



Converting the Service Dress Blue uniform to the Dinner Dress Blue uniform

**How to prepare for the Social Event of
the Season!**

**The Fifth Annual Atlanta Area Anchor
and Caduceus Dinner - January 28, 2012**

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Officer Attire for the Atlanta Area Anchor and Caduceus Dinner

- **PHS Officers are requested to wear*:**
 - Dinner Dress Blue uniform (DDB) or
 - Dinner Dress Blue Jacket (DDB Jacket)
 - DDB Jacket encouraged for O-4 and above
- **Combination cover worn with DDB same as with Service Dress Blue uniform**
 - With DDB Jacket wear cover only when wearing outer garment (raincoat/overcoat)
 - Don't wear a civilian coat over your uniform!
- **White gloves prescribable but not required with Dinner Dress Blue uniform**
 - Not being prescribed for the Anchor and Caduceus Dinner

*Service Dress Blue, although not preferred, is an acceptable alternative





**Dinner Dress
Blue Jacket –
Recommended
for Officers O-4
and above but
all Officers may
wear.**



**Dinner Dress
Blue Uniform –
Recommended
for Officers O-3
and below who do
not have DDB
Jacket. Women
may wear skirt or
pants**





**Converting from the standard
Service Dress Blue uniform
to the
Dinner Dress Blue uniform
is simple and every officer
should consider obtaining the
necessary components to
make the conversion!**





Service Dress Blue versus Dinner Dress Blue – Male Officers



1. Bow tie replaces standard tie
2. Miniature medals replace standard ribbons
3. Nametag not worn with Dinner Dress Blue
4. That's it, you're done!





DINNER DRESS BLUE UNIFORM

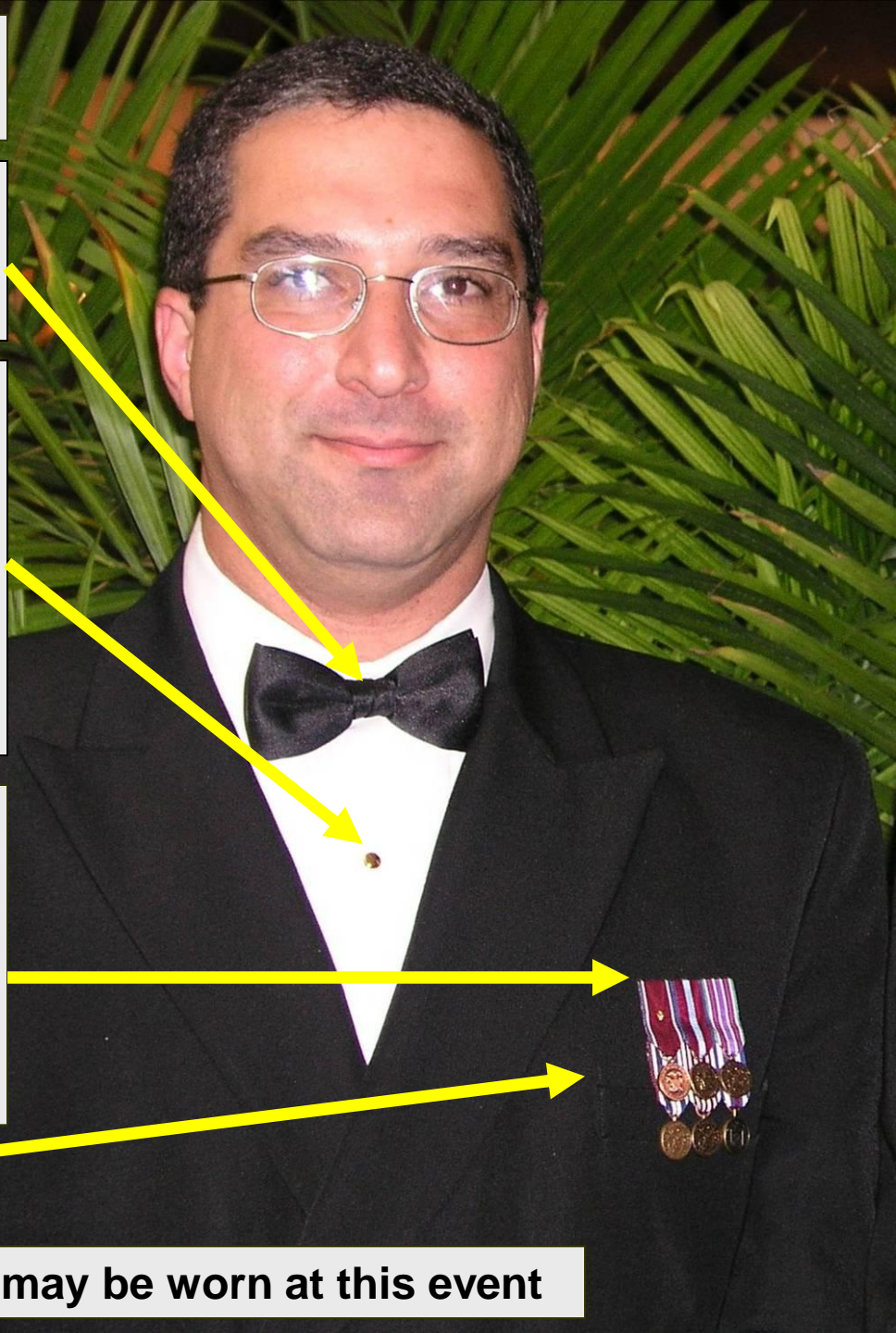
Bow tie replaces standard four in hand tie worn with Service Dress Blue uniform

