

CHAPTER VI

UNIFORMS AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE

010. APPEARANCE AND PRIDE

As a midshipman at Maine Maritime Academy, your appearance must reflect pride and professionalism. Wearing of the uniform and conforming to standards set by students, staff, and faculty, meets stated preferences of alumni, industry, and those individuals who place great value on the Maine Maritime Academy graduate. As a Midshipman you shall wear the uniform prescribed, and maintains a high standard of hygiene, uniform cleanliness and neatness.

.01 Midshipmen at Work

Midshipmen who are paid by the Academy to work on campus are considered to still be midshipmen of the Academy and to be in an official capacity as they perform their tasks, no matter what time of the year. Accordingly, their conduct and appearance is still governed by midshipmen regulations.

Thus, midshipmen on work-study such as Academy drivers, facility supervisors, watch standers, sailing loft supervisors, summer conferences, etc. are to be in the uniform appropriate to the nature of the work required. This includes being clean-shaven and having hair cut to the proper length. The Commandant must approve exceptions for unique work requirements. "Civilian" attire is not a uniform.

.02 Midshipmen in Athletics

Midshipmen who participate in sailing for the Academy any time during the year (summer included) or return early to play sports are still considered to be midshipmen of the Academy and to be in an official capacity as they perform their tasks. Accordingly, their conduct, uniform and personal appearance is governed by midshipman regulations. This includes being clean-shaven and having hair cut to the proper length. There are no special allowances for sailing or athletics.

.03 Summer School

Leisure uniform is appropriate for class with either khaki trousers or khaki shorts. Both are to be worn with the khaki web belt and shined brass. Midshipmen must be clean-shaven and have regimental haircuts.

.04 Summer Maintenance

Deck and engine maintenance will be in the maintenance uniform. Navy Blue boiler suits are authorized for wear on the ship only. Navy blue boiler suits are not authorized to be worn off the waterfront complex. This means they are not authorized in any Castine stores

or banks. When on the Mess Deck, khakis, relaxed or clean maintenance uniforms are authorized. No boiler suits, or dirty maintenance uniforms are allowed on the mess decks during the summer maintenance periods or during the academic year. Appropriate civilian attire may be worn during the evening meal during the summer periods and for certain class privileges during the academic year.

020. UNIFORM BOARD

Recommendations for uniform or uniform item changes, additions or deletions to the Regimental uniforms will be submitted in writing, along with a full explanation and any supporting evidence to the Uniform Board to consider action on any such recommendations.

The Chairperson will submit the committee’s recommendations to the Commandant for approval.

The Maine Maritime Academy Regimental Uniform Board shall be made up of the following:

- Staff officer of the Commandant’s Department, who will chair the Board (normally the Assistant Commandant).
- Member of the Regimental Staff.
- One member from each class.
- Representative from the MMA Bookstore, who will not be a voting member, but will be utilized as an expert advisor on any recommendation to the addition or deletions of the Regimental uniform or uniform items.

030. UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

The quantities of uniforms and equipment specified in this article represent minimum requirements. Each midshipman is responsible to assess his or her own needs and may procure any amount over the figures listed below. He/she is responsible for replacing lost or worn items to maintain these minimums.

Any items designated as optional wear, will be worn properly and with the proper uniform.

The letters M (male) or F (female), indicate uniform items applicable to males or females only. Where sex is not indicated, the requirement applies to both.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Minimum Requirement</u>
Belts: Black, web	1
Khaki, web	2
White, web	1
White, duty	1

Belt Buckles: Plain Brass	2
TS State of Maine	1 (Note 1)
Boiler Suit: Navy Blue, short or long sleeve (100% cotton only)	2 (optional)
Caps: Dress w/ chinstrap and band – F	1
High Pressure (Combination) – M	1
Garrison	2
MMA Ball Cap (Blue) (RPT Issue)	1
Knit, Watch Cap (Black or Navy Blue)	1 (optional)
Cap Covers: Khaki	1
White	1
Coats: Navy Blue Reefer (Pea Coat)*	1
Long raincoat	1 (optional)
Float Coat (Orange and Blue)*	1 (optional)
*Note: Either coat but required to have one or the other.	
Gloves: Black, Dress	1 pair
Insignia Devices: Garrison Cap	1
High Pressure Cap	1
Collar: Appropriate Major	1 set
1 st Class Device	1
Jackets: MMA Blue Activity	1
Windbreaker w/MMA Patch	1
Foul Weather, Green	1 (optional)
Foul Weather, Yellow Slicker	1
Service Dress Blue w/ Maine gilt buttons	1 (Note 2)
Neckties: Black, Bow – M	1
Black, Cross over – F	1
Black, four-in-hand – M	1
Name Tags: Plastic, Black (Last name followed by first initial)	2
Leather, Black (First Name, MI, Last Name)	1

