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

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SUBJECT: Uniforms for Male Officers

1. PURPOSE: This Instruction prescribes the various uniforms, uniform articles, and uniform accessories to be worn by male officers of the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service (Corps). This Instruction also provides information on prescribable and optional uniform items, occasions for wearing the uniform and uniform requirements.
2. APPLICABILITY: This Instruction applies to all male Corps officers on active duty.
3. AUTHORITY:
  - 3-1. [42 U.S.C. §216\(a\)](#), "Regulations"
  - 3-2. [42 U.S.C. §217](#), "Use of Service in Time of War or Emergency"
  - 3-3. [42 U.S.C. §238g](#), "Wearing of Uniforms"
  - 3-3. [18 U.S.C. §702](#), "Uniform of Armed Forces and Public Health Service"
  - 3-4. [Executive Order 11140](#), "Delegating Certain Functions of the President Relating to the Public Health Service"
  - 3-5. [68 FR 70507](#), "Statements of Organizations, Functions, and Delegations of Authority"
  - 3-6. Commissioned Corps Directive 131.01 ([CC46.3.1](#)), "Uniform Regulations"
4. PROPONENT: The proponent of this Instruction is the Assistant Secretary for Health (ASH). The responsibility for assuring the day-to-day management of the Corps is the Surgeon General (SG).
5. SUMMARY OF REVISIONS AND UPDATES: This is the fourth issuance of this Instruction within the electronic Commissioned Corps Issuance System (CCIS) and replaces Commissioned Corps Instruction CC421.01, "Uniforms for Male Officers," dated 29 April 2014.
  - 5-1. Removes Khaki Windbreaker Jacket as authorized item.
  - 5-2. Removes overshoes as an authorized item.

- 5-3. Removes moisture wicking t-shirt as an authorized item with ODUs.
- 5-4. Authorizes the wear of the ODU parka with Service Dress and Service Uniforms during foul or inclement weather.
- 5-5. Authorizes new flame resistant coveralls.

6. POLICY: All officers, except officers participating in the Junior Commissioned Officer Student Training and Extern Program (COSTEP) and in the Senior COSTEP, shall maintain all required components of the Service Dress Blue (SDB) and Operational Dress Uniform (ODU). In addition, officers are responsible for buying and maintaining other uniforms as required by their prescribing authority. There is no minimum number of uniforms required to be in an officer's possession. Sufficient quantities of uniform items shall be procured and maintained in order to assure the highest possible standard of personal hygiene and appearance.

Except as may be authorized by regulations of the President, the insignia and uniform of commissioned officers of the Service, or any distinctive part of such insignia or uniform, or any insignia or uniform any part of which is similar to a distinctive part thereof, shall not be worn, after the promulgation of such regulations, by any person other than a commissioned officer of the Service.

6-1. Operational Dress Uniform (ODU); General Authorized Uses. The National Uniform Authority (NUA) may authorize wear of the ODU in any of the following situations:

- a. Emergency preparedness or response activities, including field exercises, planned or emergency responses, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) emergency-response-related exhibits, HHS emergency-response-related recruiting, and training for operations as determined by the NUA, such as:
  - (1) Exposure to harsh elements, e.g., high temperatures, cold, or precipitation;
  - (2) In dirt, water, or mud;
  - (3) Where other types of uniforms would become unreasonably soiled or unkempt and require daily cleaning; or
  - (4) In indoor settings where officers will or could be working in dirty settings, e.g., partially destroyed buildings, or on the floor of a building, e.g., kneeling beside patients on stretchers.
- b. Exercises or operations that are conducted jointly, or in the same environment with, other branches of the Uniformed Services when the counterpart uniforms of the other Services are being worn by their service members. The NUA shall prescribe an ODU that is in accordance with the directives of the commanding officer-in-charge (OIC) of a joint exercise or operation when such a directive can be obtained in advance. In circumstances in which such a directive cannot be obtained in advance, or when an operation is in the same environment but not a joint operation, the NUA may prescribe the ODU independently.
- c. Activities where personnel safety (from physical or environmental/weather conditions), durability, and appearance make other uniforms inappropriate, e.g., vehicle maintenance, environmental sampling in muddy conditions, construction or correctional institutions.
- d. Special HHS or Joint Services event, e.g., a salute to returning forces ceremonies or awards ceremonies, in which Corps officers are attending or participating. In Joint Services event, the ODU is authorized only when other Uniformed Services will wear their equivalent uniform. In HHS-only events, the event must be an emergency-response or austere environment-related ceremony, otherwise the ODU wear must be approved by the SG.
- e. An officer may wear the ODUs daily as defined by the NUA or LUA.

- f. Other Uses. For uses, other than those listed in section 3, an Operating Division (OPDIV), Staff Division (STAFFDIV) or non-HHS organization LUA must request authorization from the OSG.
- g. The U.S. Flag patch is not authorized on the ODU.
- h. The nametape and USPHS ID tape will be gold letters on ODU blue cloth tape. Direct embroidery is not authorized. The nametape will be worn flush above the right front shirt pocket. The USPHS ID tape will be worn flush above the left front shirt pocket. The nametape may also be worn flush above the right rear trouser pocket. Tapes must not be shorter than or extend beyond the width of the respective ODU pocket.
- i. Up to 2 authorized skill badge patches are authorized for wear. Each badge patch shall be worn centered, ¼" above the USPHS ID tape or if 2 skill badge patches are worn, ¼" above the lower badge patch on the ODU front left shirt pocket. The Field Medical Readiness Badge (FMRB) patch shall be folded and sewn in a manner to form a square. If the FMRB patch is worn, it shall be worn above the lower badge patch. Direct embroidery is not authorized. Skill badge patches must be in the appropriate thread color by the issuing entity on an ODU blue background tape. Olive drab or other non-ODU blue background tapes are not authorized.
- j. Identification Badges. The Officer in Charge miniature metal identification badge may be worn ¼ inch above nametape, if authorized for current wear. No other identification badges are authorized for wear.
- k. The Special Unit Identification Patch may be authorized by the OSG only. Special patches shall be of the subdued, embroidered type with a basic ODU blue background and shall not exceed 3½ inches in the greatest dimension. Special unit identification patches shall be worn on the ODU blouse centered on the left breast pocket. The current olive drab Special Unit Identification Patch is not authorized on the ODU.
- l. Manner of Wear. The ODU is designed for field wear and should be loose fitting and comfortable. Alterations to make it form-fitting are not authorized. The ODU shirt will be worn outside the trousers, not tucked in, and all buttons will be buttoned except for the collar button; the collar is worn open. The sleeves may be rolled up when allowed by the LUA. The trousers are worn bloused over the top portion of the boots. The trouser legs will not be wrapped around the leg so tightly as to present a pegged appearance. Loose threads must be trimmed from all uniform components. Boot laces must be secured in a manner such that no loops are created; ends of the laces must be tucked into the boots. Spider lacing or use of non-black boot laces is not authorized.

7. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 7-1. The ASH is responsible for establishing policies related to uniforms.
- 7-2. All officers are responsible for adhering to the guidelines and procedures listed in this Instruction.
- 7-3. Supervisors and chain of command are responsible for enforcing uniform standards as provided in policy.

## 8. PROCEDURES:

- 8-1. The dinner dress uniforms are available in both dinner dress 'regular' and 'jacket' versions. The jacket versions have the word 'jacket' as part of the designation. The jacket versions are more formal than the regular versions. They use a dinner jacket, while the regular versions use the service dress coat. Officers at the O-4 rank and above shall use the jacket versions. Junior officers in the ranks of Ensign through Lieutenant (O-1 through O-3) may wear the jacket versions but may not be required to do so.
- 8-2. The fabric of service dress coats and uniform shirts should match that of the trousers. When a particular fabric is worn, the belt and cap cover must be of matching fabric. A vinyl cap cover is optional.
- 8-3. The Service Khaki uniform is made of CNT or polyester/wool.
- 8-4. Clothing articles must meet the Army, Navy or Coast Guard specification for the applicable item. For example, the trousers of the SDB must be of approved design, style and materials not merely correct color. Articles purchased from Navy uniform shops, including the Uniform Support Center in Chesapeake, VA <http://www.navy-nex.com/uniform/u-contact-us.html>, can be assumed to be approved. Each article purchased from commercial, non-governmental sources should have a certification and/or a military specification tag sewn into the garment.
- 8-5. Officers assigned to patient care or laboratory areas may wear a suitable lab coat over the uniform when required to perform assigned duties. However, the lab coat may not be worn over the uniform outside the immediate place of work and any covered area associated with that location. See [CC26.3.7](#), "Special Uniform Situations," for more guidance on protective clothing.
- a. Scrub attire may be worn when gross contamination by bodily fluids is likely to occur (i.e., operating room, labor and delivery, emergency department or laboratory settings). However, if scrub attire is worn in a duty station as authorized by the local uniform authority (LUA), the prescribed uniform of the day must be worn to work and upon termination of duty for the day.
- b. Routine clinical office activity does not require scrub attire.
- 8-6. When wearing Dinner Dress, Ceremonial Dress or Service Dress uniforms, all authorized ribbons and/or appropriate sized medals as annotated in an officer's Official Personnel Folder (OPF) are required to be worn. When wearing service uniforms (i.e., Summer Whites or Service Khaki), an officer has the option to wear all authorized ribbons or the option to wear the top 3 highest awards, as annotated in an officer's OPF.
- 8-7. The sleeves of the ODU may be rolled up (accordion style, with only the cuff showing) or down. This is the same as the manner of wear by the Coast Guard and Navy. The rolled sleeve width will be approximately 3 inches and centered on the mid-to-lower third of the upper arm. The rolled sleeves will not be below the elbow.
- 8-8. In the Appendix, each uniform is accompanied by four Subsections:
- a. Required Basic Uniform Components identifying each of the elements of the particular uniform that must be owned, and worn as appropriate to make the uniform complete;
- b. Prescribable Items are uniform items which may be directed or authorized for wear with the basic uniform. Prescribable items may be worn with basic uniform

