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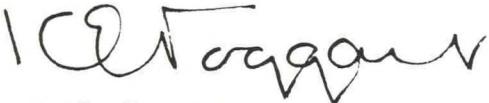
**FOREWORD**

This NOAA Handbook Number 32 is promulgated by NDM 56-68, Commissioned Officers - Uniforms. It is intended to prescribe specific guidance for the proper wearing of NOAA Corps Uniforms.

The wearing of the distinctive NOAA Corps Uniform should be a matter of personal pride to all NOAA officers. Each member of the Corps is a representative of the United States Government, and the officer's dress and conduct should be such as to reflect credit upon the individual officer, the NOAA Corps, and the Nation.

All NOAA Corps officers are responsible for procuring and maintaining uniforms appropriate to their assigned duties. Officers shall provide themselves with an adequate supply of the correct uniforms prescribed in these regulations. It is mandatory that all officers dress in accordance with the traditions and customs of the service.

These regulations supersede NOAA Corps Uniform Regulations, dated February 1, 1977, and all subsequent changes published in NOAA Corps Bulletins prior to October 1985. All questions concerning details of dress not resolved by these regulations will be referred to the Director, NOAA Corps.



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### 01-01 GENERAL

#### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this section is to prescribe the uniform and appearance standards for NOAA Corps officers.

#### 2. Definitions

The following terms and definitions should aid all officers in understanding the uniform regulations, and meeting the requirements set forth.

Required Uniform: Indicates, initially, those uniforms needed to enter active duty in the NOAA Corps, purchased at the Officer Training Center. In general, "required" means any uniform prescribed for a certain geographic area and which must be purchased.

Authorized Uniform: All uniforms and separate items that appear within these regulations are authorized by the Director, NOAA Corps, for wear under certain circumstances (e.g., when prescribed by appropriate authority). Other uniforms or separate items not listed in these regulations shall not be worn.

Prescribed Uniform: Implies that a particular uniform (e.g., Summer Khaki) may become required within a certain command. When the prescribing authority (Marine Center Director, Officer-in-Charge, Senior Officer Present, etc.) decides that a uniform should be worn, it is then prescribed and becomes required for all officers serving within that area.

Optional Items: This list is composed of "accessory" items that are worn in addition to the basic uniform, and "alternate" items that are substituted for a basic uniform piece. See page 52 for Optional Items List.

#### 3. Officer Bearing

The wearing of the NOAA Corps uniform should be a matter of personal pride to all NOAA Corps officers. It is to be worn correctly and as prescribed, i.e., do not mix onboard ship apparel with uniform clothing, and do not wear uniform items in combination with civilian clothing. Additionally, public display of affection (hand holding, embracing, etc.), placing hands in pockets, smoking, eating and/or drinking beverages while in uniform as pedestrians detracts from the officer's appearance and as such is considered inappropriate. The intention is to have NOAA Corps officers present a proud and professional appearance that will bring credit on the individual, NOAA and the United States.

Officer bearing should include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. proper uniform
- b. neat uniformed appearance
- c. personal grooming and hygiene
- d. personal carriage
- e. appropriate civilian attire when not in uniform
- f. proper deportment and interaction with public officials
- g. proper deportment and interaction with private citizens
- h. personal health and fitness

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### 4. Grooming - General Information

Grooming standards are based on several elements including neatness, cleanliness, safety and appearance. The standards established herein are not intended to be overly restrictive nor designed to isolate NOAA Corps officers from society. The limits set forth are reasonable and insure that personal appearance contributes to a favorable image. The seeming dichotomy between the policy on grooming for male and female officers is simply a recognition that there is a difference between the sexes--sideburns for men, different hairstyles and cosmetics for women. The establishment of identical grooming and personal appearance standards for men and women would not be in the best interest of the NOAA Corps. The primary consideration must be to have a neatly groomed appearance while wearing the uniform. Senior officers and personnel assigned in high visibility positions of leadership are considered examples.

#### Grooming - Specific Information

a. Male officers' hair will be neat, clean, trimmed, and present a groomed appearance. Hair will not touch the collar except for the closely cut hair at the back of the neck and that will present a tapered appearance. Hair in front will be groomed so that it does not fall below the band of properly worn headgear. Varying hair styles, including Afro, are permitted provided these styles meet the criterion of maximum length and bulk, and are tapered at the neck and sides. Plaited or braided hair shall not be worn while in uniform. In no case shall the bulk and length of hair interfere with the proper wearing of any uniform headgear.

b. If a male officer chooses to wear sideburns, they will be neatly trimmed. Sideburns will not extend below the bottom of the ear lobe, will not be flared and will end with a clean-shaven horizontal line.

c. If a beard or moustache is worn, it shall be well-groomed and neatly trimmed in order not to contribute to a ragged appearance. This policy authorizes and includes full and partial beards, vandykes and goatees.

d. Female officers will conform to the general rules of grooming that apply to male officers. Hair will be clean and neatly arranged. When in uniform, back hair may touch but not fall below the lower edge of the collar. No hair shall show under the front brim of the combination hat or the garrison cap. Afro, natural, bouffant, and other similar hair styles are permitted but exaggerated styles, including those of excessive fullness or extreme height, are not authorized. In no case shall the bulk of hair interfere with the proper wearing of uniform headgear.

Hair ornaments such as ribbons will not be worn. Pins, combs or barrettes similar in color to the individual's hair color may be worn. Hair coloring must look natural and compliment the individual. Visible hair nets will be worn only if authorized for specific duty. Hair pieces or wigs, if worn while in uniform, shall be of good quality and fit, present a natural appearance, not interfere with the proper performance of duty, not present a safety hazard and will conform to the grooming standards set forth in these regulations.

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#### 4. Grooming - Specific Information (Cont'd)

e. Articles, such as pencils, pens, watch chains, fobs, pins, jewelry, handkerchiefs, combs, cigars, cigarettes, pipes, or similar items shall not be worn or carried exposed upon the uniform, except that tie clasps, cuff links, and shirt studs shall be worn as prescribed elsewhere in these regulations. Female officers are permitted to wear tiny inconspicuous gold ball earrings with uniforms. Small pearl earrings may be substituted for wear with Dinner Dress and Formal Dress uniforms. Wearing of wrist watches, identification bracelets and inconspicuous rings is permitted. Rings shall be limited to one per hand, excluding the wedding/engagement ring. Only one bracelet may be worn, and ankle bracelets are not authorized.

#### 5. Uniforms To Be Provided and Worn

All NOAA Corps officers shall provide themselves with an adequate supply of the required uniforms prescribed in these regulations. Officers will not wear other than the regulation uniform or insignia of their respective grade, and if decorations, medals, badges, or their ribbons are authorized, they will not be worn in any way other than that prescribed.

#### 6. Uniform of the Day

a. The Uniform of the Day is the uniform prescribed for wear by all NOAA Corps officers within a Command or geographical area. All NOAA officers assigned to vessels shall wear the prescribed uniform when aboard ships at sea or when on duty aboard ships in port.

b. The Uniform of the Day shall be similar to that prescribed for the Naval District in which the Command is located.

c. Prescribed uniforms shall be designated in the terms used in these regulations.

d. Commanding officers may authorize officers under their command to deviate from the uniforms prescribed in these regulations when adverse or unusual field conditions render the prescribed uniforms impractical.

#### 7. Authority to Prescribe

a. Directors of Marine Centers, commanding officers, or senior officers present shall prescribe the uniform of the season, day, or special occasion, to be worn by all personnel within the limits of their command. The Director, NOAA Corps, shall prescribe the uniform to be worn in the Washington, DC Metropolitan area.

b. Outside the jurisdiction of any NOAA office, the Uniform of the Day shall be prescribed by the senior officer or official present.

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#### **8. Officers On Duty With Other Services**

Officers assigned to duty with other uniformed services shall wear the NOAA Corps uniform equivalent to that prescribed for personnel of the service concerned.

NOAA Corps officers who are transferred to the Armed Forces by Executive Order may wear, with the approval of the service concerned, the uniform of the service to which they have been transferred and shall comply with the uniform regulations of such service.

#### **9. Travel Uniforms**

When traveling in uniform on leave, TDY, transfer, etc., the Service Dress Blue (Bravo) uniform may be worn as the standard travel uniform during any season of the year. When summer uniforms are prescribed, the officer may travel in the Summer White or Summer Khaki uniform. When winter uniforms are prescribed, the Winter Blue uniform is authorized for travel. Subsequent to arrival at their destination, personnel shall wear the uniform designated by the prescribing authority for that particular area. The navy-blue windbreaker is authorized for travel with Summer White or Winter Blue but not Service Dress Blue (Bravo or Alpha). The khaki windbreaker is authorized for travel with Summer Khaki. The black, V-neck pullover sweater is not authorized for travel with any uniform.

#### **10. Uniform Headgear**

The cap or hat is an integral part of the uniform. Out-of-doors, personnel should remain covered at all times except when ordered to uncover or during religious services not associated with a military ceremony; thus, unless ordered to uncover, personnel shall remain covered during invocations or religious portions of military ceremonies, or at events such as changes of command, ship commissionings, launchings, military burials, etc. The Chaplain conducting the religious portion of the ceremony will be guided by customs of his church with respect to the wearing of the head covering. Hats are normally removed indoors. NOAA Corps personnel are permitted to remove their caps or hats when traveling inside a private automobile, but a cover shall be mandatory when entering or within a military reservation.

#### **11. Uniform Materials**

With all uniforms, the various uniform items worn shall be of similar material. Uniform coats, shirts, trousers (or skirts), belts, and garrison caps (if worn) shall match. (In other words, do not mix cotton items with certified navy twill.)

#### **12. Civilian Clothing**

Civilian clothing may be worn while leaving or returning to ships, while on leave of absence, liberty, or in any off-duty status in port. When civilian clothing is worn, officers shall insure that their dress and personal appearance are appropriate for the occasion and will not tend to bring discredit upon the Service. No part of the prescribed uniform shall be worn with civilian clothing.

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**13. Funerals, Special Uniform Regulations Regarding**

**a. Mourning Badges**

(1) Officers shall wear mourning badges when serving as honorary pallbearers at military funerals, or when attending military funerals in an official capacity. Officers attending other funerals may wear mourning badges.

(2) Officers shall wear the mourning badges on the left sleeve of the outer garment, halfway between the shoulder and elbow. The badge shall be made of black crepe, 3-inches wide and sufficiently long to fit around the arm.

(3) Officers shall wear the Service Dress Blue (Alpha) or Service Dress White uniform to military or civilian funerals as appropriate unless designated otherwise by local competent authority.

**b. White Gloves**

Officers may be required to wear white gloves at military funerals. Officer personnel may wear white gloves at other funerals but shall do so only during the actual ceremonies unless white gloves are an authorized part of the uniform being worn.

**14. Retired Personnel**

a. Retired officers not on active duty shall be entitled to wear the prescribed uniform of the rank held on the retired list when the wearing of the uniform is considered to be appropriate.

b. Retired officers are prohibited from wearing the uniform in connection with personal activities of a business nature.

c. Retired personnel not on active duty residing or visiting in a foreign country, shall not wear the uniform except when attending, by formal invitation, ceremonies or social functions at which the wearing of the uniform is required by the terms of the invitation or by the regulations or customs of the country.

d. The uniform shall conform with these regulations, except that in pattern the uniform and equipment may be either as prescribed herein or at the time of their retirement.

e. If retired personnel are ordered to active duty, they shall wear the uniform prescribed for officers on active duty.

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#### 15. Protective Clothing

It is recognized by these regulations that there are times when protective clothing and equipment, not normally considered a part of the uniform, are needed. The wearing of motorcycle helmets, industrial hats, safety-shoes, foul-weather gear, sneakers, rubber boots, etc., for industrial and personal safety requirements is authorized, and may be mandatory at times.

#### 16. Officers Visiting Military Installations

Officers visiting military installations in uniform shall wear the NOAA Corps equivalent of the designated Uniform of the Day, unless circumstances of the visit render the designated uniform impractical.

#### 17. Maternity Uniforms

a. The maternity uniform is required for all pregnant women in the NOAA Corps when a uniform is prescribed and regular uniforms no longer fit. Pregnant women may wear outer garments (raincoat, overcoat, and reefer) unbuttoned if they no longer fit properly when buttoned.

b. The maternity uniforms authorized for wear by women in the NOAA Corps are: Service Dress Blue (Bravo and Alpha), Winter Blue, Summer White, Full Dress Blue, and Dinner Dress Blue.

c. Any questions concerning maternity uniforms should be directed to the Director, NOAA Corps.

#### 18. Uniform Allowances

Detailed information concerning the authorization of uniform allowances for NOAA Corps officers is contained in Chapter 7 of the NOAA Finance Handbook.

#### 19. Special Circumstances

a. All questions concerning details of dress not resolved by these regulations will be referred to the Director, NOAA Corps.

b. These regulations supersede NOAA Corps Uniform Regulations, dated February 1, 1977, and all subsequent changes published in NOAA Corps Bulletins prior to October 1985.

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### 02-01 UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

#### 1. General

Officers are responsible for procuring and maintaining uniforms appropriate to their assigned duties. No attempt is made to prescribe the number of each uniform required to be in an officer's possession but a recommended list is included in Section 6 of this chapter to outline the articles needed for the required uniforms. Sufficient quantities of other personal items necessary to insure acceptable standards of personal hygiene and appearance shall be procured and maintained. It is mandatory that all officers dress in accordance with the traditions and customs of the service.

#### 2. Authorized Uniforms

a. All authorized uniforms are not considered mandatory for all officers of the NOAA Corps. However, because of the climate of an officer's duty station and the nature of the assignment, one or more of these uniforms may be prescribed by the appropriate authority. Such prescription may only be made with the knowledge and consent of the Director of the NOAA Corps. When an authorized uniform is prescribed, it then becomes a required uniform for all members of a given command or geographic area.

##### b. Authorized Uniforms List

Formal Dress	Summer White
Dinner Dress Blue Jacket	Summer Khaki
Dinner Dress White Jacket	Tropical White
Dinner Dress Blue	Tropical Khaki
Dinner Dress White	Winter Blue
Full Dress Blue	Working Khaki (Long Sleeve)
Full Dress White	Working Khaki (Short Sleeve)
Service Dress Blue (Alpha)	Working Coveralls
Service Dress Blue (Bravo)	Aviation Coveralls
Service Dress White	

#### 3. Initial Uniforms

a. The initial uniforms list is considered to be the minimum number of uniforms that will prepare an officer for service in the NOAA Corps. These uniforms are generally those required of newly commissioned officers attending the training class. The purchase and maintenance of these uniforms by all NOAA Corps officers is mandatory.

##### b. Initial Uniforms List

Service Dress Blue (Bravo)
Summer White
Winter Blue
Working Khaki (Long Sleeve)
Working Khaki (Short Sleeve)
Summer Khaki

#### 4. Optional Uniform Items

"Accessories" may be worn at the discretion of each officer. "Alternate" items must first be approved by the prescribing authority.

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### SERVICE DRESS BLUE (ALPHA)

#### REQUIRED COMPONENTS OF BASIC UNIFORM

##### Male Officers

Coat, Blue Service Dress  
 Shirt, White, Long Sleeve  
 Trousers, Blue Dress  
 Cap, Combination, White  
 Shoes, Black Dress  
 Socks, Black  
 Undershirt, White  
 Undershorts  
 Belt, Black, With Gold Tab  
 Necktie, Black Four-In-Hand  
 Buckle, Gold  
 Name Tag  
 Ribbons

##### Female Officers

Coat, Blue Service Dress  
 Shirt, White, Long Sleeve  
 Skirt, Blue, Unbelted  
 Cap, Combination, White  
 Shoes, Black Pumps  
 Hosiery, Flesh Tone  
 Bra  
 Panties  
 Slip  
 Cross Tie, Black  
 Name Tag  
 Ribbons

#### OPTIONAL ITEMS

Overcoat, Navy-Blue  
 Raincoat, Navy-Blue Lightweight  
 Gloves, Black/White/Gray  
 All-Weather Coat, Navy-Blue  
 Qualification Insignia  
 Boots, Half-Wellington  
 Overshoes  
 Cuff Links  
 Vest  
 Tie Clasp/Tack  
 Scarf, White  
 Reefer  
 Umbrella, Black

Overcoat, Navy-Blue  
 Raincoat, Navy-Blue  
 Shoes, Black Oxfords  
 Gloves, Black  
 Handbag, Black  
 Scarf, White  
 All-Weather Coat, Navy-Blue  
 Qualification Insignia  
 Beret  
 Overshoes  
 Earrings, Gold Ball  
 Umbrella, Black  
 Reefer  
 Gloves, White

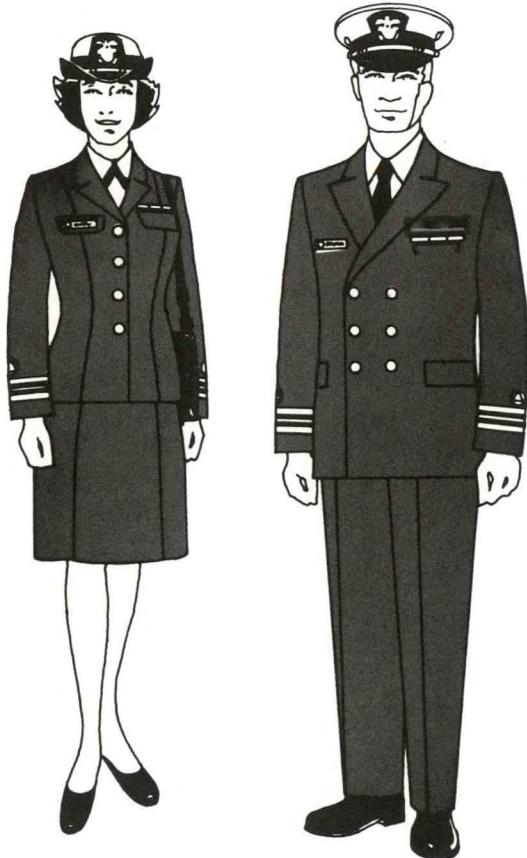
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**5. Uniform Descriptions (Cont'd)**



**SERVICE DRESS BLUE (ALPHA)**

Service Dress Blue (Alpha) uniform is an authorized NOAA Corps uniform equivalent to a civilian business suit. It is similar in appearance to Service Dress Blue (Bravo) except that a white, long-sleeve shirt without soft shoulder marks is worn. This uniform can be worn year-round on any occasion when the wearing of a uniform is appropriate except when other uniforms are prescribed. In general, Service Dress Blue (Bravo) is preferred over Service Dress Blue (Alpha) for business and informal social occasions, although Service Dress Blue (Alpha) may be prescribed for more formal situations such as changes of command, funerals, and the like. Service Dress Blue (Alpha) is an optional travel uniform for NOAA Corps officers. During cold weather, plain black leather gloves, lined or unlined, are authorized for warmth; for other appropriate occasions, gray gloves should be worn. Neither the navy-blue windbreaker nor the black, V-neck pullover sweater are authorized for wear with Service Dress Blue (Alpha).

Female officers' Service Dress Blue (Alpha) uniform does not include trousers.

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### SERVICE DRESS BLUE (BRAVO)

#### REQUIRED COMPONENTS OF BASIC UNIFORM

##### Male Officers

Coat, Blue Service Dress  
Shirt, Light-Blue, Long Sleeve  
With Shoulder Straps  
Trousers, Blue Dress  
Cap, Combination, White  
Shoes, Black Dress  
Socks, Black  
Undershirt, White  
Undershorts  
Belt, Black, With Gold Tab  
Necktie, Black Four-In-Hand  
Buckle, Gold  
Shoulder Marks, Soft  
Name Tag  
Ribbons

##### Female Officers

Coat, Blue Service Dress  
Shirt, Light-Blue, Long Sleeve  
With Shoulder Straps  
Skirt, Blue, Unbelted  
Cap, Combination, White  
Shoes, Black Pumps  
Hosiery, Flesh Tone  
Bra  
Panties  
Slip  
Cross Tie, Black  
Shoulder Marks, Soft  
Name Tag  
Ribbons

#### OPTIONAL ITEMS

Cap, Garrison, Navy-Blue  
Overcoat, Navy-Blue  
Raincoat, Navy-Blue Lightweight  
Gloves, Black/Gray  
All-Weather Coat, Navy-Blue  
Windbreaker, Navy-Blue  
Qualification Insignia  
Boots, Half-Wellington  
Overshoes  
Cuff Links  
Tie Clasp/Tack  
Sweater, Black, V-neck  
Scarf, White  
Reefer  
Umbrella, Black

Slacks, Blue, Unbelted  
Cap, Garrison, Navy-Blue  
Overcoat, Navy-Blue  
Raincoat, Navy-Blue  
All-Weather Coat, Navy-Blue  
Windbreaker, Navy-blue  
Shoes, Black Oxfords  
Gloves, Black  
Handbag, Black  
Scarf, White  
Qualification Insignia  
Sweater, Black, V-neck  
Beret  
Overshoes  
Earrings, Gold Ball  
Umbrella, Black  
Reefer  
Gloves, White  
Sweater, Navy-Blue Cardigan

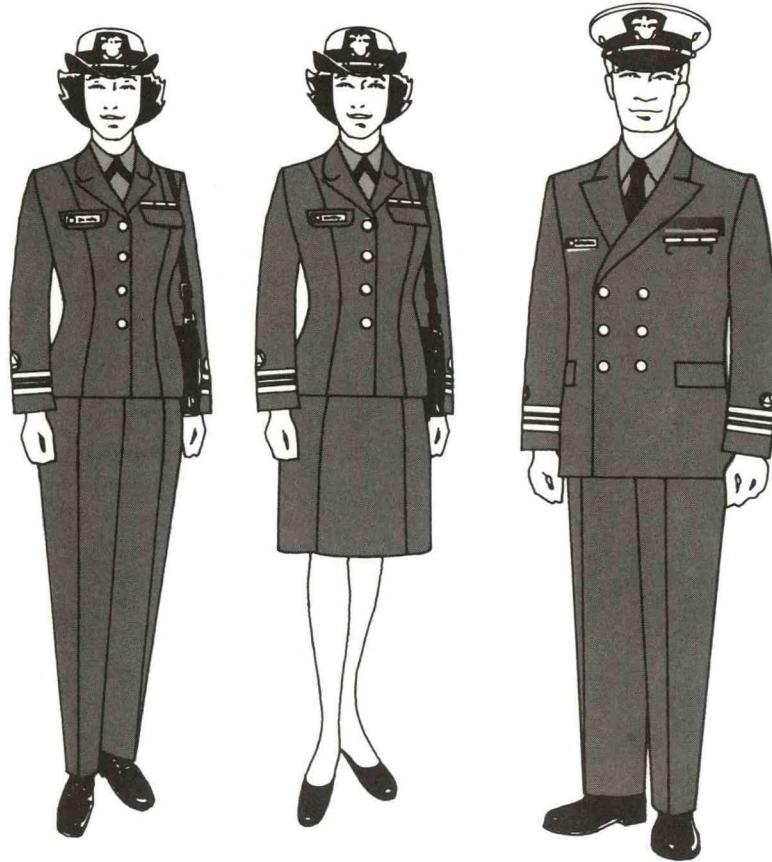
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**5. Uniform Descriptions (Cont'd)**



**SERVICE DRESS BLUE (BRAVO)**

Service Dress Blue (Bravo) is a required NOAA Corps uniform of all officers and is equivalent to a civilian business suit. This uniform can be worn year round on any occasion when the wearing of a uniform is appropriate except when Service Dress Blue (Alpha), Full Dress, Dinner Dress, Formal Dress, Summer or Working uniforms are prescribed. In general, it is for business and informal social occasions during the winter, and for official appearances at non-NOAA functions during the summer. This uniform requires a long-sleeve, light-blue Air Force/Coast Guard shirt, and soft shoulder marks are worn to indicate rank when the coat is removed. Service Dress Blue (Bravo) is the preferred travel uniform for NOAA Corps officers. During cold weather, plain black leather gloves, lined or unlined, are authorized for warmth; for other appropriate occasions, gray gloves should be worn.

