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## NAVY OFFICER SWORD

Commissioned Officers in the Navy may carry swords during formal dress/full service dress (requires large medals) occasions such as Change of Command ceremonies, weddings, etc. For Lieutenant Commander and above it is required that the officer have a sword, Lieutenant and below have no requirement to have a sword.



Swords MUST be ordered to a specific length if they are intended to be used. The following chart will provide a proper fit.

SWORD MEASUREMENTS	
<i>Height</i>	<i>Blade Length</i>
5'6" to 5'7"	28"
5'8" to 5'9"	29"
5'10" to 5'11"	30"
6' to 6'1"	31"
6'2" to 6'3"	32"
6'4" to 6'5"	33"
Over 6'6"	34"

The length of the blade is determined by placing the tip of the blade at approximately ear level when an individual carries the sword at the "Carry Sword" position which is the sword drawn, arm at side, and blade in a vertical position pointing skyward. The blade will not extend beyond the eye of the officer. Naval Officer Swords are commonly available in lengths of 28" to 34". A sword that is too long not only looks out of place and non-uniform but the user risks knocking off headwear or increasing head movement when the user is going to or from the "Carry Sword" position.

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# PROPER WAY TO WEAR THE NAVY OFFICER SWORD

The Sword Knot consists of a loop of ½” gold lace, 20” long with slide and tassel.



While holding the blade handle to the left, pass the lace through the slit in the guard of the hilt. When forming the initial bight of lace the suspended lengths should be somewhat disproportionate (one end should be ¼” to ½” longer than the other). After taking one turn of the remaining lace and knot around the sword handle, pass the sword knot through the protruding initial bight and adjust the lace slide, as illustrated. Take two or more additional turns. Upon completion, the knot should hang free as illustrated.



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Wear the sword belt under the coat. The short belt strap and lock swivels are passed through the coat opening on the left side (as shown) and the longer strap hangs free. Hold the sword with the right hand and attach the back swivels to the scabbard rings as shown.



Twist the sword ½ turn in a clockwise direction and suspend on the sword hook with the uppermost scabbard ring. The sword handle faces aft when properly worn.



NOTE: When wearing an overcoat with Full Dress Blue, the sword goes through the slit in the bridgecoat and the lower loop goes through the back vent in the coat and the sword attached same as Full Dress Blue.