



# UNIFORM NEWSGRAM

## Spring Uniform Wear and News

### NWU Updates



### Command Patch

A command patch may be worn in lieu of the Don't Tread on Me (DTOM) patch. Colors must be subdued to emulate the NWU aesthetic, and match the dimensions of the DTOM patch. Simultaneous wear of the patch and the right breast patch is NOT authorized. This is an optional item and cannot be mandated for wear. All designs must have Commanding Officer's approval.

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### NWU Parka Fleece Liner and Black Gloves

Effective immediately, black leather or black non-leather gloves are authorized for wear with the NWU Parka fleece liner during appropriate weather conditions.



### NWU Type III Rank Insignia

Effective June 1, 2019, NWU Type III captain (O-6) rank insignia will be available for purchase and optional wear in silver thread. The silver thread eagle provides improved visual recognition and distinction between O-6 and E-4 Sailors wearing the NWU Type III. The silver O-6 rank insignia may be worn in non-tactical environments only. Wear in environments that require concealment or camouflage clothing is prohibited.



**Cold Weather Parka (CWP)** Introduced in NAVADMIN 208/15, the CWP will be issued to new accessions in April 2019 at RTC Great Lakes. The CWP is worn with Service and Service Dress Uniforms only. Rank insignia is required for E-4 and above personnel and may be metal or matching fabric. Mandatory wear date is April 30, 2021. See NAVADMIN 174/16 for further details.



#### HEAD GEAR:

- 8-Point cover is "Standard Head Gear." (ACE 8-Point 1 OCT 2019)
- Navy blue or coyote brown "Navy or Command" ball cap is optional.
- Worn squarely on head, parallel to the deck above the ears and eyes.

#### T-SHIRT & UNDERGEAR:

- Brown crewneck t-shirt. Collar should fit comfortably around neck.
- Thermal underwear authorized but must not be visible when wearing.

#### RANK INSIGNIA:

- Slip on embroidered (E-4 to O-10)
- Muted gold (O-1 & O-4)
- Silver (O-6)
- Black (all others)



#### BLOUSE:

- Blouse worn squarely on shoulders
- Length should fall between bottom of crotch and no further than the middle of the trouser cargo pocket flap

#### TROUSERS:

- Worn squarely on waist with
- 1 ¼" cotton or nylon belt or 1 ¾" rigger belt (E-1 to E-6 black belt)
- (E-7 to O-10 khaki/COY brown belt)



#### TROUSER BLOUSING:

- Blouse trousers using blousing straps. When bloused, blousing should cover top three rows of boot eyelets.

#### NWU BOOTS:

- Laces must be tied and tucked into boots.
- Boots should be fitted in, and worn with boot socks.

### Navy Working Uniform (NWU) Type III Quick Fit Guide



#### PATCHES:

- Reversed American flag (worn on right shoulder)
- Don't Tread on Me flag (worn on left shoulder)
- Command Patch (if not worn on the right breast pocket) can replace the DTOM
- Shoulder patches are laser cut or embroidered



#### WARFARE INSIGNIA:

- Primary warfare insignia sewn centered and flush atop top edge of the Service tape. Secondary insignia may be sewn centered and between primary insignia and Service tape or centered and below the Service tape at the top of the pocket flap. Fabric strip will extend a ¼ inch on the left and right of the embroidery. (DOUBLE STACKING OPTIONAL)



#### ROLLED SLEEVES:

- 3" wide band covered by cuff with fabric side out.
- Falls approx. 2" above elbow.



#### SLEEVE LENGTH:

- Fully extended, cuffs fastened.
- Should cover wrist bone but not extend beyond first knuckle at base of thumb.



#### TROUSER LENGTH:

- When not bloused, trouser leg length shall not extend below bottom of boot heel.

#### PARKA & FLEECE

- To determine correct size, parka, fleece, and NWU blouse should be worn/fitted simultaneously.



#### WASH/CARE OF THE UNIFORM

- ALL BUTTONS/CLOSURES FASTENED AND SECURED
- WASH THE UNIFORM INSIDE OUT

## new Joint/Unified Command Identification Badges

Effective immediately, Sailors assigned to Joint/Unified Commands are authorized to wear the identification badge of that command during the period of assignment only. Joint/Unified Command identification badges will be worn on authorized uniforms in the same manner as prescribed for the Office of the Secretary of Defense and Joint Chiefs of Staff badges per article 5101.3 of the Uniform Regulations.

