

U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations Summary of Changes (Sep 2018)

This Summary of Changes provides a brief description of changes made to Navy Uniform Regulations (NAVPERS 15665I) since the last update of 19 July 2018. The changes identified in this summary reflect the approved uniform policy changes announced in NAVADMIN 233/18, and the correction of noted policy discrepancies found within NAVPERS 15665I. For specific details of changes, please refer to the noted chapters, sections and articles below.

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1. Chapter 2, Section 1, Grooming Standards, General Information, Navy Personnel Assigned to Marine Corps, Article 2101.2.

Deleted:

"2. NAVY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO MARINE CORPS. Navy personnel assigned to Marine Corps units who elect to wear and are issued Marine Corps **service uniforms** at no expense, will abide by grooming standards established for Marines. Navy personnel assigned to Marine Corps units who do not elect to wear Marine Corps service uniforms will be issued only utilities and shall abide by grooming standards for Navy personnel."

Added:

"2. NAVY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO MARINE CORPS. Navy Sailors assigned to U.S. Marine Corps units who wear the Marine Corps uniform will abide by Marine Corps grooming standards except for the requirement of a zero fade hairstyle for male Sailors."

2. Chapter 2, Section 2, Grooming Standards, Personal Appearance, Hair, Women, Article 2201.1.b.(1).

Deleted:

"(1) Acceptable Hairstyle Criteria. Hairstyles and haircuts shall present a professional and balanced appearance. Appropriateness of a hairstyle shall be evaluated by its appearance when headgear is worn. All headgear shall fit snugly and comfortably around the largest part of the head without distortion or excessive gaps. Hairstyles will not interfere with the proper wearing of headgear, protective masks or equipment. When headgear is worn, hair shall not show from under the front of the headgear. Hair is not to protrude from the opening in the back of the ball cap, except when wearing a bun hairstyle. All buns shall be positioned on the back of the head to ensure the proper wearing of all headgear."

Added:

"(1) Acceptable Hairstyle Criteria. Hairstyles and haircuts shall present a professional and balanced appearance. Appropriateness of a hairstyle shall be evaluated by its appearance when headgear is worn. All headgear shall fit snugly and comfortably around the largest part of the head without distortion or excessive gaps. Hairstyles will not interfere with the proper wearing of headgear, protective masks or equipment. When headgear is worn, hair shall not show from under the front of the headgear. Hair is not to protrude from the opening in the back of the ball cap, except when wearing a bun or ponytail hairstyle. All buns and ponytails shall be positioned on the back of the head to ensure the proper wearing of all headgear."

3. Chapter 2, Section 2, Grooming Standards, Personal Appearance, Hair, Women, Hairstyles, Article 2201.1.b.(2).f.

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Deleted:

“(2) Locks can be loose (free-hanging where no hair is added to the lock once it is started other than hair extensions that are attached at the end of the natural hair). When worn loose, locks will be spaced no more than three-eighths of an inch apart, diameter/width will not exceed three-eighths of an inch, and locks will be tightly interlaced to present a neat and professional military appearance. Locks may also be worn in a bun provided all hair grooming requirements are met. Locks may not be worn in combination with other hair styles (e.g. twists, braids).”

Added:

“(2) Locks can be loose (free-hanging where no hair is added to the lock once it is started other than hair extensions that are attached to natural hair). When worn loose, locks will be spaced no more than three-eighths of an inch apart, diameter/width will not exceed three-eighths of an inch, and locks will be tightly interlaced to present a neat and professional military appearance. Locks may also be worn in a bun provided all hair grooming requirements are met. Faux locks are authorized provided the hairstyle worn is in compliance with female hair grooming requirements. Locks may not be worn in combination with other hair styles (e.g. twists, braids).”

4. Chapter 2, Section 2, Grooming Standards, Personal Appearance, Fingernails, Article 2201.5.

Deleted:

“5. FINGERNAILS

a. Men. Fingernails shall not extend past fingertips. They shall be kept clean. Nail polish is not authorized.

b. Women. Fingernails shall not exceed 1/4 inch measured from the fingertip. They shall be kept clean. Nail polish may be worn, but colors shall be conservative and complement the skin tone. French and American manicures (white and off-white tips with neutral base color ONLY) are authorized.”

Added:

“5. FINGERNAILS

a. Men. Fingernails shall not extend past fingertips. They shall be kept clean. The tips of the nails may be round to align with the contour of the fingertip. Buffed nails or clear coat nail polish is authorized. Colored nail polish is not authorized for men.

b. Women. Fingernails shall not exceed 1/4 inch measured from the fingertip. They shall be kept clean. The tips of the nails may be round, almond/oval, or square in shape. Nail polish may be worn, but colors shall be conservative and inconspicuous. White, black, red, yellow, orange, green, purple, blue, hot pink, grey, glitter, striped, or any sort of pattern/decorative nail polish are examples of unauthorized nail polish colors. French and American manicures (white and off-white tips with neutral base color ONLY) are authorized.”