Shirts: Blue Chambray, Long Sleeve or Short Sleeve (100% cotton only)	2
Khaki, Long Sleeve	2
Khaki, Short Sleeve	2
White, Plain Dress Long Sleeve	1
Shirt, Summer Service Dress w/loops	1
Relaxed (Blue or White) w/MMA Logo	2
T-shirts (Crew Neck, White)	6
T-shirts (Crew Neck, Navy Blue)	3
Gym T-shirt, Blue MMA	1
Shoes: Black, Service Dress – M*	2 pair
Black, Service Dress – F	1 pair
Black, Work (Safety, Steel Toe)	1 pair
Black, Leather Sneakers (Safety, Steel Toe)	1 pair (Note 3)
Black, Plain Boot (Safety, Steel Toe)	1 pair
Black, High Heel Pumps – F	1 pair
White, Service Dress – M	1 pair
White, High Heel Pumps – F	1 pair
Athletic	1 pair
Deck/Boat	1 (optional)
*Note: One pair maybe high gloss Corfams (after the 4/C year, but may be purchased for cruise).	
Shorts: Gym, MMA Blue	1
Shoulder Boards: According to Class	1 set
Skirts: Khaki – F	1 (optional)
White – F	1 (optional)
Service Dress Blues – F	1 (Note 4)
Socks: Black, Dress	5 pair
White, Dress	2 pair
White, Athletic	4 pair
Hose, Natural Color – F	3 pair
Stencil: Last Name (1" Block Letters)	1
Sweater: Navy Blue V-neck	1 (optional)
Navy Blue Wooly Pulley w/Leather Name	1
Tag (V-neck or Crew Neck)	1 (optional) (Note 2)

Sweat Gear:	Shirt (Grey w/Large MMA Letters)	1
	Pants (Grey)	1
Swim Suit:		1
Tie Clasp:	Either gold 3/16" Bar or TS State of Maine–M	1
Trousers:	Khaki (Dickey Brand) – M	3
	Khaki (Dickey Brand) – F	3
	White	1
	Blue (Dickey Brand) (100% cotton only)	2
	Service Dress Blues	1 (Note 3)
Undergarments:		6

Non-uniform Items

<u>Items</u>	<u>Minimum Requirement</u>
Bag: Laundry Mesh Type w/numbered Laundry Pins	2
Blankets: Solid Dark Color	2
Back Pack: (Initial Issue Type)	1
Combination Lock	1
Flashlight (Pelican Type, 2-3 cell, black or orange)	1
Marking Pens: Black	1
Scrub Brush	1
Sewing Kit	1
Shaving Kit –M	1
Shoe Shine Kit	1
Towels	4

- Notes: (1) Authorized for wear by 4/C after end of their Spring Semester.
(2) Coat is optional for 4/C except ROTC Students, until their 3/C year, at which time the coat will then be a mandatory item. The Navy Blue Wooly Pulley (V-neck or Crew Neck) will be used in lieu of the coat for 4/C.
(3) Optional for the class of 2003, mandatory for all others.
(4) Female midshipmen have the option to wear either slacks or skirt.

040. Ownership Markings

All articles of clothing or equipment shall be neatly marked with the owner's name using either an indelible laundry pen, a marking pen/kit, or stencil kit. All letter markings will be block letters no more than ½ inch in size, except the marking of the blue chambray shirts and blue boiler suits. Chambray shirts, which will be stenciled in 1-inch black letters over the right breast pocket and centered across the back. Dark blue boiler suits will be marked in white. Green foul weather jackets will be marked with 1- inch black letters centered across the back. Articles shall be marked neatly as indicated below.

Belts:

Web: On one side only, as near the buckle as possible.

White Duty: Centered on the inside.

Caps:

Baseball: Inside on sweatband.

High Pressure: Same.

Dress: Same.

Garrison: Same.

Knit watch caps: Inside.

Cap covers: Inside band, centered in front or on name card provided.

Coats:

Navy Blue Reefer (Pea Coat): Inside, below neckband near the center or on the manufacturer's label.

Rain Coat, Long Black: Inside, below neckband near the center.

Float Coat: Inside, on center of label.

Footwear: Inside, near the top.

Gloves: Inside at the wrist (sewed in tape is permitted).

Jackets:

Blue Activity: Inside right front above seam.

Green Foul Weather Jacket: Outside, centered across the back.

Khaki Windbreaker: Inside back, above bottom seam.

Yellow Rain Slicker: Inside, below neckband near the center.

Service Dress Blues: Inside, below neckband near the center.

Neckties:

Four-In-Hand: Not required.

Cross-over: Not required.

Bow: Not required.

Shirts: Inside back, above bottom seam on tail, except for Blue Chambray shirts which will be stenciled as indicated above.

Shoulder Boards: Underside of strap.

Socks: On bottom of sole.

Sweater:

Navy Blue (light weight) V-Neck: Inside back, near bottom.

Wooly Pulley: On tag provided.

Sweat Shirt/Pants: Inside on waistband.

Swimsuit: As appropriate on the inside.

Towels: Along edge either end.

Trousers, Skirts, Slacks: Inside on the waistband.

Black marking fluid/marking pen shall be used when marking light colored clothing, and white marking fluid/marking pen when marking dark clothing. Marking shall be done neatly, and should not be visible when the item is being worn; except in those cases where indicated.

When, as approved by the Assistant Commandant, a midshipman purchased clothing from a resigning midshipman or a graduate, the name of the former owner shall be blackened out and the new owner's name added immediately adjacent to, above, or below the original owner's name, as appropriate. All re-marked clothing must be substantiated with an appropriate entry in the midshipman's file.

Midshipmen are strongly urged to place ownership marking on all items of non-uniform personal gear.

050. **Manner of Wearing (General)**

The regimental uniform shall be worn at all times in the prescribed manner; Jackets, coats, and shirts shall be worn fully buttoned and/or zipped and shirrtails tucked in. Hands will not be thrust in pockets. Black dress gloves may be worn in cold weather. Chewing gum and/or smoking while walking around campus grounds is not authorized while in uniform. Hat/caps shall be worn squarely on the head.