Female officer's Service Dress Blue (Bravo) uniform can include either a skirt or trousers. Trouser should be worn only when a skirt is inappropriate, such as aboard ship or during inclement weather. The skirt should be worn in office or business situations and during travel. Trouser should not be worn in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area.

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### WINTER BLUE

#### REQUIRED COMPONENTS OF BASIC UNIFORM

##### Male Officers

Shirt, Blue Winter, Long Sleeve  
Trousers, Blue Dress  
Cap, Combination, White  
Shoes, Black Dress  
Socks, Black  
Undershirt, White  
Undershorts  
Belt, Black, With Gold Tab  
Necktie, Black Four-In-Hand  
Collar Insignia  
Buckle, Gold  
Name Tag  
Ribbons

##### Female Officers

Shirt, Blue Winter, Long Sleeve  
Skirt, Blue, Belted  
Cap, Combination, White  
Shoes, Black Pumps  
Hosiery, Flesh Tone  
Bra  
Panties  
Slip  
Belt, Black, With Gold Tab  
Cross Tie, Black  
Collar Insignia  
Buckle, Gold  
Name Tag  
Ribbons

#### OPTIONAL ITEMS

Overcoat, Navy-Blue  
Raincoat, Navy-Blue Lightweight  
All-Weather Coat, Navy-Blue  
Qualification Insignia  
Jacket, Navy-Blue Windbreaker  
Tie Clasp/Tack  
Boots, Half-Wellington  
Overshoes  
Scarf, White  
Cap, Garrison, Navy-Blue  
Gloves, Black  
Umbrella, Black  
Reefer

Slacks, Blue, Belted  
Cap, Garrison, Navy-Blue  
All-Weather Coat, Navy-Blue  
Overcoat, Navy-Blue  
Raincoat, Navy-Blue  
Qualification Insignia  
Shoes, Black Oxfords  
Handbag, Black  
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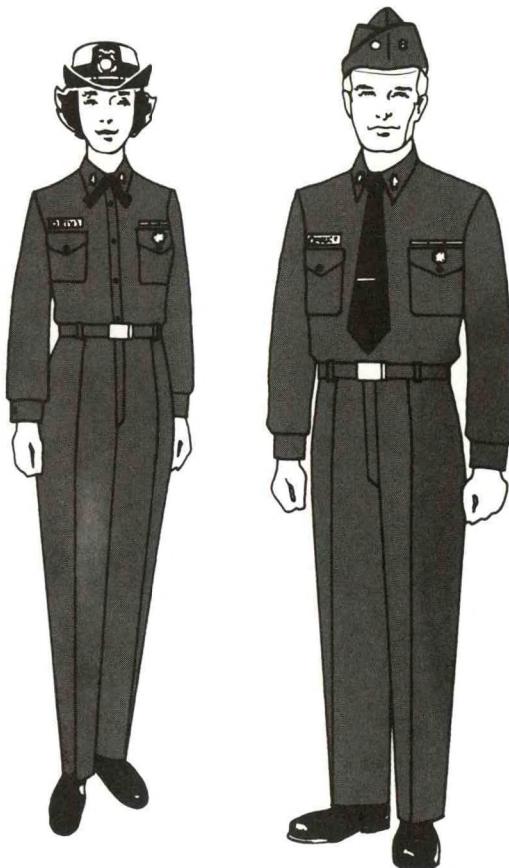
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**WINTER BLUE**

Winter Blue is a required uniform of the NOAA Corps and is the standard winter working uniform on board vessels and at shore installations if deemed appropriate by prescribing authority. The uniform is worn with the navy-blue drill shirt and black tie. Service ribbons, name tag, and qualification insignia are authorized. The tie, ribbons, and insignia may be removed in work situations (thus becoming Winter Working Blue) when safety precautions dictate. The navy-blue windbreaker may be worn with this uniform. Metal grade insignia are worn on the collar of the shirt and the shoulder loops of the windbreaker. Winter Blue, including the navy-blue windbreaker, is authorized for travel and may be worn with a white combination cap. The navy-blue garrison cap is authorized for all occasions other than travel.

Female officers' Winter Blue uniform can include either a skirt or trousers. Skirts should be worn only in shore installations or office situations. Trousers should not be worn in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area. Women's trousers and skirts shall be worn with a black belt.

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SUMMER WHITE

REQUIRED COMPONENTS OF BASIC UNIFORM

Male Officers

Shirt, White Summer, Short Sleeve,  
With Shoulder Loops  
Trousers, White Long  
Cap, Combination, White  
Shoes, White Dress  
Socks, White  
Undershirt, White, V-neck  
Undershorts  
Belt, White, With Gold Tab  
Buckle, Gold  
Shoulder Marks, Hard  
Name Tag  
Ribbons

Female Officers

Shirt, White Summer, Short Sleeve,  
With Shoulder Straps  
Skirt, White, Belted  
Cap, Combination, White  
Shoes, White Pumps  
Hosiery, Flesh Tone  
Bra  
Panties  
Slip  
Belt, White, With Gold Tab  
Shoulder Marks, Soft  
Buckle, Gold  
Name Tag  
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OPTIONAL ITEMS

Raincoat, Navy-Blue Lightweight  
Jacket, Navy-Blue Windbreaker  
Overshoes  
Qualification Insignia  
Umbrella, Black

Raincoat, Navy-Blue  
Shoes, White Oxfords  
Handbag, White  
Slacks, White Summer, Belted  
Qualification Insignia  
Beret  
Jacket, Navy-Blue Windbreaker  
Overshoes  
Earrings, Gold Ball  
Umbrella, Black

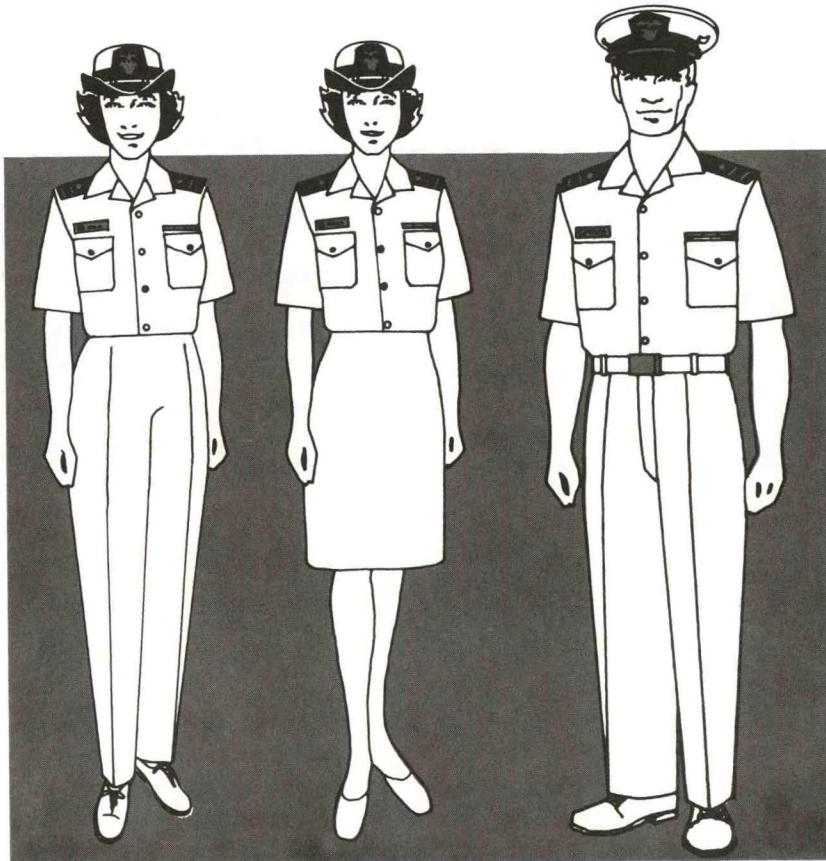
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**SUMMER WHITE**

Summer White is equivalent to a summer-weight civilian business suit. In general, this uniform is intended for office, business and informal social occasions after business hours, in accordance with local customs. Summer Whites are required when prescribed in a geographic area and is authorized for travel by commercial means. The navy-blue windbreaker is authorized with this uniform and a navy-blue lightweight raincoat may be worn during inclement weather. Service ribbons, name tag, and qualification insignia are authorized. The male officer's uniform is worn with hard shoulder marks, and the female officer's uniform is worn with soft shoulder marks.

The female officer's Summer White uniform can include either a skirt or trousers. Trousers should be worn only when a skirt is inappropriate such as aboard ship or during inclement weather. The skirt should be worn in office or business situations. Trousers should not be worn in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area. Women's trousers and skirts shall be worn with a white belt.

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### SUMMER KHAKI

#### REQUIRED COMPONENTS OF BASIC UNIFORM

##### Male Officers

Shirt, Khaki Summer, Short Sleeve  
Trousers, Khaki Summer  
Cap, Combination, Khaki  
Shoes, Black Dress  
Socks, Black  
Undershirt, White, V-neck  
Undershorts  
Belt, Khaki, With Gold Tab  
Collar Insignia  
Buckle, Gold  
Name Tag  
Ribbons

##### Female Officers

Shirt, Khaki Summer, Short Sleeve  
Skirt, Khaki Summer, Belted  
Cap, Combination, Khaki  
Shoes, Black Pumps  
Hosiery, Flesh Tone  
Bra  
Panties  
Slip  
Belt, Khaki, With Gold Tab  
Collar Insignia  
Buckle, Gold  
Name Tag  
Ribbons

#### OPTIONAL ITEMS

Raincoat, Navy-Blue Lightweight  
Cap, Garrison, Khaki  
Qualification Insignia  
Jacket, Khaki Windbreaker  
Boots, Half-Wellington  
Overshoes  
Umbrella, Black

Slacks, Khaki Summer, Belted  
Raincoat, Navy-Blue  
Handbag, Black  
Shoes, Black Oxfords  
Qualification Insignia  
Cap, Garrison, Khaki  
Jacket, Khaki Windbreaker  
Overshoes  
Earrings, Gold Ball  
Umbrella, Black

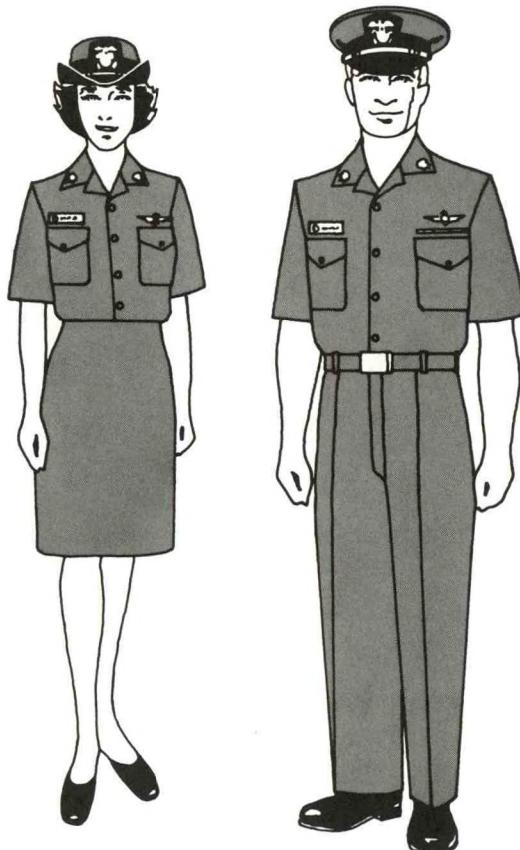
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SUMMER KHAKI

Summer Khaki is a required uniform of the NOAA Corps, for wear when prescribed by proper authority. This uniform consists of the tropical khaki shirt, long khaki trousers, and black shoes and socks. It is a gabardine or certified navy twill uniform for office wear when there is limited contact with the public or the situation calls for a uniform less formal than Summer White. The khaki windbreaker, and the khaki combination cap or khaki garrison cap may be worn with this uniform. Metal grade insignia are worn on the collar of the shirt and on the shoulder loops of the jacket. Qualification insignia, service ribbons, and name tag are authorized. This uniform, including the khaki windbreaker, is authorized for travel.

The female officer's Summer Khaki uniform can include either a skirt or trousers. Trousers should be worn only when a skirt is inappropriate, such as aboard ship, or during inclement weather. Trousers should not be worn in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area. Women's trousers and skirts shall be worn with a khaki belt.

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### WORKING KHAKI (LONG SLEEVE)

#### REQUIRED COMPONENTS OF BASIC UNIFORM

##### Male Officers

Shirt, Khaki Working, Long Sleeve  
Trousers, Khaki Working  
Cap, Combination, Khaki  
Shoes, Black Dress  
Socks, Black  
Undershirt, White  
Undershorts  
Belt, Khaki, With Gold Tab  
Collar Insignia  
Buckle, Gold

##### Female Officers

Shirt, Khaki Working, Long Sleeve  
Slacks, Khaki Working  
Cap, Combination, Khaki  
Shoes, Black Oxfords  
Socks, Black  
Bra  
Panties  
Belt, Khaki, With Gold Tab  
Collar Insignia  
Buckle, Gold

#### OPTIONAL ITEMS

Cap, Garrison, Khaki  
Qualification Insignia  
Watch Cap, Blue Knit  
Jacket, Khaki Windbreaker  
Boots, Half-Wellington  
Overshoes  
Ball Cap, Blue  
Name Tag  
Gym Shoes  
Foul-Weather Gear  
Raincoat, Navy-Blue  
Reefer  
Tie, Black, Four-In-Hand  
Umbrella, Black

Raincoat, Navy-Blue  
Handbag, Black  
Qualification Insignia  
Watch Cap, Blue Knit  
Ball Cap, Blue  
Beret  
Cap, Garrison, Khaki  
Jacket, Khaki Windbreaker  
Overshoes  
Earrings, Gold Ball  
Umbrella, Black  
Name Tag  
Reefer  
Gym Shoes  
Foul-Weather Gear  
Cross Tie, Black

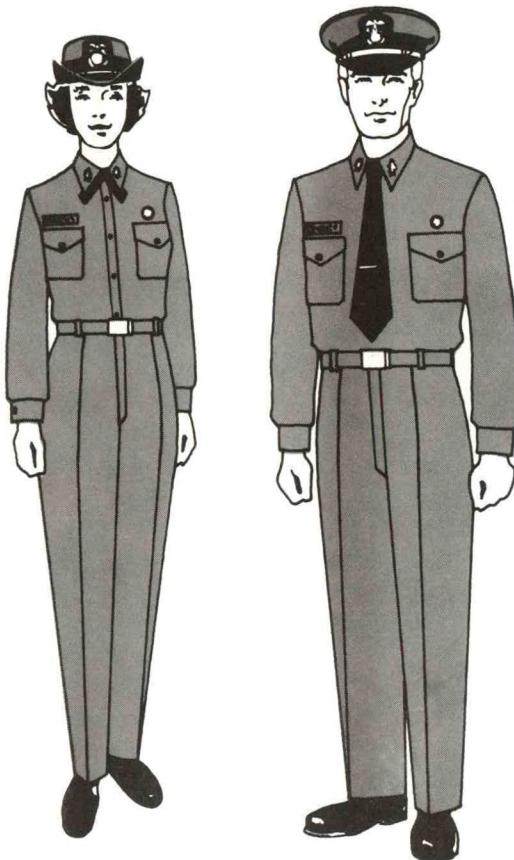
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**WORKING KHAKI (LONG SLEEVE)**

Working Khaki (Long Sleeve) is a required uniform of the NOAA Corps, and is a standard working (cotton) uniform throughout the year on board vessels and at dockside facilities and other shore installations if deemed appropriate by prescribing authority. The uniform is worn with the long-sleeve khaki shirt, long khaki trousers, black shoes, black socks, and may have a black tie. The tie is normally removed aboard ship or may be removed in work situations when safety precautions dictate. The khaki windbreaker may be worn with this uniform. NOAA qualification insignia and name tag only may be worn. Metal grade insignia are worn on the collar of the shirt and the shoulder loops of the jacket. This uniform is not authorized for travel and should be worn in public only while traveling directly to and from work. This uniform may be worn with a khaki combination cap or khaki garrison cap. Foul-weather gear, rubber boots, etc., may be worn with this uniform for protection as necessary.

The female officer's Working Khaki (Long Sleeve) uniform is described above. Skirts are not authorized with this working uniform.

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### WORKING KHAKI (SHORT SLEEVE)

#### REQUIRED COMPONENTS OF BASIC UNIFORM

##### Male Officers

Shirt, Khaki Working, Short Sleeve  
Trousers, Khaki Working  
Cap, Combination, Khaki  
Shoes, Black Dress  
Socks, Black  
Undershirt, White  
Undershorts  
Belt, Khaki, With Gold Tab  
Collar Insignia  
Buckle, Gold

##### Female Officers

Shirt, Khaki Working, Short Sleeve  
Slacks, Khaki Working  
Cap, Combination, Khaki  
Shoes, Black Oxfords  
Socks, Black  
Bra  
Panties  
Belt, Khaki With Gold Tab  
Collar Insignia  
Buckle, Gold

#### OPTIONAL ITEMS

Cap, Garrison, Khaki  
Qualification Insignia  
Jacket, Khaki Windbreaker  
Boots, Half-Wellington  
Overshoes  
Ball Cap, Blue  
Name Tag  
Foul-Weather Gear  
Raincoat, Navy-Blue  
Umbrella, Black  
Gym Shoes

Raincoat, Navy-Blue  
Handbag, Black  
Qualification Insignia  
Ball Cap, Blue  
Beret  
Cap, Garrison, Khaki  
Jacket, Khaki Windbreaker  
Overshoes  
Earrings, Gold Ball  
Umbrella, Black  
Name Tag  
Foul-Weather Gear  
Gym Shoes

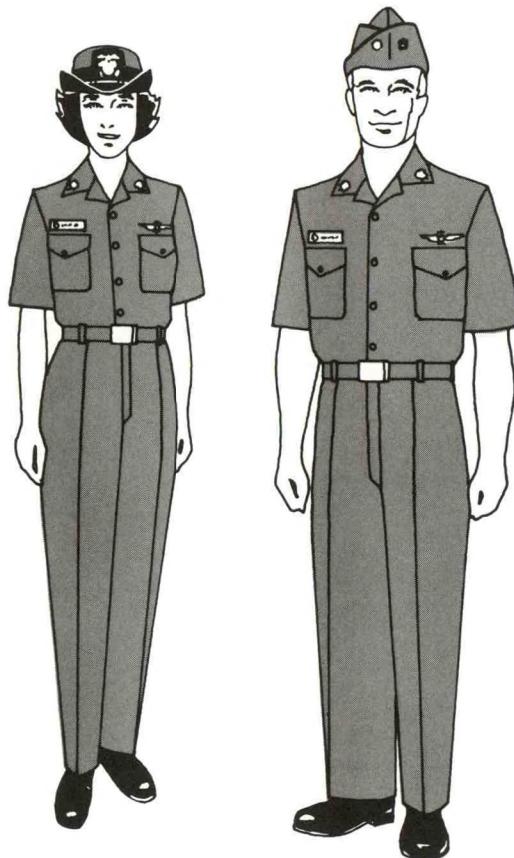
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**WORKING KHAKI (SHORT SLEEVE)**

Working Khaki (Short Sleeve) is a required uniform of the NOAA Corps. It is a cotton uniform for wear in hot weather aboard ship and in field situations. This uniform is worn with the short-sleeve khaki shirt, long khaki trousers, black shoes, and black socks. The khaki windbreaker, and the khaki combination cap or khaki garrison cap may be worn with this uniform. Metal grade insignia are worn on the collar of the shirt and on the shoulder loops of the jacket. Only NOAA qualification insignia and name tag may be worn with this uniform. This uniform is not authorized for travel, but it may be worn while traveling directly to and from work. Foul-weather gear, rubber boots, etc., may be worn with this uniform for protection as necessary.

The female officer's Working Khaki (Short Sleeve) uniform is described above. Skirts are not authorized with this working uniform.

