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COMNAVREGEURAFCENTINST 1020.1G
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COMNAVREGEURAFCENTINST INSTRUCTION 1020.1G

From: Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Central

Subj: NAVY UNIFORM POLICY AND REGULATIONS FOR NAVY REGION
EUROPE, AFRICA, CENTRAL AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

Ref: (a) NAVPERS 15665J
(b) CNIC M-5530.1

Encl: (1) Waiver Request for Off-Installation Uniform Wear

1. Purpose. To prescribe Navy uniform policies and regulations for U.S. Navy personnel stationed or temporarily assigned in the Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Central (CNREAC) area of responsibility (AOR). This policy does not apply during military missions (e.g., official ceremonies, band appearances, training events, etc.) or operations where the wearing of uniforms is consistent with the mission and mode of travel. Commanders may establish and enforce more stringent requirements on personnel within their organization as appropriate to the threat and circumstances as they deem necessary.

2. Cancellation. COMNAVREGEURAFCENTINST 1020.1F.

3. Scope and Applicability

a. Per reference (a), CNREAC is the regional prescribing authority for the Europe, Africa, and Central AORs.

b. Navy personnel will comply with the policies outlined in this instruction, applicable Geographic Combatant Command (GCC) and Navy Component Command (NCC) regulations, and local command guidance.

4. General Regulations

a. Reference (a) is the source publication governing the wearing of uniform attire by U.S. Navy personnel. CNREAC is the U.S. Navy uniform prescribing authority for its area of responsibility, and is thereby responsible for issuing uniform policy within the geographic limits of its assigned region. Violations of this policy may result in administrative or disciplinary action under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

b. For Deployed Forces, the Senior Officer Present Afloat is responsible for uniform policy afloat and ensuring compliance with the uniform policy herein when personnel are ashore, to include liberty parties and members of the command operating ashore.

c. To ensure uniformity, CNREAC will publish the seasonal uniform change by message twice each year. Uniform changes will be coordinated with Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe/Africa and Commander, SIXTH Fleet.

5. Uniform Regulations

a. Prescribed Uniform of the Day

(1) Officers/Chief Petty Officers: Navy Working Uniform (NWU).

(2) E-6 and below: NWU.

b. Alternate Uniform of the Day

(1) Officers/Chief Petty Officers: Service Khaki.

(2) E-6 and below: Navy Service Uniform.

6. Uniform Guidelines in the European Command AOR

a. In Force Protection Condition (FPCON) Alpha/Bravo (A/B), uniform wear is authorized during vehicle travel between domicile and U.S. or Host Nation (HN) military installations when traveling via a private, government, or rental vehicle. Unless emergency situations dictate, personnel will not exit vehicles in uniform while traveling to/from locations. Uniform wear is prohibited while traveling by motorcycle, bicycle, or by foot. In FPCON Charlie/Delta (C/D), uniform wear is prohibited outside of access controlled areas.

b. In FPCON A/B, uniforms are authorized on government provided shuttle buses between domicile and U.S. or Host Nation (HN) military installations. During FPCON C/D, the Region Commander will approve uniform wear on a case-by-case basis after reviewing the nature of the current threats.

c. Personnel are prohibited from wearing a military uniform while traveling within or transiting the CNREAC AOR via commercial means (e.g., aircraft, trains, buses, taxis, etc.). When possible, personnel will not carry items, such as luggage and backpacks, that readily convey an affiliation with the Department of Defense (DoD). This includes, but is not limited to, camouflage pattern backpacks, military style backpacks, or duffel bags. Personnel traveling via military/military contract transportation will wear the uniform prescribed in applicable deployment or travel orders, or appropriate civilian clothing.

d. In FPCON A/B, DoD personnel in off-base hotels may wear uniforms when departing or arriving in a private, government, or rental vehicle when appropriate. Uniform wear in public areas of hotels, such as breakfast or dining room, bar, or fitness room, is prohibited during FPCON C/D and will be limited to the greatest extent possible during FPCON A/B to reduce DoD signatures.

e. In FPCON A/B, off-installation uniform wear is authorized when executing operations, training, exercises, and events where individuals/organizations represent the DoD to the HN in an official capacity.

f. Commanders, Commanding Officers (CO), and Officers in Charge (OIC) may authorize appropriate hot and cold weather uniform wear, when appropriate environmental conditions exist.

g. Hard hats and Personal Protective Equipment may only be worn in industrial and waterfront/pier areas, unless otherwise directed.

h. Physical Training Uniform (PTU)

(1) PTU is not authorized to be worn off-base. Physical fitness tests that must be conducted in a PTU uniform will be conducted on-base. Formation runs in PTUs will not occur off-base.

(2) At no time will soiled, dirty, or sweaty PTUs be authorized for wear in the Navy Exchange, Commissaries, or any food establishments. Installation COs may permit wear of clean Navy PTU in designated locations (e.g., when purchasing refreshments from the mini-mart) as conditions and circumstances warrant.

i. Waivers to this policy will be routed using enclosure (1), except in circumstances where a Special Event Antiterrorism (SEAT) Plan is submitted. CNREAC approval of a SEAT Plan involving off-installation uniform wear equates to an approved waiver.

7. Uniform Guidelines in the Africa Command AOR

a. In all FPCONs, off-installation uniform wear is only authorized for official business. Activities that constitute as official business shall be determined by the Installation CO. Off-installation uniform wear is not authorized for unofficial business or events.

b. Waivers to this policy will be routed using enclosure (1), except in circumstances where a Special Event Antiterrorism (SEAT) Plan is submitted. CNREAC approval of a SEAT Plan involving off-installation uniform wear equates to an approved waiver.

