

## **U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations Summary of Changes (March 2017)**

This Summary of Changes provides a brief description of changes made to Navy Uniform Regulations (NAVPERS 15665I) since the last update of 14 February 2017. The changes identified in this summary reflect the approved uniform policy changes annotated in NAVADMIN 174/16, NAVADMIN 015/17 and correction of noted discrepancies found within NAVPERS 15665I. For specific details of changes, please refer to the noted chapters, sections and articles below.

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#### **1. Chapter 1, General Uniform Regulations, Section 1, Headgear, Article 1101.4.c.**

**Removed:** "c. Indoor Wear. Indoors, personnel shall remain uncovered at all times unless directed otherwise by higher authority for a special situation/event. Those service members in a duty status and wearing side arms or a pistol belt may only remove headgear indoors when entering dining, medical or FOD hazard areas or where religious services are being conducted. Tiaras may be left on indoors."

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#### **2. Chapter 2, Grooming Standards, Section 2, Personal Appearance, Hair, Article 2201.1.b (1)**

**Removed:** "(1) Acceptable Hairstyle Criteria. Hairstyles and haircuts shall present a professional and balanced appearance. Appropriateness of a hairstyle shall be evaluated by its appearance when headgear is worn. All headgear shall fit snugly and comfortably around the largest part of the head without distortion or excessive gaps. Hairstyles will not interfere with the proper wearing of headgear, protective masks or equipment. When headgear is worn, hair shall not show from under the front of the headgear, with the exception of the Tiara and Beret. Hair (including bun) is not to protrude from the opening in the back of the ball cap.

**Added:** "(1) Acceptable Hairstyle Criteria. Hairstyles and haircuts shall present a professional and balanced appearance. Appropriateness of a hairstyle shall be evaluated by its appearance when headgear is worn. All headgear shall fit snugly and comfortably around the largest part of the head without distortion or excessive gaps. Hairstyles will not interfere with the proper wearing of headgear, protective masks or equipment. When headgear is worn, hair shall not show from under the front of the headgear. Hair is not to protrude from the opening in the back of the ball cap. When worn, a bun with the ball cap, the bun shall be positioned lower on the back of the head so as not to protrude through the opening or prevent proper wearing of the ball cap."

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**3. Chapter 2, Grooming Standards, Section 2, Personal Appearance, Fingernails, Article 2201.5**

**Removed:** 5. FINGERNAILS

“a. Men. Fingernails shall not extend past fingertips. They shall be kept clean.

b. Women. Fingernails shall not exceed 1/4 inch measured from the fingertip. They shall be kept clean. Nail polish may be worn, but colors shall be conservative and complement the skin tone.”

**Added:** 5. FINGERNAILS

“a. Men. Fingernails shall not extend past fingertips. They shall be kept clean. Nail polish is not authorized.”

“b. Women. Fingernails shall not exceed 1/4 inch measured from the fingertip. They shall be kept clean. Nail polish may be worn, but colors shall be conservative and complement the skin tone. French and American manicures (white and off-white tips with neutral base color ONLY) are authorized.”

**4. Chapter 3, Description and Wear of Uniform Components Coat, Service Dress White (Officers/CPOs), Article 3501.17**

**Removed: Description**

“a. **Males**. A single-breasted, standing collar coat made of authorized plain white, lightweight fabric, two breast patch pockets with pointed button down flaps fastened by detachable 22-1/2-line Navy eagle gilt buttons, and five detachable 35-line Navy eagle gilt buttons on right front and form fitting. Officer's coat has sword slit over left hip and loops for shoulder boards. Required buttons are described in article 5403.

b. **Females**. Made of authorized white, lightweight fabric in the same style as the Service Dress Blue coat.

**Correct Wear**

a. **Males**. Button all buttons and fasten the collar.

b. **Females**. Button all buttons. Coat may be removed in immediate office space. Officers wear soft shoulder boards on the epauletted white dress shirt. Commanders and commanding officers should specify the areas within the command where coats are required.”

**Added: Description**

“a. **Males**. A single-breasted, standing collar coat made of authorized plain white, lightweight fabric, two breast patch pockets with pointed button down flaps fastened by detachable 22-1/2-line Navy eagle gilt buttons, and five detachable 35-line Navy eagle gilt buttons on right front and form fitting. Coat has sword slit over left hip and loops for shoulder boards for officers only. Required buttons are described in article 5403.

b. **Females**.

