

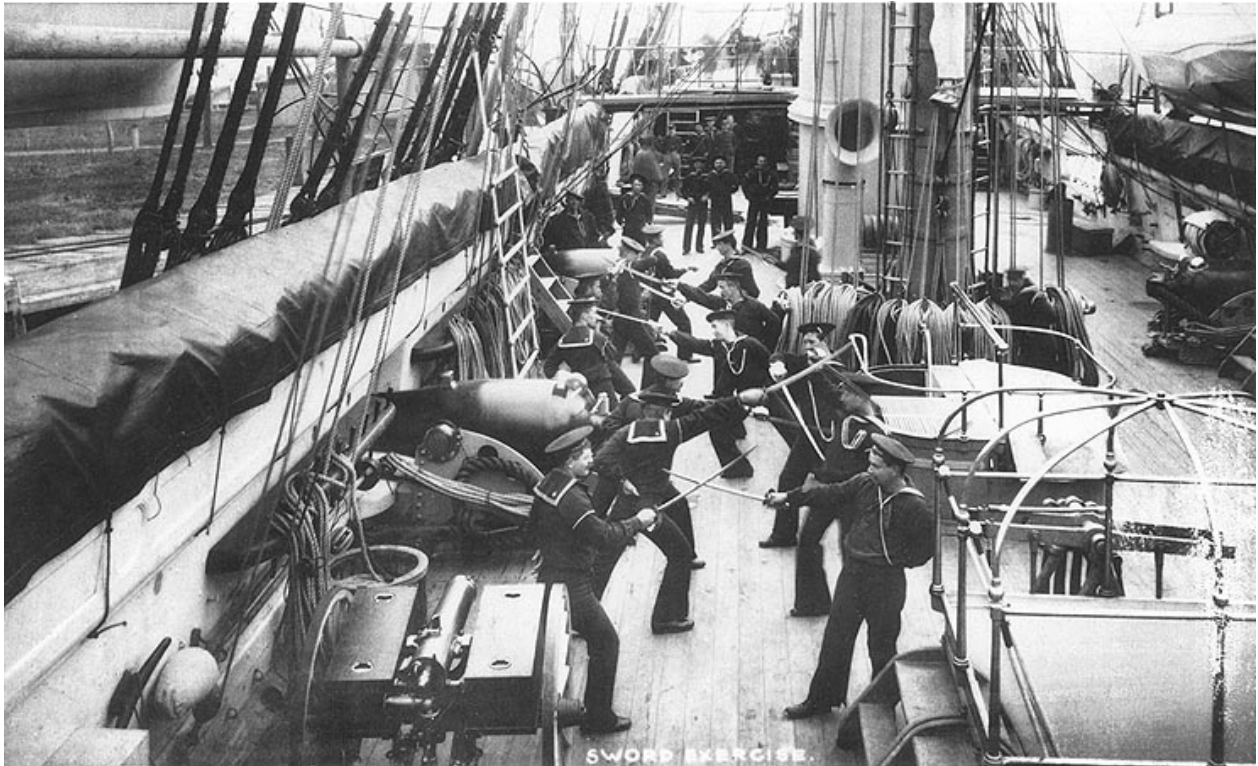
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"Prepare to receive boarders!" Sailors practice with cutlasses on the main deck of USS Enterprise, probably while the ship was at the New York Navy Yard, circa spring 1890. *U.S. Naval Historical Center photograph by E.H. Hart.*

Chief Petty Officer Cutlass

The word "cutlass" is derived from the term "curtal axe," an ancient, heavy but short weapon. Years ago, the cutlass was used in ship-to-ship melees, in boarding parties and to repel boarders. Many 1860s-model cutlasses are on display at the USS Constitution Museum in Boston.

Today, the Chief Petty Officer Cutlass is authorized to be worn at official ceremonies by CPO members of the official party when officer members are required to wear swords. The cutlass as described in this article (reference NAVADMIN 070/11) is the only authorized cutlass that can be worn in Full Dress Uniform by Chief Petty Officers.



