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COMMANDANT OF MIDSHIPMEN NOTICE 1020

Subj: SINGLE COVER INITIATIVE (SCI)

Ref: (a) COMDTMIDNINST 1020.3B

Encl: (1) Fit and Manner of Wear of the Male Combination Cap

1. Purpose. To publish the policies and procedures governing a Department of the Navy initiative to conduct a fit and wear evaluation of the current male combination cap by female Midshipmen assigned to the U.S. Naval Academy and female members of the U.S. Naval Academy Band. This is part of the Department of the Navy's goal to further a climate of inclusion for female Sailors and officers. Enclosure (1) depicts the proper wear of the male combination cap.

2. Objectives. The objective is to fit and wear test a male combination cap with all female uniforms designated in reference (a).

a. Familiarize female Midshipmen and USNA Band members with proper wear of the male combination cap.

b. Conduct a test evaluation period and gather feedback from the Staff and Brigade of Midshipmen.

3. Action

a. Commandant of Midshipmen. The Commandant of Midshipmen is responsible for overseeing the fit and wear evaluation for all female Midshipmen assigned to the U. S. Naval Academy and female band members assigned to the U.S. Naval Academy Band.

b. 6th Battalion Officer. As Uniform Board Chairman, the 6th Battalion Officer is responsible for the overall training and execution of the SCI at the U.S. Naval Academy. Additionally, in conjunction with the Naval Academy Business Services Division, he is responsible for supervising the fit schedule of the male combination cap as well as collecting feedback during the evaluation period.

c. Naval Academy Business Services Division. The Naval Academy Business Services Division shall establish an adequate inventory of male combination caps. They shall also schedule the specific fitting dates with the Uniform Shop.

d. Battalion Officers. All Battalion Officers shall be responsible for establishing an inspection schedule to ensure that the male combination cap is worn in accordance with prescribed uniform regulations, as delineated in reference (a) and pictured in enclosure (1).

4. SCI Guidelines. Guidelines regarding key administrative aspects of this initiative are as follows:

a. Fitting Schedule. The Uniform Shop will begin fitting and distribution of the male combination cap to female Midshipmen during the week of 16 April 2012. Fitting will be complete by 20 April 2012 with the exception of female Midshipmen who are on study abroad or conducting the Service Academy Exchange Program. The female members of the USNA Band will be fitted following the completion of Midshipmen fitting and will be completed prior to Indoctrination Day for the Class of 2016.

b. Test and Evaluation Period

(1) Female Midshipmen assigned to the 2012 Plebe Summer Detail shall wear the male combination cap commencing on 26 June 2012 in support of Indoctrination Day for the Class of 2016.

(2) Fourth Class Female Midshipmen in the Class of 2016 shall commence wearing the male combination cap as directed by the Plebe Summer Officer-in-Charge of the Fourth Class Regiment.

(3) First, Second, and Third Class Female Midshipmen not assigned to Plebe Summer Detail shall commence wearing the male combination cap commencing at Brigade Reformation on 17 August 2012.

(4) Female members of the USNA Band shall commence wearing the male combination cap commencing at Brigade Reformation on 17 August 2012.

(5) The wear and evaluation period shall be in effect until this notice is superseded or cancelled by the Commandant of Midshipmen.

c. Single Cover Distribution Policy

(1) Each female Midshipman and female member of the USNA Band shall be issued two male combination caps during this test and evaluation period.

(2) Fourth Class female Midshipmen in the Class of 2016 will not be issued any standard female combination caps, as depicted in reference (a), until directed by the Commandant of Midshipmen.

d. Cost. During the wear and evaluation period, there will be no cost to female Midshipmen or female USNA Band members for the male combination cap.

5. Evaluation and Feedback. Throughout the evaluation period, the Navy will collect wear feedback from participants through in-status surveys. The 6th Battalion Officer (Uniform Board Chairman) will coordinate the administration of these surveys at the U.S. Naval Academy.

6. USNA Uniform Regulations. Enclosure (1) takes precedence over current guidance for the wear and maintenance of the female combination cap as delineated in reference (a). There will be no change to the current USNA Uniform Regulations promulgated in reference (a) during the wear and evaluation period.

7. Wear and Evaluation Period. The wear and evaluation period will remain in effect until otherwise directed by higher authority. Female Midshipmen shall retain their female combination caps until a final decision is made following the wear and evaluation period.



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Distribution:
Non-Mids (Electronically)

FIT AND MANNER OF WEAR OF THE MALE COMBINATION CAP



Female Midshipmen



Female Band Members