

MEMORANDUM

From: CDR VanVelzen, Commandant
To: Texas A&M Maritime Academy Corps of Cadets - License Option

Subj: SUMMER SEA TERM 2021 UNIFORM INSTRUCTION

1. This memorandum is to inform cadets of amended uniform requirements that will be mandatory aboard T.S. KENNEDY.

2. Bridge & Classroom Uniform.

a. The following are guidelines for the bridge and classroom uniform to be worn aboard T.S. KENNEDY. The uniform will also be worn during all meals, unless on maintenance or engine rotation. All items must be worn in good repair as indicated below. Good repair is defined as no paint, stains, rips, or other damage to the uniform item(s).

(1) Texas A&M Maritime Academy (TAMMA) Polo Shirt

(a) TAMMA will provide cadets with two (2) polo shirts to be worn on SST 21. Polo shirts are delineated as follows:

1. MART/MARR 200 - Teal Green Polo
2. MART/MARR 300 - Royal Blue Polo
3. MART/MARR 400 - Black Polo

(b) Cadets may order additional polo shirts through Scribbles USA.

(2) Khaki Work Pants

(a) The TAMMA polo must be worn with Dickies brand khaki work pants/shorts or equivalent. It is the cadet's responsibility to obtain these items before summer sea term begins.

(b) Dickies khaki work pants or equivalent must be of "Desert Khaki (DS)" or "Stone" (females only) color. They must be flat front pants (no pleats). "Cargo Style" pants/shorts are not preferred. Links to several examples of approved pants/shorts are found below:

1. Male
 - a. Pants: <https://www.dickies.com/mens-clothing/mens-flat-front-pants/tan/>
 - b. Shorts: <https://www.dickies.com/mens-clothing/mens-flat-front-shorts/tan/>
2. Female
 - a. Pants: <https://www.dickies.com/womens-clothing/womens-pants/tan/>
 - b. Shorts: <https://www.dickies.com/womens-clothing/womens-shorts/tan/>

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3. Misc. Pant Suggestions

a. <https://www.carhartt.com/products/carhartt-summer-essentials-sale/Rugged-Flex-Rigby-Short-102514>

b. <https://www.redkap.com/mens-plain-front-cotton-pant/PC44.html>

(3) Footwear

(a) Cadets must wear closed toe shoes in good repair (tennis shoes, Vans) with the TAMMA polo and Dickies work pants/shorts.

1. Shoes must be of neutral color (black, brown, khaki, grey, navy blue, etc.). No neon colors or excessive designs will be accepted.

(b) Approved closed toe shoes for the bridge and classroom uniform DO NOT include Crocs, close-toed sandals, Xtra-tuf boots, cowboy boots, or safety toe boots in poor condition (e.g. covered in paint, rust, etc.). Safety-toe boots are approved and required for wear with the maintenance uniform. It should also be noted that flip flops are not approved for wear outside shower facilities.

(4) Belt & Cover

(a) A black or brown belt must be worn with the bridge/classroom uniform.

1. Any belt worn must be in good repair.

(b) Standard belt buckles are required. No oversized buckles will be permitted.

(c) Class belts are not required.

(5) Cover

(a) Covers are not required for wear with the bridge & classroom uniform. However, academy covers are required to be brought on sea term.

(6) Jacket

(a) TAMMA jackets or hoodies are approved for wear with the bridge and classroom uniform.

(b) TAMMA uniform jackets (Port Authority & Eisenhower) are also approved for wear with the bridge and classroom uniform.

(c) Raingear is approved for wear with the bridge uniform, especially for those in a lookout role. Raingear must be of yellow or orange color for safety.

(7) Accessories

(a) All cadets shall carry a flashlight and knife/multi-

tool on their person, regardless of the uniform they wear. This is a safety measure.

(8) Grooming

(a) Corps grooming standards apply at all times while aboard T.S. KENNEDY, unless otherwise amended by the Commandant or their delegate.

b. It should be noted that academy coveralls may be required during some classroom sessions that involve practical application. These sections will be indicated by the instructor of record. If coveralls are required, the bridge/classroom uniform is not authorized for wear.

3. Deck & Engine Maintenance/Utility Uniform.

a. Cadets on duty for deck or engine maintenance/utility are required to wear the following items:

- (a) Academy coveralls (in good repair)
- (b) Black Safety-toe boots (ASTM F 2413-18 rated)
- (c) Academy Ball Cap
- (d) Maroon Hard hat/cap

b. Proper personal protective equipment (PPE), as directed by the officer in charge of maintenance/utility sections, shall also be on hand. These items will be listed in the sea term ~~manual~~.

(a) Academy Coveralls

1. Coveralls may be worn to breakfast and lunch, but not dinner for those on deck and engineering maintenance/utility. The same applies for cadets on engine watch. Coveralls must be clean and in good repair to be allowed on the messdeck. Cadets in class and/or on bridge watch must wear the sea term uniform outlined in 1.a. - 1.b. above to meals.

2. Commercial Sea Term coveralls will not be allowed.

3. Any coveralls not purchased through the TAMUG bookstore should be long sleeved, navy blue. The permitted brands are Red Kap, Dickies, Scandia ScanRally Reflect or ScanTropic Reflect, or U.S. Navy issue with the Velcro Name Patch adhered. Below are the links for direct ordering.

a. Red Kap:

<https://www.redkap.com/products/outerwear/coveralls?prefn1=color&prefv1=Navy&prefn2=sleeveLength&prefv2=long>

b. Dickies Men: <https://www.dickies.com/mens-clothing/mens-coveralls/blue/>

c. Dickies Women: <https://www.dickies.com/womens-clothing/womens-coveralls/blue/>

d. Scandia:

<https://www.scandiagear.com/products/workwear/coveralls/>

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(1) Please pay special attention to the sizing when ordering from Scandia as everything is in European sizes.

4. Name Patches will be purchased from Scribbles USA and shall correspond with the cadet's graduating class. They will state the cadet's first initial, last name, major and class year.

(b) Hard hats/caps should be free from cracks and defects and all cadet hard hats/caps will be Maroon in color

3. Salt & Peppers.

a. Cadets sailing aboard T.S. KENNEDY must have their Salt & Pepper (S&P) uniform available for port events, departures, arrivals, and any other activities as required by the Superintendent, Master, or Commandant. Required items for the S&P uniform are listed below:

- (1) Combo cover
- (2) White S&P shirt & white undershirt
- (3) Black trousers
- (4) Black socks
- (5) Black dress shoes
- (6) Shoulder boards, name tag, sophomore pin, and any other required/identifying uniform insignia

4. Professional Performance.

a. Failure to wear the sea term uniform properly will result in disciplinary action as described in Article 907.2.A. Cadets will be dismissed from the bridge, classroom, or engine control room for failure to wear the proper uniform. Repeated wear of an improper uniform may result in dismissal from sea term, which results in failure of the academic portion of sea term. There is no flexibility in the rules outlined above. Uniforms must be of the nature described herein.

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