

## Army



**Blue Mess**

**When Worn** - Official formal and evening functions, state occasions, private and formal dinners. White tie worn at white tie events and black tie worn at black tie events.

**Civilian Attire for Men** - Black Tuxedo or black dinner jacket (w/handkerchief), bow tie is standard. Dark business suit is acceptable in some cases.

**Civilian Attire for Women** - Evening gown long or short, long evening dress usually worn after 6PM. Cocktail dress or evening slacks with dressy top is acceptable depending on event.

**USMC** - Evening Dress **Navy** - Dinner Dress Blue/Dinner Dress White **Air Force** - Mess Dress **Coast Guard** – Formal Dress Blue



**When Worn** - Official formal and evening functions, state occasions, private and formal dinners. Less formal occasions requiring more formality than Green Service Dress. Wore with four in hand tie or bow tie, depending on event.

**Civilian Attire for Men** - Dark business suit, jacket and trousers match. Sport coat and tie, jacket and trousers do not have to match before 6PM.

**Civilian Attire for Women** - Evening dress, very dressy street length dress, cocktail or Sunday dress, ladies pant suit before 6PM is acceptable.

**USMC** - Blue Dress "A or B" or Blue White **Navy** - Service Dress Blue/White, Summer Whites **Air Force** - Service Dress **Coast Guard** – Dinner Dress Blue/White

**Army Service Uniform (ASU)**



**Green Service (Class A)**

**When Worn** – Business, informal social occasions, parades, ceremonies and reviews, when special honors are being paid. Wore with four in hand tie or bow tie depending on event.

**Civilian Attire for Men** - Business suit or sport coat with or without tie. Slacks with dress shirt, open collar.

**Civilian Attire for Women** - Simple skirt or dress, nice slacks with jacket. Low heeled or flat shoes.

**USMC** - Service "A" **Navy** – Service Dress Blue/White, Summer Whites **Air Force** – Service Dress **Coast Guard** - Full Dress Blue/White



**Class B**

**When Worn** - Duty or working uniform, business and informal where coat and tie are not required.

**Civilian Attire for Men** - Daily work attire, business suit or sport coat with or without tie. Slacks with open collar shirt.

**Civilian Attire for Women** - Daily work attire, casual dress or pant suit, slacks. Low heeled or flat shoes.

**USMC** – Service "B or C" **Navy** – Khaki **Air Force** – Service Uniform **Coast Guard** - Winter Dress/Tropical

**Civilian Informal:** Business Suit, dress or pantsuit.

**Smart, Business and Civilian Casual:** Sport coat or jacket, open collar, dress or pantsuit.

## USMC



### Evening Dress "A"/"B"

"A" with medals

"B" with ribbons

**When Worn** - Official formal and evening functions, state occasions, private and formal dinners. White tie worn at white tie events and black tie worn at black tie events.

**Civilian Attire for Men** - Black Tuxedo or black dinner jacket (w/handkerchief), bow tie is standard. Dark business suit is acceptable in some cases.

**Civilian Attire for Women** - Evening gown long or short, long evening dress usually worn after 6PM. Cocktail dress or evening slacks with dressy top acceptable depending on event.

**Army** - Blue Mess **Navy** - Dinner Dress Blue/Dinner Dress White **Air Force** - Mess Dress **Coast Guard** - Formal Dress Blue

Picture from left to right:

Female Field Grade Evening Dress "A", Male GO Evening Dress "B", Male Field Grade Evening Dress "A" with optional cloak, Male Company Grade Evening Dress "B"



### Blue Dress "A"/"B" and Blue White

"A" with medals

"B" with ribbons

**When Worn** - Parades, ceremonies, formal and semi formal social functions, reviews and when special honors are being paid.

**Civilian Attire for Men** - Dark business suit, jacket and trousers match. Sport coat and tie, jacket and trousers do not have to match before 6PM.

**Civilian Attire for Women** - Evening dress, very dressy street length dress, long evening dress usually worn after 6PM. Cocktail or Sunday dress, ladies pant suit before 6PM is acceptable.

