

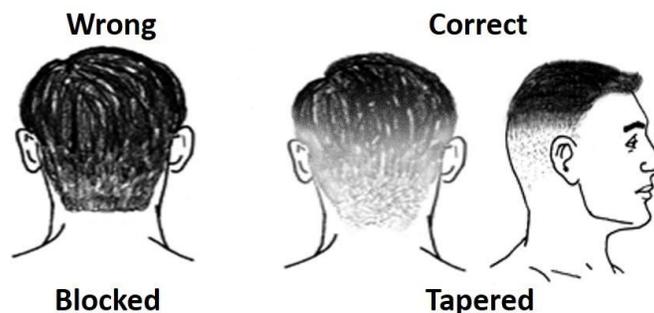
# GROOMING & UNIFORM STANDARDS

## **Cadets are expected to maintain high standards of appearance and conduct on and off campus.**

**CADETS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLY** with MCJROTC grooming and personal appearance standards as stipulated in NOMMA regulations and Marine Corps Order 1533.6E. Personal appearance and wearing the uniform is a significant part of a cadet's MCJROTC grade. The grooming regulations apply to military, NOMMA and civilian attire when worn in conjunction with Academy functions. Grooming and personal appearance standards are required to be followed daily and at all NOMMA events (i.e. graduation, prom, dances, sporting events, summer camps and extracurricular activities).

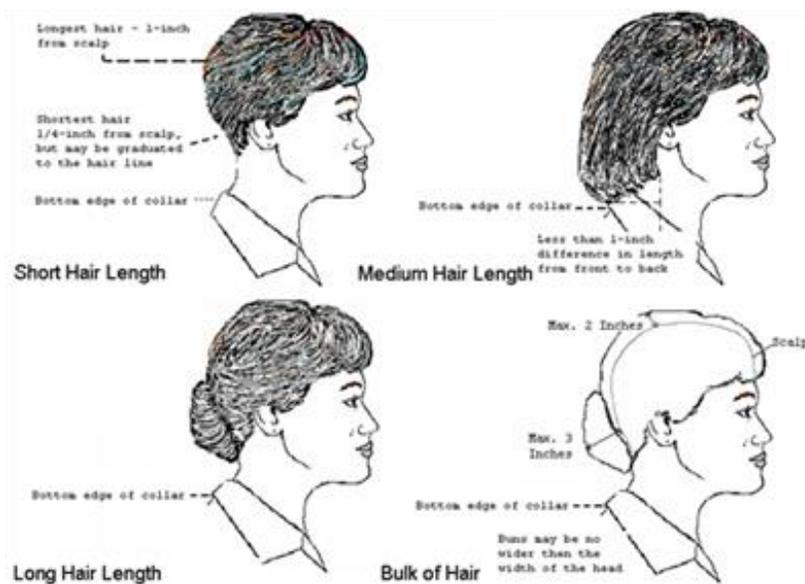
Cadets who refuse or repeatedly fail to adhere to the prescribed grooming and personal appearance standards will receive disciplinary action according to NOMMA discipline policy.

1. Common Standards: All haircuts/hairstyles, for both male and female cadets will be checked every day, during inspection, and will contribute toward exam grades.
  - a. Haircuts and hair styles are not permitted to be faddish or eccentric. Mohawks, derivations of Mohawks and cuts or styles with shaved or designed portions of the scalp are not permitted. Braids and/or derivations of braids, including locks and twists, may be permitted for females only if hair is firmly secured according to the LONG HAIR regulations noted below (and per MARADMIN 622/15).
  - b. No designs are allowed to the hair; only one straight part in the hair is authorized.
  - c. Hair must be a natural color (blonde, brown, black) and be consistent over the entire head (no multi-colored braids or spots).
  - d. Shaving/slashing of eyebrows is NOT authorized.
2. Male cadet grooming and haircut standards:
  - a. Hair will be closely trimmed on the sides and back, washed and neatly combed, graduating from zero (0) length at the hairline in the lower portion of the head and ears to the upper portion of the head; and will not be over three (3) inches in length fully extended on top of the head. Hair must follow the contour of the head.
  - b. Sides and back trimmed so that the hair is evenly graduated from zero at the hairline to no more than three inches at the top of the head. Hair cannot touch the ears and will be tapered (or faded), not blocked. See the diagram below for the difference between tapered and blocked hairline. (If you can pinch and hold on to hair at the neck, sideburns and ear hairline, then it is too long.)
  - c. Sideburns will not go below the top of the ear orifice (place your index finger in your ear, your sideburns cannot go below the top of your finger).
  - d. Locks, twists, sculpting, spiking of hair or excessive directional flow change is not authorized.
  - e. Male cadets will be clean-shaven daily. Mustaches are the only facial hair authorized for male cadets. Mustaches must be trimmed so that the hair does not fall below the top edge of the upper lip and does not extend past the corners of the mouth. Beards of any kind are NOT authorized.
  - f. Tapered Nape (as opposed to Blocked Nape or, blocked neck edge). A tapered nape, or fade, refers to a gradual decrease in the length of hair at the back of the head to zero at the neckline, following your natural hairline. A blocked nape refers to cutting the hair straight across in a definite line where the hairline meets the back of the neck (the nape). It is sometimes also referred to as "squaring off" the nape. Both are shown in the illustration below for comparison. The tapered, or faded, nape is the ONLY style of haircut for MCJROTC.



