



# UNIFORM NEWSGRAM

## WHAT'S AHEAD IN 2018

### Navy Working Uniform (NWU) Type III

The 24-month outfitting plan began October 1, 2017 with recruits and new accessions at Recruit Training Command (RTC) and Navy Training Command Newport, Rhode Island. During the 24 month outfitting period, enlisted Sailors will receive at the end of their anniversary month, a Clothing Replacement Allowance (CRA) that contains a stipend to procure mandatory NWU Type III uniform components. The CRA stipends will provide 50% of the total required funding each year. By September 30, 2019, all enlisted fleet Sailors will have received their total allowance for procuring all required sets of NWU Type IIIs and associated components. NWU Type III uniform components are being issued at all accession commands and available for purchase at all Navy Exchange Uniform Centers, Navy Exchange Uniform Call Centers and AAFES stores that support/sell Navy uniforms.



The new 8 point cover with ACE logo is on track for introduction at accession commands beginning April 2018. Fleet availability for purchase of the new cover will commence in July to allow adequate time for inventory build and delivery to Navy Exchange Uniform Centers. Any price adjustment in the cost of the new cover will be reflected in future CRA installments following April 2018.

### Manner of Wear

# Navy Working Uniform Type III Quick Fit Guide

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**HEAD GEAR:**

- 8-Point cover is "Standard Head Gear."
- 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 (E4 to O10)
- Muted gold (O1 & O4)
- 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 1/2" cotton or nylon belt or 1 3/4" rigger belt (E-1 to E-6 black belt)
- (E-7 to O-10 khaki/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.
- Smooth and rough finished black boots authorized for shore and shipboard use.

ALL BUTTONS/CLOSURES FASTENED & SECURED  
WASH INSIDE OUT

**OPTIONAL PATCHES:**

- Reversed American Flag (worn on right shoulder)
- Don't Tread on Me Flag (worn on left shoulder)

**WARFARE INSIGNIA:**

- Primary warfare insignia sewn centered and flush atop top 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 1/4 inch on the left and right of the embroidery.

**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.

## FAQ'S

Here are a few of our commonly asked questions from '[Ask the Chiefs](#)':

**Q** – Can I wear the coyote brown fleece with the NWU Type III in port/on base/in garrison (i.e. in-port/ashore)?

**A** – No, The coyote brown fleece is an organizational clothing item issued when overseas contingency operations dictate its wear. The black fleece is issued as a part of the Navy sea bag and is a mandatory possession and prescribeable wear NWU Type III item. It is the authorized fleece that may be optionally worn with the NWU Type III for daily wear. Refer to NAVADMIN 214/17 for further information.

**Q** – Are coyote brown boots authorized to wear with the NWU Type III?

**A** – Yes, coyote brown boots may be worn in suitable environments and location as authorized by the commanding officer or appropriate authority. Refer to NAVADMIN 214/17 for the list of authorized boots worn with the NWU Type III.

**Q** – May I wear gloves when wearing the black fleece with my NWU's?

**A** – Black gloves are authorized for wear during severe environmental conditions and only when wearing the NWU parka. The NWU fleece is not considered a severe cold outerwear item and so wearing of gloves is not appropriate.

**Q**- Are skirts an optional item to authorized for wear with the female E1-E6 jumper style Service Dress Blue (SDB) uniform?

**A**- No, the female E1-E6 jumper style SDB uniform is worn with broadfall slacks only. There is an optional skirt for wear with the female E1-E6 Service Dress White (SDW) uniform.

**Q**- Are brown t-shirts authorized for wear with the FRV/IFRV coveralls?

**A**- Yes, per COMUSFLTFORCOM R DTG 051859Z FEB 18, the brown shirt has been added along with the blue t-shirt for optional wear with the FRV and IFRV coveralls. Upon the termination of authorized wear of the NWU Type I (Oct.1, 2019), the blue t-shirt will no longer be authorized for wear.

**Q**- Where is the correct placement of the nametape on the NWU Type III parka?

**A**- The nametape on the NWU Type III parka is to be placed on the right sleeve per Fig.1.

Fig.1



**Q**- What is the correct placement of the secondary warfare insignia on the Type III NWU?

**A**- There are two options: The secondary warfare device may either be 'stacked' flush above the U.S. Navy Service tape under the primary warfare device Fig.2.1. Or it may be sewn under the U.S. Navy Service tape at the top of the left pocket flap as shown in Fig.2.2

Fig 2.1



Fig 2.2



**Q-** Why don't the Type III NWU accoutrement strips (e.g. name, service, warfare, insignia tapes, etc.) have black pixels in the fabric pattern?

**A-** NWU Type III fabric strips are made intentionally with no black pixels to avoid distorting the appearance of black embroidered names, lettering and insignias.

