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MEMORANDUM TO ACTIVE DUTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE COMMISSIONED OFFICERS DETAILED TO DoD

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS ON UNIFORM WEAR

FROM: DoD REPRESENTATIVE, SURGEON GENERAL'S POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL & UNIFORM AUTHORITY FOR DOD

This memorandum provides Supplemental Instructions on Uniform Wear for all active duty United States Public Health Service (PHS) Commissioned Officers detailed to Department of Defense (DoD) components (i.e., the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Staff, Combatant Commands, Military Departments, Field Activities, and Defense Agencies) through Blanket or Individual Memoranda of Agreement (MOA).

All General Purpose Service Uniforms, Working Uniforms, Formal & Dinner Dress Uniforms and Ceremonial Uniforms described in the CCI 400, Chapter 2, Section 1 (old CCPM26.3.4 & CCPM26.3.5) are authorized for wear. These uniforms shall be worn in accordance with CCI 400 Series, Chapter 1 (old CCPM26.3.1) and seasonal Uniform of the Day requirements of the PHS Uniform Authority.

A) Operational Dress Uniform (ODU)



1. The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Operational Dress Uniform (ODU) (see above) shall be worn in accordance with PPM 12-002 and POM 12-009:
2. The phase-in period for the ODU shall be 12 months starting on 1 September 2012 and ending on 31 August 2013.
3. Mixing of ODU and BDU accompanying uniform accoutrements is not authorized.
4. When the sleeves are worn rolled up, the outside of the ODU material will remain exposed.
5. The U.S. Flag patch is not authorized on the ODU.
6. The nametape and USPHS ID tape will be gold letters on ODU blue cloth tape.
7. A Special Unit Identification patch (round PHS patch worn on left shoulder on the BDU) is not authorized on the ODU.
8. The cover, t-shirt, coat, trousers, foul weather parka & trousers, polar fleece liner, utility jacket, mock turtle-neck t-shirt, collar & rank insignia, and name/USPHS tapes are all new in design and the equivalent item for the BDU may not be worn with the ODU.
9. There are 2 approved headgear (covers), the Command Ball Cap and the 8-Point Cover. Both are authorized for wear at DoD.
10. The ODU shall not be worn at the Hubert H. Humphrey Building or the Wilbur J. Cohen Building at any time.
11. PHS officers assigned full-time to DoD components are authorized to wear the ODU daily in accordance with all of the ODU specific guidance above.
12. See Attachment 1 for initial ordering information. For more detailed and future On-Line Ordering Instructions go to <http://dcp.psc.gov/ccmis/>.

B) Battle Dress Uniform (BDU)

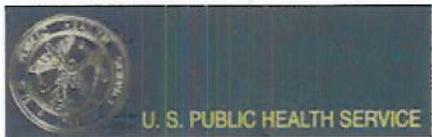


1. The Woodland Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) (see above) shall be worn in accordance with CCI 400 Series, Instruction 413.01 (old CCPM26.3.7) and Personnel Operations

Memorandum 06-003 (POM 06-003) dated 27 September 2006, with the following amplifications:

2. On 1 September 2013, the BDU and all accompanying uniform accoutrements will no longer be authorized for wear and the ODU will be a required uniform for all Corps officers.
3. The PHS Command Ball Cap available through the Navy Uniformed Support Center is authorized for daily wear.
4. Both temperate and hot weather BDUs are authorized for year round wear.
5. All officers shall wear the subdued PHS Unit Patch.
6. All officers shall wear the reversed, bright colors, American Flag patch, including during PHS training and deployments.
7. Officers may continue to wear the BDU until the authorization wear period has expired.
8. The BDU shall not be worn at the Hubert H. Humphrey Building or the Wilbur J. Cohen Building at any time.
9. PHS officers assigned full-time to DoD components are authorized to wear the BDU daily in accordance with all of the BDU specific guidance above.

C) PHS Name Tag



1. Per CC26.3.6 01 March 2009, 6-7. Name Tag. Officers in DoD shall only wear the HHS style pin-on name tag (see above) on SDB/SDW, summer whites, and khaki uniforms, as appropriate. No other versions of any nametag shall be worn.

