

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Uniforms

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TOPICS

- Uniform standards
- Types of uniforms and when to wear each type
- When to wear your uniform and when not
- Where to procure your uniforms

- Coast Guard Uniform Regulations COMDTINST M1020.6 G, March 2012, except where noted in AUXMAN Ch. 10
- Auxiliary Manual COMDTINST M16790.1G, Chapter 10 (updated August 13, 2012)

UNIFORM STANDARDS

- Wear the uniform with pride, as a representative of the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
- Elected officers should set example

Service Dress Blue (SDB)

- Dress Blue coat, with silver buttons and dress blue pants
- Air Force style shirt with CG Blue tie
- Black socks and shoes
- Sleeve lace with sleeve shield
- Worn with ribbons, breast insignia, qualification devices and name tag
- Only Combination hat authorized for wear with Service Dress Blue
- Appropriate for classrooms, meetings and similar functions



Service Dress Blue (Women)

Same as men's except:

- Blue skirt *or* pants
- Coast Guard Blue Tab Tie
- Stockings (plain) w/ skirt
- Black pumps, low heels
- Worn for same functions as Men's SDB

COMDTINST M16790.1G.I.3



Dinner Dress Blue

- The Dinner Dress Blue Jacket uniform may be prescribed and worn for formal evening occasions
- Same as SDB, but with white shirt and plain black bow tie not to exceed 2 ¼ inches in vertical width
- Worn with miniature medals and devices and without name tag
- Combination hat **ONLY**

Winter Dress Blue

- Worn from November 1 to March 31
- May be worn instead of Service Dress Blue, unless SDB is more appropriate
- Long sleeve, CG Blue winter shirt and blue pants
- CG Blue tie
- Black shoe and socks
- Metal collar devices, name tag, ribbons, qualification devices
- Garrison or Combination hat
- Outer wear: windbreaker, bridge coat or trench coat



Tropical Blue

- May be worn when Service Dress Blue is not required and a coat and tie are not more appropriate
- Light blue Air Force short sleeve shirt, blue pants or skirt. Tunic overblouse, untucked, may be worn by women
- Black socks and shoes
- Shoulder boards, name tags, ribbons, qualification devices
- Garrison or Combination hat only
- V-neck tee-shirt only, no crew neck



Operational Dress Uniform (ODU)

- Worn where any form of Dress Uniform is not required or more appropriate and while commuting
- ODU trousers are worn bloused with boots, unbloused with boat shoes
- Uniform sew-on devices will now display a black “A” for Auxiliary
- Tucked ODU is authorized for Auxiliary wear until no longer serviceable

ODU Coat (Unisex)

- Coast Guard Blue
- Proper wear
 - ODU coat sleeves may not be rolled up except as authorized
 - If the sleeves are rolled up they shall be done so in prescribed accordion style with only the cuff showing.
- Undershirt
 - Coast Guard dark blue crew neck “T” Shirt
- Insignia
 - Sew-on only, including office and member devices
 - Last Name and USCG Auxiliary tapes
 - The member’s last name goes over the right pocket and USCG AUXILIARY over the left. Direct embroidery and plastic name tags are prohibited.

Operational Dress Uniform (ODU) Accoutrements

- Boots, high top, lace up for most occasions
- The Boat Shoe is an authorized option for auxiliaries regardless of the type ODU that is worn (regular or hot weather)
- Belt is black web belt with subdued open-faced buckle.
- USCG Auxiliary ball cap, or Tilley hat from appropriate source may be worn with ODU

Caps

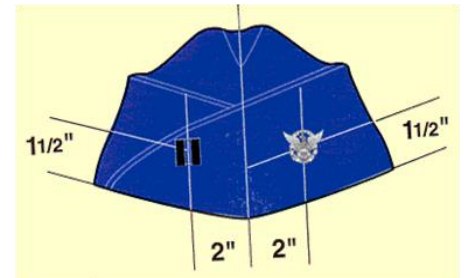
Combination Cap

- Can be worn with most uniforms
- Men's and women's styles



Garrison Cap

- Can be worn with Tropical Blue, Winter Dress Blue only
- With small cap device (left) and small metal insignia (right)



