

ACTION MEMO

September 07, 2012

Commandant of Midshipmen

FOR: ~~CDR SHANK, BRIGADE OPERATIONS OFFICER~~

FROM: MIDN 1/C Calibo, Midshipmen Operations Officer

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SUBJECT: SPIRIT GEAR IN KING HALL AND DURING PEP RALLIES

BLUF: To allow Midshipmen to wear Spirit Gear during Pep Rallies and evening meals in King Hall when a Pep Rally is taking place.

Background:

- According to COMDTMIDNINST 5400.6P (4.8.3.a), upper-class Midshipmen are only allowed to wear Spirit gear in Bancroft Hall after 2000.
- Pep rallies are frequently held before important football games to increase Brigade morale and show support for the football team.
- In order to enhance morale during pep rallies, spirit gear has been worn in the past, but never in a formally defined manner.
- Pep rallies often occur immediately after evening meal in King Hall.
- Morale would increase and attendance would likely increase at Pep Rallies if Midshipmen were allowed to wear Spirit Gear in King Hall during evening meal on evenings in which a Pep Rally is taking place.
- The Operations Staff recommends the following:
 - All classes of Midshipmen should be allowed to wear Spirit Gear in King Hall during evenings in which a Pep Rally is taking place. Moreover, all Midshipmen, to include 4/C Midshipmen, should be allowed to wear spirit gear during Pep Rallies. Upon conclusion of Pep Rallies, all 4/C Midshipmen will be required to change into Regulation PT Gear or better.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commandant authorizes Midshipmen to wear spirit gear during evening meal on days in which Pep Rallies occur, and to allow Spirit gear for all classes during the Pep Rally.

Approve *Ug/12* Disapprove _____

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