







**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good conduct and minimum performance evaluation to qualify for wear of gold rating badges and service stripes is rescinded per NAVADMIN 075/19.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.