

United States Coast Guard
Auxiliary
Flotilla 53 – East Chesapeake



Uniform Guide

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Introduction:

The purpose of this uniform guide is to provide a graphical view of the many uniforms of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. This guide not to seen as a replacement for the Auxiliary Manual Chapter 10 (COMDTINST M16790.1G) but as a supplemental guide.

The uniforms of the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary are identical with the exception of insignia and specific ribbons. Active duty officers wear gold bullion braid and enlisted members wear chevrons denoting their rank. Members of the Auxiliary wear silver bullion braid for offices held and do not have enlisted insignia. To the average person the uniforms are identical and as such, an Auxiliarist in uniform is seen as active duty member. Active duty members off all branches of the Uniformed Services take special pride in the wearing of his or her uniform. As a member of the USCG Auxiliary, one should take the same pride and honor in wearing their uniform. As such, partial uniforms, makeshift uniforms, or homemade uniforms should not be worn at any times.

Active duty members are required to maintain standards for weight and appearance. This guide does not go into details for grooming and fitness, but a member should strive to the best of their ability to emulate the standards of the USCG. Grooming standards can be found in Chapter 10 of the AUXMAN under Grooming.

Section 1

Primary Uniforms

Tropical Blue Uniform – Men

When to Wear:

Worn year-round for all meetings, public affairs, public education
Marine dealer visits, vessel exams and other events where a suit and tie are not required or expected.

Head Cover:

Combination Cap, Garrison Cap

Light Blue Short Sleeve Shirt

Can be worn with military creases.

Long Trousers

USCG Standard Dress Trousers hemmed to form a single break
At the shoe.

Black Belt with Silver Buckle and Belt End

Black Socks

Black Plain-toe Oxford Shoes

Highly polished or synthetic leather.

Shoulder Boards

Enhanced shoulder boards required
Members wear member boards, Officers
Wear appropriate shoulder boards.

Name Tag

USCGA White name tag with blue letters
Centered with bottom edge ¼” over right pocket.

Ribbons

Centered with bottom edge ¼” over left pocket

Qualification Insignia

Worn with bottom edge ¼” above and centered above topmost
Ribbon over left pocket. Secondary insignia worn with top edge
¼” below the top of the left pocket flap.

Identification Badges

AUXOP Badge worn with bottom edge ¼” centered above name tag. Past Officer Device worn with peak of the shield touching top seam of the pocket flap. National Staff Badge worn centered on right pocket.



Tropical Blue Uniform – Women

When to Wear:

Worn year-round for all meetings, public affairs, public education, marine dealer visits, vessel exams and other events where a suit and tie are not required or expected.

Head Cover:

Combination Cap, Garrison Cap

Light Blue Short Sleeve Shirt or Tunic

Can be worn with military creases.

Long Trousers or Skirt

USCG Standard Dress Trousers hemmed to form a single break at the shoe. Skirt no shorter than 1" above crease of knee.

Black Belt with Silver Buckle and Belt End

Black Socks with Trousers

Black Plain-toe Oxford Shoes

Highly polished or synthetic leather.
Black heels required with skirt

Shoulder Boards

Enhanced shoulder boards required. Members wear member boards, Officers wear appropriate shoulder boards.

Name Tag

USCGA White name tag with blue letters
Centered with bottom edge ¼" over right pocket.

Ribbons

Centered with bottom edge ¼" over left pocket

Qualification Insignia

Worn with bottom edge ¼" above and centered above topmost ribbon over left pocket. Secondary insignia worn with top edge ¼" below the top of the left pocket flap.

Identification Badges

AUXOP Badge worn with bottom edge 1/4" centered above name tag. Past Officer Device worn with peak of the shield touching top seam of the pocket flap. National Staff Badge worn centered on right pocket.



Operational Dress Uniform

When to Wear:

Principal general purpose uniform. Worn year-round primarily as a field utility and watchstanding uniform. It is intended for wear in any situation that does not require a dress uniform, including patrols, vessel safety checks.

Head Cover:

Auxiliary Ball Cap. Metal office insignia or member device centered on ball cap.

ODU Blouse Untucked

Sleeves rolled up or down

Auxiliary Crew Neck T-Shirt

USCG Auxiliary stenciled in white $\frac{3}{4}$ " tall letters across left side. USCG Blue.

ODU Trousers

Bloused with safety boots, straight with boat shoes.

Black Riggers or Open Buckle Web Belt

Black Safety Boots

Boots must have composite toe. Boat shoes worn at Discretion of coxswain.

Collar Insignia

Sew-on cloth insignia. Member device or Officer. Officer Insignia have a black A for all offices.

