

DACOWITS' RFI # 6



Uniform Matters Office (N13X)

17 September 2019



DACOWITS – Uniform RFI September 2016

- Navy Maternity Uniforms Discussed:



Navy Working Uniform (NWU Type I)

Navy Working Uniform (NWU Type III)

Service Uniform E1-E6 (SU)

Service Khaki Uniform (E7 and Above)

Service Dress Blue All (SDB)

Service Dress White All (SDW/SW)



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a. Please identify all changes, initiatives, and improvements to maternity uniforms since the Committee was last briefed in September 2016. Additionally, explain how you measure the effectiveness and impact of changes to/new uniforms.

- **Navy Maternity Uniform Improvements (Discussed in detail on the following slides):**
 - **Optional Nursing T-Shirt for Working and Service Uniforms**
 - **Approved enhanced design Service/Service Dress White Maternity Top**
- **Fleet feedback via email, phone, social media and direct interviews provide measures for determining design preference, comfort and functionality**
 - **umo_cmc@navy.mil**
 - **MyNavy UNIFORMS Mobile Application**
 - **FACEBOOK/TWITTER/INSTAGRAM @USNPEOPLE**
 - **Navy Uniform Matters Team Individual Email**



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▪ Nursing T-Shirt for Working and Service Uniforms

- NAVADMIN 075/19 of 25 March 2019 authorized optional wear to facilitate ease of use and comfort while nursing in uniform
- Available in corresponding uniform colors (i.e., white, coyote brown, black, and blue)
Vendor/direct commercial procurement required
- Made of spandex, lycra, and cotton blend
- Shirts feature a crew-neck collar and quarter length sleeves with easy lift-up front panel to allow discrete nursing or pumping
- Available in Small-Extra Large size
- Authorized for wear in non-industrial and non-afloat environments only



Nursing T-Shirts



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- **Service/Service Dress White Maternity Top**
 - **Approved for design enhancement that aligns with Service Khaki and NWU maternity top design. Design enhancements include princess seams, side seam pockets, adjustable side tabs with three buttons and the removal of chest pockets with flaps.**
 - **Comfort fabric**
 - **Projected availability to the fleet in FY-20**



**Current Dress/Summer
White Design**



Improved Dress/Summer White Design





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b. Include findings from your most recent maternity uniform wear test (include year). Specifically address functionality, comfort, affordability, availability, and consistency with non-maternity uniforms. Additionally, explain how the effectiveness and impact of the newly proposed uniforms was measured.

- **2011 Khaki Maternity Blouse Length Validity Study:**
 - **Pattern adjustments to accommodate better fit**
 - **Adjustable side-tabs added to accommodate desired appearance**
 - **Side seam pockets added to accommodate carrying small items**
 - **Length availability options were incorporated to accommodate height and physical changes over course of pregnancy**
- **Maternity top design and comfort fabric provided flexibility in movement while maintaining matching appearance of non-maternity uniforms at a cheaper cost**
- **Availability via Navy Exchange Uniform and Call Centers**
- **User feedback proven to be the best method of determining satisfaction of uniform design, comfort, functionality and performance**

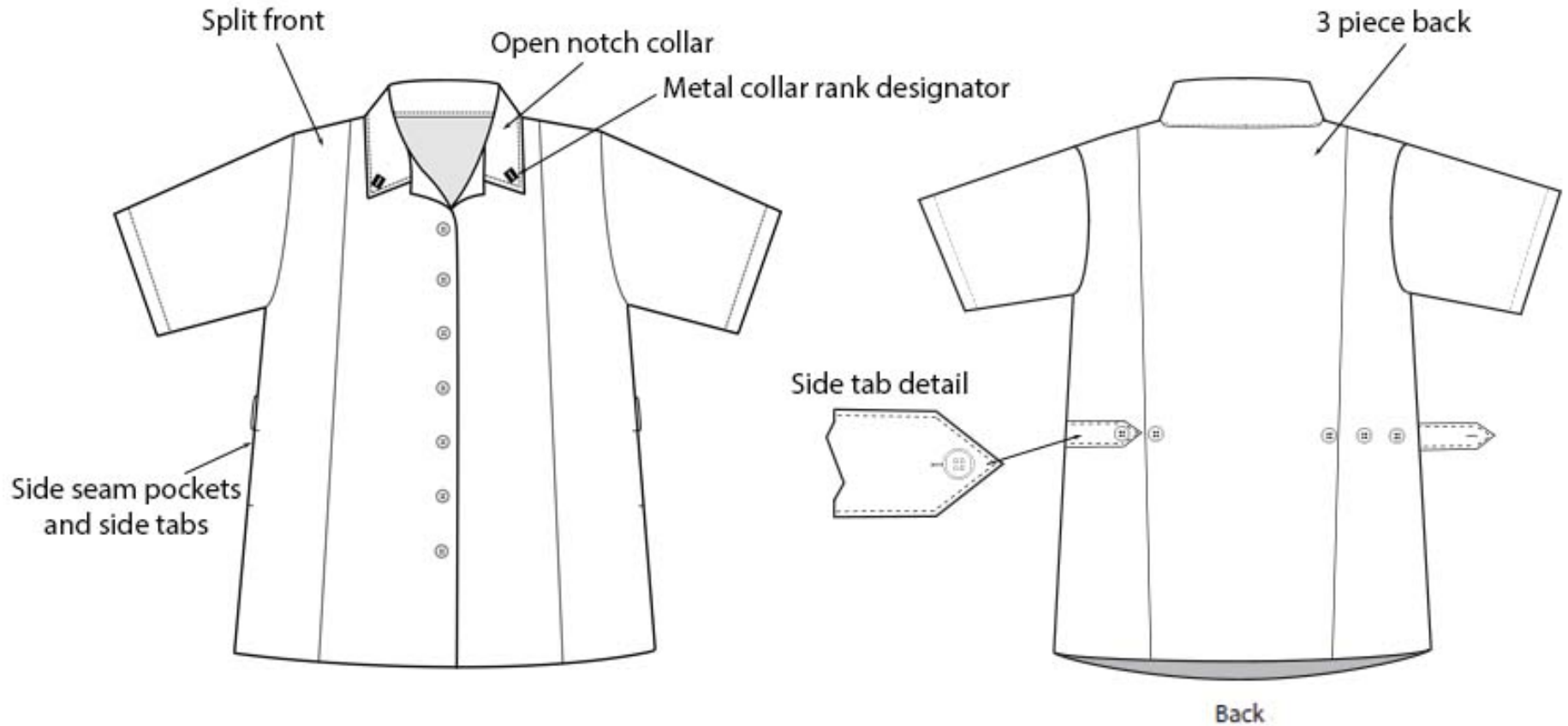
Data current as of Aug 2019



Backup



Navy Maternity Top Design



Preferred Blouse Features

Authorized Maternity Outer garments

- **The only maternity outer garment designed specifically for maternity purposes is the Cardigan Sweater**
- **Optional authorized outer garments include: Navy All-Weather Coat, Cold-Weather Parka, Reefer / Pea Coat, Bridge Coat / Overcoat, Black Relax Jacket, NWU Parka and Black Fleece liner. Optional items may be worn unbuttoned or unzipped to ensure comfort**

Cardigan sweater