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COMDTINST M16790 1G.D.2

Caps

Ball Cap

- ½ inch silver letters, U.S. Coast Guard arched over Auxiliary
- Pin on metal member collar insignia or collar office insignia is worn between USCG and Auxiliary lettering
- Remember that Auxiliary ball caps may only be obtained from the following sources: AUXCEN, UDC, and the US Coast Guard exchange system.
- Embroidered cap ornamentation (acorns and leaves) **no longer authorized**



Shoulder Boards



Hard Shoulder Boards

- Worn on Dinner Dress White Jacket or Service Dress White

Enhanced Shoulder Boards

- Worn on all shirts having epaulets when worn as dress uniform, wooly pully and cardigan sweaters

When to Wear Uniforms

- On board operational facilities, under orders - working or meetings
- When conducting vessel safety checks (VSC) – Operational Dress Uniform or VSC golf shirt with blue slacks
- When an instructor or aide in PE classes - tropical blue, winter dress blue or service dress blue
- When conducting a Marine Dealer visit - service dress blue or tropical blue

How to wear the Uniform

- Hats should be worn squarely on the head
- Shirts will be buttoned. Sleeves should not be rolled up, except as authorized
- Bottom of pants should touch shoe tops
- Women's skirt hemline will be no higher than the crease in the back of the knee and no lower than 2 inches below the crease in the back of the knee
- Bracelets, necklaces, wristwatches, ID bracelets and rings must be conservative, noncontroversial, and in good taste
 - No more than 2 rings on each hand

When Wearing Uniform is Prohibited

- In public places of dubious reputation
- When engaged in political activities
- When in a foreign country unless specifically authorized
- Don't wear distinctive parts of the uniform or insignia with civilian clothes when not on duty
- Auxiliarists must adhere to uniform policies when engaged in Coast Guard or Auxiliary programs and activities

Grooming standards while in any Auxiliary Uniform

- Men cannot wear earrings
- Women can wear one pair of small gold, silver or pearl earrings of the ball style (no larger than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch)
 - Diamond studs can be worn with the Dinner dress uniforms
- Necklaces, chains, suspenders, pens, handkerchiefs, etc...should not be visible
- Hair should be neat and clean and above the collar (for men) or at the collar (for women)
- Mustaches must be no lower than the lip line of upper lip

Grooming standards while in any Auxiliary Uniform

- Full and partial beards, van dykes, and goatees are authorized
- In uniform, patches and spotty clumps of facial hair are not considered beards and are not authorized
- The bulk of the beard (distance that the mass of facial hair protrudes from the skin on the face) shall not exceed 1 inch
- Beards, sideburns, or mustaches if worn, shall be well groomed and neatly trimmed at all times in order not to present a ragged appearance

Grooming standards while in any Auxiliary Uniform

The wearing of beards and mustaches shall not interfere with the operation of oxygen masks, gas masks, or other safety/survival gear. As such, the wearing of beards and mustaches may be prohibited for those participating in certain operational missions as deemed necessary by the Director or a U.S. Coast Guard Commanding Officer supervising that mission.

Where to Buy Uniforms

- Uniform Distribution Center (UDC), NJ on the web at <http://www.uscg.mil/UNIFORMS/> or by phone at 609-861-1221 or 800-874-6841
- All ODU Components are to be purchased from the UDC
- Military exchanges, i.e.. Coast Guard, Air Force, Navy and Army
- US Coast Guard Auxiliary Center St Louis Mo.
- Check with your FSO-MA or the current Uniform Procurement Guide for more details

