

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

This Summary of Changes provides a brief description of changes made to Navy Uniform Regulations (NAVPERS 15665I) since the last update of 24 September 2018. The changes identified in this summary reflect 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 3, Section 5, Description & Wear of Uniform Components.

Added:

“Shirt, Optional, Physical Training Uniform (OPTU) Short Sleeve, and **(Article) 3601.2a**”

2. Chapter 3, Section 5, Description & Wear of Uniform Components.

Added:

“Shorts, Optional, Physical Training Uniform (OPTU), and **(Article) 3601.6a**”

3. Chapter 3, Section 5, Description and Wear of Uniform Components, Shirt, Optional, Physical Training Uniform (OPTU) Short Sleeve, Article 3601.2a.

Added:



“Description

Navy Blue, 100% polyester crewneck collar with anti-microbial/odor resistant and moisture wicking materials. The front logo displays a new eagle design over the left chest. The back log displays AMERICAS NAVY FORGED BY THE SEA.

Correct Wear

Wear right side out, front of shirt to front of body with sleeves rolled down.

Ownership Markings

Last name and initials on Bottom inner right side on hem.”

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4. Chapter 3, Section 5, Description and Wear of Uniform Components, Shorts, Optional, Physical Training Uniform (OPTU), Article 3601.6a.

Added:



Description

Navy Blue five-inch inseam, 100% polyester (with moisture wicking anti-microbial/odor resistant) fabric. Elastic and drawstring waistband with no pockets on either side. The shorts also contain a gold non-reflective "NAVY" logo affixed to the front left leg, and a zippered pocket on the back right side of the shorts.

Correct Wear

Shorts will be worn fully on the waist. The length of the shorts will not extend below the top of the knee. Additionally, the PTU shorts will be worn in conjunction with the PTU Shirt as outlined in article 3601.3.

Ownership Markings

Last name placed on inside of front left leg, one inch from the seam."

5. Chapter 3, Section 2, Officer Uniforms, Male, Working Uniform, Physical Training Uniform (PTU).

Added: (Optional Items) "Shirt, Optional, Physical Training Uniform (OPTU) Short Sleeve" and **(Article)** 3601.2a."

Added: (Optional Items) "Shorts, Optional, Physical Training Uniform (OPTU), and **(Article)** 3601.6a."

6. Chapter 3, Section 2, Officer Uniforms, Female, Working Uniform, Physical Training Uniform (PTU).

Added: (Optional Items) "Shirt, Optional, Physical Training Uniform (OPTU) Short Sleeve" and **(Article)** 3601.2a."

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Added: (Optional Items) "Shorts, Optional, Physical Training Uniform (OPTU), and (Article) 3601.6a."

7. Chapter 3, Section 3, Chief Petty Officer Uniforms, Male, Working Uniform, Physical Training Uniform (PTU).

Added: (Optional Items) "Shirt, Optional, Physical Training Uniform (OPTU) Short Sleeve" and (Article) "3601.2a."

Added: (Optional Items) "Shorts, Optional, Physical Training Uniform (OPTU), and (Article) 3601.6a."

8. Chapter 3, Section 3, Chief Petty Officer Uniforms, Female, Working Uniform, Physical Training Uniform (PTU).

Added: (Optional Items) "Shirt, Optional, Physical Training Uniform (OPTU) Short Sleeve" and (Article) "3601.2a."

Added: (Optional Items) "Shorts, Optional, Physical Training Uniform (OPTU), and (Article) 3601.6a."

9. Chapter 3, Section 4, Enlisted Uniforms, Male, Working Uniform, Physical Training Uniform (PTU).

Added: (Optional Items) "Shirt, Optional, Physical Training Uniform (OPTU) Short Sleeve" and (Article) "3601.2a."

Added: (Optional Items) "Shorts, Optional, Physical Training Uniform (OPTU), and (Article) 3601.6a."

10. Chapter 3, Section 4, Enlisted Uniforms, Female, Working Uniform, Physical Training Uniform (PTU).

Added: (Optional Items) "Shirt, Optional, Physical Training Uniform (OPTU) Short Sleeve" and (Article) "3601.2a."

Added: (Optional Items) "Shorts, Optional, Physical Training Uniform (OPTU), and (Article) 3601.6a."

11. Chapter 5, Section 3, Identification Badges/Awards/Insignia, Campaign and Service Awards, Article 5308.1.

Deleted:

1. General. Listed below in order of precedence are the CAMPAIGN AND SERVICE AWARDS authorized for wear on the naval uniform after all non-military decorations:

Prisoner of War (POW) Medal

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Good Conduct Medal (Navy and Marine Corps)

Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medal

Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal

Navy Fleet Marine Force Ribbon

Expeditionary Medal (Navy and Marine Corps)

Navy Occupation Service Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Korean Service Medal

Antarctica Service Medal

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Southwest Asia Service Medal

Kosovo Campaign Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal

Iraq Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

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Korean Defense Service Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

Sea Service Deployment Ribbon

Naval Arctic Service Ribbon

Naval Reserve Sea Service Ribbon

Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon

Recruiting Service Ribbon (Navy and Marine Corps)

Marine Corps Security Guard Ribbon

Navy Recruit Training Service Ribbon

Navy Ceremonial Guard Service Ribbon

Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon

Armed Forces Reserve Medal

Naval Reserve Medal

Merchant Marine Gallant Ship Unit Citation

Merchant Marine Combat Bar

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Merchant Marine Korean Service Bar

