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NARR/REF A IS NAVADMIN 021/03, NAVY UNIFORMS. REF B IS U.S. NAVY  
UNIFORM REGULATIONS.//  
GENTEXT/REMARKS/

1. THIS NAVADMIN SUPERSEDES NAVADMIN 021/03, AMPLIFIES WAIVERABLE AND NON-WAIVERABLE CRITERIA, ESTABLISHES FINAL WAIVER AUTHORITY, AND PROVIDES PROCEDURES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENTATION AND PROCESSING OF TATTOOS/BODY ART/BRANDS/MUTILATIONS/AND DENTAL ORNAMENTATION. THESE CHANGES ARE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE NEXT CHANGE TO THE UNIFORM REGULATIONS.
2. FOR CLARITY, REVISIONS AND ADDITIONS TO NAVY UNIFORM REGULATIONS, ARTICLE 2201, ARE QUOTED BELOW IN THEIR ENTIRETY: ARTICLE 2201. PERSONAL APPEARANCE, BECAUSE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PROVIDE EXAMPLES OF EVERY APPROPRIATE OR UNACCEPTABLE ("CONSERVATIVE" OR "ECCENTRIC") GROOMING STANDARD, THE GOOD JUDGMENT OF LEADERS AT ALL LEVELS IS KEY TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE NAVY S PERSONAL APPEARANCE POLICY. THEREFORE, HAIR, GROOMING, AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE WHILE IN UNIFORM SHALL PRESENT A NEAT, PROFESSIONAL APPEARANCE.
3. TATTOOS/BODY ART/BRANDS. FOUR CRITERIA WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE WHETHER TATTOOS/BODY ART/BRANDS ARE PERMITTED FOR NAVY PERSONNEL: CONTENT, LOCATION, SIZE, AND COSMETIC.
  - A. CONTENT. TATTOOS/BODY ART/BRANDS LOCATED ANYWHERE ON THE BODY THAT ARE PREJUDICIAL TO GOOD ORDER, DISCIPLINE, AND MORALE OR ARE OF A NATURE TO BRING DISCREDIT UPON THE NAVAL SERVICE ARE PROHIBITED. FOR EXAMPLE, TATTOOS/BODY ART/BRANDS THAT ARE OBSCENE, SEXUALLY EXPLICIT, AND OR ADVOCATE

DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SEX, RACE, RELIGION, ETHNIC, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN ARE PROHIBITED. IN ADDITION, TATTOOS/BODY ART/BRANDS THAT SYMBOLIZE AFFILIATION WITH GANGS, SUPREMACIST OR EXTREMIST GROUPS, OR ADVOCATE ILLEGAL DRUG USE ARE PROHIBITED.

B. LOCATION. NO TATTOOS/BODY ART/BRANDS ON THE HEAD, FACE, NECK, OR SCALP. THE NECK AREA FOR PURPOSES OF THIS REGULATION IS ANY PORTION VISIBLE WHEN WEARING A CREW NECK T-SHIRT OR OPEN COLLAR UNIFORM SHIRT. IN ADDITION, OTHERWISE PERMISSIBLE TATTOOS/BODY ART/BRANDS ON THE TORSO AREA OF THE BODY SHALL NOT BE VISIBLE THROUGH WHITE UNIFORM CLOTHING.

C. SIZE. INDIVIDUAL TATTOOS/BODY ART/BRANDS EXPOSED BY WEARING A SHORT SLEEVE UNIFORM SHIRT SHALL BE NO LARGER IN SIZE THAN THE WEARER'S HAND WITH FINGERS EXTENDED AND JOINED WITH THE THUMB TOUCHING THE BASE OF THE INDEX FINGER. TATTOOS/BODY ART/BRANDS THAT EXCEED SIZE CRITERIA ARE WAIVERABLE PROVIDED THEY DO NOT VIOLATE THE CONTENT AND/OR LOCATION CRITERIA.

D. COSMETIC TATTOOS. THIS REGULATION DOES NOT PROHIBIT COSMETIC TATTOOING TO CORRECT MEDICAL CONDITIONS REQUIRING SUCH TREATMENT. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS REGULATION, COSMETIC TATTOOING REFERS TO MEDICAL OR SURGICAL PROCEDURES CONDUCTED BY LICENSED, QUALIFIED MEDICAL PERSONNEL.

4. MUTILATION. INTENTIONAL MUTILATION OF ANY PART OF THE BODY IS PROHIBITED. MUTILATION IS DEFINED AS THE INTENTIONAL RADICAL ALTERATION OF THE BODY, HEAD, FACE, OR SKIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF AND OR RESULTING IN AN ABNORMAL APPEARANCE.

