



# **STARFLEET MACO**

## **UNIFORM MANUAL**

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## Authority

Under the authority of the Vice Commander STARFLEET, the Commander of MACO has authority to set forth uniform guidelines.

## Purpose

The purpose of this set of uniform guidelines is to define a uniform for SFI - MACO wear at club and association activities, conventions, local SCIFI and fantasy themed events, etc. These uniforms are not intended to replace a member's creativity in wearing "screen accurate" costumes. They are to give the members of SFI - MACO a set of commonly themed options so as to distinguish SFI -MACO members as a group for public relations, recruiting, and comradeship. Some possible vendor internet links are listed in the "Suppliers" section of this document.

## Goals

The goals of these guidelines are to provide an affordable and accessible set of club uniform options that includes guidelines on a basic uniform as well as upgrades and accessories.

## Insignia

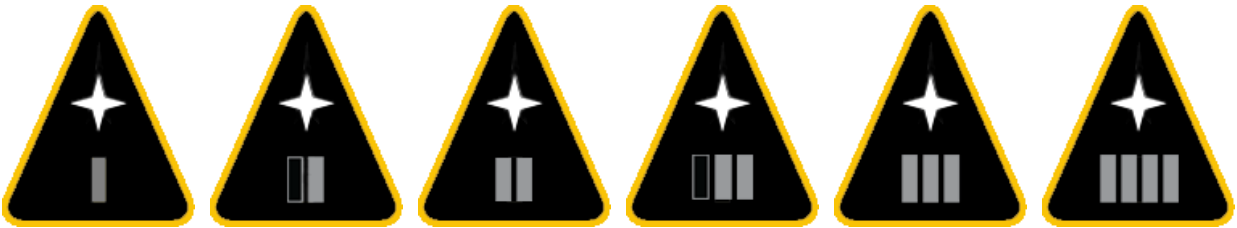
As prescribed by MACO Command, the MACO Phoenix patch or approved team version is worn on the left shoulder. Below the MACO patch is worn the name tape. The MACO Ribbon is worn on the right shoulder. Below the MACO Ribbon is worn the appropriate rank patch as indicated by SFI-DB in the design approved.



# **STARFLEET MACO Ranks**

It is critical to understand that while MACOs have a unique insignia for their ranks, all ranks are awarded and recognized as laid out in the STARFLEET Membership Manual.

## **Commissioned Officers**



2nd Lt

1st Lt

Captain

Major

Lt Colonel

Colonel



Brig. Gen

Maj. Gen

Lt. Gen

General

## **Enlisted Personnel**



Private

Corporal

Sergeant

Staff SGT

SGT Major

## Enlisted Personnel and Commissioned Officer Rank Comparison

MACO	SFMC	FLEET	
Private	Private	Crewman	Crewman 3 <sup>rd</sup>
			Crewman 2 <sup>nd</sup>
			Crewman 1 <sup>st</sup>
Corporal	Corporal	Petty Officer 2nd Class	
Sergeant	Sergeant	Petty Officer 1st Class	
Staff Sergeant	Staff Sergeant	Chief Petty Officer	
Sergeant Major	Sergeant Major	Senior Chief Petty Officer	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	Ensign	
1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant	1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant	Lieutenant JG	
Captain	Captain	Lieutenant	
Major	Major	Lt Commander	
Lt Colonel	Lt Colonel	Commander	
Colonel	Colonel	Captain	
<i>Not Applicable in MACO</i>	<i>Brigadier</i>	<i>Fleet Captain</i>	
Brig Gen	Brig Gen	Commodore	
Maj Gen	Maj Gen	Rear Admiral	
Lt General	Lt General	Vice Admiral	
General	General	Admiral	

## **MACO Duty Uniform**

The SFI - MACO Duty Uniform (MDU) will consist of three items. The first is a "combat shirt" with black body and midnight digital camouflage sleeves. There are variations of the details depending on manufacturer; collar, pocket placement, etc. These are all acceptable.

The trousers will be the same midnight digital camouflage as the shirt. A black belt with subdued buckle will be worn with the trousers. The shirt will be tucked in.

The footwear will be black and may be boots or shoes depending on activity and intention. If boots are worn the trousers may be tucked in to the boots or bloused. Boots and shoes should be clean and if possible, shined to put forth a sharp appearance.



