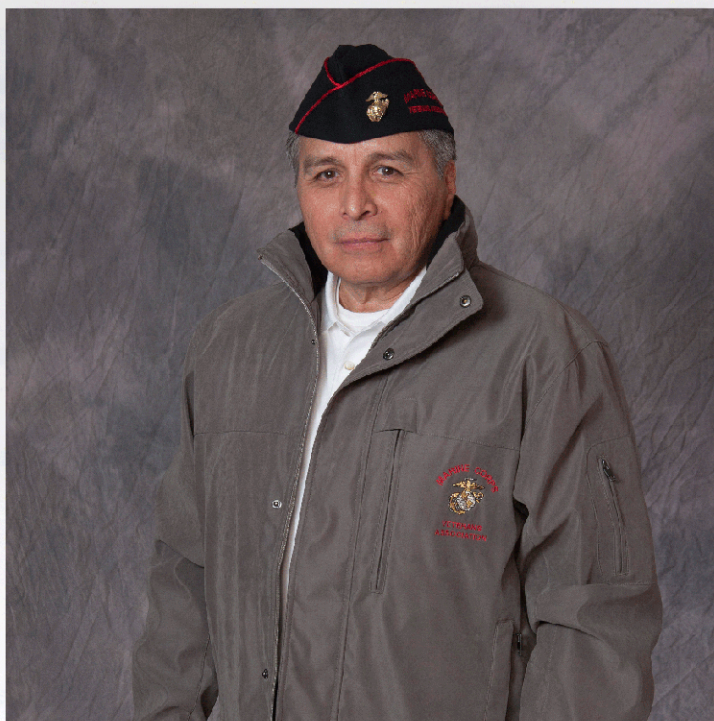


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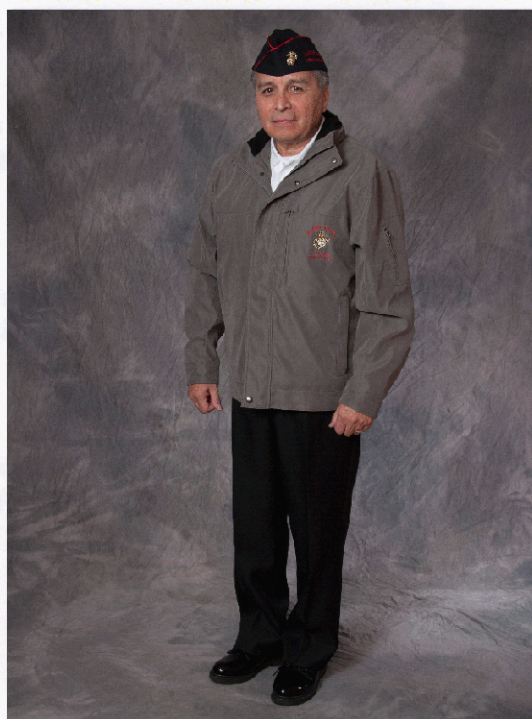


Figure 7a



(See Figures 8, 8a, 8b for ceremonial uniform)

**Ceremonial** - Navy blue garrison cover with MCVA official embroidering with 1 ¼" anodized globe, eagle, and anchor emblem. (See Figures 9 & 9a)

Short sleeve khaki shirt with American flag and MCVA patches. (See Figure 10)

Official MCVA name tag worn centered ¼" above right pocket of khaki shirt. (See Figure 10)

MCVA collar emblems worn on left and right collars with anchors turned inboard. See (Figure 11) for proper placement.

Shirt stays. (See Figure 12)

Official MCVA name tag. (See Figure 13)

Web belt with brass buckle worn with 2 ¾"– 3 ¾" between buckle and end of belt. (See Figure 14)

White crew neck T shirt. (no image)

Bates or other approved highly gloss plain black oxford shoes. (See Figure 15)

Dress blue trousers with NCO red stripe, tailored to ¼" above top of heel. (See Figures 8, 8a, 8b & 15)

Plain black dress socks. (no image)

(Optional) USMC tanker jacket with appropriate MCVA emblems positioned on shoulder straps ¾" from the armhole seam. (Worn when weather conditions call for it). (See Figures 7, 7a and 16)

Authorized DOD or MCVA ribbons (optional)  
(See Figure 17)



