

## **U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations Summary of Changes (14 May 2021)**

This Summary of Changes provides a brief description of changes made to Navy Uniform Regulations (NAVPERS 15665I) since the last update of 19 April 2021. The changes identified in this summary reflect the correction of noted policy discrepancies found within NAVPERS 15665I. For specific details of changes, please refer to the noted chapters, sections and articles below.

Significant updates to Navy Uniform Regulations contained in this summary of changes include:

- Updated the area coordination assignments and regional coordinators within those areas.

### **UPDATES TO NAVY UNIFORM REGULATIONS**

#### **1. Chapter 1, Section 2, Authority to Prescribe, Article 1201.**

##### **Deleted:**

##### **1201. AUTHORITY TO PRESCRIBE**

1. GENERAL. Navy personnel shall wear the uniform of their respective rate or rank as prescribed by the designated uniform prescribing authority.

2. PRESCRIBING AUTHORITY. The area/regional coordinators, as designated in Section 4 of Standard Navy Distribution List, OPNAV P09B2-105, are the prescribing authorities responsible for issuing and controlling uniform policy within the geographic limits of their assigned region <Table 1-2-1>. This authority shall not be delegated. The senior officer present is responsible for uniform policy afloat.

3. SENIOR OFFICER PRESENT AFLOAT (SOPA). SOPA ensures compliance with uniform policy, as issued by the prescribing authority, regarding liberty parties and members of the command operating ashore. This includes all occasions when personnel are ashore. The senior naval officer assigned to any joint command may prescribe the appropriate uniform, for naval personnel, stationed at the joint command using Table of Equivalent Service Uniforms, Table 6-6-1.

4. PRESCRIBED UNIFORMS. Prescribing authorities select uniforms, the individual does not. It is essential that suitable uniforms for ship and shore, dress and work are prescribed. Each designated region should consider its unique work environments, tenant commands and missions, climatic conditions, geographic location and public exposure. Generally, there will be only one uniform of the day authorized for wear at a given time and location. All military personnel, on naval shore activities must wear either the uniform of the day or appropriate civilian attire prescribed by the activity's prescribing authority. Military and civilian attire must present a neatly groomed and socially acceptable appearance. When warranted by local circumstances, the prescribing authority may prescribe an alternate uniform. In that case, only the minimum number of uniforms required to meet local conditions will be prescribed. A specific uniform will be prescribed for functions involving the civilian community. Local commands may address special uniform requirements to the prescribing authority if a waiver is necessary.

5. REGULATIONS. Each prescribing authority will publish uniform guidelines. They must be punitively enforceable with the force of a general order and thus are recommended

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for review by the cognizant Judge Advocate to ensure enforceability. Each prescribing authority shall send a copy of their instruction to Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (N13X), 701 S. Courthouse Rd, Arlington, VA, 22204.

a. Guidance. The following guidance is for preparing regional uniform directives.

(1) When a departure from former uniform policy is planned, review the new policy with Navy uniform centers to ensure adequate availability.

(2) Consider potential financial impact which could occur from an abrupt shift in policy. (Early planning doesn't ensure spending).

(3) Area directives should specifically address uniform requirements for personnel in medical, industrial, or other unique jobs.

(4) Wearing nonstandard accoutrements, unauthorized combinations of uniform components, and locally designed uniform components is prohibited.

(5) Special Situations Request waivers from the Chief of Naval Operations via the chain of command for any uniform requirements of training commands or officer accession commands that deviate from these regulations.

(6) Organizational clothing, i.e., foul weather jackets, green flight jackets, coveralls, etc., is authorized for wear with working uniforms only during actual performance of special work or duties for which organizational clothing is designed.

(7) E1-E6 personnel may only be required to wear items listed on tables 3-1-1 and 3-1-2.

(8) Optional items may be worn but not required.

TABLE 1-2-1

AREA COORDINATION ASSIGNMENTS  
AND  
REGIONAL COORDINATORS WITHIN THOSE AREAS

**1. COMMANDER, U.S. FLEET FORCES (EAST COAST ATLANTIC)**

**COMMANDER NAVY REGION, MID-ATLANTIC VA** (VIRGINIA (less Northern Virginia Area assigned to COMNAVDIST WASHINGTON DC) PENNSYLVANIA, DELAWARE, NORTH CAROLINA, CONNECTICUT, MAINE, MASSACHUSETTS, NEW HAMPSHIRE, NEW JERSEY, NEW YORK, RHODE ISLAND, VERMONT and WEST VIRGINIA)

**COMMANDER, NAVY REGION SOUTHEAST** (FLORIDA, GEORGIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, LOUISIANA, TEXAS, ALABAMA, MISSISSIPPI, GUATANAMO CUBA and PUERTO RICO)

