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EVENTS & ETIQUETTE

MODULE THREE



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Navigate prestigious affairs, events and functions,
along with their protocols, etiquette and customs.

Lifestyles. Insights. Networking. Knowledge. Skills.

Foundations



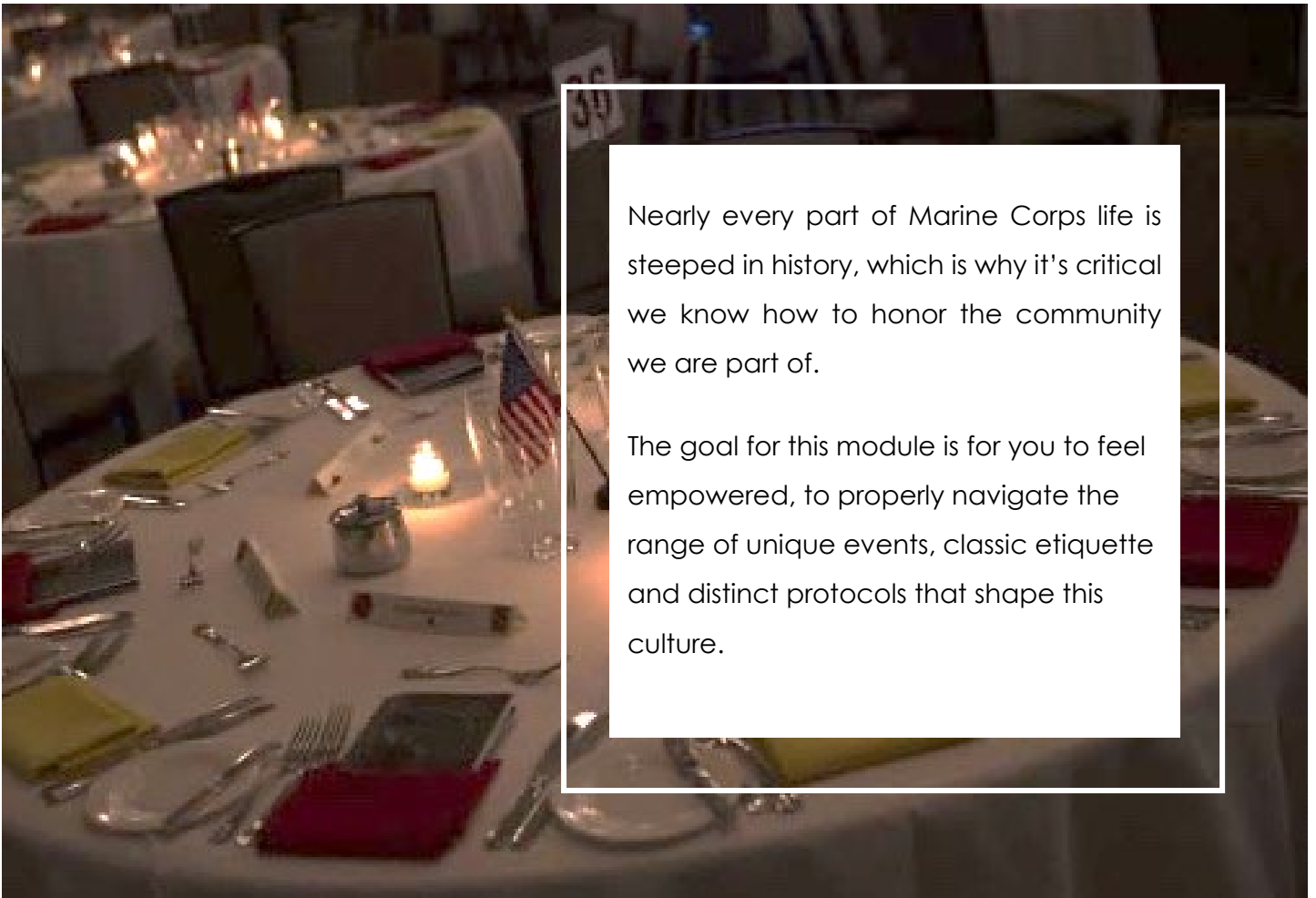


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welcome



Nearly every part of Marine Corps life is steeped in history, which is why it's critical we know how to honor the community we are part of.

The goal for this module is for you to feel empowered, to properly navigate the range of unique events, classic etiquette and distinct protocols that shape this culture.

At the end of this module, you will be well versed in Marine Corps traditions and culture as it pertains to engaging in a breadth of USMC social functions.

