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Section A. Purpose and Scope

1. This INSTRUCTION prescribes the manner in which medals, ribbons, and badges shall be worn by Public Health Service (PHS) commissioned officers on the PHS uniform and on civilian clothes.
2. This INSTRUCTION also prescribes the order of precedence for wearing PHS and Uniformed Service awards on the PHS uniform.
3. Procedures for obtaining authorization to wear awards on the PHS uniform are contained in INSTRUCTION 1, Subchapter CC27.9, "Authorization to Wear Awards," of this manual.

Section B. Authority

Section 215 of the PHS Act (42 U.S.C. 216) provides statutory authority to establish rules and regulations governing PHS uniforms. Regulations prescribing the types of military or foreign decorations which may be worn by PHS commissioned officers and the conditions under which such decorations may be worn are set forth in INSTRUCTION 1, Subchapter CC47.4, "Decorations," of this manual.

Section C. Order of Precedence

1. General
 - a. A PHS commissioned officer may wear only those awards for which he/she has received approval as evidenced by the documentation for each award in the officer's Official Personnel Folder (OPF). See INSTRUCTION 3, Subchapter CC27.1, "Commissioned Officers' Award Program; Nominating and Review Procedures," of this manual.
 - b. PHS commissioned officers who have received awards from other Uniformed Services or departments of the United States Government, foreign governments, or other agencies, shall wear such awards on the PHS uniform only as designated in this INSTRUCTION.
 - c. All awards issued for wear by the PHS Commissioned Corps are listed in this Section in their order of precedence. Awards received for service performed while in or attached to units of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which are not included in this Section, but which are of equal importance to PHS awards listed here, shall be worn in the order specified by the respective military service. In all cases of relative priority, PHS awards shall take precedence.

d. No award granted by another Service is to be worn on the PHS uniform until authorization is granted as set forth in INSTRUCTION 1, Subchapter CC27.9.

2. Uniformed Services Decorations. Listed below in their order of precedence are PHS honor awards and military decorations which may be authorized for wear on the PHS uniform:

- Medal of Honor
- Navy Cross
- Defense Distinguished Service Medal
- Distinguished Service Medal (PHS)
- Distinguished Service Medal (Other Services)
- Silver Star Medal
- Defense Superior Service Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal (PHS)
- Surgeon General's Medallion (PHS)
- Surgeon General's Exemplary Service Medal (PHS)
- Legion of Merit
- Distinguished Flying Cross
- Navy and Marine Corps Medal
- Bronze Star Medal
- Purple Heart
- Defense Meritorious Service Medal
- Outstanding Service Medal (PHS)
- Meritorious Service Medal (Other Services)
- Air Medal
- Joint Service Commendation Medal
- Commendation Medal (PHS)
- Commendation Medal (Other Services)
- Achievement Medal (PHS)
- Achievement Medal (Other Services)
- PHS Citation
- Combat Action Ribbon

3. Unit Awards. Listed below in their order of precedence are the unit awards which may be authorized for wear after all Uniformed Services decorations:

- Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon
- Outstanding Unit Citation (PHS)
- Unit Commendation (PHS)
- Unit Commendation Ribbon (All Services)
- Joint Meritorious Unit Award
- Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon (All Services)
- Navy "E"

4. Non-Uniformed Service Decorations

- a. Listed below are certain non-uniformed service decorations which may be authorized for wear on the PHS uniform after all unit awards. Precedence shall be the order of date of acceptance, except when two or more decorations from the same agency are worn. The order of wearing of those decorations will be in accordance with the precedence established by the awarding agency, regardless of date of acceptance.

Presidential Medal of Freedom
Gold Life Saving Medal
Silver Life Saving Medal
Medal for Merit
President's Distinguished Federal Civilian Service Medal
Merchant Marine Distinguished Service Medal
Merchant Marine Meritorious Service Medal
Merchant Marine Mariners Medal

- b. Non-uniformed service decorations shall not be worn on the uniform unless at least one uniformed service award is worn at the same time.

5. PHS Service and Campaign Awards. Listed below are PHS service and campaign awards. These may be worn in the order earned:

Hazardous Duty Award
Foreign Duty Award
Special Assignment Award
Isolated/Hardship Award
National Emergency Preparedness Ribbon
Smallpox Eradication Campaign Ribbon
The Crisis Response Service Award

6. Military Campaign and Service Awards. Listed below in order of precedence are the military campaign and service awards which may be authorized for wear on the PHS uniform after all PHS service and campaign awards:

Good Conduct Medal
Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medal
World War I Victory Medal
Haitian Campaign Medal (1919-20)
Second Nicaraguan Campaign Medal
Yangtze Service Medal
Byrd Antarctic Expedition Medal
Expeditionary Medals
Second Byrd Antarctic Expedition Medal
China Service Medal
American Defense Service Medal