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### FORMAL DRESS

#### REQUIRED COMPONENTS OF BASIC UNIFORM

##### Male Officers

Jacket, Blue Dinner Dress  
Shirt, White Formal, Wing Collar  
Trousers, Blue Evening  
Cap, Combination, White  
Shoes, Black Dress  
Socks, Black  
Undershirt, White  
Undershorts  
Bow Tie, Black or White  
Studs, Mother-of-Pearl  
Cuff Links, Mother-of-Pearl  
Waistcoat  
Gloves, White  
Miniature Medals

##### Female Officers

Blue Jacket, Dinner Dress  
Shirt, White Dress  
Skirt, Blue Formal, Long  
Shoes, Black Formal  
Hosiery, Flesh Tone  
Bra  
Panties  
Slip  
Cummerbund, Gold  
Gloves, White  
Handbag, Black Formal  
Necktie, Black Dress  
Miniature Medals

### OPTIONAL ITEMS

Overcoat, Navy-Blue  
Raincoat, Navy-Blue, Lightweight  
All-Weather Coat, Navy-Blue  
Overshoes  
Scarf, White  
Suspenders, White  
Umbrella, Black  
Miniature Qualification Insignia

Overcoat, Navy-Blue  
Raincoat, Navy-Blue, Lightweight  
Scarf, White  
All-Weather Coat, Navy-Blue  
Tiara  
Cape, (Gold Lining)  
Overshoes  
Earrings, Pearl  
Umbrella, Black  
Miniature Qualification Insignia

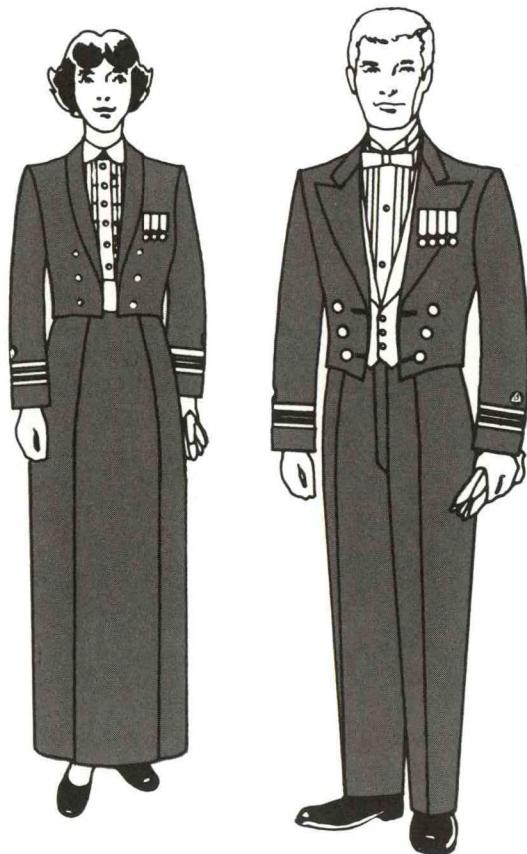
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**FORMAL DRESS**

Formal Dress is an authorized NOAA Corps uniform worn at official formal evening functions, state occasions, or other formal functions where uniforms are appropriate and where civilian men would normally wear white tie and tails. White gloves are to be worn. On certain occasions, a black tie may be prescribed for wear in lieu of white tie. The men wear plain black evening dress shoes of either fine calfskin or patent leather, and the women wear plain black pumps of conventional design with closed heels and toes, of suede or peau de soie. Women shall wear the long formal navy-blue skirt. Miniature medals and miniature qualification insignia are authorized. Name tags are not authorized.

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### DINNER DRESS BLUE JACKET

### REQUIRED COMPONENTS OF BASIC UNIFORM

#### Male Officers

Jacket, Blue Dinner Dress  
Shirt, White Formal, Turndown  
Trousers, Blue Evening  
Cap, Combination, White  
Shoes, Black Dress  
Socks, Black  
Undershirt, White  
Undershorts  
Cuff Links  
Cummerbund, Gold  
Necktie, Black Bow  
Studs, Gold  
Miniature Medals

#### Female Officers

Blue Jacket, Dinner Dress  
Shirt, White Dress  
Skirt, Blue, Unbelted  
Shoes, Black Formal  
Hosiery, Flesh Tone  
Bra  
Panties  
Slip  
Cummerbund, Gold  
Handbag, Black Dress  
Necktie, Black Dress  
Miniature Medals

### OPTIONAL ITEMS

Overcoat, Navy-Blue  
Raincoat, Navy-Blue, Lightweight  
Gloves, White  
Miniature Qualification Insignia  
Overshoes  
Scarf, White  
Suspenders, White  
Umbrella, Black

Overcoat, Navy-Blue  
Raincoat, Navy-Blue  
Scarf, White  
Miniature Qualification Insignia  
Shirt, White, Long Sleeve  
Skirt, Blue Formal, Long  
Tiara  
Cape, (Gold Lining)  
Overshoes  
Earrings, Pearl  
Umbrella, Black  
Gloves, White

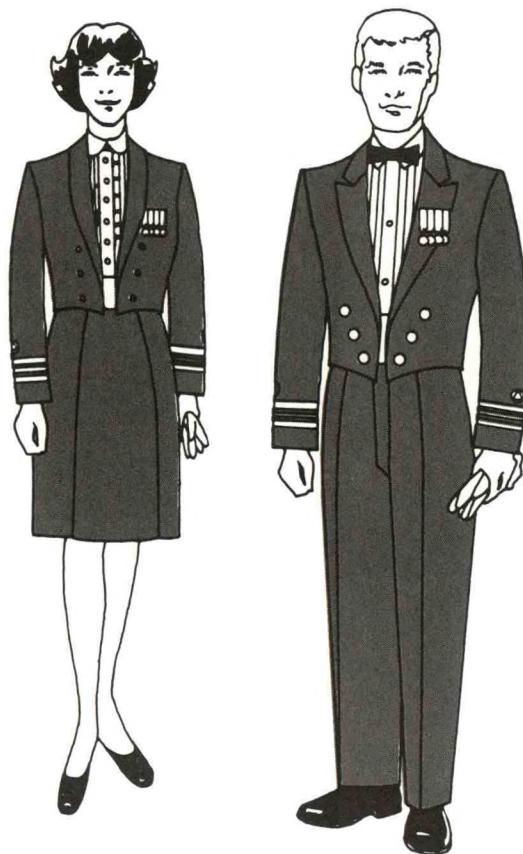
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DINNER DRESS BLUE JACKET

Dinner Dress Blue Jacket is an authorized NOAA Corps uniform that may be worn to formal functions when winter uniforms are normally prescribed and where civilian men would normally wear a dinner jacket and black tie. It is required for commanders and above in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area. It is an optional uniform for lieutenant commanders and below, who may wear the Dinner Dress Blue Uniform. Social functions of general or official nature such as private formal dinners, dinner dances or club affairs of formal nature might occasion this uniform. Either the formal, stiff-bosom shirt or the formal, plain, wide-pleated, soft-front shirt shall be worn by male officers. Gold cummerbund is worn and white gloves may be worn. Women may wear the long, formal blue skirt instead of the short skirt when authorized. This uniform is also referred to as "Evening Dress Blue," or "Blue Mess Jacket." Miniature medals and miniature qualification insignia are authorized. Name tags are not authorized.

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### DINNER DRESS WHITE JACKET

#### REQUIRED COMPONENTS OF BASIC UNIFORM

##### Male Officers

Jacket, White Dinner Dress  
Shirt, White Formal, Turndown  
Trousers, Blue Evening  
Cap, Combination, White  
Shoes, Black Dress  
Socks, Black  
Undershirt, White  
Undershorts  
Cuff Links  
Cummerbund, Gold  
Necktie, Black Bow  
Studs, Gold  
Miniature Medals

##### Female Officers

White Jacket, Dinner Dress  
Shirt, White Dress  
Skirt, Blue  
Shoes, Black Formal  
Hosiery, Flesh Tone  
Bra  
Panties  
Slip  
Cummerbund, Gold  
Handbag, Black Dress  
Necktie, Black Dress  
Miniature Medals

#### OPTIONAL ITEMS

Gloves, White  
Raincoat, Navy-Blue, Lightweight  
Miniature Qualification Insignia  
Overshoes  
Suspenders, White  
Umbrella, Black

Raincoat, Navy-Blue  
Miniature Qualification Insignia  
Shirt, White, Long Sleeve  
Skirt, Blue Formal, Long  
Tiara  
Overshoes  
Earrings, Pearl  
Umbrella, Black  
Gloves, White

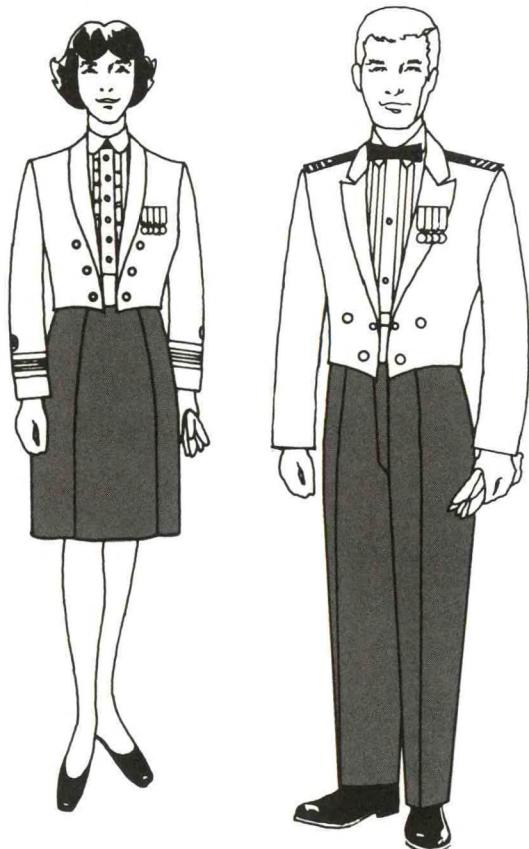
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DINNER DRESS WHITE JACKET

Dinner Dress White Jacket is an authorized NOAA Corps uniform that may be worn to formal functions when summer uniforms are normally prescribed and where civilian men would normally wear a summer dinner jacket and black tie. Social functions of general or official nature such as private formal dinners, dinner dances or club affairs of formal nature might occasion this uniform. Either the formal, stiff-bosom shirt or the formal, plain, wide-pleated, soft-front shirt shall be worn by male officers. Gold cummerbund is worn and white gloves may be worn. Women may wear the long, formal blue skirt instead of the short skirt when authorized. This uniform is also referred to as "Evening Dress White," or "White Mess Jacket" and may be prescribed for commanders and above. Miniature medals and miniature qualification insignia are authorized. Name tags are not authorized.

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### DINNER DRESS BLUE

#### REQUIRED COMPONENTS OF BASIC UNIFORM

##### Male Officers

Coat, Blue Service Dress  
Shirt, White, Long Sleeve  
Trousers, Blue Dress  
Cap, Combination, White  
Shoes, Black Dress  
Socks, Black  
Undershirt, White  
Undershorts  
Belt, Black, With Gold Tab  
Necktie, Black Bow  
Buckle, Gold  
Miniature Medals

##### Female Officers

Coat, Blue Service Dress  
Shirt, White, Short Sleeve  
Skirt, Blue, Unbelted  
Cap, Combination, White  
Shoes, Black Dress  
Hosiery, Flesh Tone  
Bra  
Panties  
Slip  
Handbag, Black Dress  
Necktie, Black  
Miniature Medals

#### OPTIONAL ITEMS

Gloves, White  
Overcoat, Navy-Blue  
Raincoat, Navy-Blue, Lightweight  
All-Weather Coat, Navy-Blue  
Miniature Qualification Insignia  
Shirt, White, Formal Turn-down  
Overshoes  
Cuff Links  
Suspenders, White  
Scarf, White  
Umbrella, Black

Overcoat, Navy-Blue  
Raincoat, Navy-Blue  
Scarf, White  
All-Weather Coat, Navy-Blue  
Miniature Qualification Insignia  
Shirt, White, Long Sleeve  
Shoes, Black Formal  
Overshoes  
Earrings, Pearl  
Umbrella, Black  
Gloves, White

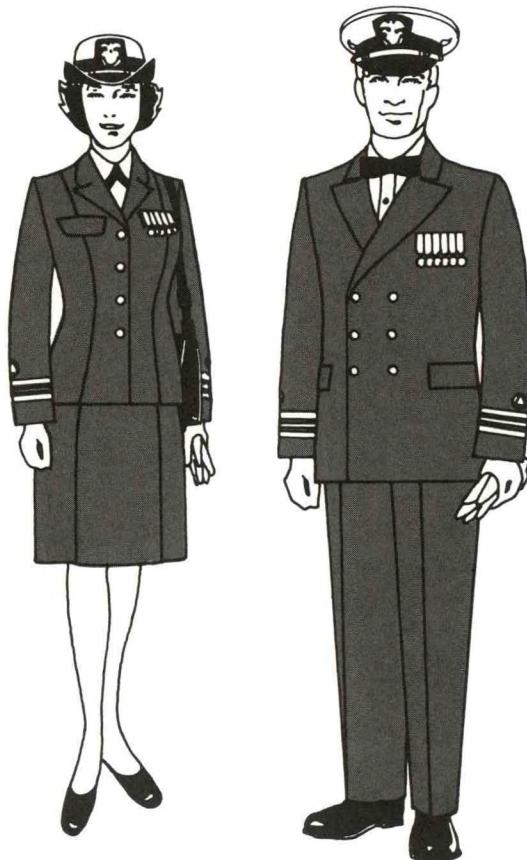
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DINNER DRESS BLUE

Dinner Dress Blue is an authorized NOAA Corps uniform that may be worn to semiformal functions when winter uniforms are normally prescribed and where civilian males would normally wear a dinner jacket or conservative business suit. Social functions of general or official nature which might occasion this uniform are: private semiformal dinner, dinner dances or club affairs of semiformal nature, or functions requiring more formality than service uniforms.

This uniform may be prescribed by the appropriate authority for wear by officers attending certain functions. Dinner Dress Blue is the same as Service Dress Blue (Alpha) except that miniature qualification insignia and miniature medals are worn in lieu of service ribbons; white gloves may be worn, and male officers wear a black bow tie in lieu of a four-in-hand tie. This uniform may be worn as an alternative by lieutenant commanders, lieutenants, lieutenants (junior grade) and ensigns to functions where Dinner Dress Blue Jacket is the prescribed uniform for commanders and above. Name tags are not worn.

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### DINNER DRESS WHITE

#### REQUIRED COMPONENTS OF BASIC UNIFORM

##### Male Officers

Coat, White Service Dress  
Trousers, White, Long  
Cap, Combination, White  
Shoes, White Dress  
Socks, White  
Undershirt, White  
Undershorts  
Belt, White, With Gold Tab  
Buckle, Gold  
Shoulder Marks, Hard  
Miniature Medals

##### Female Officers

Coat, White Service Dress  
Shirt, White, Short Sleeve  
Skirt, White, Unbelted  
Cap, Combination, White  
Shoes, White Dress  
Hosiery, Flesh Tone  
Bra  
Panties  
Slip  
Handbag, White Dress  
Necktie, Black  
Miniature Medals

#### OPTIONAL ITEMS

Gloves, White  
Raincoat, Navy-Blue, Lightweight  
All-Weather Coat, Navy-Blue  
Miniature Qualification Insignia  
Overshoes  
Umbrella, Black

Raincoat, Navy-Blue, Lightweight  
All-Weather Coat, Navy-Blue  
Shirt, White, Long Sleeve  
Overshoes  
Earrings, Pearl  
Umbrella, Black  
Miniature Qualification Insignia  
Gloves, White

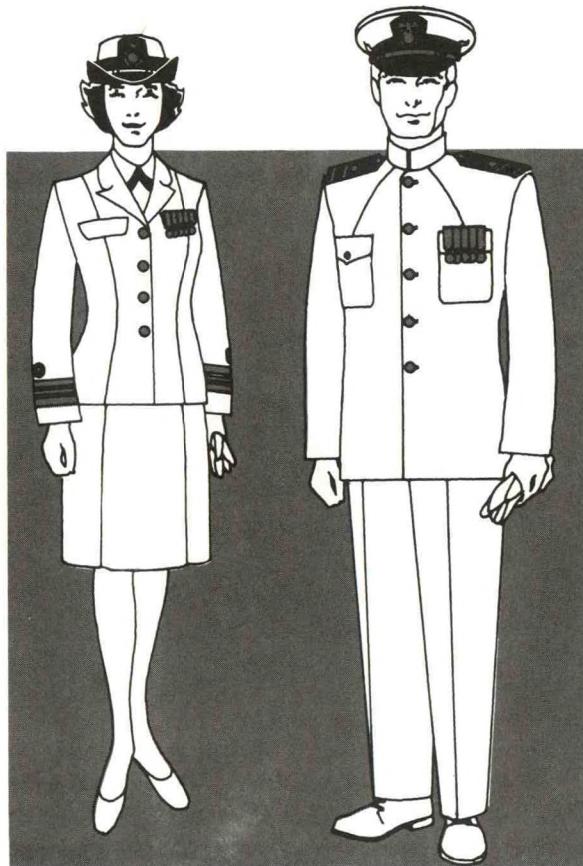
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DINNER DRESS WHITE

Dinner Dress White is an authorized NOAA Corps uniform that may be worn to semiformal functions when summer uniforms are normally prescribed and where civilian men would normally wear a summer dinner jacket or lightweight conservative business suit. Social functions of general or official nature which might occasion this uniform are: private semiformal dinners, dinner dances or club affairs of semiformal nature, or functions requiring more formality than service uniforms.

This uniform may be prescribed by the appropriate authority for wear by officers attending certain functions. Dinner Dress White is the same as Service Dress White except that miniature qualification insignia and miniature medals are worn in lieu of service ribbons, and white gloves may be worn. Name tags are not worn. This uniform may be prescribed for lieutenant commanders, lieutenants, lieutenants (junior grade), and ensigns when the Dinner Dress White Jacket is the prescribed uniform for commanders and above.

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### FULL DRESS BLUE

#### REQUIRED COMPONENTS OF BASIC UNIFORM

##### Male Officers

Coat, Blue Service Dress  
Shirt, White, Long Sleeve  
Trousers, Blue Dress  
Cap, Combination, White  
Shoes, Black Dress  
Socks, Black  
Undershirt, White  
Undershorts  
Belt, Black, With Gold Tab  
Buckle, Gold  
Necktie, Black, Four-In-Hand  
Large Medals

##### Female Officers

Coat, Blue Service Dress  
Shirt, White, Short Sleeve  
Skirt, Blue, Unbelted  
Cap, Combination, White  
Shoes, Black Pumps  
Hosiery, Flesh Tone  
Bra  
Panties  
Slip  
Necktie, Black  
Large Medals

#### OPTIONAL ITEMS

Gloves, Gray  
Overcoat, Navy-Blue  
All-Weather Coat, Navy-Blue  
Raincoat, Navy-Blue, Lightweight  
Overshoes  
Cuff Links  
Tie Clasp/Tack  
Scarf, White  
Umbrella, Black  
Gloves, White  
Qualification Insignia

Overcoat, Navy-Blue  
Raincoat, Navy-Blue  
Handbag, Black  
Scarf, White  
All-Weather Coat, Navy-Blue  
Shirt, White, Long Sleeve  
Overshoes  
Earrings, Gold Ball  
Umbrella, Black  
Gloves, White  
Qualification Insignia

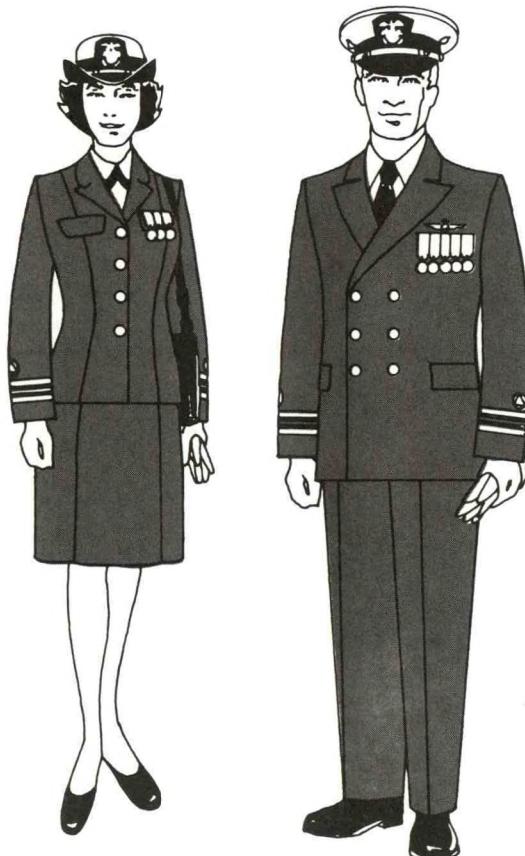
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FULL DRESS BLUE

Full Dress Blue is an authorized NOAA Corps uniform that may be required for attendance at formal ceremonial occasions when winter uniforms are normally prescribed and where members of other uniformed services will be present in equivalent ceremonial uniforms. Functions such as dress parades, change of command and ship commissioning ceremonies, official reviews when special honors are to be rendered such as gun salutes, and official visits of and to United States or foreign officials or dignitaries might occasion this uniform. Full Dress Blue is the same as Service Dress Blue (Alpha) except that large medals and qualification insignia are worn in lieu of service ribbons, and white gloves may be worn. Name tags are not worn.

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### FULL DRESS WHITE

#### REQUIRED COMPONENTS OF BASIC UNIFORM

##### Male Officers

Coat, White Service Dress  
Trousers, White, Long  
Cap, Combination, White  
Shoes, White Dress  
Socks, White  
Undershirt, White  
Undershorts  
Belt, White, With Gold Tab  
Large Medals  
Buckle, Gold  
Shoulder Marks, Hard

##### Female Officers

Coat, White Service Dress  
Shirt, White, Short Sleeve  
Skirt, White, Unbleted  
Cap, Combination, White  
Shoes, White  
Hosiery, Flesh Tone  
Bra  
Panties  
Slip  
Necktie, Black  
Large Medals

#### OPTIONAL ITEMS

Raincoat, Navy-Blue, Lightweight  
Overshoes  
Umbrella, Black  
Gloves, White  
Qualification Insignia

Raincoat, Navy-Blue  
Handbag, White  
Shirt, White, Long Sleeve  
Overshoes  
Earrings, Gold Ball  
Umbrella, Black  
Gloves, White  
Qualification Insignia

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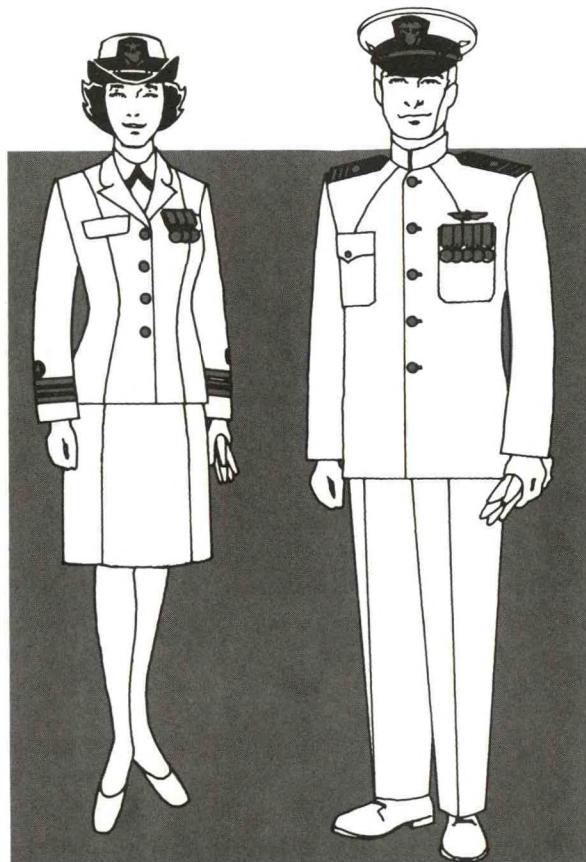
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#### FULL DRESS WHITE

Full Dress White is an authorized NOAA Corps uniform that may be prescribed for attendance at formal ceremonial occasions when summer uniforms are normally prescribed and where members of other uniformed services will be present in equivalent ceremonial uniforms. Functions such as dress parades, change of command and ship commissioning ceremonies, official reviews when special honors are to be rendered such as gun salutes, and official visits of and to United States or foreign officials or dignitaries might occasion this uniform. Full Dress White is the same as Service Dress White except that large medals and qualification insignia are worn in lieu of service ribbons and white gloves may be worn. Name tags are not worn.