A. EXAMPLES OF MUTILATION INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

(1) A SPLIT OR FORKED TONGUE;

(2) FOREIGN OBJECTS INSERTED UNDER THE SKIN TO CREATE A DESIGN OR PATTERN;

(3) ENLARGED OR STRETCHED OUT HOLES IN EARS (OTHER THAN A NORMAL PIERCING);

(4) INTENTIONAL SCARRING ON NECK, FACE, OR SCALP; OR

(5) INTENTIONAL BURNS CREATING A DESIGN OR PATTERN.

5. DENTAL ORNAMENTATION. THE USE OF GOLD, PLATINUM, OR OTHER VENEERS OR CAPS FOR PURPOSES OF DENTAL ORNAMENTATION IS PROHIBITED. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS REGULATION, ORNAMENTATION IS DEFINED AS DECORATIVE VENEERS OR CAPS. TEETH, WHETHER NATURAL, CAPPED, OR VENEERED, WILL NOT BE ORNAMENTED WITH DESIGNS, JEWELS, INITIALS, ETC.

6. NAVY PERSONNEL WITH TATTOOS/BODY ART/BRANDS/MUTILATION/DENTAL ORNAMENTATION THAT DO NOT MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS AND HAVE NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY WAIVED IN WRITING SHALL NOTIFY THEIR COMMANDING OFFICER, VIA THE CHAIN OF COMMAND, WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE RELEASE OF THIS NAVADMIN FOR SCREENING.

A. COMMANDING OFFICERS SHALL DETERMINE WAIVERABLE CONDITIONS AND DIRECT MEMBERS TO EXECUTE A NAVPERS 1070/613.

B. COMMANDING OFFICERS SHALL DETERMINE NON-WAIVERABLE CONDITIONS AND DIRECT THOSE MEMBERS, VIA A NAVPERS 1070/613, TO ALTER, OR REMOVE THE TATTOO/BODY ART/BRAND/MUTILATION/DENTAL ORNAMENTATION, IF FEASIBLE (THIS SHOULD OCCUR WITHIN 180 DAYS ABSENT UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER).

7. DISPOSITION OF NAVY PERSONNEL WITH WAIVERABLE PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS: TATTOOS/BODY ART/BRANDS/MUTILATION/DENTAL ORNAMENTATION MAY BE WAIVED IF THEY EXISTED PRIOR TO 24 JANUARY 2003 AND ARE NOT PREJUDICIAL TO GOOD ORDER, DISCIPLINE, AND MORALE OR ARE OF A NATURE TO BRING DISCREDIT UPON THE NAVAL SERVICE.

8. DISPOSITION OF NAVAL PERSONNEL WITH NON-WAIVERABLE PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS. IF REMOVAL OR ALTERATION OF TATTOO/BODY ART/BRAND/MUTILATION/DENTAL ORNAMENTATION IS DETERMINED BY A MILITARY MEDICAL HEALTHCARE PROVIDER NOT TO BE FEASIBLE, THE MEMBER MAY BE PROCESSED FOR INVOLUNTARY SEPARATION, IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER.

9. DOCUMENTING WAIVERABLE AND NON-WAIVERABLE CONDITIONS. COMMANDING OFFICERS OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE WAIVERABLE AND NON-WAIVERABLE CONDITIONS SHALL DOCUMENT THE CONDITION ON A NAVPERS 1070/613. NAVPERS 1070/613 FOR ENLISTED PERSONNEL WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE LOCAL PERSONNEL SUPPORT DETACHMENT FOR INCLUSION IN THE FIELD SERVICE RECORD. THE NAVPERS 1070/613 FOR OFFICER PERSONNEL WILL BE MAILED TO COMNAVPERSCOM (PERS 312) FOR INCLUSION IN THE ELECTRONIC SERVICE RECORD.

10. SAMPLE NAVPERS 1070/613 FOR WAIVERABLE CONDITION FOLLOWS: (DATE); "I UNDERSTAND THAT, EFFECTIVE 24 JANUARY 2003, NAVY PERSONAL APPEARANCE POLICY WAS CHANGED WITH REGARD TO TATTOOS, BODY ART, BRANDS, MUTILATION, AND DENTAL ORNAMENTATION. I HAVE THE FOLLOWING CONDITION THAT EXISTED PRIOR TO THE RELEASE OF NAVADMIN 021/03: (FULL DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION). MY PRE-EXISTING CONDITION IS BEING WAIVED, AND I AM PROHIBITED FROM OBTAINING ADDITIONAL BODY ORNAMENTATION OR ALTERING EXISTING BODY ORNAMENTATION IN A MANNER THAT VIOLATES NAVY POLICY."

