
Section D. Uniform Components

Introduction	Auxiliarists are authorized to wear all designated Coast Guard officer uniforms, except Full Dress and Dress uniforms (white gloves, swords, large medals as appropriate). Before purchasing a uniform wardrobe, Auxiliarists should consider what uniforms are needed for duties they will perform and functions they will attend. Dinner Dress uniforms and Service Dress White, in particular, have very limited use. Service Dress Blue and Tropical Blue uniforms are, most often, appropriate for any non-operational occasion. For most social events, including conference banquets, the Auxiliary Blue Blazer outfit or appropriate civilian clothing is acceptable. Only for certain specific missions and business meetings are uniforms considered a requirement.
D.1. Combination Cap	The combination cap may be worn with most uniforms, except the Undress Blue – Summer (Bravo), Working Blue, Operational Dress Uniform (ODU), Blue Blazer outfit, and jump suit uniforms for both men and women.
D.1.a. Men's Cap	The combination cap is required with the Service Dress White, Service Dress Blue, and Dinner Dress uniforms. It is a military cap with black visor and has a rigid standing front with a flaring circular rim. It is worn with a blue cap band with blue mount in front for the hat device, with a silver chin strap and Auxiliary 24-line silver retaining button. Auxiliarists wear the hat with a detachable plain white cotton or vinyl cap cover.
D.1.b. Women's Cap	The combination cap is required with the Service Dress White and Service Dress Blue. The combination cap crown shall be stiffened and oval in shape. The blue brim shall be rolled at the sides and straight in front and back. The cap shall be encircled by a blue band 1¼ inches wide, with a blue mount in front for the hat device. Two blue streamers are attached to the band at the back. Auxiliarists wear the hat with a detachable white cover.
D.1.c. Plastic Rain Covers	Rain covers may be worn with the combination cap.

D.2. Garrison Cap

Auxiliarists may wear the garrison cap (see Figure 10-1) with Tropical Blue, Winter Dress Blue, or Undress Blue uniforms. Auxiliary aviators may also wear the cap with the Flight suit. The cap may not be worn with the Dinner Dress, Service Dress Blue, Working Blue, ODU, Jump suit, or Blue Blazer uniforms. The small garrison cap device (see Figure 10-2) and small metal insignia designating organizational leadership position (or member insignia) shall be worn on the cap as shown in the figure below, with both men's and woman's uniforms.

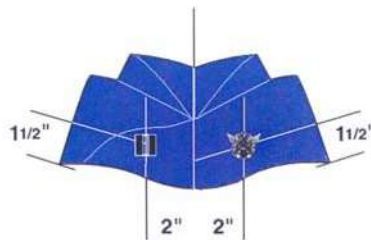


Figure 10-1
Auxiliary Elected or Appointed Leader/Staff Officer Garrison Cap



Figure 10-2
Cap Device

D.3. Authorized Caps

Auxiliarists may wear seven types of working caps/hat with the Auxiliary Working uniform or Jump suit. They may only be worn with the Undress Blue Summer (Bravo) uniform during VSCs or on patrol.

D.3.a. Blue Working Utility Cap

The blue working utility cap will display the Coast Guard Auxiliary miniature garrison cap device centered 1 1/4 inches above the visor, no office insignia, no lettering. This cap will no longer be authorized for wear as of 31 December 2012.

D.3.b. Auxiliary
Ball Cap

The Auxiliary ball cap is the cap most commonly worn by Auxiliarists when a ball cap is authorized with certain uniforms. It shall be well-formed and in good condition with no soiling, fading, or tears. Its full front panel shall display in embroidered lettering, “U.S. COAST GUARD” arched and centered over, “AUXILIARY”. Letters are silver colored, ½ inch high. Beneath this lettering, Auxiliarists may have inscribed, in the same type lettering, the number of their flotilla, division, and/or district/region. An example would be, “FLOT 11-4”. Ball caps for DCDRs and above that have silver embroidered visor ornamentation similar to that on the combination cap visor (i.e., “scrambled eggs”) will no longer be authorized for wear as of 31 December 2012. Caps that have mesh backs will no longer be authorized for wear as of 31 December 2012.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary garrison cap device is not displayed on this ball cap. Auxiliarists must wear either the metal office collar insignia or the member collar insignia (embroidered/sew-on versions will no longer be authorized for wear as of 31 December 2012). Such insignia shall be worn centered between the “U.S. COAST GUARD” and “AUXILIARY”.