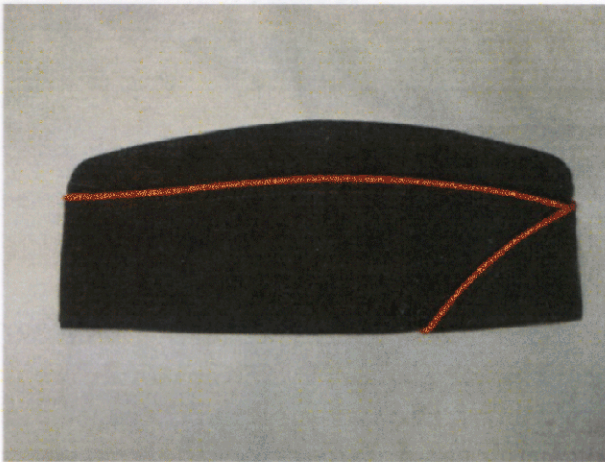


Figure 8





**Figure 9**



**Figure 9a**



**Figure 10**



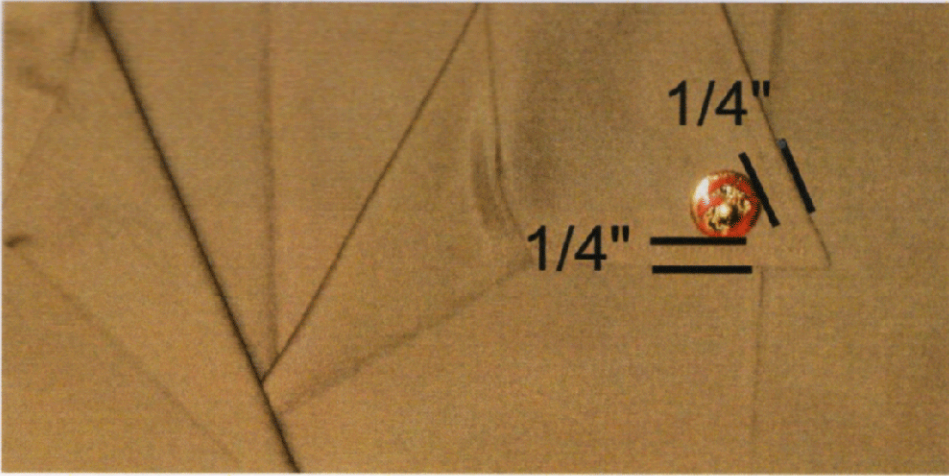


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Figure 12



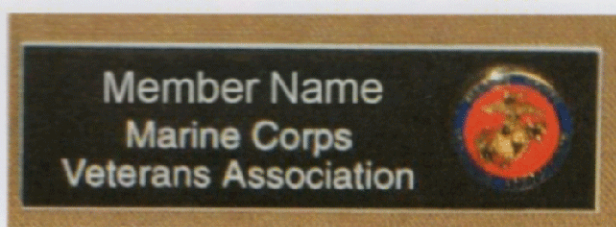


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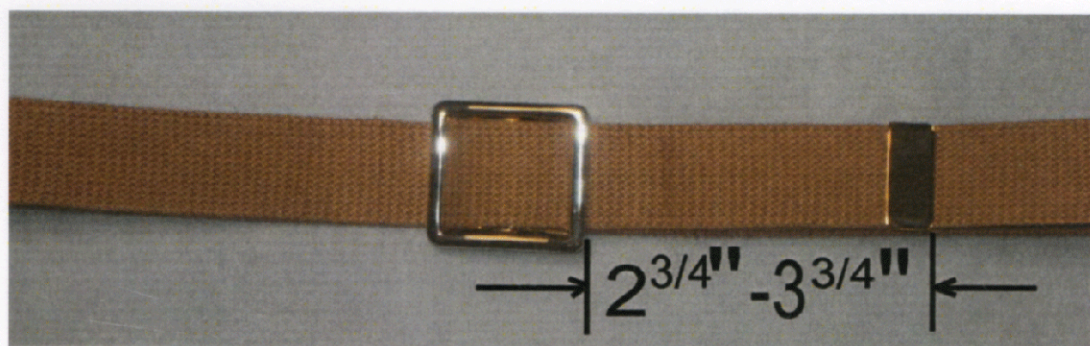


Figure 14





**Figure 15**



**Figure 16**

**Veterans.** Former members of the Marine Corps who served honorably during a declared or undeclared war and whose most recent service was terminated under honorable conditions (this means an honorable or general discharge) may wear the uniform in the highest grade held during such war service only upon the following occasions and in the course of travel incident thereto:

- (1) Military funerals, memorial services, weddings, and inaugurations.
- (2) Parades on national or state holidays; or other parades or ceremonies of a patriotic character in which any active or reserve United States military unit is taking part.

