



Women's uniforms were not always designed to make it easy for women to enter male-centric jobs. Imagine trying to dock a ship or climb up ladders wearing a skirt. Furthermore, it was not until the late 1970s that the Navy created a maternity uniform option for women. In this photo from 1973, a color guard is standing on a dock to welcome a returning ship wearing mini-skirts. Uniform policies like this made it difficult for women to command the same respect that men in Navy uniforms received.

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