Midshipmen shall dress neatly and smartly at all times, with uniforms clean, brass shined and free from tarnish, shoes/boots shined and/or polished.

Midshipmen shall wear only those uniform devices, ribbons or medals authorized by the Commandant of Midshipmen. Midshipmen with prior military service are encouraged to wear decorations or ribbons earned while on active duty.

Caps or hats will not be worn indoors, except when on watch (duty status). Watch standers shall remain covered except during religious services or when entering the mess decks.

No articles, such as watch chains, key chain fobs, pins, jewelry, handkerchiefs, rags, combs, large wallets, cigars, cigarettes, pipes, pens, pencils, or other similar objects/items, shall protrude from or be visible on the uniform.

Sunglasses are not permitted to be worn in formations, unless they are required for medical reason and only those glasses, which are conservative prescription type. Glasses, which have mirror type lens or are colored other than black are not authorized. In this case the individual wearing the glasses will have a medical chit available for inspection. Wearing of sunglasses in uniform but not in formation may be authorized by the Commandant of Midshipmen.

When wearing conservative, prescription glasses or sunglasses, the wearing of colored straps other than black, are not authorized in uniform.

060. Wearing the Uniform (Men or Women)

Long Sleeve Shirt: The long sleeve shirt shall cover the wrist bone and extend to a point 2 inches above the second joint from the end of the thumb. A tolerance of ½ inch, plus or minus is acceptable. Sleeves will not be rolled up when walking around campus grounds (inside or outside buildings). The black four-in-hand (M) or cross-over (F) will always be worn when wearing the long sleeve shirt.

Navy Blue V-Neck Sweater: Worn with the khaki, leisure or work uniform only. When wearing the long sleeve khaki shirt with a tie, the shirt collar will be worn under the sweater. When wearing the blue chambray shirt or the short sleeve khaki shirt the shirt collar will be worn outside the sweater.

Letter Sweater: Worn with the khaki and leisure uniform only. When wearing this sweater, a cap or hat is required to be worn.

Navy Blue Wooly Pulley Service Sweater (V-Neck or Crew Neck): May be worn with the khaki uniform in lieu of the Pea Coat when the winter uniform is prescribed and on annual cruises. This sweater may be worn with either the long or quarter-length shirt. When the sweater is worn with the long sleeve shirt or with the quarter-length shirt, the collar of the shirt may be worn either outside or inside the sweater, so that the collar insignias may be displayed. If collars are worn inside the sweater rate insignia's will be worn on the epaulets, in the same manner as with the khaki jacket. The sleeves of the sweater may be turned up; however, the sleeves should be of sufficient length to conceal the shirt cuff. The waistband of the sweater may be turned under; however, the length of the sweater should be sufficient length to cover the belt.

Trouser/Slacks Length (rear): The trousers shall be of sufficient length to reach the top of the heel of the shoe in the rear. A variation of 1/2 inch above or below the top of the heel is acceptable.

Trouser/Slacks Fit: Trousers/Slacks shall be of sufficient looseness around the hips and buttocks to prevent gaping of the pockets and visible horizontal wrinkles across the front.

Belt (Men): Wear the belt through all belt loops with belt tip to the left (wearer's left) of the buckle. Belt color matches the uniform fabric (color). Wear the plain buckle so that the belt tip end touches the left side of the buckle (two block). Align the right side (wearer's right) of the buckle with the opening of the shirt and opening of the fly, forming an imaginary straight line (gig line). When wearing the TS State of Maine buckle align belt tip end until it touches the left side of the buckle. Center the buckle on the opening of the shirt and opening of the fly.

Belt (Female): When wearing women's shirt and slacks, wear the belt through all loops with belt tip to the right of the buckle. Belt color matches the uniform fabric (color). Wear the plain buckle so that the belt tip end touches the right side of the buckle (two block). Align the left side of the buckle with the opening of the shirt and opening of the fly, forming an imaginary straight line (gig line). The wearing of woman's shirt and men's trousers or vice versa is not permitted, as the gig line will not line up properly. When wearing the TS State of Maine buckle it will be worn in the same manner as the men.

Garrison Cap: The fit around the head shall be adequate to place the cap on the head, but will not cause the top or front/rear contour of the cap to "break" or "dip". The garrison cap will be two-blocked (or approximately 1 inch above the eyebrows) at all times when wearing the cap. The fore and aft crease will be centered between the eyes. Hair will be combed back off the forehead, so that it will not protrude from under the front of the cap, when the cap is properly worn (this applies to both male and female midshipmen). At no time will the cap be worn tilted back on the head or have any dips or breaks in the cap.

Gloves: Black gloves may be worn with the reefer (pea coat), activity jacket, float coat, windbreaker, or rain coat in inclement weather, if no other gloves are authorized with the uniform over which the outer garment is worn.

High Pressure/ Combination Cap: The cap fits snugly and comfortably around the largest part of the head. The cap is worn centered and straight with the tip of the visor in line with the eyebrows. The cap will be two-blocked (or approximately 1 inch above the eyebrows) at all times when wearing the cap. Hair will be combed back off the forehead so that it will not protrude from under the front of the cap, when the cap is properly worn. At no time will the cap be worn tilted back on the head.

Shoes/Boots: Keep well shined and in good order.