Pre-Module Activity

Directions: In the boxes below, write down what you think each of the terms mean. In the fourth box, explain how each of the terms is related to Marine Corps culture.



Etiquette:



Military Etiquette:



Protocol:



Relationship to the
Marine Corps lifestyle
and culture:

Everyday Etiquette



How to Tell Military Time?



Military time is used across all aspects of the Marine Corps, from booking doctor's appointments to understanding what time your spouse has to be at work in the morning. Time is set up in increments of 1 to 24 which aides in removing the need for ante meridiem (A.M.) and post meridiem (P.M.).

There are two ways to convert military time: 1.) Convert the time manually by subtracting 12 hours if the time is larger than 12:00, 2.) Use a chart like the one on the next page to look up the time.

Independent Activity

Directions: Test your newly learned knowledge of military time by completing the boxes.

Regular Time	Military Time	Military Time Pronunciation
Midnight (12:00 A.M.)	0000 or 0000 hours	"Zero-zero-zero-zero"
1:00 A.M.	0100 or 0100 hours	"Zero one hundred hours"
2:00 A.M.	0200 or 0200 hours	"Zero two hundred hours"
3:00 A.M.	0300 or 0300 hours	"Zero three hundred hours"
4:00 A.M.	0400 or 0400 hours	
5:00 A.M.		"Zero five hundred hours"
6:00 A.M.	0600 or 0600 hours	"Zero six hundred hours"
7:00 A.M.	0700 or 0700 hours	
8:00 A.M.		
9:00 A.M.		
10:00 A.M.		"Ten hundred hours"
11:00 A.M.	1100 or 1100 hours	
Noon (12:00 P.M.)	1200 or 1200 hours	"Twelve hundred hours"
1:00 P.M.	1300 or 1300 hours	"Thirteen hundred hours"
2:00 P.M.	1400 or 1400 hours	
3:00 P.M.		"Fifteen hundred hours"
4:00 P.M.		
5:00 P.M.		"Seventeen hundred hours"
6:00 P.M.	1800 or 1800 hours	
7:00 P.M.		
8:00 P.M.	2000 or 2000 hours	"Twenty hundred hours"
9:00 P.M.	2100 or 2100 hours	"Twenty-one hundred hours"
10:00 P.M.	2200 or 2200 hours	"Twenty-two hundred hours"
11:00 P.M.		"Twenty-three hundred hours"

Everyday Etiquette

The daily reverence given to the customs, courtesies and traditions of the various service branches.

1

The Raising and Lowering of the Flag

While on installation, service members and civilians are expected to stop, face the direction of the flag or music, and stand in respect accordingly during colors.

2

Respecting the Nation's Flag

Appropriate respect should be given during the playing of the National Anthem. On base, the National Anthem is played prior to many events including all movies at the theatre.

3

The Marines' Hymn

The oldest official song of the Armed Forces, the hymn may be played during special events, ceremonies and parades. Marines are expected to stand at attention and sing while civilians stand quietly with their arms at their sides.

4

Quiet Times

Quiet times are observed during the hours of 2000 (8:00 P.M.) and 0500 (5:00 A.M.). During these times, loud music or cadence calling is prohibited.

5

Passing Formations

When encountering a formation on the road, slow down, observe the road guard, drive carefully, and pass only when safe. Check your base guidelines for rules on passing a formation.

6

Appropriate Dress

As a representative of the Marine Corps, whether a Marine or family member, appropriate attire at all events and functions is imperative. Whether on a trip to the commissary or a themed holiday affair, err on the side of modesty.

Social Functions and Style

Social Events

Boss' Night

A Marine only event. Marines get together with peers and senior leadership to socialize.



Wet/Wetting Down

Promotion celebration. Spouses may be invited.

Hail and Farewell

A social event to celebrate those leaving, to say "Good-bye," while welcoming those joining the unit. Spouses are invited.



Unit Functions

Unit hosted events to build Esprit de Corps among members of the unit and their families.