Name Tag

USCGA sew-on name tape with white letters
Tape length matches pocket width.

USCG Auxiliary ID Tape

Sew-on tape above left pocket.

Qualification Insignia

Sew-on above USCGA Tape, must match width of pocket.

Identification Badges

AUXOP sew-on tape above Name tape, must match width of pocket.



Service Dress Blue Uniform – Men

When to Wear:

Worn year-round for all meetings, public affairs, public education, office work and social occasions where the equivalent is a coat and tie.

Head Cover:

Combination Cap

Service Dress Blue Jacket

Single breasted jacket with silver buttons.

Light Blue Long Sleeve Shirt with Tie

Worn with enhanced shoulder boards.

Silver Sleeve Lace and Shield

Silver A for elected officers and members, red A for staff officers.

Long Trousers

USCG Standard Dress Trousers hemmed to form a single break at the shoe

Black Belt with Silver Buckle and Belt End

Black Socks

Black Plain-toe Oxford Shoes

Highly polished or synthetic leather.

Name Tag

USCGA White name tag with blue letters
Centered with bottom edge ¼” over right pocket.

Ribbons

Centered with bottom edge ¼” over left pocket

Qualification Insignia

Worn with bottom edge ¼” above and centered above topmost ribbon over left pocket. Secondary insignia worn with top edge ¼” below the top of the left pocket flap.

Identification Badges

AUXOP Badge worn with bottom edge ¼” centered above name tag. Past Officer Device worn with peak of the shield touching top seam of the pocket flap. National Staff Badge worn centered on right pocket.



Service Dress Blue Uniform – Women

When to Wear:

Worn year-round for all meetings, public affairs, public education, office work and social occasions where the equivalent is a coat and tie.

Head Cover:

Combination Cap

Service Dress Blue Jacket

Single breasted jacket with silver buttons.

Light Blue Long Sleeve Shirt with Tie

Worn with enhanced shoulder boards.

Silver Sleeve Lace and Shield

Silver A for elected officers and members, red A for staff officers.

Long Trousers/Skirt

USCG Standard Dress Trousers hemmed to form a single break at the shoe. Knee length SDB skirt.

Black Belt with Silver Buckle and Belt End

Black Socks/Plain Hose

Black Plain-toe Oxford Shoes

Highly polished or synthetic leather. Pumps with skirt.

Name Tag

USCGA White name tag with blue letters
Centered with bottom edge ¼” over right pocket.

Ribbons

Centered with bottom edge ¼” over left pocket

Qualification Insignia

Worn with bottom edge ¼” above and centered above topmost ribbon over left pocket. Secondary insignia worn with top edge ¼” below the top of the left pocket flap.

Identification Badges

AUXOP Badge worn with bottom edge ¼” centered above name tag. Past Officer Device worn with peak of the shield touching top seam of the pocket flap. National Staff Badge worn centered on right pocket.



Blue Blazer Outfit

When to Wear:

Worn year-round for all meetings, public affairs, public education, office work and social occasions where the equivalent is a coat and tie. Worn when you do not have a complete uniform

Head Cover:

None

Navy Blue Dress Jacket

Single breasted jacket.

White Long Sleeve Shirt with Tie

Coast Guard Blue tie/tab tie. Black bow/tab tie for formal occasions.

Auxiliary Patch

Official blazer patch, sewn on left breast pocket.

Long Trousers/Skirt

White or grey dress trousers or skirt without cuffs. Skirt may be pleated or plain.

Black Belt with Silver Buckle and Belt End

Black Socks/Plain Hose

Black Plain-toe Oxford Shoes

Highly polished or synthetic leather. Pumps with skirt.



Section 2

Formal Uniforms

Dinner Dress Blue Uniform – Men

When to Wear:

Official winter evening functions when civilian attire is black tie, tuxedo and any formal event such as weddings, theatre, opera, and receptions.

Head Cover:

Combination Cap

Dinner Dress Blue Jacket

US Navy Dinner Dress Blue Jacket. Black in color. Replace 6 large gold buttons with silver Auxiliary buttons, replace chain and smaller buttons with silver chain and Auxiliary buttons.

White Shirt

Pleated long sleeve white shirt with barrel or French cuffs with silver studs and cufflinks. Plain collar.

Tie

Black bow tie.

Silver Sleeve Lace and Shield

Silver A for elected officers and members, red A for staff officers. Shield only for members.

Long Trousers

US Navy Dinner Dress high-waist trousers. Black in color.

Silver Pleated Cummerbund

Black Socks

Black Plain-toe Oxford Shoes

Highly polished or synthetic leather.