White dress shirt (as worn with SDB) or white formal shirt ("tuxedo" shirt with pleated front) may be worn. (Studs and cuff links are optional with dress shirt, required with formal shirt)

Level of lower bar of medal holder located just above the pocket and centered over pocket. Maximum of 5 miniature medals per line centered over the pocket.

Top of Pocket

NOTE: COA miniature medal may be worn at this event





Service Dress Blue versus Dinner Dress Blue – Female Officers



1. Use same tie for both uniforms
2. Miniature medals replace standard ribbons
3. Nametag not worn with Dinner Dress Blue
4. Even easier for female officers!





Service Dress Blue versus Dinner Dress Blue – Female Officers

- **Women have the option of wearing the following items with the Dinner Dress Blue uniform:**
 - Blue unbelted skirt typically worn with SDB uniform
 - Blue unbelted slacks typically worn with SDB uniform
 - Blue formal (floor length) skirt
 - Blue formal slacks - Blue formal slacks are different from the blue unbelted slacks authorized for the Service Dress Blue uniform
- **Dinner Dress Blue (DDB) Jacket uniform options**
 - Blue formal (floor length) skirt, blue formal slacks or blue unbelted dress skirt are all options for wear with the DDB Jacket uniform
 - Although authorized, the blue unbelted skirt is not typically worn with the DDB Jacket uniform
 - Blue unbelted slacks worn with SDB are NOT authorized for wear with the DDB Jacket uniform





Service Dress Blue versus Dinner Dress Blue

- **Wear of White Combination Cover**
 - **Dinner Dress Blue uniform**
 - **Combination cover is worn when outdoors just as it is worn with the SDB uniform**
 - **Beret is NOT authorized for women with DDB uniform**
 - **Dinner Dress Blue Jacket uniform**
 - **Combination cover is not typically worn with this uniform even when outdoors**
 - **Exception: Cover is worn with DDB Jacket uniform when wearing an outer garment such as the Blue All-weather coat or Blue Overcoat**
- **Don't wear civilian coats over either uniform!**





Service Dress Blue versus Dinner Dress Blue

- Ribbons that have a corresponding miniature medal should be worn on the DDB and DDB Jacket uniform
 - Should wear minimum of top five miniature medals if officer has more than five. Don't wear "top three medals" only
 - Use of mini medal holder highly recommended when wearing more than one miniature medal
 - Obtain miniature medals/medal holder from Officer Device Supply Center
 - http://bphc.hrsa.gov/nhdp/PHS_Officers_Device_Supply_Center_Main_Page.htm
 - Contact for information: (225) 756-3793
- Ribbons that do not have a corresponding miniature medal are NOT worn on the DDB and DDB Jacket uniform





Service Dress Blue versus Dinner Dress Blue

- **Not authorized routine wear of Association ribbons/medals on PHS uniform**
 - However since this is a COA event the COA miniature medal is authorized for wear by COA members
- **Miniature version of skill badges may be worn on left side centered above miniature medals**
 - Miniature FMRB is now available
 - www.vanguardmil.com or 1-800-221-1264
 - Miniature FMRB is item # 3653704
 - Full size FMRB is NOT authorized on DDB or DDB Jacket uniforms
 - Limited to maximum of two skill badges and two ID badges.
 - See PPM 08-019 for further details.





Arrangement of Miniature Medals

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http://dcp.psc.gov/eccis/documents/CCPM26_3_3.pdf

Section H. Arrangement for Wearing Large or
Miniature Medals

Number of Medals Per Row

<u>Number of Medals to be worn</u>	<u>Prescribed Number of Rows</u>	<u>Row</u>	<u>Top Row</u>	<u>2nd Row</u>	<u>3rd Row</u>	<u>4th Row</u>
1-5	1 row only		1-5			
6	2		3	3		
7	2		3	4		
8	2		4	4		
9	2		4	5		
10	2		5	5		
11	3		3	4	4	
12	3		4	4	4	
13	3		3	5	5	
14	3		4	5	5	
15	3		5	5	5	
16	4		4	4	4	4
and so on						

Note: Medal arrangement can be different between Navy/PHS style and Army/Air Force style. Be sure to purchase medal holders from a PHS or Navy source.

For example when wearing 6 Medals – Navy/PHS style is 3 & 3 as above but Army/AF style is 2 & 4





QUESTIONS?



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