



## JOHN T. DEMPSTER, JR. DIVISION USNSCC Uniforms

The uniforms you will wear during your Sea Cadet career are a necessary part of your membership. The initial uniform charge will be no more than you would spend for Scouts, Baseball or uniforms for participation in other activities. A full initial compliment of uniforms costs the Unit over \$450.00. **Our Division requires a \$200.00 refundable deposit.** This amount will be refunded to you when you leave the program and all uniforms have been returned cleaned and undamaged. Since Cadets wear official Navy uniforms which have been purchased with federal funds by law these uniforms must be returned when you leave the program. If not, legal action may be taken to recover the uniforms, as they are government property.

Uniforms will be issued once enrollment is processed at NHQ. It is your responsibility to request from the Supply Officer any items that are missing from your uniforms. There are certain items that you will be required to purchase on your own. That list along with suggested websites is listed under the heading Items to Purchase Outside of Supply.

The following uniforms are the prescribed Sea Cadet uniforms for the John T. Dempster, Jr. Division. Each uniform features a list of items required for that uniform as well as a picture of the uniform. The lists are separated into groups between uniform types.

Lastly, but most importantly, it is your responsibility to properly care for your uniforms. They must be kept in clean condition at all times. Instructions for cleaning and pressing are provided at the end of this document.

**PARENTS: Please go through the Sea Bag with your Cadet. Sewing and hemming is your responsibility. When sewing NO HANDSTICHING. When hemming DO NOT CUT the pants. A wide hem is acceptable.**

All information regarding uniforms can be found on the Unit website [www.usnsccdempster.com](http://www.usnsccdempster.com) under Uniforms.



## SUMMER DRESS WHITES

Jumper, White with USNSCC Blue  
Shoulder Flashes

Trousers, White\*\*

“Dixie Cup” Cover, White

Shoes, Dress, Black

Socks, Dress, Black

Undershirt, White

Undergarments, White

Belt, White, with Silver Tip (Males)

Belt Buckle, Silver (Males)

Neckerchief, Black

Sleeve Insignia (if earned)

Ribbons (if earned)

Nameplate

\*\*Female pants are side-zip and do not require a  
belt.



## SERVICE DRESS BLUES

Jumper, Blue with USNSCC Blue  
Shoulder Flashes

Trousers, Blue

“Dixie Cup” Cover, White

Shoes, Dress, Black

Socks, Dress, Black

Undershirt, White

Undergarments

Neckerchief, Black

Sleeve Insignia (if earned)

Ribbons (if earned)

Nameplate

### Optional Items

(worn with outerwear only)

Peacoat, Black

Earmuffs, Black

Gloves, Black

Scarf, White



### TYPE III NAVY WORKING UNIFORM (NWUs)

Intended for year round wear. Standard working uniform.

Shirt, Green Digital with USNSCC  
Green Shoulder Flashes (Velcro)

Trousers, Green Digital

Cover, 8-point, Green Digital with  
USNSCC Green Cover Flash \*\*

Boots, Combat, Black

Socks, Black

T-Shirt, Coyote Brown

Undergarments

Belt, Black Web with Silver Tip

Belt Buckle, Silver

Boot Blousing Straps

Name/Branch Tapes, Green Digital with  
Black Thread

Rank Insignia Tab (if earned)

#### Optional Items

Knit Watch Cap, Black

Gloves, Work, Black

Turtleneck, Black

Fleece, Black

Parka, Green Digital with Nametape

\*\*New Cadets will wear the Recruit Ballcap  
until they have completed the BMR.



## PHYSICAL TRAINING (PT)

USNSCC T-Shirt, Gold

USNSCC Shorts, Navy Blue

Socks, White

Sneakers<sup>[1]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

### Optional Items

USNSCC Sweatshirt

USNSCC Sweatpants

Note: PT shirt should be tucked in at all times.