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1. A single-breasted, open collar with lapel coat made of authorized white, light-weight fabric, Certified Navy Twill (CNT) polyester and designed in the same style as the female officer/Chief Petty Officer Service Dress Blue coat.

2. A single-breasted, fully lined coat with a standing collar and six sewn on 35-line US Navy eagle gilt buttons on left front with princess seams to allow for form fitting as well as adjustments. The fabric of the coat is Certified Navy Twill (CNT) polyester. The coat has a sword slit over the left hip and loops for officer shoulder boards only. Required buttons are described in article 5403.

### **Correct Wear**

a. **Males.** Button all buttons and fasten the collar. Officers wear hard shoulder boards CPOs wear rank insignias on the standing collar. The coat may not be removed or relaxed when worn.

### **b. Females.**

1. Service Dress White (Coat). Button all buttons. The coat may be removed in immediate office spaces. Officers and CPOs wear soft shoulder boards on the epaulette of the white dress shirt. Commanders and commanding officers should specify the areas within the command where coats are required.

2. Service Dress White (Choker Coat). Button all buttons and fasten the collar. Officers wear hard shoulder boards. CPOs wear rank insignias on the standing collar. The coat may not be removed or relaxed when worn.

c. For insignia, see article 4101 for officers, 4211 for chief petty officers, and 4221 or 4222 for E6 and below.

### **5. Chapter 3, Description and Wear of Uniform Components, Slacks, Khaki, Service (Female Officers/CPOs), Article 3501.72**

**Removed:** "Button all buttons, close all fasteners, and wear a belt through all loops. Slacks shall hang approximately 2 inches from the floor at the back of the shoe. Slacks should be tailored to include a 2 inch hem to provide material for adjustments."

**Added:** "Button all buttons, close all fasteners, and wear a belt through all loops. Slacks shall hang approximately 2 inches from the floor at the back of the shoe. Slacks should be tailored to include a 2 inch hem to provide material for adjustments. Female officers and CPOs are authorized to optionally wear male Service khaki trousers and female Service Khaki slacks without belt and buckle with the khaki overblouse only."

### **6. Chapter 3, Uniform Components, Section 2, Officer Uniforms, Female, Service Dress Uniform, Service Dress Blue, Article 3501.90**

**Added:** Optional Item "Trousers, Blue, Dress (Male) (Article) "3501.90"

### **7. Chapter 3, Uniform Components, Section 3, Chief Petty Officer Uniforms, Female, Service Dress Uniform, Service Dress Blue, Article 3501.90**

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**Added:** Optional Item "Trousers, Blue, Dress (Male) (**Article**) "3501.90"

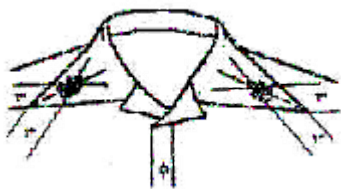
**8. Chapter 4, Rank/Rate Insignia, Section 2, Enlisted Rate/Rating Insignia, E-1 to E-6 Rate Insignia, Rating Badges, Article 4212.1.**

**Removed:** "1. General. Wear metal collar devices (approximately 1 inch) on the collar points of khaki shirts. Wear miniature sized (approximately 1-1/4 inch) embroidered grade insignia tapes on Navy coveralls. (Note: Embroidered collar devices may be slightly larger than metal collar devices.)"

**Added:** "1. General. Wear metal collar devices (approximately 1 inch) on the collar points of khaki shirts."

**9. Chapter 4, Rank/Rate Insignia, Section 2, Enlisted Rate/Rating Insignia, CPO Collar Insignia, Rating Badges, Article 4212.3.a**

**Removed:** "a. Open Collar Short Sleeve Shirt and Navy Coveralls. Center the insignia at a point 1 inch from the front and lower edges of the collar and position the vertical axis of the insignia along an imaginary line (A) bisecting the angle of the collar point."



**Added:** a. Open Collar Short Sleeve Shirt. Center the insignia at a point 1 inch from the front and lower edges of the collar and position the vertical axis of the insignia along an imaginary line (A) bisecting the angle of the collar point.



