

CHAPTER 5

Uniform Regulations

5000 Authorized Uniforms. Authorized uniforms shall be those stated in NROTC Regulations and in the U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations. As of the publication date for this Manual, the Navy's current Uniform Regulations can be found on the BUPERS web site (www.bupers.navy.mil) by following the link for "Instructions." Each chapter of the Uniform Regulations is available as a separate file in the Adobe's Portable Document Format, which can be read by the free Adobe Acrobat Reader. This is available from Adobe's web site (www.adobe.com). The current link for NROTC Uniform information is: <http://www.bupers.navy.mil/cdrom/dev/cd/unireg/CHAPTER6.PDF>

5001 Issue of Uniforms. An initial outfitting of essential uniforms on a gratuitous basis is furnished to each NROTC midshipman after their enrollment.

1. Each student will replace, at their own expense, uniform clothing items that are lost, mutilated or destroyed through their own misconduct or carelessness. Prices will be determined by the current Navy stock list prices.
2. Any student who is disenrolled prior to the successful completion of their training will be required to return all items of government issued clothing and insignia.
3. Each midshipman is responsible for the care and cleaning of all items of their uniform and for having the required uniform for drill or other activities of the unit ready to wear at the time and place prescribed by the Plan of the Week (POW) or other directives.
4. Uniforms or other personal gear will not be left adrift in the unit building.

5002 Cap Insignia.

1. Combination Cap. Insignia on the combination cap consists of the cap device, chin strap and retaining buttons as prescribed in the U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations.
2. Garrison Cap. Insignia consists of a gold metal fouled anchor 1-1/16 inches in length with the other dimensions

proportionate. The unfouled arm of the stock is to the front. It is pinned to the left side of the cap in an upright position with the center two inches from the seam and 1-1/2 inches above the bottom edge.

5003 Class Insignia. Stripes are worn on the left sleeve of the Service Dress Blue (SDB) coat to indicate class. They are centered midway between the shoulder and elbow:

1. NROTC seniors wear three stripes.
2. NROTC juniors wear two stripes.
3. NROTC sophomores wear one stripe.
4. NROTC freshmen wear no stripes.

5004 Rank Insignia.

1. The rank of midshipman officers are indicated by stripes centered on the outer part of the sleeve of the SDB coat, with the lower stripe two inches above and parallel to the edge of the cuff. A gold star is centered above the stripes with one ray pointing down, the point to be 3/4 of an inch above the upper stripe:

- a. Commander wears five stripes.
- b. Lieutenant Commander wears four stripes.
- c. Lieutenant wears three stripes.
- d. Lieutenant Junior Grade wears two stripes.
- e. Ensign wears one stripe.

2. Midshipman Petty Officers wear a badge consisting of an eagle and anchor, in combination with the stars and chevrons to be worn midway between the shoulder and elbow on the right sleeve of the SDB coat. Petty Officer rank in the battalion will be as follows:

- a. Master Chief Petty Officer wears two stars and three chevrons.
- b. Chief Petty Officer wears one star and three chevrons.
- c. Petty Officer, 1st Class wears three chevrons.
- d. Petty Officer wears two chevrons.

5005 Shoulder Insignia. Shoulder boards indicate class and rank and are worn with service dress white, summer white, peacoat, and bridgecoat.

1. Class Shoulder Boards. The insignia to be worn on shoulder boards consist of metal fouled anchor alone or in combination with stripes to indicate the wearer's class:

- a. Midshipman First Class - a gold fouled anchor and one yellow stripe parallel to the squared end of the board (right and left).
- b. Midshipman Second Class - same as prescribed for Midshipman, First Class except there shall be two stripes placed diagonally across the board (right and left).
- c. Midshipman Third Class - same as prescribed for Midshipman, Second Class except that the upper stripe shall be omitted (right and left).
- d. Midshipman Fourth Class - same as prescribed for Midshipman, Third Class except that the stripe shall be omitted (right and left).

2. Rank Shoulder Boards. The insignia to be worn on shoulder boards consist of a star, in combination with stripe(s) to indicate the wearer's rank:

- a. Commander wears five stripes.
- b. Lieutenant Commander wears four stripes.
- c. Lieutenant wears three stripes.

- d. Lieutenant Junior Grade wears two stripes.
- e. Ensign wears one stripe.

5006 SDB Coat Collar Insignia. NROTC midshipmen wear a gold anchor insignia on the coat collar. The insignia is pinned on the collar tips of the coat so that the crown of the anchor is 1/2 inch above the notch of the lapel and the center line of the shank is parallel to and 3/4 inch from the outer edge of the collar (for males). Females wear the insignia one inch from the bottom and centered. The lower edge of the stock shall be outboard and the stock shall be approximately horizontal.

5007 Shirt Collar Insignia. The gold fouled anchor, eagle-anchor and bar pin-on insignia are worn on the collar tips of blue and khaki shirts.

1. Winter Blue Shirt. Insignia is pinned to the collar in a vertical position with the center of the insignia one inch from the front edge and one inch below the upper edge of the collar. The stock of the anchor is parallel to the upper edge of the collar and the eagle's head and the unfouled arm of the stock are to the front.