Small Medals

Centered 3” below left lapel notch

Miniature Qualification Insignia

Centered ¼” above small medals.

Identification Badges

AUXOP Badge worn with bottom edge 3” centered from right notch. Past Officer Device worn with peak of the shield 3 ½” from notch. Large National Staff Badge worn centered between top two buttons on right side.



Dinner Dress Blue Uniform – Women

When to Wear:

Official winter evening functions when civilian attire is black tie, tuxedo and any formal event such as weddings, theatre, opera, and receptions.

Head Cover:

Combination Cap

Dinner Dress Blue Jacket

US Navy Dinner Dress Blue Jacket. Black in color. Replace 6 large gold buttons with silver Auxiliary buttons, replace chain and smaller buttons with silver chain and Auxiliary buttons.

White Shirt

Pleated long sleeve white shirt with barrel or French cuffs with silver studs and cufflinks. Plain collar.

Tie

Black tab tie.

Silver Sleeve Lace and Shield

Silver A for elected officers and members, red A for staff officers. Shield only for members.

Skirt

US Navy Dinner Dress Long or standard length skirt. Black in color.

Silver Pleated Cummerbund

Black Socks/hose

Black Pumps

Highly polished or synthetic leather.

Small Medals

Centered 3” below left lapel notch

Miniature Qualification Insignia

Centered ¼” above small medals.

Identification Badges

AUXOP Badge worn with bottom edge 3” centered from right notch. Past Officer Device worn with peak of the shield 3 ½” from notch. Large National Staff Badge worn centered between top two buttons on right side.



Dinner Dress Blue Uniform (SDB) – Men

When to Wear:

Official winter evening functions when civilian attire is black tie, tuxedo and any formal event such as weddings, theatre, opera, and receptions.

Head Cover:

Combination Cap

Service Blue Jacket

Single breasted jacket with silver buttons.

White Shirt

Plain long sleeve white shirt with barrel cuffs. Plain collar.

Tie

Black bow tie.

Silver Sleeve Lace and Shield

Silver A for elected officers and members, red A for staff officers. Shield only for members.

Long Trousers

USCG Standard Dress Trousers hemmed to form a single break at the shoe

Black Socks

Black Shoes

Highly polished or synthetic leather.

Small Medals

Centered above left pocket with medal above pocket button

Miniature Qualification Insignia

Centered ¼” above small medals.

Identification Badges

AUXOP Badge worn with bottom edge centered above right pocket. Past Officer Device worn with peak of the shield touching pocket flap. Large National Staff Badge worn center of pocket.



Dinner Dress Blue Uniform (SDB) – Women

When to Wear:

Official winter evening functions when civilian attire is black tie, tuxedo and any formal event such as weddings, theatre, opera, and receptions.

Head Cover:

Combination Cap

Service Blue Jacket

Single breasted jacket with silver buttons.

White Shirt

Plain long sleeve white shirt with barrel cuffs. Plain collar.

Tie

Black tab tie.

Silver Sleeve Lace and Shield

Silver A for elected officers and members, red A for staff officers. Shield only for members.

Trousers/Skirt

USCG Standard Dress Trousers hemmed to form a single break at the shoe. Standard length skirt.

Black Socks/Neutral Hose

Black Shoes/pumps

Highly polished or synthetic leather. Pumps with skirt.

Small Medals

Centered above left pocket with medal above pocket button

Miniature Qualification Insignia

Centered ¼” above small medals.

Identification Badges

AUXOP Badge worn with bottom edge centered above right pocket. Past Officer Device worn with peak of the shield touching pocket flap. Large National Staff Badge worn center of pocket.



Dinner Dress White Uniform – Men

When to Wear:

Official summer evening functions when civilian attire is black tie, tuxedo and any formal event such as weddings, theatre, opera, and receptions.

Head Cover:

Combination Cap

Dinner Dress White Jacket

US Navy Dinner Dress White Jacket. White in color. Replace 6 large gold buttons with silver Auxiliary buttons, replace chain and smaller buttons with silver chain and Auxiliary buttons.

White Shirt

Pleated long sleeve white shirt with barrel or French cuffs with silver studs and cufflinks. Plain collar.

Tie

Black bow tie.

Hard Shoulder Boards

Hard shoulder boards for officers and members.

Long Trousers

US Navy Dinner Dress high-waist trousers. Black in color.

Silver Pleated Cummerbund

Black Socks

Black Plain-toe Oxford Shoes

Highly polished or synthetic leather.

