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# **UNIFORM REGULATIONS**

**COMDTINST M 1020.6C**



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COMMANDANT INSTRUCTION M1020.6C

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Subj: Uniform Regulations

1. PURPOSE. This Manual prescribes policy, responsibility, and standards which shall govern the uniform, appearance, and grooming of all Coast Guard personnel.
2. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. Commandant Instruction M1020.6B is hereby cancelled.
3. SUMMARY OF CHANGES. Substantial changes, corrections, and modifications have been made to the Coast Guard Uniform Regulations. All Coast Guard members and others involved in the Coast Guard uniform system are advised to familiarize themselves with this Instruction. The major changes to the Uniform Regulations are summarized as follows:
  - a. Paragraph 1.A.1.g. has been changed to prohibit earrings for male personnel in uniform or in civilian clothing aboard any military installation.
  - b. Paragraph 1.A.2.b.(2) has been modified to eliminate the specific reference to cornrow hair. Men cannot meet taper requirements with this hairstyle.
  - c. Paragraph 1.A.2.c.(1) has been modified to eliminate the specific reference to cornrow hair. The hairstyle has remained popular long enough not to be considered faddish. This paragraph has also been changed to increase the bulk of hair authorized from 1 1/2 inches to 2 inches.
  - d. Paragraph 1.A.2.c.(5) has been changed authorizing women to wear small, maximum 1/4 inch round ball style gold, silver, or pearl earrings.

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3. e. Paragraph 1.B.1.c. has been changed to clarify that headgear will normally be removed when traveling in an enclosed vehicle.
- f. Paragraph 1.C.4.b. has been added to clarify the procedures for serving on the Uniform Board.
- g. Paragraph 1.C.4.c. has been added to clarify the procedures for submitting suggestions to the Uniform Board.
- h. Paragraph 1.C.4.d. has been added to explain the composition of the Uniform Board. There will be five permanent members and five additional members selected for each Board.
- i. Paragraph 1.D.1.d. has been added to allow commanding officers to authorize civilian clothing when the military uniform is not appropriate.
- j. Figures 1-1 and 1-2 have been added to illustrate basic hair grooming standards for men and women.
- k. Table 2-A-1 has been added to indicate the composition of uniforms.
- l. Paragraph 2.B.4.a. has been changed to indicate that the Dinner Dress Blue and White Jacket uniform may be required at the direction of the Commandant for the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard.
- m. Paragraph 2.B.4.c. has been added to authorize officers in the grade of lieutenant and below to wear the Dinner Dress White uniform when the Dinner Dress White Jacket uniform is prescribed. E-9 through E-4 are authorized to wear the Dinner Dress Blue uniform when the Dinner Dress White Jacket uniform is prescribed.
- n. Paragraph 2.B.5.b. has been changed authorizing the work uniform to be worn to and from work. The work uniform is authorized to be worn in private vehicles and for quick non-social stops, such as gas and drive-thru window business. The work uniform may NOT be worn on public transportation.
- o. Paragraph 2.B.6.d. has been modified to allow some personnel to wear the Tropical Blue uniform in lieu of everyone wearing a Full Dress uniform during a change of command.
- p. Paragraph 2.C.1.d. describes unit ball caps and blue working caps.

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3. q. Paragraph 2.C.1.D.(1) requires officers and enlisted personnel (E-10 - E-4) to wear rank insignia on unit ball caps.
- r. Figure 2-7 has been changed replacing the Fire Fighter enlisted specialty mark with the Fire and Safety Technician specialty mark.
- s. Table 2.C.1. has been modified to include all rating badge information for all uniforms.
- t. Paragraph 2.C.3.a.(1) has been modified to indicate how anchors are oriented on flag officer's hard shoulder boards.
- u. Paragraph 2.C.4.a. has been modified to include embroidered collar devices.
- v. Paragraph 2.C.4.b.(2) authorizes embroidered insignia for officers and enlisted personnel on working blue shirts.
- w. Paragraph 2.C.5.a.(1) has been modified authorizing breast insignia on undress uniforms.
- x. Paragraph 2.C.5.c.(1)(a) requires command insignia to be centered above the right breast pocket and above the ribbons on full dress uniforms.
- y. Paragraph 2.C.5.c.(1)(c) authorizes the wear of both command pins subsequent to assignment.
- z. Paragraph 2.C.5.c.(1)(d) clarifies where command insignia will be worn on the Dinner Dress Jacket uniform when an identification badge is also worn.
- aa. Paragraph 2.C.5.d. clarifies the precedence of breast insignia.
- bb. Paragraph 2.C.6.b.(5) has been modified to describe the fourragere.
- cc. Paragraph 2.C.9.b.(3) authorizes the miniature Office of Secretary of Defense badge to be worn on the Tropical Blue, Winter Blue, Formal, and Dinner Dress uniforms.
- dd. Paragraph 2.C.9.c.(5) has been added to describe generic badges.
- ee. Paragraph 2.C.9.g.(1) authorizes a miniature collateral duty Command Enlisted Advisor badge.

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3. ff. Table 2-D-1 has been changed deleting the men's Air Force cardigan sweater and the women's Navy cardigan sweater as optional items.
- gg. Paragraph 2.E.1. clarifies that a grommet on the chin strap will be worn on the wearer's left.
- hh. Paragraph 2.E.2.a.(3) has been modified authorizing women to tailor Service Dress uniform trousers to remove the leg flare. It also changes the design of women's trousers to a straight leg design.
- ii. Paragraph 2.E.2.a.(5)(a) authorizes four-in-hand, windsor, and half-windsor knots on men's neckties.
- jj. Paragraph 2.E.2.a.(5)(b) changes the design of the women's bow tie worn with the Service Dress Blue Alpha uniform to a tab tie design.
- kk. Paragraph 2.E.2.b.(1)(b) has been changed authorizing female enlisted personnel to wear the long sleeve light blue shirt with epaulets.
- ll. Paragraph 2.E.4.f. has been added to describe the women's cummerbund for the Formal Dress uniform.
- mm. Paragraph 2.E.4.j.(1) has been modified adding the combination cap for men for the Formal Dress uniform.
- nn. Paragraph 2.E.5.a.(1) has been modified to describe the men's cummerbund for the Dinner Dress uniform.
- oo. Paragraph 2.E.5.d. has been added to describe the Dinner Dress White uniform for officers.
- pp. Paragraph 2.E.8.a. has been changed requiring enlisted to wear collar insignia on undress short sleeve and long sleeve shirts, officers to wear collar insignia on undress short sleeve shirts, and officers to wear soft shoulder boards on long sleeve undress blue shirts. It also clarifies that skirts are not an authorized part of the undress uniform.
- qq. Paragraph 2.E.8.b. clarifies that skirts will not be worn with the winter undress uniform.
- rr. Paragraph 2.E.9.c. requires high top safety boots with steel toes to be worn with the working uniform.

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3. ss. Paragraph 2.E.10.b. has been modified adding the maternity service dress coat.
- tt. Paragraph 2.E.10.c.(1) has been modified to describe the manner in which the Air Force maternity shirts shall be worn. This article also describes how the new maternity service dress coat will be worn.
- uu. Paragraph 2.E.10.d. has been changed authorizing a supplementary clothing allowance for the purchase of one maternity service dress coat, two long sleeve light blue shirts, one skirt, and one pair of trousers for pregnant enlisted personnel.
- vv. Paragraph 2.E.10.e. has been changed to update the procurement procedures for maternity uniforms.
- ww. Paragraph 2.E.11.f. authorizes women to wear the men's windbreaker for optimal fit.
- xx. Article 2.E.11.g. has been added to describe the overcoat.
- yy. Paragraph 2.E.12.a.(3) has been changed requiring officers and enlisted personnel (E-10 - E-4) to wear rank insignia.
- zz. Paragraph 2.E.12.i. has been added to describe the rain cover.
- aaa. Paragraph 6.B.1. has been modified to include health and safety factors.
- bbb. Paragraph 6.B.3. has been modified adding shirts as required items for wardroom service.
- ccc. Paragraph 7.D.2. has been modified to include scarf, and rating badge in minimum outfit for enlisted band members.
- ddd. Paragraph 8.B.1.f. has been changed to clarify the number of ribbons worn on the uniform.
- eee. Paragraph 8.B.2.a. has been modified to reference the correct table number.
- fff. Paragraph 8.B.5. has been modified to show approval authority Commandant (G-PS-3) for wear of personal foreign awards and directs individuals to contact Commandant (G-PXM) for proper wear. Paragraphs 8.B.5.b. thru 5.e. have been deleted.

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3. ggg. Paragraph 8.C.1.e.(1) has been modified to indicate that the Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon is worn with bronze stars.
- hhh. Paragraph 8.C.4.j. has been modified to reference the appropriate paragraph.
- iii. Paragraph 9.A.4. has been expanded to include additional special order information.



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Encl: (1) Uniform Item Phase-In/Out Schedule

UNIFORM ITEM PHASE-IN/OUT SCHEDULE

Bow tie (women).	May be worn until no longer serviceable.
Gabardine and double knit uniforms.	May be worn until no longer serviceable.
Hard shoulder boards.	Full size and 3/4 boards are optional for wear by male and female officers. The "mini board" may be worn by female officers until no longer serviceable.
Light blue tropical coat (women).	May not be worn after 31 January 1991.
Women's utility slacks.	Old style without pockets and belt loops may be worn until no longer serviceable.
Windbreaker.	Both the polyester/wool and polyester/cotton A/F models are optional. NOTE: The poly/wool windbreaker is scheduled to become a mandatory seabag item (replacing one service dress coat). Estimated implementation date FY93 pends availability in DPSC supply system. Upon mandatory date of the poly/wool windbreaker, the poly cotton version will become obsolete.



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## CHAPTER 1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

### A. Appearance.

#### 1. Smartness.

- a. General Policy. The wearing of the Coast Guard uniform must be a matter of personal pride to all Coast Guard personnel. Each member of the Coast Guard is a representative of the United States Government and their dress and conduct must be such as to reflect credit upon themselves, the Coast Guard, and the country.
- b. Quality. Clothing and equipment shall be made of high quality materials and constructed with a high standard of workmanship.
- c. Cleanliness. All uniforms and uniform items shall be kept scrupulously clean and in good repair with lace, devices, and insignia bright and free from tarnish and corrosion.
- d. Headgear. Hats and caps shall be worn squarely on the head, bottom edge horizontal. Hair shall not be visible below front brim or visor.
- e. Outerwear. Coats, jackets, and sweaters, when worn, shall be completely buttoned, or zippered at least two-thirds the way up.
- f. Military Creases. Military creases may be worn at the member's option. If worn, they shall be formed by pressing two vertical creases in the front of the shirt from the shoulder seam through the center of each pocket to the bottom of the shirt, and three evenly spaced vertical creases proportionately spaced between the shirt side seams in the back of the shirt. Creases on shirts without pockets shall be aligned so as to transect the position of the ribbon bars and name tag. Sewn-in military creases are not authorized.
- g. Miscellaneous. Pencils, pens, watch chains, fobs, pins, jewelry, handkerchiefs, combs, cigars, cigarettes, pipes, or similar items may be carried in the pockets of the uniform. Such items will not be exposed nor detract from the proper appearance of the uniform. Necklaces, crosses, pendants, etc., will not be worn exposed when in uniform. Tie clasps, tie tacks, cuff links, shirt studs, and earrings will be worn as prescribed elsewhere in these regulations. Wearing of wrist watches, identification bracelets, and rings is permitted with all uniforms; however, these items will be in good taste and appropriate to

- 1.A.1. g. (cont'd) the occasion, working or social, for which the prescribed uniform is worn. Wearing, strap-carrying, or hand-carrying useful rather than purely ornamental clothing items such as sunglasses, cameras, umbrellas, briefcases, or luggage is authorized except in formations or at other times when an unusual degree of uniformity is appropriate. No eccentricities or faddishness of dress, jewelry, or grooming will be permitted. Earrings are prohibited for male personnel in uniform under any circumstance and aboard any military installation when wearing civilian clothing.

2. Grooming

a. General Policy.

- (1) Grooming standards are based on neatness, cleanliness, safety, and military image, but the most important factor is the appearance in uniform. The established standards are not intended to be overly restrictive nor designed to isolate Coast Guard men and women from society. The limits set forth are reasonable, enforceable and ensure that personal appearance contributes to a favorable military image, yet allow a degree of individual latitude. The seeming division between the policy on grooming for male and female members is simply a recognition that there is a difference between sexes -- mustaches and sideburns for men, long hair and cosmetics for women. The establishment of identical grooming and personal appearance standards for men and women would not be in the best interests of the Coast Guard and is not a factor in the assurance of equal opportunity.
- (2) The Superintendent, Coast Guard Academy; Commanding Officers of Training Center Cape May; Reserve Training Center Yorktown; and Information Systems Center are authorized to establish more restrictive grooming standards for cadets, officer candidates, enlisted recruits, and members of the permanent party. Restrictive grooming standards are not applicable to tenant commands of the units authorized to establish such restrictive standards.

b. Men (see Figure 1-1).

- (1) Hair will be neat, clean and present a groomed appearance. Hair will not touch the collar. Hair must be smoothly tapered from the lower

- 1.A.2. b. (1) (cont'd) hairline upward. The lower hairline will not be block or square cut. Hair will be groomed so that it does not touch ears or extend below eyebrows when headgear is removed, nor interfere with proper wearing of headgear. Bulk of hair shall not exceed 1-1/2 inches. Bulk is defined as the distance that the mass of the hair protrudes from the scalp when groomed (as opposed to the length of the hair). The primary consideration remains a neatly groomed appearance for the hair style and the type of hair that the individual has, with 1-1/2 inches bulk the maximum under any circumstances.
- (2) Varying hair styles are permitted provided these styles meet the criteria of bulk, tapered neck and sides, and do not interfere with the proper wearing of military headgear. Eccentric styles or colors may not be worn while in uniform or in a duty status.
- (3) Wigs or hair pieces may be worn by active duty and Reserve personnel while in uniform or duty status for cosmetic reasons to cover natural baldness or physical disfigurement. When a wig or hairpiece is worn it will be of good quality and fit, present a natural appearance, not interfere with the proper performance of duty, not present a safety hazard and will conform to the grooming standards set forth in these regulations.
- (4) Faces will be clean shaven, but mustaches are permitted. If worn, the mustache must be well groomed and neatly trimmed at all times in order not to present a ragged appearance. No portion of a mustache will extend below the lip line of the upper lip or beyond a horizontal line extending across the corners of the mouth and no more than 1/4 inch beyond a vertical line drawn upward from the corners of the mouth. A beard may be worn for health reasons when a waiver is granted by a medical officer. If a shaving waiver is authorized, facial hair will be kept trimmed not to exceed 1/4 inch in length. Individuals granted a shaving waiver will not shave any facial hair. In certain circumstances it will be necessary to restrict the wearing of mustaches. Mustaches cannot be permitted to interfere with the mask-to-skin seal required for proper wearing of oxygen masks, gas masks, or OBA equipment. Also, for uniformity, during public appearances as a distinctive element of the Coast Guard, personnel who are assigned to Ceremonial Honor Guard will be clean shaven.

- 1.A.2. b. (5) Sideburns, if worn, will be neatly trimmed. The base will not be flared and will be a clean shaven horizontal line tapered in the same manner as the hair cut. Sideburns will not extend below the lowest part of the external ear opening. (This does not apply to individuals having a shaving waiver).
- (6) Undergarments (undershirts and drawers or briefs) shall be worn while in uniform.
- (7) Earrings are prohibited in uniform under any circumstances. Earrings are also prohibited in civilian clothing aboard any military installation.

c. Women (see Figure 1-2).

- (1) Hair will be clean and neatly arranged. When in uniform, back hair may touch but not fall below the bottom edge of the collar. No hair shall show under the front brim of any cap or hat, nor shall it extend below the eyebrows when headgear is removed. Afro, natural, bouffant, and other similar hair styles are permitted, but exaggerated styles, including those with excess fullness or extreme height, are not authorized. The bulk of the hair shall not exceed 2 inches and shall not, in any case, interfere with the proper wearing of military headgear. Eccentric styles or colors may not be worn while in uniform or in a duty status.
- (2) Hair ornaments such as ribbons will not be worn. Pins, combs, or cloth covered elastic bands similar in color to the individual's hair may be worn. Plain barrettes of brown color or gold metallic are authorized, but must not interfere with wearing of military headgear. Visible hairnets will be worn only if authorized and required for specific duty.
- (3) Hairpieces or wigs, if worn while in uniform or in a duty status shall be of good quality and fit, present a natural appearance, not interfere with the proper performance of duty, not present a safety hazard and will conform to the grooming standards set forth in these regulations.
- (4) Cosmetics shall be of conservative color and worn in good taste. Eccentricities in color and manner of wear shall not be worn in uniform.
- (5) One pair of small, maximum 1/4 inch, round ball-style gold, silver or pearl earrings is

1.A.2. c. (5) (cont'd) permitted. One pair of small, maximum 1/4 inch, diamond earrings is permitted with formal and dinner dress uniforms. Earrings shall be worn in the earlobe only. Only one earring per earlobe shall be worn.

(6) Stockings shall be plain, flesh tone. Undergarments (bras and panties) shall be worn when in uniform and should be of such color as to minimize showing through outer items of clothing. Women are authorized the optional wear of an undershirt in addition to the required undergarments. The manner of wearing shall be the same as prescribed for men.

3. Uniforms to be Provided and Worn.

- a. General Policy. All Coast Guard personnel shall provide themselves with an adequate supply of the correct uniforms prescribed in these regulations. Personnel are forbidden to wear, or possess for the purpose of wearing, any uniform other than the regulation uniform or insignia of their respective grade or rate, or to wear decorations, medals, badges, or their ribbons in any way other than that prescribed.
- b. Pay Grade/Rate. Coast Guard personnel shall at all times wear the uniform of their respective grade or rate.
- c. Reserve Personnel. When ordered to active duty, other than training duty, Reserve personnel shall provide themselves with the same uniforms and accessories as is required for equivalent personnel in the Regular Coast Guard.
- d. Terminology. Unless specified differently in these Regulations, the term "officer" shall mean all commissioned officers and warrant officers. The term "chief petty officer" shall mean all personnel in pay grades E-7 to E-10. The term "petty officer" shall mean all personnel in pay grades E-4 to E-6. The term "enlisted personnel" shall mean all personnel in pay grade E-1 to E-10.

4. Care of the Uniform. The longest service of the various articles of the prescribed uniform can be obtained only by proper care and maintenance. The following information is presented in order that the useful life of uniforms and equipment may be prolonged and also that they may be worn with the justifiable pride which should distinguish a military uniform. No matter how well-fitting a uniform is when new, especially the coat, it will not continue to look its best or keep its shape

- 1.A.4. (cont'd) unless it is carefully put on and kept buttoned. The carrying of large or heavy objects in the pockets will quickly destroy the shape of the best uniform. Uniforms should always be kept on hangers when not in use. If uniforms are to be put away for a long time and left undisturbed, thoroughly clean, then pack away in an airtight plastic bag with a packet of desiccant (drying agent) enclosed to afford maximum protection.

5. Guides for Personal Use in Cleaning Articles of Uniform.

- a. Buttons. Buttons sometimes turn green when the gold plating is worn off and the copper base becomes covered with green copper carbonate due to exposure to moist air. This can be removed by rubbing gently with acetic acid or any substance containing this acid, such as vinegar or Worcestershire sauce, followed by a thorough washing in fresh water.
- b. Embroidered Insignia. Embroidered insignia may be kept bright by occasional scrubbing with a nail brush and ammonia which has been diluted with water. This should be done as soon as there are any signs of tarnishing or corrosion. If corrosion has been allowed to continue until it has gained a foothold, the device cannot be restored to its original condition.
- c. Gold Lace. Gold Lace will rapidly tarnish and deteriorate if in contact with or hung near any substance containing sulfur, such as rubber or ordinary manila or kraft wrapping paper. Gold bullion lace should normally be cleaned by an experienced tailor although liquid non-toxic preparations and certain liquid cleaners (available commercially) may be used if carefully applied in conformance with manufacturer's instruction.
- d. Metal Insignia. The gold filled parts and the sterling silver rhodium finished parts of metal insignia are cleaned by washing with soap and water.

B. Uniforms of the Day.

1. General.

- a. Definition. The Uniform of the Day is the uniform prescribed by competent authority for wear by all Coast Guard personnel within a command or geographical area.
- b. Traveling on Leave, Transfer or TAD. When traveling in uniform on leave, TAD, transfer, etc., the Service Dress Blue uniform may be worn as the standard travel

- 1.B.1. b. (cont'd) uniform throughout the year. The Tropical Blue uniform may be worn for travel during the appropriate season. After arrival at their destination and when reporting to their ultimate duty station, personnel shall wear the uniform designated by the prescribing authority for that particular area.
- c. Headgear. The cap or hat is considered an integral part of the uniform. However, uniform headgear is not required to be worn on board cutters at sea outside harbor limits, except on specific watches designated by the commanding officer, and on special ceremonial occasions specified by the commanding officer or higher authority. Uniform headgear shall be worn in port, with suitable relaxations for appropriate work. When outdoors, personnel shall remain covered at all times except when ordered to uncover, or during religious services not associated with a military ceremony; thus, unless ordered to uncover, personnel shall remain covered during the invocation or other religious portions of ceremonies which are military in nature, such as changes of command, ship commissionings and launchings, military burials, etc. The chaplain conducting the religious portion of the ceremony will be guided by the customs of the church with respect to the wearing of head covering. The cap or hat is normally removed indoors. Officers or enlisted personnel in a duty status wearing side arms or a pistol belt shall not remove headgear indoors except when entering a space where a meal is being served or divine services are being conducted. Personnel may remove their headgear when traveling inside any enclosed vehicle either on or off any Coast Guard facility. However, the wearing of headgear while in an enclosed vehicle may be appropriate during ceremonial occasions or may be required by the local regulations of other military services while on board their facilities.
- d. Traveling on Government Aircraft. Coast Guard personnel traveling aboard Government owned or operated aircraft within the continental United States, shall wear the appropriate uniform unless civilian clothes are authorized in the individual's orders or leave papers. Normally, civilian clothing will not be prescribed unless required by extenuating local circumstances or other regulations. When civilian clothing is worn, it will be in good taste and not in conflict with accepted attire in the geographic area.



1.B.2. Authority To Prescribe.

- a. Officer in Command. The commander of each Coast Guard district shall prescribe the uniform for the season, day, or special occasion to be worn by all personnel within the geographical limits of the district. Personnel of Headquarters units, less Coast Guard Academy, shall wear the uniform prescribed by the commander of the Coast Guard district in which the unit is geographically located. The Superintendent, Coast Guard Academy, shall prescribe the uniform for wear by all cadets and permanent detail. Commander, Coast Guard Activities Europe, shall prescribe the uniform for wear by Coast Guard personnel assigned to the units under that command. Commandant (G-CCS) shall prescribe the uniform for wear by Coast Guard personnel assigned to the Washington, DC area. A district commander may delegate the authority to the senior officer in any locality within the district to prescribe the local uniform of the day as variations in local weather conditions warrant. The personnel of all Coast Guard units domiciled within the district shall wear the uniform prescribed for the personnel on duty in that district. Senior officers present afloat in district waters shall, insofar as practicable, follow the uniforms prescribed by the district commander with regard to liberty parties and members of their command operating ashore.
- b. Optional Uniform Items. Optional uniform items are items which are authorized parts of the uniform, but which members are not required to own. The purpose of specifying some items as optional is to provide some flexibility of choice and individual comfort in uniforms, while holding down the cost that would be incurred by individuals or the Government if all were required. Because members are not required to have optional items, those items may not be specified for wear by prescribing authorities. However, optional items may not be appropriate for wear on all occasions or in all locations. Some restrictions on wear of optional items are specified in these Regulations. Others may be set by prescribing officials, who are responsible for determining appropriate uniforms for the various seasons, functions, and situations in their region. Individuals may wear optional items at their discretion, except when these regulations or prescribing authorities specifically prohibit their wear.
- c. Afloat and Outside Recognized Districts. Afloat and at shore stations outside the jurisdiction of any

- 1.B.2. c. (cont'd) Coast Guard district, the uniform of the day shall be prescribed by the senior officer present.
- d. Prescribed Uniforms. Prescribed uniforms shall be designated in the terms used in these regulations and shall include all applicable personnel.
- e. Honor Guard and Ceremonial Units. Uniforms for Coast Guard Honor Guard and Ceremonial Units shall be as prescribed in Chapter 5 of this Manual.
- f. Band Personnel. Uniforms for the Coast Guard Band shall be prescribed in Chapter 7 of this Manual.

3. Uniform Accouterments For Special Duty Personnel.

- a. Officer of the Deck. Side arms and gloves may be prescribed by competent authority.
- b. Officer of the Day. The officer of the day and junior officer of the day on duty at a shore station may wear an OOD or JOOD brassard, as appropriate. Side arms may be prescribed.
- c. Personnel Under Arms.
- (1) Officers and Chief Petty Officers shall wear pistol and pistol belt when parading with enlisted men under arms. The sword and sword belt in lieu of the pistol and pistol belt, may be prescribed for wear by officers required to possess this equipment.
- (2) When the pistol is carried, the belt shall be worn outside of every coat, the holster being worn slightly in front of the right hip. If only one magazine pocket is worn, it shall be worn at the left of the buckle. If two are worn, they shall be at the right and left of the buckle.
- d. Shore Patrol and Beach Guard.
- (1) Officers on shore patrol or beach guard shall wear the uniform of the day, SP brassard, and such other equipment designated by competent authority.
- (2) Enlisted personnel on duty ashore as members of the shore patrol or beach guard shall wear the uniform of the day, with pistol belt, SP brassard, night stick, and such other equipment designated by competent authority.

1.B.3. d. (3) Officers and enlisted personnel assigned to an Armed Forces Police Detachment shall wear the same uniform and accessories prescribed in subparagraphs (1) and (2) above, except that they shall wear a brassard bearing the words "Armed Forces Police" thereon in lieu of the SP brassard.

(4) Reflective materials may be applied to accouterments for night visibility when prescribed by competent authority.

e. Messengers. Personnel on duty as officer of the deck's messengers and similar officer details shall wear the pistol belt.

4. Brassards.

- a. Description and Wearing. Brassards are bands of cloth 11 inches long and 4 inches wide, fitted with ties, hook and loop fasteners, or elastic bands for securing to the right arm. They shall be worn between shoulder and elbow on outer garments.
- b. Officer of the Day Brassard. Consists of a band of navy blue cloth 4 inches wide bearing gold-colored letters "OOD", 2-1/2 inches in height and 1-1/2 inches in width, affixed to the band. This shall be worn at shore stations by the officer of the day.
- c. Junior Officer of the Day Brassard. Same as OOD brassard except letters "JOOD" are 2-1/2 inches in height and 1-1/4 inches in width. This shall be worn at shore stations by the junior officer of the day.
- d. Shore Patrol Brassard. Consists of a band of navy blue cloth 4 inches wide bearing gold-colored letters "SP", 3 inches in height and 2-1/2 inches in width affixed to the center of the band. This shall be worn by members of the shore patrol and beach guard while on duty.
- e. Master at Arms Brassard. Consists of a band of navy blue cloth 4 inches wide bearing gold-colored letters "MAA", 2-1/2 inches wide with the A's 1-3/4 inches wide, affixed to the center of the band. This is for shore station master at arms use when prescribed.
- f. Armed Forces Police Brassard. Consists of a band of black cloth 4 inches wide bearing the words "ARMED FORCES POLICE", 13/16 inches high, in gold colored block letters affixed to the center of the band, one word above the other. This shall be worn by members of an Armed Forces Police Detachment.

- 1.B.4. g. Captain of the Port Brassard. This brassard shall consist of a band of red cloth surcharged with navy blue block letters "COTP", 1-3/4 inches high, 1-1/4 inches wide and 1/2 inch distance between the letters, stitched on the band. The band shall be 12 inches long by 4 inches wide. The four corners of the band shall be beveled at 45 degree angles to a depth of 1-1/4 inches. This shall be worn by personnel engaged in port security duties, when the captain of the port directs, in the same manner as other brassards.
- h. Boarding Officer Brassard. The brassard shall be as prescribed in this paragraph except that the band is navy blue in color and bears the words "BOARDING OFFICER" in white block letters. The letters shall be 1-1/8 inches high by 13/16 inches wide, with 5/16 inches spacing between letters. The word "BOARDING" shall be above "OFFICER" with 1/2 inch vertical spacing. The band shall be 12 inches long by 4 inches wide. The four corners of the band shall be beveled at 45 degree angle to a depth of 1-1/4 inches. The brassard may be worn by the Coast Guard officers and petty officers engaged in law enforcement boarding duties.
- i. Geneva Convention Red Cross. This brassard consists of a band of white cloth 4 inches wide bearing a scarlet cross appliqued on the center of the band. The cross shall be 3 inches wide by 3 inches high. It shall be worn by personnel involved in medical activities requiring that they be readily identified for such purposes as emergency medical response or under combat conditions.

5. Funerals.

a. Mourning Badges.

- (1) Officers shall wear mourning badges when serving as honorary pallbearers at military funerals or when attending military funerals in an official capacity. Officers otherwise attending military or civilian funerals in uniform may wear mourning badges at their discretion.
- (2) Enlisted personnel shall be required to wear mourning badges at military funerals while serving as honorary pallbearers or while attending military funerals in an official capacity. These badges are to be furnished at no cost to the individual. Enlisted personnel otherwise attending military or civilian funerals in uniform may wear mourning badges at their discretion.

1.B.5. a. (3) Officers shall wear the mourning badge on the left sleeve of the outer garment, halfway between the shoulder and elbow. Enlisted personnel shall wear the mourning badge on the right sleeve of the outer garment, halfway between the shoulder and elbow. The badge shall be made of black crepe, 3 inches wide and sufficiently long to fit around the arm. When the sword is worn, officers shall also wear a mourning badge 3 inches wide and 20 inches long, knotted in the middle of the sword hilt.

b. White Gloves. Officers and enlisted personnel may be required to wear white gloves at military funerals. Officers and enlisted personnel may wear white gloves at other funerals, but shall do so only during the actual ceremonies unless white gloves are an authorized part of the uniform being worn.

6. Church Vestments. Chaplains may uncover or wear the vestments of the church to which they belong on required occasions. When participating in church services, Coast Guard personnel may wear the vestments of the church, as appropriate.

7. Uniforms For Coast Guard Personnel on Duty with Other Services. Coast Guard personnel on duty with Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Air Force organizations shall wear Coast Guard uniforms appropriate to those prescribed for personnel of the Service concerned. In combat areas or under other circumstances where the wearing of the Coast Guard uniforms would be inappropriate, Coast Guard personnel may wear the uniform of the other Service, if provided at no expense to the individual. When such clothing is worn, appropriate Coast Guard insignia shall be worn.

8. Protective Clothing for Motorcycle or Bicycle Operators.

a. General. Coast Guard personnel are authorized and encouraged to wear protective clothing with the uniform while operating or riding as a passenger on any two or three-wheeled motor vehicle or bicycle. "Protective Clothing" means clothing which would prevent or lessen injury, especially to the head and skin, in the event of an accident.

b. Motorcycle Clothing. Protective clothing includes: helmet (headgear), boots or heavy shoes, leather jacket and leather gloves for motorcycle operators and high visibility garments, safety vests and hockey style helmets for bicycle operators.

(1) Boots or heavy shoes, if worn in lieu of uniform shoes, will be of plain design. The jacket will

- 1.B.8. b. (1) (cont'd) be plain leather or a material equal in protective qualities, unadorned except for safety markings. Leather gloves or other suitable protective gloves are authorized.
- (2) Protective clothing may be worn only while operating, or riding as a passenger on any two- or three-wheeled motor vehicle or bicycle. The procurement of this type of clothing is the responsibility of the individual. Stowage of protective clothing on board ship will be dependent upon availability of space and will be at the discretion of the commanding officer.
- (3) Helmets are required when operating, or riding as a passenger on any two- or three-wheeled motor vehicle on all Coast Guard facilities. Helmets meeting Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 218 or American National Standards Institute Standard 290.1 or Snell Memorial Foundation Performance Standards for Motorcycle Helmets are approved for Coast Guard use. As there are no standards for bicycle helmets, only examples of acceptable helmets, i.e., Bell and Mountain Safety, can be provided as reference.

9. Restrictions on Wearing the Uniform. Regular and Reserve members of the Coast Guard will not wear the uniform during occasions when wearing the uniform would tend to bring discredit upon the Coast Guard or when specifically prohibited by other directives or regulations. Examples of occasions when a uniform will not be worn include political activities, during private employment, or while participating in outside activities where wearing of the uniform would imply Coast Guard sanction for the cause for which the activity is conducted.

10. Uniform Regulations for USPHS Officers and U. S. Navy Chaplains when Wearing the Coast Guard Uniform.

- a. Public Health Service Officers. The uniform for Public Health Service officers detailed to the Coast Guard shall be the same as the uniform prescribed for commissioned officers of the Coast Guard of corresponding grades, except that the Public Health Service cap device insignia, sleeve insignia, and shoulder mark insignia shall be substituted for Coast Guard insignia. Public Health Service officers shall wear medals, ribbons, or other insignia which they have been awarded. Coast Guard awards shall assume precedence over equivalent awards of other Services when worn on the Coast Guard uniform.

1.B.10. b. U. S. Navy Chaplain. U. S. Navy chaplains detailed to the Coast Guard and electing to wear the Coast Guard uniform will wear the same uniform as that prescribed for commissioned officers of corresponding grades except that they will wear:

- (1) United States Navy cap device.
- (2) Public Health Service cap band and mount (in CG blue).
- (3) Appropriate Navy Chaplain Corps sleeve insignia (in CG blue).
- (4) Coast Guard blue hard or soft shoulder boards with appropriate Navy Chaplain Corps insignia.
- (5) Appropriate Navy Chaplain Corps collar insignia.

- c. The manner of wearing the U. S. Navy Chaplain Corps insignia shall be as prescribed in the U. S. Navy Uniform Regulations.
- d. Chaplains may uncover or wear any required religious apparel or accouterments with the uniform when conducting divine services and during the performance of rites and rituals distinctive to their faith.

C. Regulations and Laws Pertaining to Uniforms.

1. General.

- a. All wearing apparel and insignia obtained from the Uniform Distribution Center, Training Center, Cape May, other Coast Guard clothing lockers, and government issue uniform items sold through Coast Guard Exchange System stores shall be considered regulation. Where gold and silver are specified for insignia, synthetic metal base substitute certified in accordance with these regulations is authorized for use by all personnel. (see Articles 10.B.2.+3.)
- b. Articles purchased by individual members of the Coast Guard from sources other than those cited above, and non-government issue items sold through Coast Guard Exchange System stores must conform to the Military Specifications as regards outward appearance, must not be of lower quality than that specified, and must bear the Coast Guard certification label. Only Coast Guard approved materials may be used in uniform clothing and accoutrements. (see Articles 10.B.2.+3.)

2. Specifications and Standard Samples.

- a. Commandant (G-PXM) shall supervise the preparation of

- 1.C.2. a. (cont'd) specifications for all articles of uniform insignia prescribed for Coast Guard personnel. All articles issued shall conform in every respect to the standard sample and its applicable specification.
- b. Specifications and standard samples, as approved by Commandant (G-PXM) of every issue article of uniform and insignia which is specific to the Coast Guard shall be kept at the Defense Personnel Support Center, Philadelphia, PA.

3. Inspections.

- a. Unit commanding officers shall require the clothing of all non-rated personnel to be inspected by division officers, at regular intervals, to ensure that each person possesses their prescribed outfit. Clothing of petty officers may be inspected on an individual basis, if appropriate.
- b. Prior to transfer to another cutter or station, the outfit of all non-rated personnel shall be inspected. The individual shall be required to have at least the minimum prescribed clothing outfit.