## The "Mid-Budget" MACO Uniform

The "Mid-Budget" version of the uniform is meant to lower the cost of the uniform, but keep consistency with the official duty uniform. This uniform consists of a midnight digital combat shirt, black or midnight digital trousers (tactical style preferred), black boots or shoes and black belt with subdued buckle. The shirt will be tucked in, and boots or shoes clean or polished.



## The "Low-Budget" MACO Uniform

The "Low-Budget" version of the uniform is meant to allow most members to get into the uniform game for very low cost. This uniform consists of a midnight digital camouflage t-shirt, long sleeved, black or midnight digital trousers (tactical style preferred), black boots or shoes and black belt with subdued buckle. The shirt will be tucked in, and boots or shoes clean or polished.





## **Accessories**

### **Headgear**

No specific headgear is part of the uniform as defined. However, in accordance with ST Enterprise depiction, a black ball cap with applied lettering denoting the registry number of the ship a member is assigned to is acceptable. If a member intends to depict a "tactical operational aspect" of MACO's, caps, hats, or helmets should conform to the midnight digital camouflage theme.



### **Upgrades**

If a member wishes to add to the MACO Duty Uniform, the theme of black and midnight digital camouflage should be maintained.

If a fully camouflaged uniform is desired, the member may use a midnight digital "BDU" style blouse with appropriate insignia and trousers. NOTE: In the depiction of MACO's in ST Enterprise, a distinctive russet brown shirt is worn under the camouflage uniform. This is an acceptable option with full camouflage uniform. In this option, a member may modify the collar area of the blouse to a "v neck" to appear more like MACO's on ST Enterprise. Insignia will be as above.

### **Gear**

Any "tactical gear" should also conform to the stated color themes as the uniforms. Belts, vests, pouches, etc. should be constructed in either black or midnight digital camouflage.

### **Weapons**

Prop weapons should always be OBVIOUSLY props. While depicting MACO's nothing should cause anyone to believe a member is in actually armed nor taking any kind of aggressive or disruptive attitude. Local club rules apply as well as convention and other public event regulations must be followed.

## **Suppliers**

Midnight Digital products are manufactured by:

Rothco – <https://www.rothco.com/>

Tru-Spec - <https://www.truspec.com/>

Propper – <https://www.propper.com/>

These are examples from the manufacturer's websites. Better pricing can often be found on shopping websites such as Amazon and Wal-Mart as well as Army/Navy specialty stores.

Sample Midnight Digital Combat Shirt: <https://www.rothco.com/product/rothco-military-fr-nyco-combat-shirt>

Sample Midnight Digital Trousers: <https://www.rothco.com/product/rothco-digital-camo-bdu-pants>

Sample Midnight Digital Long Sleeve Tee: <https://www.rothco.com/product/rothco-long-sleeve-digital-camo-t-shirts>

Note: These are just examples, comparable products that generally match are acceptable.

## **COSPLAY -**

If a member wishes to make their uniform more screen accurate, moving from an SFI/MACO Uniform toward screen accurate "cosplay," these guidelines do not apply. However, a member will not be discouraged from participating while in more accurate uniform depictions.

### **Cosplay Uniform Accoutrements - Purely Advice!**

The "color replacement rule." Because broad specialties in ST (*command, sciences, and operations*) have traditionally been indicated by various colored uniforms, and SFI Marines have already established the idea of replacing colors to denote SFMC status, this seems a good principle to follow. SFMC replaced Monster Maroons with Monster Blacks and the Dress Whites of ST Insurrection with Dress Blacks. Harkening to ST Enterprise, the distinctive color present on MACO uniforms was a dark or russet brown.

Because MACO was not specifically present in much of the Trek depiction, addition to or modification of cosplay uniforms should be minimal.

**TOS** - To cosplay MACO in TOS timeframe make any of the uniform shirts out of the russet brown color seen in ST Enterprise. All other details should remain the same.

**TWOK** - To cosplay the motion picture era, the russet brown shirt might be worn under the Monster Maroon uniform. Additionally, the sleeve stripe and shoulder strap might be of russet brown color and MACO rank be worn in place of standard fleet rank.

**TNG** - To cosplay in TNG one might make the standard uniform where the main color (*red, mustard, blue*) is replaced by russet brown. Optionally, one might simply wear MACO rank on the collar of the chosen colored uniform. No reason MACO's can't have bio-tech specialists (*science blue*), security and ops (*shooters*), or commanders (*red*). This color replacement rule would also work to depict ST Picard timeframe.

**DS9** - The russet brown shirt might simply be worn under the black and grey uniform top to denote MACO membership.