at the individual's discretion unless otherwise directed;

- c. Optional Items Uniform items purchased at the wearer's expense, which may be worn with the basic uniform, but which are not prescribable. Optional items may be worn with the basic uniform at the individual's discretion unless otherwise directed; and
- d. Occasions for Wear identifying the kinds of situations where a particular uniform may be appropriate. Note, however, that the LUA, not the officer, determines which uniform(s) is to be worn as the uniform of the day or for other circumstances.

8-9. Definitions:

- a. Conspicuous. Obvious to the eye, attracting attention, striking, bright in color. Should blend with (not stand out from) a professional appearance in uniform. What is conspicuous on one person may not be noticeable on another. If attention is naturally drawn to or distracted from the professional appearance, it is conspicuous.
- b. Conservative. Not conspicuous or detracting from the professional appearance while in uniform.
- c. Faddish. A style followed for a short period of time with exaggerated zeal. Styles are enduring; fads are generally short in duration and frequently started by an individual or event in the civilian community. Fads are generally conspicuous and detract from a professional appearance.
- d. Compliments Skin Tone. A conservative color which contributes to the wearer's natural skin tone. Conservative colors are generally inconspicuous and do not detract from a professional appearance in uniform.

8-10. PHS Sword. The sword utilized by the Corps is a sword in the general style of the U.S. Army Model 1860, Staff and Field Officers' Sword.

- a. Pommel, Grip-socket, Ferrules, and Guard. The pommel, grip-socket, ferrules, and guard shall be die struck or cast bronze, evenly plated with 24K gold. All designs shall be clearly defined and shall conform to the military specifications and illustrations shown in the Appendix A. All smooth surfaces shall be polished to a bright finish. The pommel, grip-socket, ferrules, and guard shall be free from blow holes, cracks, fractures, oxidation or other irregularities in the metal.
  - (1) Pommel. The pommel shall be circular in shape, approximately 1-1/8" in diameter, with sixteen conical flutes radiating from its center.
  - (2) Grip-socket. The grip-socket shall be an inverted truncated cone: the obverse side ornamented by the Corps Device in high relief, positioned so that the staff of the caduceus is vertical; the reverse side bearing a five-pointed star, in high relief. Each ornament shall be of a size to be inscribed in a circle 3/4" in diameter.
  - (3) Ferrules. Ferrules shall be continuous bands of metal 1/2" wide, decorated as illustrated in Appendix A.
  - (4) Counter guards. The obverse and reverse counter guards, as illustrated in Appendix B, shall be kidney shaped, with the obverse larger at its long

axis than the reverse. The obverse counter guard shall be ornamented by the Corps device between sprays of laurel. The reverse counter guard (either spring hinged or permanently fixed in the turned down position) shall be ornamented by a trophy device.

- b. Grip. The grip shall be made of bleached sharkskin, white pebble finish, or molded, therm-setting plastic. There shall be a continuous gold-coated wire (or three continuous gold-coated wires) wound spirally on the surface of the grip to form 13 (plus or minus 1) evenly spaced bands. A wooden form, properly turned, may be used as the base of the grip.
- c. Blade. (See Appendix C) The blade shall be of high carbon tool steel or stainless steel and shall meet with military standards. It shall be straight, tapering, double-edged, diamond shape in cross section, with a base 5/8" to 11/16", length 29" to 32"; etched decorations will include the Corps device on each side. The obverse side will have a panel to contain the officer's name. The reverse side will have a panel to contain the inscription, "United States Public Health Service." The etching shall begin 1-1/16" from the hilt and extend 15-9/16" from the hilt.
- d. Hilt Guard. A piece of white felt or leather 1/8" thick shall be slotted to fit the hilt.
- e. Scabbard. The scabbard shall be made of sheet steel 0.040" to 0.065" thick, rolled, formed, and welded; or of stainless steel tubing 0.040" to 0.065" thick. The scabbards shall be constructed in lengths and inside dimensions as necessary to provide a proper fit for the sword.
  - (1) Liner. There shall be two pieces of balsa wood or sulfur-free fiberboard inside the scabbard extending from the hilt to within 3" (plus or minus 1/2") of the toe of the scabbard.
  - (2) Cover. The scabbard shall be covered with black calfskin, Morocco leather, or a suitable synthetic material. Leathers shall be 2-1/2 ounces in thickness and shall be full grained and smooth finished.
  - (3) Bands, Mounts, and Rings. Scabbards shall have three bands: a top band or throat, a middle band, and a distal band or tip. Scabbards shall also have two star mounts with rings and a shoe mount. Bands, mounts, and rings shall be formed of cast bronze or formed in one piece by stamping and then evenly plating with 24K gold (see illustration, Appendix D). The bands shall be held in place by one or more screws which shall be placed inconspicuously.
    - (a) Top Band. The top band shall have a lip at the throat, a five-pointed star mounted on the obverse side between two attached free-turning rings. The center of the star shall be 1-13/16" from the distal end of the band and 2-7/16" from the proximal end. The band shall be suitably engraved.
    - (b) Middle Band. The middle band shall have a five-pointed star mounted on the obverse side adjacent to one free-turning ring. The center of the star shall be 1-3/8" from either end of the band. The band shall be suitably engraved.
    - (c) Distal Band. The distal band or tip shall have a shoe guard, or drag, mounted around its end. The guard shall be firmly brazed

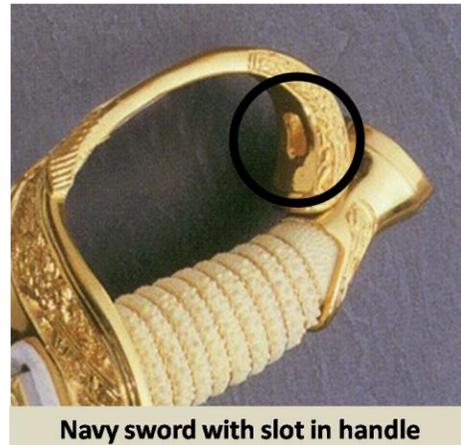
to the band, or the entire mount shall be stamped as a single unit. The distal band shall be suitably engraved.

- f. Sword Case. Each sword and scabbard shall be provided with a cotton flannelette case to fit the assembled sword and scabbard. The fabric shall be vat-dyed silver or gray, and shall weigh approximately 4.0 ounces per square yard and shall be evenly napped on one side. The case shall be made with a strip of cotton tape approximately 1/2" wide inserted at the seams and hem for closure. It shall be of the necessary length and width to provide proper fit for the sword and scabbard.

8-11. Sword Wear and Accessories.

- a. The sword and accessories may be worn as part of the Full Dress Blue or White uniforms.
- b. Proper Wear.
  - (1) The sword belt is worn under the Full Dress Blue or White coat with strap and hook passing through the opening provided on the left side of the coat. Belt straps are snapped to rings on the sword scabbard and upper ring is hooked to the belt with sword hilt to the rear.
  - (2) When wearing an overcoat (bridge coat) with Full Dress Blue, the sword goes through the slit in the overcoat and the lower loop goes through the back vent in the coat and the sword attached - same as Full Dress Blue.
  - (3) A sword is not worn with the All-weather coat-blue.
  - (4) When the sword is worn at a military funeral, a mourning badge that is 3" wide and 20" long, knotted in the middle at the sword hilt, shall also be worn. A mourning badge is made of black crepe material.
  - (5) The swords handle faces aft (to the rear) when properly worn.
  - (6) A sword is not routinely worn in a house of worship.
- c. Description.
  - (1) Sword Belt. Two sword belt styles are authorized:
    - (a) The traditional sword belt is made of plain black grain leather, or synthetic material presenting the same appearance, 1-3/4" wide, with sling straps of the same material, 3/4" wide. The buckle and mounting are gold plated with the buckle 2" in diameter.
    - (b) The new shoulder sword sling consists of white cotton webbing with sliding shoulder pad, an adjusting buckle, and a sword attaching ring. The sling is worn beneath the coat, over the right shoulder extending across the torso, or over left shoulder, with the ring attachment over the top of the left hipbone, at a point where the sword slit is located in the coat. The sling is worn so that the ring attachment protrudes through the sword slit of the coat, but so that the white webbing is not visible from the outside.