3. Female cadet grooming and hair standards:

- a. Female hairstyles must be neat, professional, conservative and symmetrical (no side buns, etc.), in appearance and must not interfere with the proper wearing of uniform headgear.
- b. Faddish, eccentric or exaggerated hairstyles are not authorized for wear in uniform. Examples include, but are not limited to); hair sculpting (eccentric directional flow, abrupt difference in length, twists, texture or spiking), buns or braids with loose hair extending at the end, multiple braids that do not start at the top of the head, hair styles with severe angles, shaved portions of the head, and loose unsecured hair (not to include bangs) when medium/long hair is worn up.
- c. Hair must not fall below the bottom edge of collar.
- d. Hairpins will be hidden and no other items (i.e. jewelry, ribbons, bows, glitter, etc.) are allowed in the hair.
- e. Bangs, if worn, **MAY NOT FALL INTO THE LINE OF SIGHT**, may not interfere with wearing of headgear, and must lie neatly against the head.
- f. Female Cadet Hair Styles. There are three hairstyles to consider; short and medium length, which does not naturally extend past the bottom edge of the uniform collar, and long, which naturally does fall below the collar. Standards specific to each style are included below.
- g. **SHORT HAIR**; extends no more than 1 inch from the scalp, may be **NO SHORTER** than 1/4 inch, and must be evenly graduated.
- h. **MEDIUM HAIR**; does not extend past the uniform collar, is longer than 1 inch in length, and may fall naturally from the scalp. Graduated hair styles are accepted, but the length from the front to the back may not exceed on inch difference in length.
- i. **LONG HAIR**; that normally extends beyond the collar's edge will be neatly and inconspicuously fastened or pinned tight to the head. Female cadets may not wear a ponytail. No portion of the bulk of the hair may exceed 2 inches except for a bun, which may extend a maximum of 3 inches from the scalp and may be no wider than the width of the head.



4. **Jewelry:** Cadets are **NOT** authorized to wear earrings or spacers in the MCJROTC utility uniform, and males are never allowed to wear earrings. Only Females are authorized to wear earrings (no larger than the 1/4 of an inch in diameter, one on each ear lobe) in the NOMMA uniform. Cadets are not authorized to wear facial or body piercings (retainers and spacers are not permitted). Necklaces are allowed, but may not be visible above or around the neck. Digital and sweep-hand watches are authorized and must be inconspicuous; not overly large and may be brown, black, tan, gold or silver. Decorative bracelets are not allowed; medical alert and MIA/POW bracelets are. One ring on each hand is allowed, but not to be worn on the thumb. Hair accessories are not authorized.
5. **Finger Nails and Nail Polish:** Finger nails and nail polish: Female cadets' fingernails may be **NO LONGER THAN 1/4 INCH FROM THE TIP OF THE FINGER**. Female cadets may wear clear nail polish, a French/American manicure, or polish within the red spectrum (to include pinks and burgundies) with the NOMMA uniform and service uniform. In the utility uniform, females may wear a French/American manicure only; no solid colors are authorized. Multi-colors,

shades of purple, orange or nude are NOT authorized. Male cadets are not permitted to have nail polish or long fingernails. Male cadets must have neatly trimmed, short nails.