8. Uniform Guidelines in the Central Command AOR. CNREAC does not impose additional restrictions to off-installation uniform wear outside of compliance with GCC and NCC regulations and local command guidance.

9. Organizational Clothing

a. Wear of the all-coyote brown combat shirt for Naval Security Force (NSF) personnel is authorized while wearing Tactical Outer Carrier at the discretion of the CO. Installations are authorized to purchase combat shirts only with the approval of the Region Security Officer. The use, issuance, and inventory of combat shirts will be in accordance with reference (a).

b. NSF Personnel must maintain a professional appearance at all times. The combat shirt will be tucked in at all times and the zipper will be closed at least 3/4 of the way when worn. The shirt may only be worn when wearing Tactical Outer Carrier.

c. Specific manner of wear for the Tactical Outer Carrier will be in accordance with reference (b).

d. Wear of other types of combat shirts (ex. Type III) is authorized if issued as organizational clothing by the current command. The wear of combat shirts issued by prior commands are authorized at the discretion of the CO. The wear of off-the-shelf or self-purchased varieties is strictly prohibited.

e. Per reference (b), law enforcement personnel (Active and Reserve Duty Master-at-Arms, and Department of the Navy civilian police) are authorized to wear "POLICE" name plates on Tactical Outer Carrier. All other NSF members (Auxiliary Security Force and guards) will wear "U.S. NAVY SECURITY FORCES" on Tactical Outer Carrier.

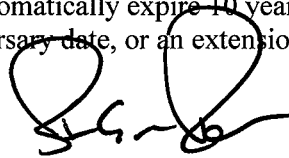
10. Action

a. Commanders, COs, and OICs will ensure strict compliance with this instruction by their personnel. Well-maintained, properly fitted uniforms and high grooming standards bring credit to the U.S. Navy, the Region, and the member's Command. This responsibility must be embraced and not be taken lightly.

b. Installation COs will ensure all personnel are briefed on the proper wear of uniforms during area orientation briefs and onboarding processes.

11. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media format, must be managed per Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Manual 5210.1 of September 2019.

12. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, N00 will review this instruction annually, on the anniversary of its effective date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, Department of Defense, SECNAV, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will automatically expire 10 years after the effective date unless reissued or canceled prior to the 10-year anniversary date, or an extension has been granted.



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Waiver Request for Off-Installation Uniform Wear

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Ser N00/
DD MMM YY

From: [Requesting Command]
To: Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Central
Via: [Installation Commanding Officer]

Subj: REQUEST FOR WAIVER FOR OFF-INSTALLATION UNIFORM WEAR

Ref: (a) COMNAVREGEURAFCENTINST 1020.1G

1. Requesting a waiver to reference (a), allowing Sailors to wear the prescribed Naval uniform off-installation under the circumstances described below.

2. Point of Contact (POC) Information:

- a. Name: [Rank/Rate Last, First MI.]
- b. Command: [Full Command Name]
- c. Contact Number: [Phone Number]
- d. Email Address: [Official Email Address]

3. Waiver Request Details

Title of event:

Date(s) of request: [Start Date] - [End Date]

Location(s):

Uniform to be worn: [e.g. Service Dress Blue, Summer Whites, etc.]

Number of U.S. Navy personnel:

Very Important Persons (VIP): [List any applicable VIPs or N/A]

Specific circumstances (Check all that apply):

☐ Traveling in uniform via taxi or Privately Owned Vehicle (POV).

Reason: [Brief explanation. E.g., "Directly transiting from installation to venue and back, a distance of approximately [number] miles. No planned stops."]

☐ Traveling in uniform via command-sponsored transportation.

Reason: [Brief explanation. E.g., "Utilizing the shuttle service to travel from installation to venue and back."]

☐ Traveling to and from destination in civilian clothes and changing at venue.

☐ Attending U.S. organized event.

Event Description: [E.g., Morale, Welfare, and Recreation community service for highway cleanup.]

Enclosure (1)

☐ Attending a Host Nation organized event.

Event Description: [E.g., Attending Host Nation Change of Command]

☐ Alcohol consumption is authorized at event.

☐ Other:

Explanation: [Provide a detailed explanation of the circumstances.]

4. Justification. [Provide a detailed and compelling justification for the waiver request. Address why wearing the uniform off base is necessary or beneficial in this specific situation.]

5. Requesting command's acknowledgment. I understand that if this waiver is approved, I am responsible for upholding the highest standards of conduct and appearance while wearing the Naval uniform off-installation. I will ensure all participating personnel adhere to all applicable regulations and instructions, and represent the U.S. Navy in a professional and respectful manner. I understand that this waiver can be revoked at any time.

I. M. CO

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DD Mon YY

FIRST ENDORSEMENT

From: Installation Commanding Officer

To: Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Central

1. Forwarded, [recommend approval OR [recommend disapproval]].
2. Any additional comments, if necessary.

I. M. CAPTAIN

Copy to:
Requesting Command

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From: Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Central
To: Requesting Command

Subj: REQUEST FOR WAIVER FOR OFF-INSTALLATION UNIFORM WEAR

Ref: (a) Requesting Command ltr 1020 Ser N00/XXX of DD Mon YY

1. In response to reference (a), a waiver for Sailors to wear the prescribed Naval uniform off-installation is approved/disapproved.
2. Any comments, if necessary.

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Copy to:
Installation CO