## RECRUIT BALLCAP

New Cadets shall wear the Recruit Ballcap with their NWUs and until they have successfully completed the BMR. After completion of the BMR they will return the Ballcap to Supply and may wear the NWU cover.



## USNSCC Name Tapes and Branch Tapes

Worn on Type III NWUs - green digital with black thread.

Name tape on the shirt: should be sewn above and flush with the top of the wearer's right pocket.

Name tape on the trousers: should be sewn above and flush with the top of the wearer's right trouser pocket.

Name tape on the parka: should be sewn on the right arm pocket flap.

Use thread that blends in with the green digital fabric. No black or brightly colored thread. Choose a subdued brown or green shade.



The Branch Tape USNSCC should be sewn above and flush with the top of the wearer's left shirt pocket.



**NOTE TO SEAMSTRESS:** Please fold the ends of the name tape and branch tape underneath (back on itself) to match width of pocket then iron and crease. **DO NOT** cut tapes.

**NO Handstitching – ALL sewing on all uniforms must be done by a seamstress or yourself using a sewing machine.**

## USNSCC Shoulder Flashes

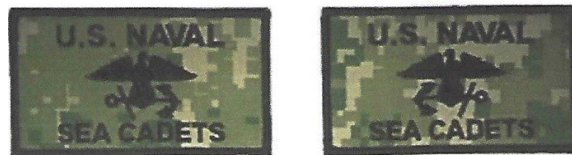
### **Summer Dress Whites and Service Dress Blues**



**NOTE TO SEAMSTRESS:** The shoulder flash will be centered on the outer face of each sleeve, with the top edge of the shoulder flash 1 inch below the shoulder seam and the eagle facing forward.

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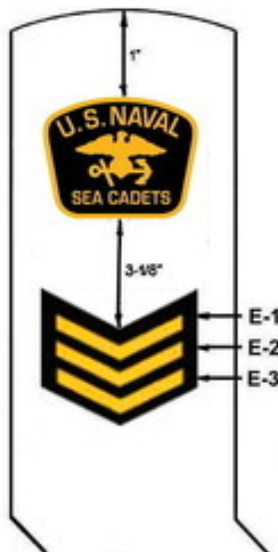
### **Type III NWUs**



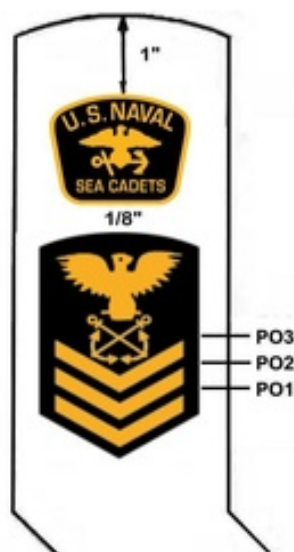
NWU Shoulder Flashes are Velcro. Eagles should be facing forward.

## USNSCC Chevrons and Rating Badges

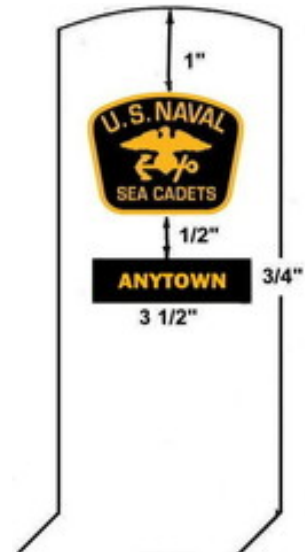
Worn on **Summer Dress Whites** and **Service Dress Blues**



RIGHT SLEEVE  
NSCC CADET  
RATING CHEVRONS



RIGHT SLEEVE  
NSCC PETTY OFFICER  
RATING BADGE



LEFT SLEEVE  
NSCC CADET  
FLASH AND UIM  
(UNIFORM IDENTIFICATION  
MARKER. DEMPSTER DIV.  
DOES NOT ISSUE THESE)

**NOTE TO SEAMSTRESS:** Flashes are sewn on with the eagle facing forward, 1" below the shoulder seam.

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yourself using a sewing machine.