Sweatshirts: Shirt collars will be worn outside the MMA gray crew neck sweatshirt.

Tie Clasp: May be worn with any uniform requiring the wearing of a four-in-hand necktie. The tie clasp must not be visible when wearing the Service Dress Uniform coat. Normally it will be positioned half way between the 3rd and 4th button of the shirt. A tie clasp shall be of gold, bar style, approximately 3/16 inches wide. Wearing of the TS State of Maine tie clasp is authorized for wear with any prescribed uniform, where a tie is authorized for wear.

Skirts (Female): Are of conventional length and sweep, appropriate for the appearance of the uniform and the individual. Skirts will be center of the kneecap in length to not more than 2 inches below.

070. **Wearing of Ribbons and Breast Insignia**

Ribbons: Ribbons are worn on ribbon bars usually in rows of three, but the lapel on the Service Dress Blue uniform should not cover more than one-third of any ribbon. To avoid this, ribbons will be graduated, keeping a flush edge to the left. Ribbon bars are centered over the left breast pocket with the bottom edge of the bottom row of ribbons $\frac{1}{4}$ inch above the pocket. The second and succeeding row(s) of ribbons will either be worn $\frac{1}{8}$ inch apart or flush with each row, touching the row above and below. Ribbons must be worn in proper order of seniority. Ribbons must clean, not faded or frayed. Stars on the ribbons will be worn with single ray up, and centered equally on the ribbon. Ribbons are authorized for wear with the Service/Formal Dress Blue Uniform, and Khaki Uniform (when prescribed for wear by higher authority).

Note: Ribbons precedence is established from right to left. (The terms “left” and “right” refer to the wearer’s left or right.)

Star Placement: If you rate a ribbon and one star, you attach the star in the middle; if you rate two stars, you divide the ribbon in thirds and attach the stars to the two lines that make the divisions; if you rate three stars, you divide the ribbon into fourths and attach the stars on the three dividing lines. If you rate four stars, you divide the ribbon into fifths, and attach the stars on the four dividing lines. If you rate five stars you will be awarded a $\frac{5}{16}$ inch silver star, which is worn in lieu of five $\frac{3}{16}$ inch bronze stars. Any subsequent awards received after the silver star will be awarded with a $\frac{3}{16}$ inch bronze star. This will be attached to the left or right side of the silver star.

Awards that are in the form of ribbons with their order of precedence:

- Presidential Commendation
- Commandant’s Citation
- Meritorious Service
- Commandant’s List
- Dean’s List
- Master’s List
- Cadet Shipping Award
- Honor MTO
- Alpha Phi Omega Service Award
- MTO Service
- Honor MUG
- Regimental Honor Company
- Band
- Drill Team
- Bagpipe and Drum Corps
- Emergency Squad

Yeoman Service
Ambulance Squad
Fire Department Service

Breast Insignia: The breast insignia (if authorized for wear), i.e. Naval Reserve Merchant Marine Insignia (USNR), Drill Team Insignia, etc, will be worn centered and ¼ inch above the most top ribbon or if worn without ribbons, will be centered and ¼ inch above the left breast pocket. If both are authorized for wear the Drill Team Insignia will be positioned ¼ inch above the Naval Reserve Merchant Marine Insignia.

Special Insignia: Special insignias, i.e. the license pin, when authorized for wear, will be worn centered and ¼ inch below the top of the left breast pocket flap.

APO/Fire Brigade Pin: The APO pin when authorized for wear, will be worn ¼ inch below the top left breast pocket flap and ¼ inch from the breast flap outer edge.

The Fire Brigade pin when authorized for wear, will be ¼ inch below the top of the left breast pocket flap and ¼ inch from the inboard side of the breast pocket flap.

Name Tags (Plastic): Shall be worn with all midshipmen uniforms, except working uniforms (i.e. blue chambray shirts, boiler suits), leisure uniform, and will not be worn when wearing the Navy Blue V-Neck Sweater or Navy Blue Wooly Pulley. Nametags shall be worn at social functions and at all official functions, including all functions away from the Academy. Standard nametags will be worn, (i.e., plastic clutch-type, black w/insignia). Nametags will be worn centered over the right breast pocket with the bottom edge of the tag ¼ inch above the pocket. The nametag will have the midshipman's last name and first initial of his/hers first name only, no nicknames.

Name Tags (Leather): Shall be worn with the Navy Blue Wooly Pulley Sweater and Float Coat. Leather nametags will be placed on the Velcro fastener provided on the sweater. On the float coat Velcro fasteners will be affixed to the left pocket flap and centered on the flap. Leather nametags will be black in color with gold colored letters and will have the midshipman's first name, MI, and last name. Rates may have their rank and/or position under their name, i.e., John Q. Doe, Captain or Regimental Commander, etc.

080. **Personal Appearance (Men)**

Men will be well groomed at all times and meet the following minimum standards.

Hair: Keep hair neat, clean and well groomed. Hair will not touch the ears. Hair around the neck and sides shall be tapered from the lower hairline upwards. Individual hairs on the back of the neck will not extend outward greater than ¾ inches and must not touch the collar. Hair shall be no longer than 3 inches in length fully extended on the upper portion of the head. Sideburns are neatly trimmed and tailored in the same manner as the haircut. Sideburns are styled without taper or flare and extend no lower than the middle of the hole in the ear. Individual hairs on the sides and sideburns will not exceed ½ inch when fully extended. Eccentric haircuts are not

authorized, i.e., mohawks, beaver pelts, layered, shaved, braided, plaited, or the adding of any unnatural hair coloring, or dying hair a different color, etc.