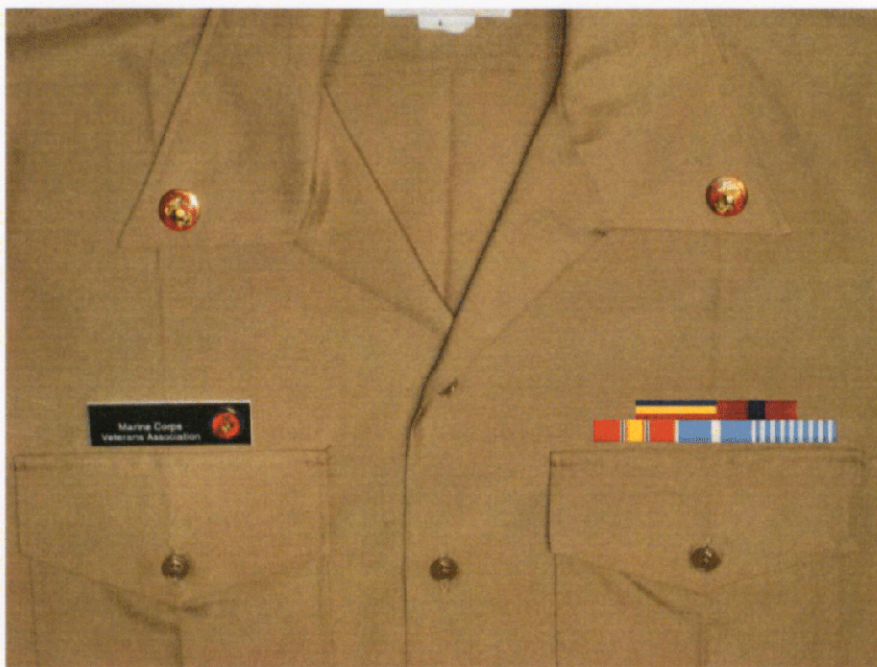
Former Marines who are discharged honorably or under honorable conditions from the Marine Corps (even if it's not during wartime service) may wear their uniform while going from the place of discharge to their home of record, within three months after discharge.

Wearing of the uniform or any part thereof at any other time or for any purpose is prohibited.



**Note:** Personnel serving as Honor Guard or Color Guard must meet all of these prescribed ceremonial uniform regulations without exception. Additional accessories may be added to these Honor Guard/Color Guard uniform requirements as authorized by the MCVA.

**AWARD RIBBONS -** Ribbons awarded during active or reserve duty or authorized MCVA ribbons may only be worn on the ceremonial uniform. DOD and MCVA ribbons should never be worn together. DOD ribbons shall be worn over the left breast pocket of the khaki shirt and arranged in the Order of Precedence as prescribed in Attachment "A". The most distinguished ribbons are to be first to the wearers right on the holding bar and others following in the prescribed sequence. (See figure 17)



**Figure 17**



**PATCHES - Marine Corps Veterans Association 3"**  
authorized patch (left sleeve) American flag reversed field with white  
border 3" x 2". (right sleeve) (See Figure 18)

Patches are to be attached to the khaki shirt 3" below the shoulder  
seam. (See Figure 19)

**EMBLEMS - GARRISON COVER:**  
1 1/4" Brass USMC globe, eagle and anchor worn on the left side at  
the grommet location. (See Figures 9, 9a)

**EMBLEMS - KHAKI CEREMONIAL SHIRT:**  
Authorized MCVA collar emblems worn on left and right collars  
with anchors turned inboard. (See Figure 11)

**EMBROIDERY - GARRISON COVER:**  
Marine Corps Veterans Association name in red on left side of cover.  
(See Figure 20)