### USNSCC Rank Tabs

Worn on **Type III NWUs** Shirts and Parka – Rank tabs replicate USNSCC Rating Badges in lieu of sleeve insignia. All Petty Officers wear miniature-size grade insignia tapes. Tabs are green digital with black thread.



### USNSCC Cover Flashes

Worn on **Type III NWUs** - green digital with black thread.



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## Items to Purchase Outside of Supply

**Coyote Brown T-Shirt:** For the Type III NWU uniform

T-shirts are sold in packs of three for \$19.99 from Soffe.com. SKU:682M-3:

<https://www.soffe.com/product/682M-3/Soffe-Adult-Ringspun-Cotton-Military-Tee-3-Pack-USA.html>

**Black Leather Dress Oxford Shoes:** Shoes must have laces, no seam on the toe and be polish-able. Absolutely NO CORFRAMS (patent leather shoes). Shoes can be purchased from military supply stores or on-line. If purchasing Bates shoes, Bates Lites are more comfortable.

An example of dress shoes can be found at:

[http://www.batesfootwear.com/US/en/leather-uniform-oxford/20150M.html?dwvar\\_20150M\\_color=E00968#cgid=oxfords&prefn1=genericSizeType&prefy1=M&start=1](http://www.batesfootwear.com/US/en/leather-uniform-oxford/20150M.html?dwvar_20150M_color=E00968#cgid=oxfords&prefn1=genericSizeType&prefy1=M&start=1)



**Black Boots:** Cadets will need a pair of mid-calf boots. They must have laces. Zipper on the inside is okay. They may be purchased at [www.batesfootwear.com](http://www.batesfootwear.com).

Jungle boots are not acceptable. They do not provide enough support.

Below is an example of acceptable boots.



**PT Shorts, Yellow PT Shirt, Sweatpants, Sweatshirt:**

**Shorts** – USNSCC shorts (SKU 201000) may be purchased at the link below.

**PT Shirts** – USNSCC gold t-shirts (SKU 201008) may be purchased at the link below. You are required to have two (2) shirts.

**Sweatpants** – OPTIONAL – USNSCC (SKU 201157) may be purchased at the link below.

**Sweatshirt** – OPTIONAL – USNSCC (SKU 201150) may be purchased at the link below.

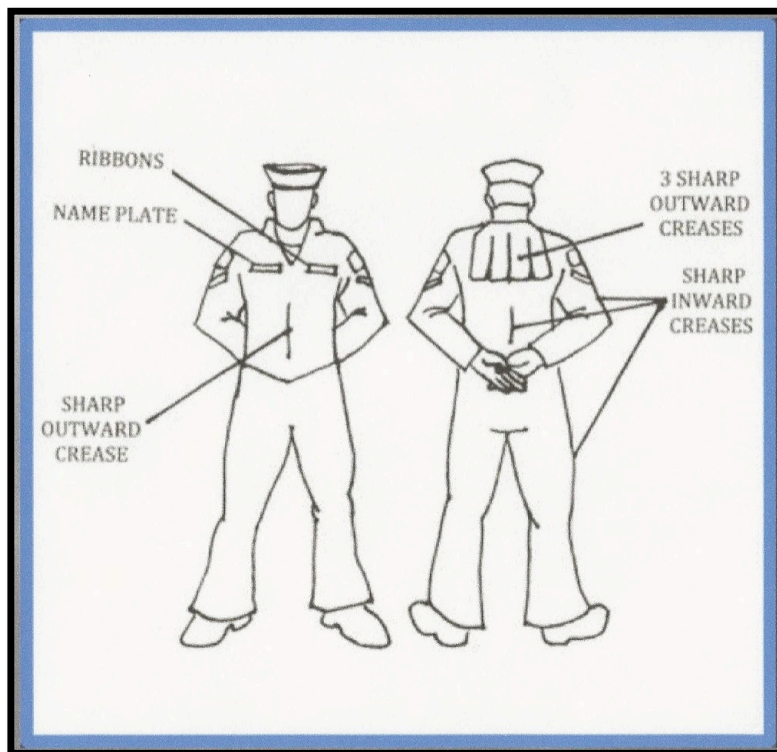
<https://www.vanguardmil.com/collections/ns-nlcc-clothing>