Facial Hair: The face is clean-shaven, no mustaches or beards shall be grown ashore or aboard ship, unless authorized by the Master of the Ship, or the Commandant of Midshipmen. This includes any time a midshipman is on campus, i.e. summer school, summer sailing, summer maintenance, etc. Mustaches may be authorized for seniors as a class privilege. This regulation shall be enforced strictly at the Academy. No portion of the mustache shall extend below the lip line of the upper lip. In addition, it will not go beyond a horizontal line extending across the corners of the mouth and no more than $\frac{1}{4}$ inches beyond a vertical line drawn from the corner of the mouth. The length of an individual mustache hair fully extended will not exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Handlebar or eccentric mustaches are not authorized.

Fingernails: Fingernails will not extend past fingertips and shall be kept clean.

Jewelry:

Rings: While in uniform, only one ring per hand is authorized excluding the wedding ring. (To be worn on the ring finger only, no thumb rings)

Earrings: Not authorized while in uniform (this includes the leisure uniform). Nose, lip, tongue or eyebrow rings are not authorized.

Necklaces/Neck Chains (with or without medals or crosses): Shall not be visible when in uniform, but may be worn with the leisure uniform.

Wristwatches/Bracelets: While in uniform, only one of each may be worn of the conservative type, (eccentric or colors that clash with the uniform are not authorized). Rope, cloth, or string type friendship bracelets are not permitted in any uniform. Ankle bracelets are not authorized in uniform.

090. PERSONAL APPEARANCE (WOMEN)

Hair: The purpose of hair regulations is to promote neat and professional appearance. Keep hair clean, neatly shaped, and arranged in an attractive feminine and professional style. When in uniform, this includes the leisure uniform; hair shall be worn so that it does not fall below the bottom of the collar. This shall be accomplished by either having the haircut so as to be this length or by pulling the hair back and fastening it so that it meets this requirement. In either situation hair shall be worn so as to be neat and free of any loose "Irish pennants". No ribbons, bows, banana combs, etc. or other hair fasteners shall be visible except for gold, black, silver or natural hair color conservative type barrettes. Ponytails and pigtails are not permitted. Hair must not show under the front of the brim of the garrison or dress cap. Only 1/C are authorized to wear their hair down while in the leisure uniform. All others are authorized to wear their hair in a ponytail, banana clip or scrunchie when in the relaxed uniform. No eccentric haircuts, i.e. shaved sides, the adding of any unnatural coloring, etc.

Cosmetics:

Cosmetics shall be applied in good taste so that colors blend with natural skin tone and enhance natural features. Exaggerated or faddish cosmetic styles are inappropriate with the uniform and shall not be worn. Care should be taken to avoid an artificial appearance. Lipstick colors shall be conservative and complement the Maine Maritime Academy uniforms. Long false eyelashes shall not be worn when in uniform.

Fingernails: While in uniform, only clear or natural nail polish shall be worn. Fingernail length should not exceed 1/8" past the end of the fingertip.

Jewelry: Jewelry shall be worn within the following guidelines.

Earrings: One small earring per ear that may be affixed to the ear lobe directly, no larger than the earlobe itself, and consisting of one piece (nothing attached to or hanging from the ear) may be worn with any uniform. Earrings shall be 6mm ball (approximately ¼ inch); plain with brushed matte finish, screw-on or with posts. Gold, silver, black, dark blue or gem type earrings may be worn. Small single pearl earrings are authorized for wear with Dinner and Formal Dress uniforms. Nose, lip, tongue, or eyebrow rings are not authorized.

Rings: While in uniform, only one ring per hand is authorized excluding the wedding ring (to be worn on the ring finger only), no thumb rings.

Necklaces/Chokers (with or without medals or crosses): Shall not be visible while in uniform, but may be worn with the leisure uniform.

Wristwatch/Bracelet: While in uniform only one of each may be worn of the conservative type, plain generic with no design. Eccentric or colors that clash with the uniform are not authorized. Rope, cloth, or string type friendship bracelets are not permitted in uniform. Ankle bracelets are not authorized while in uniform.

100. STRIPING

The Service Dress Blue uniform jacket shall be striped to indicate the midshipman's class and rank in accordance with the following:

Sleeve Rank Insignia: Midshipmen Officers: Wear stripes and a gold embroidered anchor (for deck) or propeller (for engineers) or approved insignia according to their major on both sleeves of the blue jacket. Place the stripes made of gold braid, 1/8 inches wide around each sleeve with the lower edge of the first stripe 2 inches from and parallel to the edge of the cuff, with ¼ inch spaces between stripes. Center the gold embroidered anchor or propeller ¼ inch above the top stripe(s).

- Captain: Wears 6 stripes.
- Commander: Wears 5 stripes.
- Lieutenant Commander: Wears 4 stripes.
- Lieutenant: Wears 3 stripes.

- Lieutenant (Junior Grade): Wears 2 stripes.
- Ensign: Wears 1 stripe.

