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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 10126.4C

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF LEATHER FLIGHT JACKETS

Ref: (a) NAVPERS 18068F (Manual of Navy Enlisted Manpower and
Personnel Classifications and Occupational Standards)
(b) NAVSUP Publication 485, Vol. I

Encl: (1) Sample Command letter

1. Purpose. To issue the inventory and management policy and procedures for the control and accounting of leather flight jackets.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 10126.4B

3. Background. The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) has designated the traditional leather flight jacket as an exclusive clothing item for the service members specifically addressed in this instruction. To ensure its proper distribution, strict controls over procurement, stockage, issuance and disposition will be implemented and scrupulously maintained.

4. Policy. Leather flight jackets are authorized for issue and wear only by:

- a. Naval aviators,
- b. Naval flight officers (NFOs),
- c. Naval flight surgeons, and
- d. Navy and Marine Corps enlisted aircrew personnel, who
 - (1) have completed Naval Aircrew Candidate School, and
 - (2) have been assigned a Navy Enlisted Classification (NEC) Code series 78xx, 82xx, or 94xx as listed in reference a, or

(3) have been assigned a primary Marine Corps Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) in series 617x, 623x, 624x, 737x, 738x)

e. Navy Selected Reserve enlisted aircrew who have completed a CNO-approved course of instruction to earn Navy Enlisted Classification (NEC) Code (series 78xx, 82xx, or 94xx)

5. Procedures. Issue, disposition and reutilization of leather flight jackets will be as follows:

a. Issue. Leather flight jackets will be issued to the following personnel:

(1) Initial Issue:

(a) U.S. undergraduate Navy pilots and NFOs upon completion of Aviation Pre-flight Indoctrination (API) at the Naval Aviation Schools Command (NASC), Naval Air Station, Pensacola (NASP);

(b) U.S. Naval flight surgeons upon completion of the academic portion of the flight surgeon training program at the NASC;

(c) U.S. Navy and Marine Corps enlisted aircrew personnel upon completion of the Naval Aircrewman Candidate School at the NASC.

(d) In lieu of completing Naval Aircrewman Candidate School, U.S. Navy selected reserve aircrew personnel may receive initial issue flight jackets provided paragraph 4 requirements are met and have a forwarding endorsement of such entitlement via Commander, Naval Air Reserve Force (COMNAVAIRESFOR)(N41) thus providing NASP with a single point of entry for this single exception case.

(2) Initial issue is normally accomplished at the Flight Gear Issuing Facility (FGIF), Building 3581, 690 San Carlos Road, NASP. During the initial issue process, the recipient will be entered into the FGIF leather flight jacket database for tracking. Additionally, the recipient's Naval Air Training and Operating Procedures Standardization (NATOPS) Flight Personnel Training/Qualification Jacket (OPNAV 3760/32) will be updated to reflect the issue.

(3) Reissue. Reissues require a "turn-in" leather flight jacket previously issued by the FGIF. If the jacket is unavailable for turn-in, a Missing, Lost, Stolen or Recovered

Report (MLSR - DD Form 200) must be provided. Reference (b) provides general instructions on how to complete a DD Form 200. Additionally, a DD Form 1348-6 requisition and command letter personally signed by the commanding officer is required. Reference (b) provides guidance in preparing a DD Form 1348-6 requisition. Enclosure (1) is an example of a properly prepared command letter. Note: "By Direction" signatures are unacceptable and will be rejected.

b. Disposition. Final disposition of the jackets will be as follows:

(1) Personnel qualified to be issued and wear a leather flight jacket may retain their jacket when separating or retiring from the Naval Service under honorable conditions. These personnel, however, will not be authorized any subsequent issues or reissues after retirement or separation.

(2) Personnel not meeting the requirements of paragraph 5(b)(1) will turn in their flight jacket to the Supply Division, FGIF, 690 San Carlos Road, Building 3581, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, FL 32508-5014.

(3) Check-out procedures for departing personnel will include disposition of their jacket.

c. Reutilization. NASP shall attempt to maximize the reutilization of leather flight jacket turn-ins by re-issuing the jackets as "free issue" exchanges with authorized recipients.

6. Action

a. Commanding Officer, NASP

(1) Partner with the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) to maintain adequate stores of leather flight jackets to support Navy and Marine Corps requirements.

