

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES

PERSONNEL OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM



EFFECTIVE DATE: **POM 08-006**
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By Order of the Acting Surgeon General of the U.S. Public Health Service:

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

SUBJECT: Uniforms for Officers Deployed with Navy

1. This Personnel Operations Memorandum (POM) prescribes the uniform of the day for officers of the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service (Corps) deployed aboard Navy vessels per [CC26.3.7](#), Section E "Protective Clothing."
2. Corps officers deployed aboard Navy vessels shall wear the Navy Coverall uniform in accordance with U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations. The wear of the Navy Coverall uniform is restricted to Corps officers deployed aboard Navy vessels in support of joint service missions or deployments with the Navy. Post deployment wear of the Navy Coverall uniform is not authorized.
 - a. The "USPHS" service identification shall be embroidered with approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ inch gold embroidered block lettering on cloth tape matching the fabric of the coveralls. The tape is sewn on with fabric matching thread, centered $\frac{1}{4}$ inch above the wearer's left pocket. The tape extends the width of the pocket. Embroidered tapes can be procured through the [Navy Exchange On Line](#) or through the Navy Uniform Support Center at (800) 368-4088.
 - b. The officer's last name shall be embroidered with approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ inch gold embroidered block lettering on cloth tape matching the fabric of the coveralls. The tape is sewn on with fabric matching thread, centered $\frac{1}{4}$ inch above the wearer's right pocket. The tape extends the width of the pocket. Embroidered tapes can be procured through the [Navy Exchange On Line](#) or through the Navy Uniform Support Center at (800) 368-4088.
 - c. The Corps device shall be embroidered in gold on fabric matching the coveralls. The device is sewn on with fabric matching thread on the left collar with the staff of the caduceus pointing toward the collar tip. The device is centered on the collar in the same manner as the Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) corps device insignia. The PHS corps device for the coveralls can be procured from Vanguard at (800) 221-1264 under stock number 3642509, or purchased from the National Naval Medical Center Uniform shop.
 - d. Officers who have earned the Field Medical Readiness Badge (FMRB) may wear the embroidered gold or gold/silver FMRB on the coverall uniform. The FMRB is

sewn centered above the USPHS tape. The embroidered FMRB for the coveralls can be procured from Vanguard at (800) 221-1264 under stock number 2122329, or purchased from the National Naval Medical Center Uniform shop.

3. Corps officers deployed in support of the above listed missions are also authorized to wear the woodland camouflage BDU and the Working Khaki (WK) uniform consisting of the poly-cotton blend fabric with long-sleeve shirts when prescribed by the Public Health Service Officer-In-Charge (OIC). The WK uniform is worn without ribbons.
4. Other service uniforms may also be prescribed for ceremonies (e.g., awards or promotions). Please consult the Office of Force Readiness and Deployments (OFRD) of the Office of the Surgeon General (OSG) for other prescribed/required uniforms.
5. Officers deployed aboard Navy vessels in support of joint service missions or deployments with the Navy are authorized to wear commemorative ship specific belt buckles (e.g., *USS Boxer*, *USS Kearsarge*, or *USNS Mercy*) for the period of their deployment with the coverall uniform, WK uniform, and other prescribed service uniforms. Post deployment wear of such commemorative belt buckles is not authorized.
6. This POM will remain in effect until rescinded.

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