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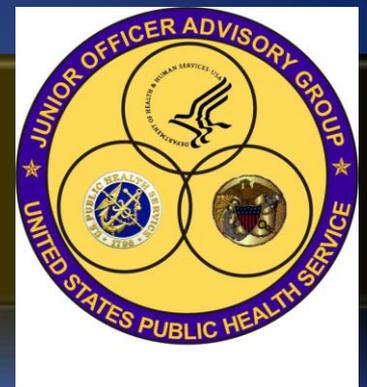
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This presentation has been created to give a brief overview of the regulations concerning the wearing of the four main uniforms of the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service.

Every effort had been made to confirm the accuracy of this information. All information contained in this presentation was obtained from the following sources (full reference list at end of presentation).

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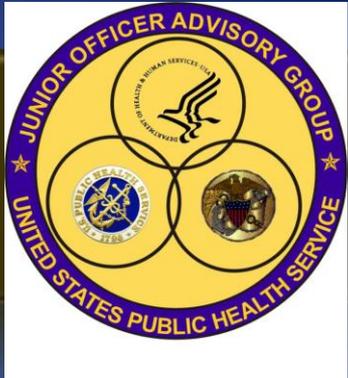
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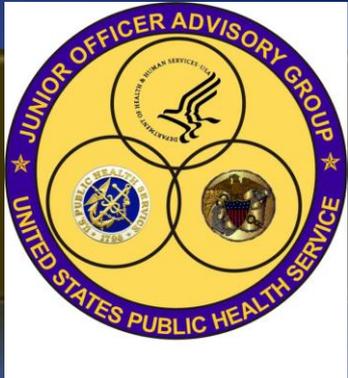
Why do we wear a uniform?

The Public Health Service was established in 1798. The first Supervising Surgeon (now known as the Surgeon General) of the Public Health Service, John M. Woodworth, was appointed in 1871. Soon after his appointment, Woodworth decided to organize the service along military lines. He created a mobile cadre of career health professionals (at first just physicians, but later the Corps expanded to include other health professionals). In 1889, the Commissioned Corps was formalized by law. The Commissioned Corps is a uniformed, but not a military, service (although the President can militarize the Corps in times of emergency involving national defense).



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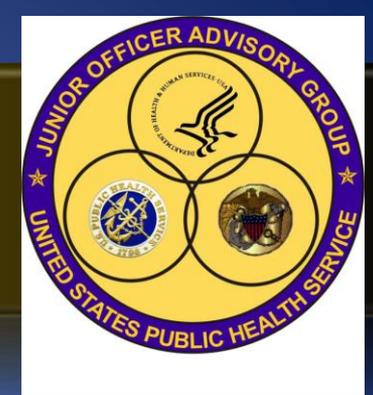


Why it is important to wear it correctly?

As members of the uniformed services we need to be mindful that we have been granted the great responsibility that comes with being a commissioned officer. We share the same rank as members of the other services and are treated with the same regard. Officers that do not wear the uniform appropriately reflect poorly on not only the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service, but on the other services as well. Plus, you never know when you might need to present an award to Goldie Hawn!



Goldie Hawn accepts a SAMHSA Special Recognition Award from Eric Broderick, Rear Admiral, United States Public Health Service.



What uniforms are mandatory?

Required Uniforms:

- Service Dress Blues (SDB)
- Operational Dress Uniform (ODU)

No Longer Required Uniforms:

- Summer White Uniform



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New Mil-Spec Uniform Items 1 Jan 2015

Discussed in detail during presentation



SDB Sleeve Device



Combo Cap PHS Device



Soft Shoulder Marks



PHS Collar Device



Garrison Cap PHS Device



FMRB



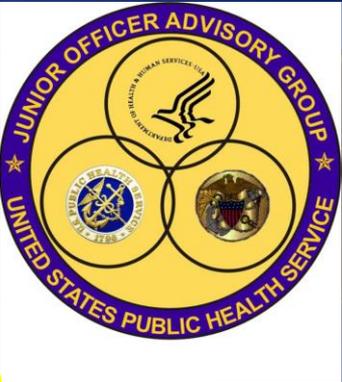
Hard Shoulder Boards



HHS Badge

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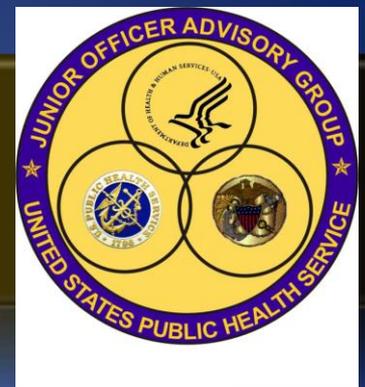


What uniforms can we wear?

USPHS uniform wear is dependent upon agency and mission assignment:

- Service Dress Blue (SDB)
- Modified Service Dress Blue Sweater (MSDBS)
- Summer White (SW)
- Operational Dress Uniform (ODU)
- Service Khaki (SK)
- Blue Coverall Uniform (BCU)





Corps Devices and Insignias

Per CC431.01, effective 1 January 2015 the following insignia and devices purchased or obtained before March 2012 are no longer authorized. The older devices are considered not up to military specifications (mil-spec).

- Cap Device (both combination cover and miniature size)
- PHS Collar Device
- Field Medical Readiness Badge
- PHS Sleeve Device
- Hard Shoulder Boards
- Soft Shoulder Boards
- HHS Identification Badge

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Service Dress Blue (SDB)



Required Components (Male):

- Coat - Blue, Service Dress
- Shirt - White, Dress
- Trousers - Blue, Dress
- Cap - White, Combination
- Shoes - Black , Dress
- Socks - Black
- Necktie - Black, Four-In-Hand
- Belt - Black
- Buckle - Gold
- Undergarments*
- Corps Name Tag
- Ribbons, all (Not just top 3)**



Required Components (Female):

- Coat - Blue, Service Dress
- Shirt - White, Dress w/shoulder marks
- Cap - White, Combination
- Slacks - Blue, Unbelted
- Shoes - Black, Service
- Necktie - Black
- Undergarments*
- Corps Name Tag
- Ribbons, all (Not just Top 3)**

Optional Components (Female):

- Skirt – Blue, unbelted

* Appropriate undergarments shall be worn to preserve the dignity and appearance of the uniform. When wearing a white uniform, white or skin toned undergarments shall be worn. Undergarments must be plain and design free.

** Ribbons are worn in a specific order. When wearing summer white, or khaki uniforms, it is acceptable to wear just the three ribbons that make up your top row. When wearing the SDB you are to wear all ribbons earned.

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Service Dress Blue (SDB) P&O Items

Occasions for Wear: Year-round wear at all official functions or situations where formal dress, dinner dress, or full dress uniforms are not prescribed and civilian equivalent dress is coat and tie.



