



# With Pride & Distinction

## Junior Officer Advisory Group

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During the pandemic, many PHS officers have been working strictly from home. During this time, uniform wear has typically been limited to deployments, ad hoc visits into the office, or video conference meetings. RADM Erica Swartz announced on January 14, 2021 that PHS Officers are considered Phase 1b personnel and are eligible to receive the COVID 19 vaccine through DoD, HHS, and non-HHS agencies. As some of us begin to wear our uniforms more frequently and prepare to return to the office, here are a few handy reminders on what modifications are considered proper uniform wear.

#### Service Dress Blue Uniform

The Service Dress Blue Uniform (SDB) may be worn all year. Several modifications to the SDB are allowable, including wearing the Navy black sweater or black windbreaker in place of the SDB coat. If this modification is chosen, then the black garrison cap may be worn instead of the combination cap.

Another thing to keep in mind is that the “bucket” style of cap is no longer authorized for females. The new combination cap more closely resembles the men’s style.

Several outerwear options are available for wear with the SDB including the black windbreaker, blue all-weather coat, reefer, and the foul weather parka.

#### Service Khaki Uniform

The Khaki uniform may be worn all year long. Women have several options with the khaki uniform as they can choose to wear the skirt instead of the trousers and/or the over-blouse shirt instead of the tucked version. The Navy black sweater and the black windbreaker are authorized for wear with the khaki uniform as is the Army black cardigan, however the army black cardigan is only authorized for wear while indoors and all buttons must be buttoned.

#### Operational Dress Uniform

The Operational Dress Uniform (ODU) is generally the PHS deployment uniform and is also worn when other uniforms would not be appropriate due to being unsafe or danger of becoming soiled.

In order to show the constant readiness of the Corps during the COVID-19 pandemic, officers were asked to wear the ODU daily beginning on February 3, 2020 until October 5, 2020 when the uniform of the day changed to the Service Dress Blue uniform with the alternative of the Service Khaki uniform.

The ODU does not have an available modification but does have multiple options for outerwear. These include the ODU utility jacket, the polar fleece liner, and the foul weather parka.

Keep on the look out for future publications as the ODU will soon be phasing out and will be replaced by the Coast Guard Utility uniform effective Feb 1, 2023.

For complete information regarding proper uniform wear, please reference the following documents:

[https://dcp.psc.gov/ccmis/ccis/documents/CC421\\_02.pdf](https://dcp.psc.gov/ccmis/ccis/documents/CC421_02.pdf) for female uniforms.

[https://dcp.psc.gov/ccmis/ccis/documents/CC421\\_01.pdf](https://dcp.psc.gov/ccmis/ccis/documents/CC421_01.pdf) for male uniforms.

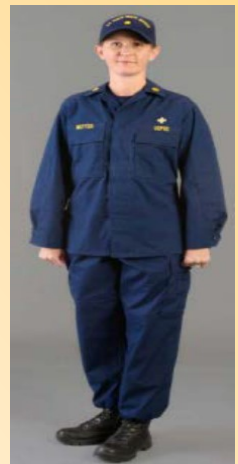
[https://dcp.psc.gov/ccmis/ccis/documents/POM17\\_002.pdf](https://dcp.psc.gov/ccmis/ccis/documents/POM17_002.pdf)



PHS Officer posing in Service Dress Blues



PHS Officer posing in Service Khakis



PHS Officer posing in ODUs

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