6. Make up; must be conservative in nature/style and must compliment the individual's complexion. It will not be exaggerated, eccentric, faddish or contain sparkles/glitter, etc. Clear lipstick or in shades of red, including pinks and burgundies, may be used.
7. Contact Lenses; contact lenses must imitate natural eye shape and color (i.e. the iris).

## MCJROTC UNIFORM STANDARDS

- a. Properly wearing the uniform is a significant part of the cadet's MCJROTC grade. **CADETS ARE REQUIRED TO PROPERLY WEAR THE ACADEMY OR MCJROTC UNIFORM.** The SMI will prescribe which uniform is the uniform of the day. Cadets are required to know uniform wear assignments and will wear the prescribed uniform accordingly. The uniform cover (cap) is a required part of the uniform; cadets must maintain accountability for their cover and are required to wear it at all times when outdoors and in uniform. Cadets who refuse or repeatedly fail to wear the uniform correctly will receive disciplinary action according to NOMMA discipline policy.
- b. Cadets will be issued a Marine Corps uniform during orientation week. Uniforms are issued free of charge as long as they are returned in serviceable condition when a cadet graduates or withdraws from NOMMA. Cadets are responsible for the care and cleaning of the uniform they are issued. Cadets will be evaluated everyday on their ability to properly wear both the Military and Academy uniforms (to include sports uniforms when worn).
- c. Cadets are inspected in their uniform several times each month, and because this is a graded event, if a cadet misses and fails to make up the uniform inspection within 5 school days, he or she will receive a failing grade for that uniform inspection. Three failing uniform inspection grades during a marking period may result in the failure of the MCJROTC Leadership Education class for the marking period. Additionally, Cadets are required to follow all grooming standards in order to pass inspection. Grooming standards are detailed in the section above, titled "Appearance and Grooming Standards." Required grooming and uniform standards will be taught during orientation at the beginning of the year, in the MCJROTC classes, and reinforced throughout the year as needed. This information can also be found in the cadet guidebook.
- d. Federal law imposes certain restrictions on wearing the Marine Corps uniform. Cadets are given detailed instruction on when, where, and how to properly wear the MCJROTC uniforms. It is important to note:
  - Cadets may only wear the MCJROTC uniform while at school and directly traveling to and from school.
  - Cadets may not wear the uniform in any other building including any type of store, restaurant, or doctor's appointments whether accompanied by a parent/guardian or not. This is also true for any building in Federal City including the Federal City Fitness Center, and Subway restaurant.
  - Cadets can change out of their uniform before leaving school if they need to make a stop before reaching home.
  - The consequence for off campus uniform violations is an Out of School Suspension.
  - Unauthorized use of and the improper wearing of the issued uniform will result in disciplinary action.
- e. Cadets are expected to keep the uniform clean, pressed, and in good repair. Seasonal Service Uniforms and Dress Blue Uniforms require dry cleaning whereas the Utility Uniform and t-shirts may be laundered. Cadets needing items dry cleaned must turn in their uniforms to Supply NLT 7:15am on the first and third Fridays. They will be available for pick up 12 days later on Wednesday. A uniform at the cleaners DOES NOT excuse a cadet from inspection.
- f. Changing out of uniform for physical education or extracurricular activities may be required. Cadets are only permitted to wear Physical Training (PT) gear during fitness sessions in JROTC classes.
- g. The MCJROTC instructional staff will be able to fit most cadets without the need for all alterations. The Marine Corps will pay for major alterations to the uniform if they are needed.
- h. An integral part of the MCJROTC program is to develop a sense of personal responsibility. If the issued uniform or parts of it are lost, damaged, or stolen, the cadet will be held responsible for the monetary reimbursement to the U.S. Marine Corps of all/any items lost/damaged/stolen at the current uniform replacement cost. Costs are payable by check or cash to NOMMA's front office at which time the Cadet will be issued a receipt which should be presented to the Supply Office for the issue of the new gear.

- i. Cadets attending NOMMA can expect to wear the following uniforms:
- School Uniform (8th grade-Senior)
  - Green MARPAT digital Utility (8th grade-Senior)
  - Physical Fitness Uniform [green shorts/t-shirt or green sweat pants/shirt] (8th grade-Senior)
  - Marine Corps "Bravo" and "Charlie" (Freshmen-Senior)\*
  - Marine Corps Dress Blues (Freshmen-Senior)\*\*

\*Selected Freshmen - Seniors that achieve academic and leadership excellence may be issued the Marine Corps Bravo or Charlie uniform. This is typically in conjunction with assignment to a leadership billet.