5. Chapter 2, Section 2, Grooming Standards, Personal Appearance, Jewelry, Article 2201.6.

Deleted:

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"a. Rings. a. Rings. While in uniform, rings shall be conservative and in good taste. Eccentric or faddish rings are not authorized. Only one ring per hand is authorized, plus a wedding/engagement ring set. Rings are not permitted to be worn on the thumb.

e. Wristwatch/Bracelets. While in uniform, shall be conservative and in good taste. Eccentric or faddish wristwatches and bracelets are not authorized. Only one watch and one bracelet may be worn simultaneously (one on each wrist) while in uniform. Ankle bracelets are not authorized while in uniform."

Added:

"a. Rings. While in uniform, rings shall be conservative and in good taste. Eccentric or faddish rings are not authorized. Rings may consist of natural metals or fabricated materials (i.e. plastic, wood, silicone) and may be gold, silver, copper, grey, tan, brown, black, white, or light pink in color. Only one ring per hand is authorized, plus a wedding/engagement ring set. Double stacking wedding rings with military academy/educational institution rings is authorized on one hand. Rings shall not present a safety or foreign object damage (FOD) hazard. Rings are not permitted to be worn on the thumb.

e. Bracelets. While in uniform, bracelets shall be conservative and in good taste. Eccentric or faddish bracelets are not authorized. Bracelets may consist of natural metals or fabricated materials (i.e., plastic, wood, silicone) and may be gold, silver, copper, grey, tan, brown, black, white, or light pink in color. Only one bracelet may be worn while in uniform. Ankle bracelets in uniform are not authorized. Bracelets shall not present a safety or FOD hazard.

f. Wristwatch. While in uniform, wristwatches shall be conservative and in good taste. Eccentric or faddish watches are not authorized. Only one watch and one bracelet may be worn simultaneously (one on each wrist) while in uniform."

6. Chapter 3, Section 2, Officer Uniforms, Female, Service Uniform, Service Khaki.

Deleted: (Basic Uniform Components) "Shirt, Khaki, Service" and **(Article)** "3501.46."
Deleted: (Optional Items) "Overblouse" and **(Article)** "3602.1."

Added: (Basic Uniform Components) "Overblouse, Khaki, Poly/Wool" and **(Article)** "3602.1."

Added: (Optional Items) "Shirt, Khaki, Service" and **(Article)** "3501.46."

7. Chapter 3, Section 3, Chief Petty Officer Uniforms, Female, Service Uniform, Service Khaki.

Deleted: (Basic Uniform Components) "Shirt, Khaki, Service" and **(Article)** "3501.46."
Deleted: (Optional Items) "Overblouse, Khaki, Poly/Wool" and **(Article)** "3602.1."

Added: (Basic Uniform Components) "Overblouse, Khaki, Poly/Wool" and **(Article)** "3602.1."

Added: (Optional Items) "Shirt, Khaki, Service" and **(Article)** "3501.46."

8. Chapter 3, Section 5, Description and Wear of Uniform Components, Cap, Ball, Article 3501.8.

Deleted:

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“Occasion for Wear:

The navy blue Navy and Command Ball Cap are authorized for optional wear with the NWU Type I, II, III, Coveralls, Flight Suits, and the Physical Training Uniform (PTU) (Shirt/Shorts/Fitness Suit/Sweat Shirt/Sweat Pants).

The coyote brown Command Ball Cap is authorized for optional wear with the NWU Type II and III uniform only.

For the NWU Type I, II and III, the eight-point cover will remain the standard head gear worn during uniform inspections, special events, and as determined by the Regional Commander or unit commanding officer.”

Added:

“Occasion for Wear:

The navy blue Navy and Command Ball Cap are authorized for optional wear with the NWU Type I, II, III, Coveralls, Flight Suits, and the Physical Training Uniform (PTU) (Shirt/Shorts/Fitness Suit/Sweat Shirt/Sweat Pants).

The coyote brown Command Ball Cap is authorized for optional wear with the NWU Type II, III, Navy coveralls, and Navy flight suits.

For the NWU Type I, II and III, the eight-point cover will remain the standard head gear worn during uniform inspections, special events, and as determined by the Regional Commander or unit commanding officer.”

9. Chapter 3, Section 5, Description and Wear of Uniform Components, Overblouse, Khaki, Service (Female), Article 3602.1.

Deleted:

“Description

Khaki in color and made of authorized fabric (75/25% poly/wool blend) with short sleeves and an open collar forming a V neck. The overblouse is a basic uniform component for enlisted females, E-6 and below. Female officers and chief petty officers are authorized to wear the poly/wool overblouse as an optional service khaki uniform component with the 75/25% poly/wool khaki pants or skirt.”

Added:

“Description

Khaki in color and made of authorized fabric (75/25% poly/wool blend) with short sleeves and an open collar forming a V neck. The overblouse is a basic uniform component for female officer and enlisted Sailors.”

10. Chapter 3, Section 5, Description and Wear of Uniform Components, Shirt, Khaki, Service (Officers/CPOs), Article 3501.46.