American Campaign Service Medal
 European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal
 Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal
 World War II Victory Medal
 U.S. Antarctic Expedition Medal
 Navy Occupation Service Medal
 Medal for Humane Action
 National Defense Service Medal
 Korean Service Medal
 Antarctica Service Medal
 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
 Vietnam Service Medal
 Humanitarian Service Medal
 Sea Service Deployment Ribbon
 Armed Forces Reserve Medal
 Naval Reserve Medal
 Merchant Marine Gallant Ship Unit Citation
 Merchant Marine Defense Bar
 Merchant Marine Combat Bar
 Merchant Marine War Zone Bars (worn in order earned)
 Atlantic War Zone
 Mediterranean-Middle East War Zone
 Pacific War Zone
 Merchant Marine WWII Victory Medal
 Merchant Marine Korean Service Bar
 Merchant Marine Vietnam Service Bar

In general, PHS officers may wear ribbons or medals denoting service or an award earned as a member of another Uniformed Service prior to their becoming members of the PHS Commissioned Corps. Each such award must be documented in the officer's OPF.

However, ribbons or medals earned as a member of another Uniformed Service denoting longevity of service (e.g., the Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon), completion of a course of basic training or initial qualification (e.g., the Air Force Training Ribbon), or qualification or expertise in basic military skills (e.g., the Navy Expert Pistol Shot Medal), are not authorized for wear on the PHS uniform. Nonetheless, if a PHS officer assigned to another Service is required or expected to qualify in marksmanship skills, that officer may be authorized to wear ribbons or medals denoting such skills only while assigned to that Service.

7. PHS Regular Corps Ribbon. The PHS Regular Corps Ribbon shall be worn after all U.S. service awards.
8. Awards of Military Societies and Other Organizations. The following organizations each issue a medal and a ribbon bar authorized for wear on the PHS uniform, by an officer who is a member, after the PHS Regular Corps Ribbon:

Association of Military Surgeons of the
United States (AMSUS)
The Reserve Officers' Association (ROA)

If an officer is eligible for both, the AMSUS ribbon takes precedence over the ROA ribbon.

9. Foreign Decorations and Non-U.S. Service Awards

a. Foreign Decorations. Personnel who have been specifically authorized to accept decorations from foreign governments may wear them, after all U.S. service awards, in order of their receipt, in the manner prescribed below:

- (1) No foreign award shall be worn on the uniform unless at least one U.S. award is worn at the same time.
- (2) Foreign awards which are similar in design and caliber to U.S. awards may be worn on the same occasions prescribed for wearing the U.S. awards.
- (3) An officer who does not possess the Medal of Honor, but who has received a foreign award which, under the rules of the country concerned, is required to be worn at the neck, will so wear it. If an officer has been awarded the Medal of Honor and a foreign award which is worn at the neck, he/she shall wear the foreign award so that it shall show below the Medal of Honor.
- (4) When an individual possesses two or more awards from the same country, the order of precedence of those particular awards shall be determined by the rules of the country concerned.
- (5) Foreign awards, such as stars and sashes or orders, or other devices which are dissimilar to or are required to be worn in a manner which differs from that prescribed for U.S. awards authorized for wear by PHS officers, may be worn only as a courtesy to the country concerned when an officer is attending a public function, in the house of, or in honor of, a public official or other distinguished citizen or subject of the country whose decoration he/she possesses. These awards shall be worn as nearly as practicable in accordance with the regulations of the country concerned. Since officers are generally not permitted to wear the PHS uniform outside the United States (see INSTRUCTION 1, Subchapter CC26.3, "General Information on Uniforms and Appearance," of this manual), the wearing of such decoration is limited to public functions within the United States.

- b. Vietnam. Foreign awards to U.S. military personnel for service in Vietnam which may be worn on the PHS uniform are the following (in order of precedence):

National Order of Vietnam
Military Merit Medal
Army Distinguished Service Order
Air Force Distinguished Service Order
Navy Distinguished Service Order
Army Meritorious Service Medal
Air Force Meritorious Service Medal
Navy Meritorious Service Medal
Special Service Medal
Gallantry Cross
Air Gallantry Cross
Navy Gallantry Cross
Hazardous Service Medal
Life Saving Medal
Armed Forces Honor Medal
Staff Service Medal
Technical Service Medal
Training Service Medal
Civil Actions Medal

10. Foreign Unit Awards. The following awards, listed in their order of precedence, do not require individual legislative authorization and may be worn immediately after all foreign personal decorations:

Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation
Korean Presidential Unit Citation
Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation
Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation
(Gallantry Cross Color)*
Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation
(Civil Actions Color)*

* Note: Only the initial award (ribbon with frame and palm) may be worn.