Prescribable Items:

- Gloves - Black/White*
- Overcoat - Blue
- All-weather coat - Black

Optional Items:

- Cuff Links
- Tie Clasp/Tack
- Sweater (w/o SDB Coat)
- Jacket - Black, Windbreaker (w/o SDB coat)
- Reefer
- Umbrella
- Overshoes
- Scarf - white (w/outer garment only)
- Earmuffs (w/outer garment only)

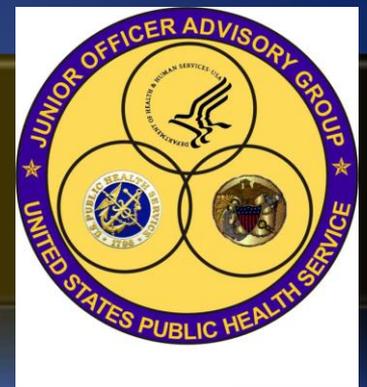


Prescribable Items:

- Gloves - Black/White*
- Overcoat - Blue
- All-weather coat - Black

Optional Items:

- Handbag - Black
- Hosiery - Flesh tone (w/skirt or pumps)
- Beret
- Earrings - Gold Ball
- Sweater (w/o SDB coat only)
- Reefer
- Jacket - Black Windbreaker (w/o SDB coat)
- Umbrella - Black
- Overshoes
- Shoes - Black, Dress
- Slip
- Scarf - white (w/outer garment only)
- Ear Muffs (w/outer garment only)



Modified Service Dress Blue (Navy) Sweater or Black Army Cardigan (MSDDBS)

- Wearing the sweater in lieu of the SDB coat over the SDB blouse creates the MSDDBS
- The Navy black sweater is a V neck style sweater, and the Army black cardigan button down is made of acrylic or wool.
- Requires soft shoulder boards and black leather name tag to cover the cover the Velcro patch (Navy sweater only).
- Shirt collars worn on the inside when a tie is worn, outside of the sweater if worn without
- May be worn over summer whites and khakis.
- May not be worn under the SDB jacket.
- Cardigan sweater is for “indoor wear only”



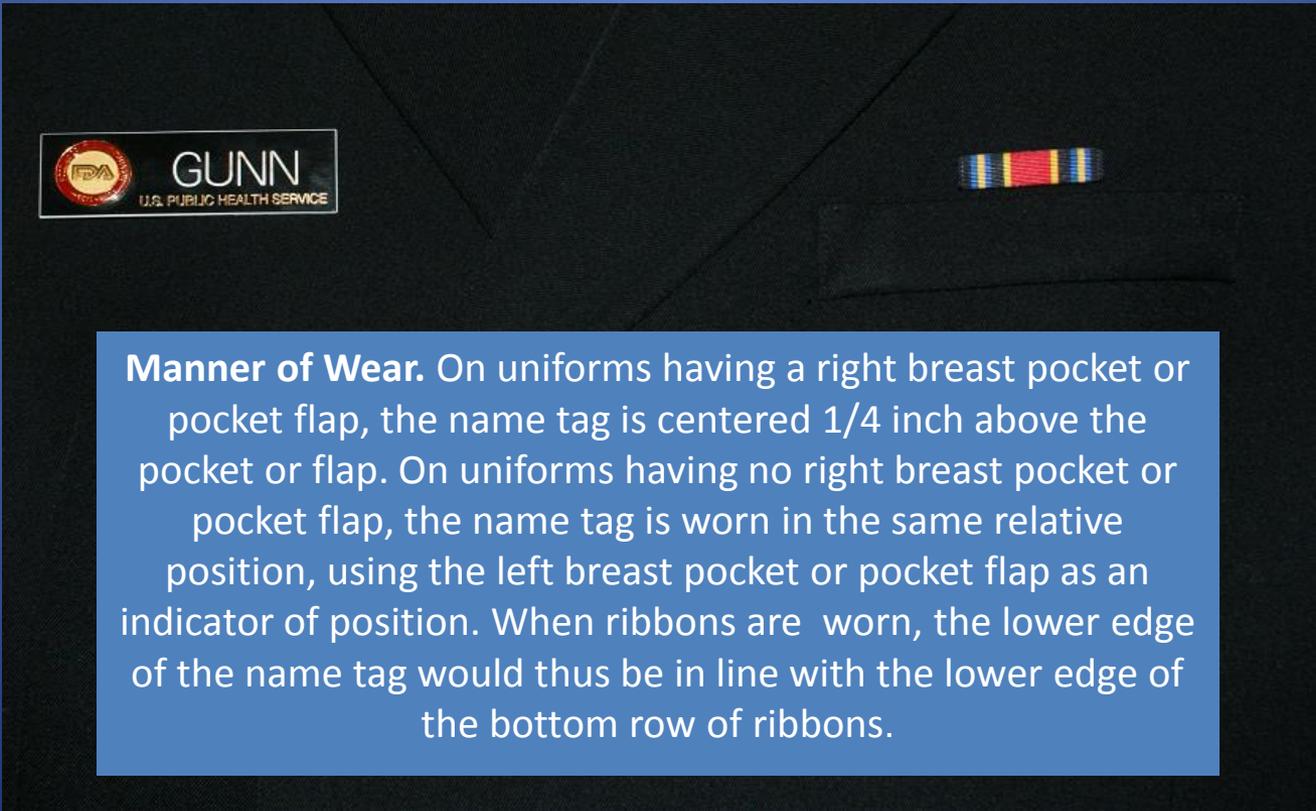
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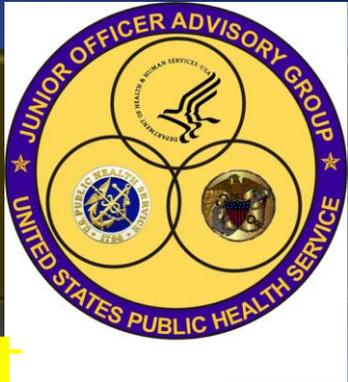
Name Tag & Ribbons



Manner of Wear. On uniforms having a right breast pocket or pocket flap, the name tag is centered 1/4 inch above the pocket or flap. On uniforms having no right breast pocket or pocket flap, the name tag is worn in the same relative position, using the left breast pocket or pocket flap as an indicator of position. When ribbons are worn, the lower edge of the name tag would thus be in line with the lower edge of the bottom row of ribbons.

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Service Dress Blue Jacket

Corps Device. A full-size Corps device shall be sewn onto the outer face of each sleeve, centered midway between the front and rear creases. It is positioned ¼ inch above the upper most stripe. The Corps devices are used in left-right pairs.

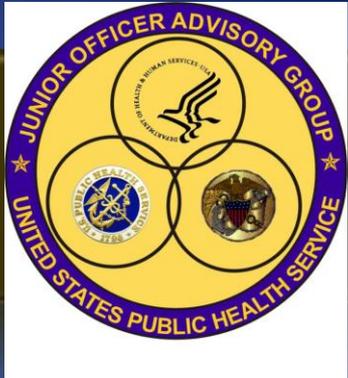
The anchor of the Corps device always faces forward.

Rank Lace Stripes. Stripes are gold lace in ¼ inch, ½ inch or 2 inch widths, depending on rank. The stripes are sewn onto each sleeve so as to be parallel with the cuff and completely encircle the sleeve. The lower edge of the bottom stripe is 2 inches from the edge of the cuff and there is a ¼ inch space between stripes. The officer shall wear the stripe or combinations of stripes which correspond to the officer’s pay grade/rank.



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The Combination Cover



Male



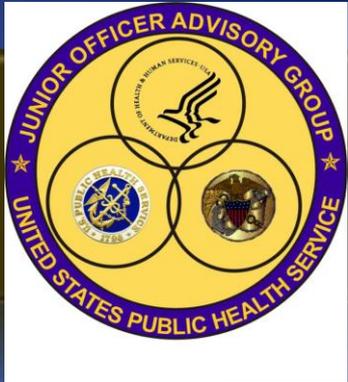
Female

The PHS Combination Cover is the same as the Combination Cover worn by Naval officers except:

- The USPHS cap device replaces the Navy cap device.
- The gold, 1/8 inch USPHS chin strap (right) has a maroon stripe.
- The screws securing the chin strap are embossed with the USPHS insignia which are positioned on the uniform such that the staff of the caduceus is vertical

NOTE: Cover fabric must be the same color (Khaki or white) and the same material (CNT or Poly-wool) as the uniform being worn.