Sleeve Class Insignia:

1/C Midshipmen: Other than midshipmen rates will wear three diagonal stripes of 1/8 inch gold braid, 1/4 inch apart on the right sleeve. Place the stripes diagonally on the sleeve between the front and rear seams. The lowest stripe being 4 and 1/2 inches above the edge of the cuff at the front seam to 11 inches above the edge of the cuff at the rear seam. The anchor, propeller, or approved major insignia will be located 2 inches above the edge of the cuff, centered outboard on the sleeve.

2/C Midshipmen: Wear two diagonal stripes and insignia in the same manner described for the 1/C.

3/C Midshipmen: Wear one diagonal stripe and insignia in the same manner described for the 2/C.

4/C Midshipmen: Wear no stripes or insignia.

Shirt Collar Devices: Shirt collar insignia consists of gold major insignia's worn on the collar tips of the khaki long and short sleeve shirts.

1/C Midshipmen: Wear the appropriate major insignia on the left collar and special 1/C insignia or midshipman officer rank on the right. After regimental change of command, 1/C will wear a special insignia on the right collar and appropriate class insignia on the left.

2/C Midshipmen: Wear the appropriated major insignia on both collars.

3/C Midshipmen: Wear the appropriate major insignia on the left collar only.

4/C Midshipmen: Wear no collar insignias.

Cap Insignia:

High Pressure/Combination (Men): Insignia on High Pressure/Combination cap consist of a cap device w/black stretch band, chin strap and retaining buttons.

Service Dress (Women): Same as men.

Garrison cap: MMA insignia is pinned to the left side of the cap in an upright position with the center 1 3/4 inches from the front seam and 1 1/4 inches above the bottom edge. Midshipman Officer Rates are pinned to the right side of the cap in an upright position with the center of the insignia 1 inch above the bottom edge and the forward most edge of the insignia is 1 inch from the front seam of the cap.

Shoulder Boards: Shoulder boards are worn on summer service white shirts, service dress white jackets (chokers) (male only), and reefers (pea coats). They have a gold embroidered anchor on the center of the board for deck majors, a three-bladed propeller for engineering majors, or an approved major insignia for the respective major. Midshipmen regimental rates have a silver star with stripes in lieu of the major insignia.

Midshipmen Officers: Regimental officers 2 bars and above wear the stripes prescribed for their ranks as listed above, and a star. All others will wear the appropriate anchor, propeller, or approved major insignia.

1/C Midshipmen: Wear three (3) parallel diagonal stripes of 1/8 inch gold braid, 1/4 inch apart placed so that the lower edge of the diagonal stripe is to the front and outer square end of the shoulder board. They will wear the appropriate anchor, propeller, or approved major insignia.

2/C Midshipmen: Wear two (2) diagonal stripes, and appropriate anchor, propeller or approved major insignia.

3/C Midshipmen: Wear one (1) diagonal stripe, and appropriate anchor, propeller or approved major insignia.

4/C Midshipmen: Wear no stripes, but will wear either anchors, propellers, or approved major insignia on their shoulder boards.

Shoulder Devices:

Metal rate bar shoulder devices are to be worn on the shoulder straps of the khaki windbreaker and navy blue wooly pulley. The devices shall be worn centered on the shoulder strap and 3/4 inches from the squared end of the shoulder strap.

Midshipmen officers who are 4 bar rates and above are required to wear the shoulder device. It is optional for all other rates.

110. ACADEMY UNIFORMS

Service Dress Blues: This uniform is authorized for wear year round at all official functions or situations where formal dress is not prescribed and civilian equivalent dress is coat and tie.

- High Pressure/Combination cap: Complete with white cover, Academy insignia w/black stretch band, and gold chinstrap and gold colored retaining buttons. For women, female officer's dress cap.
- Double-breasted Navy Blue uniform coat and trousers. Women wear single-breasted coat with skirt. Both have 7/8 inch State of Maine gilt buttons.
- Black dress shoes (M); black heels (F) with skirt.
- Black socks (M); natural color hose (F) with skirt.
- White long sleeve dress shirt without button down collar.

- Black web belt w/plain brass buckle or TS State of Maine buckle.
- Necktie, black four-in-hand (M); cross-over (F).
- Academy tie clasp or TS State of Maine tie clasp (M).
- Authorized ribbons and breast insignia.
- Nametag.

Formal Dress Blue: This uniform is the same as the service dress blue uniform. Except that for the men, the black bow tie is worn in lieu of the black four-in-hand tie. Women shall wear the service dress blue uniform as described above.

Summer Service Whites: This uniform is a summer uniform, though it may be prescribed as the uniform of the day for special occasions.

- High Pressure/Combination cap; complete with white cover, Academy insignia w/black stretch band, and gold chinstrap with retaining buttons. For women, female officer's cap.
- White trousers (M); white skirt or white slacks (F).
- White short sleeve shirt with loops (for shoulder boards).
- White dress shoes (M) (F); white dress heels (F) with skirt.
- White socks (M) (F) (no ankle socks); natural color hose (F) with skirt.
- White web belt w/plain brass buckle or TS State of Maine buckle.
- Nametag.
- Authorized ribbons and breast insignia.
- Appropriate shoulder boards for class/rate.
- Plain white under garments w/plain white crew neck T-shirt.

Uniform of the Day (Khaki): This uniform is the usual one to be worn on the Academy campus and when on board the Training Ship. Though normally not a liberty uniform, it may be prescribed as such on certain occasions.

