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SUBJ: RESULTS OF UNIFORM BOARD NO. 41

A. UNIFORM REGULATIONS, COMDTINST M1020.6 (SERIES)

B. U. S. COAST GUARD MARITIME LAW ENFORCEMENT MANUAL, (MLEM)  
COMDTINST M16247.1 (SERIES)

1. THIS ALCOAST REPORTS THE RESULTS FROM UNIFORM BOARD NO. 41. IT ALSO IMPLEMENTS CHANGES TO THE UNIFORM REGULATIONS WHICH WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL INCORPORATED INTO THE NEXT CHANGE OF REF (A). (CURRENTLY UNDER REVISION)

2. THE FOLLOWING CHANGES HAVE BEEN APPROVED AND ARE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED:

A. FOR RANKS E7 THRU E9 THE COLLAR DEVICES SHALL BE WORN ON THE TRENCH COAT IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE WINDBREAKER. E4 THRU E6 SHALL WEAR NO RANK ON OUTERWEAR EXCEPT FOR THE ALL WEATHER PARKA.

B. GUIDANCE ON ELECTRONIC DEVICES USE WHILE IN UNIFORM: WHEN WALKING, MEMBERS SHALL NOT SMOKE, EAT, DRINK, OR KEEP HANDS IN POCKETS. USE OF CELL PHONES, HAND HELD AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES IS DISCOURAGED, ALTHOUGH LIMITED USE FOR OFFICIAL BUSINESS IS AUTHORIZED. IF DEEMED NECESSARY TO RE-EMPHASIZE AND ENCOURAGE PROFESSIONALISM ABOARD THEIR UNITS, COMMANDS ARE AUTHORIZED TO IMPLEMENT MORE RESTRICTIVE GUIDELINES REGARDING USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN UNIFORM.

C. THE BASIC RIGGERS BELT (NSN: 8415-01-526-5551) IS AUTHORIZED AS AN OPTIONAL ITEM WITH THE ODU ONLY. THE BELT IS A BLACK NYLON FABRIC THAT MEASURES 1 3/4 INCHES WIDE. THE BASIC RIGGERS BELT COMES IN ONE SIZE. THE BITTER END SHALL EXTEND 2-4 INCHES PAST THE BELT BUCKLE ON THE WEARERS LEFT.

D. THE PRESCRIBING AUTHORITY IN REF (A) IS CLARIFIED TO READ AS:

DISTRICT COMMANDERS PRESCRIBE THE UNIFORM FOR THE SEASON, DAY, OR SPECIAL OCCASION FOR PERSONNEL WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHIC LIMITS OF THEIR DISTRICT, WITH THE EXCEPTIONS LISTED BELOW [AS OUTLINED IN 1.B.1 IN REF (A)]. COMMANDS WITHIN THE DISTRICT MAY AMEND THE DISTRICTS STANDARD UNIFORM OF THE DAY ONLY WITH PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE APPROPRIATE DISTRICT PROGRAM MANAGER, AND THEN ONLY WHEN NECESSARY DUE TO SHORT-TERM LOCAL VARIATIONS IN WEATHER OR CLIMATE.

E. THE UNIFORM DISPOSAL POLICY IS CHANGED SO THAT: OBSOLETE, WORN, DAMAGED, OR UNWANTED UNIFORM ITEMS SHALL BE DISPOSED OF PROPERLY TO ENSURE THEY DO NOT BECOME AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. ANY MARKINGS OR IDENTIFICATION SEWN ONTO THE UNIFORM WHICH WOULD IDENTIFY IT AS BELONGING TO AN INDIVIDUAL OR AS A U.S. COAST GUARD UNIFORM SHALL BE REMOVED BEFORE DISPOSAL. THE UNIFORM ITEM SHALL BE RENDERED UNSERVICEABLE BY BURNING, TEARING, CUTTING, ETC. UNIFORM ITEMS SHALL NOT BE MERELY THROWN IN THE TRASH WITHOUT TAKING SUCH PRECAUTIONS FIRST. IN ADDITION, UNIFORM ITEMS SHALL NOT BE DONATED TO RELIEF AGENCIES (GOODWILL, THE SALVATION ARMY, ETC.), SOLD TO RETAIL OR CONSIGNMENT STORES FOR FURTHER RESALE TO THE PUBLIC, NOR PROVIDED TO ANY ORGANIZATION, FOR ANY PURPOSES, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE INTENT IS NOBLE.

F. REF (B) WILL BE CHANGED TO READ: RED SHIRTS ARE NO LONGER AUTHORIZED FOR TRAINING TEAMS. FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES TRAINING TEAMS ARE AUTHORIZED WEAR OF RED SAFETY VESTS.