Mil-Spec Combination Cover Device

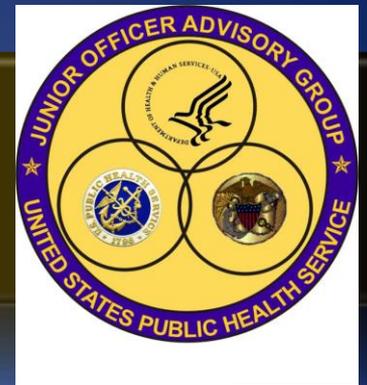
Correct Mil-Spec

No Longer Authorized



As of 1 Jan 2015, the new Mil-Spec Combination cap device shown on left is required

- Shield is wider in appearance
- Both wings on the caduceus are the same size
- Greater detail on the eagle’s feathers



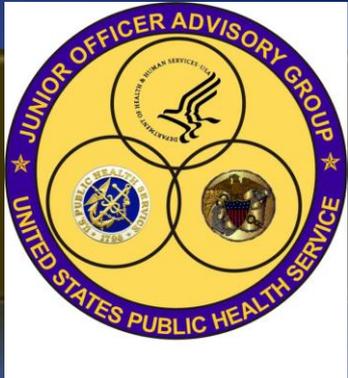
The Black Garrison Cap

- Newly authorized black garrison cap without gold piping.
- May only be worn with the SDB uniform without SDB coat and with the Navy black sweater or windbreaker jacket.
- Same device placements as the khaki garrison cap.



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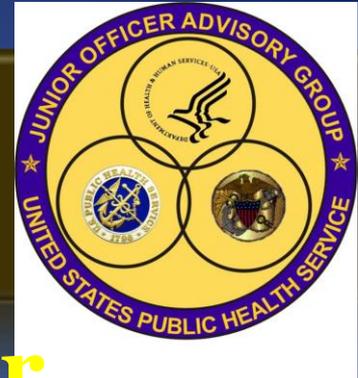
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The Beret

- The beret should be worn toward the back of the head (approx. ¾ in.) from forehead hairline and tilted slightly right.
- It is not to be worn forward covering the forehead. Cap device is aligned above left eye.
- Cap device is placed ¾ inch above the base of the beret.





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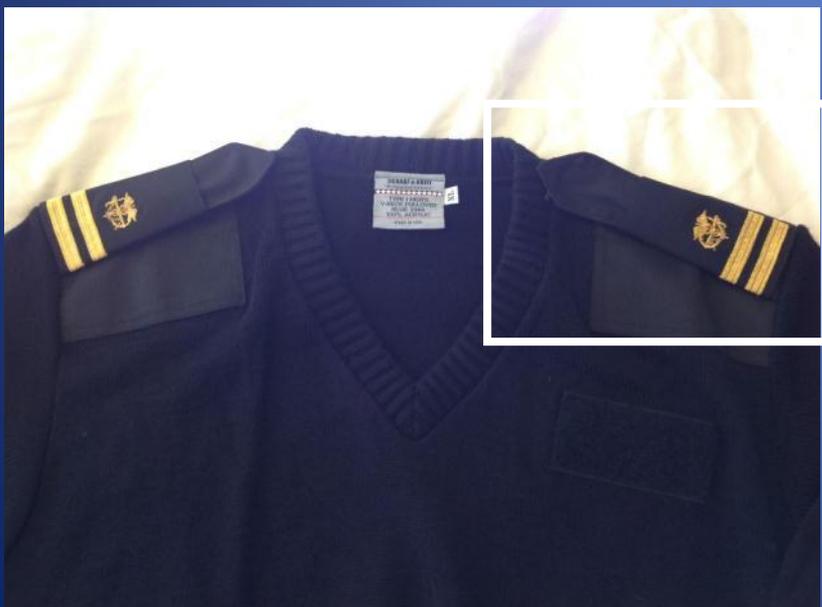
Soft Shoulder Marks



Incorrect:
Don't drag your anchors

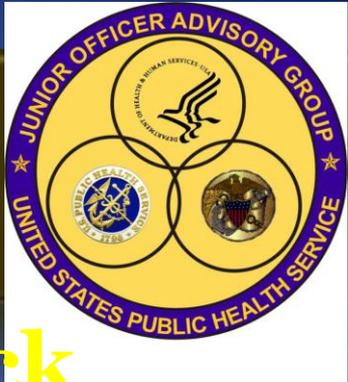


Correct: Shoulder Boards should be oriented
So that the anchors point forward.



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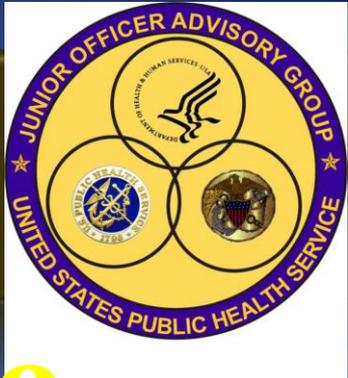
Pull-Over Sweater Navy Black



- Leather Name Patch worn on LEFT side of sweater w/ Velcro backing.
- FMRB or earned breast insignia embossed top row, centered.
 - Currently, there is not a FMRB Mil-Spec option available for the leather name tag. Previous nametags are still authorized.
- First Name, Middle Initial (or FI, MI) Last Name.
- Rank (left corner), USPHS (right corner).
- Wear of the plastic nametag over the velcro Patch on the V-Neck sweater is not authorized.

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Service Dress White



Required Components (Male):

- Coat - White, Service Dress
- Trousers - White, Dress
- Cap - White, Combination
- Shoes - White, Dress
- Socks - White
- Belt - White
- Buckle - Gold
- Undergarments*
- PHS Name Tag
- Hard Shoulder Boards
- Ribbons, all (Not just top 3)**



Required Components (Female):

- Coat - White, Service Dress
- Slacks - White, Unbelted
- Shirt - White, Dress (w/shoulder marks)
- Necktie - Black
- Cap - White, Combination
- Shoes - White, Service
- Socks - White
- Undergarments*
- PHS Name Tag
- Ribbons, all (Not just top 3)**

Optional Components (Female):

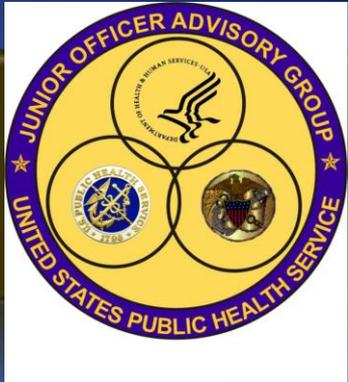
- Skirt - White, Unbelted
- Shoes - White, Dress
- Hosiery - Flesh Tone with Skirt or Pumps

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Summer Whites



Required Components (Male):

- Shirt - White, Summer
- Trousers - White
- Cap - White, Combination
- Shoes - White, Dress
- Socks - White
- Belt - White
- Buckle - Gold
- Undergarments
- Hard Shoulder Boards (HSB)
- PHS Name Tag
- Ribbons (full rack or top 3)

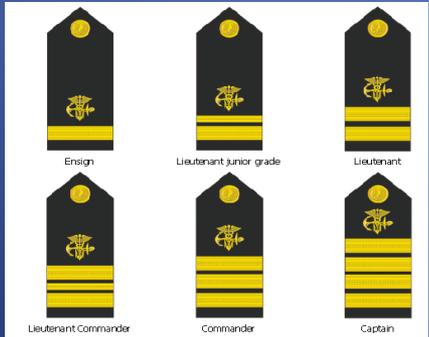


Required Components (Female):

- Shirt - White, Summer
- Cap - White, Combination
- Shoes - White, Service
- Slacks - White, Belted or
- Belt - White, w/ Gold Clip
- Buckle - Gold
- Undergarments
- Hard Shoulder Boards
- PHS Name Tag
- Ribbons (full rack or top 3)

Optional Components (Female):

- Skirt - White, Belted

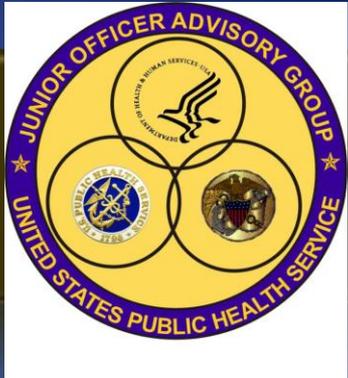


Female HSBs are designed to fit over a strap on the shoulder of an epauletted shirt and coat. The female HSB is of the same general appearance, but is approximately 1/2 inch shorter than the male HSB.