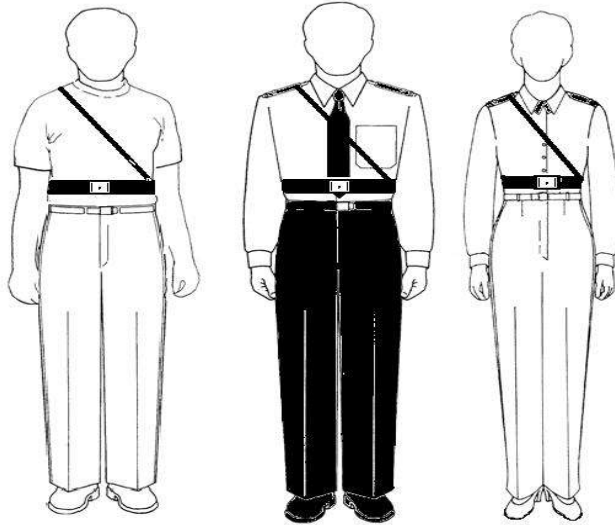
CPO Cutlass and accessories, including leather scabbard, belt, buckle and frog.

Description:

- The CPO Cutlass blade is made from stainless steel, nickel in color, 26 inches in length. This historical blade has an anodized brass *cuillère à pot* (soup ladle) hand guard patterned after the Navy's 1861 cutlass.
- At the base of one side of the blade are four laser-engraved CPO anchors (CPO, SCPO, MCPO and MCPON).
- On the opposite side of the blade are the laser-engraved initials, U.S.N.
- The pommel is brass in color and contains the design of the 1897 CPO cap insignia.
- The cutlass features include a brass-colored hand guard and a black leather handle that is wrapped in gold wire.

Accessories:

- The cutlass is accompanied by a matching leather scabbard with brass top mount and toe plate.
- The buckle is gold-plated in color with two interlocking fasteners. Mounted on the center of the buckle are applicable rank insignia (CPO, SCPO, MCPO or MCPON).
- The adjustable belt is made from black leather with an adjustable shoulder strap.
- The frog is made from black leather and custom-made to fit the CPO Cutlass scabbard.



Manner of wear:

- The CPO Cutlass belt and shoulder harness assembly are worn under the dress coat (When properly worn, the belt and strap will not be visible).
- The shoulder harness is worn across the right shoulder diagonally and attaches to the harness rings on the left side of the harness belt.
- The cutlass belt is worn fastened above the trouser or slacks belt line and parallel to the side opening of the dress coat.
- The frog is attached to the left side of the belt and inserted through the side opening of the dress coat.
- The shoulder harness should be adjusted to ensure that the frog does not pull down or up on the dress coat.
- The scabbard is inserted into the frog and positioned by inserting the mounting knob of the scabbard into the corresponding opening in the frog.
- The CPO Cutlass is inserted into the scabbard and worn with the pommel facing up and hand guard facing outward.
- When worn during ceremonies, the CPO Cutlass is not to be drawn. When military courtesy requires a salute, the hand salute is rendered.
- When an overcoat is worn with the full dress blue uniform, the frog extends through the side opening of both the dress coat and the bridge coat.

How to purchase:

- Purchase of the CPO Cutlass shall be at the member's expense via special order at Navy Exchange (NEX) Uniform Centers, via the NEX uniform website or by calling the NEX Customer Contact Center.



Guidance for Election Season

With election season in full swing, Navy members may have questions about when and where they can wear their uniforms.

Under Department of Defense Instruction 1334.1, members of the armed forces, including retired members and members of reserve components, are prohibited from wearing uniforms in any of the following circumstances:

- At any meeting or demonstration that is a function of, or sponsored by an organization, association, movement, group, or combination of persons that the attorney general of the United States has designated, under Executive Order 10450 as amended, as totalitarian, fascist, communist or subversive, or as having adopted a policy of advocating or approving the commission of acts of force or violence to deny others their rights under the Constitution of the United States, or as seeking to alter the form of Government of the United States by unconstitutional means.
- During or in connection with political activities, private employment or commercial interest that imply official sponsorship of the activity or interest.
- When participating in activities such as public speeches, interviews, picket lines, marches, rallies or any public demonstration that implies the service supports the principles of the demonstration or activity. (This rule may be waived by the service.)
- When wearing of the uniform would bring discredit upon the armed forces.
- When specifically prohibited by regulations of the department concerned.