**Army** - Army Service (ASU) or Green Class A **Navy** - Service Dress Blue/White, Summer White **Air Force** - Service Dress **Coast Guard** - Dinner Dress Blue/White

Picture from left to right:

Dress Blue "C" (company grade male), Dress Blue "A" (field grade - scrambled eggs), Dress Blue "A" (field grade female), Dress Blue "B" (company grade male), Dress Blue "C" (company grade female)



### Service "A"/"B"/"C"

**When Worn** - Business and informal occasions, parades and ceremonies, social events, uniform of the day.

**Civilian Attire for Men** - Business Suit or sport coat with or without tie. Slacks with dress shirt, open collar.

**Civilian Attire for Women** - Simple skirt or dress, nice slacks with jacket. Low heeled or flat shoes.

**Army** - Army Service (ASU) or Green Class A **Navy** - Khaki **Air Force** - Service Dress **Coast Guard** - Full Dress Blue/White

Picture from left to right:

Service "C" (female with garrison cover), Service uniform with all-weather coat and barracks cover (company grade), Service "A" with barracks cover (field grade has scrambled eggs), Service "A" (female company grade), Service uniform with woolly-pully sweater and garrison cover

**When Worn** - Duty uniform, uniform of the day. Business and informal where coat and tie are not required.

**Civilian Attire for Men** - Business suit or sport coat with or without tie. Slacks with dress shirt, open collar.

**Civilian Attire for Women** - Simple skirt or dress; nice slacks with jacket. Low heeled or flat shoes.

**Army** - Class B **Navy** - Khaki **Air Force** - Service Uniform **Coast Guard** - Winter Dress/Tropical

**Civilian Informal:** Business Suit, dress or pantsuit.

**Smart, Business and Civilian Casual:** Sport coat or jacket, open collar, dress or pantsuit.

## Navy



**When Worn** - Formal Dress is worn at white tie events. Dinner Dress Blue/White Jacket and Dinner Dress Blue/White are worn at official formal and evening functions, state occasions, private and formal dinners. Worn when civilian attire is black tie. Seasonal uniform, winter and summer wear.

**Civilian Attire for Men** - Black Tuxedo or black dinner jacket (w/handkerchief), bow tie is standard. Dark business suit is acceptable in some cases.

**Civilian Attire for Women** - Evening gown long or short, long evening dress usually worn after 6PM. Cocktail dress or evening slacks with dressy top acceptable depending on event.



**Formal Dress (White Tie)**  
**Dinner Dress Blue/White Jacket**  
**Dinner Dress Blue/White**

**Army** - Blue Mess **USMC** - Evening Dress **Air Force** - Mess Dress **Coast Guard** - Formal Dress Blue



**When Worn** - Change of Command ceremonies, parades, reviews, when special honors are being paid, business and informal. Service Dress Blue worn year-round, Service Dress White for summer/tropical.

**Civilian Attire for Men** - Dark business suit, jacket and trousers match. Sport coat and tie, jacket and trousers do not have to match before 6PM.

**Civilian Attire for Women** - Evening dress, very dressy street length dress, long evening dress usually worn after 6PM. Cocktail or Sunday dress, ladies pant suit before 6PM is acceptable.

**Full Dress Blue/White**  
(Ceremonial)

**Army** - Army Service (ASU) or Green Class A **USMC** - Blue Dress "A or B" or Blue White **Air Force** - Service Dress  
**Coast Guard** - Full Dress Blue/White



**Service Dress Blue/White**

**When Worn** - Duty uniform, uniform of the day, business and informal where coat and tie are not required.

**Civilian Attire for Men** - Business suit or sport coat with or without tie. Slacks with dress shirt, open collar.

**Civilian Attire for Women** - Simple skirt or dress, nice slacks with jacket. Low heeled or flat shoes.

**Army** - Army Service (ASU) **USMC** - Service "A"/"B"/"C" **Air Force** - Service Dress **Coast Guard** - Winter Dress Blue/Tropical



**Service Khaki Summer White**

**When Worn** - Duty uniform, uniform of the day, business and informal where coat and tie are not required.

**Civilian Attire for Men** - Business suit or sport coat with or without tie. Slacks with dress shirt, open collar.

**Civilian Attire for Women** - Simple skirt or dress; nice slacks with jacket. Low heeled or flat shoes.

**Army** - Class B **USMC** - Service "A"/"B"/"C" **Air Force** - Service Uniform **Coast Guard** - Winter Dress Blue/Tropical

**Civilian Informal:** Business Suit, dress or pantsuit.

**Smart, Business and Civilian Casual:** Sport coat or jacket, open collar, dress or pantsuit.

## Air Force



**Mess Dress**

**When Worn** - Official formal and evening functions, state occasions, private and formal dinners. Formal Dress (officers only, not pictured) is worn at white tie events, Mess Dress is worn at black tie events.