4. Coast Guard Uniform Board.

- a. A Coast Guard Uniform Board will be convened at least annually or at the direction of the Commandant to consider recommendations for changes to the uniform. Recommendations of the Board are submitted to the Commandant for approval. By direction of the Commandant, the Chief, Office of Personnel and Training (G-P) has approval authority for routine uniform actions. All other items are forwarded via the chain of command to the Commandant for disposition. All uniform proposals of an emergent nature will be brought to the attention of Chief, Uniform Clothing Branch (G-PXM-1) for action. Uniform recommendations approved by the Commandant or by delegated authority have the force of regulation and shall be promulgated as changes to Coast Guard Uniform Regulations.
- b. Uniformed members desiring to serve on the Uniform Board should communicate by letter to the Secretary of the Uniform Board with a brief resume. Personnel volunteering will be eligible for two years from the date their request is received. Members shall be appointed by Commandant (G-PXM).
- c. Suggested changes to the Uniform Regulations shall be submitted by letter via the chain of command to Commandant (G-PXM-1). The following format is required: (1) Issue; (2) Discussion;



- 1.C.4. c. (cont'd) (3) Alternatives; (4) Suggestion. Drawings (if appropriate) shall be submitted and the proposed new wording of the Uniform Regulations.
- d. The Coast Guard Uniform Board will be made up of ten members. Five permanent seats on the board will be reserved, one each, for a representative from the office of the MCPO-CG, a representative from the Coast Guard Academy, a representative from Training Center Cape May, a representative from the Coast Guard Reserve, and a representative from the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The five additional members will be selected for each board to provide a fair representation of rank, rate, and gender. The President of the Board will vote to break any ties. The Secretary of the Uniform Board will be a nonvoting member. A representative from the Uniform Clothing Branch, USCG Headquarters; the Coast Guard Liaison Office, USN Clothing & Textile Research Facility, Natick, MA; Coast Guard Liaison Office, DPSC Philadelphia, PA; the Uniform Distribution Center at Cape May, NJ; and the Awards and Medals Branch, USCG Headquarters are ex officio members of the Uniform Board. Uniform Board sessions will be open to all members, subject to duty requirements.

5. Uniform Board Policy.

- a. Decisions concerning uniform policy over the years have tended to retain the neat, conservative style and appearance of uniforms and insignia. As a result, a fair consistency in detail can be identified, but with certain obvious exceptions. Details of Coast Guard service and dress uniform conventions are set forth below. The following paragraph is not intended to discourage change, but to assist in identifying what is consistent with Coast Guard uniform policy. It should be noted that, while the regulations for wearing and marking work clothing are designed to parallel the conventions of service and dress uniforms, the suitability of this clothing to the work intended is its primary characteristic.
- b. The uniform with its various insignia and devices is designed primarily to indicate on sight members of the Coast Guard and to show at a glance their grade, specialty or rating, and the authority and responsibility imposed by law upon those wearing the uniform. Insofar as possible, officer and enlisted uniforms will be the same and sew-on insignia shall be held to a minimum.

6. U. S. Coast Guard Regulations, (COMDTINST M5000.3 (series)) - Pertaining To Uniforms.

- 1.C.6. a. Section 4-1-15 authorizes the unit commanding officer to issue clothing and small store items to enlisted personnel in a non-pay status.
- b. Section 14-6-12 indicates the uniforms to be used in connection with passing honors and official visits.
- c. Section 14-10-3 sets forth the requirement for the wearing of the mourning badge.

7. Coast Guard Organization Manual, (COMDTINST M5400.7 (series)) - Articles Pertinent To Uniforms. Chapter 2 assigns responsibility to Commandant (G-P) to oversee the Coast Guard's Uniform Program (including policy, procurement, and distribution) and publish the Uniform Regulations (COMDTINST M1020.6 (series)).

8. Personnel Manual, (COMDTINST M1000.6 (series)) - Regulations Pertaining To Uniforms.

- a. Article 8-A-7 directs the unit commanding officer to follow procedures in handling personal effects of absentees.
- b. Article 11-A-11 outlines procedures for the disposition of personal effects of personnel deceased, captured, missing or incapacitated.
- c. Article 12-B-53 states that persons discharged from the Coast Guard for reasons that require them to surrender their outer uniform clothing shall be furnished with necessary civilian outer clothing.

9. Clothing Allowance for Enlisted Personnel. Section 418, Title 37, U. S. Code states the President may prescribe the quality and kind of clothing which shall be provided enlisted personnel of the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve. With the exception of an initial clothing issue and situations where free issue or replacement in-kind is authorized, a monthly cash allowance is paid to enlisted personnel for the purpose of maintaining the required numbers of uniforms and ensuring their continued good condition. This allowance is based upon the useful life of the various uniforms provided.

D. Civilian Clothing.

1. General.

- a. Unless the Commandant directs that uniforms be worn at all times and, except as noted elsewhere in this chapter, civilian clothing may be worn by all officers and enlisted personnel in accordance with the following regulations. Area commanders, district commanders and senior officers present may suspend

- 1.D.1. a. (cont'd) this privilege to meet local conditions, advising Commandant (G-P) when such action is taken.
- b. Officers and enlisted personnel are permitted to have civilian clothing in their possession aboard ship and at Coast Guard units ashore. Such clothing may be worn while leaving or returning to ships or stations, while awaiting transportation after permission to leave has been given, while on authorized leave, liberty, or in any off-duty status ashore. When the privilege of wearing civilian clothing is suspended by the Commandant, Commanding officers shall ensure that all member's civilian clothing is stored in a secured space or removed entirely from Coast Guard units. This article permits the wearing of civilian clothing while in a travel status when such travel is performed via public carrier or private conveyance, or when authorized by the Commandant. The Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy and Commanding Officers of Training Center Cape May and Reserve Training Center Yorktown are authorized to establish restrictions on the possession and wearing of civilian clothing for cadets, officer candidates, and recruits.
- c. When civilian clothing is worn, Coast Guard personnel shall ensure that their dress and personal appearance are appropriate for the occasion, in good taste, and will not tend to bring discredit upon the Coast Guard or conflict with accepted attire in the geographic area.
- d. Commanding officers may authorize the wear of civilian clothing for occasions when the military uniform may be inappropriate.

2. Wearing of Civilian Clothes in Foreign Countries.

- a. If the laws of a country prohibit the wearing of foreign uniforms, civilian clothing only shall be worn.
- b. Wearing of military uniforms while overseas in the civilian community is discouraged. Area commanders, district commanders, commanders of maintenance and logistic commanders, and Commander, CG Activities Europe are authorized to amend the prescribed uniform for travel as necessary to protect CG personnel.

3. Prescribed for Military Reasons. The requirement for enlisted personnel to wear civilian clothing in the performance of their official duties is established by the Commandant. Unit commanding officers are not authorized to direct enlisted personnel to wear civilian clothing in the performance of official duties unless a

- 1.D.3. (cont'd) civilian clothing allowance has been authorized or approved. If a civilian clothing allowance is not authorized in a member's permanent change of station orders, it must be requested from Commandant (G-P). Officer personnel shall not wear civilian clothing in the discharging of their official duties unless specifically authorized elsewhere in these regulations, authorized in their permanent change of station orders, or approved by Commandant (G-P).

4. Personnel on Special Duty.

- a. Officers under instructions at civilian educational institutions and in civilian industrial establishments may wear civilian clothes at all times.
- b. Special agents shall wear civilian clothing rather than military uniform throughout assignment to intelligence duties. It is recognized that special agents may appear in areas where a typical military haircut makes them conspicuous. Accordingly, district commanders may grant permission on an individual basis for special agents to wear sideburns and hair styles that are in keeping with current styles.
- c. District commanders may authorize law specialists to wear civilian clothing when they appear in courts which prohibit the wearing of uniforms by attorneys representing the United States.

5. Wearing of Articles of the Uniform with Civilian Clothes. No part of the prescribed uniform or equipment shall be worn at the same time that civilian clothes are worn, except articles which do not present a distinctive Coast Guard appearance, such as the trenchcoat, shoes, socks, gloves, underwear, etc.

6. Service Ribbons on Non-Military Uniforms. The wearing of service ribbons on non-military uniforms by personnel who earned the ribbons while members of the Coast Guard is permitted, provided that the organization under whose auspices the non-military uniform is furnished or required also permits the custom.

E. Wearing of Uniforms by Personnel not on Active Duty.

1. Retired Personnel.

- a. Non-active duty retired officers and retired enlisted personnel are entitled to wear the prescribed uniform of the grade or rate held on the retired list when the wearing of the uniform is appropriate.

- 1.E. 1. b. They are prohibited from wearing the uniform in connection with non-military activities of a business nature.
- c. Retired personnel not on active duty, residing or visiting in a foreign country, shall not wear the uniform except when attending, by formal invitation, ceremonies or social functions at which the wearing of the uniform is required by the terms of the invitation, or by the regulations or customs of the country.
- d. The uniform shall conform with these regulations, except they may be either as prescribed herein or as prescribed at time of their retirement.
- e. If retired personnel are ordered to active duty, they shall wear the uniform prescribed for officers and enlisted personnel, respectively, on active duty.
- f. Retired personnel may wear their uniform while teaching a course of instruction at a maritime academy or in a ROTC program. The authorized uniform may be either the current Coast Guard uniform, or when prescribed, the Navy blue uniform with distinctive Coast Guard markings.

2. Reserve Personnel.

- a. Members of the Coast Guard Reserve not on active duty shall wear the uniforms of their grade or rate when:
- (1) Performing inactive duty training.
- (2) Performing active duty for training and the necessary travel in connection therewith.
- b. Members of the Coast Guard Reserve, not on active duty, may wear the prescribed uniform of their grade or rate on occasions of an official nature, and on other occasions when, because the individual's presence is primarily due to membership in the Coast Guard Reserve, the wearing of the uniform is deemed appropriate.
- c. Officers and enlisted personnel of the Coast Guard Reserve, not on active duty, may wear the uniform of their grade or rate when engaged in the instruction of a cadet corps or similar organization at approved naval or military academies, or other approved institutions of learning.
- d. Reserve personnel, not on active duty, residing or visiting in a foreign country, shall not wear the uniform except when attending by formal invitation,

- 1.E.2. d. (cont'd) ceremonies or social functions at which the wearing of the uniform is required by the terms of the invitation, or by the regulations or customs of the country.
- e. If Reserve personnel are ordered to active duty, they shall wear the prescribed uniform for officers and enlisted personnel of their respective grade or rate.

3. Uniforms Required by Reserve Personnel not on Active Duty.

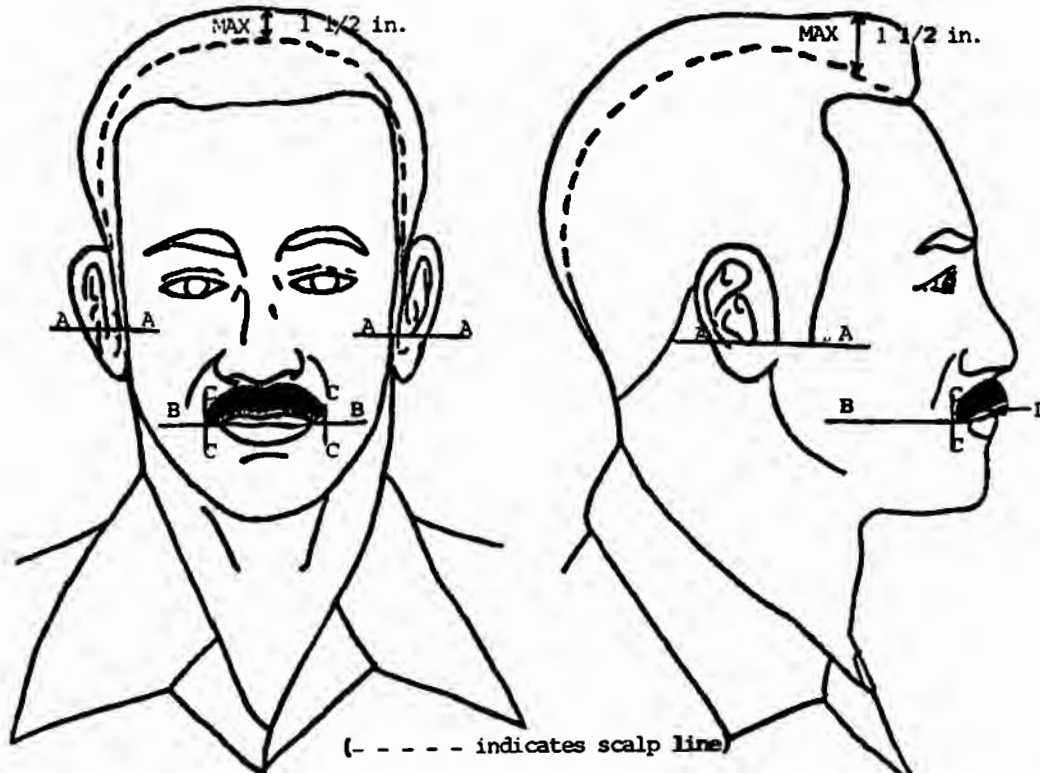
- a. Officers and warrant officers of the Coast Guard Reserve, not on active duty, are required to possess sufficient quantities of necessary uniform clothing and accessories to dress in accordance with their positions as officers of the United States Coast Guard. Optional uniforms, when worn by officers of the Coast Guard Reserve, not on active duty, must be worn as prescribed for officers of the Regular Coast Guard.
- b. Enlisted personnel on inactive duty, and active duty for training, shall have uniforms as prescribed in Chapter 2.

F. Religious Apparel.

1. Religious apparel may be worn by Coast Guard personnel when attending or participating in divine services or as authorized in this section.
2. Religious apparel is defined as articles of clothing worn as part of the doctrinal or traditional observance of the religious faith practiced by the member. Hair and grooming practices required or observed by religious groups are not included. Jewelry bearing religious inscriptions or otherwise expressing religious affiliation or preference is not considered religious apparel and is subject to existing uniform regulations.
3. Religious items or articles not visible or otherwise apparent may be worn with the uniform provided they do not interfere with the performance of duties or interfere with the proper wearing of any article of the uniform. Visible items of religious apparel must not:
  - a. Detract from the traditional orderly appearance of the uniform.
  - b. Be showy in size, design, brightness, or color.
  - c. Interfere with the proper wearing of any article of the uniform or protective clothing.

- 1.F.3. d. Be affixed to any article of the uniform.
- e. Otherwise impair the accomplishment of the military mission.
4. A complete prohibition on the wearing of any visible item of religious apparel may be appropriate under circumstances which require absolute uniformity (e.g., while wearing historical or ceremonial uniforms, participating in parades, honor or color guards or recruit training).
5. Determinations as to whether particular items of religious apparel may be worn with the uniform shall be made by the Uniform Board.
6. Members desiring that a particular article be approved for wear with the uniform shall submit their request to the President of the Uniform Board via the chain of command. Requests should include complete descriptive and background data (photographs, copies of precept or doctrine which require the article's wear).
7. Provisions for wear of religious articles by Chaplains are contained in paragraph 1.B.10.

**Figure 1-1**  
**GROOMING STANDARDS ILLUSTRATION FOR MEN**



1. Sideburns shall not extend below the external ear opening indicated by line "A".
2. When a mustache is authorized:
  - A. It will not go below a horizontal line extending across the corner of the mouth as indicated by line "B".
  - B. It shall not extend more than one quarter inch beyond a vertical line drawn upward from the corners of the mouth as indicated by line "C".
  - C. It shall not protrude below the upper edge of the lip line of the upper lip as indicated by line "D".
3. Properly groomed hairstyles shall not exceed one and one half inches in bulk. Bulk is the distance that the mass of the hair protrudes from the scalp (illustrated above).
4. Hair on the neck, sides, and sideburns will be tapered as required in Article 1.A.2.b.. Block or square cut types of hairstyles will no be permitted.
5. Hairstyles meeting the requirements of Article 1.A.2.b. may be worn by Coast Guard men. See Article 1.A.2.a.(2) for possible exceptions.



Figure 1-2  
GROOMING STANDARDS ILLUSTRATION FOR WOMEN



1. Hair may touch but not fall below the bottom edge of the collar as indicated by line "A".
2. Properly groomed hairstyles will not exceed two inches in bulk. Bulk is the distance that mass of the hair protrudes from the scalp (illustrated above).
3. Hairstyles meeting the requirements of Article 1.A.2.c. may be worn by Coast Guard women. See Article 1.A.2.a.(2) for possible exceptions.

## CHAPTER 2. MEN'S AND WOMEN'S UNIFORMS

### A. Composition Of Uniforms (See Table 2-A-1).

Table 2-A-1 Composition and Designation of Uniforms

	SERVICE DRESS BLUE, A	SERVICE DRESS BLUE, B	TROPICAL BLUE LONG	WINTER DRESS BLUE	UNDRESS BLUE	WORKING BLUE
Belt: Black (7)	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cap: Combination	X	P	P	P	P	O(11)
Garrison		O-P	O-P	O-P	O-P	
Cold Weather		O(12)		O(12)	O(12)	O(12)
Watch						O(12)
Working Blue			O-P(13)		O(10)	X
Unit Ball Cap			O(13)		O(10)	O(10)
Coat: Blue Service Dress	X	P				
Gloves: Black		O-P(12)		O-P(12)	O-P(12)	O-P(12)
White						
Handbag: Black (2)	O	O	O	O	O	O
Jacket: Working Blue					O-P(14)	P(14)
Windbreaker		O	O	O	O	O
Nametag	X	X	X	X	P	O
Necktie: Ascot (2)		X			X(8)	
Necktie: Black Dress(2)	X					
Necktie: Blue	X(1)	X(1)		X	X(1.8)	
Overcoat: Bl (not rainct)	O	O		O	O	
Overshoes	(Optional with all uniforms)					
Raefer	O	O		O	O	
Ribbons	X	X	X	X		
Scarf: White	(Optional with overcoat, raefer, or trenchcoat)					
Scarf: Blue (9)					O	O
Shirts: Dk Blue, Winter				X	O	O
Working Blue SS/LS						X
Lt Blue SS			X		X	
Lt Blue LS		X			X	
White, Dress LS	X					
Skirt: Blue (2)	X	X	X	X		
Stockings: Flesh Tone (2)	X	X(4)	X(4)	X(4)		
Socks: Black (6)	X	X	X	X	X	X
Shoes: Black Dress	X	X	X	X	X	O
Shoes: Black Pumps (2)	X	X(5)	X(5)	X(5)	X	
Shoes: Boat (15)			O-P		O-P	O-P
Shoes: Safety Boots					P	P
Sweater: Watch						O(12)
Wooly Pulley		O	O	O	O	O
Trenchcoat	(Optional with all uniforms)					
Trousers: Blue Dress	X	X	X	X	O	
Blue Undress					P	X

Table 2-A-1 Composition and Designation of Uniforms (cont'd)

	Formal Dress Blue Jacket (3)	Dinner Dress Blue Jacket (3)(18)	Dinner Dress White Jacket (3)(18)	Dinner Dress Blue (1)	Dinner Dress White (19)	Full Dress Blue (19)	Full Dress White (19)	Service Dress White (19)
Belt: Black				X(1)		X		
White					X(1)		X	X
Suspenders (1)	O	O	O					
Cap: Combination	X(16)	X(16)	X(16)	X	X	X	X	X
Cape: Blue (2)	O	O	O					
Cloak: Boat (1)	O	O	O					
Coat: Blue Service Dress				X		X		
White Service Dress					X		X	X
Cummerbund, Gold	X(2)	X	X					
Gloves, White	X	X(16)	X(16)	X	X	X	X	
Handbag: Black (2)				O		O		
Handbag: White (2)					O		O	O
Handbag: Black Dress (2)	O	O	O	O				
Handbag: White Dress (2)			O		O			
Medals: Large						X	X	
Medals: Miniature	X	X	X	X	X			
Nametag								X
Necktie: White Bow (1)	X							
Black Bow (1)		X	X	X				
Black, Formal (2)	X	X	X					
Black, Dress (2)				X	X	X	X	X
Blue (1)						X		
Overshoes	(Optional with all uniforms)							
Ribbons						X(17)	X(17)	X
Scarf, White	(Optional: may be worn with overcoat, reefer, or raincoat)							
Shirt: White SS (2)				X	X	X	X	X
White Dress (2)	X	X	X					
Wing Collar(1) Formal WT	X							
Plain, Wht. Dress, LS(1)		O	O	X		X		
Pleated, Soft Front(1)		X	X	O				
Socks, White (6)					X		X	X
Socks, Black (6)	X	X	X	X		X		
Shoes, Black Dress	X(1)	X(1)	X(1)	X(1)		X		
Shoes, Black Pumps (2)	X	X	X	X				
Shoes, White Pumps (2)					X		X	X
Shoes, White Dress					X(1)		X	X
Skirt: Formal Dress (2)	X	X	X					
Blue (2)		O	O	X				
White (2)					X			O-P
Stockings: Flesh tone(2)	X	X	X	X	X			X
Sword with Belt						X	X	
Tiara, Black (2)	O	O	O					
Trenchcoat	(Optional with all uniforms)							
Trousers: Blue Evening(1)	X	X	X					
Blue Dress				X(1)		X		
White					X(1)		X	X
Waistcoat, Formal	X(1)							

Table 2-A-1 Composition and Designation of Uniforms (cont'd)

X = REQUIRED

P = MAY BE PRESCRIBED

O-P = OPTIONAL, MAY BE PRESCRIBED

O = OPTIONAL

- (1) Males only.
- (2) Females only.
- (3) Required for LCDR and above. Optional for other officers, and E-4 and above.
- (4) Worn with black pumps, or skirt and service shoes.
- (5) Worn with stockings only.
- (6) Worn with service dress shoes (or safety boots).
- (7) Worn with trousers only.
- (8) Worn with long-sleeve shirts.
- (9) Worn only with appropriate outer wear.
- (10) May only be worn onboard ones unit.
- (11) E-7 and above only.
- (12) Authorized seasonal use only.
- (13) Shipboard use only when authorized by commanding officer.
- (14) Enlisted members only.
- (15) May be worn only when working on or around boats when authorized.
- (16) At prescribing officer's discretion.
- (17) For those awards not having corresponding medals. Worn on right side in order of precedence, from inboard to outboard.
- (18) May be required for MCPOCG as directed by the Commandant.
- (19) Officers only.

2.A.2. Authorized Modifications To Designated Uniforms.

- a. Combination Cap Crown. A white plastic coated or vinyl cap crown may be worn on the combination cap frame unless the cloth crown is prescribed.
- b. Necktie. The necktie is not worn with the working blue uniform, nor is it worn with the undress blue uniform when it might pose a safety hazard.
- c. Sword. The senior officer present may prescribe the wearing of the full dress uniform without the sword for certain individuals, or on specific occasions when the wearing of a sword is considered inappropriate or undesirable.
- d. Cloth Name Tapes. Cloth name tapes are approved for optional wear on long and short sleeve dark blue work shirts. The white block letters shall be no less than 1/2 inch high and no larger than 3/4 inch high. Background color shall match the working blue shirt material. The "Name" tape is to be centered directly above the wearer's right breast pocket and the "U. S. Coast Guard" tape shall be centered directly above the wearer's left breast pocket. Tapes shall be attached with matching blue thread, using no less than six stitches per inch. Although wearing of cloth tapes is optional, when worn, both are required and shall be of matching height.
- e. Tie Clasp or Tie Tack. A tie clasp or tie tack may be worn with any uniform requiring a four-in-hand necktie or ascot. The clasp or tack may be either plain gold in color, or adorned with Coast Guard insignia. This includes, for example, the miniature Officer's insignia, Chief Petty Officer's insignia, or Enlisted insignia. Only SAR School graduates may wear the tie tack given at SAR School. When the service dress blue coat is worn, the clasp or tack must not be visible.
- f. Windbreaker (polyester/cotton). The poly/cotton windbreaker may be worn with all uniforms not requiring wear of the service dress or dinner dress coats. It may not be worn over the wooly pully sweater.
- g. Windbreaker (polyester/wool). The poly/wool windbreaker with removable liner may be worn with all uniforms not requiring wear of the service dress or dinner dress coats. It may be worn over the wooly pully. The sweater shall not extend below the bottom of the jacket. Women may wear either the men's or women's windbreaker. This windbreaker may be worn with the Service Dress Blue B uniform, in lieu of the

2.A.2. g. (cont'd) service dress coat. When worn with Service Dress Blue B, the following restrictions apply:

- (1) Only the polyester/wool blend model is authorized.
- (2) The windbreaker does not replace the service dress coat for wear in the office environment.
- (3) It will not be worn when the service dress coat is more appropriate.

h. Jacket, Blue Work (enlisted only). The Blue Work Jacket is the prescribed jacket for use with the Working Blue utility uniform. Use of this jacket is optional with the Undress Blue uniform. This jacket will not be worn with any other Coast Guard uniform. Not more than two Coast Guard related identification patches may be worn on the blue work jacket.

i. White Shirt.

- (1) The white dress shirt may be prescribed for wear with the Service Dress Blue uniform for the following occasions (when worn in this manner, the uniform is designated Service Dress Blue A):
  - (a) Official visits of/or to United States civil officials, officers of the United States Armed Forces, and officials of foreign governments when, and as prescribed by U. S. Coast Guard Regulations, Official Visits and Calls.
  - (b) Ceremonies, solemnities and entertainments when the senior officer considers it desirable to pay special honor to the occasion.
  - (c) Parades, ceremonies and reviews when the commanding officer considers it desirable to pay special honors to the occasion.
  - (d) Social activities outside working hours when dinner dress or evening dress is not appropriate.

(2) Collar devices are not worn on white shirts.

j. Sweater, Pullover, V-Neck, CG/AF "Wooly Pulley".

- (1) Authorized for wear with the service dress blue (in lieu of coat), tropical blue, undress blue, and working blue uniforms whenever those uniforms are authorized.

- 2.A.2. j. (2) May be worn beneath the trenchcoat, reefer coat, and poly/wool windbreaker.
- (3) Officers will wear soft shoulder boards on sweater epaulets.
- (4) May not be worn with ribbons, name tags, or other breast insignia.
- (5) May not be worn beneath the poly/cotton windbreaker.
- (6) If worn with the tropical shirt or short sleeve working blue, the collar is worn on the outside of the sweater.
- (7) It will not be worn when the service dress coat is more appropriate.
- (8) Limitations for wear may be set by Commandant (G-CCS) for the Washington, DC metropolitan area, Superintendent for the Coast Guard Academy, district commanders for all units within their geographic boundaries and commanding officers for training commands.

k. Trousers.

- (1) Either utility or dress trousers may be worn with the undress blue uniform. Women are not authorized to wear skirts as part of the undress blue uniform.
- (2) Trousers must be worn in lieu of skirts by female crew members on Coast Guard cutters, boats, and aircraft. Exceptions may be granted by commanding officers and officers in charge for special occasions such as receptions and open house.
- (3) Trousers will be worn by female members in military formations. Skirts may be specified only for personnel inspections that are not held as part of another ceremony.
- (4) When trousers are prescribed, socks and service shoes will be worn. When worn as an option (i.e., the office environment), pumps and pantyhose or knee-hi type hosiery may be worn. Socks are not authorized with pumps.
- (5) In those instances where women cannot obtain a satisfactory fit in the women's trousers, they are authorized to wear men's dress and utility trousers to achieve optimal fit.

2.A.2. 1. Ribbons And Nametags. When uniforms requiring ribbons and nametags are worn, placement shall be as follows:

- (1) On shirts and coats with breast pockets (including pocket flaps), ribbons shall be worn with the lower edge of the bottom row centered approximately 1/4 inch above the left breast pocket. Name tag shall be placed above the right breast pocket in a position corresponding to that of the ribbons.
- (2) On the women's double knit service dress blue coat, the ribbons will be placed 1-1/2 to 2 inches above an imaginary line drawn from the top button across the left breast. Name tags shall be worn on the right breast in a corresponding position to that of the ribbons.
- (3) On the women's short sleeve light blue shirt, the ribbons will be placed with the lower edge of the bottom row just above an imaginary line drawn from a point midway between the second and third button across the left breast. Name tags shall be worn on the right breast in a corresponding position to that of the ribbons.
- (4) Name tags are required on the tropical blue, service dress, winter dress (dark blue shirt) and winter undress uniforms (dark blue shirt).

m. Skirt Length. Except for formal uniforms, the skirt hemline will fall no higher than the crease in the back of the knee nor lower than 2 inches below the crease. The kick pleat of skirt will not be stitched closed at hemline, but shall hang freely.

n. Unit Ball Cap (optional). Unit ball caps shall be the baseball style made of dark blue material. Mesh panels and adjusting tabs are authorized. The unit name may be embroidered directly on the cap or on a patch attached to the front of the cap. The lettering must be 1/2 inch gold block style and may include the unit name, location, and hull number. Logos or other art work are not permitted. All officers, and enlisted personnel (E-10 through E-4) shall wear rank insignia on the unit ball cap. E-3 through E-1 shall wear the miniature cap device or embroidered facsimile in lieu of rank insignia on this cap. Insignia may be embroidered or metal and should be centered and positioned so as not to interfere with the lettering. Unit ball caps are authorized for wear with the tropical blue long uniform on board vessels.



- 2.A.2. o. Umbrella. Umbrellas are authorized with any uniform when weather conditions warrant. Umbrellas shall be black with a straight handle. The shaft must be the telescoping type.
- p. Scarves. The white scarf is optional for wear beneath the trench coat, reefer, or optional overcoat with dress uniforms. The blue scarf is optional for wear beneath outer garments worn with undress and work uniforms.
- q. Coat, Service Dress Blue. When wearing the Service Dress Blue B uniform, the coat may be removed indoors within the limits of Coast Guard activities. When wearing the Service Dress Blue A uniform, the coat shall not normally be removed.
- r. Garrison Cap. The garrison cap may be prescribed for wear with the Service Dress Blue B, Winter Dress (dark blue), Tropical, Undress and working uniforms.

B. Occasions On Which Uniforms Shall Be Worn (See Table 2-B-1).

1. Service Dress Uniforms. Service Dress Blue Bravo is the basic uniform for all officers and enlisted personnel. This uniform shall be worn on all occasions when the wearing of a uniform is prescribed or appropriate except when another uniform is indicated.
2. Full Dress Uniforms. Full dress uniforms shall be worn on the following occasions:
  - a. Change of command ceremonies, except when other uniforms are indicated (see para. 6.d for exception).
  - b. Official visits with honors as prescribed in Chapter 14 of Coast Guard Regulations, COMDTINST M5000.3 (series).
  - c. Visits of ceremony to foreign men-of-war and foreign officials.
  - d. Occasions of state, ceremonies, and solemnities when personnel attend in an official capacity.
  - e. Formal occasions on board ship (when prescribed).
  - f. Formal personnel inspections (when prescribed).
3. Formal Dress Uniform. The Formal Dress Uniform is worn at official formal evening functions at which civilians would normally wear formal evening clothes (white tie).
4. Dinner Dress Uniforms.

- 2.B.4. a. The Dinner Dress Blue Jacket and White Jacket uniforms are worn at ordinary official or social functions at which civilians would normally wear dinner dress attire (black tie). Both Dinner Dress Jacket uniforms are required for lieutenant commander and above and, at the direction of the Commandant, the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard.
- b. When the Dinner Dress Blue Jacket uniform is prescribed, the standard uniform for personnel in the grade of lieutenant and below is the Dinner Dress Blue uniform. The Dinner Dress Blue Jacket uniform is optional for all personnel from the grade of lieutenant through petty officer third class.
- c. When the Dinner Dress White Jacket uniform is prescribed, the standard uniform for all officers in the grade of lieutenant and below, including warrant officers, is the Dinner Dress White uniform. The standard enlisted uniform is the Dinner Dress Blue uniform. The Dinner Dress White Jacket uniform is optional for all personnel from the grade of lieutenant through petty officer third class.

5. Undress and Working Uniforms.

- a. The Undress Blue uniform is authorized for wear while traveling in a private vehicle between work and local residence. It is not a liberty uniform. It may be worn to Service facilities such as exchanges, dinning facilities, dispensaries, on-base snack bars, etc.
- (1) The shirt to be worn with the Undress Blue and work uniforms is dependent upon the dress uniform in effect. If the Service Dress Blue uniform is prescribed, the long sleeve blue shirt is worn. If the Tropical Blue uniform is prescribed, the short sleeve shirt is worn. Commanding officers, or officers in charge may authorize or prescribe an out-of-season sleeve length as deemed necessary.
- b. The Working Blue uniform shall be worn when engaged in physical labor or other work which would soil the uniform. The working uniform is authorized for wear while traveling in a POV between work and a local residence, including brief non-social stops, such as for gas and drive-thru window use. It is NOT a liberty uniform and will NOT be worn while commuting on public transportation. It may be worn to Service facilities on base such as, exchange facilities, dinning facilities, and dispensaries during working hours. Uniforms used for travel MUST be clean and presentable. Local commanders and supervisors will ensure strict compliance with this regulation.

2.B.6. Tropical Uniforms.

- a. The Tropical Blue (long) uniform is a required uniform for all officers and enlisted personnel.
  - b. Tropical Blue (long) may be worn on all occasions where no other uniform is prescribed, unless a coat and tie is considered appropriate. It may also be worn while in a travel status.
  - c. Tropical Blue (short) may be authorized for optional wear by commanding officers and officers in charge when environmental conditions warrant. Refer to paragraph 2.E.6.b. for the garment description.
  - d. When temperatures or other weather conditions may cause undue physical discomfort, the senior officer concerned may prescribe the Tropical Blue uniform in lieu of Full Dress uniform for change of command and other ceremonies for some or all of the involved personnel, as appropriate.
7. Maternity Uniform. All authorized variations of the Air Force maternity uniform may be worn by pregnant personnel when the regular uniform no longer fits. In some cases the Air Force uniform may not fit comfortably for the duration of the pregnancy. In these few cases, local commanding officers may authorize the wearing of civilian clothing. The type of civilian clothing worn must be comparable to the uniform the person would normally wear. This is not a blanket authorization, but is meant to recognize that in a few cases the Air Force Maternity uniform may prove to be uncomfortable. The Maternity uniform may also be worn, if the regular uniform does not fit, up to 60 days after returning from maternity leave.
8. Outer Garments. Appropriate outer garments are worn when weather conditions warrant. Refer to Table 2-A-1 for guidance.

2.B.9. Table 2-B-1 Service Equivalent Uniforms

COAST GUARD	NAVY	MARINE CORPS	ARMY	AIR FORCE	WHEN WORN
Formal Dress	Formal Dress	Evening Dress	Blue Mess/ Evening Dress	Blue Formal Dress	Official formal evening functions. State occasions.
Dinner Dress Blue Jacket	Dinner Dress Blue Jacket	Evening Dress	Blue Mess Dress	Blue Mess Dress	Social functions of a general or official nature.
Dinner Dress White Jacket	Dinner Dress White Jacket	Mess Dress	White Mess Dress	Blue Mess Dress	Private formal dinners, dinner dances, club affairs.
Dinner Dress Blue	Dinner Dress Blue	Dress Blue A	Army Blue (bow-tie)	Ceremonial Dress Blue	Same as dinner or mess dress but less formal occasions requiring more formality than service uniforms.
Dinner Dress White	Dinner Dress White	Dress White A	Army White (bow-tie)	Ceremonial Dress White	
Full Dress Blue	Full Dress Blue	Dress Blue A or B	Army Green/Blue	Ceremonial Dress Blue	Parades, ceremonies & reviews when special honors are being paid to the occasion.
Full Dress White	Full Dress White	Dress White A or B	Army White	Ceremonial Dress White	Official visits of and to U. S. and foreign officials.
Service Dress Blue A or B	Service Dress Blue	Service A	Army Green	Service Dress	Business and informal social occasions as correct for local custom.
Service Dress White	Service Dress White	Service A	Army White	Service Dress	

2.B.9. Table 2-B-1 Service Equivalent Uniforms (cont'd)

COAST GUARD	NAVY	MARINE CORPS	ARMY	AIR FORCE	WHEN WORN
Tropical Blue Long	Summer Khaki/ White	Service C	Army Green	Service Uniform	To compensate for climate variations as per prescribing authority.
Winter Dress Blue	Winter Blue	Service B	Army Green	Service Uniform	
Undress Blue/ Winter Undress Blue	Aviation Working Green/ Winter Working	Utility	Battle Dress	Utility	Working in the field or plant environment. Working in an environment where soiling of clothing is expected.
Working Blue	Working Khaki/ Dungaree	Battle Dress	Battle Dress	Battle Dress	

C. Insignia.

1. Cap Insignia.

a. Combination Cap. Insignia on the combination cap shall consist of cap device, blue cap band and mount, chin strap and retaining buttons. An embroidered visor is worn by officers of the grade of commander and above. For female officers in the grade of commander or above, the hat band shall be encircled at the top by gold braid piping and shall be embroidered in gold with acorns and oak leaves. For female officers in the grade of commander or above, this cap may be special ordered through the Uniform Distribution Center, Training Center Cape May, NJ.

(1) Officers and Chief Warrant Officers. The combination cap device shall consist of a gold spread eagle approximately 2-3/4 inches high. The cap device may be embroidered or made of metal with appropriate plating to simulate gold or silver. The device shall be attached to the mount of the combination cap band so that the upper end of the anchor stock is even with the top edge of the band.