Uniform of the Day, Duty Uniform, Daily Attire



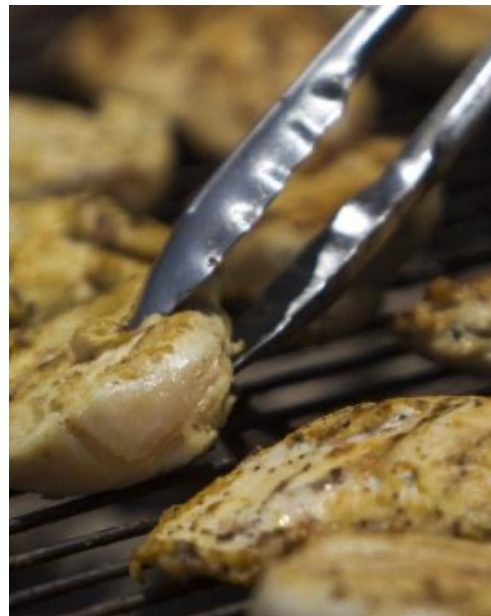
Used for everyday workday, events, gatherings and command-sponsored events, the uniform of the day is the common attire for Marines and civilians, alike.

- For civilians, this is what would be worn to the office.
- Warmer weather may dictate a sundress and sandals which are acceptable for female civilians. However, the official party (the CO, SgtMaj and their spouses) may be dressed more formally.
- For Marines, the daily uniform is their working uniform, Combat Utility Uniform (Cammies) or their Service "B" or "C" uniform.

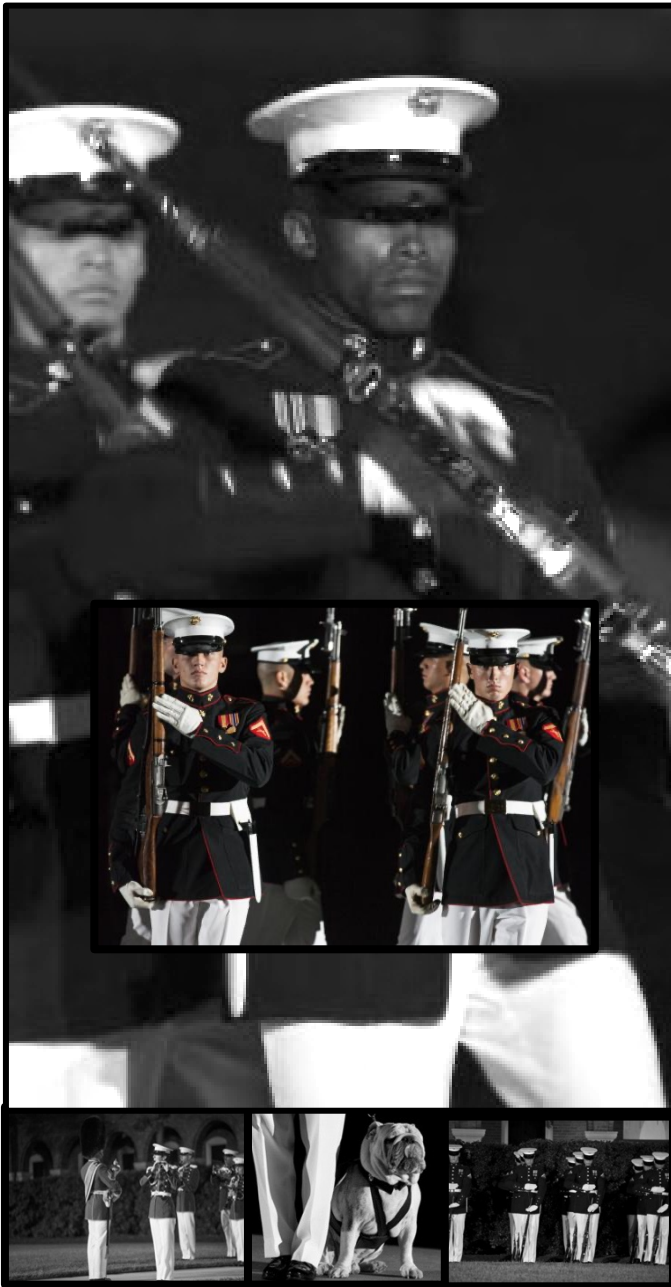
Casual Events

Casual events such as "Family Day" or other command and installation events are a great opportunity to network and socialize with other Marine Corps community members. When preparing for these events, keep in mind that modesty is the best approach.

- Gentleman may wear slacks, khakis or shorts with a collared polo-style shirt or button down shirt with sneakers or topsiders.
- Ladies may choose to wear slacks, khakis, capris or knee length shorts and a knit top with sandals, sneakers or flats.
- Marines in uniform may wear their working uniform, Cammies, or Service "B" or "C" uniforms.



Parades



Parades not only pay homage to centuries of Marine Corps tradition, but also are used to honor an individual, specific event or as a part of a Change of Command or Post and Relief Ceremony. Formal invitations are sent to respective dignitaries, officials and special guests; however, the general public are welcomed to attend.

