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7101. [GENERAL INFORMATION](#)

1. [CIVILIAN CLOTHING](#). Officers and enlisted personnel are permitted to have civilian clothing in their possession at naval activities ashore when authorized by the prescribing authority. Personnel aboard ship may have civilian clothing when authorized by the commanding officer. Such clothing may be authorized for wear while leaving or returning to ships or stations, while awaiting transportation after permission to leave the ship has been given, while on authorized leave of absence, liberty, or in any off-duty status ashore. Commands are authorized to suspend the wear of civilian clothing for individuals who fail to wear civilian clothing as outlined in this section. Civilian clothes privilege may also be suspended for those whose appearance may bring discredit upon the Navy, or who fail to maintain adequate uniforms or seabag requirements properly. Regional commanders and the senior officers present may suspend the privilege of wearing civilian clothing to meet local conditions.

2. [CASUAL CIVILIAN ATTIRE](#). Naval personnel shall ensure that their dress and personal appearance are appropriate for the occasion and will not discredit the Navy. Current styles and fashions which are conservative and in good taste are authorized. Tank-top shirts, white undershirts worn as outer garments, cut-off shorts and shower sandals are appropriate civilian attire for occasions such as picnics, athletic events, and other casual daytime activities, otherwise the above items are not acceptable within the confines of a military installation.

3. [DRUG ADVOCATION PROHIBITED](#). Wearing or displaying clothing, jewelry, tattoos, etc., depicting marijuana or any other controlled substance or advocating drug abuse is prohibited at all times on any military installation or under any circumstance which is likely to discredit the Navy.

4. [EARRINGS](#). Earrings are prohibited for male personnel in civilian attire when in a duty status or while in/aboard any ship, craft, aircraft, or in any military vehicle, or within any base or other place under military jurisdiction or while participating in any organized military recreational activities. When considered appropriate by the prescribing authority under [Article 7201.2](#), earrings may be prohibited while in foreign countries.

5. [BODY PIERCING](#). Not authorized while in uniform. No articles, other than earrings (one earring per earlobe) for women, shall be attached to or through the ear, nose, or any other body part. Additionally, body piercing is not authorized in civilian attire when in a duty status or while in/aboard any ship, craft, aircraft, or in any military vehicle or within any base or other place under military jurisdiction, or while participating in any organized military recreational activities. When considered appropriate by the prescribing authority under [Article 7201.2](#), body piercing may be prohibited while in foreign countries.

6. [TATTOOS/BODY ART/BRANDS](#). Four Criteria will be used to determine whether tattoos/body art/brands are permitted for Navy personnel: content, location, size and cosmetic. Failure to comply with established acceptable tattoo criteria as stated, is a violation of uniform policy and subject to disciplinary action to include involuntary separation.

a. Content: Tattoos/body art/brands located anywhere on the body that are prejudicial to good order, discipline, and morale or are of a nature to bring discredit upon the naval service are prohibited. For example, tattoos/body art/brands that are obscene, sexually explicit, and/or advocate discrimination based on sex, race, religion, ethnic, sexual orientation or national origin are prohibited. In addition, tattoos/body art/brands that symbolize affiliation with gangs, supremacist or extremist groups, or advocate illegal drug use are prohibited.

b. Location: No tattoos/body art/brands on the head, face (to include ear) and scalp. One tattoo is authorized on the neck and should not exceed one inch in measurement in any direction. Tattoos/body art/brands meeting these requirements are acceptable behind the ear. Permissible tattoos/body art/brands on the torso area of the body shall not be visible through white uniform clothing.

c. Size: The size restriction for visible tattoos/body art/brands is limited to the area of the neck and behind the ear only. As a result of this change leg and arm tattoos can be of any size. Tattoos/body art/brands on the neck or behind the ear will not exceed one inch in measurement in any dimension (height/width).

d. Cosmetic: Cosmetic tattoo is authorized to correct medical conditions requiring such treatment. For the purpose of this regulation, cosmetic tattooing refers to medical or surgical procedures conducted by licensed, qualified medical personnel.