- (2) **Sword Knot.** This article shall consist of a loop of 1/2" gold lace, 24" long with slide and tassel. The Navy sword knot is the only authorized knot for the PHS sword. [Note: Past instructions for attaching the sword knot were based on the Navy sword which has a slot in the top of sword handle near the pommel through which to pass the knot lace]. The PHS sword does not have a slot in the handle and so the sword knot cannot be attached to the PHS sword in the same manner as the Navy sword. The following illustrations show a comparison between the handle of the PHS and Navy sword showing the slit in the handle of the Navy sword.



- (a) **Preparing the Sword Knot for the PHS Sword.** While holding the blade handle to the left create a loop in the end of the lace with the loop going around the pommel of the hilt as illustrated below. When forming the initial loop of lace the suspended lengths should be somewhat disproportionate. (One end should be 1/4" - 1/2" longer than the other.)



- (b) After tightening the loop of lace around the pommel of the hilt adjust the lace slide to keep the loop tightly in place as illustrated below:



- (c) Take three or more additional turns of the lace around the handle starting the first turn from behind the handle. Upon completion, the lace should lie over the top of the handle and the knot should hang free as illustrated below:



9. HISTORICAL NOTES: This is the fourth issuance of this Instruction within the electronic Commissioned Corps Issuance System (CCIS) and replaces Commissioned Corps Instruction CC421.01, "Uniforms for Male Officers," dated 29 April 2014.
  - 9-1. CC421.01, "Uniform for Male Officers", dated 29 April 2014.
  - 9-2. CC26.3.4, "Uniform for Male Officers", dated 2 February 2010.
  - 9-3. CC26.3.4, "Uniform for Male Officers", dated 24 September 2008.
  - 9-4. Personnel Policy Memorandum (PPM) PPM06-005 "Uniforms – Updates and Clarifications", dated 14 July 2006.

## Appendix

## Description and Correct Wear

## Dinner Dress Uniforms

## Dinner Dress Blue Jacket

## 1. REQUIRED BASIC UNIFORM COMPONENTS

All Authorized Miniature Medals  
 Cuff Links, Gold  
 Cummerbund, Gold  
 Jacket, Blue Dinner Dress  
 Necktie, Black Bow  
 Shirt, White, Formal  
 Shoes, Black Dress  
 Socks, Black  
 Studs, Gold  
 Trousers, Blue Evening  
 Undergarments

## 2. PRESCRIBABLE ITEMS

All-weather coat, Blue  
 Gloves, White<sup>1</sup>  
 Overcoat, Blue

## 3. OPTIONAL ITEMS

All Weather, Coat, Double Breasted, Black  
 Badge(s), Identification/Skill (miniature)  
 Cap, Combination, White (w/outer garment only)  
 Scarf, white (w/outer garment only)  
 Suspenders, White  
 Umbrella, Black

## 4. OCCASIONS FOR WEAR

Official functions when male civilians normally wear black tie. This is a prescribable winter uniform for O-4s and above, optional for O-3s and below.

<sup>1</sup>White gloves may (when required) be worn or carried with uniforms. Gloves are to be removed to shake hands.



## Appendix (continued)

## Dinner Dress Uniforms (continued)

## Dinner Dress White Jacket

## 1. REQUIRED BASIC UNIFORM COMPONENTS

All Authorized Miniature Medals  
Cuff links, Gold  
Cummerbund, Gold  
Jacket, White Dinner Dress  
Necktie, Black Bow  
Shirt, White Formal  
Shoes, Black, Dress  
Shoulder Boards (Hard)  
Socks, Black  
Studs, Gold  
Trousers, Blue Evening  
Undergarments

## 2. PRESCRIBABLE ITEMS

All Weather Coat, Blue  
Gloves, White<sup>1</sup>

## 3. OPTIONAL ITEMS

All Weather, Coat, Double Breasted, Black  
Badge(s), Identification/Skill (miniature)  
Cap, Combination, White (w/outer garment only)  
Scarf, white (w/outer garment only)  
Suspenders, White  
Umbrella, Black

## 4. OCCASIONS FOR WEAR

Summertime official functions when civilians normally wear black tie. This is a prescribable summer uniform for O-4s and above, optional for O-3s and below.

<sup>1</sup> White gloves may (when required) be worn or carried with uniforms. Gloves are to be removed to shake hands.



## Appendix (continued)

## Dinner Dress Uniforms (continued)

## Dinner Dress Blue

## 1. REQUIRED BASIC UNIFORM COMPONENTS

All Authorized Miniature Medals  
Belt, Black  
Buckle, Gold  
Cap, Combination, White  
Coat, Blue Service Dress  
Necktie, Black Bow  
Shirt, White, Dress (with shoulder marks)  
Shoes, Black Dress  
Socks, Black  
Trousers, Blue Dress  
Undergarments

## 2. PRESCRIBABLE ITEMS

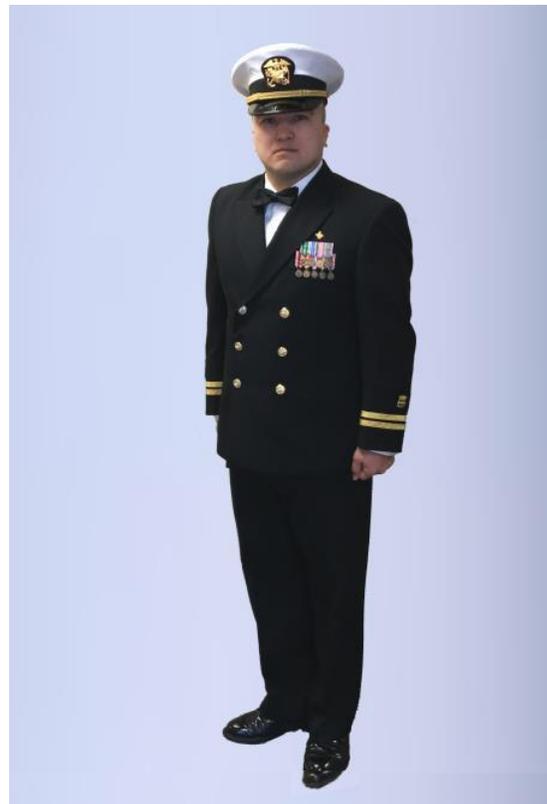
All Weather Coat, Blue  
Gloves, White<sup>1</sup>  
Overcoat, Blue

## 3. OPTIONAL ITEMS

All Weather, Coat, Double Breasted, Black  
Badge(s), Identification/Skill  
Cuff Links, Gold  
Scarf, white (w/outer garment only)  
Shirt, White Formal  
Studs, Gold  
Suspenders, White  
Umbrella, Black

## 4. OCCASIONS FOR WEAR

Official functions when male civilians normally wear black tie. This is a prescribable winter uniform.



<sup>1</sup>White gloves may (when required) be worn or carried with uniforms. Gloves are to be removed to shake hands.

## Appendix (continued)

## Dinner Dress Uniforms (continued)

## Dinner Dress White

## 1. REQUIRED BASIC UNIFORM COMPONENTS

All Authorized Miniature Medals  
Belt, White  
Buckle, Gold  
Cap, Combination, White  
Coat, Service Dress, White  
Shoes, Dress, White  
Shoulder Boards (Hard)  
Socks, White  
Trousers, White  
Undergarments

## 2. PRESCRIBABLE ITEMS

All Weather Coat, Blue  
Gloves, White<sup>1</sup>

## 3. OPTIONAL ITEMS

All Weather, Coat, Double Breasted, Black  
Badge(s), Identification/Skill  
Scarf, white (w/outer garment only)  
Umbrella, Black

## 4. OCCASIONS FOR WEAR

Summer wear to official functions when male civilians normally wear black tie. This is a prescribable summer uniform.



<sup>1</sup>White gloves may (when required) be worn or carried with uniforms. Gloves are to be removed to shake hands.