The following tips will help you when attending a Marine Corps or military parade:

- This is an official military function, please dress according to the season and time of day; however, extremely casual dress, such as jeans or shorts are not appropriate.
- Gentlemen may wear slacks or khakis with a sport coat, open collar and no tie or a dress shirt.
- Ladies may dress in either slacks and a blazer or a simple, modest skirt or dress.
- Service members will wear their working uniform, Cammies or Service "B" or "C" uniforms.
- During the presentation or resting of Colors, remove any head coverings. Place the hand over the heart and temporarily halt conversations and silence electronic devices.
- Remain in place until the orator indicates the parade has concluded.

Change of Command

A Change of Command occurs when a unit's command colors, adorned with the ribbons that notate the unit's accomplishments, is handed from the outbound commander to the incoming commander during a formal parade or ceremony. Officers and enlisted personnel from the unit, as well as their dependents, are invited to attend the ceremony. Immediately following the ceremony, a reception for the commanders and their guests is held.



Attire should reflect the importance of a Command taking on new leadership and an event that is inclusive of high-level military officials, prominent members of the community and dignitaries. As such, the following tips will assist you in choosing appropriate attire:

- Gentlemen may dress in a business suit or a sport coat and tie with khakis or slacks.
- Ladies may dress in a knee-length, modest dress with heels for an evening affair. For a daytime event, a suit, slacks or knee-length skirt with a blouse is appropriate.
- Service members should dress in the uniform announced by the command prior to the event.

Relief & Appointment

Similar to a Change of Command, a Relief and Appointment ceremony occurs when the outgoing Sergeant Major is "Relieved" of his or her duties and responsibilities, which are then given to the "Appointed" incoming Sergeant Major. This can also be celebrated as a formation or a formal parade.



Evening Events



Mess Night (Dining In)

A "for Active-Duty Marines only" event, a 'Dining In' is a structured, formal dinner used to build Esprit de Corps. The "President of the Dining In" makes all of the rules at the 'Dining In,' which leads to camaraderie and antics equipped with toasts and many fines paid to "Mr. Vice."



Dining Out

Similar to a Dining In, a Dining Out allows guests and includes a cocktail hour, dinner and toasts. Ensure to bring a few extra dollars in case you are fined!



Evening Events Attire

Formal attire appropriate for a dinner or cocktail party.

The Fallen Comrade Table

The Fallen Comrade Table is set in honor of fallen Marines, those missing in action and prisoners of war. The table setting signifies that they are always with their Marine brothers and sisters and are not forgotten.

The Fallen Comrade Table aesthetics are similar at every Mess Night, though the collection of items on the table may change depending on the location.



The Fallen Comrade Table from a Mess Night aboard the USS Kearsarge (LHD-3) in the Arabian Sea where the 22nd MEU was deployed.

The Marine Corps Ball

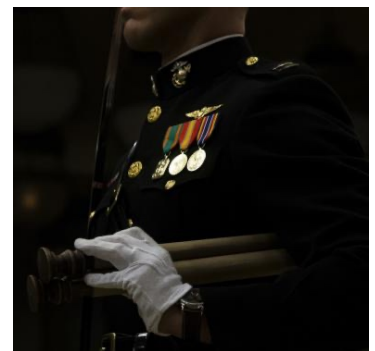


Happy Birthday Marine Corps!

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In 1921, General John A. Lejeune, the 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps, issued Marine Corps Order No. 47 Series 1921, which summarized the history, mission and traditions of the Marine Corps, to be read every year to all Marines on the date of the Marine Corps founding, November 10th.

The first recorded Birthday Ball occurred four years later in Philadelphia. Many of the traditions that we observe today, such as the cake-cutting ceremony, the passing of the first piece of cake from the oldest to the youngest Marine and the reading of the Commandant's birthday message were introduced and formalized by General Lamuel C. Shepherd Jr., the 20th Commandant in 1952.



The Birthday Ball is one of the more important Marine Corps traditions in which you are able to participate. It can be the social highlight of the year and a great time to enjoy the fellowship and camaraderie of the Marine Corps, but it's much more than that.

Marines come together as a band of warriors to honor those who came before them and those who we have lost. It's a show of respect and community as they look back on the achievements of their Marine Corps. It is a special time for Marines and their fortunate guests.

Appropriate Dress

One of the biggest concerns for many before even arriving at the Birthday Ball is what to wear! The Ball is traditionally a formal event, so how much is enough, and how much is too much?

The Ball is a formal, black-tie event.