The male HSBs have a strap attached to the underside of the board for attachment to loops on a shirt or coat shoulder.

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Summer Whites P&O Items



- Prescribable Items:**
- All - Weather Coat - Black
 - Undershirt - White

- Optional Items:**
- Sweater
 - Jacket - Black, Windbreaker
 - Umbrella
 - Overshoes
 - Scarf - white
(w/outer garment only)
 - Reefer
 - Earmuffs
(w/outer garment only)
 - Cap - Ball, Command
(as determined by Local Uniform Authority (LUA))

Occasions for Wear:

Worn in the summer for normal office work after the Surgeon General’s Memo has been released.



- Prescribable Items:**
- All -Weather Coat - Black
 - Undershirt - White
- Optional Items:**
- Shoes - Dress, White
 - Cap - Ball, Command (As prescribed by LUA)
 - Handbag - White
 - Hosiery - Flesh Tone (w/Skirt or Pumps)
 - Skirt - White, Belted
 - Beret
 - Earrings - Gold Ball
 - Sweater
 - Slip
 - Jacket - Black, Windbreaker
 - Umbrella - Black
 - Overshoes
 - Scarf - White (w/outer garment only)
 - Reefer
 - Sweater
 - Ear Muffs (w/outer garment only)

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The BDU vs. ODU



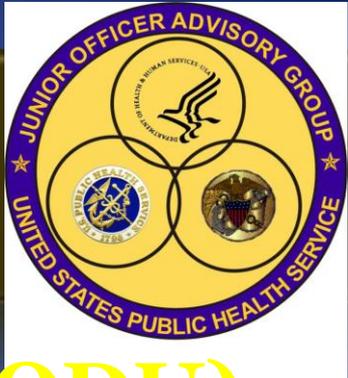
Effective immediately, the Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) and accoutrements will no longer be authorized for wear by Corps officers. It has been replaced with the untucked NOAA version of the Operational Dress Uniform (ODU) which is free of USCG logos and insignias. The phase-in was 09/01/2012 until 12/31/2014.

As of 01/15/2015, the BDU is no longer authorized.



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Operational Dress Uniform (ODU)



Required Components (Male & Female):

- Belt, Basic Riggers
- Boots, Combat
- Command Ball Cap, Blue
- Embroidered Full Color PHS Collar Insignia
- Embroidered Full Color Rank Insignia
- Embroidered Gold Name/USPHS Tapes
- ODU Shirt, Blue
- ODU Trousers, Blue
- PHS T-shirt, Blue
- Socks, Black
- Undergarments

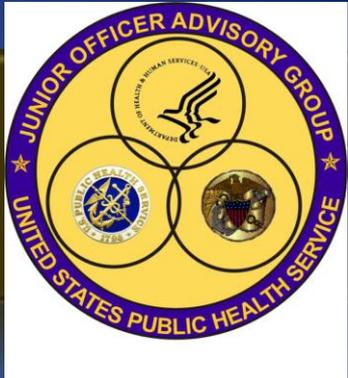
Prescribable Items:

- Boots, Safety, Black
- Cap, Utility, 8-point, Blue
- Hat, Sun (Boonie), Blue
- Parka, Foul Weather, Type II
- Trousers, Foul Weather, Type II
- **Optional Items:**
 - Belt, Black with subdued buckle
 - Earmuffs (w/outergarment)
 - Earrings, Gold Ball (females)
 - Embroidered Skill Badge Patch
 - Gloves, Black (w/outergarment)
 - Liner, Polar Fleece, Blue
 - Officer In Charge (OIC), mini metal badge
 - T-Shirt, Mock Turtle-neck, Winter, Blue
 - Watch Cap (w/outergarment)

Occasions for Wear: Appropriate for when other uniforms would be unsafe or become unduly soiled, and one day per week as defined by the National Uniform Authority (NUA) of Local Uniform Authority (LUA)

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ODU – Collar Devices



The collar rank insignia shall be the sew-on type, embroidered on blue ripstop background material. Collar rank insignia shall be worn on the right collar, centered on an imaginary line bisecting the angle of the collar point; the center of the device shall be 1½ inches perpendicularly from each collar edge.

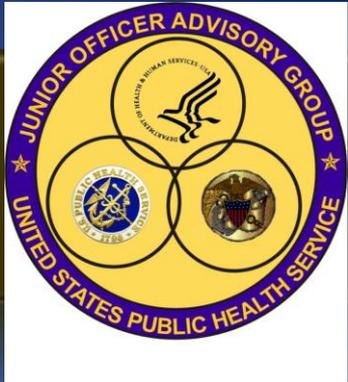


The PHS Corps Device, consisting of a fouled anchor and caduceus crossed as in the seal of the Service, shall be embroidered in gold thread on blue ripstop background material. The device shall be 1 inch by 1 inch. The Corps Device shall be sewn on the left collar with the caduceus falling along an imaginary line bisecting the angle of the collar point with the anchor pointing inward. The center of the device shall be 1½ inches perpendicularly from each collar edge.

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ODU - Name Tape

The ODU name tape and USPHS tape will be gold letters on 1 inch wide blue ODU cloth tape. Name tapes should be ordered from Navy Exchange (NEX). Be sure you don't order the Navy coverall sized (1 ¼ in.) name tape as it is not authorized.

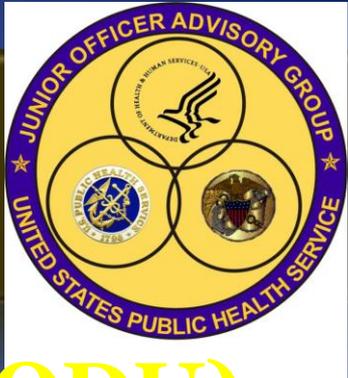


Please note: USPHS officers attached to the USCG will follow the USCG regulations for uniform wear. The white USCG tape shall be worn and the name tape shall be in white lettering. These can be ordered at the USCG Uniform Distribution Center (UDC).



The USPHS tape shall be worn flush and above the top edge of the left breast pocket. The officer's name tape shall be worn flush and above the top edge of the right breast pocket. Tapes extend to each pocket edge but not beyond.





Operational Dress Uniform (ODU)



The American Flag patch is not authorized on the ODU

- Up to two authorized skill badge patches are authorized for wear. Each badge patch shall be worn centered, ¼ inch above the USPHS tape or if two skill badge patches are worn, ¼ inch above the lower badge patch on the ODU front left shirt pocket. The Field Medical Readiness Badge (FMRB) patch shall be folded and sewn in a manner to form a square. If the FMRB patch is worn, it shall be worn above the lower badge patch. Direct embroidery is not authorized. Skill badge patches must be in the appropriate thread color by the issuing entity on an ODU blue background tape. Olive drab or other non-ODU blue background tapes are not authorized.
- The Special Unit Identification (SUI) Patch may be authorized by the OSG only. SUI patches shall be of the subdued, embroidered type with a basic ODU blue background and shall not exceed 3 ½ inches in the greatest dimension. SUI patches shall be worn on the ODU blouse centered on the left breast pocket. The olive drab SUI is not authorized on the ODU.

