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UNIFORM INSIGNIAS FOR NEW CWO SPECIALTIES SECOND UPDATE

Barring any unforeseen developments, this will be my final update on the ongoing distribution of uniform insignias for the four new CWO specialties that went into effect today, 1 June 2005.

As of last Friday, 27 May, the Coast Guard Exchange at Yorktown had satisfied all but 8 of the 168 pending orders for enhanced shoulder boards and collar devices. The 8 enhanced shoulder board backorders were all for CWO4 MSS. Those CWO4 MSS assigned to duties requiring them to wear enhanced shoulder boards should continue to wear their legacy insignia until they receive their new enhanced shoulder boards. At this point in the roll-out, the Exchange is only distributing one set of insignias to each member. The Exchange will ship backordered items to those members who ordered multiple sets as soon as we are sure that each CWO has had an opportunity to procure their initial set.

As I indicated in [Flag Voice 249](#), we directed the manufacturer to focus their attention on the production of the enhanced shoulder boards and collar devices. The hard shoulder boards for all four specialties, along with the CWO4 MSS enhanced shoulder boards are currently scheduled for delivery to the Yorktown Exchange on or about 15 June, and will be shipped out as soon as they arrive.

The Yorktown Exchange will continue to be the only source of supply for these new insignias for the foreseeable future. Other Coast Guard Exchanges will be stocked later this summer once the initial roll-out is completed. The Uniform Distribution Center in Cape May anticipates carrying these new insignias by the end of the summer.

As always, I appreciate your continued patience as we work to introduce these four new CWO specialties.

Regards,

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