11. SAMPLE NAVPERS 1070/613 FOR NON-WAIVERABLE CONDITION, WHEN REMOVAL OR ALTERATION IS FEASIBLE, FOLLOWS: (DATE); "I UNDERSTAND THAT, EFFECTIVE 24 JANUARY 2003, NAVY PERSONAL APPEARANCE POLICY WAS CHANGED WITH REGARD TO TATTOOS, BODY ART, BRANDS, MUTILATION AND DENTAL ORNAMENTATION. I HAVE THE FOLLOWING BODY ORNAMENTATION THAT EXISTED PRIOR TO THE RELEASE OF NAVADMIN 021/03: (FULL DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION). I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM PROHIBITED FROM OBTAINING ADDITIONAL

BODY ORNAMENTATION OR ALTERING EXISTING BODY ORNAMENTATION IN A MANNER THAT VIOLATES NAVY POLICY. MY PRE-EXISTING CONDITION MUST, EXCEPT FOR DENTAL ORNAMENTATION, BE COVERED AT ALL TIMES BOTH WHEN IN UNIFORM AND WHEN IN CIVILIAN ATTIRE UNTIL I HAVE ACCESS TO PROPER FACILITIES FOR ALTERATION OR REMOVAL. ABSENT AN EXTENSION OF TIME FROM MY COMMANDING OFFICER, ALTERATION OR REMOVAL SHALL OCCUR WITHIN 180 DAYS."

12. VIOLATIONS OF POLICY. MEMBERS NOT COMPLYING WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE OR DISCIPLINARY ACTION, TO INCLUDE INVOLUNTARY SEPARATION.

13. REENLISTMENTS. COMMANDING OFFICERS AND OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE SHALL REVIEW THE SERVICE RECORDS OF ALL REENLISTMENT ELIGIBLE SAILORS TO DETERMINE IF A NAVPERS 1070/613 WAS PREVIOUSLY ISSUED. IF SO, THE COMMANDING OFFICER OR OFFICER-IN-CHARGE SHALL ENSURE THE MEMBER HAS COMPLIED WITH THE NAVPERS 1070/613 BEFORE EXECUTING THE REENLISTMENT.

14. ACCESSION POLICY. THIS SECTION REFERS TO INDIVIDUALS NEWLY ACCESSED AND GAINED IN THE ACTIVE OR RESERVE COMPONENT.

A. COMMANDER, NAVY RECRUITING COMMAND HAS FINAL TATTOO/BODY ART/BRANDING/MUTILATION/DENTAL ORNAMENTATION WAIVER AUTHORITY FOR ALL NAVY ENLISTED ACCESSIONS. NAVY RECRUITING COMMAND SHALL SCREEN ALL NAVY APPLICANTS FOR TATTOOS AND COMPLIANCE WITH THIS POLICY.

B. COMMANDER, NAVY RECRUITING COMMAND SHALL SCREEN ALL PRIOR SERVICE VETERANS PROCESSING FOR ENLISTMENT, REENLISTMENT, OR AFFILIATION INTO THE ACTIVE OR RESERVE COMPONENTS FOR TATTOOS/BODY ART/BRANDS/MUTILATION/DENTAL ORNAMENTATION.

(1) MEMBERS OF THE NAVY S ACTIVE AND RESERVE COMPONENTS WILL BE PROVIDED THE SAME OPPORTUNITY FOR WAIVERS.

(2) WAIVERS RECEIVED DURING PREVIOUS SERVICE PERIODS SHALL BE HONORED. HOWEVER, TATTOOS/BODY ART/BRANDING/MUTILATION/DENTAL ORNAMENTATION FOUND TO BE CONTRARY TO GOOD ORDER, DISCIPLINE, AND MORALE SHALL BE DISAPPROVED AND THE MEMBER REJECTED FOR AFFILIATION. INDIVIDUALS UNABLE TO PROVIDE A DOCUMENTED WAIVER FOR PREVIOUSLY EXISITING TATTOO/BODY ART/BRAND/MUTILATION/DENTAL ORNAMENTATION OR WHO HAVE ADDITIONAL BODY ORNAMENTATION RECEIVED SINCE TERMINATION OF THEIR LAST ENLISTMENT MAY BE GRANTED A WAIVER BY COMMANDER, NAVY RECRUITING COMMAND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS POLICY.

15. COMMISSIONING PROGRAM ACCESSIONS. THE COGNIZANT COMMANDER SHALL ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS POLICY FOR COMMISSIONING PROGRAMS.

A. COMMANDER, NAVY RECRUITING COMMAND HAS WAIVER AUTHORITY FOR ALL OCS/OIS COMMISSIONING PROGRAMS.

B. COMMANDANT, UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY HAS WAIVER AUTHORITY FOR NAVAL ACADEMY MIDSHIPMEN.

C. COMMANDER, NAVAL SERVICE TRAINING COMMAND HAS WAIVER AUTHORITY FOR NAVAL RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (NROTC) MIDSHIPMEN.

16. FILE THIS NAVADMIN WITH REF B UNTIL REVISIONS ARE INCORPORATED INTO THE JUL 06 QUARTERLY BUPERS DIRECTIVE CD-ROM CHANGE.

17. POC: CNOCM CARROLL AT (703) 614-5076.

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