7. **MUTILATION.** Intentional mutilation of any part of the body is prohibited. Mutilation, is defined as the intentional radical alteration of the body, head, face, or skin for the purpose of and or resulting in an abnormal appearance.

a. Examples of mutilation include, but are not limited to:

- (1) A split or forked tongue;
- (2) Foreign objects inserted under the skin to create a design or pattern;
- (3) Enlarged or stretched out holes in ears (other than a normal piercing);
- (4) Intentional scarring on neck, face, or scalp; or
- (5) Intentional burns creating a design or pattern.

8. **DENTAL ORNAMENTATION.** The use of gold, platinum, or other veneers or caps for purposes of dental ornamentation is prohibited. For purposes of this regulation, ornamentation is defined as decorative veneers or caps. Teeth, whether natural, capped, or veneered, will not be ornamented with designs, jewels, initials, etc.

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7201. [WEAR OF CIVILIAN CLOTHES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES](#)

1. If the laws of a country prohibit wearing foreign uniforms, wear civilian clothing.
2. Personnel traveling in a foreign country may wear civilian clothes, but wearing civilian clothes shall not conflict with [article 1301.4](#). Prescribing authorities are responsible for setting civilian clothes guidelines appropriate for foreign countries.

7202. [CIVILIAN CLOTHES FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL ON SPECIAL DUTY](#)

1. Chief of Naval Operations (N131U) establishes the requirement for enlisted personnel to wear civilian clothing in the performance of their official duties. Commanding officers will not direct enlisted personnel to wear civilian clothing in the performance of official duties unless a civilian clothing allowance has been authorized.
2. Prescribing authorities within the continental United States may authorize inspectors of **Navy Material Commands** (SYSCOMs) and other personnel in special billets whose offices are separate from other naval activities and whose duties require them to associate principally with civilians, to wear civilian clothes while performing assigned duties.
3. Personnel under instruction at civilian educational institutions and in civilian industrial establishments may wear civilian clothes at all times.
4. Medical and dental officers assigned to duty with veterans administration wear civilian clothes while performing such duty.
5. Medical officers serving as interns at civilian hospitals wear civilian clothes.

7203. [WEARING UNIFORM ARTICLES WITH CIVILIAN CLOTHES.](#)

Military personnel may wear the military uniform articles listed below with civilian clothing.

All-Weather Coat/Raincoat (w/o insignia)
Belts with civilian buckles
Black Fleece Liner (w/o insignia)
Cap, Knit Watch
Command/Navy Ball Cap (w/o insignia)
Gloves
Handbag
Jacket, Black (w/o insignia)
Jacket, Khaki Windbreaker (w/o insignia)
Mockneck
Necktie, Four-in-Hand
Peacoat (w/o insignia)
Shoes
Socks/Hosiery
Sweater, Black V-Neck Pullover (w/o nametag)
Underwear

7204. [CIVILIAN CEREMONIAL REGALIA WORN WITH NAVAL UNIFORM.](#) Normally, wearing civilian ceremonial regalia when in uniform is improper. Naval personnel may wear academic regalia with the naval uniform on occasions of academic ceremony. This authorization does not apply at U.S. Naval Academy graduation exercises and is limited to carrying of the appropriate academic hood over the left forearm by personnel who have been awarded degrees above the Bachelor of Arts or Science level.

7205. [GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTATION.](#) Navy personnel traveling aboard any military organic or commercial contracted (chartered) aircraft may wear civilian clothing when traveling on regular/emergency leave or Space A travel. Personnel on PCS or TAD orders may travel in civilian clothing unless otherwise directed by cognizant authority. Those who wear a uniform will observe regional travel requirements. Navy personnel must ensure that their dress or personal appearance is appropriate for the occasion and conforms

to required standards. Members wearing civilian clothing will ensure it is warm enough for in flight operations and destination. Personnel traveling overseas should consult the DoD Foreign Clearance Guide for any particular uniform or civilian clothing requirements for their destination.

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