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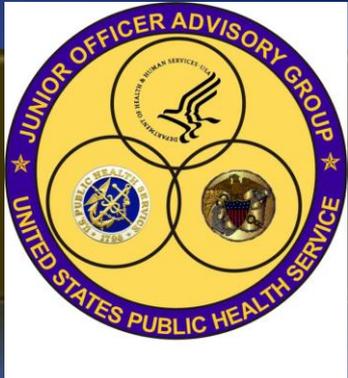
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ODU – T-shirt

- Made of authorized material as specified by the USCG. May also be made with moisture wicking fabric. Moisture wicking fabric is not authorized for wear on shipboard missions or in situations where a fire danger exists.
- The shirt will have a three or four inch diameter PHS seal (i.e., the “Public Health Service - 1789” seal) printed on the upper, left breast of the shirt.
- On the back of the shirt vertically centered at about the mid-point of the shoulder blades, in two inch high Arial font, “U.S. Public Health Service” will be printed on three lines.
- Please note USPHS officers attached to the USCG will follow the USCG regulations for uniform wear and wear the ODU T-shirt with the USCG logo.





ODU - Belt



Buckle and Belt: 1¼ inch wide web or woven elastic web belt of black color with a black tip. The buckle is a black, open-face type, 1 11/16 inch by 1 11/16 inch.



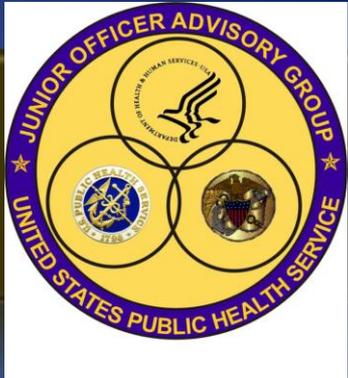
A 1¾ inch wide black belt (Rigger’s belt) of the same description (other than the width), with an attached flat black buckle, V-ring or a 1¼ inch wide black web belt with a strong hook-and-loop closure (in lieu of a buckle) are options.

Either the web belt or Rigger’s belt may be worn with the ODU

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ODU - Covers

- The Command Ball Cap is a required component.
- The 8-point Cap is a prescribable item.
- On the Command Ball Cap, centered under “U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE,” is the large, bright direct embroidered rank insignia.
- On the 8-point Cap, the large metal pin-on, bright rank insignia is centered on the front panel.
- Please note: USPHS officers attached to the USCG will wear the USCG Command Ball Cap.



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ODU - Footwear

- Black leather, black brushless, or fabric boots are authorized.
- Boots with patent leather finish are not authorized.
- Inner steel toes and zipper closures are optional.



- ODU trousers are required to be bloused over the top (calf area) of the boot. There are several items used to accomplish this task:
- Elastic bands with metal hook closure
 - Velcro® elastic straps
 - Metal spring bands

Proper Blousing:

- The bottom of the trousers should be tucked/rolled under the blousing strap.
- The knot of the bootlaces should not be visible.
- There should not be a gap from the bottom of the trouser to the top of the combat boot.



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Blue Coveralls

Required Items (Male & Female):

- Coveralls - Blue
- Cap - Khaki, Garrison
- Shoes - Black, Safety
- Socks - Black
- Undergarments
- Belt - Khaki w/Gold Clip
- Buckle - Gold
- Name/USPHS Tapes
- Collar Insignia

Prescribable Items:

- All-Weather Coat - Blue
- Overcoat - Black
- Shoes - Black, Dress

Optional Items:

- Command Ball Cap (as determined by LUA)
- Jacket - Black, Windbreaker
- Jacket - Khaki, Windbreaker
- Reefer
- Shoes - Brown, Service
- Sweater

Occasions for wear: Worn when other uniforms would be unsafe or become unduly soiled. Coveralls are only worn inside a Federal BOP prison, camp, institution, or medical facility behind the Sally-port; CDC Vessel Sanitation Program when inspecting ships; or when serving jointly aboard a Naval vessel.

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Service Khakis



Required Components (Male):

- Shirt - Khaki, Service
- Trousers - Khaki, Service
- Cap - Khaki, Combination
- Shoes – Black, Dress
- Socks - Black
- Belt - Khaki
- Buckle - Gold
- Undergarments
- Collar Insignia
- PHS Name Tag
- Ribbons



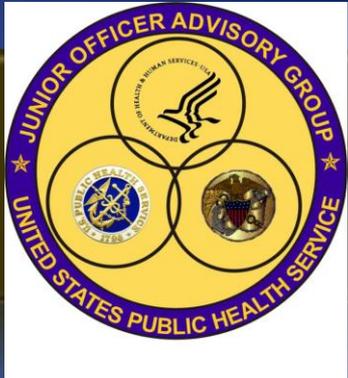
Required Components (Female):

- Shirt - Khaki, Service
- Slacks - Khaki, Service or
- Cap - Khaki, Combination
- Shoes - Black, Service
- Belt - Khaki, w/Gold Clip
- Buckle - Gold
- Undergarments
- Collar Insignia
- PHS Name Tag
- Ribbons

Occasions for Wear: Worn year-round for normal office work unless another uniform of the day is prescribed.

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Service Khakis Cont...



Prescribable Items:

- All-Weather Coat, Black
- Cap - Khaki, Garrison
- Overcoat - Blue

Optional Items:

- Shoes - Brown
(worn w/Khaki socks only)
- Sweater
- Jacket - Khaki or Black Windbreaker
- Umbrella - Black
- Overshoes
- Scarf - White (w/outer garment only)
- Reefer
- Earmuffs (w/outer garment only)
- Gloves - Black
- Cap - Ball, Command
(if authorized by LUA)

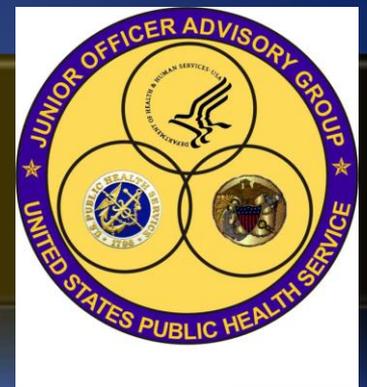


Prescribable Items (Female):

- Cap – Khaki, Garrison
- All-Weather Coat, Black
- Overcoat - Blue

Optional Items:

- Beret
- Cap - Ball, Command (if authorized by LUA)
- Handbag - Black or Brown (to match shoes)
- Handbag - Black, Dress
- Hosiery - Flesh Tone (w/Skirt or Pumps)
- Skirt - Khaki Service Belted
- Shirt - Khaki Over-Blouse
- Socks - Black, or Khaki w/Brown Shoes
- Shoes - Dress (Pumps), Black or Brown
- Shoes - Service, Brown (worn w/Khaki socks only)
- Earrings - Gold Ball
- Sweater
- Slip
- Jacket - Khaki or Black
- Umbrella - Black
- Overshoes
- Scarf - White (w/outer garment only)
- Reefer
- Earmuffs (w/outer garment only)
- Gloves - Black



Khaki Over-Blouse Shirt

(untucked blouse or princess-cut blouse)

- Material must match slacks.
- No breast pockets.
- All buttons must be buttoned.
- Name tag and ribbons must be centered between the arm sleeve seam to the shirt opening and worn parallel with the bottom of the first button.
- Shirt tails must not be visible when wearing the sweater, cardigan, or windbreaker.

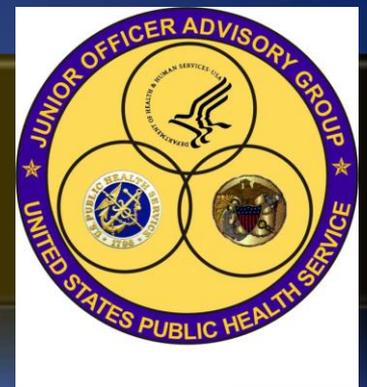




Name Tag and Ribbon Placement on Untucked Female Blouse

- Center name tag and ribbons between sleeve and button edge of the blouse (gig line), do not center on the shirt’s vertical middle seam.
- The bottom of your name tag and ribbon bar should line up with bottom of the first button. **SEE RULER PLACEMENT**
- Officers, while assigned to an OPDIV, STAFFDIV or non-HHS organization having an approved OPDIV, STAFFDIV or non-HHS organization-specific name tag, may wear a name tag identifying that OPDIV, STAFFDIV or non-HHS organization, if prescribed or optional. **IN VISUAL**





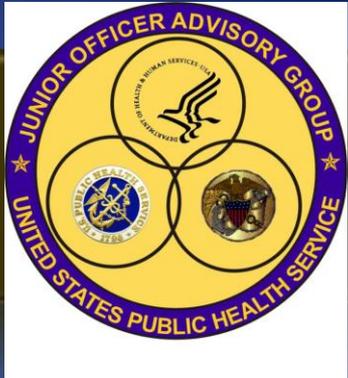
Khaki Skirt

- Made of Certified Navy Twill (CNT) or polyester/wool.
- Must match shirt or over-blouse fabric.
- Skirt length may range from 1 ½ inches above to 1 ½ below the crease behind the knee.
- Zipper must be centered in the back.
- Belt must be worn with skirt. Belt must go through all belt loops.