(2) Chief Petty Officers. The basic combination cap device worn by chief petty officers in pay grade E-7 shall consist of a gold-colored fouled anchor 1-3/4 inches long including ring and fouling. Senior chief petty officers, master chief petty officers and the Master Chief Petty Officer of the

- 2.C.1. a. (2) (cont'd) Coast Guard shall wear the basic device as described above, but with the appropriate number of stars affixed to the ring. The device shall be attached to the mount of the combination cap with the unfolded arm of the stock to the wearer's right.
- (3) Enlisted Personnel E-6 & Below. The device shall consist of a 1-3/16 inch silver and gold Coast Guard medallion. The device shall be attached to the mount of the combination hat so that the lower edge of the medallion is even with the top edge of the band.
- (4) Chin Straps.
- (a) Commissioned and Chief Warrant Officer. For all commissioned and chief warrant officers, chin straps shall be 1/2 inch wide, faced with gold lace.
- (b) Enlisted (men only). Chin straps shall be made of black patent leather or plastic, 1/2 inch wide. Grommet shall be worn on wearer's left.
- (5) Visor Ornamentation.
- (a) Flag Officers. For flag officers, the cap visor shall be covered with dark blue cloth, embroidered full in gold with oak leaves and acorns.
- (b) Captains and Commanders. For captains and commanders, the visor shall be covered the same as flag officers with embroidery only along the front edge.
- (c) Lieutenant Commander and Below. For officers of the grade of lieutenant commander and below and all enlisted, the visor shall be plain, lustrous black and shall not be ornamented.
- b. Garrison Cap.
- (1) Officers. The insignia on the garrison cap for officers shall consist of a miniature cap device of the same design as worn on the combination cap and a metal collar grade insignia.
- (2) CPO's and Below. CPO's and below shall wear the miniature device of the same design as that worn on the combination cap. Grade insignia is not worn on the garrison cap by E-6 and below.



OFFICER CAP DEVICE



CPO CAP DEVICE (E-7)



FEMALE OFFICER CAP  
BAND (CDR/CAPT)

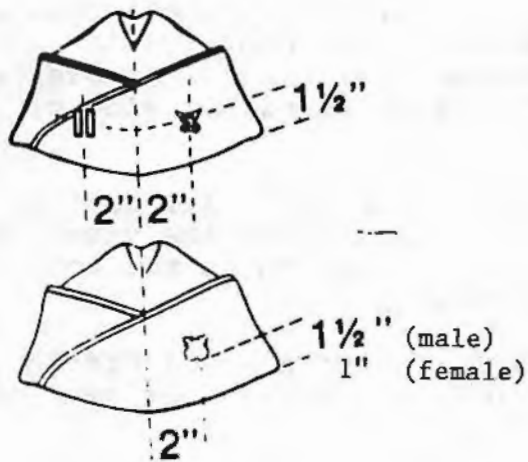


FEMALE OFFICER TIARA  
(CDR/CAPT)

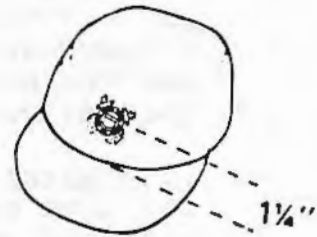


ENLISTED CAP DEVICE  
(E-4 - E-6)

Figure 2-1  
Cap Insignia



Placement Of Garrison Cap Devices  
(Male and Female)



Placement Of Utility Cap  
Devices



Rear Admiral And Above



Commander And Captain



Lieutenant Commander And Below

Figure 2-2  
Placement of Cap Device/Visor Ornamentation



2.C.1. c. Tiara, Black. Insignia on the tiara shall consist of an embroidered cap device in the center with appropriate ornamentation, similar to that prescribed for the combination hat band, on either side of the cap device.

d. Blue Working Cap and Unit Ball Cap. All devices shall be centered 1-1/4 inches above the visor, or centered on the front of the cap so as not to interfere with the lettering.

(1) Officers/CPO's/Petty Officers. All Officers, CPO's, and petty officers shall wear rank/grade insignia.

(2) Non-Rated Persons. E-3 through E-1 shall wear the miniature enlisted cap device.

## 2. Sleeve Insignia.

a. Coast Guard Shield Sleeve Insignia. Shield insignia on all service dress and dinner dress uniforms shall be embroidered gold lace. Commissioned Officers and Chief Warrant Officers shall wear the shield on both sleeves 1/4 inch above the gold lace sleeve stripes. Enlisted personnel shall wear one gold shield sewn on (minimum 6 stitches per inch) on the center of the outer facing of the right coat sleeve midway between the cuff and the elbow.

b. Commissioned Officer Grade Stripes. Commissioned officer grade shall be indicated by a single stripe or various combination of stripes of 2 inch, 1/2 inch, or 1/4 inch wide gold lace, encircling the sleeves on blue dress coats and blue dinner dress jackets. The lower edge of the first stripe shall be 2 inches from the edge of the cuff with 1/4 inch intervals between stripes.

(1) Admiral. Shall wear one 2-inch stripe with three 1/2-inch stripes above.

(2) Vice Admiral. Shall wear one 2-inch stripe with two 1/2-inch stripes above.

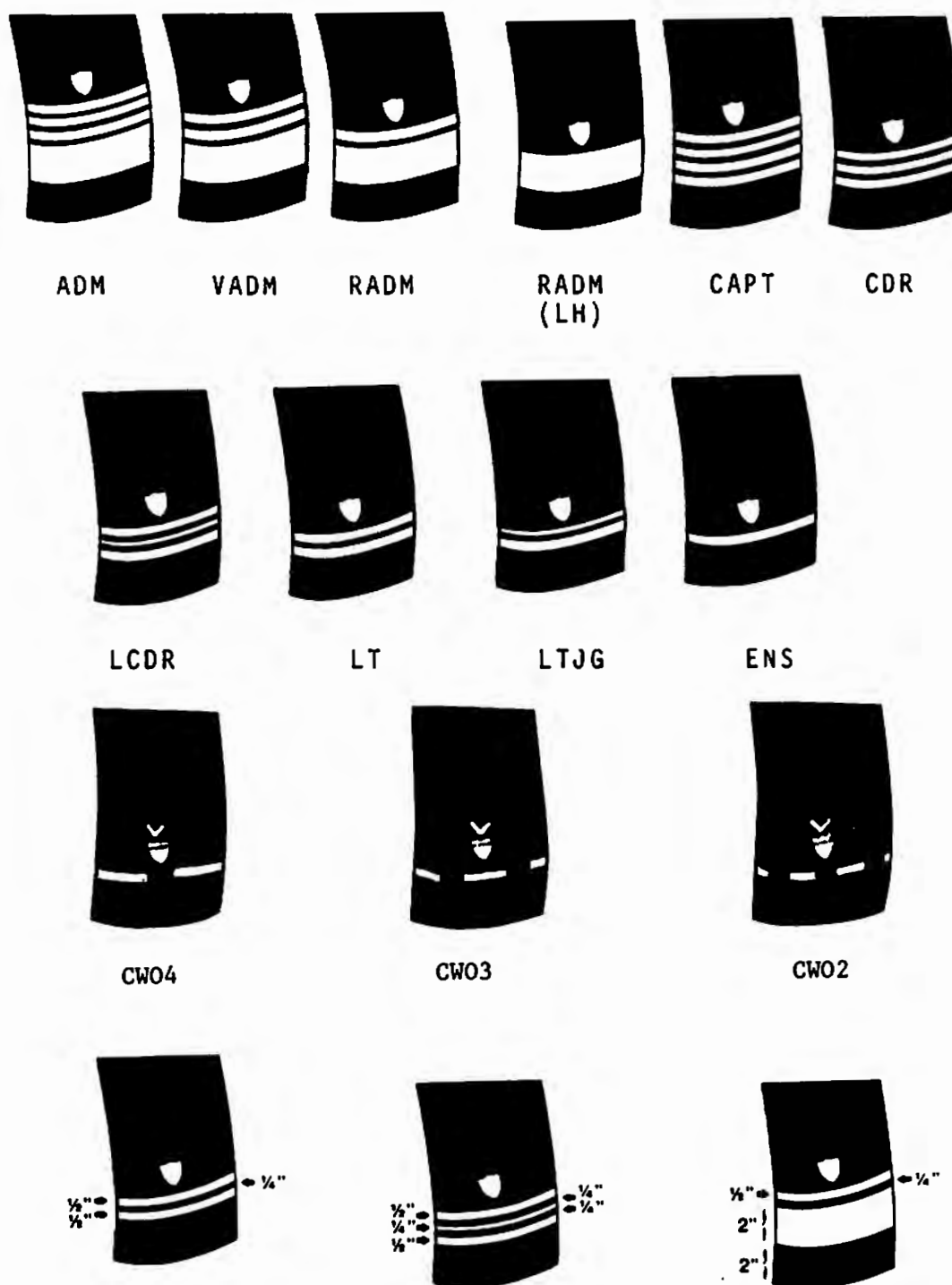
(3) Rear Admiral. Shall wear one 2-inch stripe with one 1/2 inch stripe above.

(4) Rear Admiral (lower half). Shall wear one 2-inch stripe.

(5) Captain. Shall wear four 1/2-inch stripes.

(6) Commander. Shall wear three 1/2-inch stripes.

- 2.C.2. b. (7) Lieutenant Commander. Shall wear two 1/2-inch stripes with one 1/4-inch stripe between them.
- (8) Lieutenant. Shall wear two 1/2-inch stripes.
- (9) Lieutenant Junior Grade. Shall wear one 1/2-inch stripe with one 1/4-inch stripe above it.
- (10) Ensign. Shall wear one 1/2-inch stripe.
- c. Chief Warrant Officer Grade Stripes. Chief warrant officer grade shall be indicated by a single 1/2-inch stripe of gold lace with 1/2-inch break(s) of bright blue silk thread worn on the blue dress coats and blue dinner dress jackets. The lower edge of the stripe shall be 2 inches from the edge of the cuff.
- (1) Chief Warrant Officer (W4). Shall wear one 1/2-inch stripe with one blue silk break centered on the outer face of the sleeve.
- (2) Chief Warrant Officer (W3). Shall wear one 1/2-inch stripe with two blue silk breaks centered on the outer face of the sleeve.
- (3) Chief Warrant Officer (W2). Shall wear one 1/2-inch stripe with three blue silk breaks centered on the outer face of the sleeve.
- d. Chief Warrant Officer Specialty Insignia. Chief warrant officers shall wear the specialty insignia prescribed in this paragraph 1/4 inch above the Coast Guard insignia on both sleeves of the dress blue coat and dinner dress blue jacket.
- (1) Boatswain. Two crossed fouled anchors embroidered in gold placed on the sleeve with the crowns down.
- (2) Weapons. A flaming spherical shell embroidered in gold placed on the sleeve with the flame upward.
- (3) Personnel Administration. Two crossed quill pens embroidered in gold placed on the sleeve with the nibs down.
- (4) Communications. Four lightning bolts embroidered in gold placed on the sleeve with the longer dimension parallel to the stripe, narrow end of the device to the front.
- (5) Naval Engineering. A three bladed propeller embroidered in gold placed on the sleeve with two blades down.



**Figure 2-3**  
**Officer Sleeve Stripes**



AVIATION  
ENGINEERING



BANDMASTER



BOATSWAIN



COMMUNICATIONS



ELECTRONICS



FINANCE &  
SUPPLY



MATERIAL  
MAINTENANCE



MEDICAL  
ADMINISTRATION



NAVAL  
ENGINEERING



PERSONNEL



PHYSICIAN'S  
ASSISTANT



PORT SAFETY  
& SECURITY



PUBLIC  
INFORMATION



WEAPONS

Figure 2-4  
Warrant Officer Specialty Insignia

- 2.C.2. d. (6) Material Maintenance. A carpenter's square embroidered in gold placed on the sleeve with the right angle down and the arm inscribed with measurement lines to the front.
- (7) Electronics. A helium atom embroidered in gold placed on the sleeve with the horizontal electron orbit parallel to the stripe; diagonal electron orbit with bottom to the front.
- (8) Aviation Engineering. A two bladed vertical propeller embroidered in gold placed on the sleeve with the wings parallel to the stripe.
- (9) Public Information. A camera embroidered in gold placed on the sleeve in an upright position with the bottom parallel to the stripe and lens aperture to the front.
- (10) Medical Administration. A caduceus embroidered in gold placed on the sleeve with the staff perpendicular to the stripe.
- (11) Finance & Supply. A sprig of three oak leaves embroidered in gold placed on the sleeve with the longer dimension parallel to the stripe, stem down and to the front.
- (12) Port Safety & Security. A diamond shaped emblem with a law enforcement badge in its center.
- (13) Physician's Assistant. A caduceus with sprigs of oak leaves and acorns at the base.
- (14) Bandmaster. A lyre embroidered in gold placed on the sleeve with the longer dimension perpendicular to the stripe and the base down.

e. Enlisted Rating Badges.

- (1) Description. Rating badges shall consist of an eagle perched with wings extended upward, head to eagle's right, chevrons indicating the wearer's rank and a specialty mark indicating the wearer's rating. The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard shall wear a gold shield and Command Enlisted Advisors shall wear a silver shield in lieu of the specialty insignia. One, two, or three stars are worn on the rating badge above the eagle to designate senior, master, and the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard respectively.
- (2) Positioning of Rating Badges. Rating badges shall be sewn on the outer facing of the left



Master Chief  
Petty Officer  
Of The  
Coast Guard



Master Chief  
Petty Officer



Senior Chief  
Petty Officer



Chief Petty  
Officer



Petty Officer  
First Class



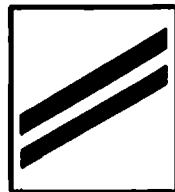
Petty Officer  
Second Class



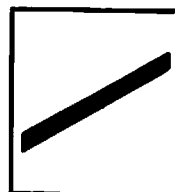
Petty Officer  
Third Class



E-3



E-2



E-1



Designated  
Striker

Figure 2-5  
Enlisted Sleeve Insignia



Aviation Electrician's Mate (AE). A winged globe surcharged with lines of embroidery representing lines of latitude and longitude.



Aviation Electronics Technician (AT). A winged helium atom about which revolve two electrons.



Aviation Machinist's Mate (AD). A two bladed winged propeller.



Aviation Structural Mechanic (AM). Winged crossed mauls with the heads up.



Aviation Survivalman (ASM). A winged flaming spherical shell with parachute.



Boatswain's Mate (BM). Crossed anchors with crowns down.



Damage Controlman (DC). Crossed fired axe and maul with handles down and axe blade to the front.



Data Processing Technician (DP). Quill pen superimposed diagonally on a gear. Pen nib points down and to the front.

Figure 2-6  
Enlisted Specialty Marks (AE-DP)



Electrician's Mate (EM). A globe surcharged with lines of embroidery representing lines of latitude and longitude.



Electronics Technician (ET.) A helium atom about which revolve two electrons.



Fire Control Technician (FT). A range finder.



Fire & Safety Technician (FS). A Fire Fighter's cross.



Gunner's Mate (GM). Crossed gun barrels with muzzles up.



Health Services Technician (HS). A caduceus.



Investigator (IV). Scales of justice with a superimposed law enforcement badge.



Machinery Technician (MK). A gear.

Figure 2-7  
Enlisted Specialty Marks (EM-MK)





Marine Science Technician (MST). A trident rising through waves.



Musician (MU). A lyre.



Public Affairs Specialist (PA). A camera surcharged with a quill pen.



Port Securityman (PS). Block letters "PS" superimposed on a law enforcement badge.



Quartermaster (QM). A ship's helm.



Radarman (RD). An A-scope superimposed on an arrow. Arrow is pointing diagonally upward and to the front.



Radioman (RM). Four sparks with points to the front.



Storekeeper (SK). Crossed keys with stems down and webs outward.

Figure 2-8  
Enlisted Specialty Marks (MST-SK)



Subsistence Specialist (SS). Crossed quill and wheat spike with a key across the top.



Sonar Technician (ST). Earphones with arrow superimposed in horizontal position pointing to the front.



Telephone Technician (TT). A globe with a French type telephone above it.



Yeoman (YN). Crossed quill pens with nibs pointing down.

**Figure 2-9**  
**Enlisted Specialty Marks (SS-YN)**

- 2.C.2. e. (2) (cont'd) coat sleeve midway between the front and back creases and between the shoulder and elbow using thread which matches the color of the uniform. All rating badges shall be machine or hand stitched in place (minimum six stitches per inch).
- (3) Authorized Rating Badges. See Table 2-C-1 below for authorized rating badges.

(a) TABLE 2-C-1

GRADE OR RATE	BACKGROUND FABRIC	UNIFORM	SPECIALTY MARK AND STAR	EAGLE	CHEVRON
E-4 to E-6	CG Blue CG Blue	SDB DDB	White "	White "	Scarlet "
E-7 to E-9	CG Blue CG Blue	SDB DDB	Silver "	Silver "	Gold "
MCPO-CG	CG Blue CG Blue	SDB DDB	Gold "	Silver "	Gold "
E-4 to E-6	Black	(Opt)Dinner Dress Blue (Black)Jacket	White	White	Scarlet
E-4 to E-6	White	(Opt)Dinner Dress Wht Jacket	Blue/Black	Bl/Blk	Bl/Blk
E-7 to E-9	Black	(Opt)Dinner Dress Blue (Black)Jacket	Silver	Silver	Scarlet
E-7 to E-9	White	(Opt)Dinner Dress Wht Jacket	Silver	Silver	Gold
MCPO-CG	Black	(Opt)Dinner Dress Blue (Black)Jacket	Gold	Silver	Gold
MCPO-CG	White	(Opt)Dinner Dress Wht Jacket	Gold	Silver	Gold

- f. Enlisted Group-Rate Marks. Enlisted group-rate marks shall consist of short diagonal stripes on a blue background in various numbers which will indicate pay grade and apprenticeship of enlisted personnel in pay grades E-1 through E-3. White stripes indicate seamen, red stripes firemen, and green stripes airmen. Group-rate marks shall be sewn on the left

2.C.2. f. (cont'd) coat sleeve in the same manner as rating badges. The stripe(s) shall be placed at an angle 30 degrees from the horizontal on a rectangular background with the lower end of the stripe to the front.

g. Enlisted Striker Marks. Designated enlisted personnel in pay grades E-2 and E-3 shall wear the specialty mark of the rating for which qualified. Striker marks on a blue background shall be centered immediately above the rectangular background of the group-rate mark on the left coat sleeve and sewn in the same manner as rating badges.

h. Enlisted Service Stripes.

(1) General. Enlisted service stripes shall consist of embroidered diagonal stripes, worn on the left sleeve of the blue service dress coat and the optional dinner dress jackets to indicate length of service. One service stripe shall be worn for each full 4 years of active or Reserve service in any of the Armed Forces or any combination thereof.

(2) Size. Stripes shall be 5-1/4 inches long, 3/8-inch wide and will be applied to the outer side of the sleeve at an angle of 45 degrees with the lower ends to the front. When more than one stripe is worn they shall be spaced 1/4-inch apart. The lower end of the lowest stripe shall be 2 inches from the edge of the coat cuff. All stripes shall be machine or hand stitched in place using thread the color of the uniform (minimum six stitches per inch).

(3) Color. The service stripes shall be of a color to match the chevrons of the rating badge or group-rate marks worn on the uniform, with a fabric background of a color and material to match the coat.

3. Shoulder Insignia (Officers Only). Shall consist of hard shoulder boards, soft shoulder boards and metal grade insignia.

a. Hard Shoulder Boards. Hard shoulder boards are a combination insignia indicating the wearer's grade, and in the case of warrant officers, their specialty. Officers wear hard shoulder boards on the tropical blue shirt, service dress white coat, dinner dress white jacket, tropical blue coat (females only), reefer coat, and optional overcoat. Male and female officers may wear either the full size or 3/4 size board.

- 2.C.3. a. (1) Flag Officers. The outside face of the board is covered with gold lace showing a 1/8 inch margin of blue cloth on each side. The board is embroidered with a silver fouled anchor with a silver shield superimposed on the shank. The unfouled stock points to the front of the wearer (right and left shoulder). Designation of grade shall consist of embroidered silver stars placed between the crown (bottom) of the anchor and the squared end of the board.
- (2) Officers Below Flag Grade. The outside face of the board is blue cloth. Gold lace stripes the same width, number, and spacing as on the sleeves of the dress blue coat designate rank. The first stripe starts 1/4 inch (1/2 inch for ensigns) from the end of the board. A gold Coast Guard shield is placed in relation to the stripes on the shoulder board as specified for the shield on the dress coat sleeve.
- (3) Chief Warrant Officers. The outside face of the board is blue cloth. Stripe widths are as specified for the sleeves of the dress blue coat but the blue break(s) are 1/2 inch rather than 2 inches apart. The stripe starts 1/2 inch from the end of the board. In addition to the striping, the shoulder board contains the Coast Guard sleeve insignia and specialty insignia of the same size placed in the same relation to the stripe as specified for insignia on the dress coat sleeve.
- b. Soft Shoulder Boards. Soft shoulder boards are configured similarly to the hard boards except that they are dimensionally smaller. Soft shoulder boards are worn on the long sleeve light blue shirt, wooly pully sweater, and the maternity uniform. Male and female officers may wear either the full size or 3/4 size soft board.
- c. Metal Shoulder Grade Insignia. Metal grade insignia is worn on both the epaulets of the trench coat and the windbreaker to indicate the wearer's grade. The outer edge of each device shall be placed 3/4 inch from the squared end of the epaulet.
- (1) Admiral. Four silver-color, five pointed stars. The device shall be worn on the epaulets so that the single ray of each star shall point toward the collar.
- (2) Vice Admiral. Three silver-color stars of the same size and worn in the same manner as prescribed for admiral.



ADM



VADM



REAR ADM  
(UH)



REAR ADM  
(LH)



CAPT



silver



CDR



gold



LCDR



LT



silver



LTJG



gold



ENS



silver break



CW04



silver break



CW03



gold break



CW02

Figure 2-10  
Officer Shoulder and Collar Insignia

- 2.C.3. c. (3) Rear Admiral. Two silver-color stars of the same size and worn in the same manner as prescribed for admiral.
- (4) Rear Admiral (lower half). One silver-color star. One ray shall point toward the wearer's collar.
- (5) Captain. A silver-color spread eagle. Devices are worn with the top of the eagles heads toward the collar and the eagles facing front.
- (6) Commander. A silver-color oak leaf, plain raised and veined. Worn with the tip of the leaf towards the collar.
- (7) Lieutenant Commander. A gold-color oak leaf of the same design and size, worn in the same manner on the epaulets as prescribed for commander.
- (8) Lieutenant. Two smooth, curved, silver-color bars attached at the ends. It is worn on the long center line of each epaulet with the longer dimension of each bar in a fore and aft line.
- (9) Lieutenant (junior grade). One smooth, curved, silver-color bar. Device is worn on the long center line of each epaulet with the longer dimension of the bar in a fore and aft line.
- (10) Ensign. One smooth, curved, gold-color bar worn on the epaulets in the same manner as prescribed for lieutenant junior grade.
- (11) Chief Warrant Officer. A curved bar having a dark blue enamel background with silver or gold markings denoting grade as described previously. The device shall be worn on the epaulets in the same manner as prescribed for ensign.

#### 4. Collar Insignia.

- a. General. Collar insignia shall consist of metal pin-on, clutch type insignia, or embroidered collar devices indicating grade and, in the case of chief warrant officers, specialty. Insignia is worn on the collar points of uniform shirts or other uniform articles as prescribed in the following.
- b. Manner of Wearing. Officers and chief warrant officers shall wear metal collar insignia on the collar points of the winter blue, working blue, and short sleeve undress blue shirts. Officers and enlisted personnel may wear embroidered collar

2.C.4. b. (cont'd) devices on working blue shirts. Chief petty officers shall wear metal collar insignia on the collar points of the windbreaker (both). Officers shall wear rank insignia on both collar points. Chief warrant officers shall wear rank insignia on the right collar point and specialty insignia on the left. All enlisted personnel shall wear rank insignia on both collar points of all shirts (except the white dress shirt).

- (1) Long Sleeve Light Blue and Winter Blue Shirts. The insignia shall be centered 1 inch from the front and upper edges of the collar except that for admirals, vice admirals, and rear admirals the first star shall be centered 1 inch from the front and upper edges of the collar, and positioned with the vertical axis of the insignia at right angles (the horizontal axis parallel) to the upper edge of the collar. Officers wear soft shoulder boards on the long sleeve light blue shirt.
- (2) Open Collared Light Blue Short Sleeve Shirts and Short and Long Sleeve Working Blue Shirts. The insignia shall be centered 1 inch from the front and lower edges of the collar and positioned with the vertical axis of the insignia (horizontal axis at right angles to) an imaginary line bisecting the angle of the collar point. Officers shall wear hard shoulder boards on the Tropical Blue Long uniform. For use as an undress uniform, officers shall wear the short sleeve light blue shirt without loops and with metal collar grade insignia worn in the manner described previously in this paragraph. Officers and enlisted personnel may wear embroidered insignia on the working blue shirts.
- (3) Windbreaker (E10-E7 only). Collar grade insignia shall be worn centered 1 inch from the front and lower edges of the collar and positioned with the vertical axis of the insignia (horizontal axis at right angles to) an imaginary line bisecting the angle of the collar point.

c. Description. Collar grade insignia shall be dimensionally smaller but of the same design as metal shoulder grade insignia for officers and chief warrant officers except:

- (1) Admiral. Four silver-color stars fastened together in a straight line with one ray of each star pointing upward and at right angles to the line drawn through the four stars.



- 2.C.4. c. (2) Vice Admiral. Three silver-color stars fastened together in the same manner as prescribed for admiral.
- (3) Rear Admiral. Two silver-color stars fastened together in the same manner as prescribed for admiral.
- (4) Rear Admiral (lower half). One silver-color star worn with one ray pointing upward.
- (5) Captain. A silver-color eagle. Eagle's head and olive branch shall be to the front (both right and left sides).
- (6) Commander. A silver-color oak leaf. Device shall be worn with stem pointing down.
- (7) Lieutenant Commander. A gold-color oak leaf. Device shall be worn with stem pointing down.
- (8) Lieutenant. Two flat, silver-color bars connected at the ends. The longer dimension of each bar is the vertical axis.
- (9) Lieutenant (junior grade). One flat, silver-color bar. The longer dimension of the bar is the vertical axis.
- (10) Ensign. One flat, gold-color bar. The longer dimension of the bar is the vertical axis.
- (11) Chief Warrant Officer. One flat bar having a background of blue enamel with silver or gold breaks denoting grade worn on the right collar point. The longer dimension of the bar is the vertical axis. Collar specialty insignia for chief warrant officers shall be worn on the left collar point in the manner prescribed in paragraph 2.C.4.b. Metal specialty insignia shall be gold-colored replicas of the those worn on the sleeves of the dress blue coat.
- (12) Chief Petty Officer. Shirt collar insignia shall consist of a 15/16 inch gold-color metal fouled anchor with a silver shield superimposed on the shank, similar in design to the CPO cap device. One, two, or three stars are attached to the stock to designate senior and master chief petty officers and the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, respectively.
- (13) Petty Officer First, Second, and Third Class. Insignia consists of one, two, or three metal, gold-color chevrons indicating grade, mounted

2.C.4. c (13) (cont'd) under a silver-color Coast Guard shield.

(14) Non-rated Personnel. Personnel in pay grades E-1 through E-3 shall not wear collar insignia.

(15) Subdued (darkened, non-reflective) Insignia. At the discretion of the Senior Officer Present, all personnel E-4 and above may wear subdued insignia in wartime or other emergency conditions when the wearing of normal bright finish insignia would be considered hazardous.

5. Breast Insignia.

a. Metal or Embroidered Insignia. Metal or embroidered insignia is worn on the breast to indicate a special qualification or designation. Officers and enlisted personnel who are qualified or designated to wear any of the insignia listed under the approved categories of Aviation, Surface Operations, Command, Small Boat, or Underwater Operations, and whose right to wear the insignia has not been specifically revoked, shall wear the breast insignia subject to the following provisions:

(1) General. Insignia shall be worn on all formal dress, dinner dress, full dress, service dress, tropical, and may be worn on undress uniforms. Embroidered insignia may be worn on the coats of the service dress, full dress, and dinner dress uniforms. Altering of metal insignia by plating or polishing is prohibited.

(2) Qualifications and Approved Insignia. Qualifications insignia of other services or nations shall not be worn on the Coast Guard uniform with the exception of the Naval Surface Warfare and the Enlisted Surface Warfare, which may be worn only when earned while assigned to the Navy as a member of the Coast Guard. They may also be worn after return to the Coast Guard. Approved insignia are as follows:

(a) Command: Command At Sea, Command Ashore, Officer-In-Charge Afloat, Officer-In-Charge Ashore.

(b) Aviation: Aviator, Flight Officer, Aircrew, Flight Surgeon.

(c) Surface Operations: Cutterman, Naval Surface Warfare.

(d) Small Boat Operations: Coxswain.

2.C.5. a. (2) (e) Underwater Operations: Diving Officer, Master Diver, First Class Diver, Second Class Diver, Scuba Diver.

b. Manner of Wear (except Command and Officer In Charge Insignia).

(1) Quantity. Only one breast insignia shall be worn on the Coast Guard uniform at a time except when ribbons or medals are worn, at which time two insignia may be worn in addition to command insignia. When two insignia are worn, they are to be of different categories.

(2) Sizes. Large breast insignia as described below shall be worn on all uniforms except those for which miniature medals are prescribed. Miniature breast insignia, approximately one-half the size of the large shall be worn on uniforms for which miniature medals are prescribed. Insignia shall be worn on the left breast as follows:

(a) Single Insignia. When one insignia is worn with ribbons or medals, it shall be centered 1/4 inch above the ribbons or medals. When worn alone, breast insignia shall be centered 1/4 inch above the pocket flap or the equivalent location for shirts without pockets. On dinner dress jackets, it shall be centered on the lapel 3-1/2 inches below the notch.

(b) Double Insignia. When two insignia are worn with ribbons, one insignia shall be centered 1/4 inch above the pocket and the other centered on the pocket flap with the upper edge of the device 1/4 inch below the top edge of the flap. When medals are worn, one insignia shall be centered 1/4 inch above and the other centered on the pocket face 1/4 inch below the medals. Equivalent locations will be used on shirts without pockets. (Identification badges are considered insignia.)

(c) Aviation, Surface Operations (Cutterman) and Surface Warfare. When two breast insignia are worn at the same time and one of the two is either Aviation, Surface Operations or Surface Warfare; the Aviation, Surface Operations or Surface Warfare should be the uppermost. The Surface Operations and Surface Warfare insignia shall not be worn together. When

- 2.C.5. b. (2) (c) (cont'd) a wearer is qualified for both devices, it is the choice of the individual as to which one is worn. When the Aviation insignia is worn with either the Surface Warfare or Surface Operations insignia, the current or most recently earned insignia shall be worn uppermost. When wearing two insignia of any other categories, the specialty in which currently, or most recently serving shall be uppermost.
- (d) Aircrew Insignia. Enlisted personnel who are qualified for aircrew duty and are subsequently advanced to officer status may continue to wear the Aircrew insignia until such time as they may qualify for other aviation insignia.
- (e) Coxswain Insignia. Enlisted personnel who are qualified to wear the Coxswain Insignia and are subsequently advanced to officer status may continue to wear the Coxswain Insignia.
- (f) Cutterman Insignia. Enlisted personnel who are qualified to wear the Cutterman Insignia and are subsequently advanced to officer status shall wear the gold Cutterman Insignia.

c. Command Insignia.

- (1) Command At Sea/Command Ashore Insignia. Personnel entitled to wear the Command at Sea/Command Ashore Insignia shall wear this insignia in addition to any other breast insignia authorized. The large size Command at Sea/Command Ashore Insignia shall be worn on full dress uniforms. The miniature insignia, one-half size in diameter of the large shall be worn on all other uniforms. The Command at Sea/Command Ashore Insignia shall be worn as follows:
- (a) Present Command. Officers currently in command shall wear the insignia on the right breast centered 1/4 inch above the pocket except when name tags are worn, then it shall be centered 1/4 inch above the name tag. On full dress uniforms, full size Command Insignia shall be centered 1/4 inch above the right breast pocket or 1/4 inch above the ribbons if worn. On dinner and formal dress jackets, men shall wear the miniature device on the right lapel,

- 2.C.5. c. (1) (a) (cont'd) centered 3-1/2 inches below the notch. On dinner and formal dress jackets, women shall wear command insignia centered on the right side one third of the distance between the shoulder seam and coat hem.
- (b) Previous Command. Officers having previously held command at sea or ashore, but not currently in command, shall wear the appropriate insignia on the left breast centered on the pocket flap with the device midway between the stitching on the flap and the upper edge of the button hole. If medals are worn, then the insignia shall be worn centered 1/4 inch below either size of medals. If ribbons are worn with another breast device on the pocket flap, the insignia is worn centered with the top edge of the device 1/4 inch below the lower edge of the flap. When worn alone, the insignia shall be centered 1/4 inch above the pocket except that on dinner dress and formal dress blue jackets it shall be centered on the left lapel approximately 3-1/2 inches below the notch for men, or centered on the left lapel one third of the distance between the shoulder seam and the coat hem for women.
- (c) Display of Insignia. The Command At Sea and Command Ashore Insignia are considered equivalent. During incumbency of either command at sea or command ashore both the incumbent device and the previously earned device may be worn. The present command device will be worn on the right as previously prescribed. After incumbency, both command insignia may be worn on the left breast pocket flap with each device centered between the top and bottom edges of the flap and the side of the flap and the button. The most recently earned device will be placed inboard.
- (d) Identification Badges. When an identification badge is worn, the Command at Sea/Command Ashore Insignia shall be worn above the badge. When the dinner dress jacket uniform is worn, the Command at Sea/Command Ashore Insignia will be worn above the miniature medals and the identification badge below the medals.
- (2) Officer In Charge (OINC) Afloat/Ashore Insignia. Personnel entitled to wear the OINC

2.C.5. c. (2) (cont'd) Afloat/Ashore Insignia shall wear it in the same manner as prescribed for the Command At Sea/Command Ashore Insignia.

(a) Display of Insignia. Enlisted personnel qualified to wear the OINC Afloat/Ashore insignia who are subsequently advanced to officer status may continue to wear the previously earned insignia until they qualify for the equivalent command insignia. The OINC insignia shall then be replaced by the command insignia.

d. Description of Breast Insignia. (Listed in order of precedence by category: command, surface operations, aviation, small boat operations, and underwater operations insignia.)

- (1) Command At Sea. A gold and silver-color metal pin consisting of a miniaturized officer cap device superimposed on a partially unfurled commission pennant.
- (2) Command Ashore. A gold and silver-color metal pin consisting of a miniaturized officer cap device superimposed on a gold-color wreath of oak leaves.
- (3) Officer In Charge Afloat. A dull silver-color metal pin consisting of a Coast Guard shield and anchor superimposed on a rope grommet.
- (4) Officer In Charge Ashore. A dull silver-color metal pin consisting of a wreath of oak leaves open at the top with a Coast Guard shield in its center.
- (5) Surface Warfare. A gold-color (officers) or dull silver-color (enlisted) metal device with the bow and superstructure of a modern naval warship on two crossed swords, on a background of ocean swells.
- (6) Cuttermen. A gold-color (officers) or dull silver-color (enlisted) metal device with a shield on a five pointed star superimposed on a ships wheel centered upon stylized waves.
- (7) Aviator. A gold-color metal winged pin with a fouled anchor behind a shield in the center.
- (8) Flight Surgeon. A gold-color metal winged pin with a silver caduceus superimposed on a shield in the center.

- 2.C.5. d. (9) Flight Officer. A gold-color metal winged pin with crossed fouled anchors behind a shield in the center.
- (10) Aircrew. A gold-color metal winged pin with an anchor and the letters "AC" inscribed.
- (11) Coxswain. A dull silver-color pin consisting of curled waves and crossed oars superimposed with a compass rose.
- (12) Diving Officer. A gold-color metal pin with two upright sea horses facing a diving helmet, and two tridents projecting upward from the helmet. A double carrick bend is superimposed on the breast plate.
- (13) Diver First Class. A dull silver-color metal pin consisting of a diving helmet and breast plate surrounded by sea serpents.
- (14) Diver Second Class. A dull silver-color metal pin consisting of a diving helmet and breast plate.
- (15) Scuba Diver. A gold-color (officers) or dull silver-color (enlisted) metal pin consisting of a wet suit hood, face mask, breathing apparatus.

6. Service Aiguillettes.

a. Types. See figure 2-13 Service Aiguillettes.

b. Wearing. See figure 2-13.

- (1) General Instructions. Aiguillettes shall be worn when performing duty as the Aide to the President; Aide to the Vice President; Aide at the White House; Aide to the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, and Assistant Secretaries of Transportation, and aide to flag officers. Aiguillettes shall also be worn by the chief of staff in the districts, area deputy commanders, and the Executive Assistant to the Commandant. Aiguillettes shall be worn by aids to top ranking representatives of foreign nations visiting the United States when so ordered. They may be worn on official occasions by officers appointed as aides on the staff of a governor of a State or territory.
- (2) Aides to Top Ranking Foreign Representatives. Aiguillettes shall be worn, at all times, by officers designated as aide to top ranking foreign representatives.