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### SERVICE DRESS WHITE

#### REQUIRED COMPONENTS OF BASIC UNIFORM

##### Male Officers

Coat, White Service Dress  
Trousers, White, Long  
Cap, Combination, White  
Shoes, White Dress  
Socks, White  
Undershirt, White  
Undershorts  
Belt, White, With Gold Tab  
Buckle, Gold  
Shoulder Marks, Hard  
Name Tag  
Ribbons

##### Female Officers

Coat, White Service  
Shirt, White, Short Sleeve  
Skirt, White, Unbelted  
Cap, Combination, White  
Shoes, White Pumps  
Hosiery, Flesh Tone  
Bra  
Panties  
Slip  
Necktie, Black  
Name Tag  
Ribbons

#### OPTIONAL ITEMS

Raincoat, Navy-Blue, Lightweight  
Gloves, White  
Qualification Insignia  
Overshoes  
Umbrella, Black

Raincoat, Navy-Blue  
Handbag, White  
Gloves, White  
Qualification Insignia  
Shirt, White, Long Sleeve  
Overshoes  
Beret  
Earrings, Gold Ball  
Umbrella, Black

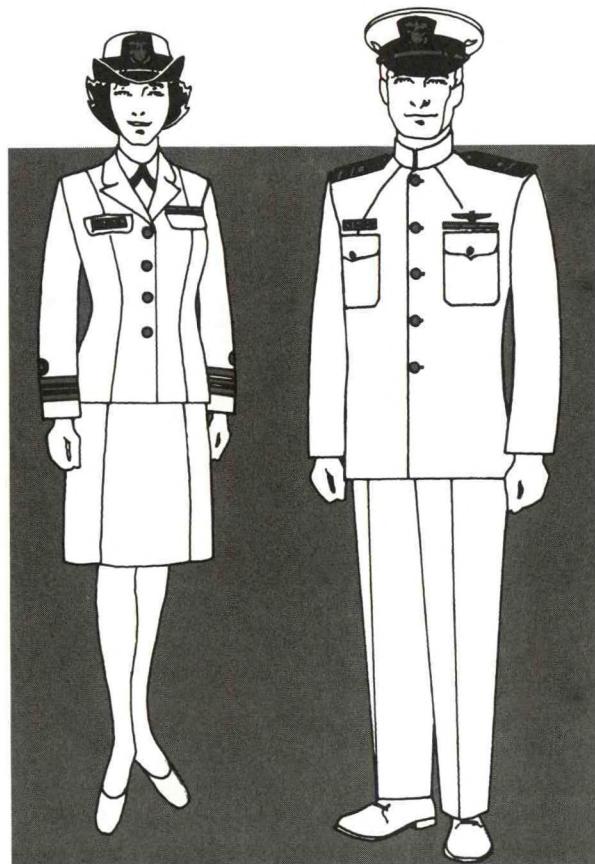
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SERVICE DRESS WHITE

Service Dress White is an authorized NOAA Corps uniform equivalent to a fine, summer-weight civilian suit. This uniform may be worn when a more formal uniform is prescribed by proper authority. Official calls upon senior officers, daytime official functions, and evening informal functions of social or official nature might occasion this uniform. White gloves may be worn. Service ribbons, name tag, and qualification insignia are authorized.

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### TROPICAL WHITE

#### REQUIRED COMPONENTS OF BASIC UNIFORM

##### Male Officers

Shirt, White Summer, Short Sleeve,  
With Shoulder Loops  
Trousers, White, Short  
Cap, Combination, White  
Shoes, White, Dress  
Socks, White, Knee-length  
Undershirt, White, V-neck  
Undershorts  
Belt, White, With Gold Tab  
Buckle, Gold  
Shoulder Marks, Hard  
Name Tag  
Ribbons

##### Female Officers

Shirt, White Summer, Short Sleeve,  
With Shoulder Straps  
Trousers, White, Short  
Cap, Combination, White  
Shoes, White Pumps  
Socks, White, Knee-length  
Bra  
Panties  
Belt, White, With Gold Tab  
Buckle, Gold  
Shoulder Marks, Soft  
Name Tag  
Ribbons

#### OPTIONAL ITEMS

Raincoat, Navy-Blue, Lightweight  
Qualification Insignia  
Overshoes  
Umbrella, Black

Raincoat, Navy-Blue, Lightweight  
Qualification Insignia  
Overshoes  
Umbrella, Black

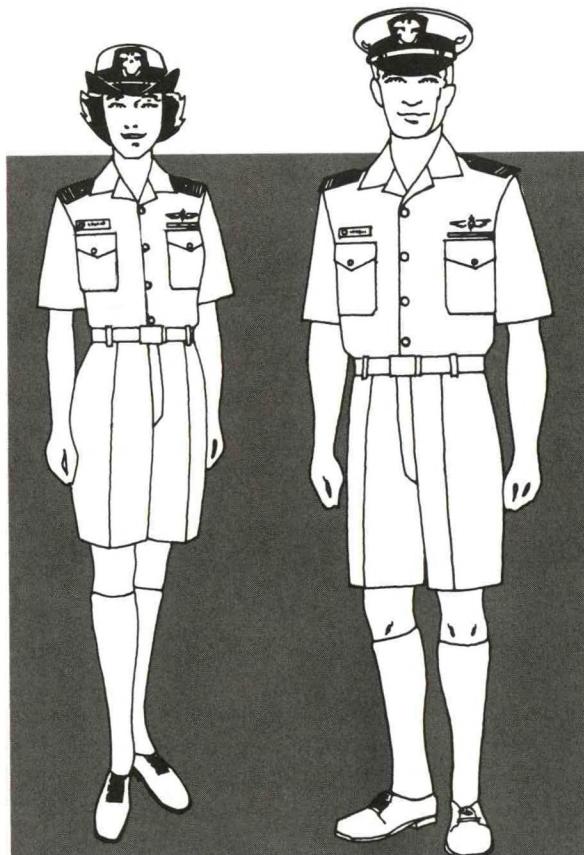
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TROPICAL WHITE

Tropical White is an authorized NOAA Corps uniform that may be worn when prescribed by local command. In general, this uniform is intended for wear onboard vessels while in the tropics or summer subtropical climate. Tropical White is considered an appropriate substitute for Summer White aboard ship. This uniform is not authorized for travel by commercial means. Jackets are not authorized with this uniform but a navy-blue lightweight raincoat may be worn during inclement weather. Service ribbons, name tags, and qualification insignia are authorized. White knee-length socks and white shoes are worn.

The male officer's uniform is worn with hard shoulder marks, and the female officer's uniform is worn with soft shoulder marks.

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### TROPICAL KHAKI

#### REQUIRED COMPONENTS OF BASIC UNIFORM

##### Male Officers

Shirt, Khaki Working, Short Sleeve  
Trousers, Khaki, Short  
Cap, Combination, Khaki  
Shoes, Black Dress  
Socks, Black, Knee-length  
Undershirt, White  
Undershorts  
Belt, Khaki, With Gold Tab  
Collar Insignia  
Buckle, Gold

##### Female Officers

Shirt, Khaki Working, Short Sleeve  
Trousers, Khaki, Short  
Cap, Combination, Khaki  
Shoes, Black Oxfords  
Socks, Black, Knee-length  
Bra  
Panties  
Belt, Khaki, With Gold Tab  
Collar Insignia  
Buckle, Gold

#### OPTIONAL ITEMS

Cap, Garrison, Khaki  
Raincoat, Navy-Blue, Lightweight  
Shoes, Black Safety  
Qualification Insignia  
Overshoes  
Ball Cap, Blue  
Name Tag  
Gym Shoes

Cap, Garrison, Khaki  
Raincoat, Navy-Blue, Lightweight  
Shoes, Black Safety  
Qualification Insignia  
Overshoes  
Ball Cap, Blue  
Name Tag  
Gym Shoes

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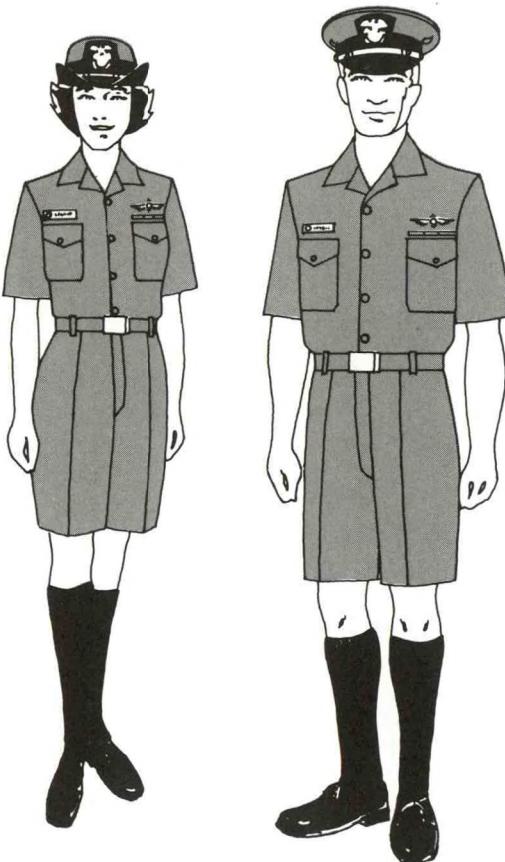
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**TROPICAL KHAKI**

Tropical Khaki is an authorized NOAA Corps uniform that may be worn when prescribed by local command. In general, this cotton work uniform is intended for wear aboard vessels while in the tropics or summer subtropical climate. This uniform is not authorized for travel by commercial means or encounter with the public. Jackets are not authorized with this uniform, but a navy-blue lightweight raincoat may be worn during inclement weather. Metal grade insignia are worn on the collar of the short-sleeve khaki shirt. Black knee-length socks and black shoes are worn. Qualification insignia and name tag may be worn. A khaki combination cap or khaki garrison cap shall be worn.

Compared to Tropical White, Tropical Khaki is a work uniform. The black shoes and socks may be replaced by appropriate footwear as shipboard conditions require.

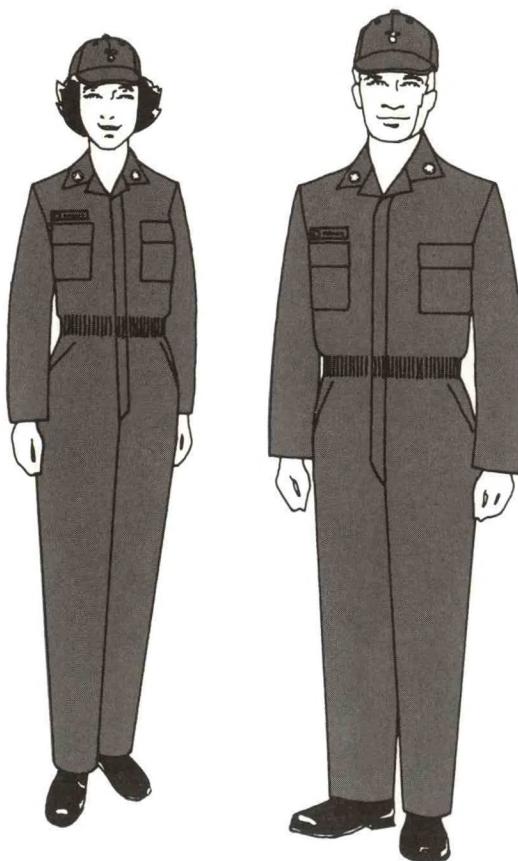
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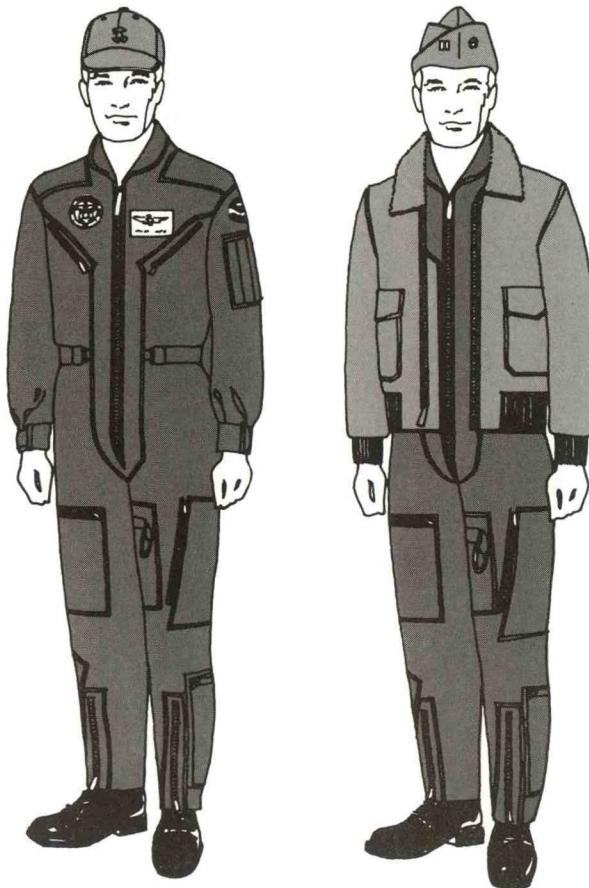


#### WORKING COVERALLS

The Working Coveralls uniform is an authorized NOAA Corps uniform intended for wear under those conditions in a field environment so rigorous as to unduly soil or ruin a standard working uniform. The coveralls shall be of a dark blue color. Two patches may be worn on the coveralls: the NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps patch centered on the left breast; a second patch of the individual's choice, acceptable to the command, may also be worn on the left sleeve just above the shoulder. American and State Flags may not be worn. A name tag with the surname in black embroidery or stenciled on 1-inch-wide white canvas may be worn in place of the NOAA name tag. Metal or embroidered Navy-style, collar grade insignia shall be worn on the collar. Shoes worn shall be those which are safest for the type of work performed. This uniform may not be worn in public except in contact with civilians on job site. Foul-weather clothing may be worn with this uniform for protection as necessary. A blue work cap, navy-blue garrison cap or hard hat shall be worn.

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The Aviation Coveralls uniform is an authorized NOAA Corps uniform intended for wear by NOAA flight crews. The coveralls shall be U.S. Navy, flying nylon twill, high-temperature resistant (NOMEX), either sage green or khaki. Two patches may be worn: the NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps patch on the right breast over the pocket, and the NOAA blue and white patch on the left sleeve just below the shoulder. A leather name/rank patch with embroidered NOAA aviator wings is worn on the left breast. If a jacket is worn, it shall be either brown leather or NOMEX. Black leather flight boots shall be worn except that mukluk-type boot may be substituted in extremely cold weather. Flight gloves shall be lightweight NOMEX flying gloves in warm weather and leather flying gloves in cold weather. Headgear shall be a blue work cap or navy-blue garrison cap. Uniform headgear will not be worn in the vicinity of aircraft. This uniform is not meant for travel by commercial means, but may be worn when in transit to and from work.

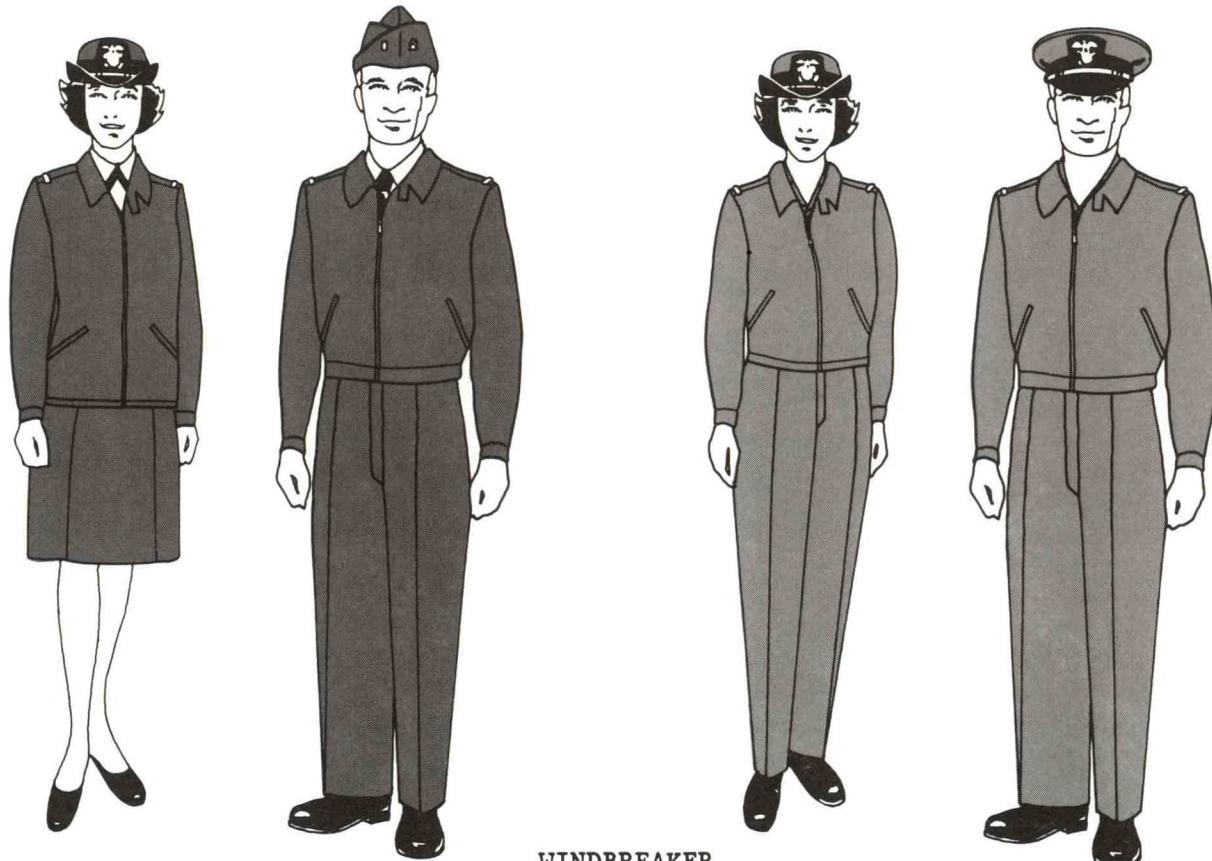
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#### WINDBREAKER

The navy-blue (or khaki) windbreaker is an optional NOAA Corps uniform item for male and female officers. It is short-styled, made of water-repellent and wind-resistant polyester and cotton poplin. The windbreaker is single-breasted with a plain collar and two pockets located on the side fronts. A black nylon fleece removable liner is available for the navy-blue windbreaker. Large metal grade insignia are worn on the shoulder straps provided. Name tags, service ribbons and qualification insignia are not worn.

The navy-blue windbreaker may be worn in place of the Service Dress Blue (Bravo) coat in informal situations, when not involved in functions outside of NOAA. (The navy-blue windbreaker is not authorized for wear with Service Dress Blue (Alpha) for any situation.) This windbreaker also may be worn with Winter Blue and Summer White, and is authorized for travel with both. Either the white combination cap or the navy-blue garrison cap may be worn with the navy-blue windbreaker. The khaki windbreaker may be worn with Summer Khaki and Working Khaki (Long and Short Sleeve). Either the khaki combination cap or the khaki garrison cap may be worn. The khaki windbreaker is authorized for travel only with Summer Khaki.

When worn, windbreakers will be zipped at least three-fourths of the way upward. The collar button shall be buttoned back when not in use.

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#### V-NECK PULLOVER SWEATER

The black, Army-style pullover sweater is an optional NOAA Corps uniform item, designed as a substitute for the Service Dress Blue coat. The sweater is V-necked, 100-percent ribbed wool, with nylon patches on the right breast, shoulders and elbows. It is authorized for ship, field and office wear by both male and female officers. When worn with Service Dress Blue (Bravo), soft shoulder marks will be worn on the shoulder straps provided. Either a white combination cap or navy-blue garrison cap may be worn with the sweater. When name tags are worn, they will be centered one-quarter inch above the bottom of the right breast patch. Ribbons and qualification insignia will not be worn. The pullover sweater is not authorized to be worn ashore with any uniform other than Service Dress Dress Blue (Bravo) but may be prescribed with other shipboard or field uniforms as necessary. It is not authorized for travel by commercial means.