G. ADD TO REF (A) STANDARDIZE MANNER OF WEAR FOR WOMEN THAT WEAR A COMBINATION OF MENS AND WOMENS SHIRT AND TROUSERS TO READ AS FOLLOWS: WHEN A SHIRT AND TROUSERS COMBINATION OF DIFFERENT SEXES IS WORN, A SHIRT, TROUSERS AND FLY ALIGNMENT IS UNACHIEVABLE. HOWEVER, IN ALL CASES, THE NON-TAB EDGE OF THE BELT MUST ALIGN WITH THE FLY.

H. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THE DRESS SKIRT IS AN OPTIONAL ITEM. THE DRESS SKIRT WILL BE REMOVED FROM FY08 REQUIRED ITEM LIST FOR FEMALES. FEMALE CLOTHING MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE WILL BE ADJUSTED IN FY08.

I. WEARING OF RELIGIOUS HEADGEAR WHILE IN UNIFORM UNDER THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE: MUST BE BLACK OR MATCH THE HAIR COLOR OF THE WEARER, IT MUST BE OF A STYLE AND SIZE THAT IT CAN BE COMPLETELY COVERED BY, AND NOT INTERFERE WITH, THE WEARING OR APPEARANCE OF ANY UNIFORM MILITARY HEADGEAR, WHETHER OR NOT THE UNIFORM HEADGEAR IS BEING WORN. IT CANNOT INTERFERE WITH

THE PROPER WEAR OR FUNCTIONING OF PROTECTIVE CLOTHING OR EQUIPMENT. IT CANNOT BEAR ANY WRITING, SYMBOLS OR PICTURES, INCLUDING WRITING OR IMAGES WOVEN INTO THE FABRIC OR THE HEADGEAR AND IT SHALL NOT BE WORN IN PLACE OF UNIFORM MILITARY UNIFORM HEADGEAR WHEN SUCH UNIFORM HEADGEAR IS REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT U.S. COAST GUARD UNIFORM REGULATIONS.

J. THE BOONIE HAT IS AUTHORIZED AS ORGANIZATIONAL CLOTHING FOR THE OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT ONLY, NOT TO BE WORN OFF BASE, WHEN INTERACTING WITH THE PUBLIC, OR BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OR BOARDING TEAM MEMBERS. ONLY SEW ON RANK INSIGNIA ARE AUTHORIZED PLACED IN THE CENTER OF THE FRONT SECTION.

3. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE APPROVED FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDING, HOWEVER, ITEMS ARE NOT APPROVED FOR IMPLEMENTATION EXCEPT AS NOTED:

A. THE LENGTH OF THE WOMENS TROPICAL BLUE LONG SHIRT WILL BE EXTENDED. THE SHIRT IS TO BE LENGTHENED WITH TAILS ADDED TO INCREASE TUCKABILITY. THE MENS SHIRT IS STILL AUTHORIZED FOR WOMENS WEAR UNTIL A NEW DESIGN IS COMPLETED.

B. ALL ORGANIZATIONAL UNIFORM RELATED ITEMS (FROM OTHER PROGRAMS) ARE CONSOLIDATED INTO THE UNIFORM REGULATIONS MANUAL.

C. STANDARD OPTIONAL PHYSICAL TRAINING (PT) CLOTHING WILL BE DEVELOPED AND AVAILABLE THROUGH UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION CENTER (UDC). PT CLOTHING WILL CONSIST OF A WICKABLE ASH GRAY TOP WITH NAVY BLUE U.S. COAST GUARD LETTERING, AND MESH-STYLE NAVY BLUE BOTTOMS. (ATHLETIC JACKETS AND EXERCISE PANTS WILL BE OPTIONAL).

D. THE REQUEST FOR AN UN-TUCKED VERSION ODU HAS BEEN HEARD LOUD AND CLEAR AND HAS BEEN APPROVED. THE CLOTHING DESIGN AND TECHNICAL OFFICE (CDTO) AND UNIFORM PROGRAM ARE CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF PUTTING THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON A PROTOTYPE UNIFORM TO FULLY MEET U.S. COAST GUARD NEEDS. THIS INCLUDES INTRODUCTION OF A NEW FABRIC FOR THE ODU. THE FABRIC WILL HAVE ENHANCED OIL AND LUBRICANT RESISTANCE, COLORFASTNESS, AND WRINKLE RESISTANCE. THE UNTUCKED ODU WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO OUR UNIFORM INVENTORY ONCE FINAL DESIGN IS COMPLETE, SUFFICIENT INVENTORY IS ON HAND AND THE CURRENT ODU STOCK IS REDUCED TO A MORE MANAGEABLE LEVEL. THE CURRENT ODU IS A

GENERAL PURPOSE UNIFORM INTENDED FOR WEAR WHERE A DRESS UNIFORM IS NOT REQUIRED. BECAUSE OF ITS INCREASING VERSATILITY, E.G., WEAR IN SOME OFFICE SETTINGS, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE ODU PROJECTS A SHARP MILITARY APPEARANCE AT ALL TIMES. AS A RESULT, A SEPARATE ALCOAST WILL BE ISSUED TO ADDRESS ODU CARE AND WEAR POLICY.

