**Uniform Board 47 Items**

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**Uniform Board 47 Message with policy changes:**

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SUBJ: RESULTS OF UNIFORM BOARD 47
A. Coast Guard Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6I
1. This ALCOAST issues new guidance and reports the results from Uniform Board No. 47. The following changes to reference (a) have been approved by the Commandant and are effective immediately:

 A. AUTHORIZE THE WEAR OF UNIT T-SHIRTS: Operational unit commanders may authorize unit T-shirts to be worn in lieu of the standard blue crew neck t-shirt when worn with the Operational Dress Uniform (ODU) and the blouse is removed. Unit T-shirts may be worn after the standard workday, but not while on watch or when engaged with the public and/or with other units outside your command. The Unit T-shirt must be of the same color, fabric and style as the standard ODU blue crew neck t-shirt. Any logo(s), names, symbols, etc. must not be visible when worn with the ODU blouse. Unit T-shirt designs must be command approved, and shall be in good taste as to not offend others or bring discredit to the Coast Guard (CG) or its people.

 B. AUTHORIZE THE WEAR OF UNIT CREW NECK SWEATSHIRTS: Operational unit commanders may authorize a Unit crew neck sweatshirt to be worn in lieu of the ODU blouse. Wear is limited to onboard operational units after the standard work day, but not while on watch or when engaged with the public and/or other units outside your command. Unit sweatshirt designs must be command approved, and shall be in good taste as to not offend others or bring discredit to the CG or its people.

 C. STANDARD BLUE ODU T-SHIRT WITH EMBROIDERY OR PRINTED LETTERING: The requirement for embroidery or printed "U.S. COAST GUARD" lettering on the standard blue ODU crew neck t-shirt is removed. Embroidered or printed T-shirts are authorized until no longer serviceable or directed otherwise by higher authority.

 D. ODU TROUSER USCG EMBROIDERED EMBLEM: The requirement for ODU trousers to have the CG Emblem embroidered on the leg pocket flaps is removed. Embroidered ODU trousers are authorized until no longer serviceable or directed by a higher authority.

 E. AUTHORIZED FEMALE HAIR ACCESSORIES: The policy authorizing female hair accessories is updated to include the hair claw. The hair claw shall be wingless; not to exceed 3 inches in length and 1 inch in width. The hair claw shall be black, navy blue, brown or a color similar to the individual’s hair color and shall not interfere with the proper wearing of head gear (and/or safety gear). Commanding officers may restrict the wear of hair accessories while engaged in operational environments where there is a risk for foreign object damage (FOD) hazards or for personnel safety.

 F. FEMALE HAIR GROOMING STANDARDS (BUN SIZE REQUIREMENTS): Reference (a) revises the current hair bun size limitation from 2 inches and is increased to a maximum of 3 inches. The bun may touch, but may not fall below the bottom edge of the back of the shirt collar or jacket collar, with exception to the foul weather parka.

 G. FEMALE HAIR GROOMING STANDARDS (AUTHORIZED HAIRSTYLES): Uniform policy regarding authorized female hair styles is updated to add the verbiage “locks” to section 2.B of reference (a) as an authorized hair style. Commanding officers shall insure all haircuts and styles present a balanced, neat, professional and well groomed appearance.

 H. FEMALE HAIR GROOMING STANDARDS (HAIR STYLES REQUIREMENTS): Uniform policy authorizing female hair styles is modified to increase the diameter of braids, cornrows, locks and twists allowance from ¼ inch to ½ inch with no more than a ¼ inch space between rows.

 I. FEMALE HAIR GROOMING STANDARDS (PONY TAIL REQUIREMENTS): Uniform policy regarding female pony tails is revised to clarify a pony tails end shall be neatly and inconspicuously fastened, pinned or secured to the head at all times.

 J. ODU BLOUSE SLEEVES: The ODU Blouse may now be worn with sleeves up or down at the individuals preference, unless greater uniformity is required by the command, i.e. uniform inspections, boarding teams, official visits, etc.