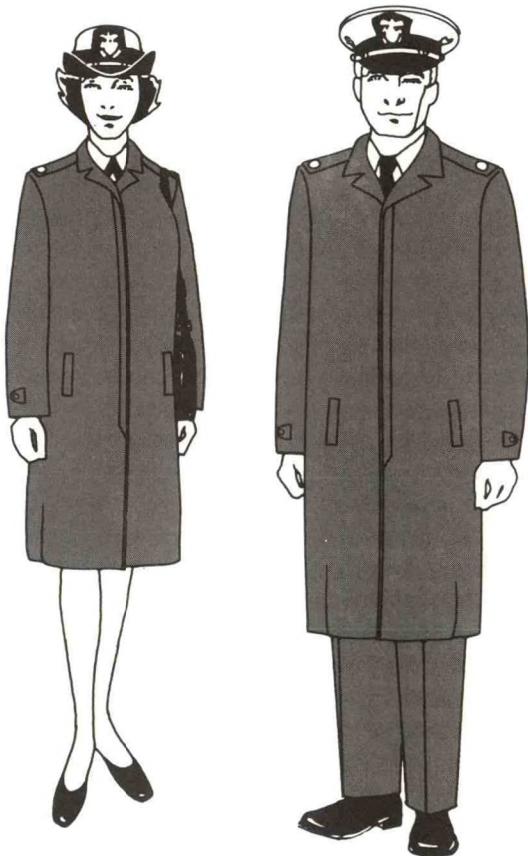
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#### NAVY-BLUE ALL-WEATHER COAT

The Navy-Blue All-Weather Coat is authorized for optional wear with all NOAA Corps uniforms (except tropical). This is a button, fly-front, single-breasted coat of 65-percent polyester, 35-percent cotton for both men and women. It is available with a 100-percent acrylic removable liner. Metal shoulder grade insignia are worn on the shoulder straps provided. Black leather gloves are required with the Navy-Blue All-Weather Coat.

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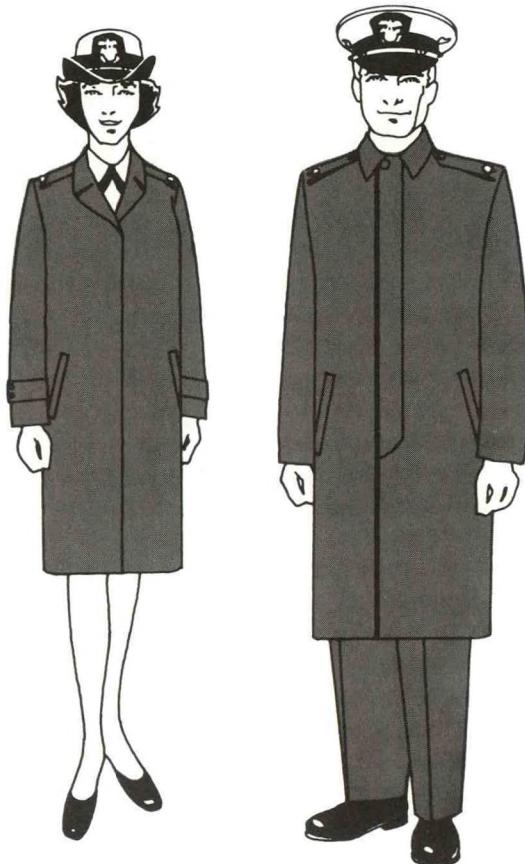
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#### RAINCOAT, NAVY-BLUE, LIGHTWEIGHT

The Lightweight Navy-Blue Raincoat is optional with all NOAA Corps uniforms. Black leather gloves are also optional. The men's raincoat is of coated polyester fabric and is available with removable liner, and the women's raincoat is a 5-ounce polyester/cotton poplin fabric. Metal shoulder grade insignia are worn on the shoulder straps provided.

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#### NAVY-BLUE OVERCOAT

The Navy-Blue Overcoat, commonly referred to as a "Bridge Coat," is worn with any appropriate winter uniform (not with working uniforms). The Overcoat is double-breasted, easy-fitting, full-skirted, and extends one-third the distance from the kneecap to the ground. The coat is held in at the waist by a two-section half-belt at the back, the end of which overlaps and fastens with two 40-line buttons. In the front of the coat are vertical slash pockets for each side and a single row of five 40-line buttons down each forepart. The collar is made so that the coat buttons to the neck if desired. The men's coat is a 20-ounce woolen or worsted-type material and is worn with hard shoulder marks. The women's coat is 10-ounce gabardine or worsted-type material and is worn with large metal shoulder grade insignia. Both coats are available with a removable sleeveless liner for added warmth. Black leather gloves are required with the Overcoat.

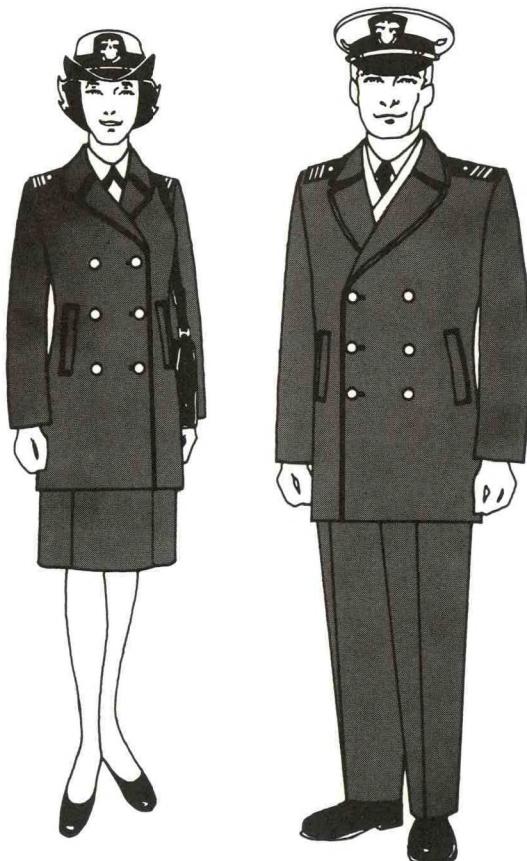
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**REEFER**

The Reefer is the officer's equivalent to the enlisted's Peacoat. It is authorized for optional wear with Service Dress Blue (Alpha and Bravo) and working uniforms by both male and female officers of the NOAA Corps. Hard shoulder marks and black leather gloves are worn.

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#### 6. Required Clothing Items for Uniform Bag

The following lists represent articles of uniform clothing needed for the required uniforms. The quantities are suggested.

##### Male Officers

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>
1	Combination cap frame with NOAA Corps device on black headband
1	White combination cap cover
1	Khaki combination cap cover
1	Service Dress Blue coat with rank designator striping, and NOAA Corps buttons & sleeve devices
1	Dinner Dress Blue Jacket (0-5 and above) with rank designator striping, and NOAA Corps buttons & sleeve devices
1	White shirt without shoulder straps (long sleeve, button collar)
2	Light-blue shirts with shoulder straps (long sleeve, button collar)
2	Working khaki shirts (long sleeve, button collar)
1	Navy-blue drill shirt, CPO (long sleeve, button collar), (cotton polyester or certified navy twill)
2	Summer white shirts with shoulder loops (short sleeve, open collar), same material as Summer White trousers
2	Summer khaki shirts (short sleeve, open collar), same material as Summer Khaki trousers
2	Working khaki shirts (cotton, short sleeve, open collar)
1	Pair of navy-blue trousers, same material as Service Dress Blue coat
1	Pair of khaki gabardine or certified navy twill trousers
2	Pairs of khaki cotton trousers
1	Pair of white trousers
1	Black four-in-hand tie
1	Black web or cloth belt with gold tab
1	Khaki web or cloth belt with gold tab
1	White web or cloth belt with gold tab
2	Brass belt buckles, gold
1	Pair of black shoes
1	Pair of white shoes
5	Pairs of black socks
2	Pairs of white socks
1	Name Tag
1	Set of metal collar grade insignia
1	Set of metal shoulder grade insignia
1	Set of hard shoulder marks
1	Set of soft shoulder marks
1	Metal tie clasp (gold)
1	Raincoat (navy-blue, lightweight)

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#### 6. Required Clothing Items for Uniform Bag (Cont'd)

The following lists represent articles of uniform clothing needed for the required uniforms. The quantities are suggested.

##### Female Officers

###### Quantity      Item

- 1 Combination cap frame with NOAA Corps device on black headband
- 1 White combination cap cover
- 1 Khaki combination cap cover
- 1 Service blue coat with rank designator striping, and NOAA Corps buttons & sleeve devices
- 1 Dinner Dress Blue Jacket (0-5 and above) with rank designator striping, and NOAA Corps buttons and sleeve devices
- 1 White shirt without shoulder straps (long sleeve, button collar)
- 2 Light-blue shirts with shoulder straps (long sleeve, button collar)
- 2 Working khaki shirts (long sleeve, button collar)
- 1 Navy-blue drill shirt, CPO (long sleeve, button collar), (cotton polyester or certified navy twill)
- 2 Summer white shirts with shoulder straps (short sleeve, open collar), same material as Summer White trousers
- 2 Summer khaki shirts (short sleeve, open collar), same material as Summer Khaki trousers
- 2 Working khaki shirts (cotton, short sleeve, open collar)
- 1 Pair of navy-blue trousers, same material as Service Dress Blue coat
- 1 Pair of khaki gabardine or certified navy twill trousers
- 2 Pairs of khaki cotton trousers
- 1 Black cross tie
- 1 Skirt, service dress blue
- 1 Skirt, white
- 1 Black web or cloth belt with gold tab
- 1 Khaki web or cloth belt with gold tab
- 1 White web or cloth belt with gold tab
- 1 Black handbag
- 1 White handbag
- 2 Brass belt buckles, gold
- 2 Pairs of black shoes (oxfords and pumps)
- 1 Pair of white shoes (pumps)
- 5 Pairs of black socks
- 1 Pair of white socks
- 1 Name Tag
- 1 Set of metal collar grade insignia
- 1 Set of metal shoulder grade insignia
- 1 Set of soft shoulder marks
- 1 Raincoat (navy-blue, lightweight)

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#### 7. Optional Items List:

The following list represents articles of clothing considered accessories and alternate items to the NOAA Corps uniforms. They shall be worn in accordance with the guidance set forth elsewhere in these regulations. Name tags, ribbons and insignia are discussed in Chapter 3, Insignia.

#### Accessories

Aiguillettes (Service and Dress)	Tie Clasp
Cape, Formal (women only)	Tie Tack
Cap Cover, Navy-blue, Rain (men only)	Umbrella, Black
Coats	Vest, Navy-blue (men only)
Overcoat, Navy-blue (bridge coat)	
All-weather, Navy-blue	
Raincoat, Navy-blue, Lightweight	
Reefer	Waistcoat (men only)
Cuff Links	<u>Alternate Items</u>
Cummerbund, Gold	Caps
Earrings (women only)	Khaki garrison
Gloves	Navy-blue garrison
Black	Blue working
White	Blue knit (watch)
Gray (men only)	Beret (women only)
Handbags (women only)	Coveralls
Scarfs	Aviation
Navy-blue, wool	Working
White, rayon	
Studs, Shirt, Gold (men only)	Jackets
Suspenders (men only)	Navy-blue windbreaker
Sweater	Khaki windbreaker
Cardigan-style (women only)	
Tiara (women only)	Sweater
	V-neck pullover
	Foul-Weather Gear
	Rain Gear/Boots
	Jacket, Utility, Navy-blue
	Jacket, Cold-Weather,
	A2 Navy, impermeable
	Jacket, N-1, Olive-drab
	Sweater, Jersey-style

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#### 9. Descriptions of Articles of Uniform Clothing

##### Male Officers

##### Female Officers

###### Belts

Shall be of plain cloth or webbing, black, khaki, and white, 1-1/4-inches wide, and when fitted with a brass buckle, worn with clip and concealed by the buckle, touching the buckle or just the clip showing beyond the first port side trouser loop. Buckles may be decorated with appropriate insignia, designs or devices to which the wearer would otherwise be entitled; however, such buckles are not authorized for wear with uniforms at ceremonial or official functions.

###### Belts

same as men's

###### CAPS AND CAP COVERS

###### Combination Cap

Shall be a Navy-style cap with black visor, rigid-standing front, flaring circular rim and black cap band worn with detachable khaki and white covers.

###### CAPS AND CAP COVERS

###### Combination Hat

The crown shall be stiffened, oval-shaped. The brim, of dark-blue, shall be rolled at sides and straight encircled by a dark-blue band 1-1/4-inches wide, with a dark-blue mount for the hat device in front. The hat is worn with detachable white and detachable khaki hat covers.

###### Cap Covers

Detachable plain, khaki or white, cover of vinyl matching the color of the uniform or cloth matching the color and the material of the uniform.

###### Hat Cover

Detachable plain, khaki or white, cover of vinyl matching the color of the uniform or cloth matching the color and the material of the uniform.

###### Cap Cover, Rain, Blue

Shall be made of dark-blue water-repellent material and shall fit closely over the cap and cap device. There may be an extension of the cap cover to protect the visor. Blue raincover may be worn with the blue overcoat or blue raincoat.

###### Cap Cover, Rain, Plastic

Plastic rain cover is authorized with the lightweight raincoat.

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9. Descriptions of Articles of Uniform Clothing (Cont'd)Male OfficersGarrison Caps

The appropriate navy-blue or khaki garrison cap may be worn with all tropical and working uniforms, except Summer White or Tropical White, unless the combination cap is prescribed. Shall be made of the same material and color as the uniform with which it is worn. The cap is worn squarely on the head, with the fore and aft crease centered vertically between the eyebrows and the lowest point 1-inch above the eyebrow. Miniature cap device and metal grade insignia are worn.

Work Cap, Blue

The work cap of baseball-style may be worn with working uniforms aboard ship or while engaged in field work. The miniature cap device is worn with this cap.

Cap, Knit, Blue

This cap, available through Navy Small Stores, is for cold weather use with working uniforms while engaged in field work.

COATS, UNIFORMService Dress Blue Coat

Shall be made from navy-blue suitable material. It shall be a double-breasted sack coat with lapels,

Female OfficersGarrison Caps

equivalent of men's

Work Cap, Blue

same as men's

Cap, Knit, Blue

same as men's

Beret

Shall be made of black wool felt, of Navy-style, and worn with miniature cap device. The beret is permitted for all less formal work situations such as while aboard vessels or during routine business ashore.

Tiara

Shall consist of a small crescent-shaped tiara, to fit over crown of the head, made of black velvet, with officer's device embroidered at center, and for admirals, captains and commanders, appropriate graduated rank ornamentation embroidered on either side. It is worn with formal dress uniform.

COATS, UNIFORMService Dress Blue Coat

Shall be made of navy-blue material; single-breasted, straight back, easy-fitting front; a rounded

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##### Male Officers

seam back, no vent, semifitting, conventional length; three outside pockets, one on each hip and one on left breast to be made with welts and no flaps; three 35-line gilt buttons down each forepart, all buttons on the right forepart to button; gold sleeve stripes and corps device on each sleeve.

##### Blue Mess Jacket

Shall be made from navy-blue suitable material. Shall be a mess jacket of conventional design with semipeaked, narrow lapels of same fabric as the jacket; shall descend to a rounded peak behind; with three 35-line gilt buttons down each forepart, with a linked button-front fastener closure held in position by a gold-braided loop device and buttons placed inside each front facing. Gold sleeve stripes and gold corps device on each sleeve. This jacket is worn with Formal Dress and Dinner Dress Blue Jacket uniforms.

##### Service Dress White Coat

Shall be made of plain white, lightweight suitable material. Single-breasted, standing collar, formfitting, conventional length, unlined, two breast patch pockets with pointed button-down flaps fastened by detachable 22-1/2-line gilt buttons; 5 detachable 35-line gilt buttons on right forepart; all buttons to button. Two loops on each shoulder for hard shoulder marks.

##### White Mess Jacket

Shall be made from plain white, lightweight, suitable material, similar in cut to the body of the blue mess jacket and descending to a rounded peak behind; shall have semipeaked, narrow lapels of same fabric as the jacket; two 35-line gilt buttons on each side of the front. To be worn open but held together in front by two 28-line gilt buttons and link approximately 3/4-inch long. Two loops on each shoulder for hard shoulder marks. This jacket is worn with Dinner Dress White Jacket uniform.

##### Female Officers

collar overlying halfpeaked lapels; two breast pocket flaps; cuffs closed without buttons; four 35-line gilt buttons on the left forepart, all buttons to button; gold sleeve stripes and gold corps devices on each sleeve.

##### Blue Mess Jacket

Shall be made of navy-blue lightweight woolen or synthetic blend material, Eton-style, with long sleeves and narrow shawl collar of same fabric as coat, single-breasted with three 22-1/2-line gilt buttons down each forepart; gold sleeve stripes and gold corps devices on each sleeve. This jacket is worn with Formal Dress and Dinner Dress Blue Jacket uniforms.

##### Service Dress White Coat

This garment shall be in all respects the same as the blue coat except that it shall be made of white suitable lightweight material; buttons shall be detachable.

##### White Mess Jacket

Shall be made of plain white, lightweight suitable material, Eton-style with long sleeves and narrow shawl collar of same fabric as coat; single-breasted with three 22-1/2-line gilt buttons down each forepart, gold sleeve stripes and gold corps device on each sleeve. This jacket is worn with Dinner Dress White Jacket uniform.

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#### 9. Descriptions of Articles of Uniforms Clothing (Cont'd)

##### Male Officers

##### Female Officers

###### Waistcoat

The waistcoat worn with formal dress shall be made of white conservative weave pique, or suitable alternate material, with set-in lapel of same fabric as vest; single-breasted with a welted pocket in each front section. Three 22-1/2-line gilt buttons on right front, all buttons to button.

###### COVERALLS

###### Working Coveralls

Working coveralls shall be dark-blue in color, of conventional one-piece design.

###### Aviation Coveralls

May be worn in conjunction with flight duties; Navy-style, sage-green or khaki NOMEX material.

###### CUFF LINKS

Shall be link or stud pattern and of conservative design.

###### CUMMERBUND

Shall be conventionally-styled, gold, pleated to fasten in the back. Worn with folds facing upward.

###### COVERALLS

###### Working Coveralls

same as men's

###### Aviation Coveralls

same as men's

###### CUFF LINKS

Shall be plain, white or gold, link or stud pattern.

###### CUMMERBUND

Shall be a belt, pleated and full-encircling, of gold silk, faille, rayon or similar material.

###### EARRINGS

###### Gold Earrings

Small, inconspicuous gold balls are permitted with all uniforms except Dinner Dress and Formal Dress.

###### Pearl Earrings

Small, single pearl earrings may be worn with Dinner Dress and Formal Dress uniform.

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#### 9. Descriptions of Articles of Uniform Clothing (Cont'd)

##### Male Officers

###### GLOVES

###### Black Gloves

May be worn with Service Dress Blue uniforms; required with Navy-Blue Overcoat, Reefer and All-Weather Coat. Optional with Navy-Blue Lightweight Raincoat. They shall be made of black leather, plain with black stitching, lined or unlined.

###### Gray Gloves

Shall be made of leather or suitable alternate material, with stitching of the same color as basic glove material. Gray gloves shall not be prescribed for wear except as follows:

- a. They may be prescribed for ceremonial or other special occasions.
- b. They may be prescribed in lieu of white gloves with Full Dress Blue.
- c. They may be worn with the blue overcoat or blue raincoat unless Full Dress Blue or Formal Dress with white gloves has been prescribed. Gray gloves may be worn at the discretion of the individual with Service Dress Blue.

###### White Gloves

Shall be made of cotton or other suitable fiber. May be worn with Service Dress White uniform and with the blue overcoat when the overcoat is worn with Full Dress or Formal Dress.

##### Female Officers

###### GLOVES

###### Black Gloves

same as men's

###### White Gloves

Shall not be over 1-1/2-button length, plain, made of leather or fabric with stitching the same color as basic glove material. White gloves are authorized for wear with all uniforms except working uniforms.

##### HANDBAGS

###### Handbag, Black

Shall be made of plain, black leather or synthetic material, envelope-style, not more than 11-inches wide and 7-1/2-inches deep and may be used with or without a detachable shoulder strap, or with strap shortened for carrying over the arm. Optional, unless prescribed.

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9. Descriptions of Articles of Uniform Clothing: (Cont'd)

Male Officers

Female Officers

Handbag, Black Dress

Shall be a small, clutch-type, black handbag, preferably with collapsible, inside handle, with use of handle optional.

Handbag, White Dress

Shall be a small, clutch, white handbag, preferably with collapsible, inside handle, with use of handle optional.

NECKTIES

Four-In-Hand

Shall be a plain, black, four-in-hand tie of conventional shape and length and should measure no more than 3-1/4 inches at the widest point. The black necktie is not to be worn with working uniforms when the work situation or industrial safety considerations make its wear unsafe or impractical.

Bow Tie

Shall be plain, black or white, with square ends, not to exceed 2-1/4 inches in vertical width.

NECKTIES

Cross Tie

Shall be a plain, black tie with adjustable neckband. This tie is fastened with a snap closure in front, so that the two tie ends come to a point just below the shirt collar.

Black Dress Necktie

A small, crescent-shaped, black velvet ribbon graduating, to each edge from 1-inch width at center.

Black Necktie

Shall be a one-piece tie or a pre-tied bow design with an adjustable neckband, made of black woven wool, silk, or synthetic material of plain design. The one-piece tie shall be cut on the bias with the center part narrow in order to permit smooth fit under collar of shirt. Shall be tied in a square knot in front, under the collar opening, so that the two tie ends are even in length and fall naturally.

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### 9. Descriptions of Articles of Uniform Clothing (Cont'd)

#### Male Officers

##### OUTER GARMENTS

###### Windbreaker, Navy-Blue

Shall be short style, made of navy-blue water-repellent and wind-resistant polyester and cotton poplin cloth; single-breasted with plain collar, two pockets located on side fronts, zipper front and button collar closure, metal grade shoulder insignia worn on shoulder straps. No patches are to be worn on this jacket.

###### Windbreaker, Khaki

Shall be short style, made of khaki water-repellent and wind-resistant polyester and cotton poplin cloth; single-breasted with plain collar, two pockets located on side fronts, zipper front and button collar closure, metal grade shoulder insignia worn on shoulder straps. No patches are to be worn on this jacket.

###### Jacket, Utility, Navy-Blue

This jacket is made of navy-blue lightweight poplin material, hip-length, golfer style, water repellent, with zipper front, two pockets located on side fronts. Cuffs of the sleeves should cover wrist but not extend beyond. This jacket is authorized for optional wear with working uniforms. Two patches may be worn: the NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps patch centered on the left breast, and a second patch of the individual's choice, acceptable to the command, may also be worn on the left sleeve just below the shoulder. American and State flags may not be worn.

