



## FLAG VOICE #581

### Military Uniforms During Community Events

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Colleagues, as the weather warms and COVID-19 loosens its grip on our communities, we anticipate members wishing to participate and represent the United States Coast Guard during events off-duty. These events can be extremely beneficial to our image and recruiting when done in a proper and professional manner.

Per the Uniform Regulations manual, COMDTINST M1020.6K 1.B.3, our members may wear their uniforms during community events where there is command participation. Coast Guard members who wish to wear their uniform to an off-duty event that is not an event where their commands are participating may still be allowed to do so, but are required to seek approval from their Commanding Officer. Commands are encouraged to lean on the side of "approval" as long as the event does not expressly or implicitly support political activities or commercial activities and does not bring discredit to the Service. Commands should seek guidance from their servicing legal office before approving requests for members to wear their uniform to off-duty events.

It is our responsibility as leaders to ensure members wearing the Coast Guard uniform or otherwise identifying themselves as a member of our Service, do so in a manner that honors our organization and presents a professional image to the public.

Questions regarding these efforts should be directed to: [HQPolicyandStandards@uscg.mil](mailto:HQPolicyandStandards@uscg.mil).

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dr. D. Mischell Navarro".

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