



CNO Approves Uniform Changes

The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) approved several uniform policy changes proposed by the Navy Uniform Board in NAVADMIN 271-09.

The changes include authorizing Sailors to wear the aviation flight deck boots (non-spark safety boots) with the Navy Working Uniform (NWU) while outside the flight deck or flight line working environment. Sailors must conform to official NWU manner of wear and the boots must present a well-maintained and professional appearance when worn with the NWU. Sailors issued aviation flight deck boots are still required to purchase and maintain the black nine-inch NWU boot.

Beginning Nov. 1, women are authorized cosmetic permanent makeup for eyebrows, eyeliner, lipstick and lip liner. The permanent makeup must be in good taste and blend naturally with the skin tone. Lipstick colors will be conservative and complement the Sailor. Still prohibited are exaggerated or faddish cosmetic styles. The NAVADMIN states permanent makeup is an elective medical procedure accomplished by qualified medical professionals to enhance Sailors' natural features. Sailors should carefully consider the risks and liabilities involved with the procedures and ensure they plan and research their options thoroughly.

Guidelines for requesting the procedures and administrative guidance for Sailors will be published in an upcoming NAVADMIN before the Nov. 1 implementation date.

In another change, Sailors assigned to the staff of United States Africa Command (U.S. AFRICOM) are now authorized to wear the optional AFRICOM staff identification badge during their assignment to the command. The badge may be worn on all uniforms, with the exception of working uniforms. Women will wear the badge centered one-quarter inch above the left pocket or one-quarter inch above authorized ribbons, medals and breast insignia. Men will wear the badge centered on the left breast pocket. Beginning immediately, the badge will be available for purchase through Navy Exchange Uniform Support Center by calling 800-368-4088 or 757-502-7450.

The NAVADMIN re-designates the Naval Air Crewman Qualification insignia as the Naval Aircrew Warfare Specialist (NAC) insignia. The insignia description and composition remains the same and will be worn in the primary or secondary position as described in Uniform Regulations. Sailors will use NAC following their rate as their warfare designation (e.g. AW1 (NAC) Williams).

Qualified Sailors can now wear a maximum of two warfare and qualification devices within a single category such as Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist (EAWS), and NAC Warfare Specialist. Warfare insignia will continue to take precedence over qualification insignia as prescribed in uniform regulations.

Sailors should review all uniform changes outlined in NAVADMIN 271-09 at www.npc.navy.mil.