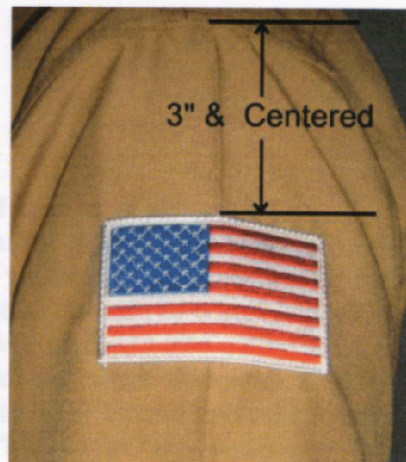
**EMBROIDERY - WHITE POLO SHIRT:**  
Marine Corps Veterans Association uniform logo in authorized  
colors and design on the left breast.  
(See Figure 3)







**Figure 18**



**Figure 19**





Figure 20

**Name tags -** Name tags will consist of the members name with Marine Corps Veterans Association below. The name tag will have the MCVA lapel pin attached following the members name. Name tags shall be worn on the right breast of the white polo shirt and centered and level with the MCVA logo, ¼" and centered over the right pocket of the khaki ceremonial shirt and over the left breast of the tanker jacket. (See Figure 4 for casual uniform, Figure 17 for ceremonial uniform & Figures 7 or 16 for tanker jacket.



**PERSONAL ARTICLES** - Personal articles are not to be worn exposed while in uniforms. (excluding watches and rings). Cellular phones and pagers, etc. are not to be worn with the authorized uniform. When sunglasses are worn the frames should be in keeping with Marine Corps standards and conservative in design.

**Personal grooming - Hair** should be kept neatly trimmed. Although hair length will not be stipulated it should be kept in a manner that would not detract from the appearance we wish to portray as former Marines. Any hair style which is eccentric and not in keeping with the conservative Marine Corps mind-set is not acceptable while in uniform. Facial hair will be allowed but should be kept properly trimmed when in uniform. Chest hair should not protrude in an unsightly manner above the collar of the white polo or khaki shirt. Male Marine veterans are not allowed to wear any body piercing which are visible while in uniform. Women Marine veterans are permitted to wear studded earrings & makeup while in uniform but not to be eccentric and detract from the Marine Corps Veterans Association uniform. Active Marines must adhere to Marine Corps standards. Good judgment is the key to the enforcement of these standards.

Personnel serving as Honor Guard or Color Guard will be held to a higher standard of personal grooming than prescribed above.

#### **FINAL NOTE REGARDING WEARING OF THE MCVA UNIFORM**

MCVA uniforms are authorized for wearing only at MCVA sanctioned events, and while traveling to or from such events.

We should always attempt to portray an image of professionalism when conducting MCVA official business while in or out of uniform. When in uniform your behavior should not reflect adversely on the reputation of the Marine Corps Veterans Association.

We should wear our uniform with the same pride we had during our days of military service. Always remember, we are the few, the proud, the Marines.



# **MARINE CORPS VETERANS ASSOCIATION RIBBON ORDER OF DISPLAY/WEAR**

## **Attachment "A"**

### **DOD Ribbons**

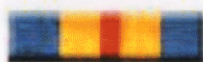
**This display represents the correct order of precedence of ribbons to be worn on the Marine Corps Veterans Association uniforms. Devices worn on these ribbons must be worn in a manner as specified by the DOD and are used to denote additional awards or participation**



