

1-21 (Added): VDF: Civilian Dress Attire

Civilian Dress Attire is authorized for optional individual wear on special independent non-formal events and activities where the VDF service and utility uniforms are not appropriate, or when such wear of the VDF service and utility uniform is not in compliance with MCL 750.401. This regulation is VDF Reserve member inclusive.

Wear of the Civilian Dress Attire (CDA) at all times will comply with the following:

1. Blazer: Navy blue with a two gold colored button in front with only the top button being used, and three or four buttons on each sleeve. The U.S. Army or Great Seal buttons will not be worn thereon. The VDF distinctive unit insignia may be worn on the left lapel with no other items authorized.
2. Trousers, slacks or skirt: Will be gray in color, medium dark, and follow fit procedures as listed for other uniform wear in VDF 670-1.
3. Shirt or blouse: Will be white in color and without button-down collar or with a wide-spread collar.
4. Neckwear: Four-in-hand must always be worn by males with blazer. Acceptable ties in regimental stripe design including one's former military service, assigned branch, regimental or unit necktie being acceptable. Additionally female members may wear a regimental stripe type design neck tab or black neck tab as optional.
5. Shoes: Black, dress shoes with at least three tie holes. Female soldiers may wear black plain dress shoes with heels not exceeding 1-7/8 inches.
6. Belt: Black, with plain open-face buckle. (Suspenders may be worn with belt but may not be exposed when dressed in the CDA uniform.)
7. Headwear: Conservative civilian headwear is acceptable. No military headwear will be worn with the CDA uniform.
8. Outerwear: All weather black coat without any insignia thereon, with or without lining may be worn during inclement weather.

1-22 Michigan State Law on Military Uniform Wear

MCL 750.401 Unauthorized wearing of army, navy or national guard uniform; exceptions. Sec. 401. Any person, other than an officer or enlisted man of the national guard of the State of Michigan, or of any other state, or of the United States army or navy, marine corps or revenue service or forest service, or instructor or student in a military school, or inmate of any veterans' or soldiers' home, who at any time wears the uniform of the United States army or navy or national guard, or any part of such uniform, or a uniform or part of a uniform similar thereto, within the bounds of the State of Michigan, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor: Provided, That nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting persons of the theatrical profession from wearing such uniform in any playhouse or theater while actually engaged in following said profession: Provided further, That nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the uniform rank of civic societies parading or traveling in a body or assembling in a lodge room: Provided further, That whenever the national guard or any part thereof is in active service, or is called into actual service, no civic organization or member thereof shall parade or appear in uniform in the locality where said national guard is in service.