

(PROPOSED)

This uniform is an option for Auxiliarists to wear in lieu of Tropical Blue or Operational Dress Uniform (ODUs) during activities where those uniforms are authorized. This alternate uniform may be worn year-round. There is no differentiation between male and female uniforms. However, manufacturers are being queried about developing trousers for both male and female body shapes.

TROUSERS. Trousers will be khaki in color, full length, flat front, no cuff, and will be obtained from the Aux Association Member's Store. No other trousers are authorized with this alternate uniform.

SHIRT. The shirt will be Navy blue in color and will be of a "Polo" type, short sleeve, with collar, and no pocket. The shirt will have the words USCG AUXILIARY stitched over the left breast in one half inch white letters and will be worn tucked in. The shirt must be obtained from the Aux Association Member's Store. No other shirts are authorized with this alternate uniform

BELT. A black web belt with silver buckle and tip is authorized. The buckle may be plain or display the Auxiliary emblem.

INSIGNIA/DEVICES. No breast device, insignia of elected/appointed office, member insignia or name tag is authorized on shirts, hats nor outer wear.

SHOES. Black uniform shoes associated with other authorized Auxiliary uniforms are prescribed. They must have heels, be made of smooth leather or a synthetic material, low cut of plain style without any decoration. There shall be no stitching nor seams across the toe. Sole edges, heels and laces must be black.

If this Alternate uniform is worn on an Operational Surface Facility, boat shoes are authorized for wear. The boat shoes shall conform to specifics cited in the Auxiliary Manual.

SOCKS. Socks will be all black, made of ribbed or knitted, undecorated material.

HAT. The Auxiliary ball cap is the prescribed hat to be worn with this uniform. The Tilley hat may be worn while underway.

UNDERSHIRT. Wearing of an undershirt with this alternate uniform is optional. However, if an undershirt is worn it must be of “V” neck design, white in color, and shall not be visible.

JACKET. Any outerwear currently authorized in the Auxiliary Manual for Tropical Blue Long or ODU is acceptable for wear with this Alternate Uniform. In addition, members may wear the Woolly-Pully sweater purchased through the UDC or the Cardigan sweater purchased through the Aux Association Member’s store.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Will this uniform replace Trops or ODUs?

A. No, it is merely an alternative to those uniforms, which may be worn during certain prescribed activities. Trops and ODUs are not going away.

Q. Do I have to purchase this alternative uniform?

A. No, it would be an optional uniform for members.

Q. Would it be mandatory for all members to be in the same uniform at a meeting or while participating in an authorized activity which is not ceremonial in nature?

A. No. The alternative uniform would be authorized by the Order Issuing Authority (OIA) to be worn in lieu of either the Tropical Blue or Operational Dress Uniform (ODU). When it comes time to establish policy for this uniform, CG-BSX will set the expectation that OIAs cannot make the alternative uniform the ONLY uniform that may be worn as a condition of receiving orders. Similarly, OIAs will be encouraged to accept teams of Auxiliarists to report to their assigned place of duty with some wearing Tropical Blue (or ODU) and others wearing the alternative uniform. When the OIA determines a single uniformed appearance is necessary for all hands, then only the Tropical Blue or ODU may be set as the prescribed uniform.