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Maternity Uniform

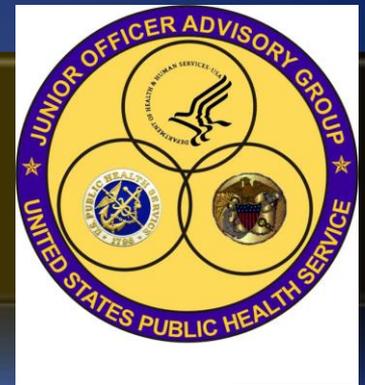
- Certified maternity uniforms are mandatory for all pregnant officers when a uniform is prescribed and the regular uniform no longer fits.
- Officers are expected to wear their regular uniform upon return from maternity leave. Officers may continue to wear the maternity uniform up to 6 months past their delivery if supported by a medical diagnosis and medical recommendation.



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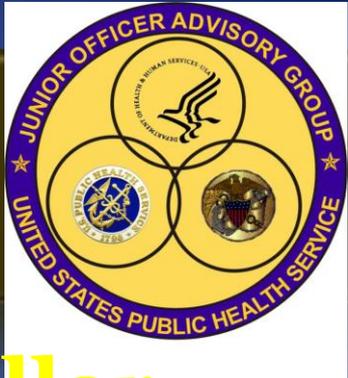
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Maternity Uniform

- Pregnant officers may wear outer garments (All-Weather Coat, Overcoat, Reefer, etc.) unbuttoned when they no longer fit properly buttoned.
- A maternity cardigan sweater is authorized (same rules apply as those for the black Army Cardigan).
- A new maternity shirt has been authorized which does not have breast pockets.
- Name tags and ribbons should be placed 6 ¼ inches from the intersection of the front seam and shoulder seam and centered over the front seam.



Service Khakis Collar Insignia & Devices



- A miniature metal Corps device is worn on the left collar while a miniature metal grade rank insignia is used on the right.
- The device is centered one inch from the appropriate collar edges.

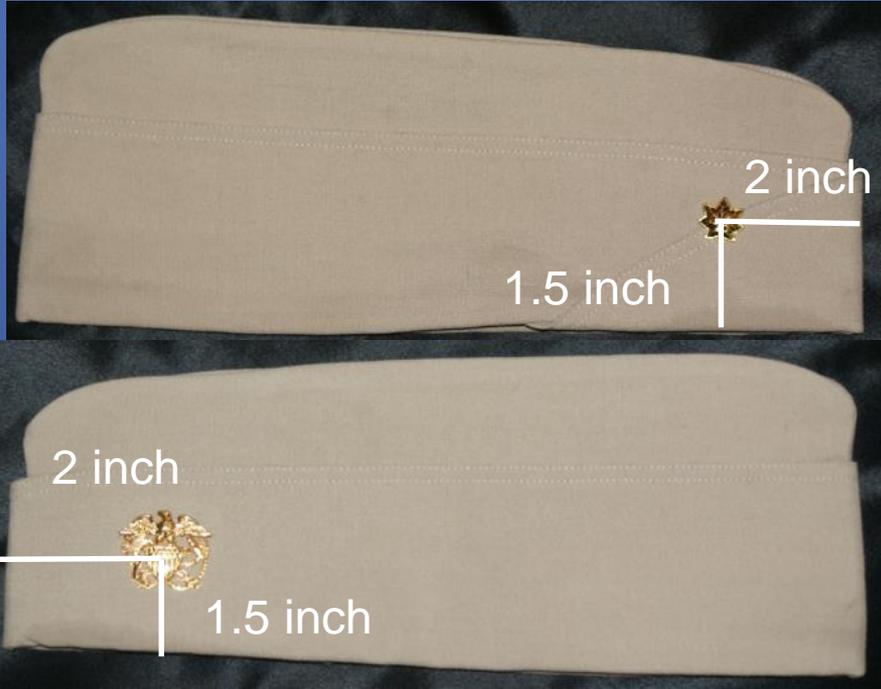
- The center of the PHS insignia is one inch from the front and lower edge of the collar and positioned on the vertical axis of the insignia along an imaginary line bisecting the angle of the collar point.
- The staff of the caduceus is the vertical axis of the device and the anchor points toward the front.





Service Khakis Garrison Cap

- The Garrison Cap is worn with the miniature metal rank insignia on the right side and the miniature cap device on the left.
- The devices are centered 1½ inches from the lower edge and two inches from the front center line.





Mil-Spec Garrison Cap Device

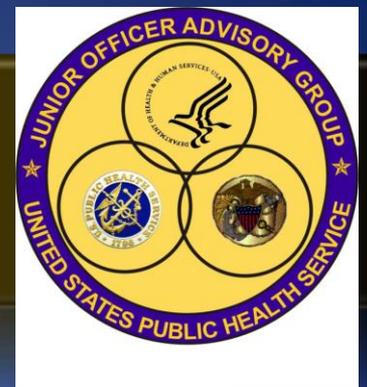
Correct Mil-Spec

No Longer Authorized



As of 1 Jan 2015, the new Mil-Spec Garrison cap device shown on left is required

- Shield is wider in appearance
- Both wings on the caduceus are the same size
- Greater detail on the eagle’s feathers



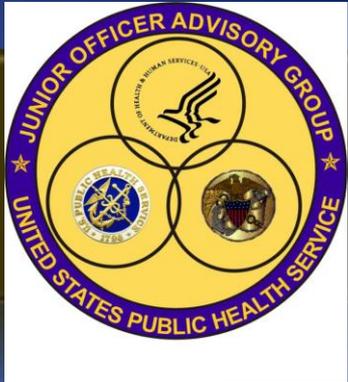
Black Watch Cap

- The black Watch Cap may be worn with all uniforms except the Dinner Dress or Service Dress.
- Rank insignias, commercial designs, and logos are not authorized.
- The cap must be double folded (2 ½ - 3 inches) and worn diagonally from the back of the head, across the ears, and on the forehead.
- Only worn with outer garments in foul weather.