COMMAND ASHORE



COMMAND AT SEA



OFFICER IN CHARGE ASHORE



OFFICER IN CHARGE AFLOAT



SURFACE WARFARE



CUTTERMAN



AVIATOR



FLIGHT SURGEON

Figure 2-11  
Breast Insignia  
(CO/OIC, Ops, Aviation)





**FLIGHT OFFICER**



**AIRCREW**



**COXSWAIN**



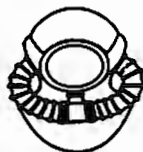
**DIVING OFFICER**



**DIVER FIRST CLASS**



**DIVER SECOND CLASS**

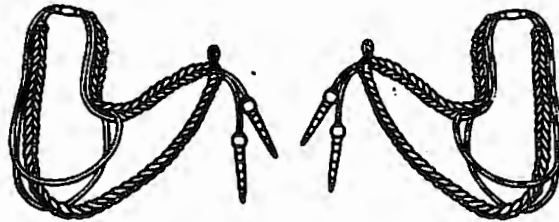


**SCUBA DIVER**

**Figure 2-12**  
**Breast Insignia**  
**(Aviation, Small Boat Ops, Underwater Ops)**

- 2.C.6. b. (3) Aide to President and Vice President. The Aide to the President, Aide to the Vice President, aides at the White House and officers designated as aides to foreign heads of state shall wear aiguilletes on the right shoulder; all others on the left shoulder.
- (4) Outerwear. When worn with raincoats, trenchcoats, and windbreakers, aiguilletes shall be worn on the inside. When a sword is worn with a raincoat or trenchcoat, the aiguillette shall be worn on the outside. When worn with overcoats or reefers, aiguilletes shall be worn on the outside.
- (5) Fourragere. This cord is worn, as required, to represent a requisite number of unit citations, or for ornamentation purposes as appropriate. When a fourragere is worn with aiguilletes, it shall be worn under the aiguilletes.
- (6) Attachment. For attaching service aiguilletes to the uniform the cords shall be bound together, lying flat side by side, with a string of 1-1/2 inches gold lace and fitted with a clasp pin. The aiguilletes shall be attached to the shoulder of the coat just inside the sleeve band seam by means of the pin. For attaching dress aiguilletes the becket shall be attached to the coat in the following manner:
- (a) White coat. On the white coat with the standing collar, the becket shall be attached to the top button of the coat.
- (b) Dinner Dress Jacket and Blue Overcoat. On all other coats with which authorized, dinner dress jackets, and blue overcoat, a small flat button covered with black silk shall be placed under the coat collar at the height of the collar bone for securing the becket; the pencils hanging over the lapel, their suspension cords emerging from the notch in the lapel.
- (7) Aides. Aiguilletes shall normally be furnished to aides. Such aiguilletes shall remain in custody of the organization providing them.
- (8) Dress Aiguilletes. Dress aiguilletes shall be worn with formal dress, dinner dress, full dress, service dress, and the blue overcoat. They shall be worn at official ceremonies, on occasions requiring special honors and ceremonies and at appropriate social functions

## DRESS AIGUILLETES



### MANNER OF WEARING

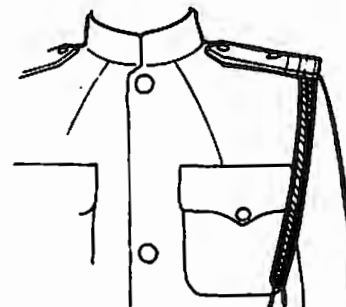
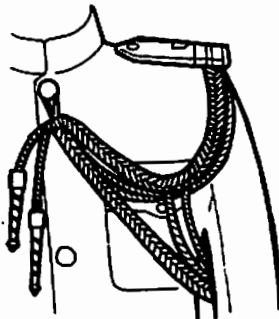
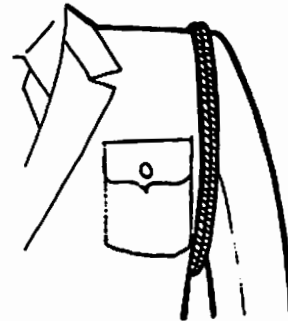
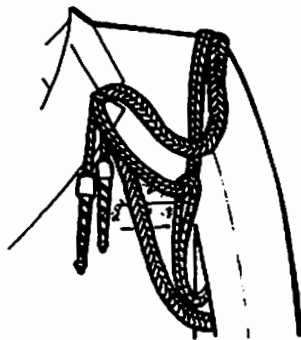


Figure 2-13  
Aiguillettes

- 2.C.6. b. (8) (cont'd) as prescribed locally. Dress aiguilletes should always be worn at social functions for which formal invitations have been extended. Dress aiguilletes similar to those worn by an aide to a flag officer shall be worn at all times by aides to foreign representatives.
- (9) Service Aiguilletes. Service aiguilletes shall be worn with service dress, tropical, undress, and working blue uniforms. Also worn outside the overcoat and reefer except at occasions and ceremonies as mentioned in subparagraph (8).

c. Description.

- (1) Dress Aiguilletes for the Aide to the President shall consist of two single aiguillette cords, approximately 1/5 inch in diameter, with a core of yellow cotton, which shall be covered with gold or gilt thread; plaited, and two additional loops of unplaited aiguillette cord. At the termination of the plaited cords shall be approximately 3 inches of plain cords, at the ends of which shall be secured two gilt metal pencils, approximately 3-1/2 inches long, mounted with two silver anchors. At the termination of the plaited cords there shall be a becket of golden cord (made to wear on the right shoulder).
- (2) Dress Aiguilletes other than for Aide to the President shall consist of two single aiguillette cords, approximately 1/5 inch in diameter, with a core of yellow cotton, which shall be covered by means of braiding with gold or gilt thread and dark blue silk or suitable alternate fiber shall be inserted in such a manner that it will form spiral bands approximately 3/16 inch wide at intervals of approximately 7/16 inch plaited, and two additional loops of unplaited aiguillette cord. At the termination of plaited cords shall be approximately 3 inches of plain cord, at the ends of which shall be secured two gilt metal pencils approximately 3-1/2 inches long, mounted with two silver anchors. At the termination of the plaited cords there shall be a becket of golden cord. Enlisted persons serving as aides will wear a dress aiguillette as described above except that the entire aiguillette will be of solid dark blue.

- 2.C.6. c. (3) Service Aiguilletes for the Aide to the President shall consist of four loops of aiguillette cord approximately 1/5 inch in diameter, with a core of yellow cotton, which shall be covered by means of braiding with gold or gilt thread.
- (4) Service Aiguilletes Other than for Aide to the President shall consist of loops (as indicated below) of aiguillette cord approximately 1/5 inch in diameter, with a core of yellow cotton, which shall be covered by means of braiding with gold or gilt thread and dark blue silk, or suitable alternate fiber. The dark blue silk, or suitable alternate fiber, shall be inserted in such a manner that it will form spiral bands approximately 3/16 inch wide at intervals of approximately 7/16 inch. Enlisted persons serving as aides will wear a service aiguillette as described above except that the entire aiguillette will be of solid dark blue.
- (a) Four Loops. Aides to the Vice President, admiral, or official of higher rank.
- (b) Three Loops. Aides to vice admirals.
- (c) Two Loops. Aides to rear admirals, officers of lower rank, and aides to governor of a State or territory.

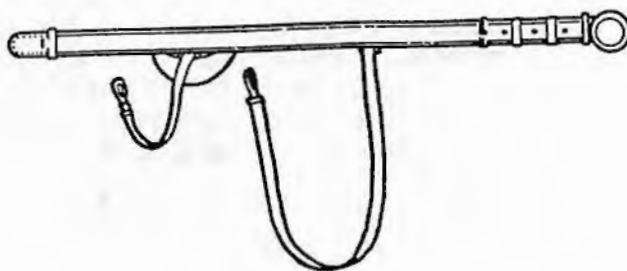
7. Sword and Sword Accessories. Sword, scabbard, sword belt, and sword knot are required of all commissioned officers and chief warrant officers on active duty (except chaplains and USPHS personnel serving with the Coast Guard) for wear with full dress uniforms.

a. Description.

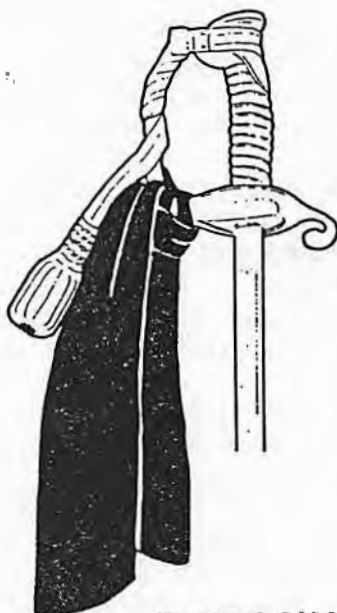
- (1) Sword. The sword shall have cut and thrust blade, from 26 to 32 inches long, half-basket hilt, and shall fit in scabbard of plain black grain leather or synthetic material presenting the same appearance.
- (2) Sword Belt. The sword belt shall be of plain black grain leather, or synthetic material presenting the same appearance, 1-3/4 inches wide with sling straps of the same material, 3/4 inch wide; buckle to be 2 inches in diameter; buckle and mounting to be gold plated.
- (3) Sword Knot. This article shall consist of a loop of 1/2 inch gold lace, 24 inches long with slide and tassel.



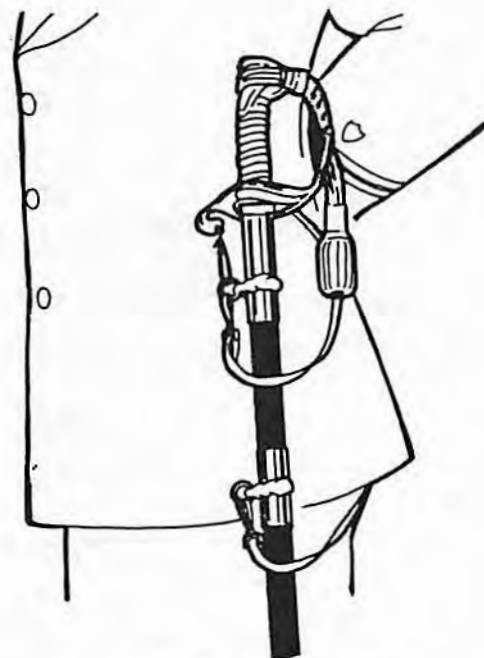
SWORD AND SCABBARD



SWORD BELT



MOURNING BADGE



MANNER OF WEARING

Figure 2-14  
Manner of Wearing Sword

- 2.C.7. b. Preparing the Sword Knot. Hold the sword in the left hand with the blade pointing down and the edge to the front. Pass the end of the lace upward through the hole in guard of the hilt. With the knotted end, take one turn (right to left) around the handle outside the guard and pass it through the eye of the hilt. Adjust the lace slide. Take two or more additional turns down around the guard and let the knot hang free.
- c. Manner of Wearing. The sword belt is worn under the dress 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. The shorter strap is attached to the upper ring and the longer strap to the lower. Twist the sword one half turn in a clockwise direction and suspend on the sword hook with the uppermost scabbard ring. The sword handle faces aft when properly worn (see figure 2-14). A mourning badge is worn on the sword as specified in paragraph 1.B.5. The sword belt is worn over outer garments.
8. Buttons. Coast Guard gilt buttons shall be convex of standard pattern. The outer rim shall be plain and smooth burnished with an inner rim of rope design; in the center a perpendicular fouled anchor with simulated wooden stock, the crown and flukes resting between a laurel and oak wreath, 13 leaves on each side; and perched upon the anchor stock, with a claw on each side, an eagle rising facing to right. Buttons are designated in terms of "line"; e.g., a 40-line button is one inch in diameter, etc.
9. Identification Badges.
- a. Purpose. The purpose of awarding identification badges is to provide public recognition of personnel serving on special assignments.
- b. Manner of Wearing.
- (1) Service Dress and Full Dress Uniforms. With the exception of the Presidential and Vice Presidential Service Badges, identification badges shall be worn on the upper left pocket. The badge shall be centered below the lower point of the flap and bottom of the pocket, and midway between the two sides. The Presidential Service and Vice Presidential Service Badges are to be worn in a corresponding manner on the upper right pocket. Female personnel shall wear the identification badges centered 1/4 inch above authorized ribbons, name tag, or pocket

- 2.C.9. b. (1) (cont'd) flap (in a corresponding position on uniforms which do not have a pocket flap).
- (2) Formal, Dinner Dress Blue Jacket and White Jacket Uniforms. The Presidential and Vice Presidential Service Badges are worn on the right lapel 1/4 inch below the lowest row of miniature medals worn on the left. The Office of The Secretary of Defense Service Badge, Merchant Marine Service Emblem, miniature Joint Chiefs of Staff Service (2) Badge, and miniature Command Enlisted Advisor Badges are worn on the left lapel 1/4 inch below the lowest row of miniature medals.
- c. Service and Identification Badges. Coast Guard personnel detailed to duties within the Office of the President, Vice President, Secretary of Defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff, or other approved assignment may wear the appropriate badge as outlined below:
- (1) Presidential Service Badge. This badge is authorized to be worn by personnel detailed to duty in the White House who have been awarded a Presidential Service Certificate and may be worn during and after the period of their detail. It shall be worn only with uniforms on which the wearing of large medals, miniature medals, or ribbons is authorized.
- (2) Vice Presidential Service Badge. This badge is authorized to be worn by personnel detailed to duty in the Office of the Vice President who have been awarded a Vice Presidential Service Certificate, and may be worn during and after the period of their detail. It shall be worn only with uniforms on which the wearing of large medals, miniature medals, or ribbons is authorized.
- (3) Office of Secretary of Defense. This badge is authorized to be worn by personnel who have received a certificate of eligibility from the Office of the Secretary of Defense authorizing them to wear the insignia. Personnel may wear the badge during, and subsequent to, the period of their detail. It shall be worn only with uniforms on which the wearing of large medals, miniature medals, or ribbons is authorized. The miniature badge is worn on tropical blue, winter blue, formal, and dinner dress uniforms. The regular badge is worn on full dress and service dress uniforms.





Presidential Service  
Badge



Vice Presidential  
Service Badge



Joint Chiefs of  
Staff Service  
Badge



Office of the  
Secretary of Defense  
Service Badge



Master Chief Petty  
Officer of the  
Coast Guard



CG Recruiting  
Identification  
Badge



Merchant Marine  
Service Emblem

Figure 2-15  
Service and Identification Badges

- 2.C.9. c. (4) Joint Chiefs of Staff. This badge is authorized to be worn by personnel assigned to the organization. Personnel may wear the badge during, and subsequent to, the period of their detail. It shall be worn only with uniforms on which the wearing of large medals, miniature medals, or ribbons is authorized. The miniature badge is worn on tropical blue, winter blue, formal, and dinner dress uniforms. The regular badge is worn on full dress and service dress uniforms.
- (5) Other Service and Identification Badges. The wearing of other service and identification badges not specifically listed in these regulations is authorized during assignment to an organization requiring the wearing of such badges. Badges in this category will be worn only during the period of such an assignment and will not be worn subsequent to such an assignment unless specifically authorized by the Commandant.
- d. Merchant Marine Service Emblem. This badge is authorized for personnel who served as active merchant seamen from December 7, 1941 to July 25, 1947. The badge may be worn on all uniforms other than working uniforms.
- e. Recruiting Identification Badge. The Recruiting Identification Badge shall be worn by all Coast Guard personnel currently assigned to recruiting duty.
- (1) Description. The Recruiting Identification Badge is approximately 2 inches in diameter. Embossed around the outside of the Badge is "Coast Guard Recruiting"; the center contains the Coast Guard Emblem. The use of the Navy Recruiting Badge attachment device is authorized.
- (2) Manner of Wearing. Men shall wear the badge on the left breast pocket. The badge shall be centered between the lower point of the flap and bottom of the pocket, and midway between the two sides. On pockets which do not have flaps, the badge shall be centered on the pocket, midway between top, bottom, and sides. When a qualification device is worn immediately below ribbons on the left breast pocket, the badge will be centered just below the qualification device. Women shall wear the badge on the right side, centered 1/4 inch above the name tag.

2.C.9. f. Command Enlisted Advisor (CEA) Badge. This badge is worn by the MCPO-CG and CEA's at district offices and selected Headquarters units as specifically designated by the Commandant.

(1) Description. The CEA Badge shall consist of the SCPO, MCPO, and MCPO-CG collar device affixed to a gold-colored oval disk and with a gold colored interlocking chain border. Beneath the collar device shall be a silver oxidized relieved satin panel with the inscription "CEA" applicable to SCPO and MCPO. The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard shall have a similar panel, but the inscription shall be "MCPO-CG". The regular size badge shall have an overall dimension of 1-3/4 inches in height and 1-3/8 inches in width. The miniature badge shall have an overall dimension of 7/8 inch in height and 11/16 inch in width.

(2) Manner of Wearing. Personnel shall wear the CEA Badge commensurate with their pay grade centered on the left breast pocket of uniforms below all other insignia and qualifications devices.

g. Collateral Duty Command Enlisted Advisor Badge.

(1) Description. The Collateral Duty CEA Badges shall be similar in size and design to the CEA badges except that they shall be silver in color.

(2) Manner of Wearing. Manner of wear shall be the same as prescribed for the CEA badge.

h. Inter-American Defense Board (IADB) Medal. Coast Guard personnel who have been awarded the IADB medal and ribbon may wear them while assigned to the IADB Board. The medal, which is more appropriately described as a badge, is worn in the same manner as prescribed for the Recruiting Identification Badge. Precedence of the ribbon is contained in the Medals and Awards Manual, COMDTINST M1650.25 (series). The medal and ribbon are not authorized for wear after reassignment.

D. Uniform Requirements.

1. Officers and Chief Petty Officers.

a. Responsibility. Officers and chief petty officers are responsible for procuring and maintaining uniforms appropriate to their assigned duties. No attempt is made to prescribe the number of each uniform required to be in their possession nor is any

2.D.1. a. (cont'd) requirement given for personal items such as undergarments, socks, or stockings. Sufficient quantities of personal items necessary to ensure acceptable standards of personal hygiene and appearance shall be procured and maintained. It is mandatory that all officers and chief petty officers dress commensurate with their position in the United States Coast Guard according to the traditions and customs of the Service.

b. Prescribed Items. The major items of uniform clothing which are normally prescribed for officers and chief petty officers are reflected below. Appropriate accessories, insignia, footwear, headgear, and handgear as reflected in section B shall be procured and maintained as required.

b. REQUIRED ITEMS

Uniform, Formal Dress (1)  
Uniform, Dinner Dress Blue Jacket (2)  
Uniform, Dinner Dress White Jacket (2)  
Uniform, Dinner Dress Blue  
Uniform, Dinner Dress White (3)  
Uniform, Full Dress Blue  
Uniform, Full Dress White (3)  
Uniform, Service Dress Blue Alpha and Bravo  
Uniform, Service Dress White (3)  
Uniform, Tropical Blue Long  
Uniform, Undress Blue  
Trench Coat, Blue

b. FOOTNOTES

- (1) Required for all O-6 and above and, in addition, other officers assigned to duty where required by protocol. Optional for all other officers, chief warrant officers, and enlisted members E-4 and above.
- (2) Required for lieutenant commanders and above on active duty and, at the discretion of the Commandant, the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard. Optional for all other officers, chief warrant officers, and enlisted members E-4 and above.
- (3) Required for all officers on active duty (excludes Reserve officers on ADT, SADT, or TEMAC of less than 1 year). Not authorized for chief petty officers.

2.D.1. b. OPTIONAL ITEMS

Boat Cloak (officers only)  
 Cap, Air Force Cold Weather  
 Cap, Unit, ball type  
 Cap, Watch  
 Cap Cover, (vinyl coated)  
 Cape, Gold lining (women officers only)  
 Handbag, black/white (as appropriate) (women)  
 Overcoat, CG Blue (not trenchcoat)  
 Overshoes, black  
 Reefer, CG Blue  
 Scarf, White  
 Shirt, Air Force, Maternity, Long/Short Sleeve  
 (women)  
 Shirt, Winter Blue  
 Shirt, Working Blue  
 Shoes, Gymnasium  
 Shoes, Safety  
 Shorts, Blue  
 Socks, Black, Knee Length  
 Air Force Wooly Pulley  
 Tiara (women)  
 Watchsweater, Pullover Jersey, Navy Blue  
 Windbreaker (either)

2. Minimum Outfit (Enlisted Personnel E6 and Below). The minimum outfit of uniform and accessories prescribed for enlisted personnel E-6 and below of the Regular Coast Guard or Coast Guard Reserve consists of the items shown in table 2-D-1 below.

Table 2-D-1 Minimum Uniform Requirements For Enlisted Personnel

ITEM	U/I	ACTIVE DUTY SEABAG REQUIREMENT REG/RES	RESERVE INITIAL ISSUE IN KIND (OTHER THAN RECRUIT)	RESERVE SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUE (60 DAYS OR MORE ADT)
Bag, duffel	EA	1	1	-
Belt, black w/brass buckle	EA	1	1	-
Bras (women)	EA	6	6	-
Caps:				
Blue working Garrison	EA	1	1	-
w/insignia	EA	1	1	-
Watch	EA	1	1	-
Coat, service dress blue	EA	2	1	1
Crown, Combination Cap	EA	2	1	1

2.D.2. Table 2-D-1 (cont'd)

ITEM	U/I	ACTIVE DUTY SEABAG REQUIREMENT REG/RES	RESERVE INITIAL ISSUE IN KIND (OTHER THAN RECRUIT)	RESERVE SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUE (60 DAYS OR MORE ADT)
Drawers (men)	PR	6	6	-
Gloves:				
Black	PR	1	1	-
White	PR	1	1	-
Handbag,				
black (women)	EA	1	1	-
Hat, combination (complete)	EA	1	1	-
Hosiery, flesh tone (women)	PR	2	2	-
Insignia, as required	EA	2	1	1
Jacket,				
blue work	EA	1	1	-
Name Tag	EA	2	1	1
Neckties:				
Ascot (women)	EA	2	1	1
Black, bow (women)	EA	1	1	-
Neckties:				
Blue four-in-hand (men)	EA	1	1	-
Panties (women)	PR	6	6	-
Shield, CG gold	EA	2	1	1
Shirts:				
Lt blue, long sleeve	EA	3	2	1
Lt blue, short sleeve	EA	3	2	1
Utility, long sleeve	EA	2	2	-
Utility, short sleeve	EA	2	2	-
White	EA	1	1	-
Shoes:				
Black, service (men)	PR	2	1	-
Black, service (women)	PR	1	1	-
Gymnasium	PR	1	1	-
Safety	PR	1	1	1
Dress Pump (women)	PR	1	1	-
Skirt (women)	EA	1	1	-
Slips (women)	EA	1	1	-

2.D.2. Table 2-D-1 (cont'd)

ITEM	U/I	ACTIVE DUTY SEABAG REQUIREMENT REG/RES	RESERVE INITIAL ISSUE IN KIND (OTHER THAN RECRUIT)	RESERVE SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUE (60 DAYS OR MORE ADT)
Socks, black (men)	PR	8	8	-
Socks, black (women)	PR	6	6	-
Towel, bath	EA	4	2	2
Trenchcoat	EA	1	1	-
Trousers:				
Service dress	PR	2	2	1
Utility	PR	4	3	1
Trunks/Swimsuit	EA	1	1	-
Undershirts, V-neck (men)	EA	6	6	-

OPTIONAL ITEMS (E-6 and below)

Cap, Air Force Cold Weather  
 Cap Crown, Vinyl  
 Cap, Unit, Ball Type  
 Cuff Links, Gold (men)  
 Handbag, Black/White Clutch (formal wear) (women) (1)  
 Jacket, Blue Windbreaker (either)  
 Necktie, Black Bow (men)  
 Overcoat, CG Blue (not trenchcoat)  
 Overshoes, Black  
 Reefer  
 Scarves, Blue or White  
 Shirt, Air Force, Maternity, Long/Short Sleeve (women)  
 Shirt, White, Wide Pleated, Soft Front (Formal)  
 Shirt, Winter, Dark Blue  
 Shorts, Blue  
 Socks, Black, Knee Length  
 Sweater, Air Force Wooly Pulley  
 Tiara (women)  
 Tie Clasp/Tack, Gold  
 Uniform, Formal Dress Blue (1)  
 Uniform, Dinner Dress Blue Jacket (1)  
 Uniform, Dinner Dress White Jacket (1)  
 Watchsweater, Pullover jersey, Navy Blue  
 Windbreaker

FOOTNOTE:

(1) Authorized for E-10 to E-4 only

## 2.E. Description of Articles of Uniform Clothing.

### 1. Combination Cap.

- a. Men. The men's model shall be a military cap with a black visor, rigid standing front, flaring, circular rim, and a blue cap band and mount for attaching the large cap insignia. It is worn with a detachable plain white cotton or vinyl crown. Grommet on chin strap shall be worn on wearer's left.
- b. Women. The women's model shall consist of a stiffened oval crown with a blue brim. The brim shall be rolled at the sides and flat in the front and back. The crown shall be encircled by a blue band 1-1/4 inches wide with a blue mount for attaching the hat device in front. Two blue streamers shall be attached to the band at the back. The hat is worn with a detachable plain white cotton or vinyl cover.

### 2. Service Dress Uniforms.

#### a. Service Dress Blue Alpha (Figures 2-17 to 2-19).

##### (1) Coat.

- (a) Men. The men's coat shall be made of Coast Guard blue shade 3362 certified material. Single breasted with notched lapels and roll collar. It shall be semifitted and of conventional length. The coat shall have four patch pockets with flap closures; one on each breast and hip. Each pocket flap shall have a 22-1/2-line Coast Guard gilt button attached. Coat front shall close by four 35-line Coast Guard gilt buttons down the right forepart. All buttons shall be buttoned. Officer coats shall have a slit over the left hip for wearing a sword.
- (b) Women. The women's coat shall be made of Coast Guard blue shade 3362 certified material. It shall be a princess line, semifitted, hip length garment detailed with two short side body belts secured by 28-line Coast Guard gilt buttons. It shall have two flaps; one on each breast for the alignment of ribbons and name tag. Each flap shall have a 22-1/2-line Coast Guard gilt button attached. The coat shall close by four 28-line Coast Guard gilt buttons down the left forepart. All buttons shall be buttoned. Officer coats shall have a slit over the left hip for wearing a sword.



- 2.E.2. a. (2) Trousers (men). Trousers shall be of conventional plain design with no cuff and of the same material and color as the dress coat. Air Force trousers will not be worn with the Coast Guard uniform.
- (3) Trousers (women). Trousers shall be of conventional design similar in outward appearance to men's trousers and of the same material and color as the dress coat. It is authorized to remove the trouser leg flair by tailoring, to dimensions similar in proportion to the men's trousers. Air Force trousers will not be worn with the Coast Guard uniform.
- (4) Skirt (women). The skirt shall be a modified flare bottom with deep front kick pleat. The kick pleat shall not be sewed closed. The dress coat shall be of the same material and color.
- (5) Neckties.
- (a) Men. The men's tie shall be a plain necktie of suitable material and length in Air Force blue shade 1083. Clip-on types are optional. The four-in-hand, windsor, or double windsor knots are authorized for use with this necktie.
- (b) Women. The women's tie shall be a one piece tab tie design with an adjustable velcro neck band. The tie fabric shall be black woven wool, silk, or synthetic material. (The pre-tied bow tie is authorized until no longer serviceable.)
- (6) Stockings (women). Stockings shall be made of plain material, flesh-color, undecorated. Stockings will be seamless.
- (7) Socks (men & women). Shall be black, made of knitted or rib knit, undecorated material.
- (8) Shirt.
- (a) Men. The men's shirt shall be white, of conventional design with a fused collar, one breast patch pocket on the left front, long sleeves with a one button cuff, and shall button down the front using six small plain white buttons.
- (b) Women. The women's shirt shall be white, with a turndown pointed collar and short or long sleeves. It shall button down the

2.E.2. a. (8) (b) (cont'd) front, using small plain white buttons.

(9) Shoes.

(a) Men's Dress Shoes. Men's shoes shall be black, with heels, made of smooth leather or a synthetic substitute. Shoes shall be low cut of plain style without decoration. There shall be no stitching or seams across the toe. Heels shall be no higher than 1 inch. Sole edges, heels, and laces must be black. Shoes with poromeric or similar synthetic upper portions shall not be worn aboard Coast Guard vessels unless specifically authorized by the vessel commanding officer.

(b) Women's Dress Shoes. Women's dress shoes shall be black, plain pump style, made of smooth leather or a synthetic leather substitute without decoration and with closed heels and toes. Heel heights may range from 1 to 2-5/8 inches. Heel widths may be no less than 1/2 inch at the floor. Flat wedge style soles that rise to 1 inch heels are authorized. Sole edges and heels must be black. Shoes with poromeric or similar synthetic upper portions shall not be worn aboard Coast Guard vessels unless specifically authorized by the vessel commanding officer.

(c) Women's Service Shoes. Women's service shoes shall be black, plain, lace up, oxford style with heels, made of smooth leather or a synthetic leather substitute. Shoes shall have three to six pairs of eyelets for lacing. A seam around the toe is authorized. Heel height may not exceed 1 inch. Sole edges, heels, and laces must be black. Shoes with poromeric or similar synthetic upper portions shall not be worn aboard Coast Guard vessels unless specifically authorized by the vessel commanding officer.

(10) Breast Insignia/Devices. This uniform is worn with ribbons, insignia, and name tag.

b. Service Dress Blue Bravo (Figures 2-20 to 2-23). Service Dress Blue Bravo shall consist of the same uniform articles as Service Dress Blue Alpha with the exception of the men's and women's shirts and the women's tie. Exceptions are outlined as follows:

2.E.2. b. (1) Shirts.

(a) Men. The men's shirt shall be made of Air Force light blue shade 1550 broadcloth. The shirt shall have a soft stand-up collar with stays, long sleeves, one button convertible cuff, epaulets, and a patch pocket with button flap closure on each breast.

(b) Women. The women's shirt shall be made of Air Force light blue shade 1550 broadcloth, with a stand-up collar, long sleeves, two button cuff closure, and front gathers below the front shoulder seam. Female officers shall wear the shirt with epaulets. Female enlisted personnel are authorized to wear the shirt with epaulets.

(2) Women's Tie. The women's tie shall consist of a light blue Air force shade 1550 pre-tied ascot. The face of the ascot shall have Coast Guard identification striping less the emblem.

c. Service Dress White (officers only) (Figures 2-24 and 2-25).

(1) Coat.

(a) Men. The men's coat shall be made of plain white, lightweight suitable material such as cotton or Certified Navy Twill (CNT). The coat shall be single breasted, form-fitting, of conventional length, with a stand-up collar. The coat shall have shoulder loops to accommodate hard shoulder boards and have a patch pocket with flap closure on each breast. Each flap closure will have a 22-1/2-line Coast Guard gilt button attached. The coat front shall fasten with five 35-line detachable Coast Guard gilt buttons on the right forepart. All buttons shall be buttoned.

(b) Women. The women's coat shall be made of plain white, lightweight suitable material such as cotton or CNT. The coat shall be single-breasted of conventional length with a rounded collar overlying half peaked lapels. The coat shall have two breast pocket flaps closed without buttons. The coat front shall fasten with four 28-line detachable Coast Guard gilt buttons. All buttons shall be buttoned.

- 2.E.2. c. (2) Trousers. Trousers shall be of conventional plain design with no cuff and of the same material and color as the dress coat.
- (3) Skirt (women). The skirt shall be a plain six-gored skirt of conventional sweep with two inset pockets in the upper part of the front. Skirt material shall be the same as that of the dress coat.
- (4) Shirt (women). The shirt shall be white, with a turndown pointed collar and short or long sleeves. It shall button down the front, using small plain white buttons.
- (5) Necktie (women). The tie shall be a one piece pre-tied bow design with an adjustable neck band. The tie fabric shall be black woven wool, silk, or synthetic material.
- (6) Stockings (women). Stockings shall be made of plain material, flesh-color, undecorated. Stockings will be seamless.
- (7) Socks (men & women). Shall be white, made of knitted or rib knit, undecorated material.
- (8) Shoes.
- (a) Men's Dress Shoes. Men's dress shoes shall be white, with heels, made of smooth leather or a synthetic substitute. Shoes shall be plain, low cut of plain style without decoration. There shall be no stitching or seams across the toe. Heels shall be no higher than 1 inch. Sole edges, heels, and laces must be white.
- (b) Women's Dress Shoes. Women's dress shoes shall be white, plain pump style, made of smooth leather or a synthetic leather substitute without decoration and with closed heels and toes. Heel heights may range from 1 to 2-5/8 inches. Heel widths may be no less than 1/2 inch at the floor. Flat wedge style soles (white) that rise to 1 inch heels are authorized.
- (c) Women's Service Shoes. Women's service shoes shall be white, plain, lace up, oxford style with heels, made of smooth leather or a synthetic leather substitute. Shoes shall have 3 to 6 pair of eyelets for lacing. A seam around the toe is authorized. Heel height may not exceed

2.E.2. c. (8) (c) (cont'd) 1 inch. Sole edges, heels, and laces must be white.

(9) Breast Insignia/Devices. This uniform is worn with ribbons, insignia, and name tag.

3. Full Dress Uniforms.

a. Full Dress Blue (Figures 2-26 to 2-28). The full dress blue uniform is the same as the Service Dress Blue Alpha uniform with the following exceptions:

(1) Gloves. Gloves shall be plain white cotton, lisle, or other suitable material.

(2) Breast Insignia/Devices. Large medals are worn in lieu of ribbons on the left breast. Ribbons with no corresponding medals are worn on the right breast. No name tag is worn. Officers normally wear the sword.

b. Full Dress White (officers only) (Figures 2-29 and 2-30). The full dress white uniform is the same as the Service Dress White uniform with the following exceptions:

(1) Gloves. Gloves shall be plain white cotton, lisle, or other suitable material.

(2) Breast Insignia/Devices. Appropriate insignia and large medals are worn in lieu of ribbons. Ribbons with no corresponding medals are worn on the right breast. No name tag is worn. Officers normally wear the sword.

4. Formal Dress Uniform (Figures 2-31 and 2-32).

a. Jacket.

(1) Men. The men's mess jacket shall be of conventional design made from navy blue (black) lightweight woolen or synthetic blend material. It shall have semi-peaked narrow lapels of the same fabric as the jacket and three Coast Guard gilt buttons down each forepart with a linked button front closure held in position by loops and buttons placed inside each front facing. Rank insignia and gold shield shall consist of the type worn on the service dress blue uniforms. See Table 2-C-1 for information on sleeve insignia for enlisted members.

- 2.E.4. a. (2) Women. The women's jacket shall be Eton style, made from navy blue lightweight woolen or synthetic material. It shall have a narrow shawl collar of the same fabric as the coat and three 28-line Coast Guard gilt buttons down each forepart. Rank insignia and gold shield shall consist of the type worn on the service dress blue uniforms. See Table 2-C-1 for information on sleeve insignia for enlisted members.
- b. Trousers (men). Trousers shall be Navy Blue (black), high-waisted, of plain design, and without back pockets. When worn with the Dinner Dress Blue (black) Jacket, the trousers shall be of the same material as the jacket.
- c. Skirt (women). The skirt shall be Navy Blue (black) plain, six gored, and floor length. It may have an optional slit at both side seams reaching no higher than mid-calf. When worn with the Dinner Dress Blue (black) Jacket, the skirt shall be of the same material as the jacket.
- d. Shirt.
- (1) Men. The men's shirt shall be a stiff-bosomed plain or pique white dress shirt without pleats worn with a wing collar, plain gold cuff links and gold shirt studs.
- (2) Women. The women's shirt shall be of white opaque nylon or similar material with small pleated ruffles down the front, plain turn down collar, and pearl buttons.
- e. Waistcoat (men). The waistcoat shall be made of white conservative weave pique or suitable alternate material with set-in lapel of the same fabric as the vest. It shall be single breasted with a welted pocket in each front section. Closure shall be by three 22-1/2-line Coast Guard gilt buttons on the bottom right forepart.
- f. Cummerbund (women). The cummerbund shall be made of gold acetate satin. It shall have pleats and shall measure 3 1/2" wide. Pleat openings face upward.
- g. Stockings (women). Stockings shall be the same as those prescribed for the service dress uniform.
- h. Socks (men). Socks shall be the same as those prescribed for the service dress uniform.

2.E.4. 1. Shoes.

- (1) Men. Men's shoes shall be the same as those prescribed for the service dress uniform.
- (2) Women. Women shall wear plain black pumps, or black suede or silk pumps (or synthetic substitutes) with closed heels and toes. Heel heights shall be the same as those prescribed for the service dress uniform.

j. Headgear.