11. Non-U.S. Service Awards. The precedence of non-U.S. service awards follow immediately after foreign unit awards:

Philippine Defense Ribbon
Philippine Liberation Ribbon
Philippine Independence Ribbon
United Nations Service Medal
United National Medal
Multi-National Forces and Observer Medal
Inter-American Defense Board Medal/Ribbon

12. Foreign Service Awards. The Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal service award will be worn immediately after non-U.S. service awards.

Section D. Ribbon Bars

1. Ribbons are worn in horizontal rows consisting of up to three ribbons in each row. When more than three ribbons are authorized, they shall be worn in horizontal rows of three each. If not in multiples of three, the uppermost row shall contain the lesser number and the center of this row shall be over the center of the one below it. Ribbons shall be placed without intervals between ribbons or rows of ribbons. They shall be worn with the lower edge of the bottom row centered 1/4 inch above the left breast pocket and parallel to the floor. To avoid being covered by the coat lapel, ribbons may be aligned so the border is to wearer's left and parallel with the left side of the pocket. To avoid further the uppermost ribbons being covered by the coat lapel, the uppermost rows may contain two ribbons each, and be aligned to the left border. Ribbons worn on the right breast shall be worn with the lower edge of the bottom row centered 1/4 inch above the right breast pocket, or ribbons shall be worn in the same relative position as if there were a pocket.
2. Ribbons shall not be impregnated with preservatives which change the appearance of the ribbon nor shall they be worn with transparent covering of any sort.
3. Ribbons which do not have a symmetrical color design or which have stars as part of the design shall be displayed as follows:
 - a. Medal of Honor Ribbon. The stars should form an M with a single ray of all stars pointing up.
 - b. Navy and Marine Corps Ribbon. The blue stripe shall be inboard (to the wearer's right).
 - c. Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon. The blue stripe shall be uppermost.
 - d. Merchant Marine Mariner's Ribbon. The red stripe shall be inboard.
 - e. World War II Theater Ribbons. The blue stripe in the center shall be inboard.
 - f. Army and Navy Occupation Service Ribbons. The black stripe shall be inboard.
 - g. Philippine Defense Ribbon. The stars shall form a triangle, base down, with a single ray of all stars pointing up.

- h. Philippine Liberation Ribbon. The blue stripe in the center shall be inboard.
 - i. Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon. The blue stripe shall be inboard and worn with the gold frame.
 - j. Korean Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon. The red portion of the circular device in the center shall be uppermost, worn with gold frame.
 - k. Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon. Worn with gold frame.
 - l. Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. The blue stripe in the center shall be worn inboard.
 - m. Combat Action Ribbon. The outermost blue stripe shall be inboard.
 - n. The Reserve Officers' Association. The red stripe shall be inboard (to the wearer's right).
4. The arrangement of ribbons shall be in the order of precedence in rows from top down inboard to outboard within rows. A minimum of 3 ribbons shall be worn by those possessing 3 or more; all ribbons may be worn, if desired. If only 1 row of ribbons is worn, it shall consist of the 3 senior ribbons.
 5. When large medals are prescribed, ribbons having no corresponding large medals shall be worn centered on the right breast in the same relative position as the holding bar of the lowest row of medals. If the individual has been awarded more than one of this type, the senior ribbon is required with the option to wear all. The arrangement of ribbons shall be in the order of precedence in rows from top down and inboard to outboard.
 6. When miniature medals are prescribed (refer to Section F, below), ribbons for which no medals are provided shall NOT be worn.

Section E. Large Medals

1. Large medals shall be worn on Full Dress uniforms, and shall not be worn on other uniforms. When more than one medal is worn, they shall be suspended from a holding bar of metal or other material of sufficient stiffness to support the weight of the medals. The holding bar of the lowest row of medals shall be located in the same position as the lowest ribbon bar. The bar shall be 4 1/8 inches wide and each row of medals shall be 3 1/4 inches long from top of ribbons to bottom of medals, so that the bottom of each medal constitutes a horizontal line. When more than one row is worn, no row is to contain a lesser number of medals than the row above. Except for the uppermost row, all rows shall contain the same number of medals, 3 medals side by side or up to 5 medals overlapping.

Overlapping shall be equal, and right or inboard medal shall show in full. Upper rows of medals, if worn, shall be mounted so that these medals cover the suspension ribbons of the medals below. See Section H, below.

2. The arrangement of medals shall be in order of precedence from top down and from inboard to outboard within rows. All medals may be worn; however, a minimum of five must be worn by those possessing five or more. If only one row of medals is worn, it shall consist of the five senior medals. Large medals shall be worn on the uniform as shown in Exhibit I.
3. When either large or miniature medals are prescribed, both the Medal of Honor pendant and the Surgeon General's Medallion are worn from their respective suspension ribbons placed around the neck. When either of these medals is worn with the officer's White Service coat, the ribbon shall pass outside the coat collar. When worn with all other coats, the ribbon shall pass between the shirt and coat collar.