**Civilian Attire for Men** - Black Tuxedo or black dinner jacket (w/ handkerchief), bow tie is standard. Dark business suit is acceptable in some cases.

**Civilian Attire for Women** - Evening gown long or short, long evening dress usually worn after 6PM. Cocktail dress or evening slacks with dressy top acceptable depending on event.

**Formal Dress (White Tie)**

*Formal Dress not pictured*

**Army** - Blue Mess

**USMC** - Evening Dress

**Navy** - Dinner Dress Blue/White

**Coast Guard** - Formal Dress Blue



**When Worn** - Change of Command ceremonies, parades, reviews, when special honors are being paid, business and informal.

**Civilian Attire for Men** - Dark business suit, jacket and trousers match. Sport coat and tie, jacket and trousers do not have to match before 6PM.

**Civilian Attire for Women** - Evening dress, very dressy street length dress, long evening dress usually worn after 6PM. Cocktail or Sunday dress, ladies pant suit before 6PM is acceptable.

**Army** - Army Service (ASU) or Green Class A **USMC** - Blue Dress "A or B" or Blue White

**Navy** - Service Dress Blue/White, Summer Whites

**Coast Guard** - Full Dress Blue/White

**Service Dress**



**When Worn** - Duty uniform, uniform of the day. Business and informal where coat and tie are not required. Blues can be worn with the short sleeve shirt with or without tie/tab or long sleeve shirt with tie/tab.

**Civilian Attire for Men** - Business suit or sport coat with or without tie. Slacks with dress shirt, open collar.

**Civilian Attire for Women** - Simple skirt or dress; nice slacks with jacket. Low heeled or flat shoes.

**Army** - Class B

**USMC** - Service "A"/"B"/"C"

**Navy** - Khaki

**Coast Guard** - Winter Dress Blue/Tropical

**Service Uniform  
"Blues"**

**Civilian Informal:** Business Suit, dress or pantsuit.

**Smart, Business and Civilian Casual:** Sport coat or jacket, open collar, dress or pantsuit.

## Coast Guard



Formal Dress Blue  
Dinner Dress  
Blue/White Jacket

**When Worn** - Official formal and evening functions, state occasions, private and formal dinners. White tie worn at white tie events and black tie worn at black tie events. Seasonal uniform, winter and summer wear.

**Civilian Attire for Men** - Black Tuxedo or black dinner jacket (w/handkerchief), bow tie is standard. Dark business suit is acceptable in some cases.

**Civilian Attire for Women** - Evening gown long or short, long evening dress usually worn after 6PM. Cocktail dress or evening slacks with dressy top acceptable depending on event.

**Army** - Blue Mess    **USMC** - Evening Dress    **Navy** - Dinner Dress Blue/White    **Air Force** - Mess Dress



Full Dress Blue  
Dinner Dress Blue  
Full Dress White  
Dinner Dress White  
Service Dress Blue/White

**When Worn** - Change of Command ceremonies, parades, reviews, when special honors are being paid, business and informal.

**Civilian Attire for Men** - Dark business suit, jacket and trousers match. Sport coat and tie, jacket and trousers do not have to match before 6PM.

**Civilian Attire for Women** - Evening dress, very dressy street length dress, long evening dress usually worn after 6PM. Cocktail or Sunday dress, ladies pant suit before 6PM is acceptable.

**Army** - Army Service (ASU) or Green Class A    **USMC** - Blue Dress "A or B" or Blue White    **Navy** - Service Dress Blue/White, Summer Whites  
**Air Force** - Service Dress



Winter Dress Blue  
Tropical Blue  
Operational Dress (ODU)

**When Worn** - Duty uniform, uniform of the day. Business and informal where coat and tie are not required. Seasonal uniform.