- (1) Men. The combination cap shall be the same as prescribed for the service dress uniform. The prescribing authority for functions where formal or dinner dress jacket uniforms are prescribed may waive the use of headgear when it is considered appropriate.
- (2) Women (optional). The tiara consists of a small crescent shaped head piece which fits over the crown of the head. The tiara shall be made of black velvet and embroidered in the center with the device commensurate with the individuals rank. Officers in the grades of commander and above shall have the appropriate visor ornamentation embroidered on either side of the device.

k. Handbag (optional for women). The handbag shall consist of a small clutch type black/white bag (as appropriate) preferably with a collapsible handle. Use of the handle is optional.

l. Gloves. Gloves shall be the same as those prescribed for the full dress uniform.

m. Breast Insignia/Devices. Miniature breast devices and miniature medals are worn on the formal dress uniform.

n. Necktie.

- (1) White Bow (men). The white bow tie shall be a plain style with square ends and shall not exceed 2-1/4 inches in vertical width.
- (2) Black Dress (women). The black dress necktie shall consist of a small crescent-shaped black velvet ribbon tapering toward each end from a width of one inch at the center.

2.E.5. Dinner Dress Uniforms.

a. Dinner Dress Blue Jacket (Figures 2-32 and 2-33).

- (1) Men. The Dinner Dress Blue Jacket uniform shall be the same as the Formal Dress uniform except that a plain white shirt with a turndown collar, black bow tie, and gold cummerbund are worn in lieu of the wing collar, white bow tie, and white waistcoat. An optional pleated soft front dress shirt may also be worn with this uniform. The bow tie shall be of plain style, with square ends, not to exceed 2-1/4 inches in vertical width. The tie may be hand tied or clip on. The pleated gold cummerbund shall be 5 inches high, made from gold acetate satin. It shall be worn with the pleats openings facing upward.
- (2) Women. The Dinner Dress Blue Jacket uniform shall be the same as the Formal Dress uniform except that an optional skirt of conventional length may be worn.

b. Dinner Dress White Jacket (Figures 2-34 and 2-35).

- (1) Men. The Dinner Dress White Jacket uniform shall be the same as the Dinner Dress Blue Jacket uniform except that a jacket of plain white suitable material similar in cut to the blue jacket shall be worn. It shall have two 35-line Coast Guard gilt buttons down each forepart with a linked button front closure held in position by loops and buttons placed inside each front facing. Rank insignia shall consist of hard shoulder boards for officers and sleeve insignia and gold shield for enlisted personnel. See Table 2-C-1 for information on sleeve insignia for enlisted members.
- (2) Women. The Dinner Dress White Jacket uniform shall be the same as the Dinner Dress Blue Jacket uniform except that a jacket of plain white suitable material of the same design as the blue jacket shall be worn. Rank insignia shall consist of hard shoulder boards for officers and sleeve insignia and gold shield for enlisted personnel. See Table 2-C-1 for information on sleeve insignia for enlisted members.

c. Dinner Dress Blue (Figures 2-36 to 2-39).

- (1) Men. The Dinner Dress Blue uniform shall be the same as the Service Dress Blue A uniform except that white gloves, miniature medals, miniature



2.E.5. c. (1) (cont'd) breast devices, and a plain black bow tie are worn in lieu of ribbons, name tag, and the four in hand necktie.

(2) Women. The Dinner Dress Blue uniform shall be the same as the Service Dress Blue A uniform except that miniature medals, miniature breast devices, and white gloves are worn in lieu of ribbons and name tag.

d. Dinner Dress White (Officers Only).

(1) Men. The Dinner Dress White uniform shall be the same as the Service Dress White uniform except that white gloves, miniature medals, and miniature breast devices will be worn in lieu of ribbons and nametag. This is the standard uniform for use by officers, lieutenant and below, and chief warrant officers, for use when the prescribed uniform is Dinner Dress White Jacket or other service's equivalent thereof.

(2) Women. The Dinner Dress White uniform shall be the same as the Service Dress White uniform except that white gloves, miniature medals, and miniature breast devices will be worn in lieu of ribbons and nametag. Skirts will be worn with this uniform. This is the standard uniform for use by officers, lieutenant and below, and chief warrant officers, for functions where the prescribed uniform is Dinner Dress White Jacket or other service's equivalent thereof.

6. Tropical Uniforms (Figures 2-40 and 2-41).

a. Tropical Blue Long. All components of the Tropical Blue Long uniform shall be the same as the Service Dress Blue B uniform except that the dress blue coat shall not be worn and the shirt shall be light blue (Air Force shade 1550) with quarter length sleeves, open-notched lapel collar, two patch pockets on the left and right breast with flap and button closures. The women's shirt shall not have pockets and flaps. Undershirts shall not be visible. Officers' shirts shall have shoulder loops for the attachment of hard shoulder boards. Enlisted personnel, E-4 and above, shall wear collar devices. Non-rated members shall not wear rank insignia on this shirt. The wearing of either the issue or optional unit ball cap, with appropriate rank/grade insignia, is authorized on board vessels with the Tropical Blue Long uniform.

b. Tropical Blue Short (optional). All components of the Tropical Blue Short uniform shall be the same as the Tropical Blue Long except for shorts made of blue

- 2.E.6. b. (cont'd) certified Coast Guard shade 3362 material and knee length black socks shall be worn in lieu of trousers. Shorts shall be cut no higher than 2 inches above the knees. Socks shall be of plain knitted or rib knit material. The top of the sock shall be no lower than 1 inch below the bottom of the knee.

7. Winter Dress (optional) (Figure 2-42).

- a. Trousers. Trousers shall be the same as those prescribed for Service Dress Blue B.
- b. Skirts. Skirts may be worn by women unless otherwise prohibited.
- c. Shirt. The shirt shall be of Coast Guard blue shade (dark) 3362 certified material which matches the fabric of the trousers.
- d. Necktie. Both men and women shall wear the four-in-hand necktie (handtied or clip-on).
- e. Breast Insignia/Devices. This uniform is worn with ribbons and name tag, and collar devices.

8. Undress Uniforms (Figures 2-43 to 2-45).

- a. Undress Blue. The Undress Blue uniform shall be the same as the Working Blue except that the shirt shall be either the long sleeve, or short sleeve light blue (AF shade 1550) as the prescribing authority dictates. Officer and enlisted personnel shall wear collar insignia on short-sleeve light blue shirts. Enlisted personnel shall wear collar insignia on long-sleeve light blue shirts. Officers shall wear soft shoulder boards on long-sleeve light blue shirts. The blue four-in-hand necktie (men) or the ascot (women) will normally be worn with the long sleeve shirt except when it might pose a safety hazard. The name tag may be prescribed by the command. The wearing of dress trousers in lieu of the wash and wear is optional.
- b. Winter Undress Blue (dark) (optional). The Winter Undress Blue uniform shall be the same as prescribed for Winter Dress Blue except that ribbons are not worn. The blue four-in-hand necktie, breast insignia, and name tag are normally worn except when it might pose a safety hazard. Skirts are not authorized for women as part of this uniform.

9. Working Uniforms (Figures 2-46 and 2-47).

- a. Shirt. The shirt shall be made of Coast Guard blue

- 2.E.9. a. (cont'd) shade 3362 basket weave polyester and cotton material with an open-notched lapel collar forming a V-neck. This shirt has both long and short sleeve (quarter length) versions. It shall have two patch pockets with button flap closure. With the exception of winter underwear, undershirts shall not be visible at the neck.
- b. Trousers. The trousers shall be made of cotton/polyester blend, wash and wear material in Coast Guard blue shade 3362.
- c. Shoes. The shoes shall be high top safety boots with a steel toe. Service shoes, either high or low cut, may be worn if the work situation does not require safety shoes. Service shoes made of "corfam" or other poromeric material may not be worn when "hot work" is being performed and may not be worn aboard ship except immediately upon arrival or prior to departure and when authorized by the commanding officer.

10. Maternity Uniform.

- a. Requirement. Except as outlined in Paragraph 2.A.7 of the Uniform Regulations, the Air Force Maternity Uniform must be worn by pregnant personnel when their regular uniforms no longer fit.
- b. Description. The basic uniform consists of a service dress coat (or tunic), and skirt or trousers. It is made of a 100% polyester serge year-round fabric. The maternity long and short sleeve light blue shirts are made of fabric similar in style and color to the regular long and short sleeve shirts. The maternity uniform is available in the following sizes:
- (1) Extra Small 3-4
  - (2) Small 5-6
  - (3) Medium 7-10
  - (4) Large 11-14
  - (5) Extra Large 15-16.
- c. Manner of Wearing.
- (1) Dress. The Service Dress uniform shall consist of long sleeve light blue shirt, ascot, maternity service dress coat with CG buttons, and skirt or trousers. Officers shall wear metal insignia on the epaulets on the service dress coat. Enlisted personnel shall wear appropriate sleeve insignia on the service dress coat. Ribbons, insignia, and nametag shall be worn in the same manner as prescribed for the Service Dress uniform. The Tropical Blue

- 2.E.10. c. (1) (cont'd) uniform shall consist of short sleeve light blue shirt with open collar, and skirt or trousers. Ribbons, insignia, and name tag shall be worn in the same manner as prescribed for the Tropical Blue uniform. Officers shall wear soft shoulder boards on the short and long sleeve AF maternity shirts. The long and short sleeve Air Force maternity shirts are authorized in lieu of the service dress coat and tunic as optional items. When the long and short sleeve shirts are worn in lieu of the service dress coat; ribbons, insignia, and nametag will be worn as prescribed for the Tropical Blue uniform. Long sleeve shirts will be worn with the ascot tie. Enlisted personnel shall wear collar insignia on the long sleeve shirt when it is worn without the service dress coat. The tunic is an authorized optional uniform which may be worn with the Service Dress uniform and the Tropical Blue uniform. The Service Dress uniform shall consist of the long sleeve light blue shirt, ascot, tunic, and skirt or trousers. The Tropical Blue uniform shall consist of the short sleeve light blue shirt with open collar, tunic, and skirt or trousers. Ribbons, name tag, and insignia shall be worn in the same manner as prescribed for the Tropical Blue uniform. The lower buttons of the shirt may be left open as necessary to ensure comfort.
- (2) Undress. The undress uniform shall consist of trousers and the short or long sleeve AF maternity shirt worn without ribbons or nametag.
- (3) Outer Garments. The appropriate uniform outer garments are worn with the maternity uniform when weather conditions warrant. The lower buttons of outer garments which have buttons may be left open as necessary to ensure comfort.
- (4) Hats and shoes. Hats and shoes shall be worn in the same manner as prescribed for other uniforms.
- (5) Formal occasions. Appropriate civilian clothing may be worn by pregnant personnel on those occasions which would normally require formal or dinner dress uniforms.
- d. Supplementary Clothing Allowance. Pregnant officer personnel must purchase their own maternity uniforms. Pregnant enlisted personnel, however, are entitled to Supplementary Clothing Allowance. This is designed to allow the individual to purchase one service dress

- 2.E.10. d. (cont'd) maternity shirts, one skirt, and one pair of trousers. When payment of this allowance is warranted, the individual's commanding officer shall certify the pregnancy and approve payment of the Supplementary Clothing Allowance in writing. Use the prescribed PMIS entry to report entitlement of this allowance (See PMIS Manual, COMDTINST M1080.5 (series)). Subsequent payment of this Supplementary Clothing Allowance will not be authorized within three (3) years of the date of approval of an earlier request. Entitlement is not authorized if the pregnancy terminates before the uniforms are bought.
- e. Procurement Procedures. The maternity uniform may be purchased directly from the Uniform Distribution Center, Cape May (see COMDTINST 10120.2, Uniform Clothing Standard Price List for pricing data) using the order form CG-3019A as used for regular uniform orders. The maternity uniform may also be purchased directly (at higher cost) from AAFES Uniform Shops.

11. Outer Garments.

- a. Boat Cloak (optional for male officers). The boat cloak shall be made of dark blue woolen fabric which may be water repellent. The shape shall be a full three quarters of a circle and shall extend to approximately 2 inches below the knee cap. It shall have a circular velvet collar. Closure shall be with hooks and eyes at the collar and one set of silk or mohair frogs on the chest. The boat cloak is worn with the formal and dinner dress uniforms.
- b. Cape, Formal (optional for female officers). The cape shall be made of dark blue woolen fabric, lined throughout with gold-colored cloth and shall have a velvet collar. The collar shall be closed at the neck by means of black hooks and eyes and across the breast by frogs. The cape is worn with formal and dinner dress uniforms.
- c. Work Jacket (Figure 2-48). The jacket shall be made of navy blue polyester/cotton material with a zippered front closure. It shall have breast pockets with zipper closure, welt hip pockets, raglan sleeves, knitted wristlets, and shall be fully lined.
- d. Reefer (optional) (Figure 2-49). The reefer coat shall be made of Coast Guard blue shade 3362 certified material. It shall be double-breasted, hip length with convertible collar, set-in pockets and a single row of four 35-ligne Coast Guard gilt buttons in each fore part. Enlisted personnel shall wear no rank insignia, officers shall wear hard shoulder boards.

- 2.E.11. e. Trenchcoat (Figure 2-50). The trenchcoat shall be made of dark blue shade 3376 polyester/cotton water-repellent material. It shall be double-breasted with four-button closure, shoulder epaulets, belted waist, sleeves, and include removable liner. It shall be standard knee length. When worn, all four large breast buttons and the belts must be fastened. Enlisted personnel shall wear no rank insignia. Officers shall wear metal shoulder insignia.
- f. Jacket, Windbreaker (optional) (Figure 2-51). The windbreaker shall be the approved Air Force style of either dark blue cotton/polyester or polyester/wool blend material. The jacket shall be single-breasted with, plain collar, epaulets, zippered front closure, and a welt pocket on each forepart. The windbreaker may also have a removable liner. Women may wear the men's windbreaker for optimal fit.
- g. Overcoat (optional). The overcoat shall be of conventional length and made in shade 3362 from approved fabrics. It shall be fully lined, semifitted style, with lay down collar and notched lapel, set-in sleeves, flap weld hip pockets with a single row of four 35-ligne Coast Guard gilt buttons. Enlisted personnel shall wear no rank insignia. Officers shall wear hard shoulder boards.

12. Miscellaneous Articles.

a. Caps.

- (1) Work. The Working Blue cap shall be a conventional baseball style with visor, made of dark blue water-repellent polyester and cotton poplin cloth. All officers and enlisted personnel (E-10 through E-4) shall wear rank insignia on the working blue cap. E-3 through E-1 shall wear the miniature cap device or embroidered facsimile in lieu of rank insignia on this cap. Insignia may be embroidered or metal and should be centered one and one quarter inches above the visor. Unit commanders are authorized to temporarily proscribe the wearing of all insignia on working blue and unit ball caps if warranted by local conditions.
- (2) Garrison. The garrison cap shall be of Coast Guard blue shade 3362 certified material and shall match the uniform material with which it is worn.
- (3) Unit Ball Cap (optional). Unit ball caps shall be the baseball style made of dark blue

2.E.12. a. (3) (cont'd) material. Mesh rear panels and adjusting tabs are authorized. The unit name may be embroidered directly on the cap or on a patch attached to the front of the cap. The lettering must be 1/2 inch gold block style and may include the unit name, location, and hull number. All officers and enlisted personnel (E-10 through E-4) shall wear rank insignia on the unit ball cap. E-3 through E-1 shall wear the miniature cap device or embroidered facsimile in lieu of rank insignia on this cap. Insignia may be embroidered or metal and should be centered and positioned so as not to interfere with cap lettering. Unit commanders are authorized to temporarily proscribe the wearing of all insignia on working blue and unit ball caps if warranted by local conditions. Visor ornamentation of embroidered gold oak leaves and acorns is permitted for officers in the grade of commander and above.

(4) Air Force Cold Weather (optional). This cap shall be the Air Force approved or certified design with ear and neck flaps, ribbon tie or strap with covered metal snap fastener. Combination cap insignia shall be attached to the front flap.

(5) Knit, Watch. This cap shall be the approved Navy design of navy blue worsted, bell-shaped, pullover style.

b. Bag, Duffel. The duffel bag shall consist of a canvas bag, olive drab shade OD-7 with an opening at one end which can be closed by a lock secured through grommets. The bag shall have a small patch pocket on one side and shall be equipped with a carrying strap.

c. Cap Cover (crown), Vinyl (optional). The cap cover shall consist of a plain white, detachable vinyl-coated fabric cover simulating a cotton cap cover.

d. Belt. Belts shall be black or white webbing, as appropriate, 1-1/4 inches wide and fitted with a buckle. The buckle must be unadorned brass or brass-colored. The clip end of the belt will be inserted to the wearer's right and adjusted so that the clip protrudes from the buckle exposing no webbing between the clip and the buckle.

e. Cuff Links (optional). Cuff links shall be gold-color link or stud type of conservative design.

f. Name Tags. The name tag shall be 5/8 X 3-3/16 of Air Force blue-colored plastic material. The lettering

- 2.E.12. f. (cont'd) size shall be 1/4 inch for the individual's last name and 3/16 inch for the legend "U. S. COAST GUARD."
- g. Gloves, Black. The black gloves shall be made of plain leather or other suitable material. Stitching shall match the color of the glove.
- h. Overshoes (optional). Overshoes shall consist of plain black rubbers, overshoes, or rain/snow boots. Boot top shall not be higher than the knee cap. Closure may be by zippers, snaps, or other fasteners.
- i. Rain Cover (optional). Shall be clear plastic without any design or ornamentation.
- j. Scarves. Both the dark blue and the white scarves shall be of conventional size and made of tightly woven wool, silk, material of plain design. Use will be as previously described in this Instruction.
- k. Studs (optional on dinner and formal dress uniforms). Shirt studs shall be of plain gold or gold-color without design.
- l. Suspenders (optional). Suspenders shall be plain white or blue in color without design.
- m. Tie Clasp/Tie Tack (optional). The tie clasp shall be a gold bar style approximately 3/16 inch wide. Tie tacks are also authorized. Both shall be plain except they may be decorated with appropriate Coast Guard insignia.
- n. Umbrella (optional). Umbrellas shall be the telescoping type of plain black material with a straight handle.
- o. Undershirt. Undershirts shall be plain white of cotton or cotton/polyester material with quarter length sleeves and a V-neck.
- p. Sweaters (optional).
- (1) "Wooly Pully" (Figures 2-52 and 2-53). The Wooly Pully Sweater shall consist of a 100 percent wool V-neck sweater of the approved Air Force color and design.
- (2) "Watch" Sweater. This pullover jersey sweater shall be the navy issue style dark blue 100 percent wool "watch" sweater. This garment is authorized on board operational units only, for wear over or under the work uniform.



- 2.E.12. q. Handbag, (optional for women). The handbag shall be of plain black or white (as appropriate) leather or synthetic material, unadorned, envelope style not more than 11 inches wide, 8 inches high and 5 inches deep. It may have a detachable shoulder strap and may be used with or without the strap. Strap shall be adjustable for wearing over the shoulder or carrying over the arm.

F. Ownership Markings.

1. General.

- a. Enlisted Personnel (E-6 And Below). Articles of clothing owned by enlisted personnel E-6 and below shall be legibly marked with the owner's name using black marking fluid for marking light colored articles and white marking fluid for dark colored articles, or with indelible ink when identification labels are provided in the garment. All markings other than those on labels shall be made with a 1/2 inch stencil or stamp if available, otherwise with a stencil not larger than 1 inch.
- b. Right and Left Markings. Where the word "right" or "left" appears, it shall mean the owner's right or left when wearing the garment. On towels, it shall mean the owner's right or left when standing behind the article laid out for bag inspection. The name on all articles when properly rolled or laid out for bag inspection will appear upright to the inspection officer and upside down to the member standing behind the bag.
- c. Transfer or Exchange. No transfer or exchange of uniform clothing of enlisted personnel shall be made without the authority of the Master-At-Arms. When such transfers or exchanges are authorized, or when clothing belonging to deserters is sold, the name of the former owner shall be obliterated with a stamp marked "D.C." (discarded clothing) and the purchasers name shall be placed above, below, or next to it. The Master-At-Arms shall record such changes.

2. Location of Markings.

- a. Required Articles. Required articles of clothing and accessories shall be marked as follows:
  - (1) Duffel Bag. Along the carrying strap on outer side and on the side opposite the strap one foot from the top.
  - (2) Belts. Inside.

2.F.2. a. (3) Caps.

- (a) Work. Initials only, on sweatband.
- (b) Combination (men). Initials only, on sweatband.
- (c) Combination (women). On designated nameplate.
- (d) Garrison (men). Initials only, on sweatband.
- (e) Garrison (women). On designated nameplate.
- (f) Knit Watch. On designated nameplate.

(4) Cap Covers.

- (a) Men. Initials only, on inside of band.
  - (b) Women. Initials only, center back, inside band.
- (5) Service Dress Blue Coat. On designated nameplate.
- (6) Drawers. On the outside right half of the waist band or immediately beneath the waist band on drawers with an elastic waist band.
- (7) Gloves. Initials only, on the inside of the cuff.
- (8) Hand Bag. On designated nameplate.
- (9) Work Jacket. On the inside of the hem at the right of the center line of the back.
- (10) Necktie. On the inside of the hem at the right of the center line on the back.
- (11) Ascot. Center inside back.
- (12) Trench Coat. On designated nameplate.
- (13) Scarf. Inside, along seam near the end.
- (14) Shirts.
- (a) Working Blue. On the inside hem at the right of the center line on the back.

- 2.F.2. a. (14) (b) Light Blue Long Sleeve. Center back inside on lower part of the collar.
- (c) Light Blue Short Sleeve (men). Vertically beginning 1 inch from the bottom of the inner side of the right front fold on which the buttons are sewn.
- (d) Light Blue Short Sleeve (women). Center back inside on lower part of the collar.
- (e) White. Center back inside on lower part of the collar or on designated nameplate.
- (15) Shoes.
- (a) Men. Initials only, inside near top.
- (b) Women. Initials only, on inside of tongue.
- (16) Skirt. On designated nameplate.
- (17) Socks. Initials only, on the foot.
- (18) Towel. Right corner on hem, parallel to end.
- (19) Undershirt. On the outside of the front, 1 inch above the shirt tail and at the right center.
- (20) Trousers.
- (a) Undress Blue. On the label provided or on waistband inside in front at the right of the center line.
- (b) Service Dress Blue. On the designated nameplate.
- b. Optional Articles. Optional articles of clothing shall be marked similarly to comparable items of required clothing.



Figure 2-16  
Maternity Uniform (Enlisted)



FIGURE 2-17  
SERVICE DRESS BLUE "ALPHA" (MALE OFFICER)



Figure 2-18  
Service Dress Blue "Alpha" (Female Officer)



Figure 2-19  
Service Dress Blue "Alpha" (Male Enlisted)



Figure 2-20  
Service Dress Blue "Bravo" (Male Officer)





Figure 2-21  
Service Dress Blue "Bravo" (Female Officer)



Figure 2-22  
Service Dress Blue "Bravo" (Female Enlisted)



Figure 2-23  
Service Dress Blue "Bravo" (Male Enlisted)



Figure 2-24  
Service Dress White (Male Officer)

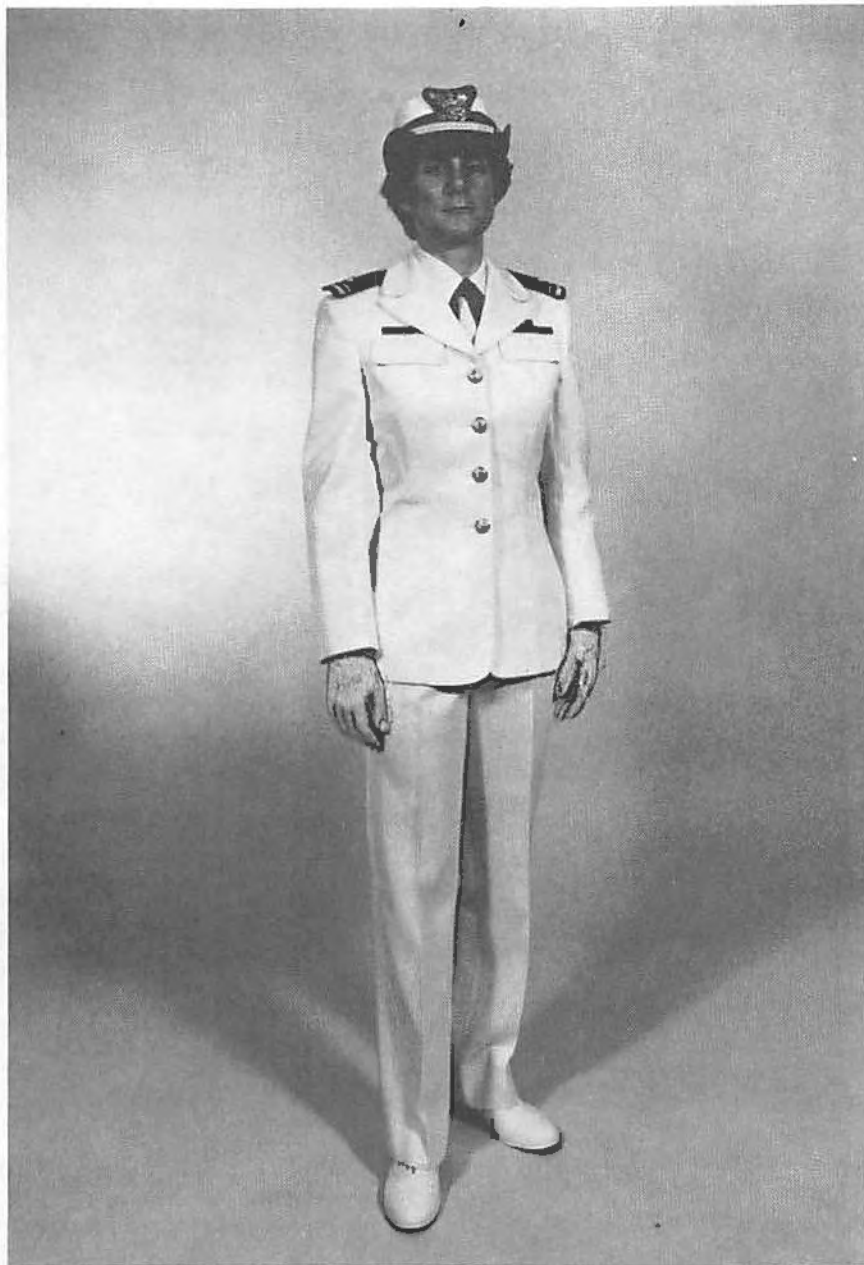


Figure 2-25  
Service Dress White (Female Officer)



Figure 2-26  
Full Dress Blue (Male Officer)



Figure 2-27  
Full Dress Blue (Female Officer)



Figure 2-28  
Full Dress Blue (Male Enlisted)





Figure 2-29  
Full Dress White (Male Officer)



Figure 2-30  
Full Dress White (Female Officer)



Figure 2-31  
Formal Dress (Male)

Chief Petty Officers



(Gold Shield on  
Right Sleeve)

Enlisted (E4-E6)



(Gold Shield on  
Right Sleeve)

Chief Petty Officers



(Gold Shield on  
Right Sleeve)

Enlisted (E4-E6)



(Gold Shield on  
Right Sleeve)



Figure 2-32  
Formal/Dinner Dress Blue Jacket (Optional Tiara) (Female)



Chief Petty Officers



(Gold Shield on  
Right Sleeve)

Enlisted (E4-E6)



(Gold Shield on  
Right Sleeve)

Figure 2-33  
Dinner Dress Blue Jacket (Male)



Chief Petty Officers



(Gold Shield on  
Right Sleeve)

Enlisted (E4-E6)



(Gold Shield on  
Right Sleeve)

Figure 2-34  
Dinner Dress White Jacket (Male)



Chief Petty Officers



(Gold Shield on  
Right Sleeve)

Enlisted (E4-E6)



(Gold Shield on  
Right Sleeve)

Figure 2-35  
Dinner Dress White Jacket (Optional Tiara) (Female)





Figure 2-36  
Dinner Dress Blue (Male Officer)





Figure 2-37  
Dinner Dress Blue (Female Officer)



Figure 2-38  
Dinner Dress Blue (Male Enlisted)



Figure 2-39  
Dinner Dress Blue (Female Enlisted)



Figure 2-40  
Tropical Blue Long (Female Officer)

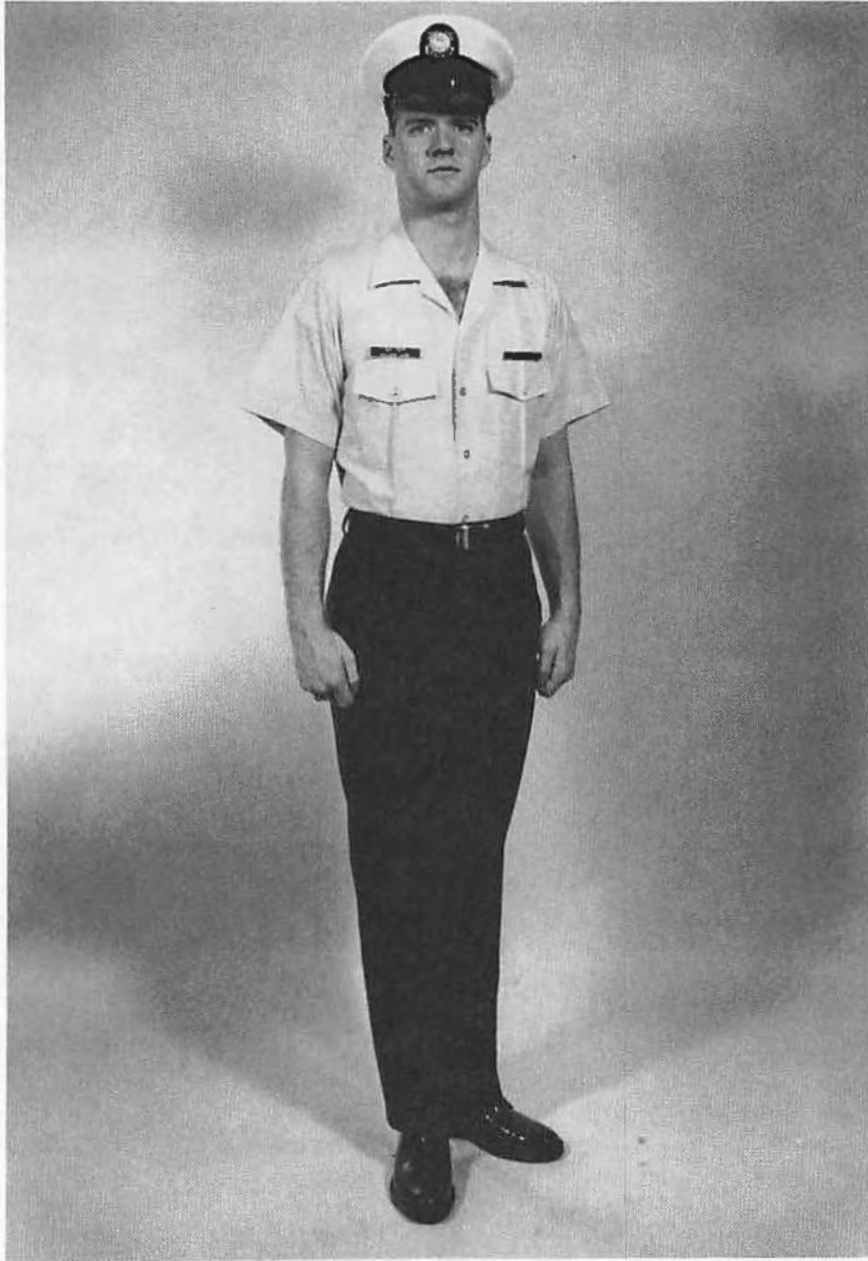


Figure 2-41  
Tropical Blue Long (Male Enlisted)



Figure 2-42  
Winter Dress Blue (Optional Uniform)  
(Male Enlisted)



Figure 2-43  
Undress Blue (Winter)  
(Male Officer)



Figure 2-44  
Undress Blue (Winter)  
(Female Enlisted)



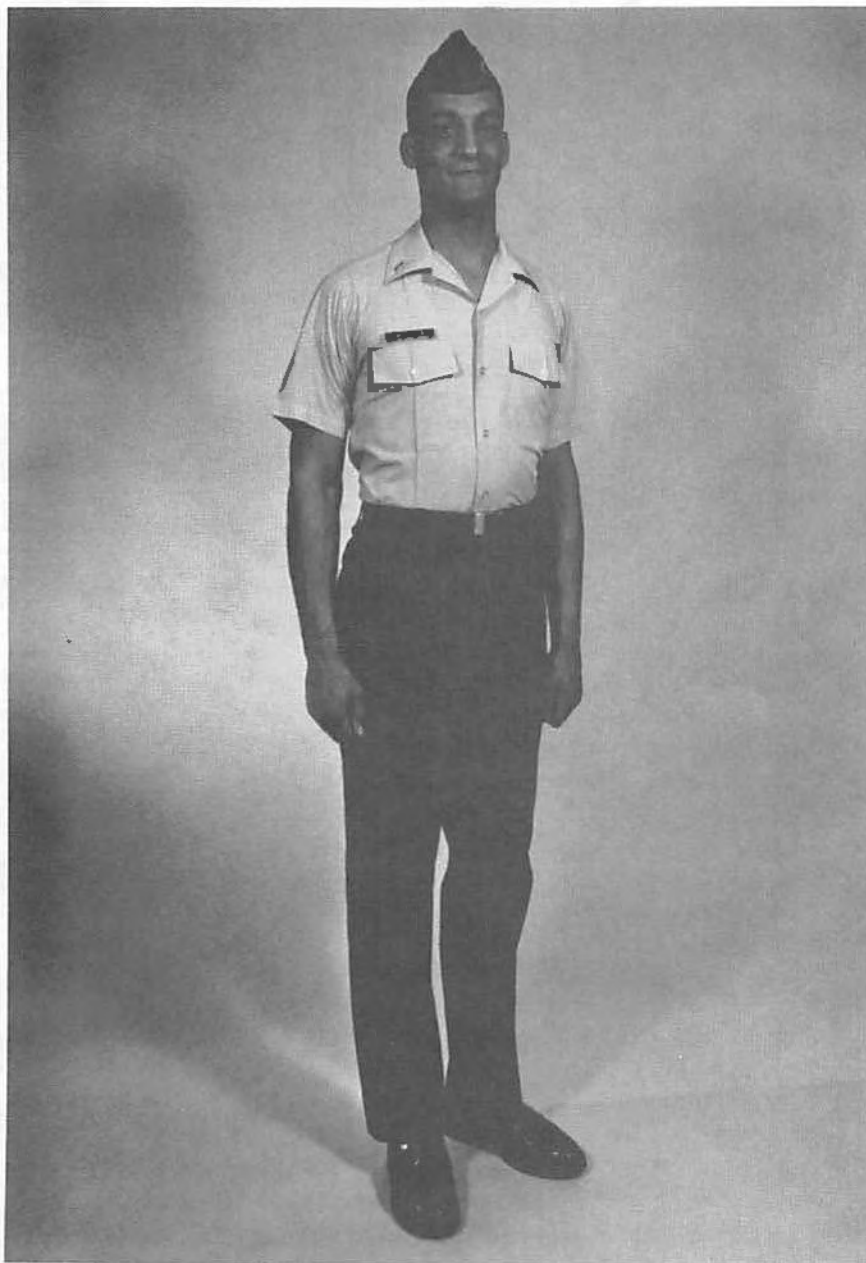


Figure 2-45  
Undress Blue (Summer)  
(Male Officer)



Figure 2-46  
Working Blue (Male Officer)