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Dinner Dress White Jacket O-4 and above



Required Components (Male):

- Jacket - White Dinner Dress
- Shirt - White Formal
- Trousers - Blue, Evening
- Shoes - Black, Dress
- Socks - Black
- Cummerbund - Gold
- Necktie - Black Bow
- Cuff Links – Gold
- Studs - Gold
- Undergarments
- Shoulder Boards (Hard)
- Miniature Medals



Required Components (Female):

- Jacket - White Dinner Dress
- Shirt - White Formal
- Skirt - Blue, Formal
- Shoes - Black, Dress
- Cummerbund - Gold
- Necktie - Black, Dress
- Cuff Links - Gold
- Undergarments
- Studs - Gold
- Miniature Medals

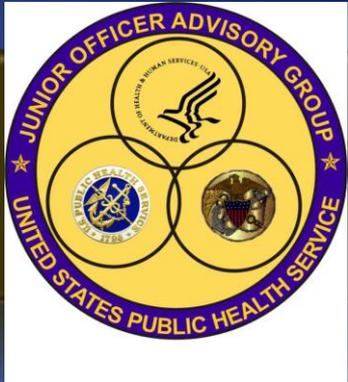
Optional Components (Female):

- Slacks - Blue, Formal
- Shoes - Black, Formal
- Socks – Black
- Hosiery Flesh Tone

Cap - White, Combination (required w/outer garment)

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Dinner Dress Blue Jacket O-4 and above



Required Components (Male):

- Jacket - Blue Dinner Dress
- Shirt - White Formal
- Trousers - Blue, Evening
- Shoes - Black, Dress
- Socks - Black
- Cummerbund - Gold
- Necktie - Black Bow
- Cuff Links – Gold
- Studs - Gold
- Undergarments
- Miniature Medals



Required Components (Female):

- Jacket - Blue Dinner Dress
- Shirt - White Formal
- Skirt - Blue, Formal
- Shoes - Black, Dress
- Cummerbund - Gold
- Necktie - Black, Dress
- Cuff Links - Gold
- Undergarments
- Studs - Gold
- Miniature Medals

Optional Components (Female):

- Slacks - Blue, Formal
- Shoes - Black, Formal
- Socks – Black
- Hosiery Flesh Tone

Cap - White, Combination (required w/outer garment)

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Dinner Dress White O-3 and below



Required Components (Male):

- Coat - White, Service Dress
- Trousers - White, Dress
- Cap - White, Combination
- Shoes - White, Dress
- Socks - White
- Belt - White
- Buckle - Gold
- Undergarments
- Shoulder Boards (Hard)
- Miniature Medals



Required Components (Female):

- Coat - White, Service Dress
- Shirt - White, Dress (w/Shoulder Marks)
- Slacks - White, Unbelted
- Cap - White, Combination
- Necktie - Black
- Shoes - White, Service
- Socks - White
- Undergarments
- Miniature Medals

Optional Components (Female):

- Shirt - White, Formal
- Shoes - White, Dress
- Skirt - White, Unbelted
- Hosiery Flesh Tone (w/Skirt or Pumps)

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Dinner Dress Blue



Required Components (Male):

- Coat - Blue, Service Dress
- Shirt - White, Dress w/Shoulder Marks
- Trousers - Blue, Dress
- Cap - Combination, White
- Shoes - Black, Dress
- Socks - Black
- Necktie - Black Bow
- Belt - Black
- Buckle - Gold
- Undergarments
- Miniature Medals



Required Components (Female):

- Coat - Blue, Service Dress
- Shirt - White, Dress w/Shoulder Marks
- Slacks - Blue, Unbelted
- Cap - Combination, White
- Shoes - Black, Service
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- Necktie - Black
- Undergarments
- Miniature Medals

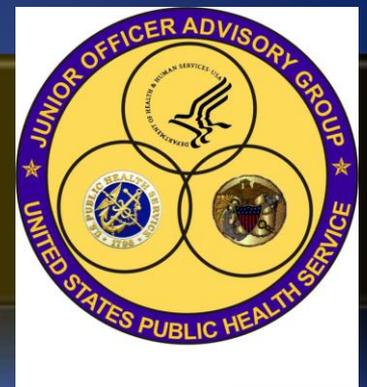
Optional Components (Female):

- Shirt - White, Formal
- Skirt - Blue, Unbelted
- Shoes - Black, Formal
- Shoes - Black, Dress
- Hosiery, Flesh Tone (w/Skirt or Pumps)

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Aiguilletes

Occasions for Wear: Individuals may wear aiguilletes only while serving in an official capacity during specific events in which wearing aiguilletes, as an identifying device, are important to the principal being aided.

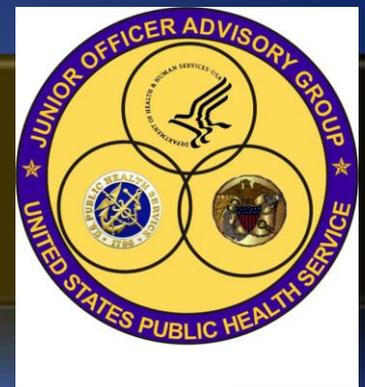
Authority to Wear: Wear aiguilletes while performing duty as Aide to the President, Aide to the Vice President, Aide at the White House, Aide to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Aide to the Deputy Secretary and Assistant Secretaries within HHS, Aide to any Cabinet Secretary, Aide to the Surgeon General of the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service, Aide to any other Flag officer, Aide to any State or Territorial Governor and to any Foreign Head of State.



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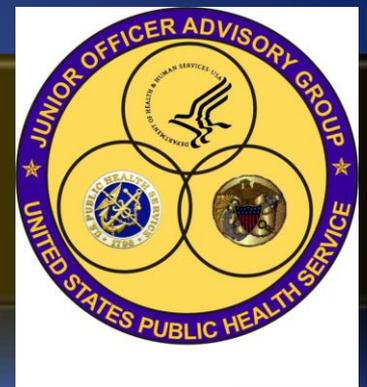


Aiguillettes

Service Aiguillettes: Worn with Service Uniforms, Jackets, All-weather coat, Overcoat, Reefer, or Pullover sweater but wear aiguillette beneath the epaulet or shoulder board.

Manner of Wear: When attaching service aiguillettes to the uniform, bind the cords together lying flat, side by side, with a strip of 1- ½ inch gold lace, and fit with a clasp pin. Attach aiguillettes to the shoulder of the coat or Service Uniform shirt with the 1- ½ inch gold lace centered on top of the shoulder with the 1- ½ inch gold lace paralleled and up to the shoulder sleeve seam. The longest loop of the cords is worn on the inboard side closest to the wearer's body.





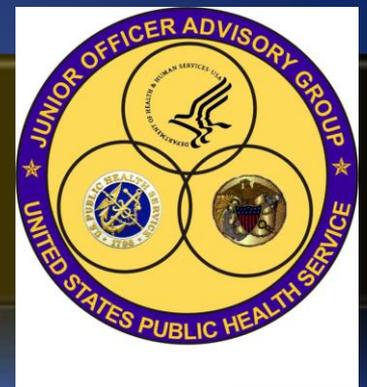
Aiguillettes

Dress Aiguillettes: Wear dress aiguillettes with Dinner Dress, Full Dress, and Service Dress uniforms, and the Overcoat and All-Weather Coat.

Manner of Wear: Attach the becket (cord loop or hook) to the coat in the following manner:

- Attach the becket to the top button of the Service Dress White (male)
- On all other coats/jackets, dinner dress uniforms, and the blue overcoats, sew a small flat button, under the coat collar at the height of the collar bone to secure the becket. The pencils (gold colored tassels) hang over the lapel with their suspension cords emerging from the notch in the lapel.

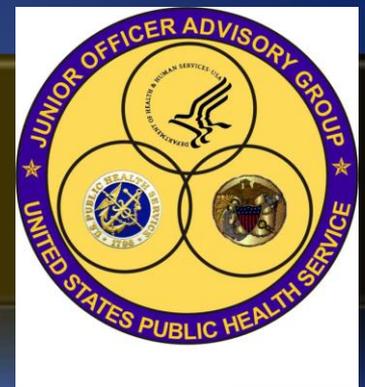




Dress Shoes for Males

- Male officers may wear black or brown Service (oxford) Shoes with the Service Khakis.
- Shoes must be clean, polished, and in good condition.
- Laces must flow from the inside out through all eyelets.