If an Auxiliary ball cap is authorized for wear with a uniform, and the uniform is authorized for wear with a mission or activity, then that ball cap may be worn for that mission or activity. For example, since Undress Blue – Summer (Bravo) is authorized for wear during the conduct of VSCs, then the Auxiliary ball cap may be worn with that uniform when conducting VSCs (including travel to and from the mission site). Ball caps of any type are not authorized for wear with the Tropical Blue uniform.

An Auxiliarist’s home unit is the flotilla. As active duty and Reserve personnel are authorized to wear standard issue or Coast Guard unit ball caps with proper uniforms while commuting to and from work (i.e., home unit), so are Auxiliarists authorized to wear Auxiliary ball caps with proper uniforms while commuting to and from flotilla meetings, a Coast Guard unit to which they provide support (in accordance with command policy), and fellowship events (e.g., flotilla picnic).

D.3.c. Coast
Guard Unit Ball
Cap

The Coast Guard unit ball cap is the cap most commonly worn by Coast Guard active duty and Reserve personnel that represents the unit to which they are currently assigned. The principal consideration about Auxiliarists' wear of a unit ball cap is that they must be authorized to wear it by the unit Commanding Officer. Recurring support is a key aspect of the command's authorization to wear a unit ball cap. Such authorization normally results from recurring support provided by an Auxiliarist directly to the unit, effectively earning command recognition as a crew member. Although an Auxiliarist may live in proximity to a Coast Guard unit, that alone does not provide justification to wear that unit's ball cap. There must be an element of direct and recurring support, as defined by the command. Further, like active duty and Reserve personnel, a unit ball cap is only worn while assigned to that unit. This means that once an Auxiliarist ceases recurring support of the unit, their authorization to wear the unit ball cap also ends.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary garrison cap device is not displayed on this ball cap. Auxiliarists must wear either the metal office collar insignia or the member collar insignia (embroidered/sew-on versions are not an option). Such insignia shall be worn appropriately centered in the same manner as assigned unit personnel. A Coast Guard unit ball cap shall be well-formed and in good condition with no soiling, fading, or tears.

If an Auxiliarist is authorized by a Coast Guard command to wear the unit ball cap, then that cap may be worn in lieu of the Auxiliary ball cap with any uniform and for any associated activity for which a ball cap is authorized. A key exception to this provision is that if an Auxiliarist is authorized to wear a unit ball cap, such wear shall not extend to activities involving interaction with the public. This is to ensure that an Auxiliarist is not mistaken by the public as an active duty or Reserve member of a Coast Guard unit with commensurate authority. For example, an Auxiliarist may not wear a unit ball cap when performing VSCs, conducting patrols, or teaching public education classes. As further clarification, the following involve public interaction:

- (1) Performance of Vessel Examiner (VE) activities involving Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) and Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Exams (CFVSE).
 - (2) Performance of Program Visitor (PV) activities.
 - (3) Performance of Instructor (IT) activities.
 - (4) Performance of patrol activities (surface, air, shoreside including missions involving mobile radio facilities).
 - (5) Performance of Marine Safety, Security, and Environmental Protection (MSSEP) activities.
 - (6) Performance of public outreach, public affairs, and recruiting activities.
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- (7) Authorized Auxiliarists, regardless of highest elected or appointed office, shall only wear the plain version of the Coast Guard unit ball cap. Neither gold nor silver embroidered visor ornamentation similar to that on the combination cap (i.e., “scrambled eggs”) are authorized.

Situations in which a Coast Guard unit ball cap may be worn, if authorized, include:

- (1) Wear of the cap to, at, and from the unit in the course of providing the direct support for which it is authorized (appropriate for commuting, stops for gas, and drive-thru services).
- (2) Wear of the cap to, at, and from flotilla meetings (appropriate for commuting, stops for gas, and drive-thru services).
- (3) Wear of the cap to, at, and from flotilla fellowship events (appropriate for commuting, stops for gas, and drive-thru services).

If there is any doubt about the propriety of wearing a Coast Guard unit ball cap due to potential interaction with the public, then the Auxiliary ball cap shall be worn.

In accordance with the provisions of section D.3.b of this chapter, Auxiliarists are authorized to wear unit ball caps, if authorized by the unit command, with proper uniforms while commuting to and from flotilla meetings, a Coast Guard unit to which they provide support (in accordance with command policy), and fellowship events (e.g., flotilla picnic).

