**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

1. **When will the SWO jackets be available for distribution?**

The latest estimate for the first production/delivery of SWO jackets will be closer to the end of July/early August due to COVID-19 impacts.

1. **Are there additional jacket lengths other than Regular and Long? Can I order Petite or Double XL?**

No. Jacket lengths will be Regular (R) or Long (L) only with chest sizes ranging from 32 to 60 inches. Every effort has been taken to ensure both lengths and all chest sizes are available as early in the distribution phase as possible.

1. **How do I know what size SWO jacket to order?**

Before placing your SWO jacket order, please refer to the measurement guide and size prediction chart located at <https://www.surfpac.navy.mil/Media/SWO-Jacket-Home/>. Follow the “Measure” and “Predict” guidance to determine what size SWO jacket to order.

1. **Do I need to submit a 1348-1 to order/pay for the SWO Jacket?**

No 1348-1s are only necessary for the initial distribution phase. CNSF funded the initial order of jackets. The only requirement is to send the official order form to swojacket@navy.mil, and FLC Jacksonville Site Pensacola will ship to the Command’s official address on your order form when they receive your jacket. Once all SWOs have received their jackets, follow the updated guidance in the instruction for the steady state orders.

1. **How do I order the SWO Jacket?**

For initial distribution of the jacket to all SWOs, please send the required order form found on CNSF site <https://www.surfpac.navy.mil/Media/SWO-Jacket-Home/> to swojacket@navy.mil. The subject line of the email needs to include **your name** and the words “SWO Jacket Order.”

1. **Do I have to submit individual order forms or can I submit multiple orders on one letterhead?**

To ensure no delays in the program, please submit individual forms as much as possible for the initial distribution phase. We are submitting orders by rank to minimize error and support the distribution timeline. However, if there is more than one officer of the same rank at the same command; feel free to include all names on the official order form. When we reach steady state, this will change. You will be able to include all officers of all ranks on the ordering form.

1. **What is the instruction for the SWO jacket?**

OPNAVINST 10126.5 dated 20 DEC 2019. This instruction is in the process of being updated to remove the statement on name patches and exhibits. Wear guidance will be promulgated via NAVPERS 15665I (Navy Uniform Regulations).

1. **Do I have to turn in my jacket when I retire?**

Personnel qualified to wear the SWO leather jacket may retain their jacket when separating or retiring from the Naval Service under honorable conditions. However, they are not authorized any subsequent issues or replacement issues after retirement or separation. Please follow guidance in the OPNAVINST 10126.5.

1. **How can a retired SWO get a jacket?**

Just as we see with the aviator jackets, we expect there to be vendors who make their own version of the SWO jacket for retired SWOs to purchase.

1. **If I need to replace the jacket, can I get it replaced?**

Yes. Follow the procedures in OPNAVINST 10126.5.

1. **Which address do I include if I will PCS this year?**

Be clear in the order form and clearly state the command address you are currently in and delineate the command address you will transfer to with an approximate date. If you have any questions, please contact us at swojacket@navy.mil.

1. **How do I stay updated on SWO Jacket information and policy changes?**

Please visit our CNSF SWO Jacket site at <https://www.surfpac.navy.mil/Media/SWO-Jacket-Home/> for continued updates and latest changes WRT the SWO jacket program. Updates to the instructions and NAVADMINs will posted to this site. Information on ordering will always be available on this site. As we get more questions, we will update the Frequently Asked Questions to address them.

1. **How will I know that my jacket has been mailed to me?**

When your jacket has been received, boxed and picked up from FEDEX, an automatic email will be sent to you and your command with your FEDEX Tracking #.

1. **What is the distribution plan for the SWO Jackets?**

We expect a minimum of 600 jackets delivered to us per month, starting end of JUL or beginning of AUG. If we have all of the required sizes, the plan is to distribute the initial rollout to the Admirals and CAPTs. CDRs receive the next set of jackets, then LCDRs, and so on.

1. **Will any patches be authorized to wear with the jacket?**

NO. Only the name patch is authorized. Changes to the instruction and NAVADMIN allow both the leather name patch and/or the cloth name patch to be worn.

1. **What uniforms can be worn with this jacket?**

All at sea uniforms when at sea or aboard ship, and Service Uniforms when ashore. We are working on an updated NAVADMIN that will include authorized optional outerwear when the Black Relaxed Fit Jacket (Eisenhower) can be worn with SDBs.

1. **What is the distribution email that MUST be used to order the jacket?**

**swojacket@navy.mil**

1. **What else needs to be done upon receipt of the jacket?**

In the summer (anticipating JUL/AUG), FLC Jacksonville will ship your jacket to the command address delineated in your order form and email you the shipment tracking number.  Upon receipt of the jacket, the final step for accountability (and auditing) purposes requires you to sign and email the DPAS receipt document to the swojacket@navy.mil email address. The DPAS document will be in the same package as your jacket.  When you send that second email after jacket receipt, **please ensure the subject line includes your name and the words “DPAS Receipt**”.  That will complete the process.

1. **Who is authorized to wear the SWO jacket?**

Please see OPNAVINST 10126.5 and latest NAVADMIN. Active, reserve, and full time support SWOs with designators 1110, 1115, and 1117 who have earned the surface warfare qualification. SWOs with designator 1115 must be actively on orders or in a drilling status to have a jacket issued to them. Retired SWOs will not be issued jackets; however, officers with the designator 1113 are authorized to wear a SWO leather jacket if issued while on active duty or during reserve support