## Appendix (continued)

## Ceremonial Uniforms

## Full Dress Blue

## 1. REQUIRED BASIC UNIFORM COMPONENTS

All Authorized Large Medals/Ribbons  
 Belt, Black  
 Buckle, Gold  
 Cap, Combination, White  
 Coat, Service Dress, Blue  
 Gloves, White<sup>1</sup>  
 Necktie, Black, Four-In-Hand  
 Shirt, White, Dress (with shoulder marks)  
 Shoes, Dress, Black  
 Socks, Black  
 Tie Clasp/Tack  
 Trousers, Blue, Dress  
 Undergarments

## 2. PRESCRIBABLE ITEMS

All-weather coat, Blue  
 Overcoat, Blue  
 PHS Sword and scabbard (O-4 and above)  
 PHS Sword Belt, Black (O-4 and above)  
 PHS Ceremonial Buckle, Gold (O-4 and above)

## 3. OPTIONAL ITEMS

All Weather, Coat, Double Breasted, Black  
 Badge(s), Identification/Skill  
 Cuff Links  
 Scarf, white (w/outer garment only)  
 Umbrella, Black

## 4. OCCASIONS FOR WEAR

Assuming or relinquishing command, or participating in the ceremony; occasions of state, ceremonies, and solemnities. The PHS Sword Belt and Ceremonial Buckle are only authorized when bearing the sword.



<sup>1</sup>White gloves may (when required) be worn or carried with uniforms. Gloves are to be removed to shake hands.

## Appendix (continued)

## Ceremonial Uniforms (continued)

## Full Dress White

## 1. REQUIRED BASIC UNIFORM COMPONENTS

All Authorized Large Medals/Ribbons  
Belt, White  
Buckle, Gold  
Cap, Combination, White  
Coat, Service Dress, White  
Gloves, White<sup>1</sup>  
Shoes, Dress, White  
Shoulder Boards (Hard)  
Socks, White  
Trousers, White  
Undergarments

## 2. PRESCRIBABLE ITEMS

All-weather coat, Blue  
PHS Sword and scabbard (O-4 and above)  
PHS Sword Belt, Black (O-4 and above)  
PHS Ceremonial Buckle, Gold (O-4 and above)

## 3. OPTIONAL ITEMS

All Weather, Coat, Double Breasted, Black  
Badge(s), Identification/Skill  
Scarf, white (w/outer garment only)  
Umbrella, Black

## 4. OCCASIONS FOR WEAR

Assuming or relinquishing command, or participating in the ceremony; occasions of state, ceremonies, and solemnities. The PHS Sword Belt and Ceremonial Buckle are only authorized when bearing the sword.



<sup>1</sup>White gloves may (when required) be worn or carried with uniforms. Gloves are to be removed to shake hands.

## Appendix (continued)

## General Purpose Service Uniforms

## Service Dress Blue

## 1. REQUIRED BASIC UNIFORM COMPONENTS

All Authorized Ribbons  
 Belt, Black  
 Buckle, Gold  
 Cap, Combination, White  
 Coat, Service Dress, Blue  
 Necktie, Black, Four-In-Hand  
 PHS Name Tag  
 Shirt, White, Dress (with shoulder marks)  
 Shoes, Dress, Black  
 Socks, Black  
 Tie Clasp/Tack  
 Trousers, Blue, Dress  
 Undergarments

## 2. PRESCRIBABLE ITEMS

All-weather coat, Blue  
 Gloves, Black/White<sup>1</sup>  
 Overcoat, Blue

## 3. OPTIONAL ITEMS

All Weather, Coat, Double Breasted, Black  
 Badge(s), Identification/Skill  
 Cap, Garrison, Black (w/o SDB Coat, only with  
 Sweater or Windbreaker)  
 Cardigan, Army, Black (indoor only w/o SDB coat)  
 Cuff Links  
 Earmuffs (w/outer garment only)  
 Gloves, Black (w/ outer garment only)  
 Jacket, Black, Windbreaker (w/o SDB coat)  
 Parka, Foul Weather, Type II  
 Reefer  
 Scarf, white (w/outer garment only)  
 Sweater, Black, Navy (w/o SDB Coat)  
 Umbrella, Black

## 4. OCCASIONS FOR WEAR

Year-round wear at all official functions or situations where formal dress, dinner dress, or full dress uniforms are not prescribed and male civilian equivalent dress is coat and tie. The Reefer, All-weather coat and/or the Overcoat (Bridge Coat) will not be worn with only the white dress shirt. The Army cardigan shall not be worn outdoors. When outdoors, the SDB coat, Black Navy Sweater or Windbreaker jacket must be worn. The black garrison cap (BGC) will not be worn with the SDB Coat. The BGC may only be worn when wearing the Black Navy Sweater or Windbreaker Jacket outdoors.



NOTE: For purposes of uniformity, Department of Health and Human Services Operating Division (OPDIV) and Staff Division (STAFFDIV) Heads may prescribe the officers under their jurisdiction wear the SDB uniform for ceremonial occasions or for other appropriate circumstances on a specific day and for a specific reason. However, OPDIV/STAFFDIV Heads are not authorized to issue general or blanket directives concerning other uniforms.

<sup>1</sup>White gloves may (when required) be worn or carried with uniforms. Gloves are to be removed to shake hands. Black gloves are only worn with an outer garment.

## Appendix (continued)

## General Purpose Service Uniforms (continued)

## Service Dress White

## 1. REQUIRED BASIC UNIFORM COMPONENTS

All Authorized Ribbons  
Belt, White  
Buckle, Gold  
Cap, Combination, White  
Coat, Service Dress, White  
PHS Name Tag  
Shoes, Dress, White  
Shoulder Boards (Hard)  
Socks, White  
Trousers, White  
Undergarments

## 2. PRESCRIBABLE ITEMS

All-weather coat, Blue  
Gloves, White<sup>1</sup>

## 3. OPTIONAL ITEMS

All Weather, Coat, Double Breasted, Black  
Badge(s), Identification/Skill  
Earmuffs (w/ outer garment only)  
Parka, Foul Weather, Type II  
Scarf, white (w/outer garment only)  
Umbrella, Black

## 4. OCCASIONS FOR WEAR

Summer wear at official functions where dinner dress, or full dress uniforms are not prescribed and civilian equivalent is coat and tie.

<sup>1</sup>White gloves may (when required) be worn or carried with uniforms. Gloves are to be removed to shake hands.



## Appendix (continued)

## General Purpose Service Uniforms (continued)

## Summer White

## 1. REQUIRED BASIC UNIFORM COMPONENTS

Belt, White  
Buckle, Gold  
Cap, Combination, White  
PHS Name Tag  
Ribbons (Full ribbon rack or Top 3)  
Shirt, Summer, White  
Shoes, Dress, White  
Shoulder Boards (Hard)  
Socks, White  
Trousers, White  
Undergarments

## 2. PRESCRIBABLE ITEMS

All-weather coat, Blue  
Cap, Ball, Command (as determined by LUA)

## 3. OPTIONAL ITEMS

All Weather, Coat, Double Breasted, Black  
Badge(s), Identification/Skill  
Cardigan, Army, Black (indoor only)  
Ear Muffs (w/ outer garment only)  
Jacket, Black, Windbreaker  
Park, Foul Weather, Type II  
Reefer  
Scarf, white (w/outer garment only)  
Sweater, Black, Navy  
Umbrella, Black  
Watch cap (w/ outer garment only)

## 4. OCCASIONS FOR WEAR

Worn in the summer for normal office work.



## Appendix (continued)

## General Purpose Service Uniforms (continued)

## Service Khaki

## 1. REQUIRED BASIC UNIFORM COMPONENTS

Belt, Khaki  
 Buckle, Gold  
 Cap, Combination, Khaki  
 Collar Insignia  
 PHS Name Tag  
 Ribbons (Full ribbon rack or Top 3)  
 Shirt, Khaki, Service  
 Shoes, Dress, Black  
 Socks, Black  
 Trousers, Khaki, Service  
 Undergarments

## 2. PRESCRIBABLE ITEMS

All-weather coat, Blue  
 Cap, Ball, Command (as determined by LUA)  
 Cap, Garrison, Khaki  
 Overcoat, Blue

## 3. OPTIONAL ITEMS

All Weather, Coat, Double Breasted, Black  
 Badge(s), Identification/Skill  
 Cardigan, Army, Black (indoor only)  
 Earmuffs (w/ outer garment only)  
 Gloves, Black (w/ outer garment only)  
 Jacket, Black, Windbreaker  
 Parka, Foul Weather, Type II  
 Reefer  
 Scarf, White (w/outer garment only)  
 Shoes, Brown (worn w/Khaki socks only)  
 Shoes, Safety, Black (as determined by LUA)  
 Socks, Khaki (worn w/Brown Shoes only)  
 Sweater, Black, Navy  
 Umbrella, Black  
 Watch cap (w/ outer garment only)

## 4. OCCASIONS FOR WEAR

Worn in summer/winter for normal office work.