- Khaki garrison cap with insignia or the high pressure/combination cap (Dress cap, for women) complete with khaki cover, Academy insignia w/black stretch band, and a gold chinstrap with retaining buttons.
- Long sleeve or short sleeve khaki shirt (depending on the season) with appropriate collar insignia. The short sleeve khaki shirt is authorized as the year round khaki shirt. If the long sleeve khaki shirt is worn, it will be worn with a black four-in-hand tie (M) with tie clasp or black cross-over (F) will be worn, unless authorized otherwise.
- Plain white crew neck T-shirt.
- Khaki trousers (M), slacks (F); or Khaki skirt (F).
- Khaki web belt w/plain brass buckle or TS State of Maine buckle.
- Black regimental dress shoes (M), (F); black dress heels (F) with skirt.
- Nametag.
- Authorized ribbons and breast insignia (when designated).

Additional Items:

- Navy Blue Academy V-Neck sweater (spring/summer/fall).
- Academy letter sweater (may be worn with the khaki uniform, but not in formation. A cover must be worn when wearing this sweater)
- Navy Blue Wooly Pulley Service sweater (winter).
- Khaki windbreaker (spring/summer/fall).
- Navy Blue Reefer (Pea Coat) w/shoulder boards (winter).
- Long black Raincoat (optional).
- Float coat (two-tone orange/blue).
- Black overshoes (inclement weather).
- Black dress gloves (cold weather).
- Navy blue watch cap (may be authorized for wear to and from classes during severe winter weather, but not authorized in formations).
- Yellow foul weather rain slicker (optional).
- Black steel-toed boots or black leather steel-toed sneakers will be worn when standing ship watches and may be worn on cruise. Boots may be worn during inclement weather, but must be highly polished.

NOTE: During prescribed periods each year, beginning mid-fall and ending early spring, the Navy blue reefer (pea coat), with shoulder boards, may be worn with the khaki uniform of the day. When worn it will have all buttons buttoned, except for the very top button.

The khaki windbreaker with MMA patch will be authorized for wear during the spring/summer/fall months with the short sleeve khaki shirt. The khaki windbreaker will be properly zipped up (at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way up).

Navy blue wooly pulley service, v-neck or crew neck sweater is authorized for wear during winter months with the khaki uniform. Navy blue Academy lightweight V-neck sweater is authorized for wear during Spring/Summer/Fall. Both sweaters may be worn in formations. Sweaters will not be worn during formal khaki inspections, unless specified to so.

The Float Coat may be worn at any time with the khaki uniform, especially when working on the waterfront area.

The green foul weather jacket is not authorized to be worn with the khaki uniform.

Work Uniform:

This uniform is usually worn when doing dirty work (i.e., maintenance, or when prescribed during lab periods, etc.). The work uniform is restricted in its use. It may not be worn in the Dining Hall for the evening meal unless on watch nor is it authorized for inspections or in the regular classrooms, etc. It may be worn at morning formation if assigned to lab classes or maintenance on the ship immediately thereafter.

The green foul weather jacket will only be worn with the working uniform and when doing work on the waterfront. The jacket is authorized for wear at morning formation when in this uniform.

- Blue Chambray long/short sleeve shirt (100% cotton).
- Plain navy blue colored crew neck T-shirt will be worn.
- Blue Dickey trousers/slacks (100% cotton).
- Black steel toed work boots.
- Black/white/winter socks (may be worn with the black steel toed boot only). Black socks will be worn when wearing black leather steel toed sneakers.
- Black steel toe sneakers may be worn with this uniform.
- Black web belt with plain brass buckle or TS State of Maine buckle.
- Approved blue MMA baseball cap, or approved cruise caps may be worn; Navy blue knit watch caps may be worn, when authorized during winter months. Watch caps will not be worn in formation.
- MMA blue activities jacket or MMA green foul weather jacket; green military jackets or any other type of jacket other than what is sold in the MMA bookstore is not authorized.

Additional Items:

- Navy blue lightweight V-neck sweater (optional).
- Long black raincoat or yellow foul weather gear (optional).
- Work gloves (optional).
- Gray MMA sweatshirt (optional). (May be worn over the blue chambray shirt during cold weather when working outside and may be worn under the blue activity or green foul weather jacket). MMA sweatshirt is not worn in lieu of the chambray shirt, but may supplement the uniform for warmth.

NOTE: Navy blue boiler suits (100 % cotton) may be worn in place of the work uniform, but will not be worn on the mess decks, to and from classes, or in formations. Navy blue t-shirt will be worn under the navy blue boiler suit. During periods of hot weather and/or on selected cruises, the long sleeves on the blue chambray shirt may be authorized to be rolled up above the elbow. Otherwise when sleeves are rolled down, buttons will be buttoned at the wrist. Short sleeve blue chambray shirts may be worn by students in place of the long sleeve shirt. At no time will the long sleeves of the chambray shirts be cut off and worn with frayed edges. If short sleeve blue chambray shirts are not available, when on cruise, then long sleeves that have been cut will be properly hemmed. Sleeves will be at the same length as the normal short sleeve shirt.

Leisure Uniform: The leisure uniform may be worn after 1600 during weekdays and all day on weekends and on any Academy honored holidays as prescribed by class privileges:

- Only the MMA short sleeve collared shirt (blue or white), with official MMA or TS State of Maine emblem is authorized (may be worn with or without the white crew neck T-shirt) and must be tucked inside trousers/slacks. Navy blue crew neck t-shirt is not authorized to be worn with the leisure uniform.
- While on cruise the approved cruise t-shirt may be worn.
- Khaki trousers (M) (F); Khaki skirt (F).

