

CHAPTER TWO

GROOMING STANDARDS

SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

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2100 **GENERAL INFORMATION**

2101 **GENERAL.** When wearing naval uniforms, the primary consideration is to have a neatly groomed appearance. NSCC grooming standards align with sea service standards. Key grooming standards include neatness, cleanliness, safety, military image and appearance. These standards are reasonable, enforceable, and ensure that the personal appearance of NSCC members contributes to a favorable military image before the public.

2102 **SMARTNESS.**

- 1. **Image.** NSCC members must set and maintain high standards of smartness in uniform appearance. While in uniform, the military bearing reflected by attention to detail to correct uniform wear, cleanliness, and maintenance helps the NSCC to maintain a favorable public image.
- 2. **Articles**
 - a. NO ARTICLES SHALL PROTRUDE FROM OR BE VISIBLE ON THE UNIFORM, including such items as pencils, pens, key chain fobs, pins, jewelry, combs, large wallets, cigars, cigarettes, or pipes.
 - b. Wear jewelry, tie clasps, cuff links, and earrings as prescribed in these regulations. Members may use or wear communication devices while in service and working uniforms as prescribed below:
 - 1) Communication devices must be conservative in color and design.
 - 2) Only one communication device, should be carried.
 - (a) Communication devices possessed in service dress uniforms, shall be concealed.
 - (b) Communication devices will not be visible from the front, or worn in a manner that impedes normal uniform wear and appearance.
 - (c) Whenever there is a concern for cadet safety or security, the commanding officer may use discretion to direct communications device access and usage.
 - (d) The use of portable communication devices must not interfere with the rendering of military courtesies or compromise personal safety

2102 **SMARTNESS (Continued)**

(e) Use of earpieces, blue tooth technology, or hands-free devices while in uniform, and during NSCC activities are not authorized except as designated by the unit commanding officer, or advanced training COTC.

3. **Bags and Briefcases.** Members may wear private purchase bags, such as backpacks, computer bags and briefcases, with working and service uniforms as prescribed below:
 - a. Wear backpacks over either the left shoulder or both shoulders. Except for a matching regulation nametape, do not attach any personal ornamentation to the backpack.
 - b. Backpacks worn with service uniforms should be black only. Backpacks worn with NWUs may be black, NWU Type III or Type I pattern only.
 - c. To facilitate salutes or greetings, wear bags or briefcases across the left shoulder, with the bag hanging on the same side of the body (fore and aft). Do not wear the case or bag with the strap and bag on the opposite sides of the body (diagonally).
 - d. All bags worn with the uniform must be made of solid material that conceals the bag's contents.
 - e. While in dress uniforms, (Dress blues for Officers and Chiefs, and Dress blues or Dress whites for Cadets) hand carry private purchase bags.
 - f. While in uniform, you may carry a full sea bag on your back, using the shoulder straps.
4. **Eyewear.**
 - a. **Prescription Glasses.** Wear private purchase eyeglasses that are conservative in color and design. Do not wear eccentric or faddish eyewear. Wear retainer straps only if required where foreign object damage (FOD) prevention is in place, such as working on airfield or for other safety concerns. Retainer straps must be plain, black and worn snugly against the back of the head.
 - b. **Sunglasses.** Wear conservative sunglasses, except in military formations. Wear retainer straps only if required where foreign object damage (FOD) prevention is in place, such as working on airfield or for other safety concerns. Retainer straps must be plain, black and worn snugly against the back of the head.
 - c. **Contact Lenses.** Tinted contact lenses must be a natural color.

- d. **Undergarments.** Wear appropriate undergarments to preserve the dignity and appearance of the uniform.
- e. **Military Creases.** On service uniform shirts, ironed military creases are optional. Do not wear shirts with glued-in or sewn-in creases. To form military creases, press two vertical creases in the front of the shirt, from the shoulder seam through the center of each pocket to the bottom of the shirt, and three evenly spaced vertical creases in the back of the shirt, from the yoke seam to the bottom of the shirt. If shirts do not have a yoke seam across the back as a reference point for placing three evenly spaced creases, start the outboard creases at the shoulder seam. Then start the center crease at the seam that attaches the collar to the shirt. End all creases at the bottom of the shirt.



FIGURE 2-1-1 NSCC MILITARY CREASES

- f. **Alterations.** You may need to have your uniforms altered for a well-fitting, professional military bearing. Such alterations must not detract from a military appearance. Do not have your uniform tailored to a tight form fit.