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**ALCGPSC 171/14**

**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

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 INSIGINA:** 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

(at) 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.