**Peacoats:** OPTIONAL - but the only acceptable outerwear worn over the SDBs at Wreaths Across America event, during winter trainings and fundraising events. There are very limited quantities available in Supply for RENT and requires a \$55.00 refundable deposit. A Peacoat must be worn with a white scarf. The scarf is available for purchase from Supply for \$5.00. You may order your own Peacoat but you must wear our white scarf with it. The Peacoat is the only uniform item that may be worn outside of Sea Cadets with your civilian clothes.

## USNSCC Care of Uniforms

**Summer Dress Whites:** Machine wash or dry clean. Never use bleach as this will turn the fabric yellow. When ironing, turn the garment inside out and use a pressing cloth (pillow case is fine). A hot iron used directly on the uniform will burn the fabric as it is polyester. This uniform should be stored on a sturdy wooden hanger inside out to preserve the creases.

**Service Dress Blues:** **DRY CLEAN ONLY!!!** – They are wool. **NEVER** put in the washing machine. Ask the drycleaner for a “military crease.” Check your uniform to make sure it is pressed correctly before you pay and leave. Turn uniform inside out to preserve creases and place on a sturdy wooden hanger. Store in your garment bag.



**Trousers:** Press inside out creating creases on the SIDES only. When you turn them right side out there are NO CREASES down the FRONT, only side creases going “in-board.”

**Jumper:** Press inside out creating a center crease on the front of the jumper going “out-board” like the point of an arrow. The back of the jumper should be pressed with a center crease going “in-board.” Think of the prow of a ship or being shot with an arrow from the back to the front. That is how the creases should be pressed.

**Flap of the Jumper:** Needs three (3) creases going “out-board.” The center crease should be in the middle of the flap. The other two (2) creases should be equal distance from the center crease.

**“Railroad Tracks”:** These occur when the old crease is not pressed out completely and another crease is placed near the old one. This creates a “railroad tracks” effect. Example =====. This is an automatic “gig” against the cadet.

**Pressing Cloth:** If you have “railroad tracks” on your uniform, spray your uniform with clean water and place a pressing cloth (pillow case is fine) on top and use high heat from an iron to press flat. Once the old crease is removed, you may press the new crease into the uniform.

**White “Dixie Cup” Cover:** Soak in a bucket of OxyClean for two days. Make sure the cover is completely submerged. Machine wash. Air dry by reshaping cover on an upside-down bowl. Store in a zip lock bag with your name on it.

**Black Neckerchief:** Get the neckerchief soaking wet and spread out on an ironing board. Don’t wring out the neckerchief, just let the water drip on the floor. Move a hot iron quickly over the neckerchief. They are polyester and will burn easily. You can use a pressing cloth. DO NOT use spray starch. It makes the neckerchief too stiff.

**NUWs:** The shirt and trousers may be machine-washed and dried. The cover can be washed in the top rack of the dishwasher and then air-dried.

**Seabag:** Turn inside out and machine-wash in a commercial front load washing machine and then air-dried.

**These uniforms are on loan to you from the United States Navy and are the property of the U.S. Government. They must be treated with the respect they have earned. You are responsible for keeping them in excellent condition, which means cleaning them after every drill weekend.**

**You will be held responsible for damaged items and will be charged the replacement cost for an item.**

**All uniforms must be returned clean and undamaged within thirty (30) days of disenrollment from the unit in order to receive your Uniform Deposit refund. If not, legal action will be taken to recover the uniforms, which are the property of the U.S. Government.**