**Civilian Attire for Men** - Business suit or sport coat with or without tie. Slacks with dress shirt, open collar.























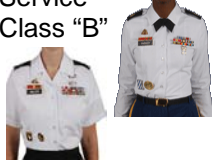






**Civilian Attire for Women** - Simple skirt or dress; nice slacks with jacket. Low heeled or flat shoes.

**Army** - Class B    **USMC** - Service "A"/"B"/"C"    **Navy** - Khaki    **Air Force** - Service Uniform

**Civilian Informal:** Business Suit, dress or pantsuit.

**Smart, Business and Civilian Casual:** Sport coat or jacket, open collar, dress or pantsuit.

## Table of Service Equivalent Uniforms

Event When Worn	USA	USMC	USN	USAF	USCG	Civilian Men	Civilian Ladies
<p>Official formal and evening functions, state occasions, private and formal dinners or at occasions that are less formal requiring more formality than Service Uniforms *</p>	<p>Blue Mess Evening Dress w/bow tie</p>  <p>or</p> <p>Blue Army Service w/ bow tie or with four-in-hand tie</p> <p><i>picture is with four-in-hand tie</i></p> 	<p>Evening Dress "A"/"B"</p>  <p>or</p> <p>Blue Dress "A"/"B" Year-round or Blue-White "A"/"B" Summer ("A" w/ medals "B" w/ ribbons)</p> 	<p>Formal Dress (white tie) or Dinner Dress Blue/White Jacket</p>   <p>or Dinner Dress Blue/ White</p> 	<p>Mess Dress</p>   <p>or</p> <p>Service Dress</p>  	<p>Formal Dress Blue White Tie (not pictured)</p> <p>or</p> <p>Dinner Dress Blue/ White Jacket Black Tie</p>  	<p><i>Formal</i> Tuxedo, Bow Tie is Standard</p> <p><i>Formal or Semi-Formal</i> Tuxedo or Dark Dinner Jacket **</p>	<p><i>Formal</i> Cocktail or Evening Gown</p> <p><i>Formal or Semi-Formal</i> Long or short evening dress or evening trousers with a dressy top **</p>
<p>Parades, ceremonies, reviews, when special honors are being paid, official visits of US or foreign dignitaries *</p>	<p>Blue Army Service or Green Army Service</p>  	<p>Blue Dress or Blue-White "A"/"B" ("A" w/ medals "B" w/ ribbons)</p> <p>(Service "A" may be worn if command directed)</p> 	<p>Full Dress Blue/White (ceremonial)</p>  <p>or Service Dress Blue/White</p> 	<p>Service Dress</p>  	<p>Full Dress Blue/White or Dinner Dress Blue/White or Service Dress Blue/White</p>  	<p><i>Informal, Smart or Business Casual</i> Business Suit or Sport Coat and tie **</p>	<p><i>Informal, Smart or Business Casual</i> Evening or Cocktail attire, Sunday Dress or Business suit or Pant suit **</p>
<p>Business and informal social occasions, uniform of the day, office work</p>	<p>Blue or Green Army Service Class "B"</p> 	<p>Service "A"/"B"/"C"</p> 	<p>Service Khaki Year-round Summer White Summer</p>  	<p>Service Uniform "Blues"</p> 	<p>Tropical Blue Year-round or Winter Dress Blue Summer</p>  	<p><i>Informal, Smart or Business Casual</i> Business Suit or Sport Coat w/out tie. Trousers with open collar shirt **</p>	<p><i>Informal, Smart or Business Casual</i> Simple skirt or dress, slacks with jacket, pantsuit. Low or flat shoes acceptable **</p>

## Table of Service Equivalent Uniforms

Event When Worn	USA	USMC	USN	USAF	USCG	Civilian Men	Civilian Ladies
Working uniforms, daily work attire, or in a field or plant environment where soiling of clothing is expected	Army Combat Uniform (ACU) 	Utility 	Working Uniform 	Airmen Battle Uniform (ABU) 	Operational Dress 	<i>Civilian Casual</i> Slacks with open collar shirt or golf shirt, no sport coat **	<i>Civilian Casual</i> Slacks with blouse, Capri pants with sandals or flats **

**Note:** This matrix is intended to serve as a guideline for appropriate attire. Each service uniform regulation has specific guidelines for wear. Some uniforms are optional, seasonal or required for specific pay grades only. Army White Mess and Air Force Formal Dress are not pictured.

**Army – AR 670-1**

**Marine Corps – MCO P1020.34F**

**Navy – United States Navy Uniform Regulation NAVPERS 15665I**

**Air Force – AFI 36-2903**

**Coast Guard – COMDTINST M1026.6F**

**Note:** Uniforms may deviate from above matrix depending on event and/or directed by host or command

\*If host indicates a certain dress, follow the host's intent.

\*\*Determined by host, current fashion, local customs, time and type of event.

Please contact OCJCS Protocol at 703-697-6606 with any changes or updates.

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