 K. U.S. COAST GUARD FITTED BALL CAP: An optional U.S. Coast Guard fitted ball cap (standard or unit) is authorized for wear in lieu of the standard U.S. Coast Guard hook and loop adjustable ball cap. A product specification is under development by the Clothing Design Technical Office (CDTO) and will be presented to CGES to standardized procurement. Fitted ball caps will be available through the Coast Guard Exchange System and is the only authorized procurement source.

 L. BOONIE CAP: Uniform policy regarding the wear of the Boonie cap is revised to authorize its wear as either an optional or organizational clothing item when worn while conducting operations in adverse environmental conditions, unless the command determines greater degree of uniformity is required. . The Boonie cap is only authorized for wear with the ODU.

 M. COLD WEATHER CAP INSIGNIA: Appropriate rank specific combination cap insignia as listed in 4.A of reference (a) is now mandatory for placement on the Cold Weather Cap visor. The visor shall remain snapped in the up position to allow full visibility of the rank insignia. The insignia shall be centered on the forward facing portion of the cap visor.

 N. KNIT WATCH CAP: Uniform policy regarding wear of the knit watch cap is revised to authorize the wear of the knit watch cap with the ODU during operational activities or as authorized by the command due to inclement weather.

 O. ENLISTED SERVICE DRESS BLUE UNIFORM JACKET (SDB): Uniform policy regarding the placement of the CG Shield on the enlisted dress jacket sleeve is changed from its current placement, “midway between the elbow and cuff” to the new authorized placement, “bottom of the shield being located 4 inches up from the sleeve cuff”, to allow for greater uniformity . Current SDB jackets with attached shields are authorized until no longer serviceable or until October 1, 2025, or as otherwise directed by higher authority.

 P. EYEWEAR RETAINERS WHILE IN UNIFORM: Eyewear retainers (strap, cord, etc.) are authorized to be worn with the ODU, Tropical Blue and Winter Dress Blue uniforms in a work environment. Retainers shall be either plain black or dark blue, and may be worn loose or tightly fitted to the head. The hanging of eyewear loosely around the neck for short periods of time is authorized; eyewear shall not be worn on the top or back of the head or cover when not in use. Commands may restrict the wear of eyewear retainers, when greater uniformity is required except for tight fitting retainer straps as required for safety.

 Q. USCG AUXILIARY FULL DRESS WHITE UNIFORM: CG Auxiliary uniform policy is revised to remove the Full Dress White Uniform as an authorized uniform for USCG Auxiliary members.

 R. AUTHORIZED WEAR OF SPIRIT ACCESSORIES FOR CG ACADEMY CADETS: The CG Academy Commandant of Cadets or as directed by higher authority may authorize the optional wear of “Spirit Accessories” by Coast Guard Academy Cadets while in uniform during significant varsity and club level events. Spirit accessories include but not limited to: a single button not larger than 4” inches in diameter, scarf, pennant, or foam hand. Spirit accessories shall conform to a conservative nature and shall not overtly distract from a sharp military and professional image. Spirit accessories are not for wear during the national anthem or when formal military decorum is appropriate.

 S. BACKPACKS: Backpacks may be worn with the left shoulder carrying strap over the left shoulder or over both shoulders (fore to aft) while in the ODU uniform. Training Commands and the CG Academy may authorize the limited wear of backpacks in the same manner as specified above with the Service Dress Blue, Tropical Blue and Winter Dress Blue uniforms and while onboard the training facility only.

2. Currently the Uniform Program in partnership with our DOD counter parts are testing a newly designed maternity ODU and new herringbone weave Long/Short sleeve Light Blue Shirt that we hope will improve comfort, durability, and functionality. We also are set to test a lighter weight ODU material that is reported to have improved air permeability with quicker drying properties that we hope will increase members comfort when worn in hot/humid environments.