\*\*Cadets on the Drill/Color Guard teams, serving in key leadership positions, and identified band or choir members will be issued the Marine Corps Dress Blues.

## UNIFORM GUIDELINES

Uniform Item	Utilities	Service / Blues	NOMMA
<b>Outerwear</b>	Gortex with Utilities. Tankers Jacket with Service uniform. All-Wx Coat with Blues.		<b>No hoodies whatsoever.</b> NOMMA sweatshirt and/or authorized sports/ club jackets or sweatshirts. *
<b>Hair</b>	USMC Regulations		USMC regulations, Female hair may be worn down.
<b>Hair Decoration</b>	<b>None allowed</b>		
<b>Watches</b>	Yes, digital or sweep hand only; must be inconspicuous. Black, brown, tan, or gold/silver tone.**		
<b>Bracelets</b>	<b>Only medical alert or POW/MIA.</b>		
<b>Necklaces</b>	Yes, must be tucked under the t-shirt. May not be visible.		
<b>Rings</b>	Yes, one on each hand. Must be inconspicuous. Nothing on the thumb.		
<b>Lipstick***</b>	<b>NO</b>	Yes, shades of red only.	
<b>Nails***</b>	Clear polish, American or French manicure. <b>Fingernails shall not extend more than 1/4 inch past the fingertips.</b>	Yes, shades of red, American or French manicure, clear polish. <b>Fingernails shall not extend more than 1/4 inch past the fingertips.</b>	
<b>Makeup***</b>	<b>Includes eyeliner, mascara, fake lashes, etc.</b> Yes, conservative in nature. May not be "faddish", "eccentric" or include glitter/sparkles. Must be natural in appearance.		
<b>Earrings* ***</b>	<b>NO</b>	Yes, one per ear (earlobe only), small, polished, yellow gold color, ball or round stud. In blues, gold or pearl studs, not to exceed 6 mm (1/4 inch).	

\* Outerwear for the NOMMA Uniform is specified in the Cadet-Parent Handbook.

\*\* Smart watch/ touchscreen wearable computers are not allowed.

\*\*\*Applies to female cadets only. Male cadets are not authorized to wear in uniform or civilian attire

\*\*\*\* Applies to female cadets only; Ear lobe piercings are the ONLY authorized piercings; nose, eyebrow and other types of ear or body piercings are not authorized.

## **In Uniform:**

**You represent yourself, your school, the MCJROTC program, and the U. S. Marine Corps. Your appearance and conduct should always be impeccable.**

- Do not chew gum.
- Do not walk or stand around with your hands in your pockets.
- Do not walk and talk with a cell phone or wear earbuds/headphones while in the MCJROTC uniform.
- Do not walk and eat while in uniform.
- Wear your cover outdoors at all times and remove it indoors.
- Salute all officers. Greet all cadets and treat everyone with respect.
- Do not use foul language, tease others, or wrestle/horseplay in uniform.
- Wear the school uniform properly; ensure that your shirt is tucked in, buttons are buttoned, belt is worn, and when ties or neck tabs are worn they are worn properly.
- Other than in the class room during a period of instruction, cadets are not authorized to pull their NOMMA Sweat Shirt or sweater sleeves up.

## **Uniform Wear and Care:**

1. Camouflage/Digital uniforms, the PT uniform and cotton T-shirts can be washed with normal washing machine soap in warm or cold water only.
2. Khaki shirts, polywool trousers, wool sweaters and dress coats must be dry cleaned.  
**DO NOT WASH THESE ITEMS..**
3. Cadets are responsible for their uniforms. Replacement of lost, stolen, or damaged uniforms is the financial responsibility of the cadet. Always keep your uniforms in a safe place. **Service and Dress uniforms must be professionally cleaned before final turn-in.**
4. Unserviceable uniform items can be exchanged for serviceable uniform items. Notify your squad leader and request an appointment to exchange the item.