Section F. Miniature Medals

1. Miniature medals shall be worn with all Formal Dress uniforms and Dinner Dress uniforms. On the male officer's Formal and Dinner Dress jackets the holding bar of the lowest row of miniature medals shall be positioned 3 inches below the notch and centered on the lapel, parallel to the ground. Three or more miniature medals will be positioned starting at the inner edge of the lapel and extended beyond the lapel on the body of the jacket. When worn on the male officer's Blue or White Service coats, the holding bar is centered immediately above the left breast pocket. When worn on the jacket of the female officer's Formal Dress uniform or Dinner Dress uniform, the holding bar is worn in the same relative position as on the male's Dinner Dress jacket, down 1/3 of the distance from the shoulder seam to the coat hem. When worn on the female officer's Blue or White coats, the holding bar is centered immediately above the left pocket flap. Each row of miniatures shall be 2 1/4 inches long from top of ribbons to bottom of medals so that the bottom of each medal constitutes a horizontal line. Upper rows of medals shall be positioned so that these medals cover the ribbons of the medals below. See Section H, below.
2. The holding bar will permit the wear of up to five miniature medals in a row with no overlap. For the wear of six or more miniature medals, see Section H, below.
3. Miniature medals shall be worn on the uniform as shown in Exhibit II.
4. The arrangement of medals shall be in order of precedence from top down and from inboard to outboard within rows. All medals may be worn; however, a minimum of five must be worn by those possessing five or more. If only one row of medals is worn, it shall consist of the five senior medals.

5. When miniature medals are prescribed, the Medal of Honor, which is not made in miniature, is worn as described in Section E.3, above.

Section G. Attachments to be Worn on Ribbons

1. Manner of Wearing. A single star shall be worn centered on the ribbon. If there is more than one star, stars shall be placed in a horizontal line close to and symmetrically about the center of the ribbon. A gold or bronze star worn in addition to a silver star shall be placed on the wearer's right, the second to the wearer's left, etc. When medals are worn overlapping, all stars may be worn to the wearer's left. Stars shall be placed on the ribbon with two rays pointing down. (Attachments shall be arranged on ribbons as shown in Exhibit III.)
2. PHS Honor Awards. Gold and silver stars shall be worn on suspension ribbons of medals and on ribbon bars of the PHS Distinguished Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Surgeon General's Exemplary Service Medal, Outstanding Service Medal, Commendation Medal, Achievement Medal, and PHS Citation, as follows:
 - a. Gold Stars. Gold stars are authorized to be worn in lieu of a second or subsequent award of any of the above-mentioned medals. The gold star to be worn on the suspension ribbon of large and miniature medals and on ribbon bars shall be 5/16 inch in size.
 - b. Silver Stars. Silver stars are authorized in lieu of five gold stars. The size of silver stars shall be the same size as gold stars, as specified in paragraph 2.a, above.
3. Unit and Service Awards. Bronze and silver stars shall be worn on ribbon bars of the Outstanding Unit Citation, Unit Commendation, PHS Hazardous Duty Award, Foreign Duty Award, Special Assignment Award, and Isolated Hardship Award.
 - a. Bronze stars are authorized in lieu of a second or subsequent award of any of the above-mentioned awards. The bronze star to be worn on the ribbon bar shall be 3/16 inch in size.
 - b. Silver stars, 3/16 inch in size, are authorized in lieu of five bronze stars.
4. Attachments on Awards of Other Uniformed Services. Attachments on ribbons awarded by other uniformed services (stars, letter devices, clasps, oak leaf clusters, etc.) shall be worn as prescribed by the Uniformed Service concerned.

Section H. Arrangement for Wearing Large or
Miniature Medals

<u>Number of Medals to be worn</u>	<u>Prescribed Number of Rows</u>	<u>Row</u>	<u>Top Row</u>	<u>2nd Row</u>	<u>3rd Row</u>	<u>4th Row</u>
1-5	1 row only		1-5			
6	2		3	3		
7	2		3	4		
8	2		4	4		
9	2		4	5		
10	2		5	5		
11	3		3	4	4	
12	3		4	4	4	
13	3		3	5	5	
14	3		4	5	5	
15	3		5	5	5	
16 and so on	4		4	4	4	4

