

410 17 UNIFORM POLICY

- Ref:
- (a) U.S. Coast Guard Uniform Regulations, COMDINST M1020.6G
 - (b) Standing Orders for the Inport Officer of the Deck, MOHAWKINST 3120.3 (series)
 - (c) Tattoo, Body Piercing, and Mutilation Policy, COMDTINST 1000.1 (series)

1. Basic Function. To establish polices for all hands regarding proper uniform wear.
2. Action. All hands shall comply with this policy. The OOD, CMAA, and GPOW shall ensure that no crewmember is on board MOHAWK, or is allowed to depart MOHAWK, unless their appearance meets these standards.
3. Discussion. The Coast Guard uniform is a symbol of our service to the citizens of the United States and foreign countries. The manner in which it is worn reflects on not only the wearer, but also this command, the Coast Guard, and the country. When wearing civilian clothing, MOHAWK personnel must ensure that their dress and personal appearance are appropriate and in good taste.
4. Underway Uniform Procedures. The following uniforms are authorized to be worn underway:
 - a. ODUs:
 - (1) The Operational Dress Uniform (ODU) is the authorized uniform aboard MOHAWK at all times. While underway, unless otherwise directed by the Executive Officer, the ODU blouse may be relaxed and the blue U.S. Coast Guard embroidered t-shirt may be worn.
 - (2) The ODU blouse will always be worn when pulling in or out of port and when interacting with other agencies, military units, etc.
 - b. Coveralls:
 - (1) Coveralls must be of the same fabric and color as the ODU trousers, and must be free of tears and obvious spots. Law Enforcement coveralls with "USCG" printed on the back are authorized. A standard blue U.S. Coast Guard t-shirt must be worn under the coveralls. The coveralls may be adorned with the National Ensign patch on the left shoulder and the Coast Guard Ensign patch on the right shoulder.
 - (2) Coveralls may be worn by personnel while working in engineering spaces, boat crews, or by personnel using paints, oils, or other materials, which may permanently damage, stain, or mark a uniform.
 - (3) Personnel must change out of coveralls and into an authorized uniform to attend meals, Quarters, or when the work is completed.

- (4) At no time shall coveralls be worn during meal times on the Messdeck, except as noted in the following two paragraphs.
 - (5) Law enforcement team members must wear the same type of coveralls to ensure uniformity while representing MOHAWK and the Coast Guard. Law enforcement team members may attend meals in clean law enforcement coveralls.
 - (6) Aviation personnel may attend meals in clean flight suits.
- c. Shirts: Per reference (a), the standard blue U.S. Coast Guard t-shirt with white embroidered U.S. Coast Guard lettering on the left chest area is the only authorized undershirt for ODUs.
- d. Sweatshirts/Jackets:
- (1) While underway, personnel are only authorized to wear MOHAWK sweatshirts sold through the ship's satellite exchange or the standard U.S. Coast Guard sweatshirts sold through the Coast Guard Academy or the Uniform Distribution Center (UDC). Sweatshirts can be hooded or unhooded.
 - (2) Authorized jackets include: the Coast Guard issued Foul Weather Parka II; unit issued foul weather gear; or the ODU Utility Jacket.
 - (3) The Fleece Liner for the Foul Weather Parka II is not authorized to be worn alone.
- e. Shoes/Boots:
- (1) Per reference (a), black composite toe boots shall be worn at all times while in ODUs or coveralls.
 - (2) At no time aboard ship may optional synthetic high gloss ("Core-Fram") shoes be worn. Standard, black Oxford shoes are authorized for wear with Tropical Blue or Service Dress Blue uniforms.
- f. Boat Shoes: The following policy for boat shoes is intended to minimize foot-related health issues in a tropical climate while conducting cutter operations.
- (1) Per reference (a), the authorized boat shoe is an optional item and must be dark brown leather, low cut shoe of moccasin type construction, with functional rawhide lacing with 6 to 10 brass eyelets (evenly divided per side). The sole will be white, slip resistant, and made of a non-marking material.
 - (2) While underway, boat shoes are authorized to be worn after the work day, during holiday routine, and when not on watch or conducting any special evolution (i.e., helicopter/boat operations, migrant transfer, etc). If an emergency or special evolution manifests itself, crewmembers should make an effort to replace their boat shoes with black composite toe boots prior to responding to help ensure their safety.