2. Short Sleeve Khaki Shirt. Insignia is centered one inch from the front and lower edge of the collar and positioned so that the vertical axis of the insignia is bisecting the angle of the collar point.

3. Midshipman First Class of other than Officer Rank, wear the eagle-anchor insignia on both collar points.

4. Midshipman Second Class other than Officer Rank, wear the anchor insignia on both collar points.

5. Midshipman Third Class, wear the anchor insignia on the right collar point only.

6. Rank bar insignia is worn in the same manner as the insignia prescribed above:

- a. Commander wears five bars.

- b. Lieutenant Commander wears four bars.
- c. Lieutenant wears three bars.
- d. Lieutenant Junior Grade wears two bars.
- e. Ensign wears one bar.

5008 Academic Achievement Stars. Stars are worn only on the SDB coat, on each collar lapel 1/2 inch above and in line with the shank of the anchor insignia. One point of the star will be up.

5009 Ribbons.

1 Ribbons are worn on the left side of the uniform 1/8 inch above the pocket. Ribbons are worn with all uniforms except khaki.

2. Ribbons that midshipmen were awarded as a result of active duty service may be worn on the midshipmen uniform. These awards take precedence over midshipman awards. Furthermore, active duty awards will not be worn in conjunction with midshipman awards.

3. Midshipman awards may not be worn while on cruise, periods of active duty, or following commissioning.

5010 Name Tags. Name tags are worn 1/8 inch above the right breast pocket of a shirt or jacket. If there is no right breast pocket, then the name tag will be positioned on the right using the left pocket as a guide.

5011 Marine Option Insignia and Uniform Items.

1. Marine option midshipmen will receive a supplemental issue of Marine Corps uniform accessories that are utilized in lieu of Navy option items.

2. Marine option insignia and uniform items consist of the following articles:

- a. Clasp, necktie, USMC - one

- b. Insignia, collar, USMC (screwpost) - one pair
 - c. Insignia, collar, USMC (prong and clutch) - one pair
 - d. Insignia, service cap, USMC (large) - one
 - e. Insignia, garrison cap, USMC (small left) - one
 - f. Buckle, belt, USMC - one
3. Placement of insignia is as follows:
- a. Clasp, necktie, USMC will be worn in lieu of any other tie clasp.
 - b. Insignia, collar, USMC (screwpost) will be utilized to replace the anchor insignia on the shoulder boards by Marine option midshipmen, with the exception of those shoulder boards depicting midshipmen officer rank.
 - c. Insignia, collar, USMC (prong and clutch) replace the various anchor devices worn on the shirt collar and are worn in the following manner:
 - (1) Freshmen wear no collar device.
 - (2) Sophomores wear Marine Corps insignia on the right collar only. The left collar is empty.
 - (3) Juniors and seniors wear the Marine Corps insignia on both collars.
 - (4) The prong and clutch insignia will also replace the large anchor emblem worn on the lapel of the SDB coat. These insignia's will not be placed on the collar of the white shirt worn with the SDB uniform, nor will they be placed on the collar of the white short sleeve shirt (with shoulder boards) as part of the tropical white uniform.
 - d. Insignia, service cap, USMC (large) replaces the fouled anchor worn on the combination cap.

e. Insignia, service cap, USMC (small, left) replaces the anchor insignia worn on the garrison cap.

f. Buckle, belt, USMC, the belt tip will extend from two to four inches beyond the belt buckle.

5012 Personal Appearance for Men. Men will be well-groomed at all times and will meet the following minimum standards:

1. Hair will be neat, clean and present a groomed appearance. Hair about the ears and around the neck shall be tapered from the lower hairline upwards at least 3/4 inch and outward not greater than 3/4 inch to blend with hairstyle. Hair on the back of the neck will not touch the collar. Hair shall be no longer than four inches. When groomed it may not touch the ears, collar, extend below eyebrows when headgear is removed, nor interfere with the proper wearing of military headgear. Bulk of the hair will not exceed two inches. Bulk is defined as the distance that the mass of hair protrudes from the scalp. Faddish and outrageous hair is not authorized.

2. Facial Hair. Midshipmen are authorized to wear mustaches only. When a mustache is worn no portion of the mustache will extend below the lip line of the upper lip. In addition, it will not go beyond a horizontal line extending across the corners of the mouth and no more than 1/4 inch beyond a vertical line drawn from the corner of the mouth.

3 Sideburns will be neatly trimmed and tailored in the same manner as the haircut. Sideburns shall not extend below the bottom of the earlobe, shall be of even width (not flared) and end with a clean shaven horizontal line.

4. Fingernails will not extend past fingertips. They shall be kept clean.

5. Jewelry is authorized for all male personnel and shall be in good taste while you are in uniform. Eccentricities or faddishness are not permitted. Jewelry shall not present a safety or Foreign Object Damage (FOD) hazard. Jewelry shall be worn within the following guidelines:

- a. Rings. While in uniform, only one ring per hand is authorized, plus a wedding ring.
- b. Earrings are not authorized. Additionally, no article shall be attached to or through the ear and nose.
- c. Necklace/Choker. While in uniform, only one necklace may be worn and it shall not be visible.
- d. Wristwatch/Bracelets. While in uniform, only one of each may be worn. Ankle bracelets are not authorized while in uniform.