Small Medals

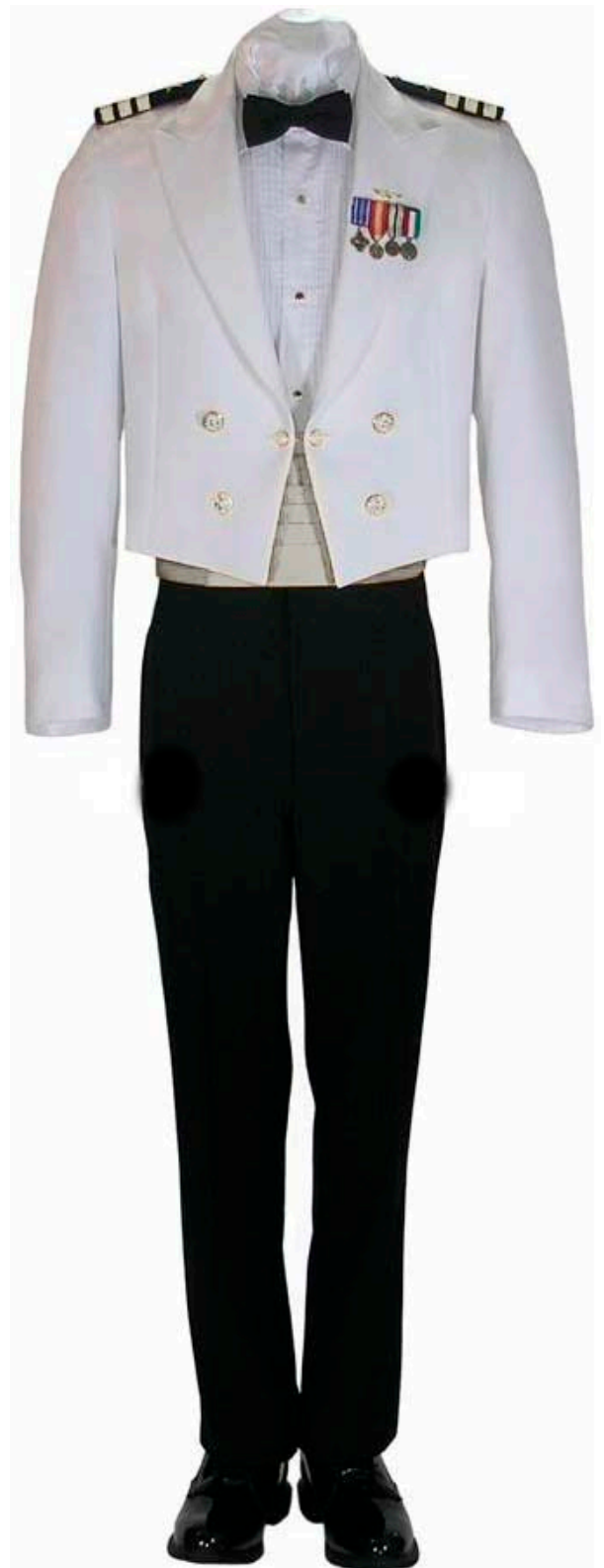
Centered 3” below left lapel notch

Miniature Qualification Insignia

Centered ¼” above small medals.

Identification Badges

AUXOP Badge worn with bottom edge 3” centered from right notch. Past Officer Device worn with peak of the shield 3 ½” from notch. Large National Staff Badge worn centered between top two buttons on right side.



Dinner Dress White Uniform – Women

When to Wear:

Official summer evening functions when civilian attire is black tie, tuxedo and any formal event such as weddings, theatre, opera, and receptions.

Head Cover:

Combination Cap

Dinner Dress Blue Jacket

US Navy Dinner White Blue Jacket. White in color. Replace 6 large gold buttons with silver Auxiliary buttons, replace chain and smaller buttons with silver chain and Auxiliary buttons.

White Shirt

Pleated long sleeve white shirt with barrel or French cuffs with silver studs and cufflinks. Plain collar.

Tie

Black tab tie.

Hard Should Boards

Silver A for elected officers and members, red A for staff officers. Shield only for members.

Skirt

US Navy Dinner Dress Long or standard length skirt. Black in color.

Silver Pleated Cummerbund

Black Socks/hose

Black Pumps

Highly polished or synthetic leather.

Small Medals

Centered 3” below left lapel notch

Miniature Qualification Insignia

Centered ¼” above small medals.

Identification Badges

AUXOP Badge worn with bottom edge 3” centered from right notch. Past Officer Device worn with peak of the shield 3 ½” from notch. Large National Staff Badge worn centered between top two buttons on right side.