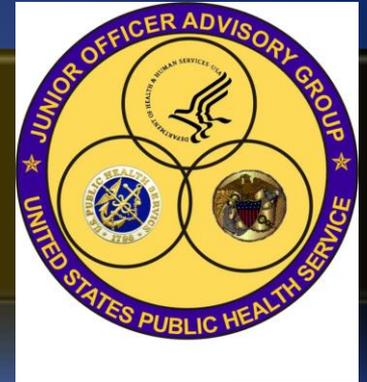
Dress Shoes for Females

- Female officers may wear Dress Shoes (pumps, black or brown) or Service Shoes (oxford style) with the Service Khakis (wedges are not authorized).
- Shoes must be made of smooth or synthetic leather with closed heels and rounded toes. Heel high must be within 5/8 to 2 5/8 inches high.
- Must be clean, polished, and in good condition.
- Oxford laces must flow from the inside out through all eyelets.



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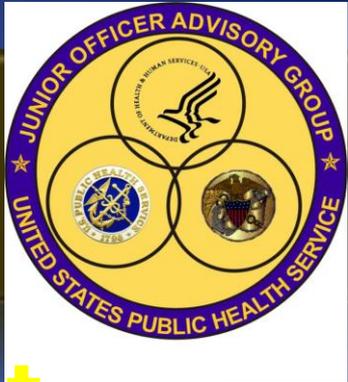
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Uniform Outerwear

- Officers are authorized to wear either a Reefer, Overcoat (Bridge Coat), All-Weather Coat (black or blue) or Windbreaker (black or khaki) with the Service Khakis.
- Full-size metal rank insignias are worn on the shoulder straps of the All-Weather Coat and windbreaker; metal insignia are to be placed $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch from the squared end of the shoulder strap.
- Hard shoulder boards are worn on the Reefer and Overcoat (females may wear male version of shoulder boards with this coat only)





Black Windbreaker Jacket Rank Placement



Large bright metal insignia are to be placed $\frac{3}{4}$ inch from the squared end of the shoulder strap. If the end is angled, measure as above.

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Female Handbags

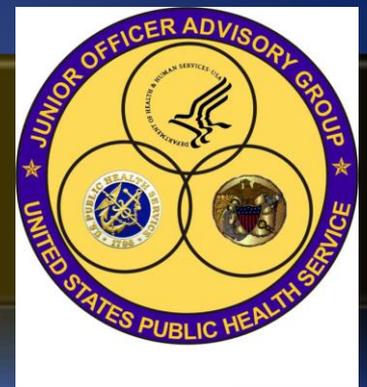
Female officers may wear civilian handbags with the service khaki uniform as long as:

- 1) The color is plain black or brown.
 - Matches the shoes.
 - Made of grain or synthetic leather (nothing exotic).
 - Is rectangular with a flap (hardware must be brass or gold colored).
 - If there is a closure, it must be a clasp (no buckles, zippers, or strings).

- 2) The dimensions are in the appropriate range:
 - Height: 5 ½ to 8 inches.
 - Width: 7 ½ to 12 inches.
 - Depth: 2 to 3 ½ inches.



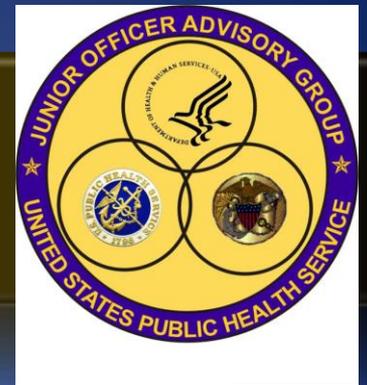
Service Handbags are no longer available from the NEX or AAFES. Officers may purchase civilian bags which fit the regulation.



Gloves

- Description: Black leather gloves are made of smooth leather or smooth synthetic leather.
- Correct Wear: Black gloves may be worn with Reefers, Overcoats, Windbreakers, and All-Weather Coats in inclement weather.
- Black gloves are never carried.
- White gloves when required may be worn or carried with uniforms. Gloves are removed to shake hands.

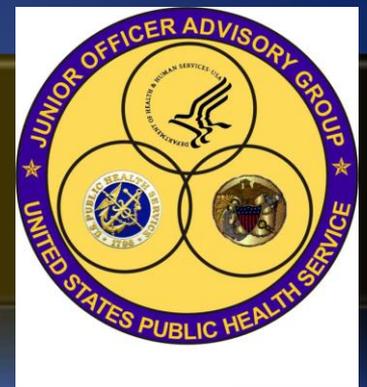




Umbrella

- Description: Plain, black, folding/collapsing type with a plain, black handle. It shall be of conventional size and design when opened, and shall be capable of being folded small enough to fit into a briefcase.
- Correct Use: May be used during inclement weather with any uniform.
- The umbrella should be carried in the left hand to allow for saluting.
- The umbrella shall be folded when not in use.





Scarf & Ear Muffs

Scarf

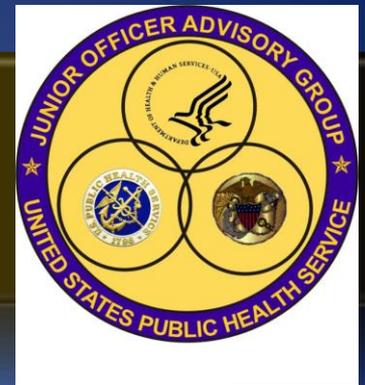
- White.
- Knitted or woven silk, rayon, or synthetic material.
- Worn under Reefer, All-Weather Coat, Windbreaker, and overcoats.



Ear Muffs

- Plain, black cloth earmuffs with black elastic retainer.
- Worn over both ears with the elastic band extended across the back of the head underneath the cap/cover.





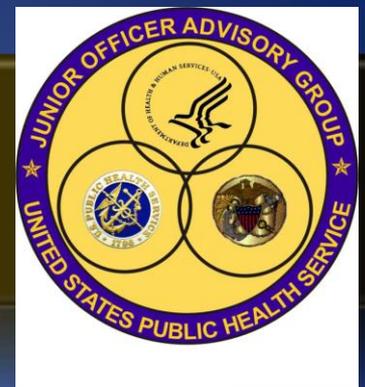
Jewelry

Earrings

- Correct Wear: only one earring may be worn per ear, centered on the earlobe (not authorized for men).
- Yellow gold 4-6 mm ball (~ 1/8 – 1/4 inch), plain with shiny or brushed matte finish, screw-on or post type (can be worn with all uniforms).
- Diamonds or pearls (same dimensions authorized for Dinner Dress and SDB only).

Rings

- Only one ring per hand, plus a wedding/engagement ring set.
- Not authorized for wear on thumbs.



Jewelry (continued)

Body Piercing/Jewelry

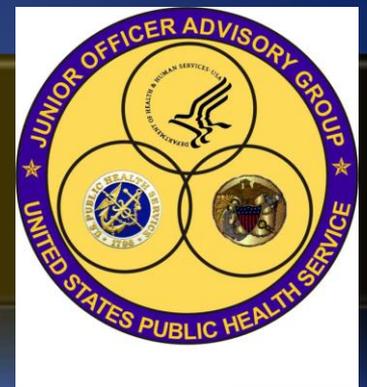
- Not authorized while in uniform (other than earrings for women).

Necklaces

- While in uniform, only one necklace may be worn and it shall not be visible.

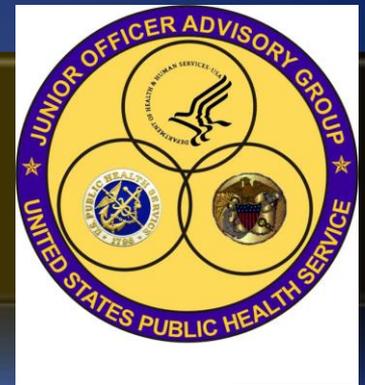
Wristwatch/Bracelets

- Only one of each may be worn.
- May be worn on the same or different arm.
- Anklets are not authorized.



Tattoos/Body Art/Brands

- Not permitted on the head, face, neck, scalp or exposed skin.
- Those prejudicial to good order, discipline and morale or of a nature to bring discredit upon the Corps are prohibited.
- Waivers may be requested from OSG for prior service and existing tattoos.



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