



Navy Uniform Policy Update Fact Sheet

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NAVADMIN 194/24 announces updates to Navy uniform policies and initiatives.

Who needs to know?

- All Sailors
- Division Officers, Department Heads
- Triads, Chiefs Mess

What you need to know about uniform changes – key points

- The female officer and chief petty officer summer white overblouse, with an improved fit and sizing system, will commence availability in September at select locations (Norfolk, Jacksonville, Pensacola, San Diego, Bangor, Pearl Harbor, and Arlington). Follow-on availability for the rest of the fleet will commence October 2024 and will be announced separately.
- The female officer and chief petty officer long sleeved operational overblouse, with an improved fit and sizing system, will begin production in December 2024 with projected availability in April 2025.
- Production of female officer and chief petty officer service slacks with back pockets and a new sizing system will commence in May 2025.
- Metal identification badges (ID badges), without wreaths or stars, may be optionally worn on the Navy Working Uniform (NWU) Type III for ashore Sailors assigned to Recruiting Command or as Recruit Division Commanders or Navy Career Counselors per commanding officer's discretion.
- Embroidered ID badges may also be worn on the NWU Type 3 for afloat and ashore assigned eligible personnel.
- Post tour wear of ID badges, without wreaths and stars, is authorized for Sailors who have successfully completed a recruiting, Recruit Division Commander, or Career Counselor assignment.
- Beginning 1 January 2025, a miniature size recruiting, Recruit Division Commander, and Career Counselor ID badge will be worn to denote post tour assignment status. Commencing this date, regular size metal ID badges will be worn only by Sailors fulfilling an incumbent assignment.
- Navy War College (NWC) Alumni badge may now be worn as an optional uniform identification badge on service and full dress uniforms.

What you need to know about uniform initiatives – key points

- The Size Modernization Program (SMP) is a multiphase, five-year uniform improvement program with an initial focus on female officer and chief petty officer uniforms. The goal of SMP is to obtain consistent sizing and fit across all female uniforms.
- Phase One efforts of the SMP are concentrated on officer and chief petty officer service and dress slacks, skirts and shirts/blouses.
- Phase Two SMP efforts will focus on modernization of enlisted E1 to E6 uniform components.
- White, khaki and blue service skirts will be redesigned to encompass straight design vice an A-frame design, include a back center zipper fastener, and a kick pleat.

Sample POD/POW Note



- **UNIFORM UPDATES** – The Navy announced updates to the Navy uniform policy and uniform initiatives. Check NAVADMIN 194/24, or talk to leadership for a full list of uniform updates.

FAQ

Q1. Is the summer white overblouse optional for both enlisted and officers?

A1. Yes, the summer white overblouse will be optional for chief petty officers and officers.

Q2. Are availability dates subject to change?

A2. Yes, all availability dates are based on manufacturer's supply chain and production delivery.

Q3. Will there be "Fit Clinics" for the summer white overblouse?

A3. Yes. Fit Clinics will be held in the following locations:

- Bangor, WA 16-20 September 2024
- San Diego 23-27 September 2024.

Q4. Will there be a metal identification badge for post tour Sailors to wear?

A4. Yes, post tour wear of ID badges, without wreaths and stars, is authorized for Sailors who have successfully completed a Recruiting, Recruit Division Commander, or Career Counselor assignment. The miniature ID badge will be available for purchase in January 2025.

Q5. Who is authorized to wear the metal identification badge on NWUs?

A5. Ashore Sailors assigned to Recruiting Command, as Recruit Division Commanders, and Command Career Counselors are authorized to wear the respective identification badges.