Proper Placement of Ribbons, Name Tags, Qualification Devices

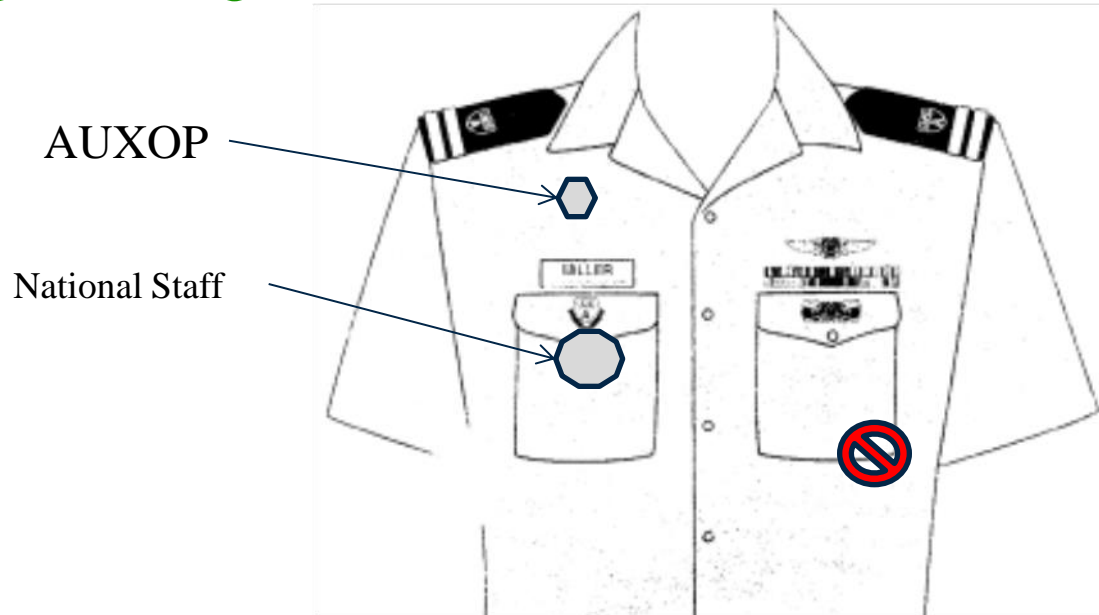
- Lowest row of ribbons is $\frac{1}{4}$ " above top of pocket
- 1st breast device is $\frac{1}{4}$ " above ribbons
- 2nd breast device is $\frac{1}{4}$ " below top of pocket
- Ribbons, breast devices and qualification insignia on left
- Name tag on right, $\frac{1}{4}$ " above pocket
- Badges may include AUXOP, Command insignias, Recruiting and past officer worn on right
- Name tag on women's uniform shirt with no pockets is aligned with top of the third button from the top of the shirt front.

Proper Placement of Ribbons, Name Tags, Qualification Devices

Auxiliary

Badges on right

Devices on left



Footwear

- Black socks made of knitted or ribbed undecorated material
- Dress shoes and service shoes are the same as those described for the SDB uniform. Shoes are black low cut plain style without decoration , heels no higher than 1 inch and no stitching or seam across the toe.
- Boat Shoes
 - Dark Blue or brown leather, low cut moccasin type
- ODU Boots when in a classroom or office, shall be shined

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Flight Suits

- Authorized for wear only during flight or any aviation mission performed under orders
- Shall be similar in pattern, color, and design to those worn by active duty Coast Guard aviators
- Zipped to within 3 inches of top at all times
- Head gear either garrison cap, baseball cap, or protective gear as required.

- The current Auxiliary Manual, Chapter 10, and COMDTINST 1020.6G Uniform Regulations are the only authorized reference sources for U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary uniforms and uniform wear.
- New members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary should speak with their FC first about procuring either the Tropical Blue and/or Operational Dress Uniform, as these will be appropriate for a majority of activities.

Blue Blazer and Other Items

- Auxiliary Blue Blazer may substitute for all uniforms, except, ODUs
- Blue Blazer worn with white or gray pants or skirt, white shirt, black shoes. Dark blue or black tie for men, blue or black tab tie for women depending on the occasion
- Recommended for wear when the Auxiliarist in uniform does not present an appearance in keeping with organizational standards of wear, or the Uniform Distribution Center does not stock or have properly fitting sizes



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Questions?