- (3) Boat shoes may be authorized by the Commanding Officer for certain law enforcement boardings in an effort to not damage the vessel and to reduce safety issues for the boarding team personnel.
 - (4) At no time will boat shoes be worn in the Engine Room.
 - (5) At no time will boat shoes be worn inport.
 - g. Exercise Gear: When working out, a mixture of tasteful civilian clothing is permitted. Clothing should include either a t-shirt, sweatshirt, or tank top to cover the torso, shorts or sweatpants, and soft-soled shoes. Exercise clothing is not authorized on the Mess Deck except while transiting the decks.
 - h. Swim Call/Steel Beach: The appropriate outfit for swim call and steel beach is board shorts or swim trunks for males and one-piece swimsuits for females. At no time will speedos, bikinis, or other revealing attire be permitted.
 - i. Team Jerseys: Team jerseys can be worn over top the underway uniform in the evening or during holiday routine while the crewmember's team is playing and the game is being watched on the Messdeck/lounge areas. Jerseys may not be worn while on watch and have to be removed if the cutter has a shipboard emergency or is responding to an operational mission.
 - j. Civilian Clothing: may be authorized at the Executive Officer's discretion during underway morale and sporting events, holiday routine, and when conducting external field days of the cutter. All hands will shift back into the uniform of the day as directed, and immediately upon any operational bill being set.
 - k. Rings. Due to safety concerns, the wearing of rings is discouraged at all times on board MOHAWK. Under the following conditions the wearing of rings is not allowed: When in MOHAWK's small boats, when involved in operations launching or recovering small boats or passing gear, or when involved in ammunition handling, anchoring, towing, or line handling evolutions.
 - l. Personal Electronic Devices. Cell phones and personal electronic devices shall only be worn with the uniform of the day for official duties or urgent need. Music headphones and earphones shall only be worn while in uniform if commuting as a passenger or on public transportation. Headphones may not be worn onboard MOHAWK if on watch or engaged in official duties. Only one earphone or one side of headphones shall be worn at any time while aboard MOHAWK to allow for all pipes and alarms to be easily recognized.
5. Inport Uniform Procedures. The following guidance applies to inport uniform wear:
- a. The ODU blouse shall be worn at all times unless member is on a working party, doing strenuous activity, or is working in an area of high temperatures. The ODU blouse shall always be worn when away from the cutter and not in the immediate vicinity on the pier.

- b. The Foul Weather Parka II and ODU Utility Jacket are the only cold weather uniform items authorized while inport, U.S. Coast Guard or MOHAWK unit sweatshirts shall not be worn under any circumstances inport.
 - c. The OOD and GPOW shall wear the Tropical Blue uniform with Combination Cover from 0730 to 1530. There shall be no exceptions without the authorization of the Executive Officer, unless MOHAWK is moored for a brief period as prescribed in reference (b).
 - d. As noted above, boat shoes are not authorized to be worn inport.
 - e. Per reference (a), personnel that depart MOHAWK on TAD orders shall wear a “U.S. Coast Guard” ballcap while away from Key West vice their “MOHAWK” ballcap.
6. Arriving From and Departing on Liberty Procedures.
- a. Departing On Liberty in Uniform. The Uniform of the Day is authorized. ODUs are authorized when traveling between work and local residence. This is not a liberty uniform, but may be used for brief non-social stops such as for gas or drive through window use. See reference (a) for details.
 - b. Standards. The standards for civilian dress and appearance are the same as those for the uniform (i.e., neat, clean, and in good condition). Clothing that is improper in style or fit, ragged, unclean, or looks like part of the uniform is prohibited.
 - c. Must Be Appropriate. Personnel will not be allowed to depart on liberty in civilian attire that is not appropriate.
 - d. Ball Caps. Unit or Coast Guard ball caps with rank insignia may not be worn with civilian clothes.
 - e. Tattered Clothing. Clothing with holes, or clothing that is torn or tattered such that it presents a sloppy appearance may not be worn.
 - f. Inappropriate Clothing. Clothing with inscriptions or artwork, which may be offensive to others, including suggestive, provocative, or crude words, letters, or designs, may not be worn. Sleeveless shirts shall not be worn on the Messdeck.
 - g. Jewelry. No piercing shall be made through the nose, tongue, chin, eyebrow, or any other body part that would be visible while in uniform. Earrings on males are not allowed onboard any military installation or facility, or at any military or MOHAWK-sponsored activity. Further guidance is provided in reference (c).

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