Gentlemen men wear a black or a midnight blue tuxedo, or a black dinner jacket.

Ladies are encouraged to wear modest, floor-length evening gowns.

Marines will be expected to wear their Formal or dinner dress uniform, Evening Dress (miniature medals) or Dress Blues ("A" or "B").



Cocktail Hour



The time prior to the start of the ceremony is reserved as a cocktail hour and provides an opportunity to take photos, find your seats, use the restroom, and socialize.

When holding a glass, carry it in your left hand. This will leave your right hand available to greet other guests.

Approximately 10 minutes before the ceremony begins, everyone must be in their seats.

As you mingle with other guests, be mindful of formal courtesies. Saying "hello" and "how do you do" when greeting other guests is polite and appropriate. Do not forget to include rank, as in "Hello Colonel Smith, how do you do? It is a pleasure to see you."



The Marine Corps Birthday Ball is an opportunity for you to meet many of your spouse's supervisors, colleagues and their significant others. There will be many opportunities for you to socialize and get to know each of them. Understanding the proper protocols and etiquette when giving and receiving introductions will help you to make a lasting first impression.



- 1 Stand, smile, make eye contact and be prepared to shake hands when being introduced.
- 2 When making introductions, the following order of introductions should be adhered to:
 - Dignitaries, honorees, special guests and most VIP person in the room
 - Officials to Unofficial (private citizen)
 - Senior to Junior official
 - Female to Male
- 3 Ensure that if you address one person as Mr., Miss, Mrs., or Ms. that you apply that same honorific to everyone.
- 4 If you add a qualifier, ensure that the qualifier follows the person's name. Example: "Gunnery Sergeant Johnson, allow me to introduce Jill, my wife." Not "...my wife, Jill."
- 5 It is helpful to repeat the names of each person and share something that they have in common.
- 6 "May I please introduce" is used when addressing anyone, while "May I present" is reserved for dignitaries and officials.

POW/MIA Table

As you enter the banquet hall, you may notice a lone table set for one.

This table is set to honor our brothers and sisters in arms who are unable to be with us. Though elements of the table may differ from unit to unit, the sentiment has been the same since the first table was set in 1997 - remembrance!

Do not touch, move, or sit at this table.



- 1- **Round Table:** Everlasting concern for those who are still missing or unaccounted.
- 2- **Black/White tablecloth:** Mourning (black) and purity of intentions (white).
- 3- **Single Red Rose:** The blood that shed in sacrifice and the loved ones who keep the faith awaiting the return of the missing.
- 4- **Red Ribbon:** Our continued determination to account for our missing.
- 5- **Cover/Sword/Dog Tags:** Signifies the Marine who served.
- 6- **The Candle:** Lit to symbolize the upward reach of their unconquerable spirit.
- 7- **Slice of Lemon:** Placed on the bread plate to remind of us of their bitter fate.
- 8- **Pinch of Salt:** Symbolizes the tears shed by those who were captured, those who remain missing and their families.
- 9- **Inverted Glass:** Homage to those who cannot toast with us this night.
- 10- **The Table Set for One:** The frailty of one prisoner alone against their oppressors.
- 11- **The Chair:** The chair is empty. They are not here. Remember.
- 12- **Purple Heart Ribbon:** Highest honor bestowed in honor of sacrifice.
- 13- **Bible:** Strength gained through faith.

Marine Corps Birthday Ceremony



There are multiple ways that units will celebrate the birth of our Corps. Many units may conduct a cake cutting ceremony consisting of the reading of General Lejeune's Birthday Message, recognition of the oldest and youngest Marine present, and the cutting of the traditional birthday cake. More than just another birthday party, when possible, most units will celebrate with a birthday ball that is an experience. No two birthday balls are ever the same.

There are several segments of the ceremony, though the order may vary based on installation, location and specific unit's additions to the ceremony.