#### Female Officers

##### OUTER GARMENTS

###### Windbreaker, Navy-Blue

same as men's

###### Windbreaker, Khaki

same as men's

###### Jacket, Utility, Navy-Blue

same as men's

###### Cape, Formal

Shall be made of dark-blue woolen fabric, lined throughout with gold cloth, and shall have a velvet collar. The collar shall be closed at the neck by means of black hooks and eyes, and the cape shall be fastened with frogs at the breast. This garment shall be full-cut and of such length as to reach slightly below the hem of the Dinner Dress uniform.

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9. Descriptions of Articles of Uniform Clothing (Cont'd)

Male Officers

Overcoat, Navy-Blue

Made of navy-blue woolen type fabrics; may be water-repellent treated, and may be fitted with removable sleeveless liner if desired. Shall be double-breasted, easy-fitting, full-skirted; to extend one-third the distance from kneecap to ground; shaped at waist and held by a two section half-belt at back, the end of belt overlapped and fastened with two 40-line gilt buttons; a vertical slash side pocket on each front; single row of five 40-line gilt buttons down each forepart. To be worn buttoned, using the four lower buttons on right side. Collar made so that coat may be buttoned at neck if desired. One slash, inside bellows pocket in each front piece with slit giving access to trouser or sack coat pocket. Two loops on each shoulder for hard shoulder marks. May be worn with any appropriate winter uniform, except for working uniforms.

Female Officers

Overcoat, Navy-Blue

Shall be made of navy-blue napped wool fabric; double-breasted, easy fitting; length to correspond to that of the uniform skirt; to be water-repellent treated and may be fitted with removable sleeveless liner if desired. Shall have one pleat in each side turned in to center and shall be held by a half belt, fastened in the center by two 40-line gilt buttons. There shall be a single row of four 40-line gilt buttons down each forepart; to be worn buttoned using the three lower buttons on left side. Collar shall be convertible-type with rounded ends and overlying lapel. One slash, inside bellows pocket in each front piece. Strap on each shoulder fastened at inner end by a 24-line black plastic button; with metal shoulder grade insignia attached. May be worn with any appropriate winter uniform, except for working uniforms.

All-Weather Coat, Navy-Blue

Shall be made of navy-blue worsted-type fabric (65-percent polyester, 35-percent cotton); water-repellent; single-breasted. To be loose-fitting and full-skirted; to fasten in front with a buttoned fly. To extend 1/3 the distance from kneecap to ground; convertible collar; one slash, inside bellows pocket in each front piece with slit giving access to trousers; vent at the center of back; tab on each cuff, set into front seam and buttoning over front of sleeve to the rear; one button hole in tab and two 22-1/2-line black, flat buttons on sleeve. To have shoulder straps fastened at inner ends by 22-1/2-line plain, black, flat buttons down each forepart; metal shoulder grade insignia to be worn on straps. Removable liner of navy-blue 100-percent acrylic is optional.

All-Weather Coat, Navy-Blue

Shall be made of navy-blue worsted-type fabric (65-percent polyester, 35-percent cotton); water-repellent; single-breasted; loose-fitting and full-skirted; length to correspond to that of the uniform skirt. Shall fasten in front with a buttoned fly. There shall be a single row of five 50-line plain, black, flat buttons down each forepart; to be worn buttoned using four lower buttons on the left side. Collar shall be convertible-type with rounded ends and overlying lapels. One slash, inside bellows pocket in each front piece; set-in sleeves with tab on each cuff, tab to be set into front seam and button over front of sleeve to the rear; one button hole in tab and two 30-line plain, black, flat buttons on sleeve. There shall be a strap

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##### Male Officers

##### Female Officers

###### Raincoat, Navy-Blue Lightweight

May be worn with any uniform. Shall be of synthetic fabric single-coated with plastic rubber on the inside, navy-blue in color, single-breasted with fly front, set-in sleeves, beltless, medal shoulder grade insignia worn on shoulder strap.

on each shoulder fastened at inner end by a small, plain, black, flat button; metal shoulder grade insignia worn on shoulder straps. Removable liner of 100-percent acrylic is optional.

###### Raincoat, Navy-Blue Lightweight

Shall be made of a navy-blue 5-ounce polyester/cotton poplin fabric with water-repellent treatment; the design shall consist of a single-breasted fly-front, vented back, no belt, open-collar, set-in sleeves with tab and four plain, black, flat buttons on sleeve, shoulder straps fastened at inner end by a small, plain, black, flat button, nylon lining for sleeves, front and back quarter lining of self fabric. Metal shoulder grade insignia on shoulder straps.

###### Reefer

May be worn with Winter Blue, Service Dress Blue (Bravo and Alpha) and working uniforms. Shall be made of navy-blue suitable material with convertible collar, double-breasted, easy-fitting, hip-length. A set-in pocket in each forefront, single row of four 40-line gilt buttons on each side, right side to bottom. Two loops on each shoulder for hard shoulder marks.

###### Reefer

equivalent of men's

##### RIBBONS, SERVICE

A portion of the distinctive ribbon design worn in lieu of the suspension medal, made in the form of a bar, 1-3/8 inches by 3/8-inch wide. Ribbons are not worn with working uniforms.

##### RIBBONS, SERVICE

A portion of the distinctive ribbon design worn in lieu of the suspension medal, made in the form of a bar, 1-3/8 inches by 3/8-inch wide. Ribbons are not worn with working uniforms.

##### SCARFS

###### Navy-Blue Scarf

Shall be made of knitted or woven dark-blue woolen type material; of plain design, and of conventional size. May be worn as climatic conditions warrant with any navy-blue uniform.

##### SCARFS

###### Navy-Blue Scarf

same as men's

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9. Descriptions of Articles of Uniform Clothing (Cont'd)Male OfficersWhite Scarf

Shall be made of knitted, woven silk, rayon, or synthetic material, of plain design, and of conventional size. May be worn with navy-blue overcoat, navy-blue raincoat or reefer.

SHIRTSBlue Drill Shirt

This shirt is worn with the Winter Blue uniform. Made of dark-blue flannel, synthetic blended, or certified navy twill fabric of conventional design with collar attached. There shall be two breast pockets with flaps fastened with 25-line black anchor-type buttons, and grade insignia on collar.

Light-Blue Shirt (Long Sleeve)

This shirt is worn with the Service Dress Blue (Bravo) uniform. Shall be made of plain, light-blue, suitable material and of the Air Force style, with shoulder straps, two breast pockets with button flaps, and pointed collar. Soft shoulder marks and a tie are to be worn.

Working Khaki Shirt (Long Sleeve)

Shall be made of plain, khaki-colored 100-percent cotton or polyester/cotton material, with long sleeves, two breast pockets with button flaps, and a closed collar, and grade insignia on collar.

Working Khaki Shirt (Short Sleeve)

Shall be made of plain, khaki-colored 100-percent cotton or polyester/cotton material with short sleeves, two breast pockets with button flaps, an open collar forming a V-neck, and worn with collar grade insignia.

Female OfficersWhite Scarf

same as men's

SHIRTSBlue Drill Shirt

equivalent of men's

Light-Blue Shirt (Long Sleeve)

Men's shirt may be worn, or women's equivalent, with rounded collar, and no breast pockets. Soft shoulder marks and tie are to be worn.

Working Khaki Shirt (Long Sleeve)

equivalent of men's

Working Khaki Shirt (Short Sleeve)

equivalent of men's

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#### 9. Descriptions of Articles of Uniform Clothing (Cont'd)

##### Male Officers

Summer Khaki Shirt (Short Sleeve)  
Shall be made of plain, khaki-colored gabardine or certified navy twill, with two breast pockets with button flaps, and an open collar forming a V-neck, and a grade insignia on collar.

White, Service Dress Shirt (Long Sleeve)  
Shall be made of plain, white cotton or polyester/cotton blend fabric. Sleeves will be long with plain button, convertible or French cuffs. Collar points shall measure no more than 3-1/4 inches and shall have a medium spread.

Summer White Shirt  
Shall be made of white suitable material, with short sleeves and an open collar forming a V-neck. It shall have a notched lapel collar and shall be provided with loops for hard shoulder marks. A convertible collar shirt is authorized.

White Formal Dress Shirt  
A stiff-bosomed plain or pique white dress shirt without pleats, worn with a wing collar, plain gold shirt studs, and cuff links.

White Dinner Dress Shirt

- a. A stiff-bosomed plain or pique white dress shirt without pleats, stiff turndown collar, worn with plain gold shirt studs and cuff links; or
- b. A plain, wide-pleated, soft-front dress shirt of conventional civilian design, with plain gold shirt studs and cuff links.

##### Female Officers

Summer Khaki Shirt (Short Sleeve)  
equivalent of men's

White, Service Dress Shirt  
To be made of white suitable material with a turndown pointed collar, short or long sleeves, with plain button, convertible or French cuff. It shall button down the front, using small, plain white buttons.

Summer White Shirt  
Shall be made of white suitable material, with short sleeves and an open collar forming a V-neck. It shall have a notched lapel collar and shall be provided with shoulder straps for soft shoulder marks.

Formal White Shirt  
To be opaque white nylon or similar material, with short sleeve and small pleated ruffles down front; pearl buttons; plain, rounded turndown collar.

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9. Descriptions of Articles of Uniform Clothing (Cont'd)

Male Officers

SHOES

Black, Service Dress

Shall be black, made of smooth leather or synthetic leather substitute, either high or low, laced-type, or plain style without decoration, and with no stitching or seam across the toe.

Female Officers

SHOES

Black, Service Shoes

Shall be three, four, five, or six eyelet laced blucher-type oxfords, have a vamp with an overlay plug and scalloped tongue, or plain black stitching. Black service shoes may be prescribed in lieu of black dress pumps with Service Dress Blue (Bravo and Alpha), Winter Blue, Summer Khaki and working uniforms.

Black Dress Pumps

Shall be made of plain black leather, calf or synthetic leather substitute, not including patent leather or shiny vinyl; shall be of conventional design with closed heels and toes. Heels shall be no higher than 1-5/8 inches nor less than 5/8-inch measured from the forward edge, and no wider than 1-1/2 inches at base. Sole shall be no thicker than 1/4-inch.

Black Formal

Worn with the formal dress uniform. Shall be conventional, plain black evening dress shoes of either fine calfskin or patent leather.

Black Formal

Shall be plain black pumps of conventional design and closed heels and toes, of suede or silk. Heel heights shall be medium.

Black, Half-Wellington Boots

May be worn with the Service Dress Blue (Bravo and Alpha), Winter Blue, Summer Khaki and working uniforms, and may be lined or unlined.

Black Safety Shoes

Available from the Navy Small Stores, may be worn with working uniforms.

Black Safety Shoes

same as men's

Gymnasium Shoes

Plain, white canvas shoes with rubber soles. Optional with working uniforms on board vessels.

Gymnasium Shoes

same as men's

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#### 9. Descriptions of Articles of Uniform Clothing (Cont'd)

##### Male Officers

###### White Shoes

Shall be white, made of leather or synthetic leather substitute, low laced-type, shall be plain style without decoration, and with no stitching or seam across the toe.

##### Female Officers

###### White Pumps

Shall be plain white pumps of conventional design with closed heels and toes, of plain white leather or synthetic leather substitute, not including patent leather or shiny vinyl, buckskin type leather or leather with a smooth, slightly grained or sueded finish are permissible. Shall have medium or high heels.

###### White Oxfords

Similar to Black Service Shoes. These may be worn with trousers with Summer White or Tropical White uniforms.

###### Rain/Snow Boots

Shall be plain black rain/snow boots and shall not be higher than mid-calf. Closings, zippers or other fastenings shall be secured. Black, plain rubber overshoes may be worn with dress shoes.

##### Overshoes

Shall be conventional-style black rubbers. May be worn with any uniform. Closings, zippers or other fastenings shall be secured.

##### SHORTS

Shall be made of plain khaki or white suitable material, cut with bottom edge 2 inches above the knee. Shall have two side pockets and two back pockets; separate waist band and belt loops.

##### SHORTS

same as men's

##### SKIRTS

###### Skirt Lengths

Except for formal uniform, skirt will be no longer than 1-1/2 inches below the crease in back of the knee, and no higher than 1-1/2 inches above the crease.

###### Service Dress Skirt

Shall be plain six-gored skirt of conventional sweep, one inset pocket in upper part of right front; shall match the coat in color and material.

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##### Female Officers

###### Blue, Formal Skirt

To be of the same material and color as the jacket with which worn, floor length, plain, six-gored skirt with optional slit at both side seams reaching no higher than mid-calf.

###### Blue, Dinner Dress Skirt

To be of the same material as the jacket with which worn, conventional knee-length, plain, six-gored skirt.

##### SOCKS

###### Socks

Shall be made of plain, knitted or rib-knit material, undecorated. Black or white socks shall be worn as prescribed.

##### SOCKS

###### Socks

Socks shall be made of cotton or suitable alternate blend of fibers, undecorated. Black, white, or khaki anklet, or knee socks shall be worn as prescribed.

##### HOSIERY

Shall be made of nylon material, flesh-tone color, undecorated and seamless.

##### STUDS

Shall be plain gold without design or ornamentation.

##### SUSPENDERS

Shall be plain and without design or ornamentation.

##### SWEATER

##### SWEATER

###### Sweater, Cardigan

Shall be made of navy-blue woolen or synthetic yarn, plain, cardigan-style (single-breasted, button-front closure, long sleeves, wristlets, and V-neck). A pocket in the lower part of one or both foreparts is optional. The sweater may be worn with the Service Dress Blue uniform in working spaces in lieu of the Service Dress Blue coat. May be worn buttoned or unbuttoned.

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#### 9. Descriptions of Articles of Uniform Clothing (Cont'd)

##### Male Officers

###### Sweater, V-neck

Shall be made of navy-blue woolen or synthetic yarn, ribbed, with V-neck, reinforced shoulders and elbows, and shoulder straps. This sweater shall be worn with soft shoulder marks, and may be worn with the Service Dress Blue (Bravo) uniform in lieu of the Service Dress Blue coat. It is not authorized for travel.

###### Sweater, Jersey-Style

Shall be a knitted navy-blue pullover sweater, with round collar. This sweater may be worn with work uniforms.

###### SWORD

Swords are not authorized for NOAA Corps Officers.

###### TIE CLASP

May be worn with any uniform requiring a four-in-hand necktie, centered 1-inch below the middle of the tie, in the horizontal position. When the uniform coat is worn the tie clasp must not be visible. Shall be of gold, bar-style, no more than 3/16-inch wide, undecorated.

###### TIE TACK

May be worn with any uniform requiring a four-in-hand necktie, centered 1-inch below the middle of the tie. May either be Navy-type grade insignia, or plain gold or silver, no wider than 5/8-inch in diameter.

###### TROUSERS

###### Blue Service Dress Trousers

Shall be of conventional, plain design of the same material as the coat, without cuffs. Shall have a fore and aft crease and may be straight legged or slightly flared; shall be worn at a length to cover the top of the rear of the dress shoe by 1-inch.

##### Female Officers

###### Sweater, V-neck

same as men's

###### Sweater, Jersey-Style

same as men's

###### SWORD

Swords are not authorized for NOAA Corps Officers.

###### TROUSERS

###### Blue Service Dress Trousers

Shall be of conventional, plain design of the same material as the coat, with or without belt loops. Shall have a fore and aft crease and may be straight legged or slightly flared; shall be worn at a length to cover the top of the rear of the dress shoe by 1-inch.

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##### Male Officers

##### Female Officers

###### Blue Evening Trousers

Shall be high-waisted trousers, of the same material as the coat, of plain design, without cuffs and without back pockets. This trouser is worn with Formal Dress and Dinner Dress Jacket uniforms.

###### Khaki Trousers

Conventional, plain design khaki trousers of the same material as the shirt are preferred. Cotton "wash khaki" trousers are authorized for Working Khaki (Long and Short Sleeve). Gabardine or certified navy twill are required for Summer Khaki. Trousers will have a fore and aft crease and be straight legged; shall be worn at a length to cover the top of the rear of the dress shoe by 1-inch.

###### White Trousers

Shall be of conventional, plain design of the same material as the coat or shirt, without cuffs. Shall have a fore and aft crease and be straight legged; shall be worn at a length to cover the top of the rear of the dress shoe by 1-inch.

###### UMBRELLA

Shall be plain black and is optional with any uniform.

###### UNDERSHIRTS

Shall be made of white cotton or polyester/cotton with quarter sleeves or sleeveless. Round collar undershirts are authorized, but V-neck or deep-round are required on all open-necked uniform shirts worn ashore in an office environment.

###### Khaki Trousers

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###### White Trousers

equivalent of men's

###### UMBRELLA

same as men's

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##### Male Officers

##### UNDERWEAR

Shall be white (boxer or briefs) when worn with white uniforms, otherwise color is an individual option.

##### Female Officers

##### UNDERWEAR

Bra and panties shall be white or flesh color, and slips shall be white when worn with white uniforms, otherwise color is an individual option.

##### VESTS

Authorized for wear with the Service Dress Blue (Alpha) and Full Dress Blue uniforms. The 22-1/2-line gold buttons are required. The vest may be worn without jacket when in working spaces; however, jacket must be worn when outside of working spaces. Any suitable uniform material is authorized, but vest must match uniform in color.

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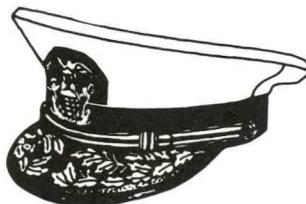
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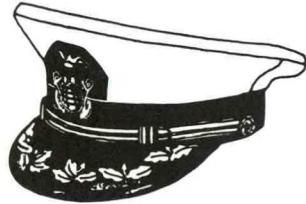
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1. Combination Cap Insignia (Male)

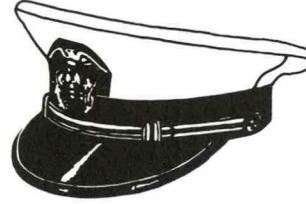
Insignia on the male combination cap shall consist of a NOAA Corps combination cap device, a 1/2-inch-wide gold chin strap and two 22-1/2-line NOAA cap screw buttons. An embroidered visor covered with dark-blue cloth, embroidered fully in gold with two rows of oak leaves and acorns, is worn by officers of the rank of commodore and above. For captains and commanders the visor/hat band shall be the same as for flag officers but with only one row.



Rear Admiral (LH)  
and Above



Commander and Above



Junior Officers

a. The NOAA Corps combination cap device shall consist of a full globe, 1-1/16 inches in diameter, surmounted by a spread eagle, facing dexter, 1-inch in height with tips of wings 2-3/8 inches apart, the breast of the eagle to carry a shield 9/16-inch in height with tip of shield 1/16-inch above top of globe; the globe to be superimposed on crossed fouled anchors 1-1/4 inches in overall length. The globe and eagle shall be of gold material, the anchors and shield of silver material. The device may be embroidered or of solid metal.



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#### 2. Combination Cap Insignia (Female)

Insignia on the female combination cap for junior officers shall consist of NOAA Corps combination cap device, a 1/2-inch-wide gold chin strap and two 22-1/2-line NOAA cap screw buttons. An embroidered hat band is worn by officers of rank of commander and above but no chin strap is worn, as shown in this section.



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#### 3. Miniature Cap Device

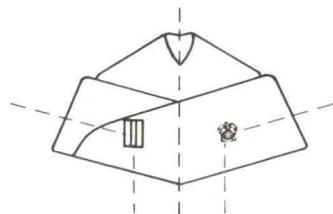
The miniature cap device shall be a metal insignia of similar design and color as the cap device prescribed for wear on the combination cap except that each dimension shall be reduced by one-half and no shield shall be used on the breast of the eagle. It is worn on garrison caps, blue ball caps, and berets (female). In addition, a metal collar grade insignia shall be worn on the right side of the garrison cap. On the beret, the cap device is centered approximately over the left eye.



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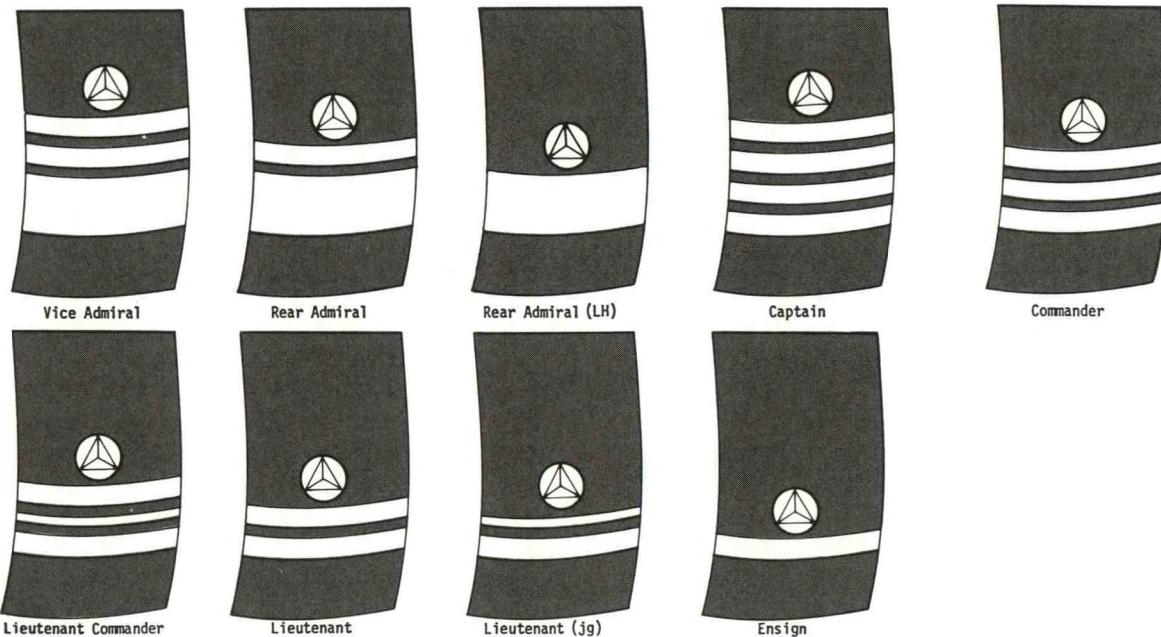
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#### 4. Sleeve Insignia

Sleeve insignia shall consist of stripes indicating grade and a NOAA Corps sleeve device.

a. Grade shall be indicated by a single stripe or various combinations of stripes of 2 inches, 1/2-inch or 1/4-inch widths, encircling the sleeves; the stripes to be of gold lace. The lower edge on the first stripe shall be 2 inches from the edge of the cuff with 1/4-inch interval between stripes. Note: Rear admirals (lower half) appointed prior to November 8, 1985, wear identical sleeve stripes as rear admiral (upper half).



b. The NOAA Corps sleeve device shall consist of a circular base of gold matte embroidery 15/16-inch in diameter, with inscribed triangle of gold shine embroidery, the triangle outlined with heavy gold jaceron. The triangle shall be subdivided into three smaller triangles by a single line of jaceron. The device shall be centered midway between front and rear creases, the base of the triangle parallel to the edge of the cuff with the bottom of the embroidered circle 1/4-inch above the uppermost sleeve stripe.



