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Subj: CHANGE TO AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN BALL CAP INSIGNIA

1. The Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard, Admiral Charles Ray, recently approved Coast Guard chaplains to wear their Chaplain Corps identification insignia on their ball caps in lieu of their military rank insignia. This change helps clearly identify chaplains even when they are wearing uniform pieces that normally cover their chaplain insignia, such as a parka or life jacket.

2. Section 4.A.4 of the Uniform Regulations (Commandant Instruction Manual 1020.6 (series)) addresses Coast Guard standard and unit ball caps, and is changed to read as follows:

“The insignia worn on the ball cap will be the standard metal collar insignia, with the exception of Chaplains serving with the Coast Guard who are authorized to wear their Chaplain Corps identification insignia. All insignia will be centered on the front of the cap so as to not interfere with the lettering. Standard Ball Cap - Centered between the lettering and the bill of the cap. Unit Ball Cap - Centered between the lettering above and lettering below.”

3. Accordingly, Auxiliarists who are designated Auxiliary chaplains by the Chaplain of the Coast Guard in accordance with the Auxiliary Chaplain Support (ACS) Program (Commandant Instruction 1730.5 (series)) are authorized to wear their Chaplain Corps identification insignia on the Auxiliary ball cap and the Coast Guard unit ball cap (if authorized) when assigned to duty in ACS activities. Placement of such identification insignia on each type of ball cap shall be consistent with the description above in section 4.A.4. of the Uniform Regulations. When not assigned to duty in ACS activities, their normal Auxiliary office or membership insignia shall be worn.

4. This change is effective immediately and will be incorporated into the next change to the Auxiliary Manual (Commandant Instruction Manual 16790.1 (series)).

5. Internet release is authorized.

For many reasons including the value of keeping communication lines clear and open as well as facilitating access to training and educational tools, all Auxiliarists are urged to have their own email address and to keep it updated in AUXDATA.

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