## Appendix (continued)

## Working Uniform

## Coveralls

## 1. REQUIRED BASIC UNIFORM COMPONENTS

Belt, Khaki  
 Buckle, Gold  
 Cap, Garrison, Khaki  
 Collar insignia  
 Coveralls, Blue  
 Name/USPHS tapes  
 Shoes, Safety, Black  
 Socks, Black  
 Undergarments

## 2. PRESCRIBABLE ITEMS

All-weather coat, Blue  
 Overcoat, blue  
 Shoes, Dress, Black

## 3. OPTIONAL ITEMS

All Weather, Coat, Double Breasted, Black  
 Boots, Combat  
 Cap, Ball, Command, Blue  
 Cardigan, Army, Black (indoor only)  
 Earmuffs (w/ outer garment only)  
 Gloves, Black (w/ outer garment only)  
 Jacket, Black, Windbreaker  
 Parka, Foul Weather, Type II  
 Reefer  
 Shoes, Dress, Brown (worn w/ Khaki socks only)  
 Socks, Khaki (worn w/Brown Shoes only)  
 Sweater, Black, Navy  
 Watch cap (w/ outer garment only)

## 4. OCCASIONS FOR WEAR

Worn when other uniforms would be unsafe or become unduly soiled. Coveralls are only worn inside a correctional or detention prison, camp, institution, or medical facility behind the Sally-port, when serving jointly aboard a naval vessel or when otherwise authorized by the SG or his/her designee. The coveralls may be worn when traveling directly to or from the facility or ship. It is not to be worn in public (i.e., shopping, conducting non-duty related business). The coveralls are not authorized for wear other than detailed in this paragraph and under no circumstance may it be worn in either an official or unofficial capacity outside of the confines of a military installation, correctional or detention facility, naval vessel or other location specified by the SG or his/her designee.



## Appendix (continued)

## Working Uniform (continued)

## Operational Dress Uniform (Untucked)

## 1. REQUIRED BASIC UNIFORM COMPONENTS

Belt, Basic Riggers  
 Boots, Combat  
 Cap, Ball, Command, Blue  
 Embroidered Full Color PHS Collar insignia  
 Embroidered Full Color Rank Insignia  
 Embroidered Gold Name/USPHS tapes  
 ODU Shirt, Blue  
 ODU Trousers, Blue  
 PHS T-shirt, Blue  
 Socks, Black  
 Undergarments

## 2. PRESCRIBABLE ITEMS

Boots, Safety, Black  
 Cap, Utility, 8-point, Blue  
 Hat, Sun (Boonie), Blue  
 Parka, Foul Weather, Type II  
 Trousers, Foul Weather, Type II

## 3. OPTIONAL ITEMS

Belt, Black with subdued buckle  
 Earmuffs (w/ outer garment only)  
 Earrings, Gold Ball (females only)  
 Embroidered Skill Badge Patch (ODU background and proper color stitch)  
 Gloves, Black (w/ outer garment only)  
 Liner, Polar Fleece, Blue  
 Officer in charge (OIC), Metal, Miniature Badge  
 ODU Utility Jacket  
 PHS Unit Patch  
 Watch cap (w/ outer garment only)

## 4. OCCASIONS FOR WEAR

Appropriate for when other uniforms would be unsafe or become unduly soiled.



## Appendix (continued)

Description and Correct Wear of Male  
Officer Uniform Components

NOTE: The item references that follow are alphabetical for the preceding illustrations.



BELT, SWORD, PHS

- a. Description: There are two sword types that are authorized. The traditional sword belt is made of plain black grain leather, or synthetic material presenting the same appearance, 1-3/4 inch wide, with sling straps of the same material, 3/4 inch wide. The new shoulder sword sling consists of white cotton webbing with sliding shoulder pad, an adjusting buckle, and a sword attaching ring. The sling is worn beneath the coat, over the right shoulder extending across the torso, or over left shoulder, with the ring attachment over the top of the left hipbone, at a point where the sword slit is located in the coat. The sling is worn so that the ring attachment protrudes through the sword slit of the coat, but so that the white webbing is not visible from the outside.
- b. Correct Wear: Wear the sword belt under the coat. The short belt strap and lock swivels are passed through the coat opening on the left side and the longer strap hangs free. Hold the sword with the right hand and attach the back swivels to the scabbard rings. Twist the sword one half turn in a clockwise direction and suspend on the sword hook with the uppermost scabbard ring. The sword's handle faces aft when properly worn. When wearing an overcoat with Full Dress Blue, the sword goes through the slit in the bridge coat and the lower loop goes through the back vent in the coat and the sword attached – same as Full Dress Blue. A sword is not worn with the All-weather Coat.



BELT, RIGGERS, BASIC

- a. Description: Belt is a 1 3/4" black nylon belt
- b. Correct Wear: The tip end shall extend 2-4 inches past the belt buckle on the wearers left. The basic riggers belt comes in one length and needs to be cut to size. Singe the end to avoid unraveling.

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## BELT, WITH ANODIZED CLIP

- a. Description: Plain cloth or webbing of the same color and material as the uniform, 1 1/4 inch wide for men, and fitted with a gold anodized clip. A cotton or nylon web belt may be worn with all uniforms. If a cloth belt is worn, the fabric shall match the uniform.
- b. Correct Wear: Wear the belt through all loops with the clip end to the left of the buckle prior to inserting the clip end into the buckle. Men wear belt with clip to the LEFT of the buckle.



## BELT, WITH SUBDUED BUCKLE

- a. Description: 1 1/4 inch wide web or woven elastic web belt of black color with a black clip.
- b. Correct Wear: Wear the belt through all loops with the clip end to the left of the buckle prior to inserting the clip end into the buckle. Men wear belt with clip to the LEFT of the buckle.



## BOOTS, COMBAT.

- a. Description: Black leather boot or brushless black, with a plain or capped toe, the uppers 8-10 inches in height, and a black vulcanized rubber outer sole. Boots may be made of leather, leather and fabric (only black fabric is authorized, commonly called "jungle boots") or black brushless suede. Boots with patent leather finish are not authorized. Inner steel toes and zipper closures are authorized as optional. The overall design and construction of the boots must make them durable, functional and suitable for field wear. Black boot laces are required. Spider lacing or other non-standard lacing designs are not authorized.
- b. Correct Wear: Lace from inside out through all eyelets and tie. Keep clean, polished, and in good repair. Spit shine is not required.

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BOOTS, SAFETY, BLACK

- a. Description: Leather boots, in lace style, plain toe with no decoration. Must have a hard box or safety toe and be water resistant. Outsoles are constructed from heat and flame resistant nitrile rubber. Chukka (non-lace) shoes are not authorized.
- b. Correct Wear: Lace from inside out through all eyelets and tie. Keep clean, well blackened and in good repair.



BUCKLE

- a. Description: Either a plain anodized Navy-style buckle or a gold, anodized buckle which is the same size as the plain Navy-style buckle and decorated with the PHS miniature cover device insignia or the ship buckle of a previous sea command/squadron may be authorized for optional wear. Silver buckles are not authorized.
- b. Correct Wear: Wear the buckle so that the belt clip end touches the left side of the buckle so that no belt material shows between the clip end and the underlining buckle. Align the right side of the buckle with opening of the shirt and opening of the fly, forming a straight line. A decorated buckle may not be worn when a buckle is required with a ceremonial or formal uniform and for participation in formations and inspections.



BUCKLE, CEREMONIAL, PHS

- a. Description: The buckle and mounting are gold plated with the buckle 2 inches in diameter.
- b. Correct wear: Centered on the wearer on the PHS Sword Belt.

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CAP, BALL, COMMAND, BLUE

- a. Description: The cap shall be a conventional baseball cap style made of 100 percent polyester, polyester/cotton, or a polyester/wool blend of the USCG specified color and weight "U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE" shall be embroidered using ½-inch-high letters in an arch across the top of the front panel. Centered under "U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE" is the small, bright direct embroidered rank insignia. All lettering shall be in upper case Arial (or equivalent) print. Visor ornamentation (in the style described for the combination cap visor in [CC26.3.6](#), "Insignia and Devices") is authorized for O-5 rank and above.
- b. Correct Wear: Wear squarely on the head, with the bottom edge parallel to the ground and approximately 1½ inches above the eyebrows. When wearing the O-6 rank device insignia, the eagle will look to the wearer's right.



CAP COMBINATION, WHITE, KHAKI

- a. Description: A military cap with black visor, rigid standing front, flaring circular rim and black cap band worn with detachable khaki or white cap cover. When wearing the all-weather coat, the clear plastic combination cap rain cover may be worn. For visor ornamentation and cap device insignia, see [CC26.3.6](#), "Insignia and Devices."
- b. Correct Wear: Wear the cap squarely on the head, with the bottom edge parallel to the ground and approximately 1½ inches above the eyebrows. The cap is worn so that hair does not show on the forehead. The cap is authorized for wear with the Dinner Dress Blue Jacket, or Dinner Dress White Jacket uniforms only when outer garment is worn.

