This Personnel Policy Memorandum (PPM) applies to all officers of the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service (Corps) on active duty.

Amendment to Uniform Policies

1. This PPM amends several Corps uniform policies, as applicable:
   a. Commissioned Corps Instruction (CCI), CC26.3.4, "Uniforms for Male Officers", dated 2 February 2010;
   b. CC26.3.5, "Uniforms for Female Officers", dated 2 February 2010;
   c. CC26.3.6, "Insignia and Devices", dated 1 March 2009;
   d. CC26.3.7, "Special Uniform Situations", dated 11 March 2010;
   e. CC26.3.9, “Description of Articles of the Uniform: PHS Sword and Accessories”, dated 2 January 1979; and/or

2. Changes to CC26.3.4 and CC26.3.5, Uniforms for Male Officers and Uniforms for Female Officers.
   a. Updated pictures of all available uniforms, components, and prescribable or optional wear items.
   b. Removes Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) as a required uniform.
   c. Incorporates the content of Personnel Policy Memorandum (PPM) PPM 12-002 “Replacement for the Battle Dress Uniform” dated 9 March 2012.
   d. Authorizes the Black Navy Garrison Cap with Modified Service Dress Blue Sweater.
   e. Authorizes the Black Watch Cap with all uniforms except Dinner Dress or Service Dress uniform.
   f. Reauthorize the Army Cardigan Sweater for indoor wear only.
g. Removes summer whites (SW) as a required uniform.

h. Removes Modified Service Dress Blue Sweater as a standalone uniform.

i. Rescinds CC26.3.9, “Description of Articles of Uniform: PHS Sword and Accessories,” dated 2 January 1979, and incorporates information into both Male and Female Uniform Instructions.

j. Authorizes the new Army Double-Breasted Black All-Weather Coat for replacement of the Navy All-Weather Coat, which is being phased out.

3. Changes specific to CC26.3.5, Uniforms for Female Officers.

   a. Authorizes khaki over-blouse shirt.
   
   b. Amends wear/orientation of the Beret to match Navy standards.

4. Changes specific to CC26.3.6, Insignia and Devices.

   a. Updated insignia and device pictures.
   
   b. Updated military specifications on insignia and devices as directed by The Institute of Heraldry – U.S. Army.
   
   
   
   e. Phase out of old insignia and devices 1 January 2015.

5. Changes specific to CC26.3.7, Special Uniform Situations.

   a. Phase out of Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) and BDU components to begin 1 September 2012, with complete phase out on 1 January 2015. All references to the BDU and BDU components to be deleted from the uniform policy on 1 January 2015.
   
   b. Clarify types and style of construction safety helmets.
   
   c. Clarification on wear of maternity uniforms and authorizes new Navy maternity uniforms that have been phased in.
   
   d. Updated uniform pictures.
   
   e. Clarification on flight suit/jacket insignia and placement.

6. These changes to the respective policies will remain in effect unless rescinded or amended in each policy.

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