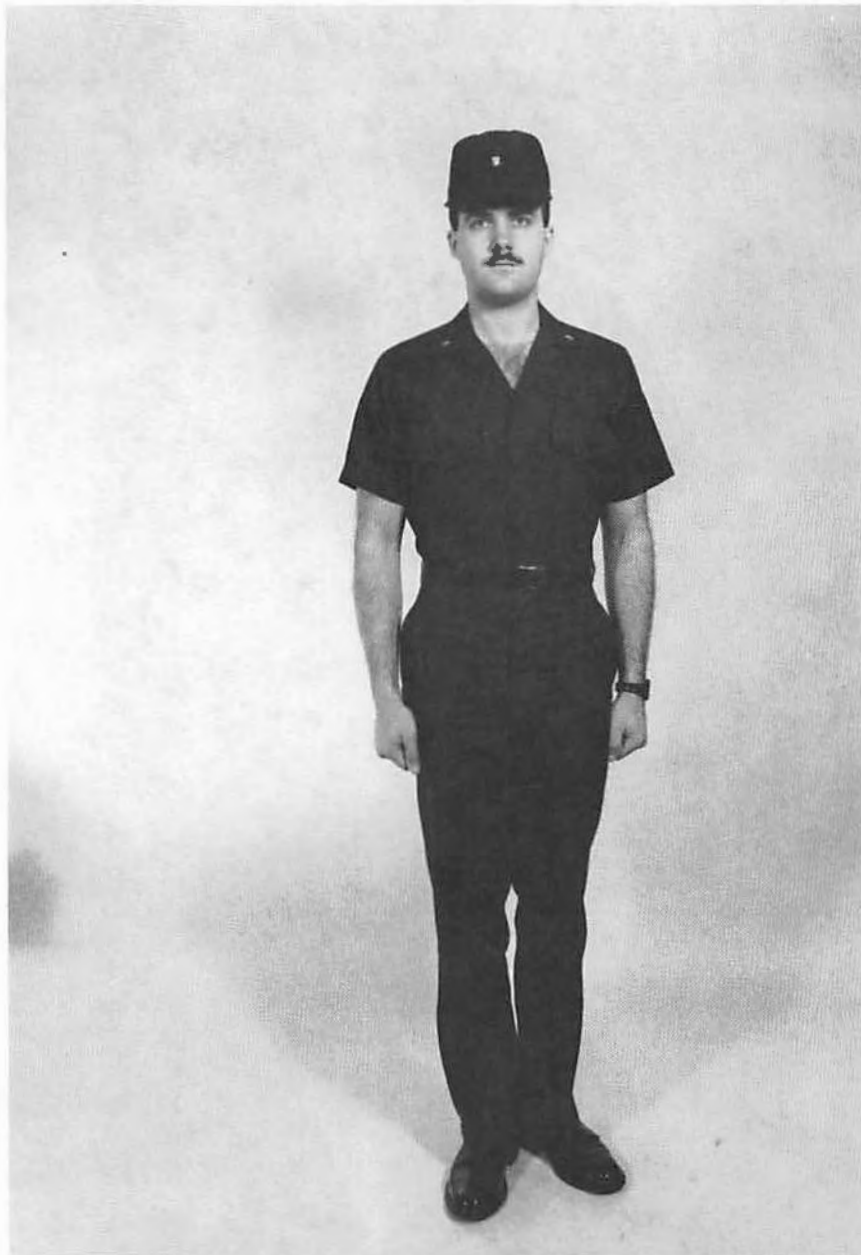


Figure 2-47  
Working (Male Enlisted)

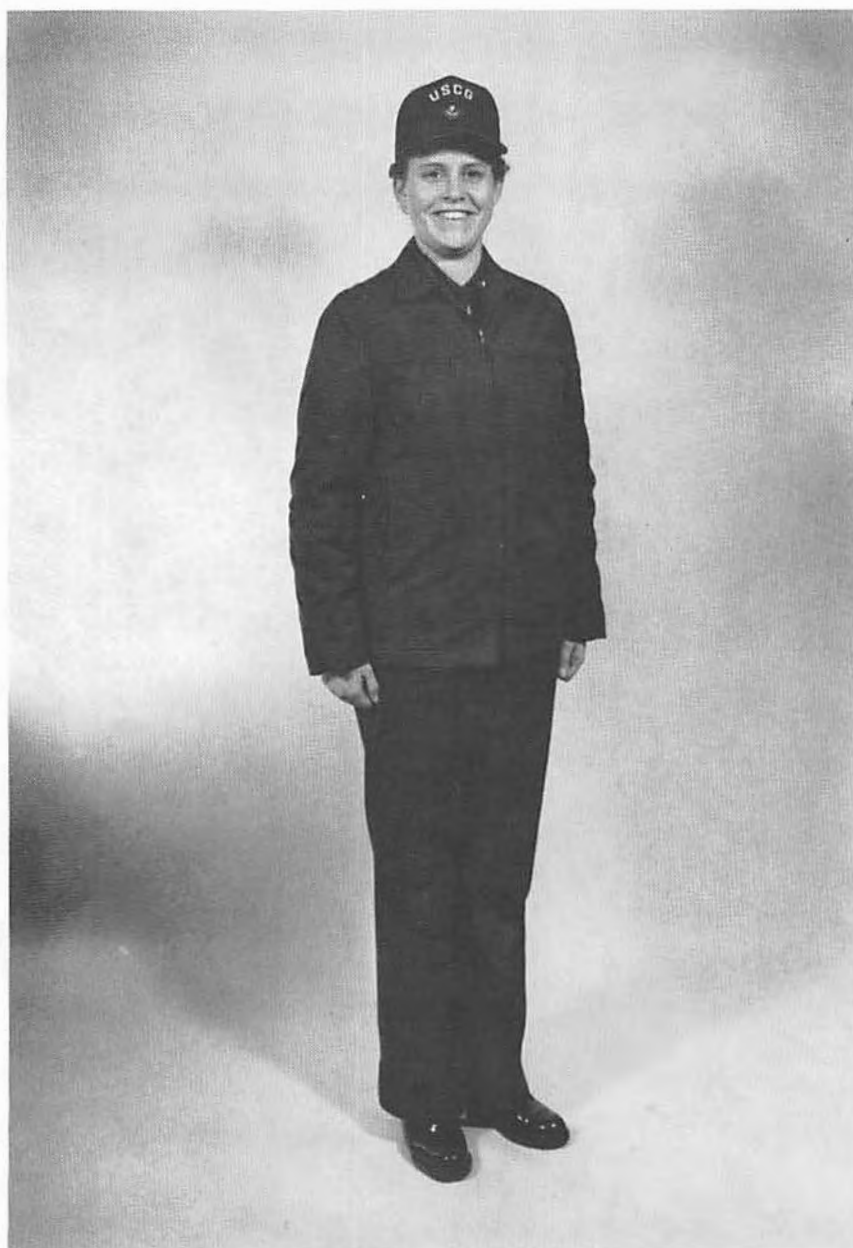


FIGURE 2-48  
WORK JACKET (FEMALE ENLISTED)



Figure 2-49  
Reefer (Optional)  
(Male Enlisted)



Figure 2-50  
Trench Coat (Enlisted)



Figure 2-51  
Windbreaker



Figure 2-52  
Wooly Pully Sweater (Summer)  
(Male Officer)





Figure 2-53  
Wooly Pully Sweater (Summer)  
(Male Enlisted)

## CHAPTER 3. COAST GUARD ACADEMY CADETS

### A. General.

1. The quantities of the various articles of uniform and other clothing required by cadets shall be prescribed by the Superintendent, U. S. Coast Guard Academy.
2. All uniforms and outer garments shall conform, insofar as possible, to the limitations prescribed for male and female officers in Chapter 2.
3. Uniforms worn by cadets on leave, special duty or operating with other Coast Guard units or personnel from the other armed forces shall conform to the uniform prescribed for Coast Guard officers on such duty following the equivalent summarized in table 2-B-1.

## **CHAPTER 4. OFFICER CANDIDATES**

### **A. General.**

1. The provisions in chapter 2 pertaining to officers, shall apply to uniforms worn by officer candidates, insofar as the uniforms and outer garments furnished to them will permit.
2. If officer candidates participate in activities at which other personnel wear uniforms not provided for officer candidates, Commanding Officer, Reserve Training Center shall prescribe a uniform which will be suitable for officer candidates.
3. Composition of uniforms for officer candidates other than chief warrant officers will be the same as uniforms prescribed for male and female officers in chapter 2. Chief warrant officers attending Officer Candidate School shall wear the same prescribed uniform of the grade and specialty held before entering.
4. Commanding Officer, Reserve Training Center, may prescribe modifications to the basic uniform composition as needed. If modifications are prescribed which include items of clothing not part of the uniform requirements for officer candidates, these items will be provided to officer candidates on a loan basis.
5. The descriptions of articles of uniform clothing worn by male and female officer candidates shall be the same as those contained in chapter 2.

### **B. Insignia.**

#### **1. Hat Insignia.**

- a. Combination Hat. Insignia on the combination hat shall consist of a cap device, blue cap band, chin strap, and retaining buttons.

- (1) The hat device for officer candidates will be the gold anchor device as prescribed for Coast Guard Academy cadets except that the letters "OC" 3/8 inch in height, silver colored and mounted on a single pin 5/8 inch long, shall be placed 1/8 inch above the ring of the anchor. The cap band for officer candidates shall be the same as prescribed for the combination cap for enlisted personnel. The cap band and device will be provided by Officer Candidate School (OCS).

- 4.B.1. a. (2) The chin strap shall be 3/8 inch wide, faced with gold lace and shall be secured at each side of the cap by a 22-1/2 ligne Coast Guard gilt button. The chin strap shall be provided by OCS.
- b. Garrison Cap. The insignia on the garrison cap shall consist of the letters "OC", 3/8 inch in height, silver in color and mounted on two pins. The pins will be worn on the left side of the cap, centered 2 inches aft of the forward fold of the cap and 1-1/2 inch above and parallel to the bottom edge of the cap. This device shall be provided by OCS.
2. Sleeve Insignia. Officer candidates shall wear a gold embroidered shield 1 inch in length and 13/16 inch in width centered on the outside of both sleeves of the blue coat with the bottom of the shield 2-3/4 inches from the cuff.
3. Shoulder Insignia.
- a. Hard Shoulder Boards. Shoulder boards for male officer candidates shall be of Coast Guard blue shade 3362, 5-1/4 inches long and 2-1/4 inches wide with a gold embroidered Coast Guard shield 3/4 inch in width and 1 inch in length centered 2-1/2 inches from the outside end of the board. The shoulder board for female officer candidates shall be of Coast Guard blue shade 3362, 5 inches in length and 2 inches wide with a gold embroidered Coast Guard shield 3/4 inch in length and 3/4 inch in width centered 2-1/4 inches from the outside end of the board. The shoulder boards will be fastened with a 22-1/2 ligne Coast Guard gilt button. The shoulder boards shall be worn on the Tropical Blue, Service Dress White, Full Dress White, Dinner Dress White, and Dinner Dress White Jacket uniforms, and the blue reefer. Shoulder boards shall be provided by OCS.
- b. Soft Shoulder Boards. Soft shoulder boards for officer candidates shall be of Coast Guard blue shade 3362, 4-1/4 inches long and 2-1/4 inches wide at the outside end narrowing to 1-3/4 inches in width at the inside end. They shall have a gold embroidered Coast Guard shield 3/4 inch in length and 3/4 inch in width centered 2-1/8 inches from the outside end of the board. The soft shoulder boards shall be worn on the long sleeve light blue shirt and on the wooly pully sweater. Soft shoulder boards shall be provided by OCS.

4.B.3. b. (1) A designation between senior and junior officer candidates will be made with seniors' shoulder boards having one 1/8 inch wide gold stripe 1/2 inch from the squared end of the shoulder board. Shoulder boards for officer candidates occupying staff positions shall be as follows:

- (a) Company Commander - 4 stripes.
- (b) Company Executive Officer - 3 stripes
- (c) Company Guidon Bearer - 2 stripes
- (d) Platoon Commander - 3 stripes
- (e) Platoon Petty Officer - 2 stripes
- (f) Squad Leader - 2 stripes
- (g) Color Guard In Charge - 2 stripes

c. Metal Shoulder Insignia. Metal shoulder insignia for officer candidates wearing the blue service raincoat and blue windbreaker jacket shall be the letters "OC" as prescribed for the garrison cap and shall be worn on both epaulets of each coat. The "OC" pin shall be centered on the epaulet with the bottom edge of the pin 3/4 inch from and parallel to the shoulder seam. Insignia shall be provided by OCS.

4. Collar Insignia.

a. "OC" Pins. Collar insignia for officer candidates shall consist of "OC" pins as prescribed for the garrison cap and shall be worn in the same manner as grade insignia prescribed for Coast Guard officers. Insignia shall be provided by OCS.

b. Company Staff Positions. Officer candidates occupying company staff positions shall wear staff insignia on the left collar point in the place of the "OC" pin. Staff insignia shall be as follows:

- (1) Company Commander - 4 gold bars
- (2) Company Executive Officer - 3 gold bars
- (3) Company Guidon Bearer - 2 gold bars
- (4) Platoon Commander - 3 gold bars
- (5) Platoon Petty Officer - 2 gold bars
- (6) Squad Leader - 2 gold bars

4.B.4. b. (7) Color Guard In Charge - 2 gold bars

(8) Platoon Guide - 1 gold bar

5. Breast Insignia. Breast insignia including medals, ribbons and identification badges shall be worn in the same manner and under the same conditions as prescribed for Coast Guard officers.

C. 1. Minimum Uniform Requirements.

- a. The items listed below are the minimum requirements for officer candidates prior to graduation:

Male

Belt, web black.....	1	
Cap, garrison.....	1	
Coat, Service Dress, Blue.....	2	
Coat, Service Dress White.....	1	
Cover, combination hat, white.....	2	
Device, Officer, combination hat.....	1	
Device, Officer, garrison cap.....	1	
Drawers, white.....	6	
Gloves, black.....	1	pair
Gloves, white.....	1	pair
Hat, combination.....	1	
Insignia, collar, ensign.....	2	pair
Insignia, raincoat, ensign.....	1	pair
Name Tag.....	2	
Necktie, Blue, four-in-hand.....	1	
Necktie, black, bow.....	1	
Ribbons, miniature medals & large medals.....	as	required
Shirt, light blue, short sleeve.....	3	
Shirt, light blue, short sleeve w/tabs....	3	
Shirt, light blue, long sleeve w/epaulets..	3	
Shirt, white, long sleeve.....	1	
Shoes, black.....	2	pair
Shoulder boards, ensign (hard & soft.....	1	pair
Socks, black.....	6	pair
Socks, white.....	1	pair
Sword, complete.....	1	
Trenchcoat w/liner.....	1	
Trousers, Service Dress, Blue.....	2	pair
Trousers, white.....	1	pair
Trousers, Undress, Blue.....	1	pair
Undershirt, white, V-neck.....	6	

FEMALE

Bras, white or beige.....	6	
Cap, garrison, blue.....	1	
Coat, Service Dress, Blue.....	2	
Coat, White Dress.....	1	
Cover, combination hat, white.....	2	

4.C.1. a. (cont'd) Female

Device, Officer, combination hat.....	1	
Device, Officer, garrison cap.....	1	
Gloves, black.....	1	pair
Gloves, white.....	1	pair
Handbag, black.....	1	
Hat, combination.....	1	
Insignia, collar, ensign.....	2	pair
Insignia, raincoat, ensign.....	1	pair
Name Tag.....	2	
Necktie, ascot, w/stripe.....	1	
Necktie, black.....	1	
Ribbons, miniature medals & large medals..	as required	
Shirt, light blue, long sleeve w/epaulets.	3	
Shirt, light blue, short sleeve.....	3	
Shirt, tropical, white, w/tabs.....	2	
Shirt, white.....	1	
Shoes, black, dress.....	1	pair
Shoes, black, service.....	1	pair
Shoes, white dress.....	1	pair
Shoulder boards, ensign (hard & soft).....	1	
Skirt, Service Dress, Blue.....	2	
Skirt, Service Dress, White.....	1	
Socks, black.....	3	pair
Socks, white.....	1	pair
Stockings, flesh tone.....	4	pair
Sword, complete.....	1	
Trousers, Service Dress, Blue.....	1	pair
Trousers, white.....	1	pair
Trousers, Undress Blue.....	1	pair
Underpants, white or beige.....	6	pair

## **CHAPTER 5. CEREMONIAL HONOR GUARD, COLOR GUARDS AND PRECISION DRILL TEAMS**

### **A. Occasions on Which Uniforms Shall be Worn.**

#### **1. General.**

##### **a. Designation.**

- (1) U. S. Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard
- (2) Honor Guard and Color Guards at:
  - (a) Training Center Cape May, NJ.
  - (b) Reserve Training Center, Yorktown, VA.
  - (c) Training Center Petaluma, CA.
- (3) Color Guards for:
  - (a) Cutters, 200 feet or more in length.
  - (b) Shore units having 40 or more enlisted members authorized.
  - (c) All district offices.
- (4) U. S. Coast Guard Precision Drill Team.
- (5) Precision Drill Team for Training Center Cape May, NJ.

##### **b. Duties.**

- (1) The primary duty of the Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard is to provide Coast Guard representation at official Federal, State, local, and Coast Guard functions. Joint Service participation by the Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard is scheduled and directed by Headquarters, Military District of Washington. Performances include Full Honors Arrival Ceremonies for visiting foreign dignitaries at the White House and Pentagon, Wreath Laying Ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, State Funerals for high ranking officials, Joint Services Color Details and Coast Guard Funerals throughout the Washington, DC area.
- (2) The duties of Honor and Color Guards listed above include participation in official Government functions, parades, and civil events. They also function to improve public awareness



5.A.1. b. (2) (cont'd) of the Coast Guard.

- (3) The precision Drill Team is composed of members of the Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard. Precision Drill Teams at Recruit Training Center Cape May are composed of members from recruit companies. They perform primarily for parades, festivals, sports and civic events. They also function to improve public awareness of the Coast Guard and as an aid to recruiting.

2. Occasions For Wear.

a. Full Dress Ceremonial Uniform.

- (1) The Full Dress Ceremonial uniform shall be worn by the Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard on the following occasions:
- (a) All ceremonies at the White House, Pentagon and Arlington National Cemetery.
  - (b) All Full Honor arrivals and departure ceremonies.
  - (c) All State Funerals and All Coast Guard Funerals.
  - (d) All Joint Service Color Details.
  - (e) Any other ceremony as directed by the Military District of Washington.
  - (f) Any other ceremony as directed by the Commanding Officer Coast Guard Information Systems Center.
- (2) The Full Dress Ceremonial uniforms shall be worn by other Honor and Color Guards on those occasions when the Honor Guard or Color Guard is required.

- b. Drill Team Uniforms. Full Dress Blue Ceremonial uniforms without ceremonial belt shall be worn by the U. S. Coast Guard Precision Drill Team, and Training Center Cape May, NJ Precision Drill Team when performing, except that the Tropical Blue uniform with combination hat may be prescribed.

## 5.B. Composition of Uniforms.

### 1. General.

- a. The Full Dress Ceremonial uniform is the basic Full Dress uniform described in paragraph 2.E.3 as modified in paragraph 5.B.2.
  - b. Refer to table 5-B-1 and figures 5-1 through 5-12 for designation and composition of uniforms.
2. Distinguishing Items. Members of the U. S. Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard shall wear the following distinguishing items:

#### a. With Full Dress Uniforms:

- (1) Shoulder cord, white.
- (2) Insignia described in section 5-C.

#### b. With Tropical Blue Uniforms:

- (1) Shoulder cord, blue.
- (2) Insignia described in section 5-C.

## C. Insignia.

### 1. Service Identification Patch.

- a. Description. This is a curved patch with the legend "U. S. COAST GUARD" in white (cable number 67101) block lettering and flag blue (cable number 67124) background and shall be manufactured in accordance with Military Specifications MIL-I-22782B(SA).
- b. Mounting. The ID patch shall be mounted at the outside right shoulder seam of the service dress blue coat and tropical blue shirt no more than one inch below the shoulder seam, to follow the curvature thereof, and shall be sewn on with colorfast matching blue thread.

### 2. Embroidered Shield.

- a. Description. The embroidered shield shall be 1-13/16 inch wide, and 2-1/2 inches high, with a blue chief, six red and seven white stripes in the base. The entire shield shall be bordered in gold, such border to also separate the chief from the base of the shield. The shield shall be constructed to simulate 13 stars in the chief of the shield, arranged in two

- 5.C.2. a. (cont'd) straight horizontal rows, with seven stars above and six stars below.
- b. Mounting. The shall be mounted on the right arm with the upper outside points 1/2 inch below the lower edge of the identification patch described in paragraph 5.C.1.

3. Honor Guard Identification Badge.

- a. Purpose. The purpose of the Honor Guard Identification Badge is to recognize personnel currently serving in the Ceremonial Honor Guard who have been cleared for Presidential support duties.
- b. Description. The Honor Guard Identification Badge is oval shaped, 1-1/4 inches in height and 2 inches in width. It is forged in brass with a highly polished finish. The words "U. S. Coast Guard" are embossed on the upper edge of the oval. The words "Honor Guard" are embossed on the lower edge. The center of the oval contains the Coast Guard shield supported by a crossed rifle and sword.
- c. Manner of Wear. The badge shall be worn with dress uniforms over the left breast pocket. When the badge is worn with ribbons or medals, the badge shall be centered with the bottom edge 1/4 inch above the ribbons or medals. When worn alone, the badge shall be centered with the bottom edge 1/4 inch above the pocket. Female personnel shall wear the badge centered above the left coat pocket flap or in a corresponding position on uniforms which do not have pockets.

Figure 5-1. Honor Guard Identification Badge.



5.D. Uniform Requirements.

1. General. Uniforms for personnel assigned to the Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard and Color Guards, and Precision Drill Teams shall have the minimum clothing requirements set forth in section D of chapter 2.
2. Ceremonial Honor Guard.
  - a. Organizational Clothing. The following items are provided to each member of the Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard as organizational clothing. All items are returned upon completion of duty:

ITEM	QUANTITY
Belts, Ceremonial, blue with Buckle .....	as required
Coat, Service Dress Blue .....	2 each
Gloves, White Cotton .....	as required
Scarf, White .....	1 each
Service Identification Patch .....	as required
Shield, Embroidered .....	as required
Shoulder Cord, blue .....	as required
Shoulder Cord, blue w/Brass Tips .....	as required
Shoulder Cord, white .....	as required
Shoulder Cord, white w/Brass Tips .....	as required
Reefer .....	1 each
Trousers, Service Dress Blue .....	3 pair
Thermal Underwear .....	as required
Drill Jacket, Winter .....	as required
Chin Straps, black .....	as required
Cap Band, Mount And Device, Enlisted .....	as required
Cover, Rain, Combination Cap .....	as required
PT Uniform .....	as required
Ball Cap, Honor Guard .....	as required
Identification Badge .....	as required

- b. Cash Supplemental Clothing Allowance. Each new member of the Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard receives a one time cash supplemental clothing allowance payable to procure the following required additional to their seabag issue.

ITEM	QUANTITY
Belt, nylon black web .....	1 each
Cap, Garrison .....	1 each
Hat Frame, Combination .....	1 each
Necktie, clip-on .....	2 each
Shirt, CG Blue Long Sleeve winter .....	1 each
Shirt, Light Blue Short Sleeve .....	2 each
Shirt, White, Long Sleeve (short sleeve for women)	3 each
Shoes, Service Dress High Gloss Corfam .....	2 pair
White Cap Cover .....	3 each
Windbreaker .....	1 each

5.E. Description of Articles of Uniform Clothing.

1. General. Description of uniform articles of clothing worn by Ceremonial Honor and Color Guards, and Precision Drill Teams shall parallel those descriptive items in section E of chapter 2. In addition, the following described items are listed.
  - a. Shoulder Cords, White is similar to Army Infantry Type, constructed of a series of interlocking square knots around a center cord. To be worn on the left shoulder of the Full Dress uniform, secured half way between the neck and the shoulder by a 28 Line button. Shoulder cord, white with brass tip will be worn by the U. S. Coast Guard Precision Drill Team.
  - b. Shoulder Cords, Blue is identical to a. above, except that it is to be worn with tropical uniform. Shoulder cord, blue with brass tip will be worn by the U. S. Coast Guard Precision Drill Team. Cable color 67003.
  - c. Belts, Military, White (MIL-B-21880). As an optional item, a plain brass buckle, not larger than 3 inches x 4 inches, may be used with the belt, provided that all members in the detail are so equipped. For the U. S. Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard, a plain buckle modified with a raised, centered, metal Coast Guard emblem (colored) is specified.
  - d. Shoes, Black, Dress, High Gloss, Corfam, MIL-S-13192 (or equivalent) are worn with both uniforms. As a mandatory modification for the U. S. Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard, shoes shall be doubled soled, with 1-1/2 inch heel, in addition to horse hide tap on heel and metal toe tap, with brass plate on the inside of each heel.
  - e. Scarf, Bib Type (MIL-S-11922C) is authorized for units identified in paragraph 5.A.1.b(3), Class 7, Dark Blue (Cable color 65012) shall be worn with the Tropical Blue uniform.

5.F. Table 5-F-1. Designation and Composition of Uniforms.

	FULL DRESS CEREMONIAL	TROPICAL <sup>2</sup> BLUE
Belt, Ceremonial Blue w/Buckle	X <sup>3</sup>	X
Belt, Web, Black, w/Buckle	X	X
Cap, Combination, w/White Cloth Cover	X	X
Coat, Service Dress Blue	X <sup>3</sup>	
Gloves, White	X <sup>3</sup>	
Insignia, as required	X	X
Medals, Large	X <sup>6</sup>	
Necktie, Black	X <sup>7</sup>	
Necktie, Blue	X <sup>1</sup>	
Outerwear, as required	X <sup>1</sup>	
Patch, Service ID	X <sup>4</sup>	
Ribbons	X <sup>1</sup>	X
Shield, Embroidered	X <sup>7</sup>	X
Shirt, Long Sleeve, White	X <sup>7</sup>	
Shirt, Short Sleeve, Light Blue		X
Shirt, Short Sleeve, White	X <sup>6</sup>	
Shoes, Dress Black, High Gloss Corfam		
Double Soled w/Cleats	X <sup>1</sup>	X
Shoulder Cord, White	X <sup>1</sup>	X
Shoulder Cord, Blue		X <sup>5</sup>
Shoulder Cord, Blue, w/Brass Tip		X <sup>5</sup>
Shoulder cord, White, w/Brass Tip	X <sup>5</sup>	
Scarf, Bib Type, Blue		X
Socks, Black	X	X
Trousers, Dress Blue	X	X

Foot Notes

- <sup>1</sup> Not required for Color Guards for units listed in paragraph 5.A.1.a.(3).
- <sup>2</sup> May be prescribed for the Precision Drill Teams.
- <sup>3</sup> May be omitted for the Precision Drill Teams.
- <sup>4</sup> Those ribbons with no medals awarded are worn above the right breast pocket.
- <sup>5</sup> Optional shoulder cord for the Precision Drill Teams.
- <sup>6</sup> For women members only.
- <sup>7</sup> For men members only.



Figure 5-2  
Honor Guard Full Dress Ceremonial (Female)



Figure 5-3  
Honor Guard Full Dress Ceremonial (Male)



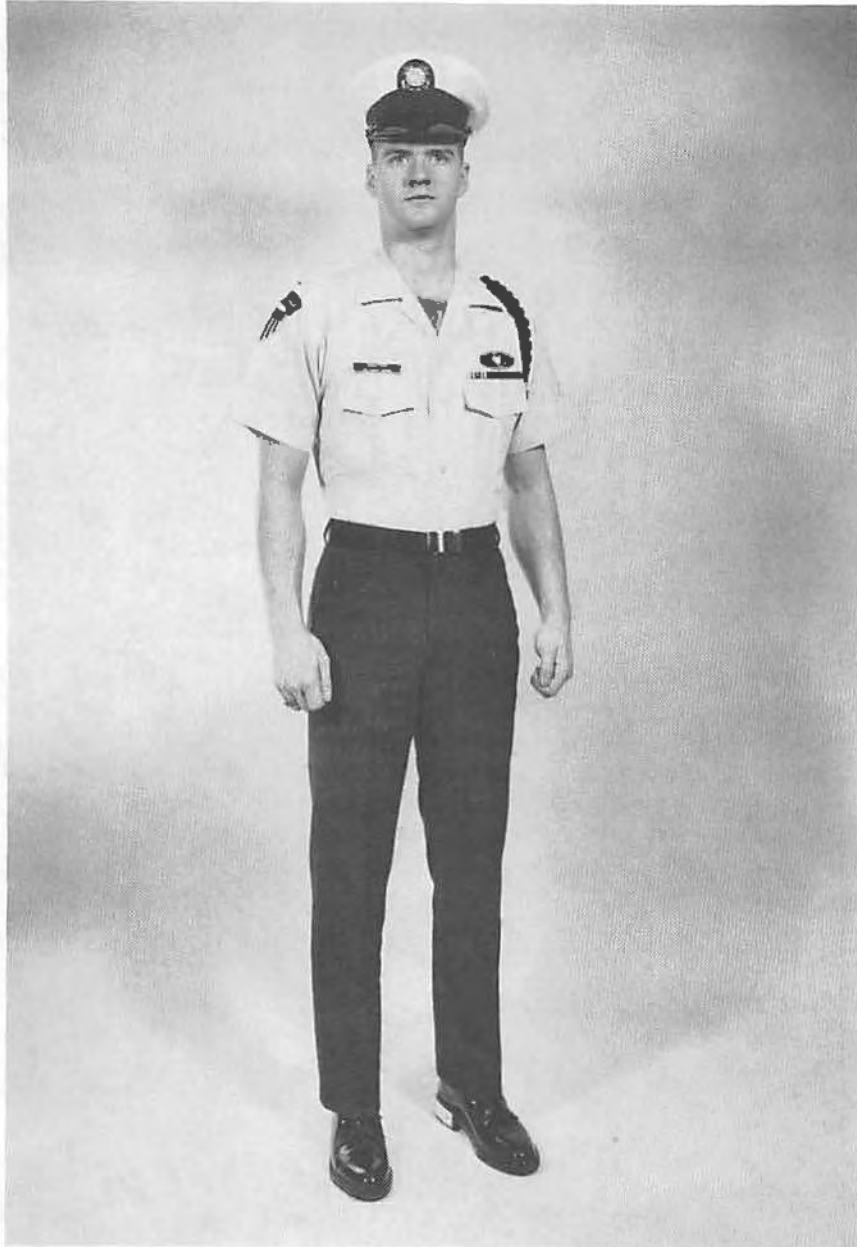


Figure 5-4  
Honor Guard Tropical Blue Long (Male)



Figure 5-5  
Honor Guard Tropical Blue Long (Female)



Figure 5-6  
Honor Guard Service Dress Blue "Bravo" (Female)



Figure 5-7  
Honor Guard Service Dress Blue "Bravo" (Male)



Figure 5-8  
Honor Guard Service Dress Blue "Alpha" (Female)



Figure 5-9  
Honor Guard Service Dress Blue "Alpha" (Male)



Figure 5-10  
Honor Guard Undress Blue (Male)



Figure 5-11  
Honor Guard Winter Dress Blue (Male)





Figure 5-12  
Honor Guard Trenchcoat (Female)



Figure 5-13  
Honor Guard Windbreaker (Male)

## CHAPTER 6. UNIFORMS FOR FOOD SERVICE PERSONNEL

### A. General.

1. For the purpose of this Manual, food service personnel are categorized as individuals assigned general subsistence specialist, messmen and wardroom service duties. Personnel who are assigned food service duties shall wear the uniform prescribed herein.

### B. Composition of Uniforms.

1. General Subsistence Specialists (figure 6-1). The uniform for subsistence specialists shall be as follows:

Apron, food handler's, cotton  
Belt, web, black  
Cap, food handler's  
Collar devices, as appropriate for grade  
Shirt, short sleeve, white, tropical, or white, chef's,  
3/4 sleeve (100% cotton recommended)  
Shoes, safety, black  
Socks, black  
Trousers, cotton, white

Note: The shirt, and trousers shall be organizational clothing, but issued to the member on a permanent basis. Each subsistence specialist assigned to food service duties shall have three complete serviceable uniforms. The food service cap and apron shall also be organizational items, but procured, controlled, and retained at the unit. The collar devices, black shoes, and black socks are required items of member's seabag.

2. Mess Attendants. Mess Attendants uniforms are defined in two parts as follows:

- a. Foodservers. The following items constitute the foodservers uniform:

Apron, food handler's  
Belt, black, web  
Cap, food handler's  
Shirt, white, short sleeve  
Shoes, safety, black  
Socks, Black  
Trousers, undress, blue

- b. Scullery Personnel. The uniform for scullery personnel shall consist of the following:

Apron, Waterproof, or white, food handlers  
Belt, web, black  
Cap, food handlers (paper, disposable recommended)

- 6.B.2. b. (cont'd) Shirt, working, blue  
Shoes, safety, black  
Socks, black  
Trousers, undress, blue

Note: The trousers, belt, shoes, and socks are required items of member's seabag. The food handler's apron, cap, and white shirt shall be organizational items and shall be procured, controlled, and maintained by the unit.

3. Wardroom Service (figure 6-2). The uniform for wardroom service personnel shall be as follows:

Belt, black, web  
Jacket, white, foodserver's  
Shirt, white, dress (org. clthg), or light blue, dress  
Shoes and socks, black  
Trousers, blue dress/undress as appropriate

OR:

Belt, black, web  
Jacket, white ETON style  
Shirt, light blue, dress  
Shoes and socks, black  
Tie, black bow  
Trousers, blue, dress/undress as appropriate

Note: The units shall have the option of instituting both the wardroom service uniforms described above. However, only one type of uniform shall be in use during any one occasion. In either case, the jacket shall be white. Units presently utilizing ETON style jackets other than white are authorized to continue their use until replacement is required. Replacements shall be white. The jackets and bow tie shall be organizational in nature, procured, controlled, and maintained by the unit. The dress/undress trousers, light blue shirt, belt, shoes and socks are required seabag items and shall be provided by the member.

4. Flag Quarters. The uniform for personnel assigned to Flag Quarters shall be as prescribed for Wardroom Service except as follows:

Shirt, white, Navy Service Dress  
Shirt, white, Navy Tropical  
Trousers, black, Navy Service Dress

Note: The above excepted items shall be procured as organizational clothing.



Figure 6-1  
Subsistence Specialist Uniform

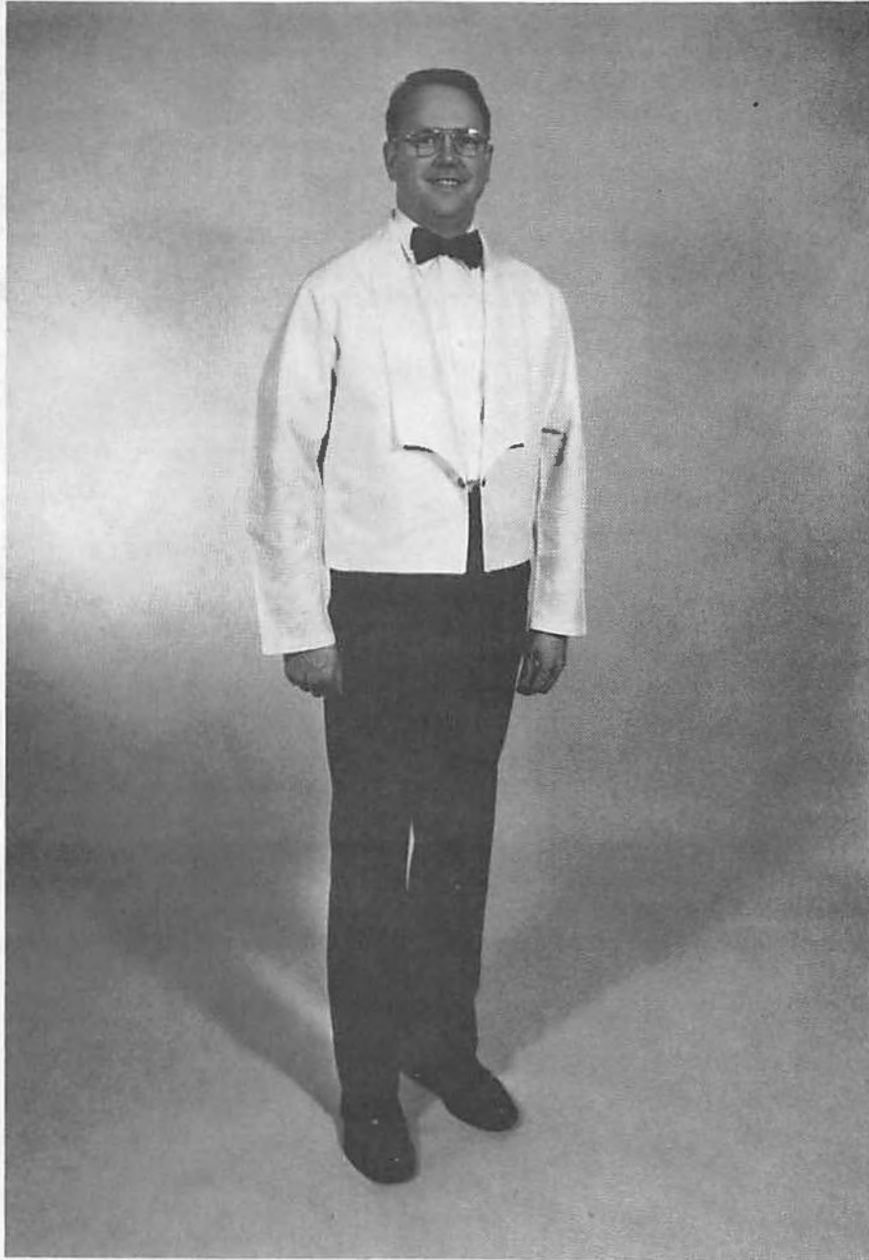


Figure 6-2  
Wardroom Service (Eton Style)

## CHAPTER 7. COAST GUARD BAND

### A. General.

1. The provisions of section A of chapter 2 shall apply to uniforms worn by members of the U. S. Coast Guard Band, insofar as the uniforms and outer garments prescribed for them will permit.
2. Parade and concert uniforms worn by members of the U. S. Coast Guard Band shall as prescribed by the Director.

