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Subj: RECOVERY OF UNIFORM ITEMS UPON RELEASE FROM A NAVY CONFINEMENT FACILITY OR TRANSIENT PERSONNEL UNIT FROM ENLISTED MEMBERS AWARDED A PUNITIVE DISCHARGE OR ADVERSE SEPARATION

Ref: (a) U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations, Chapter One, Section 4, Article 1401
(b) Title 10, U.S. Code, Section 771a
(c) NAVSUP Publication I, Supply Ashore, Volume II, Paragraph 25940
(d) Naval Military Personnel Manual (MILPERSMAN), Article 1910-228
(e) Naval Military Personnel Manual (MILPERSMAN), Article 1050-320
(f) Naval Military Personnel Manual (MILPERSMAN), Article 1050-340

1. Purpose. To amplify policy related to recovery of uniform items at time of release from a Navy confinement facility or Transient Personnel Unit (TPU) from enlisted members awarded a punitive discharge (e.g., Bad Conduct or Dishonorable) or adverse separation (e.g., under other than honorable conditions).

2. Policy

a. Reference (a) identifies the laws pertaining to military uniforms. References (b) through (d) provide applicable law and Navy regulations pertaining to disposition of uniform items upon discharge; specifically regarding enlisted members discharged for bad conduct, undesirability, unsuitability, inaptitude, or otherwise than honorably.

b. The responsibility for recovering uniform items consistent with the provisions of reference (c) from enlisted members at the time of discharge rests with the member's command and shall be accomplished once discharge is executed. Unless voluntarily relinquished per the provisions of paragraph 2d, below, if discharge is unexecuted at the time of release from confinement or from a TPU, members shall retain all owned uniform items within their possession.

c. No existing policy addresses recovery of uniform items from dismissed officers. Officers include warrant officers, commissioned officers, cadets, midshipmen, and officer candidates. References (a)

through (d) specify procedures for recovery of uniform items upon discharge of enlisted members only. Unless voluntarily relinquished per the provisions of paragraph 2d, below, uniform items shall not be collected from officers.

d. Members awarded a discharge or dismissal unexecuted at the time of release may voluntarily relinquish uniform items. To do so, they shall sign a voluntary statement containing an itemized list of relinquished items. The voluntary statement shall be signed and dated by a designated facility staff person and filed in the member's confinement record if released from a confinement facility or service record if released from a TPU. Recovered or voluntarily relinquished uniform items may be returned to the member's command or retained at the facility for emergency use by incoming members.

3. Action

a. Confinement facility/TPU commanding officers (CO), officers in charge (OIC), and chief petty officers in charge (CPOIC) shall review local policies and procedures to ensure compliance with references (a) through (d).

b. To ensure compliance with references (a) through (d), PERS-68 shall revise and update references (e) and (f).

4. The point of contact for further information is Mr. Tim Purcell, PERS-68B, at (901) 874-4452, DSN: 882, email: timothy.purcell1@navy.mil.

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