

GENERAL INFORMATION

Based on COMNAVFORV spdltr ser 855 dtd 9 Jul 66, BUPERS INST 1300.37A and the personal experience of the instructors who have served in Vietnam, the following clothing list is recommended for all personnel going to Vietnam; also pertinent information concerning pecuniary dealings is included.

1. Uniforms for duty in Vietnam

a. The unusual working and climatic conditions in Vietnam require that special consideration be given to the items of uniform which will be of most use while assigned in Vietnam.

b. The items listed below are intended as an estimate of the total clothing required during a one year tour in RVN to offset inadequate laundry facilities and lack of clothing resale activities in some areas; quantities are recommendations only.

c. The need for white uniforms at the Naval Support Activity DaNang and the 30th Naval Construction Regiment is minimal. Otherwise it is recommended that all naval personnel reporting to RVN for a tour ashore bring the following:

OFFICER AND CPO

- 1 Set service dress white.
- 2 Sets tropical white long.
- 3-6 Sets tropical khaki long (wash khaki trousers and short sleeve shirts).
- 2-4 Over-sea caps.
- 1 Pair of shoes for each type uniform carried.

OTHER ENLISTED

- 3-6 Sets Tropical white long.
- 6 Sets dungarees.
- 2-4 White hats.
- 2 Baseball caps.
- 1-2 Pair low black shoes.

ALL PERSONNEL

- 1 Set rain gear.
- 6-12 Sets underwear.
- 12 Pair socks.

d. BUPERS INST 1300.37A is an authorization to travel and perform duty in connection with Vietnam assignment without complete minimum outfit of clothing as required by U. S. Navy Uniform Regulations. Although it may be desirable to travel with a "full seabag", personnel are encouraged to use the authorization accorded under the Joint Travel Regulations to place in storage or ship home those uniform items which will not be needed for duty in or travel to Vietnam. Winter Uniforms are not required. One or two sets of washable slacks and sport shirts are recommended for R&R/liberty purposes. All major R&R Centers rent clothing.

e. Due to climatic conditions it is recommended that personnel arrive in Vietnam in Tropical khaki long uniform for Officer/CPOs and Tropical white long uniform for other enlisted personnel.

f. Tropical white and khaki shorts with knee-length stockings can usually be worn. Take some extra rating badges and uniform accessories. If your job calls for utilities and/or boots, they will be issued to you after arrival.

g. The humidity is high the year round so if you take a blue uniform take some sort of plastic bag that will seal to protect your uniform from mildew.

2. Exact information on pay, liberty, curfew and other regulations will be explained by your command in Vietnam.

3. On 10 October 1966, the Bank of America and the Chase Manhattan Bank opened branch offices in the Republic of Vietnam at the below-listed addresses:

Bank of America

Saigon, Republic of Vietnam
Box 30, APO San Francisco 96243

Chase Manhattan Bank

Saigon, Republic of Vietnam
Box 20, APO San Francisco 96243

a. Any member of the U. S. Armed Forces may open a checking account. "Savings" or "Time" accounts are neither authorized nor available. Interest is paid on all money deposited as long as the balance is never less than \$100 at the rate of 5% per annum paid quarterly (5.127% yearly). There is no service charge and the checks are free.

b. Checks drawn are of international nature negotiable for pasters at the current rate or in MPC in RVN. They are good for dollars in the U. S. or the local currency in R&R areas.

c. Upon transfer from RVN, these accounts must be closed or transferred to stateside accounts within 90 days of your departure from Southeast Asia.

4. It is recommended that personnel have at least fifty dollars (\$50) in personal funds upon arrival in Vietnam.

5. DO NOT TAKE A PERSONAL WEAPON. Privately-owned firearms are prohibited.

6. All unaccompanied baggage (that which you do not carry) must be tagged with name, rate, service number, and ultimate duty station, to ensure its arrival.

PAY

a. SPECIAL PAY. Special pay is accrued net pay which is paid only for the purpose of alleviating an unforeseen hardship or emergency between regularly scheduled paydays.

b. ADVANCED PAY. Advanced pay is pay that has not yet been earned. Its purpose is to furnish members of the naval service effecting a permanent change of station temporary relief from the extra expenses of providing transportation, temporary storage of household goods, packing and shipping costs, and the securing of new living quarters. No more than one month's advanced pay may be authorized based on the merits of the request and the financial dependability of the requestor.

(1) The approval of the Commanding Officer is not required in the case of pay advances to officers or warrant officers. Chief petty officers are authorized to draw three month's advance pay without written authority. All other requests for special pay and advanced pay, with the reasons therefor, shall be submitted on special request form to the Personnel Office via the division officers and department director for approval by the Assistant for Administration/Personnel or the Executive Officer, as appropriate. It shall be the responsibility of divisions officers to screen each request and to determine if payment is justified in accordance with policy. The Executive Officer will make determination on all officer requests and questionable requests from enlisted personnel.