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## CAP, GARRISON, BLACK or KHAKI



- a. Description: Made of material matching the uniform with which it is worn. The black garrison cap is only for wear with the SDB without the SDB coat and with the Black Navy Sweater or Windbreaker Jacket. There is no gold piping on either cover. For cap insignia placement see CC26.3.6, "Insignia and Devices."
- b. Correct Wear: Wear the cap squarely on the head, with fore and aft crease centered vertically between the eyebrows. The lowest point of the cap is approximately 1 inch above the eyebrows. Hair is not visible below the front of the cover. The material of the cap must match the material of the uniform. When stowed on the hip, the garrison cap will be placed under the belt in front of the belt loop on either side pant pocket. If worn on the right side, the miniature rank device will be visible. If worn on the left side, the miniature cap device will be visible.



## CAP, KNIT (WATCH), BLACK

- a. Description: Made of plain non-decorated or design as utilized by the U.S. Navy, closely knitted, bell shaped, pullover style, 11 to 12 inches long, 8-1/4 inches wide at bottom, with 5/8 inch border.
- b. Correct wear: The watch cap will be double folded approximately 2-1/2 inches - 3 inches, and worn diagonally from the base of the back of the head, across the ears and on the forehead. Rank insignia is not authorized to be worn on the watch cap. Commercial designs or logos are not authorized. Worn only with an outer garment in foul weather.



## CAP, UTILITY, 8-POINT

- a. Description: ODU Blue, Navy-style cap with eight sides and firm bill, plaited sides and a high front panel.
- b. Correct Wear: Worn squarely on the head, with bottom edge parallel to the ground and approximately 1 1/2 inches above the eyebrows. When wearing the O-6 rank insignia, the eagle will look to the wearer's right. Pin on large bright metal rank insignia centered on the front panel. There is no visor ornamentation for ranks O-5 and above.

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## CARDIGAN, ARMY, BLACK

- a. Description: Black Army cardigan sweater, in light (acrylic) weave, with fabric epaulets, shoulder and elbow patches. Metal badges are not authorized to be worn on the sweater. The black leather name patch or plastic name tag is not authorized.
- b. Correct Wear: The sweater is authorized for daily wear and for attending working level meetings/briefings. All buttons must be buttoned. The cardigan sweater is not authorized for wear outdoors. Officers shall wear soft shoulder marks on the epaulets. Shirt collar is worn inside the sweater when a tie is worn and outside the sweater when no tie is worn. Sleeves are not authorized to be rolled or pushed up beyond wrist area.

## COAT, BLACK, DOUBLE BREASTED, ALL-WEATHER

- a. Description: A black, double breasted, polyester/cotton (65/35 blend) material with seven button closures, a belt, convertible collar that buttons at the neck, gun flap, shoulder loops, adjustable sleeve straps, welt pockets with two inside hanging pockets, and zip-out liner. The back of the coat has a yoke and center vent. The coat is one-quarter lined with basic material and the sleeve lining is nylon taffeta.
- b. Correct Wear: Authorized as an option item with all uniforms except the BDU and/or the ODU. Officers may wear the coat with or without the liner. The coat shall be buttoned and belted, except for at the neck closure, which may be closed during inclement weather. Full size bright metal rank insignia shall be worn on each epaulet, centered from side to side from the bottom edge of the device to  $\frac{3}{4}$ " from the edge of the epaulet.



## COAT, BLUE, ALL-WEATHER

- a. Description: A black, single-breasted, belt-less, water repellant coat made of 65/35 percent poly/cotton poplin fabric. The coat has epaulets, tabs on the cuff, and a zip-out lining. Men's coat button to the right.
- b. Correct Wear: Button all buttons except the collar button. Collar button may be buttoned in inclement weather. Clear plastic combination cap rain cover may be worn. Full size bright rank insignia is worn on epaulets.

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COAT, BLUE, SERVICE DRESS

- a. Description: A double-breasted coat made of navy blue, authorized material, with three outside pockets, one on each hip and one on left breast, and a sword slit over the left hip. There are three 35-line PHS gilt buttons down each forefront. Only the buttons on the right front actually button. Gold sleeve stripes and PHS sleeve insignia (with anchor pointing forward) are on each sleeve.
- b. Correct Wear: Button all buttons. Service Dress Blue coats may be removed in immediate office space only.



COAT, WHITE, SERVICE DRESS

- a. Description: A single-breasted, standing collar coat made of authorized plain white, lightweight fabric, two breast patch pockets with pointed button-down flaps fastened by 22 1/2-line PHS gilt buttons, and five detachable 35-line PHS gilt buttons on right front and form fitting. Officer's coat has a sword slit over the left hip and loops for hard shoulder boards.
- b. Correct Wear: Button all buttons and fasten the collar.



COVERALLS - NAVY

- a. Description: Made of Navy blue poly/cotton fabric with zippered front, buttoned long sleeves, belt loops, and two side pockets and two back pockets.

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- b. **Correct Wear:** Close front zipper all the way, button sleeves and wear a khaki belt through all loops. Coveralls should hang approximately 2 inches from the floor at the back of the shoe. Coveralls should be tailored to include a 2 inch hem to provide material for adjustments. Embroidered tapes (i.e., Name (gold thread), USPHS (gold thread), breast/skill badge(s) if authorized, rank and Corps device insignia) are required. Present command crest/logo patch may be worn optionally, centered on right breast pocket. Embroidery directly to the coverall material is not authorized. Sleeves may be rolled up at option of LUA. When authorized, sleeves will be rolled with the inside out, forming a roll approximately 3 inches wide, and terminating at a point approximately 2 inches above the elbow. Men wear the khaki belt with gold tip to the LEFT of the buckle. The buckle is centered on the zipper flap. When authorized to wear a decorated buckle, which is larger than the standard PHS buckles, it shall be worn centered with the clip end concealed. Khaki garrison cap or command ball cap may be worn. Coveralls are only worn inside a correctional or detention prison, camp, institution, or medical facility behind the Sally-port, when serving jointly aboard a naval vessel or when otherwise authorized by the SG or his/her designee. The coveralls may be worn when traveling directly to or from the facility. It is not to be worn in public (i.e., shopping, conducting non-duty related business).



CUFF LINKS

- a. **Description:** The cuff link may be link or stud type and shall be of plain gold conservative design or have the gold Corps device insignia decoration.
- b. **Correct Wear:** Wear with the face of the cuff link directed outboard from the wearer.



CUMMERBUND

- a. **Description:** Shall be plain gold, pleated and fastened at the back.
- b. **Correct Wear:** Wear with pleats up, around the waist overlapping the trouser top at least 1 inch.

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DUFFEL BAG, G.I.

- a. Description: Olive drab cotton or nylon with two shoulder straps and one carrying strap. A black stenciled "US" is imprinted on the bag.
- b. Correct Wear: Should be carried in the left hand or worn on the left shoulder. May be worn on both shoulders when carrying multiple items, or when necessary to have both hands free.



EARMUFFS

- a. Description: Plain, black cloth earmuffs with black elastic retainer.
- b. Correct Wear: Worn over both ears with the elastic band extended across the back of the head underneath the cap/cover.



GLOVES, BLACK OR WHITE

- a. Description: Made of plain black smooth leather or smooth synthetic leather, with plain stitching the same color as the basic glove material, either lined or unlined. White gloves are made of authorized material
- b. Correct Wear: Black gloves may only be worn when an outer garment is worn. Black gloves are worn and never carried. White gloves may (when required) be worn or carried with uniforms. Gloves are to be removed to shake hands, right hand first.

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HAT, SUN, BLUE (Boonie)

- a. Description: ODU blue cover with flexible brim.
- b. Correct wear: Full size bright metal rank insignia centered on front panel of hat. May be worn at discretion of OIC or LUA when part of a work detail or in a deployment situation. When wearing the O-6 rank insignia, the eagle will look to the wearer's right.



JACKET, BLUE DINNER DRESS

- a. Description: A mess jacket of navy blue authorized material, with semi-peaked, narrow lapels and the back tapered to a point. There are three 35-line PHS gilt buttons down each front. A linked button front closure held in position by two 28-line PHS gilt buttons with a link chain closure approximately 3/4 inch long, each front facing. Gold sleeve stripes and PHS sleeve insignia (with anchor pointing forward) are on each sleeve.
- b. Correct Wear: Wear with gold chain closure fastened.