3. As a reminder, uniform items presented to and disapproved by the Uniform Board require a two year wait or the passing of two uniform boards before they will be reconsidered. Items presented to the board, disapproved, and within the two year/two board period may be considered pending new and relevant information. .

4. The Uniforms Program relies on field level input to enhance our uniforms and wear policy. All submissions provide value to the uniforms program and even though a submission may not have been approved, policy clarifications, quality assurance, and other program elements may have been enhanced through the evaluation of the submission. A listing of submissions that were not approved can be found on the Military Uniforms Branch (PSD-MU) website under Resources. (http://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Human-Resources-CG-1/Personnel-Service-Center-PSC/Personnel-Services-Division-PSC-PSD/Military-Uniforms-Branch-PSC-PSD-mu/Military-Uniforms-Program-Office)./

5. Thank you to the members of Uniform Board 47 and to those who submitted uniform program suggestions. Suggestions can be submitted at any time to the uniform program. Members and commands should refer to reference (a) for official guidance on uniform matters. The contents of this ALCOAST are intended to augment existing policy in reference (a). For questions regarding uniform policy and/or board submissions, please contact CWO Alex J. Acevedo at Alex.J.Acevedo @ uscg.mil or (703) 872-6659. Uniform availability and ordering questions can be directed to the UDC at (800) 874-6844.
6. RDML W. G. KELLY, Assistant Commandant for Human Resources, sends.

7. Internet release is authorized.

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**Uniform Board 47 info and members**

UNIFORM BOARD 47 was held on – May 4, 2017 (0800- 1600) at PSC Command

**VOTING BOARD MEMBERS:**

CG PSC-PSD Board President CAPT Kurtis Virkaitis

CG-1311 Reserve Policy CWO Anthony Giaccone

CG-12B Diversity CDR Patricia Tutalo

CG Academy Regimental CO Officer LCDR Laura Holveck

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DCMS(CMC) CMC CMC Jason Vanderhaden

DCO (CMC) CMC CMC Jeffrey Patton

LANTAREA (CMC) CMC CMC Charles Bushey

PACAREA (CMC) CMC CMC Mark Pearson

TRACEN Cape May Battalion Commander CMC William Hollandsworth

CG Auxiliary, past NACO Commodore Henry Pratt

**ADVISORY MEMBERS (NON-VOTING):**

CDTO MR. James E. Mello

CSC (Exchange) Mrs. Marianne Drainer

CG Academy Clothing Locker Mr. David McHugh

CG UDC LT Bryan Weber

CG-843 – Procurement LCDR Andrew Wright

CG-113 – Safety Mr. Glenn Gebele

CG-44 – Logistics Mr. Jay Main

**PSC-PSD-mu Staff:**

Mr. Hayes Davis – Uniform Program Manager;

Mr. Rockwood Ennis – Asst Program Manager,

CWO Nicholas Monteiro – Procurement/Funds Management

CWO Lawrence Lawson – Uniforms Program Support

SUMMARIZED AGENDA:

TIME: 0745 - 0815 Board and Advisory Members Arrive and become settled

0815 – 0830 Board and Advisory members introductions CAPT Virkaitis CG HQ Logistical arrangements (snack shop on LL 5; Facilities, etc)

Mr. Davis 0830-0850 PSC Brief RDML Bell

0850-0930 Review of UB Charter/Ground rules CAPT Virkaitis, UDS Working Group Mr. Davis

0930-1200 Board Review of Recommendations

1200 – 1300 Lunch (may be working lunch if Board so determines)

1300 – 1530 Board Review of Recommendation (Continued)

1530 – 1600 Uniform Program wrap up, initiatives and delineationof items for further review.