### B. Composition of Uniforms.

#### 1. Composition of Male And Female Uniforms.

Table 7-B-1 Designation And Composition Of Uniforms

Male					
UNIFORM	COAT	TROUSERS	SHIRT	NECKTIE	SHOES
Ceremonial Parade Dress	Parade Dress	Parade Dress	Long Sleeve <sup>1</sup> Light Blue	Blue Four-in Hand	Black
Tropical Parade Dress	None	Parade Dress	Short Sleeve <sup>3</sup> Light Blue	None	Black
Formal Concert Blue	Formal Concert Blue	Formal <sup>2</sup> Concert Blue	Pleated White Formal	CG Blue Bow	Black
Female					
UNIFORM	COAT	TROUSERS	SHIRT	NECKTIE	SHOES
Ceremonial Parade Dress	Parade Dress	Parade <sup>4</sup> Dress	Long Sleeve <sup>1</sup> Light Blue	Black	Black
Tropical Parade Dress	None	Parade Dress	Short Sleeve <sup>3</sup> Light Blue	None	Black
Formal Concert Blue	Formal Concert Blue	Formal Concert Blue Skirt	Ruffled White Formal	CG Blue Bow	Black Dress

#### Notes:

- <sup>1</sup> White shirt without collar insignia may be prescribed.
- <sup>2</sup> Suspenders shall be worn.
- <sup>3</sup> Name tags and ribbons shall be worn unless otherwise directed.
- <sup>4</sup> Service Dress Blue skirt shall be worn when prescribed.

7.B.2. Authorized Modifications To Designated Uniforms.

- a. White gloves as described in 2.E.3 shall be worn when prescribed by the Band Director.
- b. Trenchcoats, or reefers shall be worn when prescribed by the Band Director.
- c. The garrison cap may be prescribed by the Band Director for travel.
- d. The Director and Assistant Director may wear Coast Guard blue tails, wing collar shirt, white bow tie and white waist coat when conducting in formal concert. The gold cummerbund shall not be worn with tails.
- e. White scarves as described in 2.E.10 shall be worn when prescribed by the Band Director.

C. Insignia.

1. General. Officers and enlisted members of the U. S. Coast Guard Band shall wear insignia as prescribed for their respective grade or rate, except for those insignia to be worn by enlisted members on Band uniforms as described in this section.
2. Cap Insignia. The cap device shall consist of a gold color metal lyre device superimposed on the shank of a gold color fouled anchor, and shall have a silver-color Coast Guard shield superimposed on the lyre.
3. Coat Insignia. Each shoulder shall have a 1-7/8 inch wide epaulet with a 1/16 inch red border. The epaulets will fasten with a 1/2 inch Coast Guard gilt button. Each upper arm of the coat shall have a rocker reading: "U.S. COAST GUARD" sewn on 1-1/4 inch below the shoulder seam. There will be a United States shield centered on the right arm 1/2 inch below the tips of the rocker and a gold Coast Guard shield on the lower right sleeve placed midway between the cuff and the elbow. No rating badge shall be worn. A shoulder cord with the main color red and the minor color blue shall be worn under the epaulet on the left shoulder. No ribbons or name tags shall be worn.
4. Trouser Insignia. A 1/16 inch red stripe shall be sewn in the outside seam of the trousers extending from the bottom of the pocket welt to the end of the trouser leg.





Figure 7-1  
Band-Ceremonial Parade Dress (Male)



Figure 7-2  
Band-Ceremonial Parade Dress (Female)



Figure 7-3  
Band-Tropical Parade Dress (Male)



Figure 7-4  
Band-Tropical Parade Dress (Female)

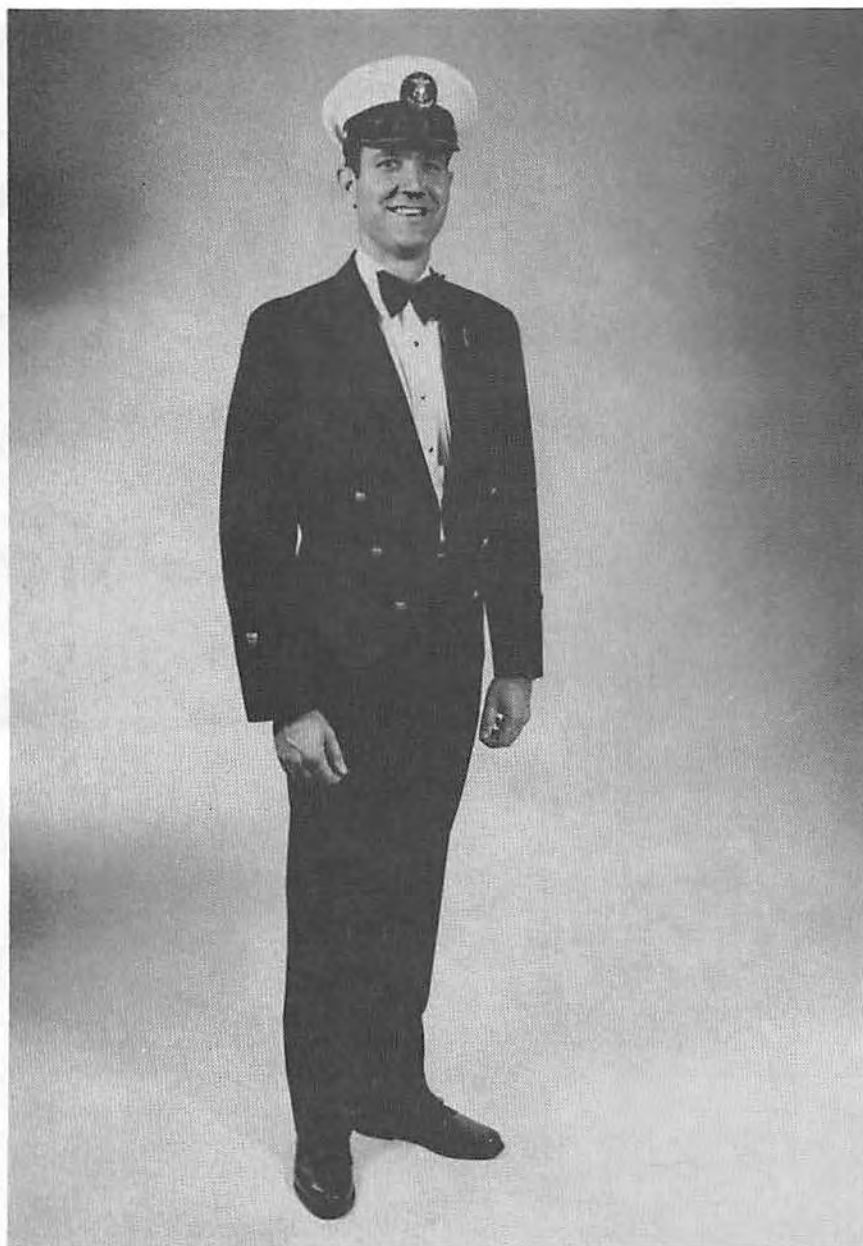


Figure 7-5  
Band-Formal Concert Blue (Male)



Figure 7-6  
Band-Formal Concert Blue (Female)

- 7.C.5. Baldric. The drum major of the U. S. Coast Guard Band shall wear a Baldric when prescribed by the Band Director. The main device shall be the U. S. Coast Guard Eagle, per specifications provided by the Institute of Heraldry. Beneath the main device shall be at least the thirty-six honors as accrued to the Service since the French Naval War.

D. Uniform Requirements.

1. Officers. Officers are responsible for procuring and maintaining the required uniforms as noted in section D of chapter 2.
2. Enlisted Personnel. The minimum outfit for enlisted members will be the same as prescribed in section D of chapter 2, except as indicated below:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Belt, black .....	2
Buckle, brass .....	2
Cap Covers, white (male) .....	4
Cap, frame, combination (male) .....	2
Cap, mount w/band (male) .....	2
Chin strap (male) .....	2
Collar device .....	2
Hat, combination w/two covers (female) ...	2
Insignia, dress cap .....	2
Jacket, windbreaker .....	1
Necktie, four-in-hand (male) .....	2
Necktie, black bow (female) .....	2
Rating Badge, MU1 .....	2
Scarf .....	1
Shirt, light blue long sleeve .....	4
Shirt, light blue short sleeve .....	5
Shirt, white .....	3
Shoes, service (female) .....	2
Skirt, dress blue (female) .....	2
Trousers, service dress blue (male) .....	5
Trousers, service, dress blue (female) ....	3
Trousers, undress blue (male) .....	1

The following items will not be part of the minimum outfit:

Cap, blue working  
Mark, group rate  
Jacket, blue work  
Shirt, working blue  
Shoes, safety

- 7.D.3. Band Uniforms. In addition to the uniforms otherwise prescribed, as noted above, enlisted and officer members of the U. S. Coast Guard Band shall be provided the following organizational articles of clothing comprising the Band uniform.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Cap band, blue .....	1
Cap device, lyre .....	1
Coat, Ceremonial Parade Dress .....	2
Coat, Formal Concert Blue .....	1
Cummerbund, gold .....	1
Skirt, Formal Concert Blue (female) .....	1
Suspenders, White (male) .....	1 pair
Tie, bow, blue .....	1
Trousers, Ceremonial Parade Dress .....	3 pair
Trousers, Formal Concert Blue (male) .....	1 pair
Shirt, Formal, White .....	2
Shirt Stud (male) .....	3
Jacket, Formal Concert Blue, Tails (officer) .	1
Shirt, Formal, White, Wing Collar (officer) ..	1
Tie, Bow, White (officer) .....	1
Waistcoat, White (officer) .....	1

E. Description of Articles of The Uniform.

1. Ceremonial Parade Dress (Figures 7-1 and 7-2). The articles prescribed for the Ceremonial Parade Dress Uniform shall be the same as the Service Dress Blue Bravo uniform except for the following:
  - a. Cap. The combination cap shall have the musician's lyre cap device in lieu of the device prescribed for enlisted personnel.
  - b. Coat. The insignia described in section C of this chapter is worn in lieu of the normal rating badge. The woman's coat shall have the belt and buttons removed.
  - c. Ribbons, Medals, and Devices shall not be worn.
  - d. Trousers shall have the addition of trouser stripes as described in section C of this chapter.
2. Tropical Parade Dress (Figures 7-3 and 7-4). The articles prescribed for the Tropical Parade Dress uniform shall be the same as the Tropical Blue Long except for the following:
  - a. Cap. The combination cap shall have the musician's lyre cap device in lieu of the device prescribed for enlisted personnel.



7.E.2. b. Trousers shall be the same as prescribed for Ceremonial Parade Dress.

c. Shirt. A red and blue shoulder cord is worn on the left shoulder.

3. Formal Concert Blue (Figures 7-5 and 7-6). The articles prescribed for the Formal Concert Blue uniform shall be the same as the Dinner Dress Blue Jacket uniform except that the coat, trousers, and skirt Coast Guard Blue, and both men and women shall wear a Coast Guard Blue bow tie. Men shall wear suspenders.

## CHAPTER 8. AWARDS

### A. General.

#### 1. General Provisions.

- a. Coast Guard Awards are those awards described in the Medals and Awards Manual, COMDTINST M1650.25(series) authorized for wear by U. S. Coast Guard personnel. Individuals who have received such awards shall wear them on uniforms as designated in chapter 2, and in the manner prescribed in this chapter.
- b. Awards from other Agencies. Coast Guard personnel who have received awards from other military Services or departments of the United States Government, foreign governments, or other agencies shall wear such awards on the Coast Guard uniform only as prescribed in this chapter.

#### 2. Definition Of Terms.

- a. Award. An all-inclusive term covering any decoration, medal, badge, ribbon or an attachment thereof bestowed upon an individual.
- b. Decoration. An award bestowed upon an individual for a specific individual act of gallantry or meritorious service.
- c. Unit Award. An award made to an operating unit and worn only by members of that unit who participated in the cited action.
- d. Service Award. An award made to those who have participated in designated wars, campaigns, expeditions, etc., or who have fulfilled in a creditable manner specified service requirements.
- e. Medal. An award presented to an individual for performance of certain duties, acts or services consisting of a suspension ribbon made in distinctive colors from which hangs a medallion.
- f. Miniature Medal. A replica of a large medal, made to a scale one-half that of the original. The Medal of Honor shall NOT be worn in miniature.
- g. Badge. An award to an individual for some special proficiency which consists of a medallion hung from a bar or bars.
- h. Ribbon or Ribbon Bar. Consists of a portion of the suspension ribbon of a medal, and is worn in lieu of

8.A.2. h. (cont'd) the medal. The dimensions of the ribbon shall be 1-3/8 inches x 3/8 inch.

i. Rosette. Lapel device made by gathering the suspension ribbon of the medal into a circular shape.

j. Lapel button. A miniature replica of the ribbon or ribbon bar.

k. Attachment. Any appurtenance such as a star, letter device, clasp or other device worn on the suspension ribbon of a medal or on the ribbon (ribbon bar).

3. Precedence. All awards authorized for wear by Coast Guard personnel are listed by precedence in the Medals and Awards Manual, COMDTINST M1650.25(series).

B. Manner of Wearing (Figure 8-1).

1. Ribbons.

a. General. Ribbons or ribbon bars shall be worn on uniforms as described in Chapter Two of this Manual in the manner set forth below. Order of precedence shall be followed.

b. Arrangement. One, two, or three ribbons are worn in a single row. When more than one row of ribbon bars is worn, all rows except the uppermost will contain three ribbons. If not in multiples of three, the uppermost row shall contain the lesser number, the center of this row is to be over the center of the one below it. When the number of rows is so great as to cause the ribbons to be concealed by the service coat lapel (one-third or more of a ribbon concealed), ribbon bars may be placed in successively decreasing rows; i.e., 3-ribbon rows, 2-ribbon rows, single ribbon (so long as at least two-thirds of the ribbon is visible). The left edge of all decreasing rows will be in line vertically. If the uppermost row presents an unsatisfactory appearance when so aligned, it will be placed in the position presenting the neatest appearance; usually centered over the row immediately below it. Ribbons on designated uniforms shall be worn with the lower edge of the bottom row centered approximately 1/4 inch above left breast pocket; on those uniforms without pockets, ribbons shall be worn in the same relative position as stated above.

- 8.B.1. c. Attachment to Uniform. Ribbons may be sewn to uniforms or arranged on a bar or bars to be attached to the uniform. They shall not be impregnated with preservatives which change the appearance of ribbons, nor shall they be worn with transparent covering of any sort.
- d. Display of Ribbons with Asymmetrical Design. Ribbons which have an asymmetrical color design, or which have stars as part of the design shall be displayed as follows:
- (1) Medal of Honor Ribbon. The stars should form an M with the single ray of all stars pointing up.
  - (2) Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon. The blue stripe shall be uppermost.
  - (3) Merchant Marine Mariner's Ribbon. The red stripe shall be to the wearer's right.
  - (4) World War II Theater Ribbons. The blue stripe in the center shall be to the wearer's right.
  - (5) Navy Occupations Service Ribbon. The black stripe shall be to the wearer's right.
  - (6) Merchant Marine Combat Bar. The light blue stripe shall be uppermost.
  - (7) Philippine Defense Ribbon. The stars shall form a triangle base down.
  - (8) Philippine Liberation Ribbon. The blue stripe in the center shall be to the wearer's right.
  - (9) Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon. The blue stripe shall be to the wearer's right, worn with gold frame.
  - (10) Korean Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon. The red portion of the circular device in the center shall be the uppermost worn with gold frame.
  - (11) Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon. Worn with gold frame.
  - (12) Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. The blue stripe in the center shall be to the wearer's right.
  - (13) Combat Action Ribbon. The outermost blue stripe shall be to the wearer's right.

- 8.B.1. e. Precedence. The arrangement of ribbons shall be by precedence from top down, and from the wearers right to left. (see 8.B.1.g)
- f. Minimum Number Worn. A minimum of six ribbons shall be worn by those possessing six or more; all may be worn if desired. Those possessing less than six ribbons shall wear all of their ribbons.
- g. When Worn with Large Medals. When large medals are prescribed, awards not having large medals will be worn centered on the right breast in the same relative position as the holding bar of the lowest row of medals. The precedence of ribbons worn on the right breast shall be from the top down and from the wearer's left to right. If the individual has more than one ribbon without a medal, the senior ribbon is required, with the option to wear all of this type.
- h. When Miniature Medals are Prescribed. When miniature medals are prescribed, ribbons for which no medals are provided shall not be worn.

2. Large Medals.

- a. General. Large medals shall be worn on full dress 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 centered approximately 1/4 inch above the left breast pocket, except that the holding bar may be placed just above sewn-on ribbons which are covered by a patch. The bar shall be 4-1/8 inches wide and each row of medals shall be 3-1/4 inches long from the top of the ribbons to the bottom of the medals, so that the bottoms of the medals dress in 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, three medals side by side or up to five medals overlapping. Overlapping shall be equal and the right or inboard medal shall show in full. Upper rows of medals, if worn, shall be mounted so these medals cover the suspension ribbons of the medals below. See table 8-B-1.
- b. Precedence. The arrangement of medals shall be by seniority from top down, and from inboard outboard.
- c. Minimum Number Worn. All medals may be worn, however, a minimum of five must be worn by those possessing five or more.

8.B.2. d. Plating or polishing. The plating or polishing of medals is prohibited.

e. Wear with Medal of Honor. When either large or miniature medals are prescribed, the Medal of Honor pendant is worn from a suspension ribbon placed around the neck. When this medal 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.

3. Miniature Medals.

a. General. Miniature medals shall be worn with all Formal Dress uniforms, and Dinner Dress uniforms. On the male Formal Dress 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 lapel. 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 women officer's blue or white coats, the holding bar is centered on the left pocket flap. When worn on the women officer's Formal Dress or Dinner Dress jacket uniforms, the holding bar is worn in the same relative position as on the white service coat. Each row of miniatures shall be 2-1/4 inches long from top of ribbons to bottom of medals so that bottom of medals dress in a horizontal line. Upper row of medals shall be positioned so these medals cover the ribbons of the medals below.

b. Overlap Effective 1 October 1980, a new style holding bar for interchangeable medals was authorized. Up to 5 miniature medals in a row may be worn. Overlap is not authorized. The wear of 6 or more miniature medals shall conform with the procedures outlined in Table 8-B-1.

c. Precedence. Arrangement of medals shall be by seniority from inboard outboard, and from top down.

d. Minimum number worn. All medals may be worn, but a minimum of 5 must be worn by those possessing 5 or more.

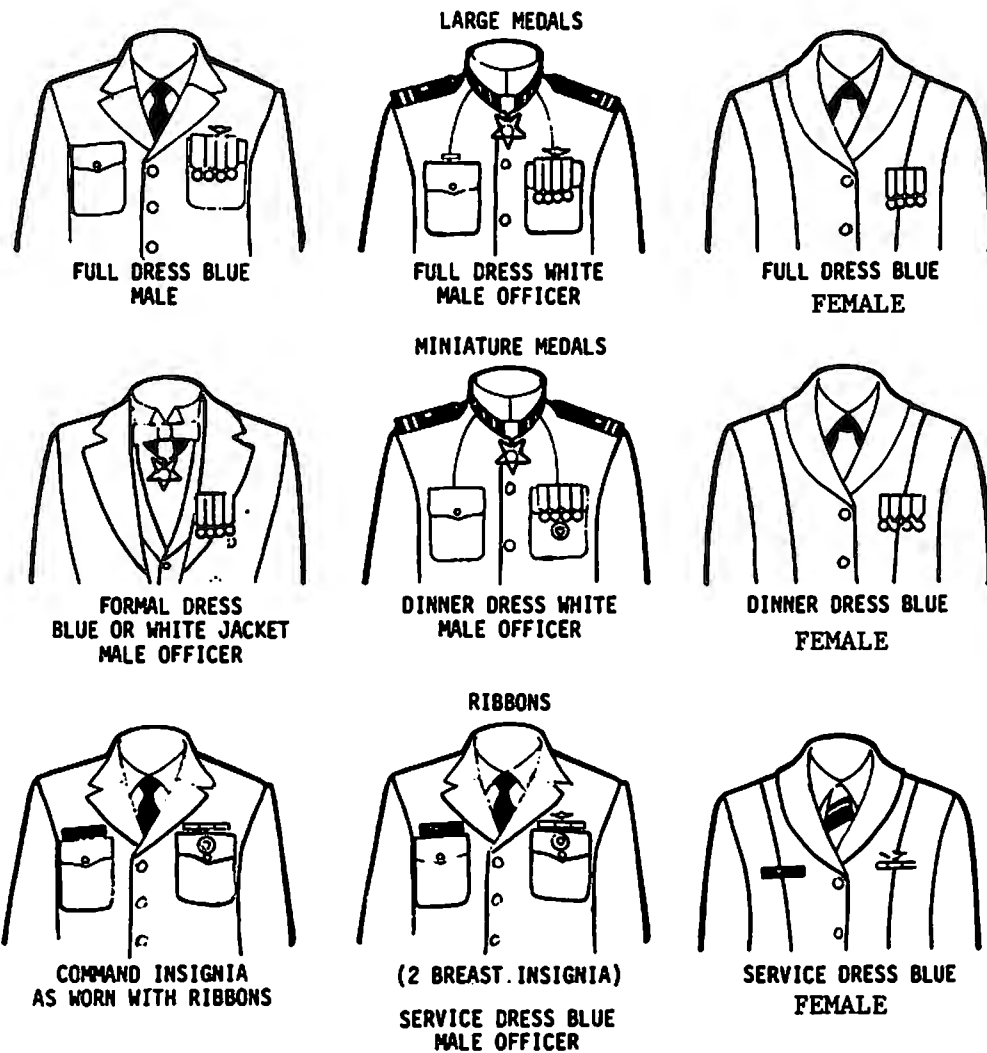
e. When worn with Medal of Honor. When miniature medals are prescribed, the Medal of Honor which is not made in miniature is worn as described in paragraph 8.B.2.e.

8.B.3. f. Table 8-B-1 Wearing Large Medals.

Number Of Medals To Be Worn	Prescribed Number Of Rows	Number Of Medals Per Row			
		Top Row	2nd Row	3rd Row	4th
1-5	1	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	4	4	4	4	4

4. Marksmanship Badges.

- a. Manner of wearing. Marksmanship badges are worn centered immediately above the left breast pocket and arranged according to seniority inboard/outboard, except that the President's Hundred Award is worn on the left shoulder of enlisted men's uniforms.
- b. Number worn. One, two, or three badges are worn in a single row. Only the highest ranking badge for a specific type of weapon may be worn at any one time. The wearing of distinguished or excellence in competition badges received while in another Service is optional with the holder.
- c. When ribbons are prescribed. When ribbons are prescribed, badges shall be worn immediately below the bottom row of ribbons.



**Figure 8-1**  
**Manner of Wearing Awards**



- 8.B.4. d. When Large Medals are Prescribed. When large medals are prescribed, badges shall be worn immediately below the bottom row of medals so that only the medal line of each badge is visible.
- e. When Miniature Medals are Prescribed. When miniature medals are prescribed, badges shall not be worn.
- f. Non-military Decorations. No nonmilitary marksmanship decorations will be worn on the uniform unless at least one military award is worn at the same time.

5. Foreign Awards. All foreign personal awards must be approved for wear by G-PS-3. Approved foreign awards will be worn as directed by G-PXM. Instructions on wearing foreign awards will be handled on an individual basis. No foreign awards shall be worn on the uniform unless at least one U. S. award is worn at the same time.

6. Wearing of Awards on Civilian Clothes.

- a. Miniature medals may be worn with civilian evening dress (white tie) in the same manner as prescribed for Formal Dress uniform, and with civilian dinner dress (black tie) in the same manner as prescribed for dinner dress uniforms.
- b. The Medal of Honor, for which there is no miniature, may be worn with civilian evening dress (white tie), and civilian dinner dress (black tie) in the same manner as prescribed for Formal Dress uniform.
- c. 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).
- d. Miniature Distinguished Marksmanship and Pistol Shot Badges may be worn as a lapel pin or a part of a tie clasp on civilian clothing by those entitled to the Distinguished Badge.
- e. Honorable discharge and service buttons may be worn on the left lapel of civilian clothes except civilian evening dress (white tie).

7. Wearing of Ribbons on Non-Military Uniforms. The wearing of service ribbons on non-military uniforms by personnel who earned the ribbons while a member of the Coast Guard is permitted, provided that the organization under whose auspices the non-military uniform is furnished or required also permits the custom.

8.C. Attachments to be Worn on Ribbons and Medals (Figure 8-2).

1. Stars.

- a. General. Gold, silver, and bronze stars shall be worn on the suspension ribbons of medals, and on ribbons (ribbon bars) as specified below.
- b. Manner of Wearing. A single star shall be worn centered on the ribbon. If more than one star is worn they shall be placed in a horizontal line close to and symmetrically about the center of the ribbon. A silver star shall be located as near the center of the ribbon as a symmetrical arrangement will permit. A gold or bronze star, worn in addition to the silver star, shall be placed on the wearer's right, the second to the left, etc. When stars are worn with other devices such as the silver letter "O" they shall be arranged symmetrically on the ribbon in relation to the device, the first star to 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.
- c. Gold Stars. Gold stars are authorized to be worn in lieu of a second or subsequent award of any military decoration. The gold star to be worn on the suspension ribbon of large medals, and on ribbons (ribbon bars) shall be of a size to be inscribed in a circle 5/16 inch in diameter. The gold star worn on suspension ribbon of a miniature medal shall be of size to be inscribed in a circle 1/8 inch in diameter. The gold star is also worn on the ribbon bar of the Coast Guard Unit Commendation Ribbon and Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon to denote second and subsequent awards.
- d. Silver Stars. Silver stars are authorized in lieu of five gold stars, or five bronze stars. The size of silver stars shall be the same as the gold or bronze stars which they are worn in lieu of.
- e. Bronze Stars.
  - (1) Bronze stars are authorized to be worn on the suspension ribbons of medals, and/or ribbons (ribbon bars) of the following awards:  
  
Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon  
Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon  
Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon  
Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal  
Coast Guard Reserve Good Conduct Ribbon  
Navy Expeditionary Medal

8.C.1. e. (1) (cont'd) Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon  
Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon  
Coast Guard Restricted Duty Ribbon  
China Service Medal  
Area Campaign Medals  
American Campaign Medal  
European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal  
Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal  
National Defense Service Medal  
Korean Service Medal  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
Vietnam Service Medal  
Humanitarian Service Medal  
Philippine Defense Ribbon  
Philippine Liberation Ribbon

(2) Bronze stars are worn on the suspension ribbon of miniature medals, and on ribbons (ribbon bars) of the American Defense Service Medal in lieu of the clasp which is authorized for wear on the suspension ribbon of the large medal only.

(3) Bronze stars worn on the suspension ribbon of large medals, and on ribbons (ribbon bars) shall be of a size to be inscribed in a circle 3/16 inch in diameter. Those worn on the suspension ribbon of miniature medals shall be of a size to be inscribed in a circle 1/8 inch in diameter.

## 2. Letter Devices.

a. General. Letter devices are worn on the suspension ribbons of medals, and on ribbons (ribbon bars) as specified below:

b. Manner of Wearing. A letter device is worn centered on the ribbon. These devices are block letters 1/4 inch high when worn on the suspension ribbon of the large medal or ribbon (ribbon bar), and 1/8 inch high when worn on the suspension ribbon of the miniature medal.

c. Bronze Letter "A". Individuals who served on vessels in actual or potential belligerent contact with Axis forces in the Atlantic Ocean shall wear a bronze letter "A" on the suspension ribbon of the American Defense Service Medal, and on the ribbon (ribbon bar). No star will be worn with the "A".

d. Silver Letter "E". Individuals who are authorized to wear the Coast Guard marksmanship medals and ribbons, will also wear a silver letter "E" for expert qualification. The silver "E" shall NOT be worn on the expert medal suspension ribbon.

- 8.C.2. e. Silver Letter O (Operational Distinguishing Device). Individuals who have been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal, Coast Guard Achievement Medal, Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon, Coast Guard Unit Commendation Ribbon, or Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon for operational performance may be authorized to wear a silver letter "O". It may be worn with a Combat "V", but only if it has been issued for a separate award from the one which authorized the Combat "V". Only one Operational device will be worn on each medal/ribbon. When the Operational "O" and Combat "V" are worn on the same medal/ribbon the O will be worn on the inboard side. The award citation must specifically authorize the "O" device.
- f. Silver Letter "S". Individuals who are authorized to wear the Coast Guard marksmanship ribbons will also wear the silver letter "S" for sharpshooter qualification.
- g. Bronze Letter "V" (Combat Distinguishing Device). Individuals who have been awarded the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, or Navy Achievement Medal for acts or service involving direct participation in combat operations may be authorized to wear a bronze block letter "V" centered on the suspension ribbon of the medals, and on the ribbon (ribbon bar). The award citation must be specifically authorize the "V" device.

### 3. Clasps.

- a. General. Clasps are worn on the suspension ribbon of large medals only. When worn with other attachments the clasp shall be worn below such attachments. They shall be 1-1/2 inches long by 1/8 inch high.
- b. Navy Occupation Service Medal. Asia and Europe clasps are authorized to be worn with this medal to denote service in Asia and Europe respectively.
- c. American Defense Service Medal. Fleet and Base clasps are authorized to be worn with this medal to denote service in the fleet and overseas bases respectively.

### 4. Miscellaneous Devices.

- a. Fleet Marine Force Combat Operation Insignia. Coast Guard personnel who have served on duty with, and have been attached to fleet Marine Force Units in active combat with an armed enemy beginning with World War II, are authorized to wear a bronze

- 8.C.4. a. (cont'd) miniature Marine Corps emblem centered on the suspension ribbon of the medal, and the ribbon (ribbon bar) of the appropriate World War II Area Campaign Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal. The device worn on the suspension ribbon of the large medal and ribbon (ribbon bar) shall be 5/16 inch high. When worn on the suspension ribbon of the miniature medal it shall be 1/8 inch high. Only one device will be placed on a ribbon or medal.
- b. Hour Glass. Coast Guard Reserve personnel may be awarded the Hour Glass device in lieu of a second or subsequent Armed Forces Reserve Medal for each succeeding 10 years of service. This device is a representation of an hour glass with the Roman numeral X superimposed thereon. It is worn centered on the suspension ribbon of the medal, and on the ribbon (ribbon bar). It shall be 3/8 inch high. When worn on the suspension ribbon of the miniature medal it shall be 1/8 inch high.
- c. Gold Bar. A gold bar is authorized to be worn on the suspension ribbon of the Gold Lifesaving Medal to denote each subsequent award earned.
- d. Silver Bar. A silver bar is authorized to be worn on the suspension ribbon of the Silver Lifesaving Medal to denote each subsequent award earned.
- e. Gold Compass Rose. A gold compass rose is authorized to be worn on the suspension ribbon of the medal, and ribbon bar of the National Security Medal to denote each subsequent award earned.
- f. Planet Symbol. A ball-shaped object symbolizing a planet, with wing configuration, is authorized to be worn on the suspension ribbon of the medal, and ribbon bar of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Distinguished Service Medal to denote each subsequent award earned.
- g. Coast Guard Small Arms Marksmanship Attachments. Personnel who have been awarded a Distinguished or Excellence-in-Competition Badge may wear, when ribbons are prescribed, a special attachment of the appropriate marksmanship ribbon, in lieu of wearing the badge. These attachments and the badges they represent are:
- (1) Gold-plated replica of a rifle target - Distinguished Marksmanship Badge.
  - (2) Gold-plated replica of a M1911A1 pistol - Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge.

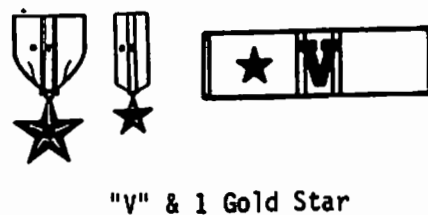
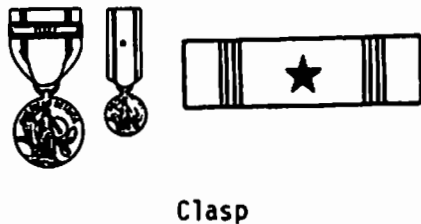
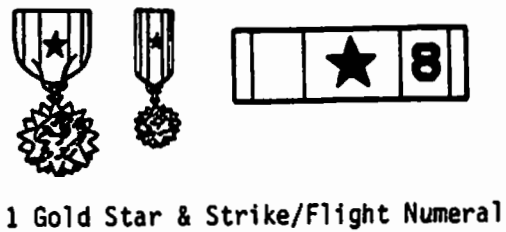
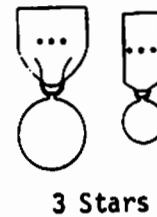
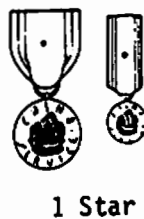
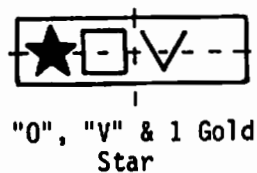
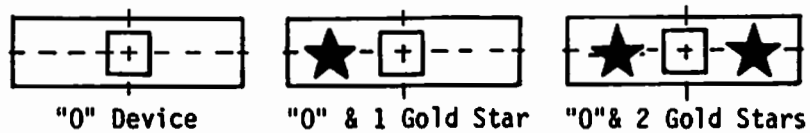
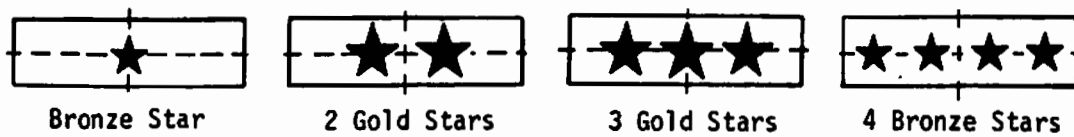


Figure 8-2  
Location of Ribbon and Medal Attachments

- 8.C.4. g. (3) Silver replica of the M14 rifle - Rifleman Excellence-in-Competition Badge (Silver).
- (4) Silver replica of the M1911A1 pistol - Pistol Shot Excellence-in-Competition Badge (Silver).
- (5) Bronze replica of the M14 rifle - Rifleman Excellence-in-Competition Badge (Bronze).
- (6) Bronze replica of M1911A1 pistol - Pistol Shot Excellence-in-Competition Badge (Bronze).
- h. Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation, Gallantry Cross Medal. Personnel authorized to wear this award shall wear the award with appropriate devices designating the level for which the award was presented. In order of precedence, a 1-3/8 inch palm indicates "cited before the Regiment". For personnel who have been cited at several levels, recognition shall be afforded as outlined below:
- (1) Only one Gallantry Cross award (medal or ribbon bar) shall be worn regardless of the number of awards received. In the event more than one award is authorized an individual shall wear as many of the devices that are authorized, using the most senior awards as will fit on one medal or ribbon bar. If more than one device is authorized, the devices will be worn with the senior device to the wearer's right.
- (2) For the initial award, the size of the devices designating the appropriate level of the award shall be as issued by the South Vietnam Government.
- (3) The size of the palm device, when authorized to be worn, and when more than one award is received, shall be reduced to 6/8 inch for wear on the suspension ribbon of the large medal, and to 3/8 inch for wear on the ribbon bar or suspension ribbon for the miniature medal. The star devices (gold, silver, bronze) will remain the same size as authorized for the initial award.
- (4) The Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation of the Gallantry Cross with palm will be worn with a gold frame by authorized personnel. No medal is authorized for this citation. The palm is 5/32 inch in height and 9/16 inch in width. The stem of the palm will be worn to the wearer's right. The gold plated frame shall be 7/16 inch in height and 1-7/16 inches in width and is worn with the leaves on

8.C.4. h. (4) (cont'd) the sides pointing upward.