# **SCHOOL UNIFORM STANDARDS**

When Cadets are not wearing the MCJROTC uniform, they are in the NOMMA uniform. Cadets are still required to comply with grooming and appearance requirements while wearing the NOMMA uniform. The non-military, or NOMMA uniform, which is worn on Wednesdays is available for purchase from our uniform vendor Poree's at 3630 MacArthur Blvd. Suite C-B New Orleans, LA 70114. The civilian uniform consists of the following:

- A red polo style shirt with a gold NOMMA Emblem or a white oxford shirt (long or short sleeved) with a red NOMMA emblem. Undershirts must be worn with the oxford and must be white and free of markings or designs. Senior cadets may wear the senior shirt designated by the class sponsors and approved by administration.
- A red tie for the male cadets and red tab tie for the female cadets must be worn with the white oxford shirt.
- Solid black shoes (any style). The black shoes must be completely black, no other colors on the shoe (including the sole) and black laces. Laces must be tied.
- A solid black belt with a plain buckle or the khaki web belt
- Solid black, solid brown, or solid white socks
- Belted khaki pants (see below for more information regarding purchase of khaki pants)
- Yellow NOMMA sweatshirt or red NOMMA button-up cardigan (optional)

Female cadets may wear their hair down with the NOMMA uniform. Extravagant weave or hairstyles are not permitted. Hair dye is not authorized. Female cadets may accessorize their hair with a black hair tie or a plain black headband.

NOMMA authorized athletic and club sweatshirts may be worn with the NOMMA school uniform. Raincoats, parkas, and other inclement weather outerwear must be removed when indoors.

**Khaki Pants:** Cadets are only authorized to wear the following styles of **Dickies®** in khaki color only. The item number is found on the inside tag of the pants. If the styles listed below do not come in your child’s size, you must contact the dean of students to discuss your concerns.

<b>Male Styles</b>	<b>Item #</b>
Original 874® Work Pants	874
Slim Fit Straight Leg Work Pants	WP873
Boys Classic Fit Straight Leg Flat Front Pants	KP123, KP0123, KP0321, KP56062, KP56562
Boys FlexWaist® Flat Front Pants with Logo	KP321
<b>Female Styles</b>	<b>Item #</b>
Women’s Original 774® Work Pants	FP774
Women’s Relaxed Fit Flat Front Pants	FP322
Women’s Comfort Waist Pants	FP325
Juniors’ Slim Fit Bootcut Leg Worker Pants	N882
Juniors’ Bull 4-Pocket Bootcut Pants	NHH1011
Juniors’ 4-Pocket Straight Leg Pants	HH874S

### **DRESS CODE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS**

Whether in the MCJROTC or school uniform, attending a formal event, special event, or attending school functions in the summer/after school, NOMMA cadets are expected to maintain our standard of appropriate grooming and attire.

Formal Events. Dress code expectations for formal events, proms, and balls are as follows: male cadets in a tuxedo, suit and tie, or dress blues. Tennis shoes or casual shoes are not appropriate for formal events. Female cadets must wear dress blues or a formal dress knee length or longer. Strapless dresses are not permitted. Straps must be a minimum of ½ inch wide. Dress necklines must not expose breasts or cleavage in the front and cannot fall below mid back in the back. Dresses with cutouts are not permitted (lace, mesh or illusion fabric cut outs are not permitted). The midriff, lower back and side skin may not be exposed and must be concealed at all times. All undergarments must be concealed. Slits in dresses may not extend higher than the knee. Guests of cadets are expected to follow the same NOMMA dress code and must be high school students.

Non-Formal Events. The dress code expectations for non-uniform (civilian attire) events, dress down days, or school functions are as follows: collared or t-shirts (no tank tops) and slacks/skirts/jeans (no shorts). Skirts must be knee length and slacks/skirts/jeans must be belted. No sweat pants, capris, leggings, cut-offs or athletic type bottoms permitted. Pants must be hemmed to fall naturally at the ankle. No hoodies, tops with hoods, hats, pajamas, bare midriffs or halter tops permitted. No shower shoes or flip flops permitted, and sandals must have a back strap. Clothing must be clean and free of holes, profanity, sexual, or drug references. Anyone wearing inappropriate clothing will receive disciplinary action, be sent home and/or not allowed to participate, and will not receive a refund. Unauthorized outerwear such as hats, hoodies, and gloves may be confiscated.