## JACKET, ODU UTILITY

- a. Description: Made of Polartec® Power Shield® material, it zips in and out of parka. Shall be the same material, color and military specifications as determined by the USCG.
- b. Correct Wear: May be worn with the parka or as a standalone outer garment. When worn alone, all zippers will be zipped. Sleeves are to reach about 3/4 of distance from the wrist to the knuckles when arms hang naturally at side. Main zipper shall be at least 3/4 of the way closed and shall not be worn open/unzipped. May only be worn with ODUs. Slide on embroidered rank insignia or bright full sized metal rank insignia is required to be worn centered on the front tab. When wearing the O-6 rank insignia, the eagle will look to the wearer's right.

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JACKET, WHITE DINNER DRESS

- a. Description: A mess jacket of plain white, lightweight, authorized material with semi-peaked, narrow lapels loops for hard shoulder boards, and the back tapered to a point. It has two 35-line PHS gilt buttons on each side of the front. It is held together in front by connecting two 28-line PHS gilt buttons with a link approximately 3/4 inch long.
- b. Correct Wear: Wear held together by gold link.



JACKET, WINDBREAKER

- a. Description:
  - (1) A black jacket, 55/45 percent poly/wool with a stand-up knit collar and knit cuffs and bottom edge. Jacket is single-breasted with a zipper front closer, two inverted slant pockets, and shoulder epaulets for full size pin-on shiny rank insignia.

NOTE: The black cotton/poplin windbreaker without knit cuffs and bottom is not authorized.
- b. Correct Wear: Wear rank insignia on shoulder straps. Close the zipper at least three quarters of the way. May be worn with a liner. Patches and nametags are not authorized for wear on jackets.

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LINER, BLUE, POLAR FLEECE

- a. Description: Made of Polartec® fleece material, it zips in and out of the parka and also features a full zip-through collar and two zip-front welt pockets. Waist drawstrings have barrel locks. Shall be the same material, color and military specifications as determined by the USCG.
- b. Correct Wear: May be worn with the parka or as a standalone outer garment. When worn alone, all zippers will be zipped. Sleeves are to reach about 3/4 of distance from the wrist to the knuckles when arms hang naturally at side. Main zipper shall be at least 3/4 of the way closed and shall not be worn open/unzipped. May only be worn with ODUs.



NECKTIE, BLACK BOW

- a. Description: Shall be plain style with square ends between 2 inches and 2-3/4 inches in vertical width. May be clip-on, Velcro® or hand-tied.
- b. Correct Wear: Bow should cover the top shirt button.



NECKTIE, BLACK, FOUR-IN-HAND

- a. Description: Made of authorized material measuring no more than 3-1/4 inches wide. May be clip-on, Velcro or hand-tied.
- b. Correct Wear: Wear knotted with a four-in-hand, half-Windsor, or Windsor knot. Always wear the top half of the knot parallel to and slightly above the top of the shirt, hiding the shirt button. Wear so that the bottom of the tie is above and within 1 inch of the top of the belt buckle. The tie does not cover the belt buckle. Appropriate tie tack or clasp is required.

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## OVERCOAT, BLUE (BRIDGE COAT)

- a. Description: A double-breasted coat made of blue woolen fabric. May be water-repellent and fitted with removable sleeveless liner. Extends 1/3 the distance from the kneecap to the ground, shaped at waist and held by a two section half-belt at back. The end of the belt overlaps and fastens with two 40-line PHS gilt buttons. There is a sword slit over the left hip, a vertical slash side pocket on each front, and a single row of five 40-line PHS gilt buttons down each forefront. The collar is made so that the coat may be buttoned to neck. There are two loops on each shoulder for hard shoulder boards.
- b. Correct Wear: Button all buttons except the collar button. Collar button may be buttoned in inclement weather.



## PARKA, FOUL WEATHER, TYPE II

- a. Description: Made of 100% nylon with a GORE-TEX® membrane. Waterproof, windproof and breathable GORE-TEX® fabric makes this garment contamination-resistant. Features two external cargo pockets, two hand warmer pockets, a storable hood, hidden map pocket, and elastic and Velcro® wrist closures
- b. Correct Wear: Slide on embroidered rank insignia or bright full sized metal rank insignia is required to be worn centered on the front tab. When wearing the O-6 rank insignia, the eagle will look to the wearer's right. All zippers and/or fasteners shall be closed. Foul weather hood shall be stowed when not in use. Main zipper must be zipped at least ¾ closed. Sleeves are to reach about ¾ of distance from the wrist to the knuckles when arms hang naturally at side. Parka will not be worn unzipped/open. May be worn with ODUs, Service Dress or Service Uniforms.

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REEFER

- a. Description: A double-breasted, hip length coat made from dark blue authorized fabric with a convertible collar, a set-in pocket in each forefront, and a single row of three 35-line or 40-line PHS buttons on the right fore part, and three PHS buttons on the left to button right side. Two loops on each shoulder hold hard shoulder boards.
- b. Correct Wear: Button all buttons, except collar button. Collar button may be buttoned in inclement weather. Sleeves are to reach about 3/4 of distance from the wrist to the knuckles when arms hang naturally at side. Wear hard shoulder boards.



SCARF, WHITE

- a. Description: Made of knitted or woven silk, rayon, or synthetic material; of plain design.
- b. Correct Wear: May be worn under reefers, all-weather coats, windbreaker, overcoats or jackets.



SHIRT, KHAKE, SHORT SLEEVES

- a. Description: Made of authorized fabric, Certified Navy Twill (CNT) or polyester/wool with short sleeves, with two breast pockets with button flaps, and an open collar forming a V-neck. The garrison cap, shirt, belt and trousers material must match.
- b. Correct Wear: Button all buttons. Wear with collar devices

SHIRT, BLUE, ODU

- a. Description: Made of authorized material as specified by the USCG. Untucked ODU shirt does not have bottom pockets on the front of the shirt.

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- b. Correct Wear: All buttons shall be buttoned with exception of very top button by lapels. Top button may be buttoned during inclement weather but not indoors. May be worn with

sleeves down or rolled up. Military creases are not authorized. This is the same as the manner of wear by the Coast Guard. The rolled sleeve width will be approximately 3 inches and centered on the mid-to-lower third of the upper arm with cuff (outside material) showing. The rolled sleeves will not be below the elbow.



SHIRT, WHITE, FORMAL

- a. Description: A plain white formal dress shirt with a turndown collar and a plain stiff or wide-pleated soft front. Plain shirt studs and plain gold or decorated cuff links are required with the Dinner Dress Jacket uniforms. Collar devices, ribbons or name tag shall not be worn with this shirt.
- b. Correct Wear: Wear with all studs, buttons, and cuffs fastened. Sleeves are not authorized to be rolled or pushed up.



SHIRT, WHITE, DRESS, LONG SLEEVE

- a. Description: Made of plain white authorized fabric, with long sleeves and plain buttons, convertible or French cuffs. Shirt must have epaulets for shoulder marks (aka soft shoulder boards). A single left breast pocket without a pocket flap is required. Collar points measure no more than 3-1/4 inches and have a medium spread.
- b. Correct Wear: Button all buttons, including top collar button. Collar devices, ribbons or name tag shall not be worn with this shirt. Sleeves are not authorized to be rolled or pushed up.



SHIRT, WHITE, SUMMER

- a. Description: Made of plain white authorized material, short sleeves with loops for shoulder boards, two breast pockets with button flaps, and an open collar forming a V-neck. Collar points measure no longer than 3-1/4 inches and have a medium spread.

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- b. Correct Wear: Wear with hard shoulder boards. When worn with white trousers, material must match. Button all buttons.



## SHOES, DRESS (BROWN/BLACK/WHITE)

- a. Description: Plain toed, oxford style, black, brown, or white, low quarter, lace shoe, made of smooth leather or synthetic leather with rounded toe. The heel shall be an outside heel 3/4 inch- 7/8 inch high with a flat sole.
- b. Correct Wear: Keep well shined and in good repair. Lace shoes form inside out through all eyelets and tie. Navy certified brown leather shoes and khaki socks are optional with Service Khaki (SK) uniforms.

## SOCKS, BLACK, WHITE, OR KHAKI

- a. Description: Made of plain or ribbed undecorated, knitted material. Knee or mid-calf lengths are authorized.
- b. Correct Wear: Wear pulled up so that no part of the leg shows while sitting or walking. Khaki socks are worn only with the brown dress shoe.



## STUDS, GOLD

- a. Description: Shall be plain without design or ornamentation. Studs are gold when worn with Dinner Dress uniforms.
- b. Correct Wear: Wear fastened on the formal turndown collar shirt.



## SUSPENDERS, WHITE

- a. Description: Shall be plain, without design or ornamentation.
- b. Correct Wear: Wear fastened to the top of the trousers. May be crossed in the back.

