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From: Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command
Commander, U.S. FIFTH Fleet

Subj: MILITARY UNIFORM AND CIVILIAN ATTIRE CLOTHING POLICY

Ref: (a) NAVPERS 15665 U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations
(b) Foreign Clearance Guide (Bahrain)
(c) COMUSNAVCENT/COMFIFTHFLT OPORD 1000-20
(d) NAVSUPPACT BAHRAININST 10120.1G

Encl: (1) Uniform and Clothing Policy Guidelines
(2) Appropriate Civilian Clothing Examples

1. Purpose. Per references (a) through (d), enclosures (1) and (2) provide detailed guidance on the proper wear of the military uniform and civilian attire by personnel assigned to or visiting Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command (NAVCENT) and Commander, U.S. FIFTH Fleet (FIFTH Fleet), Bahrain. The overall intent is for personnel to dress and behave within the confines of buildings 260 and 262 in a manner that is similar and consistent with how they would at Navy bases all over the world.

2. Cancellation. COMUSNAVCENT/COMFIFTHFLT memo of 11 May 23.

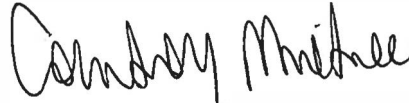
3. Applicability. This instruction applies to all military, Department of Defense (DoD) personnel, and contractors in the Kingdom of Bahrain, whether visiting or permanently assigned to NAVCENT/FIFTH Fleet. It only applies within the confines of buildings 260 and 262 in Naval Support Activity Bahrain.

4. Action. All military and civilian personnel will comply with this instruction.

5. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, must be managed per Secretary of the Navy Manual 5210.1 of January 2012.

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6. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, N1 will review this instruction annually around the anniversary of its issuance date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, DoD, Secretary of the Navy, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will be in effect for 10 years, unless revised or cancelled in the interim, and will be reissued by the 10-year anniversary date if it is still required, unless it meets one of the exceptions in OPNAVINST 5215.17A, paragraph 9. Otherwise, if the instruction is no longer required, it will be processed for cancellation as soon as the need for cancellation is known following the guidance in OPNAV Manual 5215.1 of May 2016.



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UNIFORM AND CLOTHING POLICY GUIDELINES

1. Military Uniforms

a. General. Personnel shall not wear military uniforms or any military uniform components on liberty when off a U.S. military compound. Military uniforms will not be worn in public or in the public areas of hotels or commercial establishments unless on official business or specifically authorized by NAVCENT/FIFTH Fleet, U.S. Embassy, or other U.S. Central Command designated authority.

b. Uniform of the Day. Navy Working Uniform (NWU) Type III, Two Piece Organizational Clothing or flight suit. Other Armed Forces or Service equivalent of these uniforms is also authorized.

c. Uniforms in Transit. Unless specifically authorized by NAVCENT or listed as an exception below, wearing a military uniform in transit from a private residence or hotel to any military installation is prohibited. During transit off base, uniforms will be kept covered in an opaque bag or garment bag. The following are exceptions to wearing uniforms in transit:

(1) NWU Type III uniforms or equivalent may be worn in a "Dressed Down" condition during transits between places of duty such as NSA Bahrain, the Aviation Unit, Mina Salman pier, and Isa Air Base. "Dressed Down" requires the blouse and headgear to be removed. Personnel traveling in official vehicles with darkened windows may remain bloused.

(2) Personnel transiting while in uniform shall not leave the vehicle unless physically within the facility compound.

2. Civilian Clothing

a. General. Military personnel are authorized to wear civilian attire on Sundays. Civilian attire is not authorized for wear when attending official functions in which the Uniform of the Day is required (i.e., CDO, ECP, DV visit support).

b. Guidelines. When wearing civilian attire, personnel shall be neat and presentable, and follow the guidelines set forth in references (c) and (d). Any clothing found to be offensive by a reasonable person to include clothing that is revealing, carries political or religious slogans, directly depicts or promotes drugs and/or alcohol, sexual innuendos, or gang related logos is not authorized. The wear of native attire, such as the male thobe and ghutra or female abaya, is not permitted by U.S. military members except by those of the Muslim faith. Sleeping attire is also not permitted.

(1) Accessories. No male piercings allowed (military only). No female ear piercing in excess of two pair of earrings per ear are allowed. No other piercings (i.e., nose, lips or eye brows) are authorized.

(2) Headwear. Wearing any type of head gear indoors is NOT authorized with the

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exception of head covering worn for religious reasons.

(3) Shirts. All shirts with collars, business casual, crew-neck or V-neck shirts, blouses, and golf/polo shirts are appropriate. Example of inappropriate shirts include: T-shirts, shirts with inappropriate slogans, camouflage, sleeveless, sheer (see-through), low neckline (revealing), and short (reveal mid-section).

(4) Pants. Casual slacks and jeans are authorized. Examples of inappropriate pants include: shorts, camouflage, and pants worn below the waist of the hip line. No holes, tears, fraying, or excessive fading is permitted. Spandex and leggings are only authorized when worn under a dress or long shirt (i.e., tunic) and at command sporting events.

(5) Skirts. Length of skirts will hang no higher than two (2) inches above the knee, (measured by top of the knee cap).

(6) Footwear. Casual slip-on or tie shoes, dress sandals, and clean athletic shoes are authorized. Footwear will be appropriate for a business environment and consistent with maintaining a professional image. Rubber or plastic shower shoes and house slippers are not authorized.

(7) Outerwear. Business casual outerwear (knit, sweater, blazer, etc.) is authorized. Examples of inappropriate outerwear include hoodies, sweatshirts, or sports jerseys.

(8) Spirit/Command/Association Collared Shirt. Department, divisions, or associations may create and wear Spirit/Command/Association collared shirts with Chief of Staff design approval via the chain of command, CMC, and legal review.

(9) Physical Training (PT) Attire. Personnel may transit directly to and from fitness facilities in PT attire, but following workout will not remain in soiled/sweaty PT clothing in the building. If participating in a Sailor 360 or other NAVCENT/FIFTH Fleet sponsored athletic event, all personnel will wear an appropriate shirt, pants/shorts, and shoes.

c. Ramadan. In addition to the above clothing restrictions, during Ramadan, U.S. civilian and military personnel shall not wear clothing that exposes the shoulder or knees or is overly tight or revealing.

APPROPRIATE CIVILIAN CLOTHING EXAMPLES

Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

