

## **Naval Station Newport Photography and Video Policy**

There are many ceremonies and graduation events that take place at the installation and we encourage you to tell your service member's story and document these occasions. You are able to take pictures and videos with your service member(s) during these events. However, other photos and videos are not permitted at any other time or location without prior approval or consent of the commanding officer. This includes imagery of personnel engaged in training or of any locations and buildings not directly hosting or supporting an open or public ceremony or graduation event.

## **Media, Contracted Workers, and Government Employees Procedures**

All media or contractors conducting photography or video work at Naval Station Newport must be escorted by a qualified, appointed DoD agency sponsor. News media must contact the installation public affairs officer at (401) 841-1832 or (401) 862-8435 to schedule an escort for news gathering, reporting and photography/video recording. Professional courtesy is extended to military public affairs personnel to conduct these activities without installation PAO escort. Contractors seeking to conduct photography and video recording in conjunction with military projects or other work must contact the contracting officer/agency and provide the installation security manager, (401) 841-3824, details of planned or required work no less than 7 business days in advance of the photography/recording. A qualified DoD agency sponsor must accompany contractors for the duration of the photography or video imagery collection/recording. A government employee must be approved and credentialed by the installation security manager in order to conduct photography or video recording at the installation using government-owned equipment. All imagery must be reviewed by the Operational Security Officer before public release.

## **18 USC 795: Photographing and Sketching Defense Installations**

(Text contains those laws in effect on November 26, 2024)

§795. Photographing and sketching defense installations

(a) Whenever, in the interests of national defense, the President defines certain vital military and naval installations or equipment as requiring protection against the general dissemination of information relative thereto, it shall be unlawful to make any photograph, sketch, picture, drawing, map, or graphical representation of such vital military and naval installations or equipment without first obtaining permission of the commanding officer of the military or naval post, camp, or station, or naval vessels, military and naval aircraft, and any separate military or naval command concerned, or higher authority, and promptly submitting the product obtained to such commanding officer or higher authority for censorship or such other action as he may deem necessary.

(b) Whoever violates this section shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.