**Q-** Are Reverse U.S. Flag and Don't Tread on Me (DTOM) patches mandatory wear items for the NWU Type III?

**A-** Non-tactical Reverse U.S. Flag and DTOM patches are optional wear items for the NWU Type III and may not be prescribed or mandated for wear. Reverse U.S. Flag and DTOM issued for tactical operations may be prescribed when mission requirements dictate their wear per unit commander or Combatant Commander's discretion. Refer to NAVADMIN 214/17 for further guidance. Tactical patches are the property of the U.S. Navy and procured through OMN funding. Personal purchase is not authorized.

**Q-** With the transition to the NWU Type III, does that mean that blue command ball caps are no longer authorized for wear?

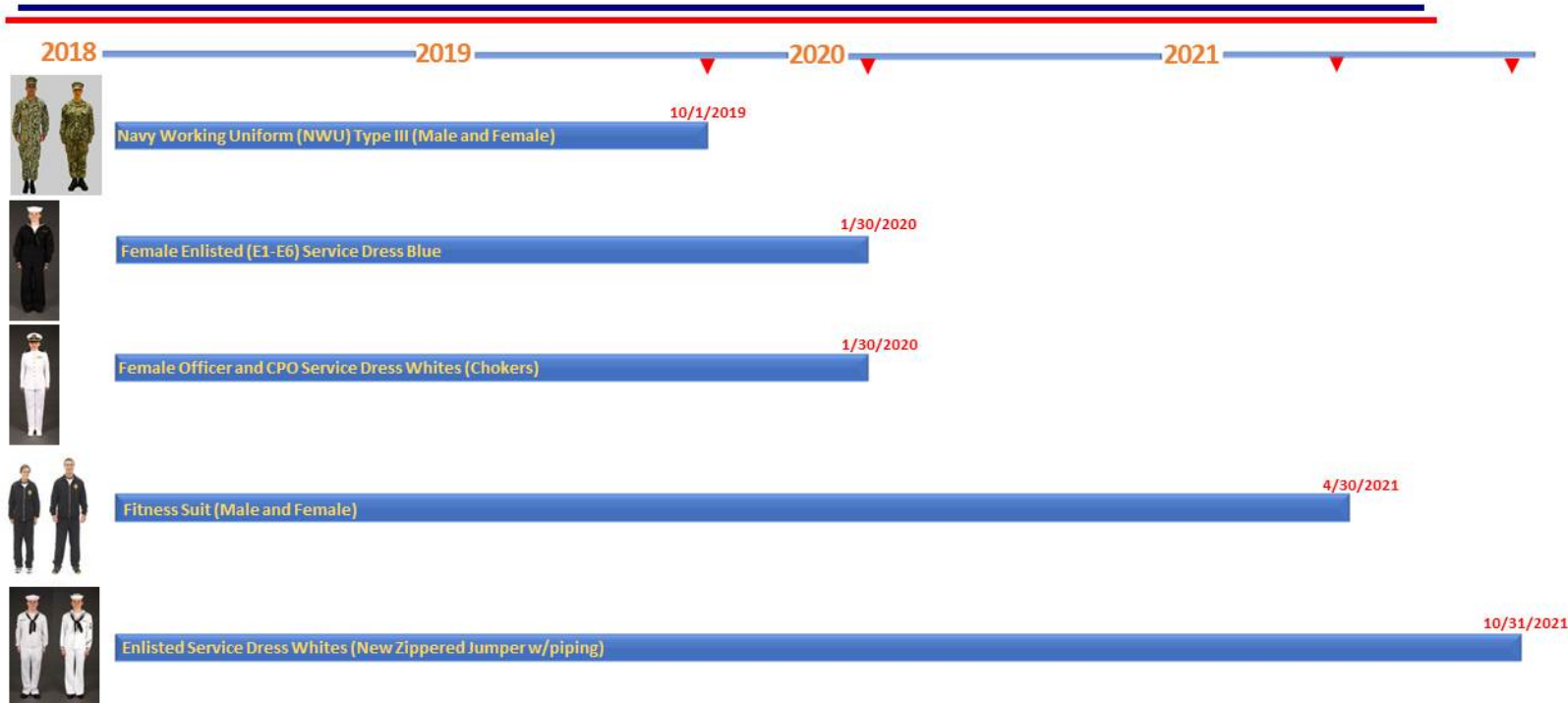
**A-** Blue command ball caps are still authorized for wear with all NWU's. Coyote brown ball caps are authorized for optional wear with the NWU Type II and III only.

**Q-** As female chiefs and officers are currently authorized to wear male khaki trousers as an interim accommodation until better designed and fitting female slacks become available, can the male shirt or female tuck-in shirt also be worn?

**A-** No, due to the difference in design and resultant 'gig line' distortion, the male khaki slack is only authorized for wear with the female overblouse. Refer to NAVADMIN 174/16 for further details.



# Uniform Mandatory Wear Timeline





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2015 ————— 2016 ————— 2017 ————— 2018



White Hat (UNISEX) Jumper Style Uniforms

10/15/2016



UNISEX Combination Cover

10/31/2018