5013 Personal Appearance for Women. Women shall be well-groomed at all times and shall meet the following minimum standards:

1. Hair shall be clean and neatly shaped, and arranged in an attractive feminine and professional style. When in uniform, hair on the back of head may not touch nor fall below the lower edge of the collar and must be neatly fastened, pinned, and secured to the back of the head with inconspicuous pins. No hair shall show under the front of the brim of the cover and the bulk of the hair shall not exceed two inches. Ponytails are not allowed. Ends of hair which are pinned up shall not dangle free. Hair coloring must look natural and complement the individual since faddish and outrageous multi-color hair is not authorized.
2. Hair Ornaments. Conspicuous rubber bands, combs, and pins are not authorized. When worn, hair ornaments shall not present a safety or FOD hazard. Barrettes and braids are authorized to be used to pin up hair. A maximum of two similar in color of the hair may be worn.
3. Cosmetics shall be applied in good taste so the colors blend with natural skin tone and enhance natural features. Exaggerated or faddish cosmetic styles are inappropriate with the uniform and shall not be worn. Care should be taken to avoid an artificial appearance. Lipstick shall be conservative in color and complement the Navy uniform. Long false eyelashes shall not be worn when in uniform.

4. Fingernails shall not exceed 1/4 inch measured from the fingertip. Nail polish shall be a soft shade and complementary to the skin tone.

5. Jewelry is authorized for all female personnel and shall be in good taste while in uniform. Eccentricities or faddishness are not permitted. Jewelry shall not present a safety or FOD hazard. Jewelry shall be worn within the following guidelines:

a. Rings. While in uniform, only one ring per hand is authorized, plus an engagement ring or wedding ring set.

b. Earrings. One earring per ear, centered on earlobe, may be worn with any uniform. Nose rings are not authorized. Earrings shall be gold 6mm ball (approximately 1/4 inch), plain with brushed matte finish, screw-on or with posts. Small single pearl earrings are authorized for wear with dinner and formal dress uniforms.

c. Necklaces/Chokers. While in uniform, only one necklace may be worn and it shall not be visible.

d. Wristwatch/Bracelet. While in uniform, only one of each may be worn. Ankle bracelets are not authorized while in uniform.

5014 Uniform Ownership Markings.

1. Men.

a. Bag, Duffel - along the carrying strap on outer side, and on opposite side from the carrying strap, around the bag about one foot from the top.

b. Belts - along the inside.

c. Caps.

(1) Garrison - initials on inside.

(2) Combination - on designated label.

(3) Hat, White - in the back of the brim, when brim is turned down, next to the seam between the brim and the crown so that marking will not show when brim is turned up.

d. Drawers - on the outside of the right half of the waistband, or immediately underneath the waistband on drawers with elastic waistbands.

e. Gloves - initials only on inside, near top.

f. Necktie, Black, Four-in-Hand - center back, inside.

g. Overcoat (Peacoat) - on the label.

h. Raincoat - on the label.

i. Shirts - one inch from the bottom on the inner side of the right from fold on which the buttons are sewn.

j. Shoes - initials on inside.

k. Socks - initials on the foot.

l. Towels - last name on right corner, parallel to the edge.

m. Trousers.

(1) Blue (Dress Type) - On designated label.

(2) Khaki - On designated label.

(3) White - Turn trousers inside out, fly down, waistband away from you, stencil three initials and last four digits of SSN on left rear pocket in between two horizontal seams; fill in manufacturers tag using a ball point pen.

n. Undershirts - on outside of the front, one inch from the bottom of the shirt and at right of the center.

2. Women.

a. Anklelets - on the foot.

b. Bag, Duffel - along the carrying strap on the outer side and opposite side from the carrying strap, around the bag about one foot from the top.

c. Belts - inside.

d. Caps.

(1) Combination - On designated label.

(2) Garrison - On designated label.

e. Coat, SDB - on designated label.

f. Gloves - initials only, inside cuff.

G Handbags - on designated label.

h. Hat covers - center back, inside band.

i. Necktie - center back, inside.

j. Overcoat; Raincoat - on designated label; and inside left front panel.

k. Scarf - inside along seam near panel.

l. Shirts - vertically, beginning one inch from the bottom of the inner side of the right front fold on which the buttons are sewn.

m. Shoes.

(1) Dress - inside, initials only to the right of heel.

(2) Gym - inside, initials only on tongue.

(3) Service - inside, initials only on tongue.

n. Skirts - center front, inside on waistband.

- o. Slacks (Blue) - center back, inside waistband.
- p. Stockings - inside at top, initials only.
- q. Towel - right corner on hem parallel to end.
- r. Undershirts - on outside of the front, one inch from the bottom of the shirt and at right of the center.