Section I. Wearing of Badges

1. Definitions

- a. Ceremonial uniforms consist of the Full Dress Blue and Full Dress White uniforms as authorized in this Subchapter.
- b. Formal and Dinner Dress uniforms consist of the Formal Dress, Dinner Dress Blue Jacket, Dinner Dress White Jacket, Dinner Dress Blue, Dinner Dress White, and Tropical Dinner Dress Blue uniforms as authorized in this Subchapter.
- c. Service uniforms consist of the Service Dress Blue, Service Dress White, Summer White, Summer Blue, Summer Khaki, Winter Blue, and Tropical White uniforms as authorized in this Subchapter.
- d. Standard badges are the badges and insignia identified or contemplated within subparagraphs 4.a.(1) through (3) and 4.b. of this Section.
- e. Working uniforms consist of the Indoor Duty White, Indoor Duty White Dress and Indoor Duty White Pantsuit for female officers, Working Khaki, Winter Working Blue, and Field Utility and Tropical Khaki uniforms as authorized in this Subchapter.

2. Name Tags and Identification Badges

- a. The PHS name tag is a required component of each of the service uniforms; it must be worn as part of uniforms in that group. Officers may wear the PHS name tag with working uniforms, and they must do so if the PHS name tag is prescribed. See Section I, INSTRUCTION 6, Subchapter CC26.3, "Insignia and Devices." The PHS name tag is not worn with ceremonial uniforms or formal or dinner dress uniforms.
- b. Facilities where PHS officers are stationed or visiting, at which meetings are taking place, or other locations where PHS officers are on official business, may issue identification badges. When requested to do so by local authorities, PHS officers should wear these badges in the manner prescribed by the issuing organization while wearing a PHS uniform.

3. Placement and Securing of Badges and Other Insignia - General

- a. Except as specifically provided, all badges and insignia must be securely affixed to the specified component of the uniform in the approved location.
- b. This and the following subsections establish, within the several groups of uniforms and their components, where badges (and other insignia) are to be placed and, as appropriate, establish other restrictions and provide options.
- c. Standard and miniature badges may be worn with formal, dinner dress, service dress blue, service dress white, summer white, and summer blue uniforms. With the exception of the PHS name tag and any identification badge, no other badges should be worn with a working uniform.
- d. Upon written request of an individual officer, the Director, DCP, may authorize some variation in placement standards when doing so will create the best impression of the uniformed officer and be in the interests of the Service. These authorized variations in placement standards will be noted in the officer's official personnel file. The Director, DCP, is not authorized to change other limits established herein.

4. Standard Badges: Surgeon General, Deputy Surgeon General, Officer-In-Charge, Recruiter, Associate Recruiter, and Other Standard Badges

- a. In addition to any name tag and identification badge, if otherwise eligible and subject to the manner and limits set forth elsewhere in this section, PHS officers may wear the following badges issued by PHS as part of PHS service and ceremonial uniforms:

- (1) Full size (not miniature) PHS Surgeon General (SG), Deputy Surgeon General (DSG), and Officer-In-Charge (OIC) insignia, only when incumbent,
 - (2) Either the full size (not miniature) PHS Recruiter badge or PHS Associate Recruiter badge, and
 - (3) Other badges and breast insignia, as provided by paragraph 4.b. of this Section.
- b. PHS officers are also authorized to wear badges and other insignia issued by other Uniformed Services on PHS service and ceremonial uniforms if:
- (1) Earned while a PHS officer, or
 - (2) Earned while a member of another Uniformed Service if the nature of the badge (or insignia) is relevant to the mission of PHS. Officers who seek to wear any non-PHS badge earned while a member of another Uniformed Service must provide documentation that the badge has been officially awarded and have its relevance to the mission of the PHS be approved by the Director, DCP; this will be recorded in the officer's Official Personnel File. See Section C. of this INSTRUCTION. The Director, DCP, will determine appropriateness on a case-by-case basis.

5. Placement of Standard Badges -- Service Uniforms. Standard badges are generally placed on the left side of an officers's Service uniforms, centered above or below all service ribbons an officer is wearing. Placement varies depending on the component of the uniform on which the badge is to be placed and the specific badge. In addition, female officers may place certain badges in alternate locations, as set forth in this Section.

- a. The Surgeon General, Deputy Surgeon General, and Officer-In-Charge badges are placed on the officer's right side while the officer is the incumbent of the corresponding position. After the officer completes a tour of duty in any of those offices, the miniature badge is worn on the officer's left side.

Specifically, male officers must center the SG, DSG, or OIC badges below the PHS name tag (right side). Female officers may also place these badges in these locations; alternatively, they may relocate the badge centered above the PHS name tag (right side), if they are the incumbent of the position, subject to the overall limits established for any badge worn above the PHS name tag as set forth in paragraph 5.f. of this Section.

