

UNIFORMS THAT DIDN'T MAKE IT 1946-47



The Navy considered replacing the the enlisted men's uniform with new "modern" designs in the years immediately following World War II. Ideas for change were submitted to the Navy Uniform Board by some Flag officers and civilian Navy Department employees. Four new uniforms were selected and wear tested in 1946.

The new uniforms were not popular with the Sailors in the Fleet. Over 75% of Sailors did not approve of the proposed uniforms. There were several recommendations to improve the jumper style uniforms instead of replacing them with new designs. Some of the recommendations included replacing the 13 buttons on dress blue trousers with zippers, adding slash pockets to white and blue trousers, changing the wool material used to make dress blue uniforms and restoring the enlisted dress white jumper that was suspended in 1941.

The idea of replacing the enlisted uniform was shelved in 1947 but surfaced again and again over the next 60 years.

Proposed Enlisted Uniforms 1946-1947