**UNIFORM BOARD# 47 ITEMS HELD FOR FURTHER EVALUATION BY A GENDER SPECIFIC WORKGROUP**

**The following items are pending the convening of a comprehensive workgroup to evaluate gender specific uniform standards and policies.**

1. Authorize female members to wear optional slip-on variant of the oxfords (similar to the USAF policy). (UB-006)
2. Authorize female members to optionally wear the male combination cap and phase out the current female combination cap (bucket cover) (UB-007a) and require the wear of the (unisex) combination cover by all personnel.(UB-007b)
3. Authorize female members to optionally wear all components of male uniforms. (UB-008)
4. Authorize female members to optionally wear the men’s four-in-hand tie, in lieu of the tab tie. (UB-010a), with ultimate phase out of the female tab tie (UB-010b)

**UNIFORM BOARD# 47 DISSAPROVED ITEMS**

**The following items were disapproved by the Uniform Board.**

1. AUTHORIZE FEMALES TO WEAR OPEN COLLAR SHIRTS: Remove the uniform requirement for females to wear a tie with the following CG uniforms: Winter Dress Blue, Service Dress Blue, and Service Dress Blue “A”; authorizing females to wear open collar shirt with said uniforms.
2. WEARING OF RATING BADGE ON RIGHT COLLAR FOR CG ENLISTED PERSONNEL: Authorize wearing of the enlisted rating badge on the right collar (replacing one of the rank tabs), similar to CWO ratings. (this request would imply developing and maintaining a new uniform item).

1. REPLACE CG ODU BALL CAP WITH 8 POINT OR PATROL CAP: Replace the CG Standard Ball Cap with the 8 point cover or patrol cap to be worn with the CG Operational Dress Uniform. It was determine the CG ball cap with the fitted optional variant of the ball cap would be a feasible uniform item to overcome some issues with the current design.
2. REQUEST CG STANDARD AND UNIT BALL CAP TO BE REDESIGNED: Request to allow greater variance on the CG standard and unit ball cap fabric, and increase the number of characters (17) for unit names. Current CG Standard and Unit ball cap designs support sustainability and are cost effective. Allowing additional characters would require smaller fonts, and multiple designs to accommodate the required arc of the lettering.
3. REDESIGN/REPLACEMENT OF THE CG COLD WEATHER CAP: Replace the CG cold weather cap design with an “Astrakhan Ambassador Style Cap”. Current CG cold weather cap policy has been update and now mandates the wear of the combination cap rank insignia.
4. REMOVE CG COMBINATION CAP FROM THE STANDARD SEA BAG FOR E6 AND BELOW (Active and Reserve): Removal of the Combination Cap as a standard Sea Bag item for E-6 and below. (Proposed to establish the Combination Cap as an exclusive uniform item for CPO’s and Officers).
5. REMOVE SEASONAL WEAR RESTRICTION OF THE CG WINTER DRESS BLUE UNIFORM: Establish/Authorize the CG Winter Dress Blue uniform as a year round optional uniform for CPO and above, and maintain the current uniform “seasonal” restriction for E-6 and below.
6. ESTABLISH/DEVELOP THE SPECIALTY CG MASTER CUTTERMAN INSIGNIA: Development of a tiered Cutterman insignia to recognize member’s sea service longevity was propose with the following distinguishing devices; (a single star would denote 10 years of sea service, two stars would denote 20 years of sea service which will recognize the member as a Master Cutterman).
7. ESTABLISH THE CG SENIOR ENLISTED RESERVE ADVISOR IDENTIFICATION BADGE: Development of a Senior Enlisted Reserve Advisor (SERA) Identification Badge to identify the Senior Enlisted Reserve Advisor assigned a CG unit (Proposal didn’t have favorable support from COMDT CG-1311).
8. AUTHORIZE OFFICERS TO WEAR ENLISTED OIC ASHORE & AFLOAT INSIGNIA: Authorize officers to continue to wear the enlisted OIC Afloat/Ashore device(s) even after subsequently earning an equivalent officer device.
9. PRESCRIBE A MIRROR FINISH FOR JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF BADGE: Request to specify the mirror finish as the prescribed finish for the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge. UB recommended allowing members to wear whichever badge was issued by the Agency, Parent command, or Controlling service.