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### 5. Shoulder Insignia

Shoulder insignia shall consist of shoulder marks and metal pin-on insignia, as follows:

a. Hard Shoulder Marks are a combination of insignia which indicate the wearer's grade. They shall be 5-1/2 inches long and 2-1/4 inches wide, with the outer end squared and the inner end terminating in a symmetrical triangular peak, extending 1-inch beyond the parallel sides. They shall be made stiff, curved to fit the shoulder and secured at their inner ends by a 22-1/2-inch line NOAA gilt button snap fastener. They shall be worn on the shoulders of the Reefer, and on men's tropical white shirts, blue overcoats, Dress White coats, and Dinner Dress White Jackets.

(1) Flag Officers - The outside face shall be covered with gold lace of approved shade and pattern, showing a margin of 1/8-inch of blue cloth on each of the long sides. A fouled anchor shall be embroidered in silver thereon with the centerline of the shank coinciding with the centerline of the longer dimension of the shoulder mark. Superimposed on the shank of the anchor a 1/2-inch circle and inscribed equilateral triangle, the triangle to be embroidered in gold bullion or synthetic material. The crown of the anchor and base of the triangle shall be pointed towards the squared end of the mark. The device shall measure 1-7/16 inch overall and shall be placed with the ring 1-1/4 inch from the pointed end of the mark. The unfouled arm of the stock shall point to the front. Designation of grade shall consist of silver embroidered five-pointed star(s), each of a size to be inscribed in a circle 3/4-inch in diameter, placed between the crown of the anchor and the squared end of the shoulder mark as follows:

(a) Vice Admiral - Three stars placed to form an isosceles triangle with a 1-1/8 inch base and altitude. Inner star shall have a ray pointing toward the squared end of the shoulder mark. Centers of the outermost stars shall be 3/4-inch from the squared end of the shoulder mark and have a ray of each pointing toward the other.

(b) Rear Admiral - There shall be two five-pointed stars embroidered in silver, each of a size to be inscribed in a circle 3/4-inch in diameter, placed on the centerline of the mark, with the centers of the stars 13/16-inch apart, and the center of the outer star 3/4-inch from the squared end of the mark.

(c) Rear Admiral (Lower Half) - One star located on the center line of the shoulder mark and centered between the crown of the anchor and the squared end of the shoulder mark, with one ray pointing toward the pointed end of the shoulder mark. Note: Rear admirals (lower half) appointed prior to November 8, 1985, wear identical shoulder marks as rear admiral (upper half).

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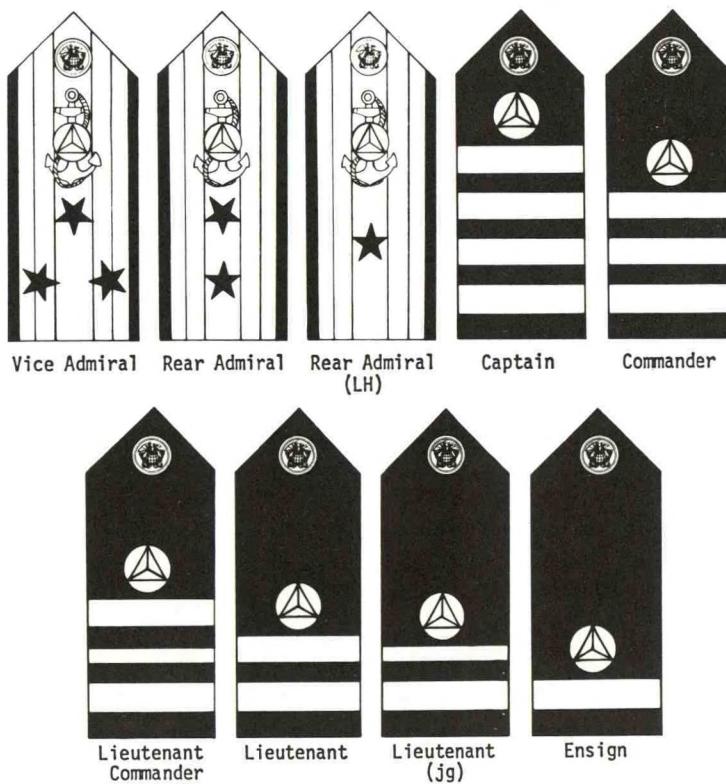
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5. Shoulder Insignia (Cont'd)

(2) Commissioned Officers below flag grade - The outside face shall be covered with navy-blue cloth lined with black silk, rayon, or similar cloth. Grade shall be designated by stripes of gold lace of the same width and number and with the same spacing specified for stripes on the sleeves of the blue coat, except that the outer edge of the first stripe shall be 1/4-inch (1/2-inch for ensigns) from the squared end of the shoulder mark. Corps devices shall be the same size and design, shall be embroidered in gold, and shall be placed in relation to the stripes on the shoulder mark as specified for Corps devices on the sleeves of the blue coat.



b. Soft Shoulder Marks shall be made of navy-blue gabardine or similar material, sewn in a loop to fit over the shoulder straps. They shall be squared at both the inner and outer ends, tapering from 2-1/4 inches wide at the outer end to 1-7/8 inches wide at the inner end. They shall be worn on the shoulders of the light-blue shirt, the V-neck pullover sweater, and on women's tropical white shirt.

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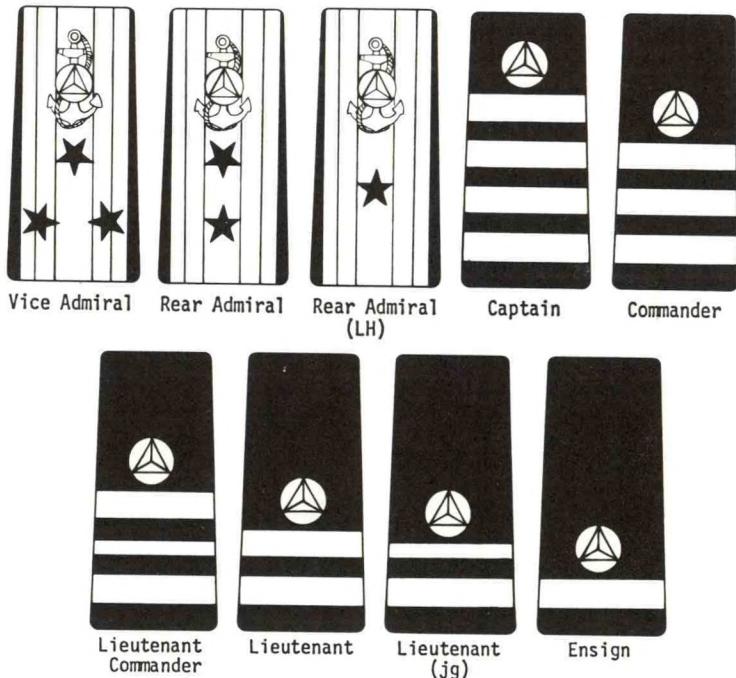
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#### 5. Shoulder Insignia (Cont'd)

(1) Flag Officers - The shoulder marks shall be 4-1/2 inches long and the outside face covered with 1-1/2 inches width gold lace, and embroidered pattern similar to that on the hard shoulder marks for each rank.

(2) Commissioned Officers Below Flag Grade - The shoulder marks shall be 4 inches long, with the exception of those for captain grade, which shall be 4-1/2 inches long. Grade shall be designated by a stripe or various combinations of stripes of gold lace of 3/8-inch or 3/16-inch widths, encircling the marks. The outer edge of the first stripe shall be 3/8-inch from the outer edge of the shoulder mark, with 1/4-inch interval between stripes. A Corps device, 1-inch in diameter and embroidered in gold, shall be placed 3/8-inch above the innermost sleeve stripe.



c. Metal Shoulder Grade Insignia - (U.S. Navy-type) shall be worn centered on the shoulder straps of raincoats, and navy-blue and khaki windbreakers to indicate the wearer's grade. The outer edge of each device shall be placed 3/4-inch from the squared end of the strap.



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### 5. Shoulder Insignia (Cont'd)

(1) Vice Admiral - Three silver-colored, five-pointed pyramidal-shaped stars, each of a size to be inscribed in a circle 1-inch in diameter, worn lengthwise on the strap so that the single ray of each star points toward the collar.

(2) Rear Admiral - Two silver-colored, five-pointed, pyramidal-shaped stars, each of a size to be inscribed in a circle 1-inch in diameter, worn in the same manner as prescribed for vice admiral.

(3) Rear Admiral (Lower Half) - One silver-colored, five-pointed, pyramidal-shaped star of a size to be inscribed in a circle 1-inch in diameter. One ray shall point toward the collar. Note: Rear admirals (lower half) appointed prior to November 8, 1985, wear identical shoulder marks as rear admiral (upper half).

(4) Captain - A silver-colored spread eagle, worn with the top of eagle's head toward the collar, and head and olive branch pointing to the front (rights and lefts).

(5) Commander - A silver-colored oak leaf, plain, raised, and veined, worn with the tip of leaf toward the collar.

(6) Lieutenant Commander - A gold-colored oak leaf of the same design as that prescribed for commander and worn on the shoulder strap in the same manner.

(7) Lieutenant - Two silver-colored bars, attached at the ends, placed on the long center line of each shoulder strap with the longer dimension of the bars in a fore and aft line.

(8) Lieutenant (junior grade) - One silver-colored bar placed on the long center line of each shoulder strap with the longer dimension of the bar in a fore and aft line.

(9) Ensign - A gold-colored bar worn on the shoulder strap in the same manner as prescribed for lieutenant (junior grade).

### 6. Collar Grade Insignia

Collar grade insignia (U.S. Navy-type) shall consist of miniature metal insignia indicating grade and shall be worn on the collar points of the shirt's worn with Winter Blue and the khaki uniforms.

a. Manner of Wearing - Officers shall wear the miniature grade insignia on both collar points as follows:

(1) Closed Collar - The insignia shall be centered 1-inch from the front and upper edges of the collar, except that for vice admirals and rear admirals, the first star shall be centered 1-inch from the front and upper edges of the collar, and positioned with the vertical axis of the insignia at right angles (the horizontal axis parallel) to the upper edge of the collar.

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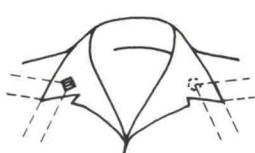
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### 6. Collar Grade Insignia (Cont'd)

(2) Open Collar - The insignia shall be centered 1-inch from the front and lower edges of the collar and positioned with the vertical axis of the insignia along (the horizontal axis at right angles to) an imaginary line bisecting the angle of the collar point.



Closed Collar



Open Collar

b. Description - Collar grade insignia shall be of the same design as metal shoulder insignia described previously, except as specified below.

(1) Vice Admiral - Three silver-colored pyramidically-shaped stars each of a size to be inscribed in a circle 9/16-inch in diameter, worn with one ray of each star pointed upward and along a fine line drawn through the three stars.

(2) Rear Admiral - Two silver-colored pyramidically-shaped stars each of a size to be inscribed in a circle 9/16-inch in diameter, of the same characteristics and worn in the same manner prescribed for vice admiral.

(3) Rear Admiral (Lower Half) - One silver-colored, pyramidically-shaped star to be inscribed in a circle 9/16-inch in diameter, one ray pointing upward. Note: Rear admirals (lower half) appointed prior to November 8, 1985, wear identical collar insignia as rear admiral (upper half).

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### 6. Collar Grade Insignia (Cont'd)

(4) Captain - A silver-colored eagle. Eagle's head and olive branch shall be to the front (rights and lefts).

(5) Commander - A silver-colored oak leaf. Stem shall be down.

(6) Lieutenant Commander - A gold-colored oak leaf, of the same characteristics as prescribed for commander.

(7) Lieutenant - Two silver-colored bars. The longer dimension of the bars is vertical axis.

(8) Lieutenant (junior grade) - One silver-colored bar. The longer dimension of the bar is the vertical axis.

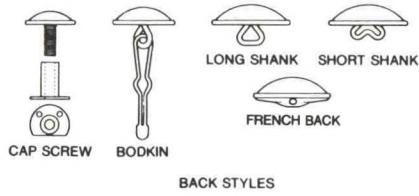
(9) Ensign - One gold-colored bar of the same characteristics as prescribed for lieutenant (junior grade).

### 7. Tie Tack Grade Insignia

The appropriate Tie Tack Grade Insignia may be worn as an optional item on the four-in-hand ties with Service Dress Blue (Bravo) and Winter Blue uniforms.

### 8. Buttons

NOAA Corps gold buttons shall be worn in the same position and manner as prescribed for Naval uniforms. The design shall consist of an eagle rising, wings displayed and inverted, with the eagle's head turned to its right, with talons gripping the top of a globe, and two fouled anchors crossing behind the globe, with the flukes at the bottom of the design and the stocks under the eagle's wing. Button sizes are designated in terms of "lines," e.g., a 40-line button is 1-inch in diameter. Four sizes of gold buttons are authorized in these regulations, viz., 40-line, 35-line, 28-line, and 22-1/2-line.



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### 9. Name Tag

a. The NOAA name tag is to be worn as a part of the uniform on all occasions, except on Full Dress, Formal Dress, and Dinner Dress uniforms.

b. The name tag shall be worn on the right breast centered in a position 1/4-inch above the pocket. It shall be worn below the Command-at-Sea (or any other) qualification insignia worn on the right breast.

c. It shall conform to the following specifications:

- (1) Size. 1-inch by 3-3/8 inch (may be longer in case of lengthy name);
- (2) Color. Nonlustrous (blue) background.
- (3) Lettering. White block-type, 1/4-inch high, last name only;
- (4) Material. Bakelite or any similar material that will hold the nonlustrous finish, with clutch-type fasteners.
- (5) NOAA Seal. The name tag shall have a small NOAA Seal.

d. The NOAA name tag may be ordered through the NOAA Corps Insignia Custodian, Furuseth Hall, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, New York 11024.



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04-01 BREAST INSIGNIA AND IDENTIFICATION BADGES

1. General

Metal insignia are worn on the breast to indicate a special qualification or designation. Officers who are qualified as aviators, divers, submariners, parachutists, or otherwise entitled to wear a breast insignia and whose right to wear it has not been specifically revoked, shall wear the insignia at their discretion in accordance with the NOAA Uniform Regulations. Breast Insignia and identification badges earned in other uniformed services may be worn on all uniforms except working uniforms.

2. Command Insignia

a. NOAA Command-at-Sea Insignia

(1) The NOAA command-at-sea insignia is authorized for officers in the grade of captain and junior thereto who are currently serving under orders designating them in command of all Class 1 through Class 5 NOAA commissioned vessels. The device shall be worn on the right breast centered immediately above the pocket or NOAA name tag or in the same relative position on coats which do not have a pocket.

(2) Officers who have previously successfully held command (but are not currently in command) of a NOAA commissioned vessel (as described in 2.a.(1) above) for at least 6 months during which the vessel was engaged for at least 4 months in operations at sea, may, after authorization, wear the command-at-sea device on the left breast centered immediately below any ribbons, badges, or other insignia. When worn alone, the insignia shall be centered above the pocket. Authorization to wear the command-at-sea device for previous command will be made by the Director, NOAA Corps, upon recommendation of the Chief, Commissioned Personnel Division.

(3) The device shall be a gold-colored pin consisting of a triangle superimposed on anchor flukes and an unfurled commissioned pennant showing six triangles. Two sizes are provided, 1-1/2 inches in diameter for wear on full-dress uniforms and 3/4-inch in diameter for wear on all other uniforms.

(4) Eligibility to wear the device is not attained by an officer being temporarily or acting in command due to absence, illness or transfer of the designated commanding officer, for periods of less than 6 continuous months.



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2. Command Insignia (Cont'd)

b. Small-Craft-Command Insignia

(1) Officers not qualifying for the command-at-sea insignia as stated above who are currently serving under orders designating them as officer-in-charge or in command of NOAA vessels, greater than 50 feet in length up through Class VI, shall be eligible to wear the small-craft-command device. This device shall be worn on the right breast centered immediately above the pocket or NOAA name tag or the same relative position on coats which do not have a pocket.

(2) Officers who have previously successfully been in charge of, or held command of a NOAA vessel (as described in 2.b.(1) above) for at least 6 months during which the vessel spent at least 4 months in field operations, may after authorization, wear the small-craft-command device on the left breast centered immediately below any ribbons, badges, or other insignia. When worn alone, the insignia shall be centered above the pocket. Authorization to wear the small craft command device for previous command will be made by the Director, NOAA Corps, upon the recommendation of Chief, Commissioned Personnel Division. This insignia is not worn when the command-at-sea insignia is authorized.

(3) The bronze-colored device, of the same design as the command-at-sea insignia, is provided in two sizes: 1-1/2 inches in diameter for wear on the full dress uniforms and 3/4-inch in diameter for wear on all other uniforms.

(4) Eligibility to wear the device is not attained by an officer being temporarily or acting in command due to absence, illness or transfer of the designated commanding officer, for periods of less than 6 continuous months.

3. NOAA Wings

a. The NOAA Wings breast insignia is a gold-colored pin; winged, with a central device consisting of a fouled anchor surcharged with a NOAA Corps device. The width between wing tips shall be 2-3/4 inches and the height overall shall be 1-inch.

b. Officer pilots and navigators may wear the NOAA Wings after authorization by the Director, NOAA Corps.



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4. NOAA Diver

a. Officers qualified as NOAA divers may wear the NOAA diving insignia after authorization by the Director, NOAA Corps.

b. The NOAA divers' breast insignia is a gold-colored pin, 3/4-inch in diameter consisting of a NOAA Corps device surrounded by two dolphins.



NOAA DIVER  
Insignia

5. Manner of Wearing Breast Insignia

Such insignia shall be worn on the left breast as follows:

a. When worn alone the insignia shall be centered 1/4-inch above the pocket. On men's mess jackets, it is centered on the left lapel, 3 inches below the notch.

b. When one insignia (except command insignia) is worn with medals or ribbons, the insignia shall be centered 1/4-inch above the medals or ribbons.

c. When two insignia are worn with ribbons or medals, one insignia shall be centered 1/4-inch above and the other 1/4-inch below the ribbons or medals.

d. No more than two insignia shall be worn in addition to command insignia.

e. When a command insignia is worn on the left side, it shall be centered immediately below all other insignia, ribbons, and medals.

f. If qualified for more than two insignia, the two insignia selected to be worn are at the discretion of the individual except if the individual is assigned at the time to serve within a specialty for which an insignia has been awarded, then that insignia may be worn immediately above any ribbons or medals, or other insignia.

g. In general, distances will be:

1/4-inch from top of pocket down to top of insignia

1/4-inch from top of pocket up to ribbons

1/4-inch from top of ribbons up to bottom of other insignia

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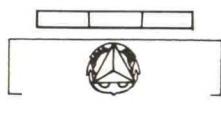
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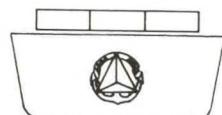
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### 5. Manner of Wearing Breast Insignia (Cont'd)

#### Two Breast Insignia



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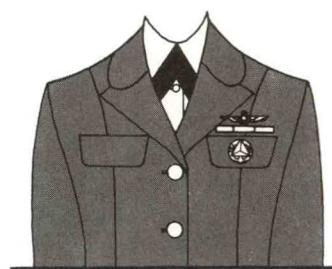
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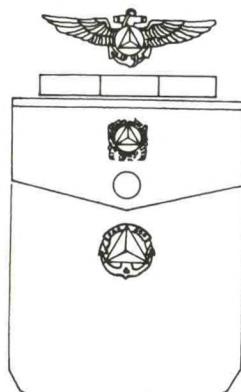
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#### Three Breast Insignia

Tropical White Long  
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6. Identification Badges of Other Services

a. Identification Badges authorized while assigned with another service or organization may be worn in accordance with the issuing service's regulations.

b. Subsequent to departure from duty with that service or organization, continued wearing of the insignia is at the discretion of the officer involved.

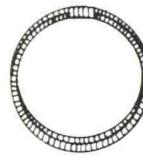
7. Aiguillettes

Officers designated as aide shall wear aiguillettes on the left shoulder of the uniform while acting in that capacity. Service aiguillettes will ordinarily be worn; Dress Aiguillettes are for formal official ceremonies and functions.

a. Service Aiguillettes - To consist of two or three loops of aiguillette cord, with a core of yellow cotton, covered by braiding of gold or gilt thread and dark-blue silk. Three loops of aiguillette cord will designate an aide to a vice admiral and two loops will designate an aide to a rear admiral or rear admiral (lower half).

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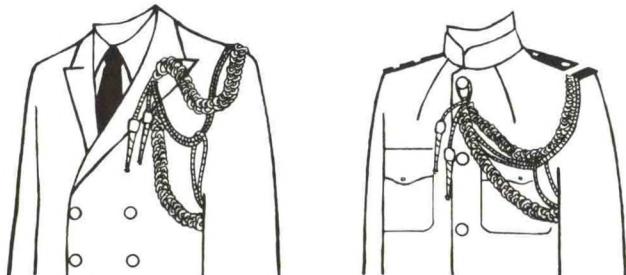
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### 7. Aiguillettes (Cont'd)

b. Dress Aiguillettes - To consist of two single aiguillette cords, having a core of yellow cotton, covered by braiding of gold or gilt thread and dark-blue silk, plaited, and two additional loops of unplaited aiguillette cord. The end of the plaited cord has a becket of gold cord and two gilt metal pencils secured by lengths of plain cord.

Dress Aiguillettes



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05-01 AWARDS

1. General Provisions

a. Certain decorations, medals, and badges have been authorized for NOAA commissioned officers. Officers who have been awarded such decorations, medals, or badges, may wear these awards, or the ribbons thereof, on specific uniforms and in the manner prescribed.

b. Ribbons authorized will be those officially issued by any Department of the U.S. Government plus any awarded by outside organizations (or foreign governments) specifically for official performance of duty. The latter class will be approved by the Director, NOAA Corps on a case-by-case basis.

c. Large medals, miniature medals, and ribbons are authorized for all personal decorations and service awards except as noted. Ribbons only are authorized for unit awards and certain personal awards.

