Service Bars, Reefers and Overcoats

Also see Blouse versus Reefer

The Question

Are Service Tenure Insignias (aka "Service Bars") worn on the Reefer or the Overcoat?

Comments

Inspection Division has related that Service Tenure Insignias are **to be worn** on the Reefer/Overcoat.

As of November 2024, the directives can be misleading to the fact that Service Tenure Insignias are NOT worn on the Reefer or the Overcoat.

Uniform And Property U04-01, XII-H-2 (Uniform And Appearance Standards), states that ... "Upon completion of the below-listed periods of service, uniformed members are required to wear service bar(s) and/or star(s) on uniform outer garments with the exception of shirts, rainwear, leather jackets, wool overcoats, fleece jackets, quarterzip pullover, and sweaters authorized as an outer garment."

There are <u>two types of wool overcoats</u>, according to Uniform And Property U04-01-03 (Uniform Classifications) which lists the Reefer under the subheading of "Coat, 100% Wool" as an clothing item for Class A Uniforms. This should not be confused with another wool overcoat called the "Overcoat" (capital "O"), which is for lieutenants and above.



A **Reefer is made out of wool and is an overcoat**, according to Uniform and Property U06-01-04 (Reefer). "Four button double-breasted reefer overcoat..."

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A. DESIGN:

Four button double-breasted reefer overcoat with a length approximately 34 inches inches long for a size 42R. Will have a convertible uister-style collar, two out-side stash-through pockets, one inside "book" pocket on the left side, a star patch on left breast, and side vents. Female garments will be proportionately out and sized.

B. MATERIAL:

Wool

- 1. Raeford 2 ply all wool elastique, #13507-96 Navy Blue, 19 to 20 ounces, or
- 2. Hamburger Woolen #975, or
- 3. Metcalf Brothers and Company wool elastique, #1470-28, 11126 Brawny Blue, 28 ounces

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