



Navy Uniform Policy Update Fact Sheet

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NAVADMIN 031/24 announces updates to the Navy uniform policies and initiatives.

Who needs to know?

- All Sailors
- Division Officers, Department Heads
- Triads, Chiefs Mess

What you need to know about uniform changes – key points

- Sailors are authorized to have hands in their pockets when it does not compromise safety nor prohibit the proper rendering of honors and courtesies.
- The female combination cover (bucket) is reinstated as an optional Navy uniform component for female Sailors.
- The tiara is reinstated as a Navy uniform component authorized for optional wear by female Sailors.
- Black or solid navy-blue Leggings/tights are now authorized for wear with PT shorts and fitness suit pants.
- Female Sailors are authorized to wear false eyelashes or eyelash extensions that project a natural appearance and are no longer than 14 millimeters in length as measured from the eyelid to the tip of the eyelash.
- Officers W1 through O10 will wear the same officer cap insignia.
- Navy Chaplains are authorized to wear religious faith emblems above their grade insignia on uniform components with rank tabs. Also, Chaplains assigned to qualifying afloat units and meet qualification criteria are authorized wear of the Surface Chaplain Officer breast insignia on Navy uniforms.
- Chief Warrant Officers and Warrant Officers (737X) successfully completing prescribed training requirements are authorized to wear the Aerial Vehicle Pilot breast insignia.
- All female Sailors are authorized to optionally wear female T-shirts with Navy uniforms that conform with Navy Uniform Regulations.
- Coyote brown backpacks are authorized for optional wear with the NWU Type II and III

What you need to know about uniform initiatives – key points

- The Size Modernization Program (SMP) is a multiphase five-year uniform improvement program with an initial focus on female uniforms. The goal of SMP is to obtain consistent sizing and fit across all female uniforms.
- The Maternity Pilot Program is entering its third year of providing pregnant Sailors free uniforms ready for wear at their doorstep.
- A white overblouse is being added to the list of authorized optional uniforms for the female officer and CPO Summer White Uniform.
- The Navy is currently evaluating female service uniform slacks with back pockets.

Sample POD/POW Note

- UNIFORM UPDATES – The Navy announced updates to the Navy uniform policy and uniform initiatives. Check NAVADMIN 031/24 or talk to leadership for a full list of uniform updates.



FAQ

Q1. Is the bucket cover optional for both enlisted and officers?

A1. Yes, the optional bucket cover is reinstated for all female Sailors. The bucket cover will not be available for personal purchase at Navy Exchange Uniform Centers and will need to be privately obtained if desired for wear.

Q2. Which pockets are Sailors authorized to put their hands in?

A2. Sailors are authorized to put their hands in the side seam trouser pocket and jacket pockets of all Navy uniforms.

Q3. What is the authorized wear for the Tiara?

A3. Optional wear is authorized when wearing Formal and Dinner Dress Jacket Uniforms to official functions where the prescribed dress is equivalent to civilian white or black tie.

Q4. Can I wear leggings/tights instead of the Navy PT shorts?

A4. No, leggings/tights are authorized for optional wear with the Physical Training Uniform shorts and fitness suit pants during unit physical fitness training or personal workouts. When worn, leggings/tights must be solid black or solid navy blue in color and not extend beyond the ankle.

Q5. Can I wear colored eyelashes as long as they match the authorized length?

A5. No, false eyelashes must match the color of the natural eyelash and not hinder wear of protective eyewear.

Q6. When will the female dress white over blouse be available for purchase?

A6. Availability of the Summer White Uniform overblouse is planned for early fall 2024.

Q7. What are some of the uniform initiatives taking place in 2024?

A7. The Navy is actively pursuing several uniform initiatives as part of its ongoing efforts to improve the form, fit, function and support of Sailor uniforms. For a full list of initiatives, please see NAVADMIN 031/24.

Helpful Links:

[Uniform website](#)

[Maternity Pilot Program](#)

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