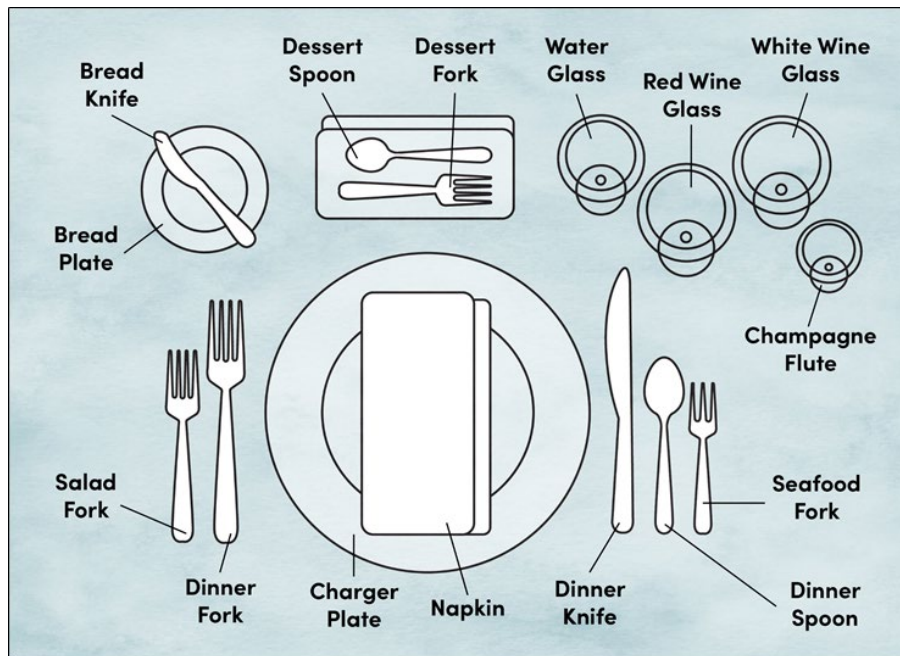
1. The entrance of the official party which consists of the Senior Marine and the Guest of Honor.
2. March on of the colors, playing of the National Anthem, followed by the entrance of the birthday cake.
3. The reading of General Lejeune's message which calls forth the honoring the birth of the Marine Corps.
4. The cutting of the cake with the sword and the passage of the first piece from oldest Marine to youngest Marine.
5. The Commander or Senior Marine's remarks followed by the Guest of Honor's speech.
6. Commandant's Message (via video)
7. Ceremony conclusion with Anchors Away and the Marines' Hymn.



Etiquette and Protocols

Dining Etiquette

Looking at a formal table setting for the first time can be confusing and intimidating. This can help you navigate an American formal dining setting.



- When using the silverware, start from the outside and progress inwards as the courses progress.
- When looking at your place setting, remember BMW: Bread, Meal, Water.
- It is socially acceptable to eat bread with your hands. Tear the bread into smaller pieces, first.
- Stemware should be held by the stem, close to the base.
- Be mindful to drink from the same part of the glass especially when wearing lipstick.
- Any dish that must be passed is passed to the right (counterclockwise) in the U.S. and, generally, to the left (clockwise) overseas.
- While eating soup, tilt the spoon and scoop away from you.
- Cut your food into small bites to make it easier to take breaks for socializing.
- When entering or exiting your seat, always do so from the right. Ensure to tuck in your chair upon your exit for safety.
- When breaking from your meal, place your knife and fork at an angle pointing toward each other (eight and four o'clock) and place your napkin in your seat.
- Once your meal is complete, line your fork and knife up and place them at an angle together (at four o'clock) and place your napkin on the table.
- Purses should be placed on the back of the chair, on your lap or on the floor at your feet; phones should be placed off the dining table.

Formal Dining Etiquette Overseas



Use the below as a helpful tidbit when formal dining in a foreign host country.

Japan

- Slurping while eating noodles and soups is encouraged, it shows appreciation to the chef
- Never cross or lick your chopsticks or place them upright into a bowl of rice (it's considered rude).

India, Middle East, some African countries

- Pork is prohibited in Muslim culture.
- Always accept the cup of tea/coffee.
- Never eat with your left hand.
- Do not discuss business during the meal.

China

- Do not play with chopsticks or point them towards someone.
- Refrain from talking with food in your mouth.
- Eat and drink quietly.
- Sit after the elders have sat.
- Placing chopsticks in a bowl of rice indicates worshiping of ancestors.

Europe

- Hold your fork in your left hand and knife in your right.
- Utensils remain in the same hands while eating.
- Elbows are to remain off the table but keep your hands above the table at all times.

France

- Do not offer to split the bill.
- Bread is used as a utensil.
- Bring a gift (usually French wine) but not if just for a pre-dinner drink.
- Dress nicely for dinner.
- Use a plate for hors d'oeuvres.
- It is rude to leave the table during a meal

Italy

- Never ask for cheese if not explicitly offered to you.
- Spaghettis are eaten with a fork only.
- Public intoxication is abhorred.
- Wiping your bowl clean with bread is a sign of appreciation

Independent Activity

Birthday Ball Tips & Tricks



Be respectful of tradition.