E. WASH AND WEAR DRESS TROUSERS ARE BEING DEVELOPED FOR USE WITH THE TROPICAL BLUE LONG UNIFORM ONLY. THE WASH AND WEAR TROUSERS WILL NOT BE AUTHORIZED WITH THE SERVICE DRESS BLUE UNIFORM OR THE WINTER DRESS UNIFORM DUE TO FABRIC DIFFERENCES.

F. THE WOMENS DRESS TROUSERS ARE BEING REDESIGNED TO A NEW FLAT FRONT VERSION.

G. MORE RESEARCH IS REQUIRED BEFORE A WICKABLE T-SHIRT CAN BE AUTHORIZED WITH THE ODU.

H. ONCE AN OPTIONAL WINTER DRESS COAT IS READY FOR IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE FORWARDED ON WEAR AND PLACEMENT OF RANK INSIGNIAS.

4. THE FOLLOWING UNIFORM BOARD ITEMS WERE REVIEWED AND DISAPPROVED:

A. REMOVAL OF THE BUTTON FLAPS (PLACKETS) ON THE WOMENS TROPICAL BLUE LONG SHIRT.

B. ALLOWING DIRECT EMBROIDERY ON THE OPERATIONAL DRESS UNIFORM (ODU).

C. STANDARDIZING PLACEMENT OF COLLAR DEVICES FOR ALL SHIRTS.

D. ALLOWING E-7 THRU E-9 GARRISON INSIGNIA TO BE WORN ON THE BALL CAP.

E. CHANGING ODU BELT ALIGNMENT TO SAME AS THE BRASS BUCKLE.

F. ELIMINATION OF THE WOMENS PONY TAIL.

G. REMOVAL OF THE VELCRO ON THE ODU.

H. WEARING OF THE AIR FORCE FEMALE SHIRT.

I. WEARING THE TRENCH COAT WITH THE ODU.

J. WEARING OF QUALIFICATION INSIGNIA EARNED PRIOR TO ENLISTING IN THE U.S. COAST GUARD.

K. WEARING U. S. FLAG ON THE ODU.

L. WEARING ODU TROUSERS WITH COOK WHITES.

M. WEARING FEMALE TAB TIE WITH WINTER DRESS BLUE UNIFORM.

N. MANUFACTURING WOMENS SERVICE DRESS BLUE COAT WITH A DARTED WAIST.

O. WEARING MINI DEVICES ON BACK OF BALL CAPS.

P. WEARING GARRISON CAP WITH ODU.

Q. ADOPTION OF ENLISTED SHOULDER BOARDS.

R. ELIMINATING COMBINATION CAPS FOR E6 AND BELOW.

S. ISSUANCE OF MENS COMBINATION CAPS TO WOMEN.

T. ADOPTION OF AN EIGHT POINT COVER.

U. CONVERTING ALL NON-RATE STRIPES TO WHITE.

5. THE ABOVE ITEMS WERE RESEARCHED AND DEBATED AT GREAT LENGTH. THE UNIFORM BOARD MEETS AT LEAST ANNUALLY TO DISCUSS NEW RECOMMENDATIONS AND INITIATIVES. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ARE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION FOR MAKING THIS LONG OVERDUE UNIFORM BOARD A SUCCESS: CDR LAURIE MOSIER, LCDR TIFFANY ST. GEORGE, MCPO FRANCIS JENNINGS, MCPO KEVIN ISHERWOOD, MCPO ANN TUBBS, CPO LYNN FABBO, CPO CRYSTAL SPARKS, MR. STEVE MINUTOLO, CAPT WAYNE MUILENBURG, MR. CAROL BREWTON, MR. JOE DEBLASE, MR. BILL BROADAWAY, CWO DAVID MCLOUGLIN, AND CWO TARVIN GREENE.

6. ALL MEMBERS OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO COMMANDANT (CG-1221), THRU THE CHAIN OF COMMAND AND THEIR PROGRAM MANAGER.

7. AREA AND DISTRICT COMMANDERS, COMMANDERS, MAINTENANCE AND LOGISTICS COMMANDS, SECTOR COMMANDERS, COMMANDING OFFICERS OF HEADQUARTERS UNITS, ASSISTANT COMMANDANTS FOR DIRECTORATES, CHIEF COUNSEL, AND SPECIAL STAFF OFFICES AT

HEADQUARTERS, SHALL ENSURE THE WIDEST DISSEMINATION OF THIS  
ALCOAST.

8. FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT CWO GREENE AT (202)475-5369.

9. INTERNET RELEASED AUTHORIZED.

10. RELEASED BY CLIFFORD I. PEARSON, ASSISTANT COMMANDANT FOR  
HUMAN RESOURCES.

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