

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**PERSONNEL POLICY MEMORANDUM**



**EFFECTIVE DATE: PPM 06-005  
14 JULY 2006**

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**By Order of the Assistant Secretary for Health:**

**ADM John O. Agwunobi**

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**TO:** All Regular and Reserve Corps Officers on Extended Active Duty

**SUBJECT:** Uniforms – Updates and Clarifications

1. Effective as of the date of this Personnel Policy Memorandum (PPM) 06-005, the following updates and/or clarifications will be made to the Commissioned Corps Personnel Manual (CCPM), Subchapter CC26.3, INSTRUCTION 4, "Uniforms for Male Officers," where they appear in this INSTRUCTION. The updates include:
  - a. Add "Reefer" as an optional uniform item to exhibits in Exhibit I. Description and Correct Wear, for "Service Dress Blue Sweater, Service Blue, Service Khaki, Summer White, Indoor Duty White, and Working Khaki";
  - b. Substitute the qualifying descriptor, "Scarf, White (w/raincoat only)" with "Scarf, White (w/outergarment only)" in exhibits in Exhibit I. Description and Correct Wear, for "Summer White, Full Dress White, Service Blue, Service Khaki, and Indoor Duty White";
  - c. Add "Windbreaker" to the list of options in Exhibit I. Description and Correct Wear of Male Officer Uniform Components, under "Scarf, White, Correct Wear" subsection;
  - d. Substitute the word "Summer" for the word "Service" White in Exhibit I. Description and Correct Wear of Male Officer Uniform Components, under "Sweater, Army Black, Correct Wear" subsection; and
  - e. Delete the term "polyester/cotton," from the description in Exhibit I. Description and Correct Wear of Male Officer Uniform Components, under "Shirt, Khaki, Short Sleeves."
2. Effective as of the date of this PPM, the following updates and/or clarifications will be made to the CCPM, Subchapter CC26.3, INSTRUCTION 5, "Uniforms for Female Officers," where they appear in this INSTRUCTION. The updates include:
  - a. Add "Sweater, Army Black" to the optional items in Exhibit I, Description and Correct Wear, Summer White;

- b. Add “Reefer” as an optional uniform item to exhibits in Exhibit I. Description and Correct Wear, for “Service Dress Blue Sweater, Service Blue, Service Khaki, Summer White, Indoor Duty White, and Working Khaki”;
  - c. Substitute the word “Formal” for the word “Dress” in Exhibit I. Description and Correct Wear of Female Officer Uniform Components, “Shirt, White Dress”;
  - d. Substitute the qualifying descriptor, “Scarf, White (w/raincoat only)” with “Scarf, White (w/outergarment only)” in exhibits in Exhibit I. Description and Correct Wear, for “Dinner Dress White, Dinner Dress Blue Jacket, Dinner Dress White Jacket, Full Dress White, Service Blue, Summer White, Service Khaki, Indoor Duty White, and Winter Working Blue”;
  - e. Substitute the description name, “Skirt, Blue Unbelted Dress” with “Skirt, Blue Unbelted” in all occurrences throughout the female officer uniform exhibits in Exhibit I, Description and Correct Wear;
  - f. Substitute the description name, “Shirt, White” with “Shirt, White Formal” in female officer uniform exhibits in Exhibit I, Description and Correct Wear, “Formal Dress, Dinner Dress Blue Jacket, and Dinner Dress White Jacket”;
  - g. Add “Winter Working Blue” in the text of “Sweater, Army Black” in Exhibit I. Description and Correct Wear of Female Officer Uniform Components, under “Sweater, Army Black, Correct Wear” subsection;
  - h. Add “Windbreaker” to the list of options in Exhibit I. Description and Correct Wear of Female Officer Uniform Components, under “Scarf, White, Correct Wear” subsection;
  - i. Substitute the word “Summer” for the word “Service” White in Exhibit I. Description and Correct Wear of Female Officer Uniform Components, under “Sweater, Army Black, Correct Wear” subsection; and
  - j. Delete the term, “polyester/cotton” from the description in Exhibit I. Description and Correct Wear of Female Officer Uniform Components, under “Shirt, Khaki, Short Sleeves.”
3. Effective as of the date of this PPM, the following substitutions or additions will be made to the CCPM, Subchapter CC26.3, INSTRUCTION 7, “Special Uniform Situations.”
- a. Substitute the word “eight” for the word “six” in reference to the number of sides of the BDU utility cap description in “Composition of the BDU”, Headgear;
  - b. Substitute the descriptor, “3-inch diameter PHS seal” with “3- or 4-inch diameter PHS seal” in “Composition of the BDU”, Undershirt;
  - c. Add the following sentence to the description in “Composition of the BDU”, Undershirt: “The transition period for phasing-out the brown undershirt will end on 20 July 2007, after which, only the black PHS undershirt will be authorized for wear with the BDU.”

- d. For clarification, substitute the subsection on “Liner, cold weather coat.” with the following text: “Liner, cold weather coat. The coat liner is an olive green undergarment of polyester covered batting covered with three plies of ripstop nylon cloth. The liner may not be worn independently of the parka, but may be worn under the BDU utility coat as an insulating layer for the upper body.”
- e. For clarification, substitute the words “made of” for the words “or the” when describing the material, “fleece” for the shirt, cold weather, and overalls, cold weather, in the Extreme Cold Weather Clothing System (ECWCS) section. The descriptions should read: “Shirt, cold weather, fleece made of synthetic fiberpile . . .” and “Overalls, cold weather, fleece made of synthetic fiberpile . . . .”

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