Ensure you are seated before the ceremony begins and refrain from texting, talking, eating or drinking while the ceremony is taking place. Check your ball's protocol with regard to photography.



Know your limit.

Be mindful of the number of drinks you have. Have a plan in place for how you will get home safely.



Be polite and have fun.

The purpose of the Ball is to celebrate the richness of the Marine Corps and all of its accomplishments. It's a party, after all!

1. True/False: When in a receiving line, the Marine should be first.
2. The fork closest to the plate is the _____ fork.
 - a. Salad
 - b. Oyster
 - c. Dinner
 - d. Fish
3. True/False: Short dresses are acceptable to wear to the Marine Corps Birthday Ball.
4. True/False: The cake is brought out in a processional to the Marine's Hymn.
5. When making introductions, the following orders of introductions are correct EXCEPT:
 - a. Officials to Unofficial (private citizen)
 - b. Junior to Senior Official
 - c. Female to Male

Answer Key: 1. False; 2. C; 3. False; 4. True; 5. B

Appendix A: Uniform Exemplars



Officer Dress Uniforms

(Top Row From Left to Right)

Male Evening Dress

Female Evening Dress

Male Blue-White Dress "A", commonly called "Dress Blue Alphas" with medals

Male Blue Dress "B", commonly called "Dress Blue Bravos" with ribbons and badges

Female Dress Blue Bravos with skirt option

(Bottom Row From Left to Right)

Male Blue Dress "C", commonly called "Dress Blue Charlies"

Female Dress Blue Charlies with skirt option

Male Blue Dress "D", commonly called "Dress Blue Dress Deltas"

Female Dress Blue Deltas, with skirt option

Enlisted Dress Uniforms

(Top Row From Left to Right)

Male SNCO Evening Dress

Female SNCO Evening Dress

Male Blue Dress "A", commonly called "Dress Blue Alphas" with medals

Male Dress "B", commonly called "Dress Blue Bravos" (with ribbons and badges)

(Top Row From Left to Right)

Male Blue Dress "C", commonly called "Dress Blue Charlies"

Female Blue Dress Charlies with trouser option

Male Blue Dress "D", commonly called "Dress Blue Deltas"





Officer Service Uniforms

(From Left to Right)

Male Service "A", commonly called "Alphas"

Female Service Alphas with skirt option

Female Service "B", commonly called "Bravos", with trouser option and tanker jacket

Male Service Bravos with sweater

Female Service Bravos with skirt option

Female Service "C", commonly called "Charlies" with trouser option

Male Service Charlies

Enlisted Service Uniforms

(From Left to Right)

Male Service Alphas

Female Service Alphas, with skirt option

Female Service Bravos, with trousers

Male Service Bravos with sweater

Male Service Bravos with tanker jacket

Male Service Charlies

Female Service Charlies with skirt option





Combat Utility Uniforms

The Utility Uniform is unisex and for both Officers and Enlisted.

(From Left to Right)

Woodland Combat Utility Uniform, commonly called "Green Cammies"

Desert Combat Utility Uniform, commonly called "Desert Cammies"

Uniform Style Guide

For more detailed information and examples, review the Uniform Style Guide, last updated 3/19/2021.



Uniform Style Guide
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Appendix B: Uniform Chart

Uniform	Description	Occasions for Wear	Leave/ Liberty
Evening Dress ("A"/"B")	Dark blue w/black or dark blue trousers/skirt, enlisted wear sky blue trousers	Year-round for white tie/black tie social functions	No
Blue Dress "A"/"B"	Blue coat w/sky blue trousers/slacks, and dark blue skirt w/ medals ("A") or ribbons ("B")	Parades, ceremonies, formal/semi-formal social functions (winter season only unless uniformity is required)	"A" No "B" Yes
Blue-White Dress "A"/"B"	Blue coat and white trousers/skirt/slacks w/medals ("A") or ribbons ("B")	Parades, ceremonies, formal or semi-formal social functions (summer season only)	"A" No "B" Yes
Blue Dress "C"	Khaki long-sleeve shirt and tie/black necktie w/trousers/skirt/slacks, blue sweater optional	Parades, ceremonies and uniform of the day (blue sweater worn as uniform of the day only)	Yes
Blue Dress "D"	Khaki short-sleeve shirt w/blue trousers/skirt/slacks	Parades, ceremonies and uniform of the day	Yes
Service "A"	Green coat and trousers/skirt/slacks w/ribbons (badges optional)	Parades, ceremonies, social events and uniform of the day	Yes
Service "B"	Khaki long-sleeve shirt w/green trousers/skirt/slacks (badges optional) Green sweater optional	Parades, ceremonies, uniform of the day (green sweater worn as uniform of the day only)	Yes
Service "C"	Khaki short-sleeve shirt w/green trousers/skirt/slacks (badges optional) Green sweater optional	Parades, ceremonies, uniform of the day (green sweater worn as uniform of the day only)	Yes