## Civilian Attire

Per NAVADMIN 070/19, "Service members may live socially in their preferred gender while off-duty. There is no policy that prohibits the ability of a Service Member to express themselves off-duty in their preferred gender. Appropriate civilian attire, as outlined in the uniform regulations, will not be determined based on gender. Regional commanders and the senior officers present may suspend or restrict the privilege of wearing preferred gender civilian attire to meet local conditions and host-nation agreements with foreign countries." Read the NAVADMIN at <https://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/reference/messages/Documents/NAVADMINS/NAV2019/NAV19070.txt>

## Updated Authorized Boots

The list of authorized boots to wear with the Navy Working Uniform (NWU) Type III has once again expanded. Read the latest update at [https://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/support/uniforms/Documents/Updated\\_Authorized\\_Boots\\_MAR\\_2019-min.pdf](https://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/support/uniforms/Documents/Updated_Authorized_Boots_MAR_2019-min.pdf)



**Improved Safety Boot (I-Boot 4)** The I-Boot 4 development was influenced by Sailor feedback and includes a padded foam collar, moisture wicking full interior liner, enhanced durability, and a weather compatible slip-resistant outsole. It is available for sale now at the following Navy Exchange Uniform Centers: Norfolk Main Store, Jacksonville Main Store, Pearl Harbor Fleet Store, San Diego Fleet Store, Newport Uniform Store, Yokosuka Fleet Store, Great Lakes Student Store, Sasebo Uniform Store, and the NEXCOM Customer Contact Center at <https://www.mynavyexchange.com/nex/uniforms> or call 1-800-368-4088.



**Optional Physical Training Uniform (OPTU)** The navy blue with pantone gold NAVY logo and brand, high performance OPTU shirt and five-inch running short are available now at the following Navy Exchange Uniform Centers: Norfolk Main Store, Newport Uniform Store, Arlington Uniform Center, San Diego Fleet Store, Pearl Harbor Fleet Store, Great Lakes Student Store, Uniform Center Aviation Plaza, Pensacola, FL and the NEXCOM Customer Contact Center at <https://www.mynavyexchange.com/nex/uniforms> or call 1-800-368-4088.



### Enlisted Gold Rating Badges and Service Stripes

Effective June 1, 2019, the requirement for enlisted Sailors to obtain 12 years of service along with continuous good conduct and minimum performance evaluation to qualify for wear of gold rating badges and service stripes is rescinded per NAVADMIN 075/19. All enlisted Sailors with 12 cumulative years of naval active or active reserve service are authorized to wear gold rating badges, and gold service stripes.



### Female Service and Dress Uniform Footwear Option

Per NAVADMIN 075/19, effective immediately, the optional wear of smooth or synthetic leather flat shoes (flats) is authorized with female Service and Service Dress uniforms. The opening at the top of the flat is elongated, extends from the heel to the base of the toes and mirrors the shape and appearance of the female dress shoe. When worn, the bridge of the foot will not be covered and no portion of the toes will be exposed.



**Officer and Chief Petty Officer (CPO) Female Slacks and Skirts** There are multiple sizing options with the new fit components and women can be fitted at a NEX before purchasing. New fit components are available NOW for purchase at the following NEXs: Norfolk Main Store, Arlington Uniform Center, Newport Uniform Store, San Diego Fleet Store, and Pearl Harbor Fleet Store. Availability of New Fit components at other fleet uniform centers will be announced via local NEXs and future NAVADMINs.



### Made to Fit Boots

Sailors who need a made to fit boot that is not part of a regular inventory store item, or cannot be 'mix and matched' through regular inventory sizes, can use DD Form 150 to order. The request is then processed through the Defense Orthopedic Footwear Clinic (DOFC). See NAVSUPINST 4400.70C for further details and timeframes.

## Frequently Asked Questions

Here are a few of our latest commonly asked questions from 'Ask the Chiefs' via [umo\\_cmc@navy.mil](mailto:umo_cmc@navy.mil):

**Q-** When wearing a black fleece as a standalone item, are Sailors E-3 and below required to have the rank tab attached?

**A-** Yes, Per NAVADMIN 259/11: The fleece when worn as a standalone garment, will be zippered 3/4 of the way up and must have a sewn on center chest rank tab. Slip on rank insignia will be worn by E4 and above. **\*\* UPDATED 20 DEC 19\*\***

**Q-** Can the Cold Weather Parka (CWP) be worn with the Navy Working Uniform (NWU)?

**A-** No, the CWP is designed for wear with Service and Service Dress Uniforms only. There is a designated NWU pattern parka to wear with the NWU.

**Q-** What color laces are authorized to be worn with the NWU authorized boots?

**A-** Boot laces will match the color of the authorized boot being worn (i.e. coyote brown laces, black laces). When replacement laces are required they will match as closely as possible the original factory specifications.

**Q-** Are Petty Officers allowed to wear the "new fit" skirt?

**A-** Yes, the new fit skirts were designed and intended for all Sailors regardless of paygrade.

**Q-** If I choose to wear the optional PTU, can I mix and match my shirts and shorts?

**A-** No, when worn as a uniform the shirt and shorts must match. When worn with civilian clothing mix and match is authorized. See NAVADMIN 163/18 for further details.

**Q-** Can I wear the Navy sweatshirt with half or full zipper front as part of group/command PT?

**A-** No, the authorized Navy sweatshirt, without zipper, is described in article 3601.10 of the Uniform Regulations. All other 'Navy' sweatshirts can be worn as pride gear with civilian clothing.