- i. Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation, Civil Actions .  
The Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation of the Civil Actions Medal, first class color with palm will be worn with a gold frame by authorized personnel. No medal is authorized for this citation. The palm is 5/32 inch in height and 9/16 inch in width. The stem of the palm will be worn to the wearer's right. The gold plated frame shall be 7/16 inch in width and is worn with the leaves on the sides pointing upward.
- j. Oak Leaf Clusters. Are not authorized on Coast Guard uniforms. Appropriate star will be worn in lieu thereof. (See paragraph 8.C.1).
- k. Strike/Flight Numerals. Personnel receiving Strike/Flight awards of the Air Medal will wear a bronze Arabic numeral 3/16 inch in diameter on the Air Medal to indicate the total number of awards of this type received after 9 April 1962. Numerals will be positioned on the ribbon (ribbon bar) of the Air Medal as far to the wearer's left as possible without overlapping the edge of the ribbon. For the large and miniature medals alike, the numerals will be placed in a symmetric arrangement immediately below the center of the suspension ribbon. Stars worn with numerals on the large and miniature medals shall be positioned centered on the suspension ribbon and immediately above the numerals.



## CHAPTER 9. FITTING GUIDELINES

### A. General.

1. As outlined in chapter 1 of this manual, the wearing and appearance of the Coast Guard uniform should be a matter of personal pride to all Coast Guard personnel. Coast Guard personnel are representatives of the United States. Thus, their dress and uniform appearance should be of a quality to reflect credit upon the United States, the Coast Guard, and themselves.
2. The Coast Guard designs its uniforms to present a neat, comfortable, and functional military appearance. The tables and guidelines contained in this chapter are provided as an aid to individuals in obtaining proper fitting clothing.
3. Individuals may have uniforms tailored for a better fit; however, garments may not be altered to make them form-fitting or change the outward appearance of the uniform.
4. Occasionally, personnel require clothing sizes which do not exist within the supply system. In such cases, the procurement of special measurement clothing is authorized. Enclosure V-5 to Volume III of the COMDTINST M4400.13(series) contains the procedures for ordering special measurement clothing. The cognizant clothing or supply officer shall make all arrangements and place orders using DD Form 358 for men and DD Form 1111 for women for special measurement clothing, together with CG Forms 3019 (male) or 3019A (female), Receipt for Clothing and Small Stores.

### B. Fit Guidelines.

#### 1. Shirts.

- a. There should be ample room around the chest and shoulders to permit free use of the arms, without binding.
- b. The collar of the long sleeve shirt should fit smoothly around the neck with sufficient room to allow the insertion and free movement of the index finger.
- c. The shoulder/arm seam should reach a point to the outer edge of the shoulder joint.
- d. The bottom edge of the buttoned cuff for the shirt should cover the wrist bone. A tolerance of 1/2 of an inch plus or minus is acceptable.

9.B.1. (cont'd)

Table 9-B-1. Size Selection Table for Men's Light Blue Long Sleeve Shirts.

NECK SIZE (Inches)	SLEEVE LENGTH							
13-1/2	29	30	31	32	33			
14	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	
14-1/2	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	
15		30	31	32	33	34	35	36
15-1/2		30	31	32	33	34	35	36
16			31	32	33	34	35	36
16-1/2			31	32	33	34	35	36 37
17				32	33	34	35	36
17-1/2				32	33	34	35	

Table 9-B-2. Size Selection Table for Men's Working Blue Shirts.

SIZE	NECK SIZE (Inches)	SLEEVE LENGTH FOR LS SHIRT (Inches)
Extra Small	13 to 13-1/2	31
Small	14 to 14-1/2	32
Medium	15 to 15-1/2	33
Large	16 to 16-1/2	34
Extra Large	17	35

Table 9-B-3. Size Selection Table for Men's Light Blue Short Sleeve Shirts.

NECK SIZE (Inches)

13, 13-1/2, 14, 14-1/2, 15, 15-1/2, 16, 16-1/2, 17, 17-1/2, 18

Table 9-B-4. Size Selection Table for Women's Light Blue Shirts.

NECK SIZE	BUST SIZES			SLEEVE LENGTHS FOR LS SHIRT	
13	26	28	30	31	33
13-1/2	28	30	32	31	33
14	30	32	34	31	33
14-1/2	32	34	36	31	33
15	34	36	38	31	33
15-1/2	36	38	40	31	33
16	38	40	42	31	33
16-1/2	40	42	44	31	33

9.B.1. (cont'd)

Table 9-B-5. Size Selection Table for Women's Working Blue Shirts.

SIZE	NECK SIZE	SLEEVE LENGTHS FOR LS SHIRT
<u>Extra Small</u>	13 to 13-1/2	29-30
<u>Small</u>	14 to 14-1/2	30-31
<u>Medium</u>	15 to 15-1/2	31-32
<u>Large</u>	16 to 16-1/2	32-33
<u>Extra Large</u>	17+	34

2. Trousers.

- a. Trousers should be sufficiently loose around the hips and buttocks to preclude gapping of the pockets and visible horizontal wrinkles on the front.
- b. The fly of the trousers should hang in a vertical line without gapping when unzipped.
- c. The rise is that measurement from the crotch to the bottom of the waistband. Too short a rise results in tightness and discomfort; too long a rise results in "drooping" of the seat and crotch of the trousers. The rise of the trousers should allow sufficient looseness to assure comfort in normal movements.
- d. The fit of the waist is secondary to a proper seat fit. If the seat fits well, the waist may be altered accordingly. There should be sufficient looseness in the waist to allow for four fingers to be inserted inside the waistband and moved from side-to-side without strain, and there should be no horizontal wrinkles across the rear of the trousers below the waistband.
- e. Hemming. Make the front hem mark at a point 1/4 inch above the front of the shoe. A separate hem mark should be made at the back of each trouser leg 1-1/2 inches below the top of the back of the shoe. The finished leg should have a 2-3 inch hem.

3. Dress Skirt.

- a. The skirt should fit snugly and comfortably around the waist.
- b. There should be sufficient looseness around the hips and buttocks to prevent horizontal wrinkles in the front and to permit comfortable movement.

- 9.B.3. c. Hemming. The finished bottom of the skirt should have a 2-3 inch hem and should be parallel to the floor.

Table 9-B-6. Size Selection Table for Men's Service Dress Blue Trousers.

HEIGHT	WAIST SIZES											
Short(S): Up To 5'6"	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	
Regular(R): 5'7 - 5'10"	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	
Long(L): 5'11" - 6'1"	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	
EX Long(XL): 6'2"-6'5"	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	

Short(S): Up To 5'6"	38	39	40	41	42
Regular(R): 5'7 - 5'10"	38	39	40	41	42
Long(L): 5'11" - 6'1"	38	39	40	41	42
EX Long(XL): 6'2"-6'5"	38	39	40	41	42

Table 9-B-7. Size Selection Table for Men's Undress/Working Blue Trousers.

HEIGHT	WAIST SIZES							
Short(S): Up To 5'6"	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42
Regular(R): 5'7"-5' 10"	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42
Long(L): 5'11" - 6'1"	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42
EX Long (XL): 6'2"-6'5"	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42

Table 9-B-8. Size Selection Table for Women's Service Dress Blue Trousers/Skirts.

Size:	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Waist:	23	23-1/2	24	24-1/2	25	25-1/2	26	26-3/4	27-1/2
Hip:	34	34-1/2	35	35-1/2	36	36-1/2	37	37-3/4	38-1/2
Size:	15	16	18	20	22				
Waist:	28-1/2	29	31	33	35				
Hip:	39-1/2	40	42	44	46				

Table 9-B-9. Size Selection Table for Women's Undress Blue Trousers.

Size	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22
Waist	23	24	25	36	27-1/2	29	31	33	35
Hip	34	35	36	37	38-1/2	40	42	44	46

Note: Skirts and trousers are also sized by height. "Short (S)" for individuals up to 5'2", "Regular (R)" for individuals 5'3" to 5'5", and Long for individuals 5'6" to 5'9". Use a suffix "S", "R" or "L" as appropriate with the size number when ordering.

#### 9.B.4. Dress Coats.

- a. The collar should fit closely around the neck and smoothly at the back. The coat should fit comfortably across the shoulders. The shoulder padding should extend approximately 1/2 of an inch beyond the outer edge of the shoulder joint. There should be no folds or breaks across the top of the back and just below the collar
- b. The coat should fit comfortably across the chest/bust with no binding around the armholes when the arms are moved. The front collar, lapels, and pockets should present a smooth appearance.
- c. There should be sufficient looseness in the coat to permit a pinching of 2-4 inches of material at the chest/bust.
- d. The coat front should be smooth and balanced with no gapping, pulling or criss-crossing of the front closure.
- e. The bottom edge of the sleeve should cover the wrist bone. A tolerance of 1/2 of an inch plus or minus is acceptable. The bottom of the coat side should be parallel to the ground.
- f. The back of the coat should hang smoothly with no horizontal wrinkles or vertical waves.
- h. The rear vent flap (men) should hang smoothly with no gapping, pulling, or criss-crossing.

Table 9-B-10. Size Selection Table for Men's Service Dress Coats.

HEIGHT	CHEST SIZES											
Short(S): Up To 5'6"	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	
Regular(R): 5'7 - 5'10"	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	
Long(L): 5'11" - 6'1"	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	
X Long(XL): 6'2"-6'5"	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	
Short(S): Up To 5'6"	44	45	46	47	48							
Regular(R): 5'7 - 5'10"	44	45	46	47	48							
Long(L): 5'11" - 6'1"	44	45	46	47	48							
X Long(XL): 6'2"-6'5"	44	45	46	47	48							

9.B.4. (cont'd)

Table 9-B-11. Size Selection Table for Women's Service Dress Blue Coats.

Bust:	32	32-1/2	33	33-1/2	34	34-1/2	35	35-3/4
Up to 5'2"	6S	7S	8S	9S	10S	11S	12S	13S
5'3"-5'6"	6R	7R	8R	9R	10R	11R	12R	13R
5'7"-5'9"	6L	7L	8L	9L	10L	11L	12L	13L

Bust:	36-1/2	37-1/4	38	40	42	44
Up to 5'2"	14S	15S	16S	18S	20S	22S
5'3"-5'6"	14R	15R	16R	18R	20R	22R
5'7"-5'9"	14L	15L	16L	18L	20L	22L

5. Trenchcoat.

- a. There should be sufficient room across the shoulders and chest to permit free use of the arms, without binding.
- b. The shoulders, collar, and lapels should present a smooth appearance.
- c. The sleeve cuff should fall approximately 1/2 inch below the wrist bone and cover the sleeves of all garments worn beneath the coat.
- d. The length of the trenchcoat should extend to a point approximately 2 inches below the back of the knee.

Table 9-B-12. Size Selection Table for Women's Trenchcoats.

Bust:	32	33	34	35	36-1/2	38	40	42	44
Up to 5'2"	6S	8S	10S	12S	14S	16S	18S	20S	22S
5'3"-5'6"	6R	8R	10R	12R	14R	16R	18R	20R	22R
5'7"-5'9"	6L	8L	10L	12L	14L	16L	18L	20L	22L

Table 9-B-13. Size Selection Table for Men's Trenchcoats.

HEIGHT	CHEST SIZES							
Short(S): Up To 5'6"	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48
Regular(R): 5'7" - 5'10"	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48
Long(L): 5'11" - 6'1"	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48
X Long(XL): 6'2"-6'5"	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48

9.B.6. Blue Work Jacket (enlisted).

- a. There should be sufficient room across the shoulders and chest to permit free use of the arms, without binding.
- b. The jacket sleeve should cover the sleeves of garments worn underneath.

Table 9-B-14. Size Selection Table for Blue Work Jackets (enlisted).

HEIGHT	CHEST/BUST SIZE								
Short(S): Up To 5'6"	34	36	38	40	42	44			
Regular(R): 5'7 - 5'10"	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48 50
Long(L): 5'11" - 6'1"	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50
X-Long (XL): 6'2"-6'5"	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50

## CHAPTER 10. QUALITY CONTROL AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

- A. General. The Commandant has established a quality control system and certification program designed to maintain a consistently high level of appearance of Coast Guard uniforms and accessories by controlling the quality of uniform items of clothing purchased from commercial sources.
- B. Responsibility.
1. Commandant (G-PXM). Commandant (G-PXM) is responsible for implementing the Coast Guard Uniform Quality Control System and Certification Program and will provide for:
    - a. Guidance and information to interested manufacturers regarding military specifications, Coast Guard uniform regulations, and new uniform clothing items through publications and periodic bulletins to the textile and garment industries.
    - b. Furnishing upon request of industry, copies of specifications, purchase descriptions, patterns, shade standards, or other information pertinent to various service and dress uniforms and accessories.
    - c. Receiving and examining samples from textile manufacturers, custom tailors, military tailors, or other persons interested in making certified Coast Guard uniform clothing items and accessories.
    - d. Issuing certificates to those manufacturers whose samples meet or exceed the standards established.
    - e. Conducting periodic surveillance and monitoring performance at suppliers' plants, and military sales points.
    - f. Suspending or revoking certificates for a minimum period of one year when the certificate holder has violated any of the conditions expressed or implied, for which a certificate was issued.
  2. Commanding officers and officers in charge. Unit commanding officers and officers in charge shall ensure that only those uniform clothing items and accessories which are provided through Federal supply sources, or which have been produced by certified manufacturers, are worn by personnel under their command.
  3. Coast Guard personnel. Coast Guard personnel shall be responsible for ensuring that the uniform clothing they purchase from commercial uniform sources is produced by a certified manufacturer. Items certified by manufacturers shall be identified by a certified label attesting to the fact that the item was produced under specifications.



- 10.C. Use of other Services' items. Clothing and textile items as well as insignia items, used by other Services and certified by their respective quality control programs, will be considered as acceptable under the Coast Guard Certification Program.

## CHAPTER 11. ORGANIZATIONAL CLOTHING

- A. General. Organizational clothing is defined as any clothing which is issued to a Coast Guard member on a loan basis when the standard uniforms do not meet extreme weather conditions or unique work requirements. Headquarters Program Directors may authorize the use and proper wearing of organizational clothing by issuing a Commandant directives which details the garment style, color, source and circumstances for use. Unit allowances for organizational clothing are set by the operational commander to match the unit needs. Units must procure and make available to their personnel these organizational garments and require their use when circumstances warrant. Any Federal supply sources or commercial sources may be utilized for purchase of organizational clothing. During situations where uniforms or organizational clothing are not sufficient to protect the individual, i.e., extreme cold, relaxation of uniform standards, as necessary, is authorized to avoid individual discomfort or injury.
- B. Types.
1. Special clothing. Special clothing which includes cold weather, hot weather, wet weather and utility clothing, are contained in Comptroller Manual Volume III Supply & Property (COMDTINST M4400.13 (series)).
  2. NBC Protective Clothing. Procedures and guidance for obtaining, maintaining and disposing of NBC protective clothing are in Comptroller Manual Volume III Supply & Property (COMDTINST M4400.13 (series)).
  3. Flight Clothing. Procedures and guidance for the issue and disposition of flight clothing are contained in the Aviation Life Support Systems Manual (COMDTINST M13520.1 (series)).
  4. Judicial Robes. An allowance of judicial robes is authorized to be established by Commandant (G-L) and all district commanders and other units with military judges attached. The robes are necessary for use by the military judges in conjunction with their court-martial duties, Court of Military Review duties and on appropriate ceremonial occasions. The robes shall be of commercially available design and shall be fitted individually to the military judge. Identification shall consist of the name and grade of the judge to whom issued and "MILITARY JUDGE", USCG placed on the provided identification tag within the robe.

11.B.5. Coveralls. Coveralls may be authorized for wear in those situations where normal work clothing would become damaged or soiled to such a point as to reflect unfavorably on the member or the Coast Guard, if worn through the remainder of the member's workday or work assignment. Coveralls shall not be authorized for convenience, nor are they to merely replace existing issued work uniforms. The coverall shall be the standard Navy coveralls available through Federal Supply sources. If identification is considered essential such as on law enforcement and marine inspection missions, it shall consist of the initials "USCG" placed in a straight line across the left breast pocket and across the back of the coveralls. All lettering will be white, 1 inch block type for the front and 3 inch block type for the back.

6. Smocks. Smocks may be authorized for wear by personnel who are involved in direct patient care (i.e. sick call, lab, X-Ray, or dental hygienists). The smocks shall be the standard smock available through Federal supply sources, either white or light blue. When smocks are worn, name tags and collar insignia are required. The manner of wearing the name tag and collar insignia shall be the same as for the light blue short sleeve shirt.

7. Lab Coats. White lab coats may be authorized for wear by physicians and dentists in direct patient care. Ancillary personnel (i.e. pharmacists, physical therapists, lab technicians, preventative medicine technicians) may be authorized to wear the white lab coat to protect their clothing from work space hazards. When lab coats are worn, name tags without the collar insignia are required. The name tag shall be worn over the right breast pocket.

8. Food Service Uniforms. Procurement by units of white trousers, white short sleeve shirts, white server's jackets, food handlers aprons and caps shall be made from normal DOD or commercial sources of supply. Procurement of black bow ties and ETON style jackets may be made from commercial sources. Procurement of white shirts and black trousers for use by personnel assigned to Flag Quarters shall be made from Navy sources; however, commercial sources may be utilized when Navy Uniform supplies are not accessible.

UNIFORM ITEM PHASE-IN/OUT SCHEDULE

Bow tie (women).	May be worn until no longer serviceable.
Gabardine and double knit uniforms.	May be worn until no longer serviceable.
Hard shoulder boards.	Full size and 3/4 boards are optional for wear by male and female officers. The "mini board" may be worn by female officers until no longer serviceable.
Light blue tropical coat (women).	May not be worn after 31 January 1991.
Women's utility slacks.	Old style without pockets and belt loops may be worn until no longer serviceable.
Windbreaker.	Both the polyester/wool and polyester/cotton A/F models are optional. NOTE: The poly/wool windbreaker is scheduled to become a mandatory seabag item (replacing one service dress coat). Estimated implementation date FY93 pends availability in DPSC supply system. Upon mandatory date of the poly/wool windbreaker, the poly cotton version will become obsolete.

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COMDTNOTE 1020

MAR 24 1994

COMMANDANT NOTICE 1020

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Subj: UNIFORM REGULATIONS

MAR 23 1995

Ref: (a) COMDTINST M1020.6C, Uniform Regulations Manual

1. PURPOSE. This Notice implements changes to the uniform resulting from Uniform Board #35, compiles previous changes to reference (a) promulgated by ALCOASTS, ALDISTS, and COMDTNOTES, and ensures that these changes remain in effect until incorporated into reference (a), which is being rewritten and is scheduled for publication later this year. This Notice is intended for all personnel.
2. ACTION.—Area and district commanders; commanders, maintenance and logistics commands; commanding officers of Headquarters units; Commander, Coast Guard Activities Europe; and chiefs of offices and special staff divisions at Headquarters shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this notice.
3. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. This Notice supersedes reference (a) in areas where conflicting information exists.
4. RESULTS OF UNIFORM BOARD #35.
  - a. Uniform Changes. These changes are effective 60 days after date of this Notice, unless otherwise specified.
    - (1) Eyeglasses/Sunglasses regulations clarified. See paragraph 5.b.

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- (2) Limit on number of rings worn.  
See paragraph 5.d. Effective immediately.
- (3) Collar grade device specified for Ball Caps.  
See paragraph 6.a.
- (4) Collar device replaces Coast Guard Emblem on Garrison Caps for E-6 through E-4.  
See paragraph 6.d.(1).
- (5) Garrison Cap is authorized with Working Uniforms.  
See paragraph 6.d.(2). Effective immediately.
- (6) Collar devices replace Shoulder Boards on Undress uniforms. See paragraph 7.a.
- (7) Authority of local commands to purchase organizational clothing clarified.  
See paragraph 8. Effective immediately.

b. Uniform Development. The Commandant has approved the following items for development. They are not changes to current regulations.

- (1) Selection of a standard Coast Guard Foul/Cold Weather Coat/Jacket for use throughout Coast Guard.
- (2) Development of collar rank devices for E-2 and E-3.
- (3) Selection of a standard boat/deck shoe for use throughout the Coast Guard.

5. GROOMING AND APPEARANCE IN UNIFORM.

- a. General. Reference (a) is written as a permissive manual. It describes those things which are authorized for wear and their manner of wearing, and generally does not describe specific prohibitions. Command discretion must be used when interpreting the letter and spirit of these regulations. In Chapter One of reference (a), judgments regarding eccentricities or faddishness in appearance will be based on prevailing military standard and traditions, not on civilian standards and customs.
- b. Eyeglasses/Sunglasses. Eyeglasses and sunglasses shall be of conservative style and color. Sunglass lenses shall be of conservative, non-mirrored, non-ornamental colors. Logos on lenses shall be minimized to the full extent possible. Retaining straps or safety straps used with eye or sunglasses are limited to the type used to keep glasses in place on the wearer's face. Retaining straps are to be Coast Guard or generic navy blue or black in color only. Exceptions to eyewear regulations may be made, if necessary, when prescribed by competent military medical authority and approved by the command.

- c. Hair Accessories. Small plain cloth covered elastic bands or plain elasticized cloth bands, similar in color to the individual's hair color may be worn by women to bind their hair to comply with Coast Guard regulations. Headbands do not fall under this description and are not authorized.
- d. Rings. Only two rings may be worn, one per hand. Rings must be of a conservative nature, shall not fit on more than one finger at a time, and shall not detract from the uniform. Engagement and wedding ring sets or class/service ring and wedding ring sets are considered one ring.

## 6. UNIFORM CLOTHING.

### a. Ball Caps.

- (1) Insignia. Both the Working Blue Ball Cap and the optional Unit Ball Cap require the wear of collar grade rank insignia for all members E-4 and above. Members wearing caps with other than collar grade rank insignia and which cannot easily be altered (insignia permanently affixed, sewn or embroidered) may wear these caps until no longer serviceable. Devices may be standard metal or embroidered collar insignia.
- (2) Unit Ball Caps. Unit Ball Caps shall be commercial ball cap type in the same approximate colors as the Working Blue Cap. Rear mesh panels and adjusting tabs are authorized. Unit name, location, and hull numbers are authorized to be permanently affixed to the front face of the cap, allowing room for the required rank device as on the Working Blue Cap. No other lettering, logos, or art work is allowed on the cap. Embroidered gold oak leaves and acorns ("scrambled eggs") are authorized on ball caps of officers O-5 and above.
- (3) Working Blue Ball Caps. Standard issue Working Blue Ball Caps shall be of dark blue (generic navy blue or approximating Coast Guard Blue) material. Adjusting tabs in the rear are authorized. Cap shall be either free of lettering or shall have U. S. COAST GUARD permanently affixed in an arch across the front of the cap face. Lettering shall be one half inch yellow block type arranged with enough space to allow the fitting of the rank device under the lettering and one to one and one quarter inches above the cap visor. Embroidered gold oak leaves and acorns are authorized on ball caps of officers O-5 and above.

- (4) Wear. Unit ball caps may be worn with the Working Blue uniform while commuting to and from work. Working or Unit Ball Caps can be worn with the Tropical Blue uniform on board Coast Guard small boats and vessels. Commanding officers may temporarily require the removal of rank devices from ball caps if warranted by local conditions.
- b. Crew Neck T-Shirts for Women. In situations where the Uniform Regulations are relaxed, allowing removal of the Working Blue shirt due to warm weather or warm working area, women will wear, in lieu of the Working Blue Shirt, a white or dark blue crew neck T-shirt of heavy enough material to be completely opaque. This is an elaboration of standard policy on organizational clothing as described in Chapter 11 of reference (a) dealing with uniform modifications due to extremes in climate.
- c. Earmuffs. In cold weather conditions, plain dark blue or black earmuffs can be worn in cold weather by all members. Band should be worn either under the required hat or below the headgear with the headband to the rear of the head/neck.
- d. Garrison Cap.
  - (1) Rank Device. Members E-6 through E-4 shall wear a collar grade rank device on the left side of the Garrison Cap. This will replace the Coast Guard emblem formerly worn in that position and will be placed in the same location.
  - (2) Wear With Working Blue Uniform. Garrison Caps can be worn with the Working Blue Uniform and may be prescribed instead of the standard issue Working Blue Ball Cap.
  - (3) Women's Wear Of Men's Cap. Women may wear the Men's Garrison Cap instead of the current women's Garrison Cap.
- e. Officer's Bridge Coat (Optional). Officers may wear a Bridge Coat (made in the Navy style) made of wool melton type fabric in Coast Guard Blue Shade 3362. The Coast Guard Bridge Coat is available from the Coast Guard Academy. The Navy version of this coat is not authorize for Coast Guard use.
- f. Old Uniform Items Phaseout. The All Weather Coat became obsolete on 1 October 1988. The Women's Light Blue Tropical Coat became obsolete for all but the CG Auxiliary on 1 October 1991. The Women's Utility Trousers (old style without pockets and belt loops) and Gabardine and Doubleknit SDB uniform items can be worn until no longer serviceable.

g. Shirts.

- (1) Air Force Men's Short Sleeve Light Blue Shirt. As of 1 June 1993, this shirt became the required men's seabag item in reference (a), with the exception of Coast Guard Reserve members not on some form of extended active duty. The new shirt becomes required for Reserve members not on extended active duty on 1 April 1994. This shirt is authorized for wear by Coast Guard women when it provides a better fit than other available shirts. The old style shirt with plain pockets and no epaulets is an optional wear item until it becomes obsolete on 1 November 1994. Either may be used for personnel inspections unless the required seabag item is prescribed. Enlisted members E-4 and above will wear collar devices on this shirt in the same manner as worn on the long sleeve Light Blue Shirt with tie. Officers will wear shoulder boards on this shirt with all uniforms except Undress. Collar grade rank devices will be worn on the undress version of all shirts for officers in the same manner as on the enlisted long sleeve light blue shirt with tie. Officer and enlisted women will wear the Ascot with these shirts when a tie is required.
- (2) Light Blue Shirts with Service Dress Blue. Men are authorized to wear the new Air Force type short sleeve Light Blue Shirt (with tie and no ribbons, badges, or other insignia on the shirt) as part of the Service Dress Bravo uniform in place of the long sleeve shirt unless otherwise prohibited. Women are authorized to wear either the old or new style short sleeve light blue shirts, or the men's A/F type shirt when it provides a better fit, (with the Ascot tie and without ribbons, badges, or other insignia on the shirt) as part of the Service Dress Bravo uniform in place of the long sleeve shirt unless otherwise prohibited. This authorization applies to wear with the Woolly-Pully Sweater, and Windbreakers as well as use in the office setting without the SD Coat, Sweater, or Windbreakers. Rank insignia will be worn as previously described. At the discretion of the prescribing officer, the wear of nametags may be required on any shirt worn as part of the SDB uniform.
- (3) Women's New Style Shirts. The use of the new style women's Light Blue Long and Short Sleeve shirts with pleated pockets and epaulets procured by Coast Guard Exchanges is authorized as an option to the standard issue Light Blue Long and Short Sleeve shirts if not otherwise prescribed. The current standard recruit-

issue shirt remains the required seabag item until further notice. Due to similarity with the men's Light Blue Long and Short Sleeve shirts with pleated pockets and epaulets, women are authorized to wear the men's version of this shirt if they provide a better fit. Enlisted members E-4 and above will wear collar devices on these shirts in the same manner as worn on the men's long sleeve light blue shirt with tie. Officers will wear shoulder boards on this shirt with all uniforms except Undress. Collar grade rank devices will be worn on the undress version of all shirts for officers in the same manner as on the enlisted long sleeve light blue shirt with tie. Officer and enlisted women will wear the Ascot with these shirts when a tie is required.

- (4) Women's White Shirts. Women's white shirts for use with Service Dress Alpha, Full Dress Blue uniforms, and Dress White uniforms may be either long or short sleeve white plain front, stand-up pointed collar Navy or commercially available shirts. Long and short sleeve types are considered equivalent.
- (5) Women's White Shirts For Formal/Dinner Dress Jacket. Either the ruffled or flat pleated white shirt may be worn at the member's option. Commercially available shirts are authorized.

h. Shoulder Boards. Officers shall wear Enhanced Boards on the Woolly-Pully Sweater and with all shirts having epaulets, except that collar devices are worn instead of Boards on the Undress uniforms. Hard Boards are worn on Service/Full Dress White, Dinner Dress White Jacket, Reefer and Bridge Coat, and Old Style Light Blue Short Sleeve Shirt. Soft Boards became obsolete on 1 August 1993 and are not authorized for wear on any uniform.

#### 1. Trousers.

- (1) Trousers for Undress Uniforms. Only Utility Blue trousers may be worn with undress uniforms. As of 13 May 1992, Dress trousers are not authorized for wear with undress uniforms.
- (2) Women's Trousers. A straight leg design is approved for Coast Guard women's trousers and will be available in the near future. Members may (at their own expense) have their current trousers altered to eliminate the flair to a straight legged trousers.

j. Undress Blue Uniform. The Undress Blue uniform is authorized for commuting between members' workplace and residence. Restrictions are the same as those for the Working Blue uniform's use for this purpose.

k. Use of the Tropical Blue Long Uniform. The Tropical Blue Long Uniform is considered a seasonal (warm weather) uniform for use when climatic conditions make it impractical to wear the Service Dress Uniform. Prescribing officers are responsible to ensure the health and welfare of their personnel as well as enhancing military order and discipline. Decisions should be based on proper military appearance, duties of personnel, and local climatic conditions. Winter use of this uniform should be strictly limited to those areas where climate makes wearing of the SDB uniform impractical. Tropical Blue Long may be worn on all occasions where no other uniforms are prescribed or while in a travel status. Tropical Blue Long is not acceptable for wear at any event or function where coat and tie is the required or expected civilian attire.

l. Windbreakers. The Poly/Cotton Windbreaker is currently an optional item. It becomes obsolete 1 October 1995. The Poly/Wool Windbreaker is currently an optional item. On October 1995 it becomes a mandatory seabag item, replacing one SDB Coat. It is now being issued at-recruit-training in place of one SDB Coat.

m. Women's Black Ties. The Black Bow Tie used with Service Dress Alpha, Dinner Dress Blue and Dinner Dress White (not the formal short jacket type), and Dress White uniforms is no longer available. It has been replaced with a one piece Black Tab Tie design as now used by the Navy. The old and new style ties are considered equivalent. The old style Black Bow Tie may be used until no longer serviceable.

n. Women's Dinner Dress Jacket Modification. Women are authorized to add to the Dinner Dress White and Blue Jackets a closure device identical to that used on the men's Dinner Dress Blue Jacket. The buttons for the device shall be attached to the inside of each front jacket flap, placed to allow for even closure of the jacket.

o. Women's Hosiery. Women may wear black (instead of flesh tone) hosiery when pumps are worn with Service Dress Trousers.

## 7. INSIGNIA AND ACCOUTERMENTS.

a. Collar Devices for Officers On Undress Blue. Officers shall wear metal collar grade rank devices on Air Force style long and short sleeve shirts with Undress Blue Uniforms. Collar devices will be worn in the same manner as on the enlisted long sleeve light blue shirt with tie. Shoulder Boards are no longer authorized with the Undress Blue Uniform.

- b. Collar Devices on Windbreakers. As of 13 May 1992, Chief Petty Officers are not authorized to wear collar devices on either type of the Coast Guard Windbreaker.
- c. Command Insignia. Command at Sea and Command Ashore insignia are considered equivalent. The same is true for Officer-in-Charge Afloat and Officer-in-Charge Ashore insignia. During the incumbency of either insignia, both the incumbent insignia and the previously earned insignia may be worn. The incumbent insignia will be worn on the right as described in reference (a) and the miniature version of the previously-earned insignia will be worn on the left pocket flap, centered above the button. After incumbency, both miniature insignia may be worn on the left pocket flap, symmetrically centered on either side of the button. When another insignia is worn on the pocket flap, the miniature command insignia are worn one quarter inch below the edge of the pocket flap. After incumbency, when wearing large medals, the full size command insignia, or insignias if both may be worn, will be worn on the left breast pocket one quarter inch below the bottom of the medals. When two are worn with-large medals, they may extend past the pocket edges as necessary. For women: after incumbency, the insignia(s) will be worn one quarter inch above the left pocket flap, or equivalent location, or one quarter inch above the ribbons or other insignia. When large medals are worn, the insignia(s) will be worn one quarter inch above the medals. Women may make adjustments to the standard spacing if needed to enhance the appearance of the insignia on the uniform.
- d. Commandant's Staff Identification Badge.
- (1) Eligibility. Members currently serving on the Commandant's personal staff are entitled to wear the Commandant's Staff Badge. Permanent wear of the badge is authorized for personnel who have completed one year of satisfactory duty on this staff. This includes those in billets listed on the Personnel Allowance List for the Commandant's and Vice Commandant's Staffs (G-C and G-CV). The Staff Directors of G-CI, G-CP, G-CC, G-CX, and G-CQ are authorized the wear of the badge while assigned to that duty. Retroactive issuance of this badge to personnel who have previously met the above requirements is authorized upon confirmation by Commandant's Staff. Issuance of the badge is controlled by the Commandant's Staff. Personnel believing they qualify should submit a letter requesting the badges. Include: full name; rank; social security no.; current unit mailing address; dates of service; and position/staff symbol/title held on the staff. Forward the letter to Commandant's Staff.



(G-C) ATTN: Staff Badge. Qualifying personnel will receive one large and one small badge, and an accompanying certificate.

- (2) Wear. The badge shall be worn only on uniforms on which large medals, miniature medals, or ribbons are worn. Men: wear the badge centered on the right breast pocket. Women: wear the badge on the right side centered one quarter inch above the nametag, ribbons, or pocket flap or equivalent location in the absence of pocket flaps. Full size badges are worn on the Service Dress and Full Dress Uniforms. Miniature badges are worn on the Tropical Blue, Winter Blue, Formal and Dinner Dress Uniforms. Members in Command billets subsequent to Commandant's Staff duty shall wear the miniature Commandant's Staff Badge when worn in conjunction with the Command Insignia.

- e. Cuttermen Insignia. Enlisted personnel who are eligible to wear the permanent Cuttermen Insignia and are later commissioned as officers shall continue to wear the silver insignia until they have completed the PQS for the officer's insignia as per section 6.G. of COMDTINST M3502.4 (series), Cutter Training and Education Manual. A temporary Cuttermen Insignia shall not be worn in lieu of a previously earned insignia. Enlisted personnel who are eligible for only a temporary Cuttermen Insignia are not entitled to temporary wear of the silver insignia upon commissioning as an officer. The applicable PQS must be completed before being authorized to wear either the temporary or permanent gold insignia.

f. Honor Guard Badge.

- (1) Eligibility. Members who previously served satisfactorily in the Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard, those in its chain of command at Alexandria, VA, or those who qualified and served with the Honor Guard on an approved collateral duty basis are authorized permanent post assignment wear of the Honor Guard Badge. Members who believe they qualify for this badge must furnish documentation and be approved and certified by their commanding officer.
- (2) Wear. Men: wear the badge on the upper right pocket, one quarter inch below the pocket flap. Women: wear the badge above the upper right pocket, one quarter inch above authorized ribbons, name tag, or pocket flap. Wear in corresponding position on shirts or garments without upper right pocket. For all members, the badge will be worn only on uniform with ribbons or large or small medals. The full size badge will be worn on the Full and Service



Dress uniforms only. The miniature is worn on all other authorized uniforms. Manner of wear while a member of the Honor Guard will not change.

- g. Nametags on Service Dress Shirts. Commanding officers and unit commanders may prescribe the wear of nametags on the shirt of the SDB uniform when worn in the office environment without an outer garment.
  - h. Navy Surface Warfare and Enlisted Surface Warfare Insignia. All officer and enlisted members who have earned either of these insignia and have not had the right to wear it revoked, may wear it on the Coast Guard uniform. This includes those who earned it as members of either the U. S. Navy or Coast Guard.
  - i. Ribbons: Minimum Number Worn. When the wearing of ribbons is required, members must wear either all ribbons authorized or their senior three ribbons.
  - j. Wearing of Breast Insignia and Badges. Only one special service/Identification Badge may be worn at one time. Personnel entitled to more than one badge shall wear the badge for their present assignment. For post assignment wear, members entitled to more than one badge may choose the badge they prefer. Exception: the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard shall wear both the MCPO-CG Badge and the Commandant's Staff Badge while assigned as MCPO-CG. The total number of breast insignia and badges that may be worn simultaneously on the Coast Guard uniform is limited to five: two breast insignia; two Command/OIC Insignia; one special service/identification badge (except for the MCPO-CG as noted above).
8. ORGANIZATIONAL CLOTHING. Local commands may use unit AFC-3 funds to buy and distribute organizational clothing, when direction is not otherwise provided by a Headquarters Program Director. Organizational clothing should be used to protect the health, safety, and comfort of Coast Guard members. This is meant to include situations when the clothing included in the member's seabag is not satisfactory due to weather, climate (hot or cold), or special or unique work requirements. This does not include buying items just for the purpose of improving members appearance or to make them unit-unique. Organizational clothing items should be bought from government sources whenever possible, but may be bought from commercial sources when that provides the best value.



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