The Secretary of the Navy supports the following:

- Exercising the rights of freedom of speech and assembly does not include the right to use the inherent prestige and traditions represented by the uniforms of the naval service to promote privately held convictions on public issues.

- Members of the Navy and Marine Corps, including retired members and members of reserve components, are prohibited from wearing uniforms of the naval service while attending or participating in a demonstration, assembly or activity when aware that a purpose of the demonstration, assembly or activity supports personal or partisan views on political, social, economic or religious issues, except as authorized in advance by competent authority or incident to attending or participating in a bona fide religious service or observance.
- For other than official events, a commanding officer may authorize wearing the uniform when assured that the service member is not appearing in uniform at the particular event to promote privately held convictions or interests, or to lead the observers to believe that the demonstration, assembly or activity does not relate to matters in public controversy.

When in doubt, review your U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations at <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/support/uniforms/uniformregulations/Pages/default.aspx>.

Civilian Clothing Allowance Requests

Before submitting your next Civilian Clothing Allowance request, please review and comply with Department of the Navy Chief Information Officer (DON CIO) message DTG 171625Z Feb 12 concerning personally identifiable information (PII).

Effective 1 October 2012, the following policy will apply:

- Disclosure of last four numbers of social security numbers (SSNs) to individuals without a “need to know” is prohibited and will be treated as a reportable breach.
- All emails containing PII must be encrypted. Sending unencrypted emails containing PII is a reportable breach.
- The use of network-attached multifunction devices and/or scanners to scan/copy PII is restricted.
- Faxing PII is prohibited (see note below for more information).

FAX MACHINES: Effective 1 October 2012, the use of fax by DON personnel as a means to transmit documents within the DON containing SSNs and other PII is prohibited. This includes the use of SSNs in any form, including but not limited to full, truncated, masked or partially masked SSNs. Sensitive PII is information that can be used to uniquely identify an individual in a privacy-protected context, including but not limited to name and/or SSN in conjunction with restricted personnel, medical or financial information.

For more details, please refer to <http://www.doncio.navy.mil/uploads/0217DUE3582.pdf>.



Q's and A's: Unit Identification Marks

Q. Are command Unit Identification Marks (UIMs) required for my E1-E6 personnel?

A. Yes, the UIMs are required for Sailors on active duty, including Navy Reserve reinforcement and augmentation personnel, on the right sleeves of their dress jumper uniforms.

UIMs have quarter-inch white block letters embroidered on a black background one-half of an inch wide and are worn with the top edge parallel to and three-eighths of an inch below the lower row of the shoulder sleeve stitching. They should be centered on the outer face of the sleeve and sewn on with colorfast blue thread. Upon reporting for duty, men and women will be issued UIMs. Organizations are authorized to purchase UIMs from operations and maintenance funds.

To purchase UIMs, please visit the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) E-Mall website at <https://dod-email.dla.mil/>.

To place an order, please follow the following procedures:

- Requester must have a registered DOD E-Mall account
- At the DLA E-Mall welcome page, select the "tools" tab
- Select "MOES"
- Select "AOE Exception Requisitions."
- Enter appropriate requisition information, including the NSN for shoulder sleeve insignia (8455-00-142-9900).
- Select "proceed."
- In the "exception data" field, provide the approved short title for the command (e.g., USS DEWEY) from the Standard Navy Distribution List Parts 1 and 2 (OPNAV POB2-105).
- Complete the requisition

Inquiries about UIMs may be directed to Mrs. Suzanne Marinari at 215-737-7954 (COM) or 444-7954(DSN).

Any ship or unit that is decommissioned or disestablished, or transferred to reserve status, should forward 10 UIMs for historical purposes to the Naval Historical Center, Curator for the Navy, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, DC 20374-0571.