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GENERAL UNIFORM REGULATIONS

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1100 **GENERAL INFORMATION**

1101 **POLICY.** U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Uniform Regulations:

1. Describe all authorized Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) and Navy League Cadet Corps (NLCC) uniforms, components, and required modifications.
2. Ensure that NSCC members and activities present a uniform and professional image across all regions and areas throughout the nation.
3. Ensure that modifications to US Navy uniforms clearly identify the wearer as a member of the NSCC or NLCC.
4. Sea Cadet uniforms are to be worn at Sea Cadet activities and when representing Sea Cadets at authorized functions. Do not wear a uniform to a political event or an event sponsoring a private commercial interest. If unsure, do not wear a uniform.

1102 **APPLICABILITY.** These regulations apply to all NSCC and NLCC members authorized to wear a uniform. Members are required to comply with all provisions of these regulations whenever they are wearing an NSCC or NLCC uniform.

1103 **DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA.**

1. NSCC or NLCC insignia will be worn to modify Navy uniforms to clearly identify the wearer as a member of the NSCC or NLCC.
 - a. Proper placement of distinctive NSCC and NLCC insignia is outlined in Chapter FOUR of this manual.
2. The wear of distinctive U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, or other DoD insignia, other than authorized rank insignia, is not permitted.
 - a. Current and former Navy, Coast Guard, and other DoD personnel may wear earned awards, appurtenances, and breast badges on their NSCC uniform.

1104 **UNIFORMITY.** Uniformity is paramount. NSCC/NLCC personnel will wear the appropriate uniform for the occasion. It is unprofessional to wear working uniforms to ceremonies, parades, public appearances, or when Cadets are in dress uniforms. All efforts should be made to contact the responsible authority for ceremonies of other service branches to determine the uniform of the day for the ceremonies and wear the appropriate equivalent NSCC/NLCC uniform. United States Naval Sea Cadet personnel must set and maintain the high standards of smartness in uniform appearance. The military image reflected by attention to detail, while wearing your uniforms, is a key element in the public image of the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps Uniforms shall be kept clean, and properly pressed.

1105 **DEMEANOR IN UNIFORM.** Demeanor in Uniform. It is the responsibility of all NSCC personnel to exhibit a professional demeanor while in uniform. Hands in pockets, the use of any tobacco or vaping products, or wear headphones while walking in uniform all detract from military smartness. The use of mobile phones should never interfere with the ability to render a proper salute or interfere with personal safety.

1106 **ENFORCEMENT.** Wear of the U.S. Navy's uniforms is a privilege and honor, and comes with the responsibility to proudly represent the U.S. Navy and the USNSCC by wearing the uniform smartly and in compliance with these regulations.

1. USNSCC Regulations § 5.09(c) and § 6.14(a)(v) make the deliberate abuse of the privilege of wearing the uniform grounds for discipline, up to and including termination.
2. Area Commanders, Regional Directors, and unit and training contingent commanding officers are charged with enforcing these regulations among the volunteers and cadets under their authority.
3. All members shall:
 - a. Comply with these regulations at all times when in uniform.
 - b. Display the required distinctive NSCC or NLCC insignia to identify themselves as NSCC or NLCC members.
 - c. Present a smart military appearance that reflects pride in self, unit, Corps, the U.S. Navy, and the United States.
 - d. Refrain from behavior in uniform that might reflect negatively on the U.S. Navy or the USNSCC, or which is inappropriate or inconsistent with smart military appearance or bearing.
 - e. Stand ready and willing to instruct others in correct uniform wear and grooming standards.

1107 **HEADGEAR**

1. **General.** The cover is an integral part of the uniform. Aboard ship, wear a cover while in port unless safety or other conditions prohibit wear. If at sea outside harbor limits, wear the cover prescribed for specific watches or ceremonial occasions by the ship's commanding officer.
2. **Outdoor Wear.** Outdoors, personnel remain covered at all times unless ordered to uncover, or during religious services not associated with a military ceremony. Personnel remain covered during invocations or other religious military ceremonies.
3. **Indoor Wear.** Covers are not generally worn indoors, however there are a few exceptions when covers are to be worn indoors. Wear a cover indoors if you are part of a color guard, standing watch, involved in a ceremony, or otherwise directed.
4. **Special Circumstances.** The cover may be removed when traveling inside a private vehicle off base. Unless impracticable or hazardous, wear a cover when entering or within a military base in a vehicle. You may remove your cover when riding a bicycle or motorcycle; in place of a cover, a safety helmet is required.

1108 **SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS.**

1. **Restrictions.** Refer to [U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations](#) or host commands for guidance and information on safety or other conditions that restrict the wear of certain uniform items aboard ship or in other settings.

1109 **UNIFORM ALLOWANCES AND DEPOSITS**

Location Homeport: See [UNIT FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT](#) Policy Section 1.04.

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1200 **PRESCRIBING AUTHORITY.**

- 1. Area Commander, Regional Directors, and unit and training contingent
Commanding Officers are delegated the authority to prescribe uniforms suitable for occasions, evolutions, and conditions.

1201 **SEASONAL UNIFORM CHANGEOVER** The Navy has both summer and winter uniforms. To ensure all hands wear the same uniforms at the same time, Navy regions choose dates to switch from summer to winter uniforms and vice versa. Sea Cadet units should be aware of uniform changeover dates in their regions, please see change dates at ([Commander, Navy Installations Command website](#)) for your region. (Note: Guam and Puerto Rico units are authorized to remain in summer uniforms all year) If unsure, wear winter uniforms between October 1 and April 30. Some professional situations call for business attire. Even when summer uniforms are in season, it is always appropriate to wear Service Dress Blue in a situation where business attire is called for. If unsure, ask.

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1300 TRAVEL UNIFORM

- 1301 **GENERAL.** Except as otherwise provided in this section, members should wear the prescribed uniform of the day which is designated by the unit commanding officer or prescribing authority when traveling for drill or authorized NSCC activities.
- 1302 **REGIONAL TRAVEL.** Within a region, wear the uniform of the day for the destination. Between regions, wear the uniform of the day for the destination, or wear appropriate civilian attire. If wearing civilian attire, change into the uniform of the day at the destination.
- 1303 **GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTATION.** When traveling aboard government transportation, members shall wear the prescribed uniform or civilian attire. Ensure dress, appearance, and hygiene are within standards, and wear clothing suitable for conditions.
- 1304 **COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION.** When traveling by commercial transportation to or from drill, advanced training, or other USNSCC activities, wear appropriate civilian clothing. Verify the uniform of the day at your destination.
- 1305 **COMMUTING**
1. **General.** Wear the prescribed uniform while commuting to and from a drill or training site.
 2. **Commuting while wearing the Navy Working Uniform (NWU).**
 - a. The NWU is not a uniform generally worn in public, or off installations. However because it is impractical to change clothes all the time, NSCC members may wear the NWU while commuting and during brief errands which take place immediately before, during, or immediately after the drill or training activity.
 - b. When travelling in the NWU, your uniform must be clean and present a sharp military appearance.
 3. **Change out.** Whenever possible carry civilian clothing while commuting in case you need to change.