Merchant Marine Vietnam Service Bar

Merchant Marine Expeditionary Medal (Operations DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM)

<NOTE: See Requirements for Medals>

Added:

1. General. Listed below in order of precedence are the CAMPAIGN AND SERVICE AWARDS authorized for wear on the naval uniform after all non-military decorations:

Prisoner of War (POW) Medal

Good Conduct Medal (Navy and Marine Corps)

Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medal

Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal

Navy Fleet Marine Force Ribbon

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Southwest Asia Service Medal

Kosovo Campaign Medal

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Iraq Campaign Medal

Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal

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Naval Reserve Medal

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Merchant Marine Korean Service Bar

Merchant Marine Vietnam Service Bar

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<NOTE: [See Requirements for Medals](#)>

12. Chapter 5, Section 3, Identification Badges/Awards/Insignia, Letter Devices, Article 5317.5.

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Deleted:

“3. Bronze Letter "A". Individuals who served on vessels in actual or potential belligerent contact with Axis forces in the Atlantic Ocean wear a bronze letter "A" on the suspension ribbon and on the ribbon (ribbon bar) of the American Defense Service Medal. When wearing the "A", do not wear a star.

4. Gold Letter "N". Individuals who earned the Presidential Unit Citation awarded to USS NAUTILUS (SSN-571) for having participated in the cruise of that vessel under the Arctic Ice cap from 22 July to 5 August 1958, are authorized to wear a gold block letter "N" centered on the Presidential Unit Citation ribbon (ribbon bar).

5. Bronze Letter "V". The bronze letter "V" may be worn on the following ribbons if the citation specifically authorizes the "V" for valor (heroism): Decorations awarded prior to 1974: Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal and Navy Achievement Medal. Decorations awarded after 1974: Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and Navy Commendation Medal. Wear only one "V". Arrange gold, bronze or silver stars, or the oak leaf cluster indicating subsequent awards of the medal (except Air Medal <(see article 5319.7)>, in a horizontal line beside the "V" symmetrically in the center of the suspension ribbons of large and miniature medals (position as detailed below). Arrange them in a horizontal line on the ribbon bar with the "V" in the center and the first star to the wearer's right, the second to the wearer's left, and so on.”

Added:

3. Bronze Letter "A". Individuals who served on vessels in actual or potential belligerent contact with Axis forces in the Atlantic Ocean wear a bronze letter "A" on the suspension ribbon and on the ribbon (ribbon bar) of the American Defense Service Medal. When wearing the "A", do not wear a star.

4. Bronze Letter "C" (Combat Conditions Device). The bronze letter "C" may be worn on the following ribbons if the citation specifically authorizes the "C" for meritorious service or achievement under combat conditions: Decorations awarded after 07 January 2016: Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. Arrange gold, bronze or silver stars, or the oak leaf cluster indicating subsequent awards of the medal (except Air Medal <(see article 5319.7)>, in a horizontal line beside the "C" symmetrically in the center of the suspension ribbons of large and miniature medals (position as detailed below). Arrange them in a horizontal line on the ribbon bar with the "C" in the center and the first star to the wearer's right, the second to the wearer's left, and so on. If previous or subsequently awarded medal with "V" and/or "R" device, arrange the "C" after the "V" but before the "R", then arrange the stars to the wearer's right and left, and so on.

5. Gold Letter "N". Individuals who earned the Presidential Unit Citation awarded to USS NAUTILUS (SSN-571) for having participated in the cruise of that vessel under the Arctic Ice cap from 22 July to 5 August 1958, are authorized to wear a gold block letter "N" centered on the Presidential Unit Citation ribbon (ribbon bar).

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6. Bronze Letter "R" (Remote Impact Device). The bronze letter "R" may be worn on the following ribbons if the citation specifically authorizes the "R" for direct hands-on employment of a weapon system, or for other warfighting activities that had a direct and immediate impact on a combat operation or other military operation not exposing the individual to hostile action or place him or her at significant risk to hostile action: Decorations awarded after to 06 January 2016: Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. Wear only one "R". Arrange gold, bronze, or silver stars, or the oak leaf cluster indicating subsequent awards of the, in a horizontal line beside the "R" symmetrically in the center of the suspension ribbons of large and miniature medals (position as detailed below). Arrange them in a horizontal line on the ribbon bar with the "R" in the center and the first star to the wearer's right, the second to the wearer's left, and so on. If previous or subsequently awarded medal with "V" and/or "C" device, arrange the "R" after the "V" and/or "C", then arrange the stars to the wearer's right and left, and so on."

7. Bronze Letter "V" (Valor Device). The bronze letter "V" may be worn on the following ribbons if the citation specifically authorizes the "V" for valor (heroism): Decorations awarded prior to 1974: Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal and Navy Achievement Medal. Decorations awarded after 1974: Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and Navy Commendation Medal. Wear only one "V". Arrange gold, bronze or silver stars, or the oak leaf cluster indicating subsequent awards of the medal (except Air Medal <(see article 5319.7)>, in a horizontal line beside the "V" symmetrically in the center of the suspension ribbons of large and miniature medals (position as detailed below). Arrange them in a horizontal line on the ribbon bar with the "V" in the center and the first star to the wearer's right, the second to the wearer's left, and so on.

Figure 5-3-11 will be updated to show the arrangement of multiple lettered awards and/or stars on medals for proper placement.