(2) Institute procedures with the DLA so all requisitions for leather flight jackets originating from other services or from Navy activities other than NASP are rejected.

(3) Ensure NASP institutes procedures to remove the inside flap of the jacket on which "USN" or any other government markings are stenciled, prior to turn-in to the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO).

(4) Ensure users, when directed, forward turn-ins of leather flight jackets via traceable means to NASP at the address listed in paragraph 5(b)(2). Include with each jacket a DD Form 1348-1 (with 2 copies) annotated with the name, rank (rate/rating/MOS), and social security number of the individual

turning in the leather flight jacket. Reference (c) provides guidance in preparing a DD Form 1348-1 turn-in document.

(5) Arrange for security to prevent theft when shipping flight jackets, to include shipment of jackets by traceable means.

(6) Ensure that proper supply and security discipline relative to flight jacket management is exercised at NASP, including setting stock levels, establishing screening and disposition procedures, and developing strict requisition, receipt, and issue controls.

(7) Ensure that the Controlled Item inventory Code (CIIC) assigned to leather flight jackets is "V".

b. Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command (COMNAVSUPSYSCOM). Update appropriate supply publications with these procedures and controls.

c. Commanding Officer, NASC. Provide NASP with a personally signed letter listing the name, rank (rate/rating/MOS), and social security number of the students authorized issuance of a leather flight jacket.

d. COMNAVAIRESFOR (N41). Provide forwarding endorsement of entitlement for initial issue jacket for qualified SELRES Aircrew Candidates under paragraph 5a(1)(d).

e. Type/Air Wing Commanders. Ensure all requisitions for leather flight jackets are for qualified personnel and the accompanying letter is personally signed by the commanding officer. For re-issues, the old jacket, or DD Form 200 (personally signed by the commanding officer), or cash collection voucher discussed in paragraph 6(e)(5) below must accompany a valid DD Form 1348-6 requisition and an accompanying letter personally signed by the commanding officer.

f. Squadron/Station/Activity Commanding Officers

(1) When officers/enlisted aircrew personnel are re-issued a leather flight jacket (or for initial issues for Navy SELRES enlisted aircrew), ensure that an entry is made in the individual's NATOPS Flight Personnel Training/Qualification Jacket (OPNAV 3760/32). When the issue is made as a result of a survey, the survey number will also be entered.

(2) Provide FGIF a personally signed copy of the disposition letter for personnel separating or retiring from the service under honorable conditions and retaining their flight

jacket per paragraph 5(b)(1). Include the name, rank (rate/rating/MOS), and social security number of the individual.

(3) Recover leather flight jackets from officers/enlisted aircrew personnel leaving Naval Service as defined in paragraph 5(b)(2) or complete a DD Form 200. Forward the jacket via traceable means, stripped of all insignia and patches, to NASP for disposition. Include with each jacket a DD Form 1348-1 (with 2 copies) annotated with the name, rank (rate/rating/MOS), and social security number of the individual turning in the leather flight jacket.

(4) Upon discovery of a loss, immediately determine if there is evidence of negligence, willful misconduct, or deliberate unauthorized use. If there is, designate an officer to initiate a DD Form 200 unless the responsible individual voluntarily consents to reimburse the Government. In the case of voluntary reimbursement, a copy of the collection voucher will be used to support adjustments to the records.

g. CNO

(1) The Supply, Ordnance and Logistics Operations Division (N41) will maintain this instruction.

(2) The Air Warfare Division (N78) will be the final decision making authority on leather flight jacket entitlement questions.

7. Report. The reporting requirements contained in this instruction are exempt from reports control per SECNAVINST 5214.2B.

CHARLES W. MOORE, JR.
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Command Letterhead
(For Official Use Only, when filled in)

From: Commanding Officer, {Insert your command}
To: Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station, Pensacola FL
(Code 41400)

Subj: REQUISITION OF LEATHER FLIGHT JACKET ICO {Insert Name
and Social Security Number} (e.g. CDR John M. Doe, USN,
123-45-6789)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 10126.4C

Encl: (1) DD Form 1348-1
(2) Leather Flight Jacket, Size ____ (OR) DD Form 200

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) are provided for replacement issue.

{Insert Name and Rank of Commanding Officer}
"BY DIRECTION" WILL BE REJECTED

Copy to:
{Insert if applicable}

Enclosure (1)