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RMKS/1. THIS NAVADMIN ANNOUNCES THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS (CNO) APPROVED UNIFORM POLICY CHANGES PROPOSED BY THE 4 FEBRUARY 2010 NAVY UNIFORM BOARD. THE NAVY UNIFORM BOARD IS LED BY THE CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL (PRESIDENT). THE FUNCTIONS OF THE UNIFORM BOARD ARE OUTLINED IN REF A. APPROVED UNIFORM CHANGES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. CHIEF PETTY OFFICER (CPO) CUTLASS: UPON FINAL DESIGN APPROVAL, A CEREMONIAL CUTLASS IS APPROVED FOR OPTIONAL WEAR. THE CUTLASS IS AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR BY CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS DESIGNATED AS MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY DURING CEREMONIES THAT PRESCRIBE FULL DRESS UNIFORMS. TO ENSURE UNIFORMITY IN APPEARANCE, THE CUTLASS MAY ONLY BE WORN IF ALL MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY ARE WEARING CUTLASSES OR SWORDS. THE CUTLASS SHALL BE PURCHASED AT THE MEMBER'S EXPENSE.

B. POST-TOUR COMMAND SENIOR ENLISTED LEADER (SEL) IDENTIFICATION BADGE: EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, THE POST-TOUR COMMAND SEL IDENTIFICATION BADGE MANNER OF WEAR (POSITION WORN ON UNIFORM) SHALL BE THE SAME AS PRESCRIBED FOR THE INCUMBENT COMMAND SEL IDENTIFICATION BADGE PER REF A, CHAPTER FIVE, SECTION ONE.

C. NAVY AND COMMAND BALL CAP: EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, NAVY AND COMMAND BALL CAPS ARE AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR WITH THE FOLLOWING UNIFORMS ONLY: WASH KHAKI, UTILITIES, PHYSICAL TRAINING UNIFORM, COVERALLS, AND FLIGHT SUIT. BALL CAPS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR WITH THE NAVY WORKING UNIFORM (NWU) / CAMOUFLAGE UTILITY UNIFORM (CUU) WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:
   (1) WHEN UNDERWAY ONBOARD U.S. NAVY VESSELS, BALL CAPS MAY BE AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR WITH THE NWU/CUU ONLY BY BRIDGE WATCH TEAMS AND COMMAND TRAINING TEAMS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER.
   (2) ASHORE, BALL CAPS MAY BE WORN WITH THE NWU AND CUU BY COMMAND TRAINING TEAMS DURING FIELD EXERCISES HELD IN RESTRICTED AREAS TO PROVIDE VISUAL IDENTIFICATION OF SUPERVISORS, CONTrollers AND SAFETY OBSERVERS. THIS POLICY MODIFICATION IS ALLOWED DURING THE PRESCRIBED WINDOW OF TRAINING/EVOLUTION. WEARING OF BALL CAPS IS NOT AUTHORIZED DURING TRANSIT TO AND FROM EXERCISE EVENTS, OR IN THE VICINITY OF THE COMMAND AREA.

D. NAVY BLUE COVERALL: BEGINNING 1 JANUARY 2011, THE NAVY BLUE COVERALL OCCASION FOR WEAR SHALL BE LIMITED TO AN UNDERWAY UNIFORM (I.E. FROM STATIONING AND SECURING THE SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL/MANEUVERING WATCH WHEN LEAVING AND ENTERING PORT RESPECTIVELY). COMMANDING OFFICERS CAN AUTHORIZE THE WEAR OF NAVY BLUE COVERALLS ASHORE IN ENVIRONMENTS THAT PLACE AN EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF WEAR ON WORKING
UNIFORMS. PER REF A, THIS POLICY DOES NOT ALLEVIATE THE COMMAND'S RESPONSIBILITY TO PROCURE COVERALLS FOR WORK IN AREAS THAT ARE LIKELY TO PERMANENTLY SOIL OR PREMATURELY DESTROY THE UNIFORM.

E. BLUE 100 PERCENT COTTON T-SHIRT: BEGINNING 1 JANUARY 2011, THE BLUE 100 PERCENT COTTON T-SHIRT (THE T-SHIRT AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR WITH THE NWU) WILL REPLACE THE WHITE T-SHIRT AS THE ONLY AUTHORIZED T-SHIRT WORN WITH NAVY BLUE COVERALLS.

F. BACKPACKS: EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY BACKPACKS MAY BE WORN OVER EITHER THE LEFT SHOULDER OR BOTH SHOULDER WHILE WEARING SERVICE AND WORKING UNIFORMS. AUTHORIZED COLORS OF BACKPACKS INCLUDE BLACK, NAVY BLUE, AND WHEN AVAILABLE THE MATCHING NWU PATTERN (BLUE/GREY/BLACK). THE MATCHING NWU PATTERN BACKPACK IS ONLY AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR WITH THE NWU. NO PERSONAL ORNAMENTATION SHALL BE ATTACHED ON OR TO THE BACKPACK.

G. SERVICE GARRISON CAP OCCASION FOR WEAR: EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, THE E1 - E6 BLACK GARRISON CAP IS AUTHORIZED FOR OPTIONAL WEAR WITH THE NAVY FLIGHT SUIT BY E1 ? E6 PERSONNEL WHO ARE AUTHORIZED TO WEAR THE FLIGHT SUIT. THE SERVICE KHAKI GARRISON CAP IS AUTHORIZED FOR OPTIONAL WEAR WITH THE NAVY FLIGHT SUIT BY OFFICER AND CHIEF PETTY OFFICER PERSONNEL AUTHORIZED TO WEAR THE FLIGHT SUIT.

2. ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THE FINAL DESIGN AND MANNER OF WEAR OF THE CPO CUTLASS AND OTHER UNIFORM INITIATIVES WILL BE ANNOUNCED VIA FUTURE NAVADMINS AND POSTED ON THE UNIFORM MATTERS WEBSITE AT: HTTP://WWW.NPC.NAVY.MIL/COMMANDSUPPORT/USNAVYUNIFORMS/.

3. FILE THIS NAVADMIN UNTIL REVISIONS ARE INCORPORATED INTO THE BUPERS DIRECTIVE CD-ROM CHANGE CONTAINING REF A.

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