**Medal of Honor**



**Navy Cross Medal**



**Defense Distinguished Service**



**Distinguished Service Medal**



**Silver Star Medal**



**Defense Superior Service**



**Legion of Merit**



**Distinguished Flying Cross**



**Navy and Marine Corps Medal**



**Bronze Star Medal**





**Purple Heart Medal**



**Defense Meritorious Service**



**Meritorious Service Medal**



**Air Medal**



**Joint Service Commendation Medal**



**Navy/ Marine Corps Commendation Medal**



**Joint Service Achievement Medal**



**Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal**



**Combat Action Ribbon**



**Presidential Unit Citation**



**Joint Meritorious Unit Award**



**Navy Unit Commendation Medal**



**Meritorious Unit Commendation**



**Navy "E"**



**Prisoner of War Medal**



**Good Conduct Medal**



**Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal**



**Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal**





**Navy Expeditionary Medal**



**China Service Medal**



**American Defense Medal**



**American Theater Campaign Medal**



**Asia Pacific Medal**



**European, African, Middle Eastern Campaign Medal**



**World War II Victory Medal**



**Navy Occupation Medal**



**National Defense Service Medal**



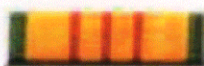
**Korea Service Medal (United States)**



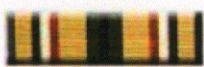
**Antarctica Service Medal**



**Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal**



**Vietnam Service Medal**



**Southwest Asia Service**



**Kosovo Campaign Medal**



**Afghanistan Campaign Medal**



**Iraq Campaign Medal**





**Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal**



**Global War on Terror Service Medal**



**Korea Defense Service Medal**



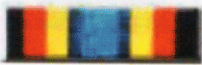
**Armed Forces Service Medal**



**Humanitarian Service**



**Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal**



**Navy Sea Service Ribbon**



**Navy Arctic Service Ribbon**



**Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon**



**Armed Forces Reserve Medal**



**Marine Corps Reserve Ribbon**



**Presidential Unit Citation**



**Presidential Unit Citation**



**Presidential Unit Citation**



**Vietnam Cross of Gallantry Medal**



**Vietnam Civil Actions Medal**





**United Nations Medal**



**United Nations Meda**



**NATO Medal**



**NATO Medal**



**Inter-American Defense Board Medal**



**Multinational Force and Observers Medal**



**Vietnam Campaign Medal**



**Kuwait Liberation Medal**



**Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait)**



**Korea Service Medal (Korea)**



## Marine Corps Veterans Association Awards

Awards are to be given for members in good standing in accordance with the By-Laws of the Marine Corps Veterans Association as amended. They are to be awarded on a yearly basis with the recommendations of a Awards committee. However, these recommendations may be overturned by a majority vote of the MCVA officers in private session. All recommended awards must be submitted on the proper form for each award. Detachment awards shall be given at the detachment level. Detachments shall submit recommendations for State awards for approval by the State headquarters. State headquarters shall submit recommendations for National awards for approval by the National headquarters. The ribbons being chosen will only be awarded to regular members of the MCVA. Associate members are not eligible.

Requirements for receiving awards and required forms can be found in MCVA Administrative Procedure MCVA AP-10. The specifics for wearing of awards can be found in the MCVA Uniform Regulations Handbook.

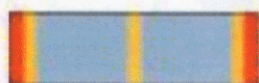
### MCVA RIBBONS



Detachment Marine of the year



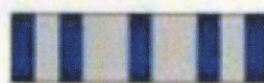
Detachment Recruiter of the year



Detachment Commanding Officer



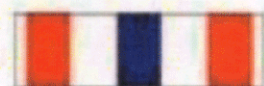
Membership



Detachment Achievement



Honor Guard



Color Guard



State Marine of the year



State Recruiter of the year



National Marine of the year



National Recruiter of the year



**Membership awards will be represented by the follow uninterrupted membership:**

- (2) years membership (1) bronze star**
- (5) years membership (2) bronze stars**
- (10) years membership (3) bronze stars**
- (20) years membership (1) gold star**
- (30) years membership (1) silver star**

**When multiple awards are given to an individual for the same category the following colored devices will be used:**

2<sup>nd</sup> award = bronze    3<sup>rd</sup> award = gold    4<sup>th</sup> award = silver



**Any award received after the 4<sup>th</sup> will still be designated by a single silver device.**



The following devices will be worn for multiple awards given to an individual:

National Marine of the year = globe/eagle/anchors  
National Recruiter of the year = globe/eagle/anchors  
State Marine of the year = globe/eagle/anchors  
State Recruiter of the year = stars  
Detachment CO award (per term) = stars  
Detachment Marine of the year = stars  
Detachment Recruiter of the year = stars  
Detachment Honor Guard award = stars  
Detachment Color Guard award = stars  
Detachment Achievement award = stars

### **MCVA Ribbon Order of Precedence/wear**

1. National Marine of the year
2. State Marine of the year
3. Detachment Marine of the year
4. National Recruiter of the year
5. State Recruiter of the year
6. Detachment Recruiter of the year
7. Honor Guard Award
8. Color Guard Award
9. Commanding Officer Award
10. Membership Award
11. Detachment Achievement

The wearing of ribbons will coincide with those prescribed by the Department of Defense with the exception of Order of Precedence