**10. Chapter 4, Rank/Rate Insignia, Section 2, Enlisted Rate/Rating Insignia, CPO Collar Insignia, Rating Badges, Article 4212.3.b.2**

**Removed:** "(2) Women wear collar insignia on the ends of the collar of the Service Dress White coat. The anchor shank will be in the vertical (upright) position, with the center of the insignia approximately 1 inch from the bottom edge of the collar and midway between the edges (seam and outer edge) of the collar."

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**Added:** "(2) Women wear collar insignia on the ends of the collar of the Service Dress White coat with lapels. The anchor shank will be in the vertical (upright) position, with the center of the insignia approximately 1 inch from the bottom edge of the collar and midway between the edges (seam and outer edge) of the collar. On the Service Dress White Coat with stand-up collar (choker), wear collar insignia on the standing collar. The anchor shank of each collar device will be parallel to the vertical edge of the collar, with the center of the insignia on the midline of the standing collar, 1 inch from the vertical edge of the collar."



### 11. Chapter 4, Rank/Rate Insignia, Section 2, Enlisted Rate/Rating Insignia, CPO Rate Insignia, Metal Rank Insignia on Outergarments, Article 4213.1

**Removed:** "1. General. CPOs wear metal devices on khaki windbreakers, black jackets (relaxed fit with knit collar), and all-weather coats. (CPOs wear no insignia on reefers and overcoats.)"

**Added:** "1. General. CPOs wear metal devices on the epaulette of black relaxed fit jackets (with knit collar), single-breasted and double-breasted All-Weather Coats. (CPO rank insignia is not worn on reefers and overcoats.)"

### 12. Chapter 4, Rank/Rate Insignia, Section 2, Enlisted Rate/Rating Insignia, E-1 to E-6 Rate Insignia, Rating Badges, Article 4221.1.b

**Removed:** "b. Rating badges with Navy blue backgrounds are worn on Navy blue uniforms. There are two blue background materials: (1) 75/25% poly/wool and 55/45% poly/wool gabardine used on women's Service Dress Blue; (2) 100% wool serge used on peacoats and men's Service Dress Blue Jumper"

**Added:** "b. Rating badges with Navy blue backgrounds are worn on Navy blue uniforms. There are two blue background materials: (1) 55/45% poly/wool gabardine used on women's Service Dress Blue Coat; (2) 100% wool serge used on peacoats and the Service Dress Blue Jumper."

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**13. Chapter 4, Rank/Rate Insignia, Section 2, Enlisted Rate/Rating Insignia, E-1 to E-6 Rate Insignia, Collar Insignia, Article 4227.a**

**Removed:** "a. E4-E6 personnel shall wear anodized (highly polished) 1-1/4 inch collar devices (article 4331.2e) on the collar of the blue all-weather coat. Wear metal rank insignia on each epaulet centered from side to side with the bottom edge of the device approximately 3/4 inch from the squared end of the epaulet on the black relax fit jacket. Embroidered miniature sized (approximately 1-1/4 inch) collar device tapes on Navy coveralls and the Navy Working Uniform (NWU). NOTE: Embroidered collar devices may be slightly larger than metal collar devices."

**Added:** "a. E4-E6 personnel shall wear anodized (highly polished) 1-1/4 inch collar devices (article 4331.2c) on the collar of the blue single-breasted all-weather coat. On the double breasted all-weather coat and black relaxed fit jacket, wear metal rank insignia (approximately 1-1/4 inch) on each epaulet centered from side to side with the bottom edge of the device approximately 3/4 inch from the squared end of the epaulet. Wear embroidered miniature sized (approximately 1-1/4 inch) collar device tapes on the Navy Working Uniform Type I (NWUI). NOTE: Embroidered collar devices may be slightly larger than metal collar devices."

**14. Chapter 5, Identification Badges Awards Insignia Uniform Components, Section 3, Eligibility and Description of Authorized Identification Badges, Article 5101.3.e.**

**Removed:** "e. Command Senior Enlisted Leader Identification Badge



(1) Eligibility. This badge is worn by all military personnel assigned to and performing the duties of Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON), Fleet Master Chief (FLTCM), Force Master Chief (FORCM), Command Master Chief (CMC) (NEC 9580), Chief of the Boat (COB) (NEC 9579), Command Senior Chief (CSC) (NEC 9578), and collateral duty Command Master Chief, Command Senior Chief and Command Chief.