### **BACKPACKS/BOOKBAGS**

Backpacks and book bags must be mesh or clear see through material. Mesh backpacks must be of neutral colors, according to MARADMIN 695/11 Authorized bags will be:

- Black/Brown/Tan or a combination of the three
- Olive Drab/Camouflage

Backpacks must be mesh or see through and have minimal logo representation ( manufacture tags/logos in subdued colors no larger than 5 inches long by 2 inches wide) and must be worn over both shoulders while in uniform. Gym/duffel and computer bags will be carried by hand and not placed over the shoulder at any time. Female cadets will NOT carry a purse while in uniform.

Students are not permitted to carry any bag that is not made of a mesh or see through material while on campus. Gym/duffel bags must be stored in a locker while on campus. Flowers, balloons, stuffed animals, blankets, etc. are not permitted and will be confiscated and held in the office, until the end of the day, or until a parent picks them up.

**NOMMA has the right to search any purse, baggage, or package if “probable cause” exists.**

## MCJROTC CADET UNIFORMS

### Digital Utility Uniform:



- Utility Cap .....Washed. Pressed. No Irish pennants.
- Utility Coat .....Washed. Pressed. No Irish pennants.
- Utility Trousers ..... Washed. Pressed. No Irish pennants.
- Brown Boots ..... Clean. Laces left over right and tucked in.
- Black/Brown Socks .....Clean.
- Green T-shirt .....Clean. Level and smooth collar.
- Khaki Web Belt ..... Clean. Tip 2-4 inches past buckle.
- Brass Belt Buckle .....Polished. Locked. Military Alignment.
- Boot Blouses ..... Between 1st and 2nd eyelet of boots.
- Green Sweater .....(Optional) Worn under the utility coat.

### Service "C" Uniform w/ short sleeves (Charlies) / Service "B" Uniform w/ long sleeves (Bravos)



- Garrison Cap .....Dry Cleaned. Pressed. No irish pennants.
- Black Cover Emblem ..... Clean. Black. Wings parallel to deck.
- Short Sleeve Khaki Shirt .....Dry Cleaned. Pressed. No irish pennants.
- Ribbons ..... 1/8" above and centered on left pocket.
- White T-Shirt ..... Clean. Level and smooth collar.
- Green Trousers .....Dry Cleaned. Pressed. No irish pennants.
- Khaki Web Belt. ....Clean. Tip 2-4 inches past buckle.
- Brass Belt Buckle.....Polished. Locked. Military Alignment.
- Black Dress Socks.....Clean.
- Black Dress Shoes. ....Clean. Sole/Heel edges dressed.



### Blue Dress "D" Uniform w/short sleeves (Deltas)/ Blue Dress "C" Uniform w/long sleeves (Deltas)



- White Barracks Cap ..... Clean, smooth white cloth. Bill shined.
- Brass Cover Emblem ..... Polished. Wings parallel to deck.
- Khaki Shirt .....Dry Cleaned. Pressed. No irish pennants.
- Ribbons ..... 1/8" above and centered on left pocket.
- White T-shirt ..... Clean. Level and smooth collar.
- Blue Trousers .....Dry Cleaned. Pressed. No irish pennants.
- Khaki Web Belt ..... Clean. Tip 2-4 inches past buckle.
- Brass Belt Buckle ..... Polished. Locked. Military Alignment.
- Black Dress Socks ..... Clean.
- Black Dress Shoes. .... Clean. Sole/Heel edges dressed.



### Blue Dress "B" Uniform:



- White Barracks Cap ..... Clean, smooth white cloth. Bill shined.
- Brass Cover Emblem ..... Polished. Wings parallel to deck.
- Dress Blue Coat .....Dry Cleaned.Pressed.No Irish pennants. Lint free.
- Ribbons and Badges ..... 1/8" and centered over left pocket.
- Brass Collar Emblems ..... Polished.Wings parallel to deck.Anchors inboard.
- White Belt ..... Clean. Snug, smooth fit.
- Brass Waist Plate ..... Polished.
- White T-Shirt (Male) ..... Clean. Worn under the coat.
- White Dress Shirt (Female) ..... Dry Cleaned.Worn under the coat.Black neck tab.
- Blue Trousers ..... Dry Cleaned. Pressed. No irish pennants.
- Khaki Web Belt ..... Clean. Tip 2-4 inches past buckle.
- Brass Belt Buckle ..... Polished. Locked. Military Alignment.
- Black Dress Socks/Shoes ..... Clean./ Clean.Sole and Heel edges dresse

