

6008. FROCKING

1. Responsibility. The Officer Assignments Branch, (CMC (MMOA)) is responsible for the management and disposition of all active component officer frocking requests, except general officers. Reserve Affairs (CMC (RAP)) is responsible for the management and disposition of all Reserve component frocking requests. The Senior Leadership Management Branch (CMC (MMSL)) is responsible for the management and disposition of general officer frocking requests..

2. Purpose. Section 777 of Title 10, U.S. Code authorizes an officer who has been selected (and when applicable, confirmed by the Senate) to wear the insignia of the next higher grade. In such circumstances, the officer must be serving in, or has received orders to serve in a position for which that grade is authorized. Priority will be granted to the following billet assignments: joint duty, international environment, command, or other staff assignments in accordance with DODDIR 1334.2. Field grade officer frocking is limited to 1% of major and lieutenant colonel end-strength; 2% of colonel end-strength.

3. Defrocking. An officer's frocking may be rescinded prior to the time the actual promotion is effected if it is determined that potential adverse information exists, as specified in paragraph 5004. In such instances, commanding generals or commanding officers must immediately notify the CMC (MMOA) and SJA to CMC for further guidance.

4. Guidelines. The following guidelines apply:

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a. Frocking does not authorize increased disciplinary powers under Article 15, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).

b. A grade change (GC) fitness report is required per MCO P1610.7_.

c. No unit diary entry is required or authorized.

d. The officer will not receive any pay, allowances, or entitlements to the frocked grade until the officer is actually promoted.

e. Commissions are not to be read at frocking ceremonies; only the authority to frock may be read.

f. Frocking requests for officers in each competitive category of the Reserve Active Status List shall prescribe to the same statutory limitations specified for officers on the Active Duty List.

5. Request. In every case frocking must be essential to the officer's ability to perform the assigned duties and must clearly serve the best interest of the Marine Corps.

a. Requests may be submitted via naval message, naval correspondence, or email, and must contain endorsement from the chain of command. Requests must contain (figure 6-1):

- (1) Officer's name
- (2) SSN
- (3) MOS
- (4) Select grade and selection number
- (5) T/O
- (6) Line number or billet identification code and billet grade
- (7) Transfer/joining date
- (8) Justification

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b. Requests for active component frocking should be submitted to:

COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS (MMA-3)
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
3280 RUSSELL ROAD
QUANTICO, VA 22134

c. Requests for Reserve component frocking should be submitted to:

COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS (RAP)
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
3280 RUSSELL ROAD
QUANTICO, VA 22134

6. Company Grade Frocking. Commanding Generals are authorized to frock first lieutenants and chief warrant officers selected for the limited duty officer (LDO) program to captain based on the below:

a. There are no restrictions on the number of captain selects the Marine Corps is authorized to frock. Officers may be frocked after the Senate has approved the selection list that contains the officer's name.

b. Must be serving in or within 30 days of serving in a captain's billet.

c. Commands must notify CMC (MMOA-3) by naval message or letter of all officers frocked to the grade of captain.

d. Frocking of second lieutenants and warrant officers is not authorized.