(2) Description. Regular badges are approximately 1-3/4 inches by 1-3/8 inches, oval, and bordered with a gold chain. The Master or Senior Chief Petty Officer device and identifying silver plate, with applicable raised silver lettering ("Navy", "Fleet", "Force", or "Command"), are centered on a brushed gold background. Miniature badges are one-half the size of the regular badge.

(3) Correct Wear. Only one Command Senior Enlisted Identification Badge may be worn at any one time. The badge may be worn during and after the period of detail. This badge is the only identification badge that may be worn post-tour when wearing another identification badge as an incumbent.

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(a) The full size Command Senior Enlisted Leader Identification Badge will be worn on all uniforms except the Dinner Dress Uniforms.

(b) When wearing the Command Senior Enlisted Identification Badge with the new Navy Working Uniform (NWU), follow the procedures prescribed in chapter 3, section 6, article <3603>.

Otherwise, wear the badge as follows:

(c) Incumbents

1. Men wear on the left pocket. On pockets with flaps, (except NWU), center the badge between the lower point of the flap and bottom of the pocket, midway between the sides. On pockets without flaps, center the badge on the pocket. On the full dress uniforms, center the badge on the left pocket 1/4 inch below the lowest row of medals or below the second breast insignia, if authorized. If breast insignia, medals and identification badge combined cause the identification badge to be positioned on or below the lower seam of the pocket, do not wear the secondary breast insignia. On the NWU wear the badge centered on the left shirt pocket flap.

2. Women wear the full size badge centered 1/4 inch above the right breast pocket. On uniforms without breast pockets, place the badge in the same relative position as ribbons/medals. When wearing a name tag, center the device 1/4 inch above nametag. As an option, the command senior enlisted leader identification badge may be worn centered on the left breast pocket. On pockets with flaps, center the badge between the lower point of the flap and bottom of the pocket, midway between the sides. On pockets without flaps, center the badge on the pocket. On the full dress uniforms, center the badge on the left pocket 1/4 inch below the lowest row of medals or below the second breast insignia, if authorized. The badge will be worn in such manner to preserve the dignity and appearance of the Navy uniform.

3. Dinner Dress Uniforms. Men and women wear the miniature size badge 1/4 inch below the lowest row of miniature medals or secondary breast insignia.

(d) Post-tour Senior Enlisted Leaders holding a valid 9580/9579 NEC who are not assigned to a 9580/9579 billet may wear the miniature command senior enlisted leader identification badge as follows:

1. Men and women wear post tour SEL badge in the same position as incumbent SEL badge is worn.

2. When wearing full dress uniforms, men center the badge 1/4 inch below the lower of either the medals or secondary breast insignia. Women, center the badge 1/4 inch above the left pocket, medals or primary breast insignia.

3. Post-tour wear on formal, dinner dress, and working uniforms is not authorized.

(e) When wearing full dress white, the combination of breast insignia, medals, and identification badge shall not extend below the lower seam of the pocket.

(4) Per OPNAVINST 1306.2F, commands with designated collateral duty Command Master Chief, Senior Chief, or Command Chief will wear the appropriate Command Master, Senior, or Chief badge. The post-tour miniature-sized insignia, is also authorized for these master chiefs, senior chiefs, or chiefs who successfully complete a collateral duty assignment of no less than 12 months and were designated in writing by the commanding officer of that particular command."

**Added:** "e. Command Senior Enlisted Leader Identification Badge

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(a) The full size Command Senior Enlisted Leader Identification Badge will be worn on all uniforms except the Dinner Dress Uniforms.

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Otherwise, wear the badge as follows:

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2. Women wear the full size badge centered 1/4 inch above the right breast pocket. On uniforms without breast pockets, place the badge in the same relative position as ribbons/medals. When wearing a name tag, center the device 1/4 inch above nametag. As an option, the command senior enlisted leader identification badge may be worn centered on the left breast pocket. On pockets with flaps, center the badge between the lower point of the flap and bottom of the pocket, midway between the sides. On pockets without flaps, center the badge on the pocket. On the full dress uniforms, center the badge on the left pocket 1/4 inch below the lowest row of medals or below the second breast insignia, if authorized. The badge will be worn in such manner to preserve the dignity and appearance of the Navy uniform.