- b. The Recruiter and Associate Recruiter badges are placed on the officer's left side and only while the officer has a responsibility for or association with PHS recruitment programs. When worn with a shirt as part of a Service uniform, the Associate Recruiter Badge need not be directly affixed to the uniform if it is suspended from the button of the left pocket by a plastic fob so it is centered on the pocket area. Unlike the SG, DSG, and OIC badges, neither recruiter badge may be worn after an officer's responsibility for or association with recruitment ends.

Specifically, male officers must place the Recruiter and Associate Recruiter badges in the area of the left pocket below the service ribbons. Female officers may also place these badges in these locations; in the alternative, female officers may relocate the Recruiter and Associate Recruiter badges to the area centered above the PHS name tag.

- c. Officers who wear any other badge or breast insignia, usually awarded by other Uniformed Services with which they have served or to whom they have been assigned, must wear it on their left side, centered above the ribbons the officer is wearing.
- d. Badges that are worn below the ribbons (left side) or PHS name tag (right side) of a Service uniform should be centered vertically below the ribbons or name tag and be placed more specifically as follows, depending on the component of the uniform and the officer's gender:
- (1) Male officers: either 1 inch below the top of the pocket (Service Dress Blue Coat) or positioned midway between the bottom of the pocket flap and the bottom of the pocket (White Summer Shirt, Khaki Summer Shirt or Blue Winter Shirt). If the badge is to be worn on the officer's right side on a Service Dress Blue Coat (which has no right pocket), the badge should be located in the area on the right side corresponding to its left pocket.
 - (2) Female officers: placed so the uppermost portion of the badge either rests on or falls immediately below bottom of pocket flap (Service Dress Blue Coat, and White Summer Shirt (with epaulets), Khaki Summer Shirt or Blue Winter Shirt).
- e. Badges that are worn centered above the ribbons must be placed with 1/4 to 3/8 inch space between the top of the highest row of ribbons and the bottom of the badge. Officers may wear a second such badge on Service uniforms if the center of the higher badge, whose bottom must be separated from the top of the lower such badge by 1/4 to 3/8 inch, does not extend horizontally above the line established by the tip of the collar of the coat or shirt.

- f. A badge that is worn centered above the PHS name tag is separated from that name tag by 1/4 to 3/8 inch space. No more than one badge may be placed above the PHS name tag.
 - g. These standards are summarized within the chart appearing in paragraph 7 of this Section.
6. Placement of Standard Badges -- Ceremonial Uniforms: Standard badges are generally placed on the right pocket area of an officer's ceremonial uniforms, centered below all service, campaign, and other ribbons (for which no large medals exist). Certain badges, when worn by an officer after leaving the post for which the badge has been issued, remain placed in the pocket area of the officer's left side.

Note: On a ceremonial uniform, ribbons for which no large medals exist are worn on the officer's right side. On these uniforms, the badges are generally worn on the officer's right side because the officer's left side may well be occupied by large medals, which are suspended to the area of the left pocket where the badges are usually placed on Service uniforms.

More specifically, standard badges are placed as follows:

- a. The Surgeon General, Deputy Surgeon General, and Officer-In-Charge badges are placed in the same manner as they would be when wearing a Service uniform as set forth in paragraph 5.a. of this Section, but taking into account that references in that Section to the PHS name tag must be supplanted by the service, campaign, and other ribbons for which no large medals exist.
- b. The Recruiter and Associate Recruiter badges are placed on the officer's right side. When worn with a shirt as part of a ceremonial uniform, the Associate Recruiter Badge must be directly affixed to the uniform and may not be suspended from the button of the right pocket by a plastic fob.
- c. Officers may place up to two different badges from those identified in paragraphs 6.a. and b. of this Section in the area of the right pocket on a ceremonial uniform, placing the badge of lower precedence 1 inch below the first badge.
 - (1) Male officers must place the badge (or the badge of higher precedence if two badges are to be worn) below the ribbons on the right side positioned in the same manner required for badges on Service uniforms (see paragraph 5.d. of this Section, above). Male officers must place any second badge so that it is centered below the first badge, with a space of 1 inch separating the bottom of the higher badge from the top of the lower badge.

(2) A female officer may place the badge(s) in the same manner as directed for male officers. Alternatively, a female officer may place the badge in the area centered above the ribbons worn on the right side, doing so in the manner required for badges placed above the PHS name tag on Service uniforms (see paragraph 5.f. of this Section, above) or, if two badges are to be worn, the badge of higher precedence may be so placed with the other badge being placed below these ribbons.

d. Officers who wear any other badge or breast insignia, namely one awarded from other Uniformed Services with which they have served or to whom they have been assigned, must wear it on their left side, centered above the ribbons being worn.

e. These standards are summarized within the chart appearing in paragraph 7 of this Section.

