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TO: Active Duty Commissioned Officers
Washington D.C. and Baltimore MD Metropolitan Areas

FROM: Acting Surgeon General

SUBJECT: Uniform of the Day—Spring and Summer 2007

This memorandum prescribes the Uniform of the Day for officers of the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service (Corps) assigned to duty stations in the greater Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, MD Metropolitan Areas.

This memorandum applies to all Corps officers except those appointed under the Junior Commissioned Officer Student Training and Extern Program and officers assigned to duty stations under the jurisdiction of separate uniform services including: the U.S. Coast Guard; Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Department of Defense; and students attending the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. Corps officers detailed to separate uniformed services shall follow the directives issued by their respective uniform authorities.

UNIFORM OF THE DAY

1. Effective, **Tuesday 0001 hours 1 May 2007**, the uniforms of the day are Summer White (SW) and Service Khaki (SK). Officers may elect to wear either version of these service uniforms.
2. Service Dress Blue (SDB), Service Dress Blue Sweater (SDBS), Service Blue (SB), and SK uniforms may be worn year round.
3. The SDB or Service Dress White (SDW) uniform shall be worn for official functions, high-level meetings, and ceremonies where the civilian attire would be coat and tie. Officers testifying before Congress or conducting official business on Capitol Hill shall wear SDB, regardless of season.
4. The Full Dress White (FDW) uniform shall be worn when attending joint uniformed service ceremonies (e.g., assuming or relinquishing command), occasions of state, and solemnities.
5. For the purposes of uniformity, Agency Heads may prescribe that Corps officers under their jurisdiction wear the SDB uniform for ceremonial occasions or other appropriate circumstances. Agency Heads are not authorized to issue directives concerning other uniforms.

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6. Circumstances in which other uniforms and components are permitted:
- a. Indoor Duty White The Indoor Duty White (IDW) uniform, which is the same as the SW uniform without ribbons, may be worn by officers assigned to duties in clinical and laboratory environments. The IDW is a working uniform and is not appropriate for wear while hosting or entertaining official visitors and members of the public or while attending high-level meetings; in such cases, a service uniform shall be worn. Officers may wear the IDW uniform while traveling directly between their residences and duty stations.
 - b. Formal and Dinner Dress Uniforms The Formal Dress uniform may be worn at appropriate formal evening functions (white tie). The Dinner Dress White Jacket and Dinner Dress Blue Jacket uniforms (prescribable for officers at the O-5 pay grade and above), Dinner Dress White, and Dinner Dress Blue (officers at the O-4 pay grade and below) may be worn at the appropriate dinner and social functions (black tie). Officers should inquire with their host to determine the appropriate formal/dinner dress uniform.
 - c. Domestic Travel An officer engaged in domestic travel may elect to wear either the service Uniform of the Day prescribed by the area to which the officer is traveling, or the SDB.

In summary: Corps officers assigned to duty stations within the Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, MD Metropolitan areas, except as noted above, are authorized to wear the following uniforms in routine office settings: SW; SK; SDB; SDBS; and SB. Officers assigned to clinical or laboratory environments meeting the criteria of 6.a. are authorized to wear the IDW uniform. All officers are encouraged to wear the uniform daily with pride and distinction.

For further information, refer to Book 4, *Uniforms* (formerly CC26.3) within the electronic Commissioned Corps Issuance System (eCCIS) under the Publications menu of the Commissioned Corps Management Information System (CCMIS) webpage: <http://dcp.psc.gov>.



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