Deleted:

“Description

Made of authorized fabric, with short sleeves, two breast pockets with button flaps, and an open collar forming a V-neck. Women's shirts button to the left and men's shirts button to the right. The shirt and trousers/slacks/skirt fabric

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must match (i.e. poly/cotton with poly/cotton, CNT with CNT and poly/wool with poly/wool).

Correct Wear

Button all buttons.”

Added:

“Description

Khaki in color and made of authorized fabric (75/25% poly/wool blend) with short sleeves, two breast pockets with button flaps, and an open collar forming a V-neck.

Correct Wear

When worn, it is tucked into service slacks with all buttons buttoned. Women's shirts button to the left and men's shirts button to the right. The shirt and trousers/slacks/skirt fabric must match (i.e. CNT with CNT and poly/wool with poly/wool).”

11. Chapter 3, Section 5, Description and Wear of Uniform Components, Undershirt, Article 3603.2.

Deleted:

“Correct Wear

Wear right side out, front of shirt to front of body. The navy blue undershirt is worn with the NWU Type I and optionally worn with coveralls. The coyote brown undershirt is worn with the NWU Type II, III and optionally (blue or coyote brown) worn with the coveralls. Organizationally issued or personally purchased thermal underwear is authorized for wear underneath the undershirt and will not be visible when worn.

Ownership

Last name and initials on the outside of the front, 1 inch from the bottom of the shirt and at right of the center.”

Added:

“Correct Wear

Wear right side out, front of shirt to front of body. When worn with uniform trousers, the t-shirt will remain tucked in. The navy blue undershirt is worn with the NWU Type I and optionally worn with coveralls. The coyote brown undershirt is worn with the NWU Type II, III and optionally (blue or coyote brown) worn with the coveralls. Organizationally issued or personally purchased thermal underwear is authorized for wear underneath the undershirt and will not be visible when worn.

Ownership

Last name and initials on the outside of the front, 1 inch from the bottom of the shirt and at right of the center.

Note:

1. Optional command logos are authorized on front and back of t-shirts worn with working/utility uniforms (NWU Type I/II/III, Navy coveralls, and Navy flight suits.
2. T-shirts worn with command logos are authorized for wear as civilian clothing by commanding officer discretion”

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12. Chapter 5, Section 2, Identification Badges/Awards/Insignia, Breast Insignia, Article 5201.1.

Deleted: (2) Post Tour

(a) Only one post-tour Command Insignia may be worn. The choice of insignia is up to the individual/member. If you are also an incumbent, the post-tour Command Insignia of the same command category will not be worn.

(b) Center the insignia on the left breast, 1/4 inch below the top of the pocket/flap. When wearing two qualification breast insignia, center the Command Insignia 1/4 inch below the secondary insignia, or on uniforms with pocket flaps, 1/4 inch below the flap. When wearing Command Insignia and an identification badge, men center the badge 1/4 inch below the command Insignia, and women center the badge 1/4 inch above the left pocket, ribbons or primary insignia.

(c) With miniature medals, center Command Insignia 1/4 inch below the miniature medals or secondary breast insignia.

(d) When wearing Full Dress uniforms, men center Command Insignia 1/4 inch below the lower of either the medals or a second insignia; women center the insignia 1/4 inch above the left pocket, medals or primary breast insignia. On Full Dress Whites, the combination of breast insignia, medals and identification badge, shall not extend below the lower seam of the pocket.

Added: (2) Post Tour

(a) Optional simultaneous wear of Post-Tour Command at Sea and Command Ashore/Project Manager insignia is authorized when wear Working Uniforms (NWUs, Navy Coveralls and Flight Suits), Service Uniforms and Service Dress Uniforms. When worn simultaneously, the Command at Sea Insignia will be placed inboard toward the center of the chest denoting primary placement. The Command Ashore/Project manager Insignia will be worn adjacent and to the wearer's left of the Command at Sea Insignia, with one inch between the facing outer edges of both insignias. If you are also an incumbent, the post-tour Command Insignia of the same command category will not be worn.

(b) Center the insignia (one or both post tour insignias) on the left breast, 1/4 inch below the top of the pocket/flap. When wearing two qualification breast insignia (primary above the Service Tape and secondary below the Service Tape), center the Command Insignia 1/4 inch below the secondary insignia, or on uniforms with pocket flaps, 1/4 inch below the flap. When wearing Command Insignia and an identification badge, men center the badge 1/4 inch below the command Insignia, and women center the badge 1/4 inch above the left pocket, ribbons or primary insignia.

(c) When worn with Dinner Dress uniforms, only one post tour command insignia may be worn. Center Command Insignia 1/4 inch below the miniature medals or secondary breast insignia.

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(d) When wearing Full Dress uniforms, only one post tour insignia may be worn. Men center Command Insignia 1/4 inch below the lower of either the medals or a second insignia; women center the insignia 1/4 inch above the left pocket, medals or primary breast insignia. On Full Dress Whites, the combination of breast insignia, medals and identification badge, shall not extend below the lower seam of the pocket.