**COMMANDER NAVAL AIR FORCE, U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET** (BERMUDA, and AZORES)

**COMMANDER, U.S. NAVAL FORCES, U.S. SOUTHERN COMMAND** (WEST INDIES)

**COMMANDER NAVY REGION MIDWEST** (ARKANSAS, ILLINOIS, INDIANA, IOWA, KANSAS, KENTUCKY, MICHIGAN, MINNESOTA, MISSOURI, NEBRASKA, NORTH DAKOTA, SOUTH DAKOTA, OKLAHOMA, OHIO, TENNESSEE and WISCONSIN)

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**2. COMMANDER, U.S. PACIFIC FLEET (WEST COAST/PACIFIC)**

**COMMANDER, NAVY REGION SOUTHWEST** (CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, ARIZONA, NEW MEXICO, COLORADO and UTAH)

**COMMANDER, NAVY REGION NORTHWEST** (ALASKA, IDAHO, OREGON, WASHINGTON STATE, MONTANA and WYOMING)

**COMMANDER, NAVY REGION HAWAII** (HAWAII and ISLANDS OF MIDWAY, KURE, WAKE, JOHNSON, PALMYRA AND KINGMAN REEF)

**COMMANDER, U.S. NAVAL FORCES, JAPAN/REGION JAPAN** (JAPAN, OKINAWA and DIEGO GARCIA)

**COMMANDER U.S. NAVAL FORCES, KOREA/REGION KOREA** (KOREA)

**COMMANDER U.S. NAVAL FORCES, MARIANAS/REGION MARIANAS** (GUAM, TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND and INDONESIA)

**COMMANDER U.S. NAVAL FORCES, SINGAPORE/REGION SINGAPORE** (SINGAPORE)

**3. COMMANDER, NAVY REGION EUROPE, AFRICA and SOUTHWEST ASIA** (EUROPE/AFRICA/SOUTHWEST ASIA) less East African Littoral States assigned to COMUSNAVCENT, MEDITERRANEAN LITTORAL (less Egypt) ISLANDS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA, PORTUGAL, UNITED KINGDOM, NORTHERN EUROPE, and ICELAND)

**4. COMMANDER, U.S. NAVAL FORCES CENTRAL COMMAND** (MIDDLE EAST/AFRICA, INCLUDING EAST AFRICAN LITTORAL STATES OF EGYPT, SUDAN, ETHIOPIA, DJIBOUTI, SOMALIA and KENYA)

**5. CHIEF OF NAVAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL**

**CHIEF OF NAVAL AIR TRAINING**

**COMMANDER, NAVAL TRAINING CENTER, GREAT LAKES, IL**

**6. COMMANDER, NAVAL RESERVE FORCE, NEW ORLEANS, LA**

**7. COMMANDER, NAVAL DISTRICT WASHINGTON, DC** (NAVAL DISTRICT WASHINGTON, ENCOMPASSING THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, MARYLAND, AND VIRGINIA COUNTIES)

**Virginia Counties:** Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William, King George, and Stafford. Include the cities located within their combined outer boundaries.

**Maryland Counties:** Anne Arundel, Kent, Queen Annes, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset, Worcester, St. Mary's, Calvert and Charles.

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e. Special Situations Request waivers from the Chief of Naval Operations via the chain of command for any uniform requirements of training commands or officer accession commands that deviate from these regulations.

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g. E1-E6 personnel may only be required to wear items listed on Tables 3-1-1 and 3-1-2.

h. Optional items may be worn but not required.

6. REGIONAL COORDINATORS

a. COMMANDANT, NAVAL DISTRICT WASHINGTON. District of Columbia; Maryland counties of Anne Arundel, Calvert, Caroline, Charles, Dorchester, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, Somerset, St. Mary's, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester; Northern Virginia Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, King George, Prince William, Stafford and cities located within their outer boundaries.

b. COMMANDER, NAVY REGION MID-ATLANTIC. Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia (less Northern Virginia Area assigned to COMNAVDIST WASHINGTON DC), West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

c. COMMANDER, NAVY REGION NORTHWEST. Alaska, Idaho, Iowa, Montana, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington State, and Wyoming.

d. COMMANDER, NAVY REGION SOUTHEAST. Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, South Carolina, and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

e. COMMANDER, NAVY REGION SOUTHWEST. Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah.

f. COMMANDER, NAVY REGION EUROPE, AFRICA, CENTRAL. Africa, Europe and Southwest Asia.

g. COMMANDER, NAVY REGION JAPAN. Japan, Diego Garcia and Singapore.

h. COMMANDER, NAVY REGION KOREA. Korea.

i. COMMANDER, JOINT REGION MARIANAS. Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands.

j. COMMANDER, NAVY REGION HAWAII. Hawaii and islands of Midway, Kure, Wake, Johnson, Palmyra and Kingman Reef.