2. Definitions of Terms Used

a. Award - An all-inclusive term covering all decorations, medals, badges, ribbons, or their appurtenances, bestowed on an individual.

b. Decoration - An award to an individual for a specific act of heroism or meritorious service.

c. Large Medals - An award made to an individual for performance of certain duties, acts or services. With the exception of the Medal of Honor, which has a suspension ribbon made to fit around the neck, all United States decorations and medals consist of a short suspension ribbon, in distinctive colors, from which hangs a medallion.

d. Miniature Medals - A replica of large medals, to a scale of one-half that of the original. The Medal of Honor is not worn in miniature.

e. Badges - An award to an individual for identification purposes or for attaining a special skill or proficiency, which consists of a pin-on medallion.

f. Ribbon - A portion of the distinctive ribbon design worn in lieu of the suspension medal, made in the form of a bar, 1-3/8 inches by 3/8-inch wide. A ribbon shall not be impregnated with preservatives that change the appearance of the ribbon, nor shall they be worn with artificial coverings of any sort. Ribbons shall be kept neat and clean at all times.

3. Department of Commerce Awards

a. Department of Commerce Gold Medal is an individual decoration for rare and distinguished contributions of major significance to the Department, the Nation, or the World, or heroism involving jeopardy of life.

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#### 3. Department of Commerce (Cont'd)

b. Department of Commerce Silver Medal is an individual decoration for meritorious contributions of unusual value to the Department or unusual courage or competence in an emergency. It is sometimes also given as a group award.

c. Department of Commerce Bronze Medal is an individual decoration for significant contributions to NOAA in science, technology or administration; development of methods, procedures or devices; or highly competent performance for at least 5 years. Awarding authority is the Administrator of NOAA. Detailed information regarding items 3.a, 3.b, and 3.c is contained in Department Administrative Order Number 202-451.

#### 4. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Awards

a. NOAA Administrator's Award - An individual decoration recognizing significant contributions in the fields of engineering and application, program administration and management, scientific research and achievement, public service, or equal employment opportunity. Selection for this award will be made by the Administrator of NOAA.

b. NOAA Special Achievement Award - An individual decoration recognizing a NOAA employee either through Sustained Superior Performance (SSP) or through a Special Act or Service (SAS). NOAA Corps officers are eligible for the SSP when an officer's individual performance in one or more important job elements substantially exceeds the requirements of regularly assigned duties. Officers are eligible for the SAS for one-time nonrecurring acts or distinctive service in the public interest. The act or service must have been of an unusual or distinctive character that was over and above normal requirements. Recommendations for this award should be submitted within 6 months of the achievement.

c. NOAA Unit Citation Award - A group award recognizing groups of employees in NOAA who, because of their individual and collective efforts, have made substantive contributions to the program or objectives for which NOAA was established. Officers who were attached to an organization during the period for which any NOAA Unit Citation was awarded will receive the service ribbon for this award on request to the Director, NOAA Corps. Additional information regarding items 4.a, 4.b, and 4.c can be found in NOAA Personnel Handbook 10-04.6.

#### 5. NOAA Corps Awards

a. NOAA Corps Commendation Medal - An individual decoration recognizing significant heroic, meritorious or professional service or achievement, warranting greater recognition than the NOAA Special Achievement Award. Selection for this award is made by the Director, NOAA Corps, with the assistance of an awards board. Awarding authority is the Administrator, NOAA.

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### 5. NOAA Corps Awards (Cont'd)

b. NOAA Corps Director's Ribbon - An individual decoration (service ribbon only) for noteworthy achievements meriting recognition of lesser extent than the NOAA Special Achievement Award. Nomination may be made by a commissioned officer or supervisor. Selection is by an awards board. Approval regarding implementing procedures for items 5.a and 5.b can be found in Appendix A to these regulations.

### 6. Association of Commissioned Officers Awards

a. Junior Officer of the Year Award - This decoration was first given in 1967, and recognizes a junior officer for that officer's outstanding contribution and/or performance to NOAA and the reflection it casts on the NOAA Corps. Selection is made annually by the Executive Committee of the National Association of Commissioned Officers.

b. Science Award - An individual decoration, recognizing annually a particularly significant scientific contribution or achievement made by an officer. This award is distinguished from the Junior Officer of the Year Award by an "S" attached to the ribbon. Selection is made by the Executive Committee of the National Association of Commissioned Officers.

c. Engineering Award - An individual decoration, recognizing annually a particularly significant engineering contribution or achievement made by an officer. This award is distinguished from the Junior Officer of the Year Award by an "E" attached to the ribbon. Selection is made by the Executive Committee of the National Association of Commissioned Officers.

Although the Junior Officer of the Year Award is given annually, the Science and Engineering Awards will only be considered for those years that candidates are deemed qualified.

### 7. Society of American Military Engineers Awards

a. Colbert Medal - The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) offers this decoration as an annual award (large medal and service ribbon) (first awarded in 1955) to a member of the National Ocean Service, officer or civilian, active or retired, for the most outstanding contribution to military engineering through achievement in design, construction, administration, research or development. A silver-colored triangle on the SAME ribbon denotes the Colbert Medal.

b. Karo Award - This is a plaque (first awarded in 1960) awarded annually by the Society to the field unit of the National Ocean Service that has made an outstanding contribution in the engineering and scientific field. A service ribbon representing the Karo Award is available. A bronze-colored triangle on the SAME ribbon denotes the Karo Award.

### 8. Military and Other U.S. Government Awards

The following military awards are available to active duty NOAA Corps officers when the identical criteria used by the authorizing service have been met:

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### 8. Military and Other U.S. Government Awards (Cont'd)

a. Antarctica Service Medal - An individual service award authorized for any NOAA Corps officer who participates in projects on the Antarctic continent, or is involved in ship or aircraft operations south of latitude 60° south. After 1 June 1973, a minimum of 30-days (cumulative) service must be spent in the area to receive the medal. (Before 1 June 1973, no minimum number of days is required.) The award is limited to one per person. A bronze disc (replica of the continent) is attached to the ribbon to indicate a wintered-over period, worn with the peninsula pointed upward. A gold disc is used for the second wintered-over period, and a silver disc is used for the third and subsequent periods.

b. Arctic Service Medal - A Coast Guard medal authorized for any NOAA Corps officer who participates in (1) summer operations (1 May to 31 October) aboard a vessel operating in polar waters north of the Arctic Circle, (2) winter operations (1 November to 30 April) aboard a vessel operating in polar waters north of latitude 60° north in the Bering Sea, Davis Strait or Denmark Strait, (3) shore-based operations north of the Arctic Circle or (4) flight operations north of the Arctic Circle. A minimum of 21 days (consecutive) service must be spent in the area to receive the medal. The award is limited to one per person.

c. Sea Service Deployment Ribbon - A Navy-Marine Corps service ribbon authorized for any NOAA Corps officer who was deployed away from homeport for a minimum of 90 days, with a limit of one award per year. In conjunction with the 90-day deployment, an officer must also be aboard for a minimum of 12 months before this ribbon can be issued. No award is authorized for deployments before 15 August 1974. Only one award is authorized for deployments between 16 August 1974 and 3 January 1979. After 4 January 1979, awards will be made as described above.

d. Expert Rifle Medal - A Navy decoration authorized for any NOAA Corps officer who successfully qualifies with the M-16 rifle. Those qualifying as: (1) marksman - ribbon only; (2) sharpshooter - ribbon with bronze "S"; (3) expert - ribbon with silver "E" along with large and miniature medal. There is no longer a need to re-qualify each year; however, a marksman or sharpshooter may attempt a higher qualification.

e. Expert Pistol Shot Medal - A Navy decoration authorized for any NOAA Corps officer who successfully qualifies with the .45 caliber pistol. Those qualifying as: (1) marksman - ribbon only; (2) sharpshooter - ribbon with bronze "S"; (3) expert - ribbon with silver "E" along with large and miniature medal. There is no longer a need to re-qualify each year; however, a marksman or sharpshooter may attempt a higher qualification.

Other awards received for service performed while on duty with the Armed Forces or other Federal agencies may be worn. If worn, they shall follow the order of precedence in paragraph 05-15 of these regulations. If awarded for a war, campaign, expedition, etc., they shall be worn in their chronological sequence. Additionally, members of the other uniformed services are authorized to receive the NOAA Corps Commendation Medal (05-05a) and the Director's Ribbon (05-05b) when deemed appropriate by the Director, NOAA Corps.

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#### 9. Professional Organization Awards

Awards received from nongovernmental sources, solely for NOAA related professional performance, may be worn. Approval will be given by the Director, NOAA Corps on a case-by-case basis after an examination of the criteria used and after the suitability of the award has been established.

#### 10. Foreign Awards

NOAA officers who have been specifically authorized by the Director, NOAA Corps, to accept awards from foreign governments may wear such awards, but only in the manner prescribed by this section.

#### 11. Awards and Badges of Societies and Various Organizations

Awards and badges of military societies, veterans organizations and miscellaneous civilian organizations not provided for in the above paragraphs may be worn on the uniform only while the individual is attending meetings or conventions, or while participating in parades or other ceremonies as a member of:

- a. American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, or other officially recognized veteran's organizations.
- b. Technical societies, such as the Society of American Military Engineers.

#### 12. Large Medals

a. Large medals shall be worn in a horizontal row or rows centered 1/4-inch above the left breast pocket of the full dress uniforms. The holding bar of the lowest row of medals should be located in the same position as the lowest ribbon bar. The Medal of Honor is worn on a suspension ribbon made to fit around the neck.

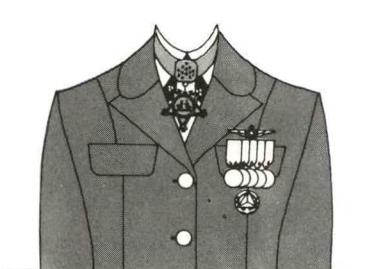
b. Recipients of awards for which no large medals have been authorized or struck shall wear such award ribbons above the right breast pocket when large medals are prescribed.



Full Dress White  
Male Officer



Full Dress Blue  
Male Officer



Full Dress Blue & White  
Female Officer

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### 13. Miniature Medals

a. Miniature medals are worn with Formal Dress uniforms and Dinner Dress uniforms. On the male formal and mess jackets the holding bar of the lowest row of miniature medals shall be positioned 3-inches below the notch and centered on lapel. When worn on the male officer's blue and white service dress coats the holding bar is centered immediately above the left breast pocket. When worn on the women officer's blue or white coats the holding bar is centered above the left pocket flap. When worn on the women officer's Formal Dress uniforms or Dinner Dress Jacket uniforms, the holding bar is worn in the same relative position as on the white service coat.

b. The arrangement of medals and badges shall be by seniority from inboard-outboard and from top to bottom.

c. Recipients of awards for which no miniature medals have been authorized or struck shall not wear such award ribbons when miniature medals are prescribed.

d. The Large Medal of Honor is worn when miniature medals are prescribed.



Formal Dress  
Dinner Dress Blue  
or White Jacket



Formal Dress  
Dinner Dress Blue  
or White Jacket



Dinner Dress White



Dinner Dress Blue  
or White

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14. TABLE FOR WEARING LARGE OR MINIATURE MEDALS

Numbers of Medals Per Row

Number of Medals To Be Worn	Prescribed Number of Rows	Top Row	2d Row	3rd Row	4th Row
1-5	1 row only	1-5			
6	2	3	3		
7	2	3	4		
8	2	4	4		
9	2	4	5		
10	2	5	5		
11	3	3	4	4	
12	3	4	4	4	
13	3	3	5	5	
14	3	4	5	5	
15	3	5	5	5	
16	4	4	4	4	4

and so on.

15. Service Ribbons

Service ribbons may be worn at the discretion of the individual officer, but when worn, will be on the uniform in the manner prescribed in these regulations. The order of precedence shall be followed with the arrangement of ribbons by seniority from inboard to outboard and from the top down.

a. Manner of Wearing - One, two, or three ribbons are worn in a single row as described herein. When more than three ribbons are authorized, they shall be worn in horizontal rows of three each. If not in multiples of three, the uppermost row shall contain the lesser number, the center of this row to be over the center of the one below it. Ribbons shall be worn without intervals between ribbons or rows of ribbons. They shall be worn with the lower edge of the bottom row centered approximately 1/4-inch above the left breast pocket or pocket flap. In all instances, the proper backplate will be used for the corresponding number of ribbons. For example, one three-ribbon backplate will be used instead of three single backplates.

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#### 15. Service Ribbons (Cont'd)

##### b. Attachments to Ribbons

(1) Stars - There are four variations of stars used on medals and ribbons issued by the NOAA Corps:

(a) 5/16-inch Gold - Worn on personal decorations to denote each subsequent award received.

(b) 5/16-inch Silver - Worn on personal decorations in lieu of five gold stars to represent five subsequent awards.

(c) 3/16-inch Bronze - Worn on unit, service, and societal awards (including Colbert) to denote subsequent awards.

(d) 3/16-inch Silver - Worn on unit, service, and societal awards (including Colbert) in lieu of five bronze stars to represent five subsequent awards.

(2) Triangle - A 3/16-inch bronze-colored triangle is a part of the Karo Award ribbon. A 3/16-inch silver-colored triangle is part of the ribbon for the Colbert Medal.

(3) Antarctica Wintered-Over Disc - Officers who stay or have stayed on the Antarctic continent during the winter months shall be eligible to wear a bronze disc of 5/16-inch diameter with an outline of the Antarctic continent inscribed thereon on the suspension ribbon of the miniature medal and on the ribbon bar. The disc will be positioned so that the peninsula points up and it will be centered on the ribbon bar or the suspension ribbon of the miniature medal. A gold disc is worn for the second winter, and a silver disc is worn for the third or subsequent winters. Not more than one disc shall be worn on the service ribbon.

(4) S A 5/16-inch bronze "S" affixed to the basic ACO Junior Officer of the Year Award ribbon signifies the ACO Science Award. Also used on marksmanship ribbons to indicate "sharpshooter" qualification.

(5) E A 5/16-inch bronze "E" affixed to the basic ACO Junior Officer of the Year Award ribbon signifies the ACO Engineering Award.

(6) E A 5/16-inch silver "E" affixed to marksmanship ribbons indicates "expert" qualification.

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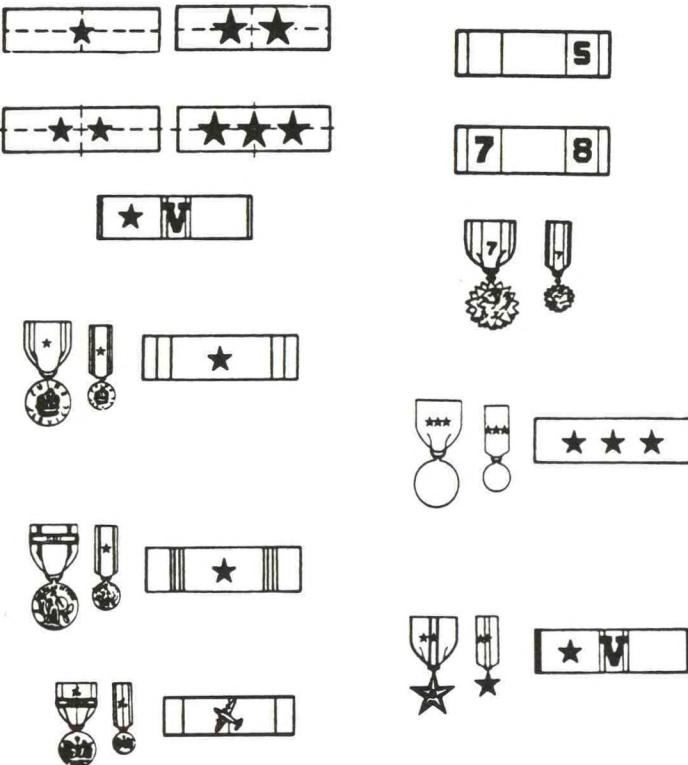
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#### 16. Order of Precedence for Awards, Medals, and Ribbons

The precedence of uniformed service decorations, medals, awards and ribbons that may be authorized for commissioned officers of NOAA is indicated below. Awards given by the Department of Commerce or NOAA are indicated by all CAPITALS.

##### a. Personal Decorations

Medal of Honor

Navy Cross; Distinguished Service Cross; Air Force Cross

Presidential Medal of Freedom

Defense Distinguished Service Medal

COMMERCE GOLD MEDAL

Distinguished Service Medals: Uniformed Services

Silver Star Medal

Defense Superior Service Medal

COMMERCE SILVER MEDAL

Legion of Merit

Distinguished Flying Cross

Navy-Marine Corps Medal; Soldier's Medal; Airman's Medal;  
Coast Guard Medal

Gold Lifesaving Medal

Bronze Star Medal

Purple Heart Medal

National Security Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

COMMERCE BRONZE MEDAL

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal

Silver Lifesaving Medal

NOAA ADMINISTRATOR'S AWARD

Joint Service Commendation Medal

NOAA CORPS COMMENDATION MEDAL

Commendation Medals: Uniformed Services

Joint Service Achievement Medal

COMMERCE/NOAA SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Achievement Medals: Uniformed Services

National Medal of Science

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Coast Guard Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon;

Public Health Service Citation

Combat Action Ribbon

##### b. Unit Awards (no medals authorized)

Presidential Unit Citation

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

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Unit Commendation: Uniformed Services

Meritorious Unit Commendation: Uniformed Services

Navy "E" Ribbon

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c. Non-Government Decorations

NOAA Junior Officer of the Year Award, Association of Commissioned Officers  
NOAA Science/Engineering Award, Association of Commissioned Officers  
Colbert Medal, Society of American Military Engineers  
Karo Award, Society of American Military Engineers (ribbon only)

d. Campaign and Service Awards

Good Conduct Medals: Armed Forces  
Reserve Meritorious Service Medal: Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard  
Navy Fleet Marine Force Ribbon  
Expeditionary Medals: Navy, Marine Corps  
Navy Occupation Service Medal  
Medal for Humane Action  
National Defense Service Medal  
Korean Service Medal  
Antarctica Service Medal  
Coast Guard Arctic Service Medal  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
Vietnam Service Medal  
Humanitarian Service Medal  
Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (no medal authorized)  
Overseas Ribbon: Army, Air Force (no medal authorized)  
Armed Forces Reserve Medal  
Reserve Medal: Military Services

e. Foreign Personal Decorations

f. Foreign Unit Awards (no medals authorized)

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation  
Korean Presidential Unit Citation  
Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation  
Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation  
(Gallantry Cross or Civil Actions Color)

g. Non-U.S. Service Awards

United Nations Service Medal  
United Nations Medal  
Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

h. Marksman Awards \*

Coast Guard Expert Rifle Medal or Sharpshooter, Marksman Ribbon  
Navy Expert Rifle Medal  
Coast Guard Expert Pistol Medal or Sharpshooter, Marksman Ribbon  
Navy Expert Pistol Medal  
Air Force Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

\* Marksman awards from any one, but not from two or three,  
services may be worn.

i. Awards of Military Societies or other organizations.

j. Badges of Military Societies or other organizations.

The Director of the NOAA Corps will resolve any individual questions regarding the wearing and precedence of decorations, medals, awards, ribbons, or badges not listed above.

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### APPENDIX A NOAA CORPS COMMENDATION MEDAL

Purpose: Awarded to a service member who distinguishes himself or herself by heroic, meritorious or professional achievement or service. To merit this award, the acts or services must be accomplished or performed in a manner above that normally expected, be sufficient to distinguish the individual above those performing similar services and of such merit as to warrant more tangible recognition than is possible by a fitness report.

Type of Recognition: Honorary

Eligibility: Any member of a uniformed service

Selection Criteria:

1. For acts of heroism worthy of special recognition.
2. For meritorious achievement worthy of special recognition. The achievement should constitute a definite contribution to the service.
3. For meritorious service worthy of special recognition. This award may cover an extended period of time and is based on the circumstances under which the service was performed. The performance should be well above that usually expected of an individual commensurate in grade and experience.
4. For professional achievement that merits special recognition. This can include conferral of advanced degrees or honors (excludes Government-sponsored education), implementation of new processes or other contributions that enhance the missions of NOAA and the NOAA Corps and/or promote esprit de corps.
5. For leadership that merits special recognition. Achievement must be sustained so as to demonstrate a high state of development; be of such merit as to earn singular recognition for the act(s); reflect most creditably on the efforts of the individual toward accomplishment of the unit mission.

Nomination Procedures:

1. Initiated by any commissioned officer or supervisor for whom the individual works or by the Officer Personnel Board as a result of the Annual Review of the Lineal List.
2. Forwarded to the Chief, Commissioned Personnel Division for initial screening.

Selection Procedure: Upon favorable review and recommendation by an awards board, the Director, NOAA Corps, approves.

Presentation: The Commendation Medal, marked by a raised NOAA Corps emblem, is rose gold, satin finish (flashed) suspended from a ribbon (color combination to be determined). The individual also receives a ribbon bar of the same design to be worn on the service uniform, a miniature medal suspended from a ribbon, and a certificate. The awarding authority is the Administrator, NOAA.

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Purpose: Awarded to a service member in recognition of noteworthy accomplishments in the performance of duty. This could include special contributions toward the attainment of program objectives, sustained above-average performance of duty, and/or high quality performance of duty over a relatively short period of time.

Type of Recognition: Honorary

Eligibility: Any member of a uniformed service

Selection Criteria:

1. A member identified by praiseworthy accomplishment, set apart from others in the same or similar circumstances.

2. Determination of this distinction requires careful consideration of exactly what is or was expected as the ordinary, routine, or customary behavior and accomplishment for individuals of like grade and experience for the circumstances involved.

Nomination Procedure:

1. Initiated by any commissioned officer or supervisor for whom the individual works or by the Officer Personnel Board as a result of the Annual Review of the Lineal List.

2. Forwarded to the Chief, Commissioned Personnel Division for initial screening.

Selection Procedure: Upon favorable review and recommendation by an awards board, the Director, NOAA Corps, approves.

Presentation: The Director's Ribbon (color combination to be determined) consists of a ribbon bar to be worn on the service uniform, and a certificate. The awarding authority is the Director, NOAA Corps.