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SWEATER, NAVY, BLACK

- a. Description: Black V-neck style pullover sweater, in both light (acrylic) and heavy (wool) weaves, with fabric epaulets, shoulder and elbow patches. A Velcro® backed; black leather nametag (2"x4") is required. Metal badges or insignia are not authorized to be worn on the sweater.
- b. Correct Wear: The sweater is authorized for daily wear to and from work, in public places, onboard ship, on base and station, and for attending working level meetings/briefings. Officers wear soft shoulder marks on the epaulets. Shirt collar is worn inside the sweater when a tie is worn and outside the sweater when no tie is worn. Sleeves are not authorized to be rolled or pushed up beyond wrist area.



T-SHIRT, BLUE, PHS

- a. Description: Made of authorized material as specified by the USCG. The shirt will have a 3 or 4-inch diameter PHS seal (i.e., the "Public Health Service - 1789" seal) printed on the upper, left breast of the shirt. On the back of the shirt vertically centered at about the mid-point of the shoulder blades, in 2-inch high Arial font, "U.S. Public Health Service" will be printed on three lines with "U.S." on the first line, "Public Health" on the second line, and "Service" on the third line. The PHS Seal and the letters on the back of the undershirt shall be the same yellow as in the yellow quarantine flag when operating under non-tactical conditions.

In tactical situations, at the directive of the commander of a Joint Services operation or at the discretion of the LUA, a plain, non-pocketed Navy blue t-shirt may be worn.

- b. Correct Wear: Must be worn under ODU Shirt and tucked into ODU trousers.

## Appendix (continued)



TIE CLASP/TACK

- a. Description: Gold, plain or decorated with appropriate rank insignia to which the wearer is entitled or Corps device insignia only. Tie clasps shall be not more than 5/16 inch wide. Tie tacks shall be no more than 5/8 inch in diameter.
- b. Correct Wear: Must be worn on the four-in-hand tie, 1 inch below the center of the tie in a horizontal position. The center of the tie is defined as the half way point from bottom tip of the tie to the bottom of the knot in the tie. The uniform coat shall cover it.



TROUSERS, BLUE DRESS

- a. Description: Made of the same material as the Service Dress Blue Jacket, of authorized design, without cuffs, and with fore and aft creases. May be either straight-legged or slightly flared. Belt loops, a zippered front closure and two side and back pockets are required. Inside lining of pocket must be black.
- b. Correct Wear: Button all buttons, close all fasteners, and wear a belt through all loops. Trousers hang approximately 2 inches from the floor at the back of the shoe. Trousers should be tailored to include a 2 inch hem to provide material for adjustment.



TROUSERS, BLUE EVENING

- a. Description: Made high-waisted with two front pockets and fore and aft creases made of the same material as the blue dinner dress jacket.
- b. Correct Wear: Button all buttons and close fasteners. Trousers shall hang approximately 2 inches from the floor at the back of the shoe. Trousers should be tailored to include a 2 inch hem to provide material for adjustment.

## Appendix (continued)

## TROUSERS, BLUE, ODU

- a. Description: Made of authorized material as specified by the USCG.
- b. Correct Wear: All buttons shall be buttoned. Pant legs shall be bloused over boots. Tucking material into boots is not authorized. Name tape may be worn over right rear pocket, flush with pocket. Direct embroidery is not authorized.

## TROUSERS, FOUL WEATHER, TYPE II

- a. Description: 100% nylon with a GORE-TEX® membrane that is contamination-resistant to diesel fuel, jet fuel, DEET, petroleum, oils and lubricants. Features reinforced seat and knees, cargo pockets and pass-through pockets with VELCRO® brand closures, and zippered leg openings for easy donning and doffing.
- b. Correct Wear: Worn over ODU trousers during outdoor activities. All buttons must be buttoned, closures closed and zippers zipped. Black riggers or black belt with subdued buckle is required.



## TROUSERS, KHAKI

- a. Description: Made of authorized material to match the Khaki shirt, fore and aft creases, and without cuffs. May be straight legged or slightly flared.
- b. Correct Wear: Button all buttons, close all fasteners, and wear a belt through all loops. Trousers shall hang approximately 2 inches from the floor at the back of the shoe. Trousers should be tailored to include a 2 inch hem to provide material for adjustment.



## TROUSERS, WHITE LONG

- a. Description: Made of authorized white fabric with fore and aft creases, zippered fly front closure, no cuff, two side and back pockets. May be straight-legged or slightly flared. The trouser and shirt fabric must match when worn as Summer White. The trouser when worn with Service Dress White coat must be the same fabric.

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- b. Correct Wear: Close all fasteners and wear a belt through all loops. Trousers shall hang approximately 2 inches from the floor at the back of the shoe. Trousers should be tailored to include a 2 inch hem to provide material for adjustment.



## UMBRELLA

- a. Description: Plain, solid black, folding/collapsing type with a plain, black handle. It shall be of conventional size and design when opened, and shall be capable of being folded small enough to fit into a brief case.
- b. Correct Wear: The umbrella may be used during inclement weather with any uniform. The umbrella should be carried in the left hand to permit saluting. The umbrella shall be folded when not in use.

## UNDERGARMENTS

- a. Description:
- (1) Undershirt, White: Made of white cotton or polyester/cotton. May be sleeveless, V-neck or crew neck. Crew neck shirts must be worn with all uniforms in areas where an industrial fire hazard exists.
  - (2) Under shorts: Shall be boxer or brief style, and white when wearing white uniforms, otherwise color is optional with other uniforms.
- b. Correct Wear: As stated in the individual item's description. White undergarments without ornamentation or decoration must be worn when wearing white uniforms.

## Appendix (Continued)

## Fabric Chart

UNIFORM	COMPONENTS	AUTHORIZED FABRICS
Dinner Dress Blue Jacket (M and F)	Jacket, Trousers, Skirt	55% Polyester/45% Wool Gabardine, 11.0 oz. 55% Polyester/45% Wool Tropical, 9.0 oz.* 100% Wool Gabardine, 11.0 oz. 100% Wool Serge, 12.0 oz. 100% Wool Serge, 15.0 oz. 100% Wool Tropical, 9.0 oz.
Dinner Dress White Jacket (M and F)	Jacket (Trousers, Skirt same as Dinner Dress Blue Jacket)	100% Polyester/Certified Navy Twill, 6.7 oz. 65% Polyester/35% Rayon Gabardine, 8.0 oz.
Full Dress Blue (M and F) Dinner Dress Blue (M and F) Service Dress Blue (M and F)	Coat, Trousers, Slacks, Skirt	55% Polyester/45% Wool Gabardine, 11.0 oz. 55% Polyester/45% Wool Tropical, 9.0 oz. 100% Wool Gabardine, 11.0 oz. 100% Wool Serge, 12.0 oz.
Full Dress White (M) Dinner Dress White (M) Service Dress White (M)	Coat, Trousers	100% Polyester, Certified Navy Twill, 6.7 oz.
Full Dress White (F) Dinner Dress White (F) Service Dress White (F)	Coat, Slacks, Shirt, Skirt	100% Polyester, Certified Navy Twill, 6.7 oz. 65% Polyester/35% Rayon Gabardine, 8.0 oz.
Service Khaki (M and F)	Shirt, Trousers, Slacks, Skirt, Belt, Cap	100% Polyester, Certified Navy Twill, 6.7 oz. 75% Polyester/25% Wool Tropical, 10 oz.*
Summer White (M and F)	Shirt, Trousers, Slacks, Skirt, Belt	100% Polyester, Certified Navy Twill, 6.7 oz.
	Shirt	65% Polyester/35% Cotton Poplin, 4.2 oz.
	Trousers, Slacks, Skirt	65% Polyester/35% Cotton Twill, 6.5 oz.
All Authorized Uniforms	Reefer	Authorized Fabric Utilized by Navy
	Gloves, White	Authorized Uniform Gloves Used by Navy
	Ear Muffs (band or no band)	Plain Black Fabric (any), no markings
	ODU and accoutrements	Authorized Fabric Utilized by USCG

Appendix A

Hilt, Pommel and Knuckle Row



**Pommel – Obverse**



**Hilt, Pommel and Knuckle Bow  
Reverse**



**Hilt, Pommel and Knuckle Row - Obverse**

Appendix B  
Counter Guards



Counter Guard - Reverse



Counter Guard - Overview



Counter Guard - Obverse

Appendix C  
Blade Etching



**Blade Etching - Obverse**



**Blade Etching - Reverse**

Appendix D

Scabbard Ornamentation, Bands, Mounts and Ring



**Top Band of Scabbard**



**Middle Band of Scabbard**



**Shoe Mount of Scabbard**

Appendix E

PHS Sword in Scabbard



**PHS Sword in Scabbard**



**PHS Sword with Sword Knot in Scabbard**