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1. Men and women wear post tour SEL badge in the same position as incumbent SEL badge is worn.
2. When wearing full dress uniforms, men center the badge 1/4 inch below the lower of either the medals or secondary breast insignia. Women, center the badge 1/4 inch above the left pocket, medals or primary breast insignia.
3. Post-tour wear on formal, dinner dress, and working uniforms is not authorized.

(e) When wearing full dress white, the combination of breast insignia, medals, and identification badge shall not extend below the lower seam of the pocket.

(4) Per OPNAVINST 1306.2H, commands with designated collateral duty command senior enlisted advisors (CSEAs) will wear the appropriate Command Master, Senior, or Chief badge while functioning in that capacity only. Post tour wear is not authorized”

### **15. Chapter 6, Special Uniform Situations, Section 8, Organizational Clothing and Privately Owned Protective Clothing, Camouflage Uniforms (Navy Working Uniform (NWU) Type II/III), Article 6802.4.b**

**Removed:** “b. Prescribed components include matching pattern rain parka with slip on rank insignia; removable coyote brown fleece liner with slip on rank insignia, coyote brown fleece, coyote brown (100% Polyester Micro) Fleece and Navy blue wool knit watch cap.”

**Added:** “b. Prescribed components include matching pattern rain parka with slip on rank insignia; removable coyote brown fleece (100% Polyester) liner with slip on rank insignia, and Navy blue wool knit watch cap.”

### **16. Chapter 6, Special Uniform Situations, Section 8, Organizational Clothing and Privately Owned Protective Clothing, Camouflage Uniforms (Navy Working Uniform (NWU) Type II/III), Article 6802.5.i**

**Removed:** “i. Parka Fleece Liner. The coyote brown parka fleece liner is the only liner authorized to be worn with the NWU Type II/III. The coyote brown fleece liner is authorized for wear as a stand-alone outer garment with the NWU Type II/III uniforms only. When worn as an outer garment, it shall be zipped at least 3/4 up, cover the NWU blouse, with the appropriate slip on rank insignia displayed for E4 through O10 personnel. The fleece is interchangeable with both Type II and III.”

**Added:** “i. Parka Fleece Liner. The coyote brown and black parka fleece liners are authorized optional outer garments that may be worn with the NWU Type II/III. When worn as an outer garment, the fleece liner shall be zipped at least 3/4 up, cover the NWU blouse, with the appropriate slip on rank insignia displayed for E4 through O10 personnel. The fleece is interchangeable with both Type II and III.”

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**17. Chapter 7, Civilian Clothing, Section 2, General Regulations Pertaining to the Wearing of Civilian Clothes by Naval Personnel, Wearing Uniform Articles with Civilian Clothes, Article 7203.**

**Removed:** "Military personnel may wear the military uniform articles listed below with civilian clothing.

All-Weather Coat/Raincoat (w/o insignia)  
Belts with civilian buckles  
Black Fleece Liner (w/o insignia)  
Cap, Knit Watch  
Command/Navy Ball Cap (w/o insignia)  
Gloves  
Handbag  
Jacket, Black (w/o insignia)  
Jacket, Khaki Windbreaker (w/o insignia)  
Mockneck  
Necktie, Four-in-Hand  
Peacoat (w/o insignia)  
Shoes  
Socks/Hosiery  
Sweater, Black V-Neck Pullover (w/o nametag)  
Underwear"

**Added:** "Military personnel may wear the military uniform articles listed below with civilian clothing.

All-Weather Coat/Raincoat (w/o insignia)  
Belts with civilian buckles  
Black Fleece Liner (w/o insignia)  
Cap, Knit Watch  
Cold Weather Parka (w/o insignia)  
Command/Navy Ball Cap (w/o insignia and titles)  
Gloves  
Handbag  
Jacket, Black Relax Fit (w/o insignia)  
Mockneck Sweater  
Necktie, Four-in-Hand  
Peacoat (w/o insignia)  
Shoes  
Socks/Hosiery  
Sweater, Black V-Neck Pullover (w/o nametag)  
Underwear"