7. The following chart summarizes the placement of standard badges on PHS Service and ceremonial uniforms.

Placement by Type of Uniform & Component	<u>Surgeon General, DSG, and Officer-in-Charge Badges</u>		Associate Other Badges		
	<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Post Tour</u>	<u>Recruiter Badge</u>	<u>Recruiter & Breast Badge</u>	<u>Insignia</u>
	<u>(Standard)</u>	<u>(Miniature)</u>			

Service Uniforms

Service Dress Coats	RP/CBT	LP/CBR	LP/CBR	LP/CBR	L/CAR
<u>Option</u> , Female Ofcrs	R/CAT	L/CAR	R/CAT	R/CAT	-
Shirt: Summer White, Summer Khaki, and Winter Blue	RP/CBT	LP/CBR	LP/CBR	LP/CBR <u>f/</u>	L/CAR
<u>Option</u> , Female Ofcrs	R/CAT	L/CAR	R/CAT	R/CAT	-

Ceremonial Uniforms

Service Dress Coats	RP/CBR	LP/CBR	RP/CBR	L/CAM	
<u>Option</u> , Female Ofcrs	R/CAR	L/CAM	R/CAR	R/CAR	-
Shirt: Summer White	RP/CBR	LP/CBR	RP/CBR	RP/CBR	L/CAM
<u>Option</u> , Female Ofcrs	R/CAR	L/CAM	R/CAR	R/CAR	-

Notes:

- L Left side (officer's left side).
 R Right side (officer's right side).
 LP Left Pocket area, centered vertically.
 RP Right Pocket area, centered vertically (on Male Service Dress Blue Coat, the area on right side corresponding to its left pocket).
 CAM Centered Above Medals, otherwise following CAR standards.
 CAR Centered Above Ribbons or medals officer is wearing, with 1/4 to 3/8 inch space between the top the highest row of ribbons and the bottom of the badge, limited to a single badge except that officers may wear a second badge on service and ceremonial uniforms on their left side if the center of the second badge, when separated from the lower badge, does not extend horizontally above the line established by the tip of the collar.
 CAT Centered Above name Tag officer is wearing on service uniforms only, limited to a single badge, with 1/4 to 3/8 inch space between the top of the tag and bottom of the badge.
 CBR Centered Below Ribbons or medals officer is wearing --
 ! For service uniforms, placed only on the officer's left side, as follows:
 S Male officers: either one inch (1") below top of pocket (Service Dress Blue Coat) or positioned midway between the bottom of the pocket flap and the bottom of the pocket (White Summer Shirt, Khaki Summer Shirt or Blue Winter Shirt).
 - Female officers: either positioned so uppermost portion of badge rests on or falls immediately below bottom of pocket flap (Service Dress Blue Coat, and White Summer Shirt (with epaulets), Khaki Summer Shirt or Blue Winter Shirt).
 ! For ceremonial uniforms, placed only on the officer's right side, below any service, campaign, and other ribbons that occupy the area of the name tag on service uniforms (service awards and other ribbons for which a large medal exists are worn on the officer's left side). An officer may wear up to two different badges in this general location on a ceremonial uniform, placing the badge of higher precedence one inch above the second badge. A female officer may wear one of these badges centered above the service, campaign, and other ribbons (CAR) and one additional badge (of lower precedence) below these ribbons.
 CBT Centered Below name Tag on service uniforms only, following remaining CBR standards.
- f/ May also be worn suspended on a plastic fob from left pocket button of the shirt of the service uniform.

8. Miniature Badges

- a. Miniature badges are authorized for wear post-tour by the following officers:

(1) Surgeon General (SG),

(2) Deputy Surgeon General (DSG), and

(3) Officer-In-Charge (OIC).

(PHS officers should also wear miniature medals, the Congressional Medal of Honor, and the Surgeon General's Medallion for which no miniature medals exist, with these uniforms.)

b. Placement of these miniature badges varies as a function of three factors:

(1) Whether the officer currently holds the position corresponding to the badge (incumbent) or previously held the position (post tour),

(2) The specific component of the uniform, and

(3) The sex of the officer.

c. The incumbent of a position wears the badge of that office on his or her right side; a miniature badge worn by an officer that previously held such a position wears the badge on the officer's left side. Incumbents are not authorized to wear miniature badges.

Having determined the proper side on which to place the miniature badge:

(1) Male and female officers wearing the formal Dinner Dress Jacket uniforms must center miniature badges one quarter inch above the top row of miniature medals.

(2) Male officers wearing Service Dress uniforms must center miniature badges two inches below the bottom row of ribbons. On summer white/blue uniforms, miniature badges should be centered two inches below the top of the pocket buttonhole. The miniature OIC badge is centered one quarter inch above the top row of ribbons when worn by female officers.

