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SUBJ: RESULTS OF UNIFORM BOARD 46

A. Coast Guard Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6H

1. This ALCGPSC issues new guidance and reports the results from Uniform Board No. 46. The following changes to REF A have been approved by the Commandant and are effective immediately:

A. AUTHORIZE WEAR OF FOUL WEATHER PARKA II WITH SDB: The FWPII (with or without the liner) is authorized for wear with the Operational Dress Uniform (ODU), Tropical Blue (TB), Winter Dress Blue (WDB), and Service Dress Blue (SDB). The trench coat remains a required seabag item and may be prescribed for wear with the SDB and other uniforms. However, the FWPII provides superior weather protection. The previous limitations on the wear of the FWPII with the TB and WDB uniforms are removed. Commands are reminded that for inspections and occasions where more uniformity is required, they may prescribe seabag outerwear.

B. AUTHORIZE WEAR OF GARRISON CAP WITH SDB: The Garrison Cap may be worn optionally with the SDB unless the Combination Cap is otherwise prescribed. The Combination Cap remains the preferred cover for wear with the SDB, especially for outdoor or formal ceremonies where the cover is integral to the uniform. Commands may prescribe when the Combination Cap is required. The wear of the Garrison Cap with the SDB allows for greater flexibility during travel and while transiting between outdoor and indoor spaces.

C. EXPAND WEAR OF OPTIONAL UNIT BALL CAPS: The restriction limiting wear of the unit ball cap to the members unit is removed. It may now be worn on board any CG unit or DOD facility. The unit ball cap is an optional item for wear with the ODU, not a seabag item, and cannot be mandated for wear on board units or for inspections. The unit ball cap is not authorized for wear while a student at training commands or where greater uniformity is required.

D. FOOD SERVICE UNIFORM: The restriction limiting the wear of black chef pants as part of the FS uniform only for special events is removed. When wearing the chefs coat, ODU trousers shall be used as the standard operational wear with the FS uniform. However, commands may authorize the wear of plain black chef pants. When wearing a white chefs coat, members will wear a white v-neck t-shirt.

E. SUNGLASSES: Authorized sunglass styles now include: Sunglass frames shall be conservative (unadorned black or navy blue material: gold or silver wire) and lenses shall be black or brown in color (mirrored lenses are prohibited). Sunglasses are not authorized in formation unless the need to wear sunglasses has been certified by medical authorities, or otherwise authorized by the commander/commanding officer due to environmental conditions. Personnel will not wear lenses or frames that are so large or so small that they detract from the appearance of the uniform.

F. WRIST WATCHES: The policy is clarified regarding authorized styles and specifying that members may only wear one watch. Conservative examples are black, brown, navy blue, silver or gold. Prohibited examples are diamond covered, neon, bright colors, white, and bands that exceed 1-inch width. Personnel shall not wear watches that are so large they detract from the appearance of the uniform.

G. TIE TACKS: The policy is clarified to authorize the wear of replicas of miniature officer, CPO, enlisted, or other CG insignia. Replicas of military school insignia or elements thereof are authorized. Members may only wear replicas of insignia that they

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earned while in the Coast Guard. Tie bars shall be approximately 3/16 inches wide, and tie tacks shall be no more than 3/4 inches in diameter.

H. FEMALE HANDBAGS: The restriction limiting handbags to envelope style is removed. Handbags with or without a plain fold-over flap are now authorized. All other specifications remain.

I. FEMALE HOSIERY REQUIREMENTS: The policy is clarified that when wearing pumps or flats, hosiery is required. When wearing slacks with oxford dress shoes, socks are required. Hosiery specifications remain as outlined in REF A.

J. WEAR OF SMALL UNADORNED SCRUNCHIES: Female grooming standards are expanded to authorize the wear of small plain Scrunchies (elastic bands covered with material not to exceed one inch in width) that are plain black, navy blue, brown, or color similar to the individuals hair. Large or lacy scrunchies are not authorized.

K. FEMALE SHIRT SEABAG OPTIONS: Female members have the option to use either male or female shirts to fulfill enlisted seabag inspection requirements. Initial issue and clothing maintenance allowance will continue to be based upon the female specific shirts. This policy change allows enlisted female members to only maintain shirt styles that provide the best fit.

L. AIGUILLETTES: The policy is clarified specifying that Aiguillettes are authorized for wear by Captains serving in designated Deputy positions to Flag Officers. The wear of a blue Aiguillette is authorized for the MCPOCG driver.

M. PRIOR SERVICE INSIGNIA: The Commandant approved a policy change to allow the optional wear of up to one prior service qualification insignia. Further guidance will be promulgated by a separate ALCGPSC to implement this change and authorize wear of CG mission related prior service insignia.

2. The Commandant approved the board recommendations for the development of an optional long sleeve mock turtle neck for wear with the ODU (PSC-PSD-mu is currently working on the specifications).

3. The Uniforms Program relies on field level input to enhance our uniforms and wear policy. There were numerous submissions that were not approved by the board, were administratively closed, or needed more research. All submissions provide value to the uniforms program and even though a submission may not have been approved, policy clarifications, quality control, and other program elements may have been enhanced through evaluation of the submission. A listing of submissions that were not enacted into policy can be found on the Uniform Distribution Center (UDC) website under UDC News and Information <http://www.uscg.mil/uniform/>.

4. Thank you to the members of Uniform Board 46 and to those who submitted uniform program suggestions. Suggestions can be submitted at any time to the uniform program. Members and commands should refer to REF A for official guidance on uniform matters. The contents of the ALCGPSC are intended to augment existing policy in REF A. For questions regarding uniform policy and/or board submissions, please contact CWO Larry Lawson at [Lawrence.t.lawson@uscg.mil](mailto:Lawrence.t.lawson@uscg.mil) or (703)872-6659. Uniform availability and ordering questions can be directed to the UDC at (800)874-6844.

5. RDML M. L. Austin, Commander, CG Personnel Service Center, sends.

6. Internet release is authorized.

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