Uniform	Description	Occasions for Wear	Leave/ Liberty
Combat Utility Uniform	MARPAT desert and woodland coat and trousers (sweater or sweatshirt optional)	Working/field uniform only (woodland during winter/desert during summer season)	No
Physical Training Uniform	Olive green undershirt, shorts, sweatpants/shirt with a black Marine Corps emblem on the upper left trouser leg and over the left breast of the sweatshirt. Marine Corps green running suit (pants and jacket) with a silver emblem on the upper left trouser leg, scarlet and gold "USMC" on lower right pant leg, silver emblem over the breast and scarlet and gold "MARINES" across the back. (ALMAR 019/08)	Physical training (PT), field day, and limited leave and liberty occasions as detailed below: Only the running suit jacket and sweatshirt may be worn for PT and non-PT leave and liberty situations. The bottoms (running suit pants, green undershirt, sweatpants and shorts) are restricted to PT situations only. (ALMAR 019/08)	Yes, as detailed to the left. (ALMAR 019/08)

Appendix C: Attire Guidance

Attire Comment	When Worn	Civilian Male	Civilian Female	USMC
Mess Dress White Tie Black Tie Formal Tuxedo Smoking	Formal evening functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Black tuxedo (with white or black bow tie, as noted on invitation) - Black dinner jacket (with a handkerchief in the upper pocket) - A white dinner jacket is acceptable during the summer months. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Long or short evening dress. - Long dresses/skirts are normally worn when the event begins after 1800. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Formal or Dinner Dress uniform - Evening Dress "A" (white tie) - Evening Dress "B" (black tie) - Dress Blue "A" (less formal, sometimes worn for ceremonies) - Dress Blue "B" (even less formal)
Semi-Formal	Less formal occasions requiring more formality than business attire	Dark business suit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dressy street-length dress - Pant suit - Cocktail dress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ceremonial uniform - Dress Blue "A" or "B"
Formal Business Suit	Ceremonial or business occasions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Business suit (jacket and trousers match) - Sport coat and tie (jacket and trousers do not match; can be worn prior to 1800) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evening long dress w/heels and jewelry - Day suit, pants suit, business apparel (blouse w/slacks or knee-length skirt) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ceremonial uniform - Dress Blue "A" or "B" (for more formal occasions and many ceremonies) - Service "A" (business suit equivalent)
Casual Business	Casual business and informal social occasions (as appropriate per local customs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sport coat, open collar, no tie - Slacks and dress shirt, open collar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Simple skirt or dress - Slacks with jacket - Low heeled or flat shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Service uniform - Service "B" or "C" depending on time of year

Attire Comment	When Worn	Civilian Male	Civilian Female	USMC
Duty uniform Uniform of the Day Daily attire Long-sleeve shirt w/tie Short-sleeve shirt, no tie	Everyday events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Daily work attire - Business suit - Coat and tie - Slacks and open collar shirt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Daily work attire - Casual dress - Pants suit - Slacks - Long or short skirt and blouse - Low heeled shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working uniform - Service "B" or "C" depending on time of year or - Cammies (officially called Marine Corps Combat Utility Uniform)
Casual Comfortable Casual, Sporty Casual, Golf Attire	Very informal occasions such as picnics or barbeques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cotton slacks or shorts w/open collar golf (polo) shirt - Sneakers or topsiders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cotton slacks, capri pants or knee-length shorts w/knit top - Sneakers, sandals or flats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working uniform - Service "B" or "C" depending on time of year or - Cammies (officially called Marine Corps Combat Utility Uniform)

Appendix D: Ball Attire Exemplars

Ball Attire Do's



A modest floor-length gown is one that does not reveal too much décolletage or other parts of the body.

Gentlemen should also consider a well-fitted tuxedo or evening dinner jacket.

Ball Attire Don'ts

Dresses that are too tight, too short, have cutouts or a plunging neckline are not appropriate for the Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

Avoid wearing ill-fitting suits or clothing; they take away from the regality of the evening.



LET'S CONNECT!

Use this page to network with some of your fellow L.I.N.K.S. spouses.

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