- Boat/deck shoes, athletic shoes, dress shoes, or approved boots. (Herman-type are authorized.) Civilian type, cowboy boots, etc. are not authorized.
- When wearing socks, black socks will be worn with black dress shoes, black or white socks for boat/deck shoes, athletic shoes, or boots (boots may be worn during inclement weather). When authorized to wear khaki shorts during summer classes, or on cruise, wearing of socks with boat/deck shoes or athletic shoes is optional.
- Khaki web belt with plain brass buckle, or TS State of Maine buckle. Civilian belt is not authorized.

Additional Items:

- The following sweatshirts are authorized to be worn with the leisure uniform with or without the leisure shirt.
 - (1) Midshipman Training Officer (MTO) gray hooded sweatshirt.
 - (2) Grey MMA Sweatshirts.
 - (3) Navy blue hooded deck and engine major sweatshirts.
- Khaki windbreaker/blue activities jacket/reefer (pea coat)/Float coat.
- Blue MMA baseball or approved cruise caps are authorized for wear.
- Blue MMA sweaters (V-neck/Letter sweater/Navy blue wooly pulley) may be worn with the leisure shirt.

NOTE: In order to allow for both individual pride and identity in a special activity while still preserving a uniformed appearance, the attached policy has been developed regarding the constitution of the “leisure” uniform. This policy allows the membership of certain student groups who meet the stated criteria to develop and wear apparel that is unique, yet similar in appearance.

All students in approved organizations may elect to wear the modified uniform when authorized to be in the leisure uniform. All other students are authorized to wear the sweatshirts as stated above under additional items; and the MMA blue ball cap or approved cruise cap with the leisure uniform. No other shirts, sweatshirts, or baseball caps are permitted.

All footwear is to be properly tied. Trousers/slacks are not to be tucked into footwear. All clothing is to be neat and not torn. Sweatshirts that have been purposely torn for various reasons are considered unserviceable and will not be worn with this uniform, or any other uniform.

Any variations of the policy must be approved by the Commandant’s Office. The various student teams and organizations are responsible for the acquisition and distribution of the items after approval, and for the monitoring of membership eligibility. Violations of this policy will result in the withdrawing of the privilege from the entire membership of the organization.

Modifications to the Leisure Uniform: The following items modify the current regulations concerning the wearing of the “leisure” uniform. These are in addition to the current uniform articles.

- Members of clubs and other student teams or organizations, which have been chartered for two years or otherwise formally recognized by the Academy (varsity teams, etc.), may modify the leisure uniform as indicated in the following paragraphs. Members must meet some criteria for earning this privilege that indicates a commitment beyond the mere paying of dues or signing up. Such criteria should be developed by each organization and approved by the Commandant’s Department.
- A leisure shirt of the same style as the approved leisure uniform shirt, in white or dark blue, may have a special logo of the same size in the same place as the MMA design. Such a logo must have MMA, or Maine Maritime Academy incorporated into the design, be embroidered and must be approved by the Commandant’s Department.
- A gray or navy blue sweatshirt, hooded or crew-neck with a logo on the front left. The logo may be no larger than 4 inches square and must be approved by the Uniform Board and the Commandant’s Department.

Recreational/Athletic Uniforms: Midshipmen participating in sports or athletic activities or those representing the Academy at sailing events may wear special clothing appropriate to those activities if approved by the Commandant of Midshipmen.

Cold/Foul Weather Clothing: Only authorized outer garments are to be worn. No visible multi-colored “civilian” type coats, jackets, or rain gear are authorized. Only the yellow slicker or the long black raincoat is authorized.

Civilian Clothing: When authorized for wear, the attire will be neat in appearance, appropriate for the situation and be representative of a midshipman from Maine Maritime Academy. Such clothing may be authorized for wear while leaving or returning to the ship or college campus. Current styles and fashions are authorized. White or navy blue crew neck T-shirts without a pocket are considered an under garment and are not authorized to be worn as the primary shirt. Torn or ripped clothing is not authorized for wear at any time.

On selected cruises, tank top shirts, shorts, athletic attire, and sandals may be authorized for wear, depending on the established rule and regulations set forth by the port authority and weather conditions. The Commandant of Midshipmen will determine if the wearing of such clothing is authorized.

The wearing or displaying of clothing, jewelry, tattoos, etc., depicting marijuana or any other controlled substance, advocating drug abuse or alcohol, or wearing of T-shirts, sweatshirts, shirts, etc., with provocative gestures or pictures which is likely to bring discredit to the United States of America or the Academy is prohibited.

Midshipmen may wear the regimental uniform articles below with civilian clothing.

- Academy/Cruise ball cap
- Belts w/brass buckles
- Neckties
- Gloves
- Socks/Hosiery
- Shoes
- Underwear
- Raincoat/jacket
- Sweaters
- Watch cap
- Leisure shirt
- Khaki trousers/slacks
- Sweatshirt
- Blue activities jacket
- Khaki jacket without rate insignia
- Reefer (pea coat) without insignia and shoulder boards
- Float coat

The wearing of civilian clothing is not authorized for wear to classes, whether they are during the day or at night. Civilian clothing is only authorized for wear after first, the end of classes then second by class privilege. Example: a senior who is granted the privilege of wearing civilian attire after 1600 can not go to an evening class without being in uniform.