D) PHS Physical Training Uniform (PTU)



1. The PTU (see above): When the PHS Officer Device and Supply Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana begins offering the PTU on its website (http://bphc.hrsa.gov/nhdp/phs_officers_device_supply_center_main_page.htm), guidance will be issued by HHS and if needed, supplemental instructions for DoD. The PTU will consist of a gold yellow short-sleeve shirt with silver reflective "USPHS" on the front left chest and the back of the shirt. It will also have nylon shorts with a silver reflective "USPHS" on the front left leg.

E) Other Instructions

1. PHS Officers are not authorized to wear PHS uniforms OCONUS (Outside the Continental United States) unless authorized by their governing MOA or by the PHS Surgeon General.
2. Officers assigned to DoD components shall wear the equivalent Service's uniform, including BDUs or ODUs, in accordance with directives of their respective military command.
3. The khaki uniform can be worn in lieu of the BDU or ODU.
4. All PHS Officers detailed to DoD components who are participating in training or deployed through the PHS Readiness & Response Programs, Division of Commissioned Corps Personnel & Readiness shall wear their uniforms in accordance with the uniform requirements of the PHS Readiness & Response Programs for the duration of their deployment with the exception of the American flag on the BDU (see B) 6. Above).
5. There are no other circumstances under which a PHS officer may wear the uniform of a military Service, unless expressly authorized by their governing MOA or the PHS Surgeon General.

This policy is effective immediately and will remain in effect until rescinded.



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ATTACHMENTS: 1

ATTACHMENT 1

Initial Ordering Information for the ODU (summary)

- 1) To order On-Line:
 - a) Follow the directions in POM12-009 at: http://dcp.psc.gov/eccis/documents/POM12_009.pdf
 - b) There are more detailed instructions on the CCMIS website, <http://dcp.psc.gov/ccmis/>, under 'Services' then 'Ordering the ODU Online'
 - c) Pre-Register at: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg1/udc/Emplid.asp>
 - d) Login to the UDC website <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg1/udc/Ordering.asp> , you need your employee number from Direct Access: <https://ep.direct-access.us/psp/UCGP1PP/?cmd=login&languageCd=ENG&>. Go to "Member Information" and locate: your number denoted as "EmplID."
 - e) Click on "Placing Orders" then "Online Ordering"
 - f) Enter EMPLID and Password
 - g) Click Continue then "NOAA Corps/PHS Uniforms"
 - h) Sizing charts are available at http://dcp.psc.gov/eccis/documents/POM12_009.pdf. Read carefully for correct sizing.
- 2) All other ODU Corps authorized component may be obtained from the UDC (e.g. Cap, Utility 8-point Hat, Sun (Boonie), Blue Parka, Foul Weather, Type II Trousers, Foul Weather, Type II Belt, Black with subdued buckle Cap, Knit (watch), black Liner, Polar Fleece, Blue ODU Utility Jacket, and T-shirt, Mock Turtle-neck, Winter, Blue). Note: Do not order the USCG version of the ODU.
- 3) To shop in person there are 2 locations: one at Training Center Cape May, New Jersey, and the other in Woodbine, New Jersey. Neither location can accept cash, only credit cards, checks, or money orders.
 - a) Cape May Location: Over-the-counter sales at Cape May are available Thursdays only from 0730 to 1500. They only carry sea bag issued items.
 - b) Woodbine Location: Over-the-counter sales at Woodbine are from 0730 to 1500 Monday thru Friday. They carry all mandatory and some optional uniform items and accessories.
 - c) Note: Both locations may not always carry Corps specific items (e.g., PHS Collar insignia or Field Medical Readiness Badge patch). More in-store CGX shopping options will become available in the near future in specific areas of the United States.
- 4) Name tapes and collar devices must be ordered from the Navy Exchange NEX or via telephone 1-800-368-4088, select option 1, then select option 3. You may also call Walter Reed National Military Medical Center - Bethesda NEX at 301-295-6366. The following can be ordered:
 - a) Name tape for Last Name (gold thread on blue background)
 - b) Name tape for USPHS (gold thread on blue background)
 - c) Sew-on Rank Device (Collar)
 - d) USPHS Sew-on Corps Device (Collar)