(3) Male and female officers wearing the Formal/Dinner Dress Jacket uniforms must center the miniature badge one quarter inch above the top row of miniature medals.

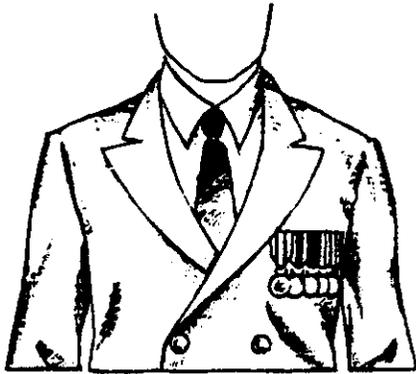
Section J. Wearing of Awards on Civilian Clothes

1. Miniature medals may be worn with civilian evening dress (white tie) and civilian dinner dress (black tie) in the same manner as prescribed for Dinner Dress jackets.

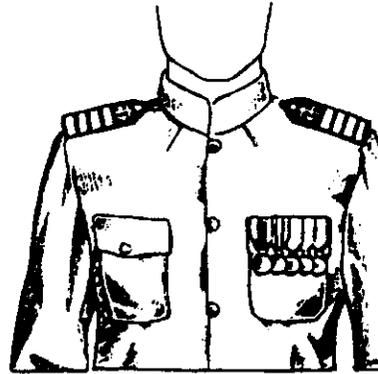
2. The Medal of Honor and the Surgeon General's Medallion, for which there are no miniatures, may be worn with civilian evening dress (white tie) and civilian dinner dress (black tie) in the same manner as prescribed for Dinner Dress jackets.
3. Miniature replicas of ribbons made in the form of lapel buttons, or ribbons made in rosette form, may be worn on the left lapel of civilian clothes except civilian evening dress (white tie) and civilian dinner dress (black tie).
4. Service buttons may be worn by all active duty and retired PHS officers on the left lapel of civilian clothes except civilian evening dress (white tie).
5. Recruiter and Associate Recruiter badges may also be worn on a civilian blazer jacket, but only by those active duty PHS officers who are authorized to wear those badges when they are in uniform. This authority is limited to those rare circumstances when the officer (a) is directly engaged in recruiting activities but (b) is in a situation where he or she cannot or should not be wearing the PHS uniform.

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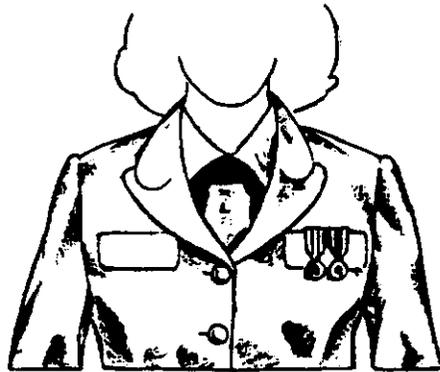
WEARING OF LARGE MEDALS



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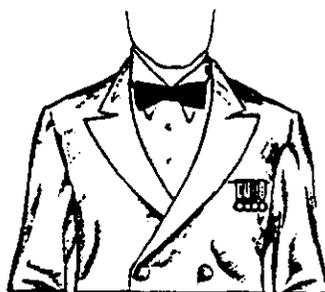
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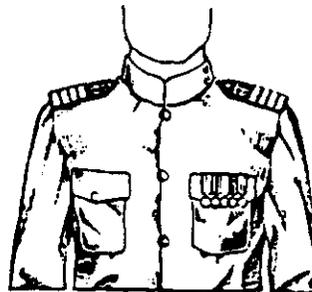
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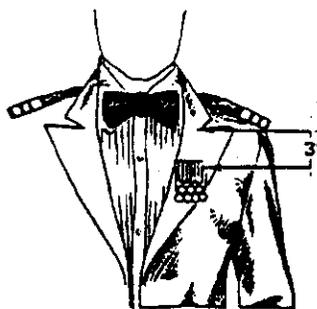
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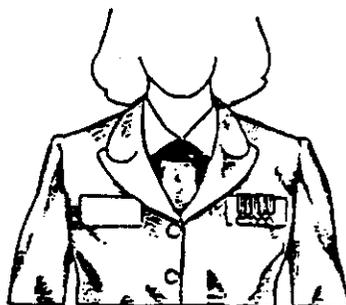
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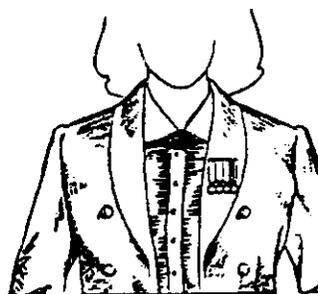
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DINNER DRESS JACKET



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EXHIBIT III

LOCATION OF RIBBON ATTACHMENTS

