



DoD INSTRUCTION 1334.01

WEARING OF THE UNIFORM

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Purpose: In accordance with the authority in DoD Directive 5124.02, this issuance establishes policy and sets limitations on the wearing of the uniform by Service members, including retired Service members and Service members of Reserve Components.

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SECTION 1: GENERAL ISSUANCE INFORMATION

1.1. APPLICABILITY.

This issuance applies to OSD, the Military Departments, the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the DoD (referred to collectively in this issuance as the “DoD Components”).

1.2. POLICY.

a. The wearing of the uniform by Service members of Active and Reserve Components, retired Service members, cadets, midshipmen, auxiliary members, and members of organizations authorized to wear a military uniform by the respective service, is prohibited under any of the following circumstances:

(1) At any meeting or demonstration that is a function of, or sponsored by an organization, association, movement, group, or combination of persons that the U.S. Attorney General has designated, in accordance with Executive Order 10450, as:

(a) Totalitarian;

(b) Fascist;

(c) Communist;

(d) Subversive;

(e) Having adopted a policy of advocating or approving the commission of acts of force or violence to deny others their rights under the U.S. Constitution; or

(f) Seeking to alter the form of the U.S. Government by unconstitutional means.

(2) During or in connection with furthering political activities, private employment, or commercial interests, when an inference of official sponsorship by DoD or the Military Service concerned for the activity or interest may be drawn.

(3) Except when authorized by the approval authorities in Paragraph 2.1. of this issuance, when participating in activities such as unofficial public speeches, interviews, picket lines, marches, rallies or any public demonstration which may imply sanction or endorsement by DoD or the Military Service concerned for the cause for which the demonstration or activity is conducted.

(4) When wearing of the uniform may tend to bring discredit upon the Military Services.

(5) When specifically prohibited by regulations of the Military Department or Military Service concerned.

b. Former Service members, unless under another provision of this issuance or in accordance with Section 772 of Title 10, United States Code, who served honorably during a declared or undeclared war and whose most recent service was terminated under honorable conditions may wear the uniform in the highest grade held during such war service only during, and in the course of travel to:

(1) Military funerals, memorial services, weddings, and inaugurals.

(2) Parades on National or State holidays or other patriotic parades or ceremonies in which any Active or Reserve U.S. military unit is taking part.

(3) Community outreach activities approved by the Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs and in accordance with DoD Instruction 5410.19. Appropriate wearing of the uniform during approved community outreach activities will be coordinated with the Military Department concerned.

c. Medal of Honor recipients may wear the uniform at their pleasure except in the circumstances in Paragraph 1.2.a. of this issuance.

SECTION 2: RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1. UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PERSONNEL AND READINESS.

The Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness approves the wearing of the uniform for Service members assigned to OSD, the Defense Agencies, and the DoD Field Activities for the situations listed in Paragraph 1.2.a. of this issuance, and designates the following officials as approval authorities:

- a. The Inspector General of the Department of Defense for Service members assigned to that office.
- b. The Directors of the Defense Agencies and DoD Field Activities for the Service members serving within their respective agencies or activities.
- c. The Secretaries of the Military Departments for Service members serving within their respective Military Departments.
- d. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for:
 - (1) Service members assigned to the Joint Staff.
 - (2) The Combatant Commanders.
- e. The Combatant Commanders for Service members assigned to their respective commands.

2.2. DOD AND OSD COMPONENT HEADS.

The DoD and OSD Component heads identified in Paragraph 2.1. of this issuance may delegate, in writing, their authority to subordinates. However, under no circumstances may a military officer review and approve the wearing of the uniform for himself, herself, or a military superior.

REFERENCES

DoD Directive 5124.02, “Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R)),” June 23, 2008

DoD Instruction 5410.19, “Public Affairs Community Relations Policy Implementation,” November 13, 2001

Executive Order 10450, “Security Requirements for Government Employment,” April 27, 1953, as amended

United States Code, Title 10, Section 772