D.3.d. White
Safety Hard Hat

A white safety hard hat is authorized as optional protective headgear when prescribed or appropriate. Auxiliarists may wear it with the Working uniform during VEs and CFVEs or crew members may wear it on patrol. Hard hats shall be similar to those authorized for Coast Guard personnel. They are visor type, white in color with a white chin strap. The underside of the visor is to be green. It should be worn with at least 1¼ inches of clearance between suspension liner and top of helmet. Safety hard hats may be marked with a 2-inch self-adhesive transfer decal with the Auxiliary logo. Decals should be centered on the front of the hat with the bottom of the decal ½ inch above the visor. No metal devices or holes may be put in the hard hat. No other insignia or marking may be displayed on this hat. Safety hard hats may not be painted.

D.3.e. Cold
Weather Cap

This hat is an optional item for inclement cold weather use only. The Director shall prescribe the proper season for its wear. It consists of ear and neck flaps and straps with covered metal snap fasteners worn under the chin or over the top of the hat. It may be worn with the Service Dress Blue, Tropical Blue, Winter Dress Blue, ODU, Working Blue, and Undress Blue uniforms. No insignia are worn on the cold weather cap.

D.3.f. Auxiliary
Sun Hat (Tilley
Hat)

The Auxiliary sun hat is a dark blue wide-brimmed cotton hat, with the words "U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary" embroidered in silver on the front. The sun hat may be worn in lieu of a ball cap when wearing Undress Blue Summer (Bravo), Working Blue, ODU, the Jump suit, Hot Weather uniform, or when on patrol or on VE missions (includes VSCs, personal watercraft (PWC) safety checks, and examinations of UTVs/UPVs/CFVs). The correct method of wearing the hat is with the brim down for maximum sun protection. No insignia may be worn on the hat. The AUXCEN carries the only hat authorized.

D.3.g. Knit
Watch Cap

The knit watch cap will be the approved Navy design of the navy blue knitted worsted wool, bell shaped pull-over style. The watch cap is authorized for use with the Working Blue and ODU and is authorized for cold weather use only.

**D.4.
Alternative
Shirts for
Women**

The A-line maternity style shirt is authorized for women who would be more comfortable in a looser fitting shirt. It is worn over the waist, eliminating the requirement to wear a belt. The shirt is light blue and comes in both short and long sleeve versions.

The female overblouse dress shirt is also authorized for optional wear by Auxiliary women as an alternative to the light blue dress shirt worn with the Tropical Blue uniform only.

**D.5. Shoulder
Boards**

Hard shoulder boards are worn on the Dinner Dress White Jacket, the Service Dress White coat, and the reefer for both men and women.

Enhanced shoulder boards shall be worn on all shirts having epaulets when worn as a Dress uniform and on the wooly-pully or cardigan sweater. Shoulder loops are no longer authorized.

**D.6. Cardigan
Sweater**

The cardigan sweater is the blue Air Force sweater, of acrylic/wool blend, for wear by men and women. It has a button-front closure with long sleeves, V-neck, epaulets, and elbow patches. It is worn either buttoned or unbuttoned. It may be worn with Service Dress Blue (when the coat is removed), Tropical Blue, Winter Dress Blue, Working Blue, and Undress Blue (Summer and Winter) uniforms. It may also be worn with the ODU, but it will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear with that uniform as of 31 December 2012. It is authorized for wear indoors and outdoors within the limits of a Coast Guard or Auxiliary unit/activity. The sweater is not an outer garment for travel purposes and should not be worn on commercial transportation. It may be worn under other outerwear when traveling between home, Coast Guard, and/or Auxiliary units/activities as long as it does not extend below the bottom of such and is otherwise not visible. No name tags, ribbons, devices, or insignia are worn. When worn with any open-collared shirt, the shirt collar shall be worn on the outside of the sweater. Enhanced shoulder boards shall be worn on the epaulets.

**D.7.
Wooly-Pully
Sweater**

The wooly-pully sweater is made from 100 percent wool or synthetic yarns in a rib-knit, V-neck design with long sleeves, epaulets, and elbow patches. It may be worn with the Service Dress Blue (when the coat is removed while indoors or outdoors unless the coat is more appropriate), Tropical Blue, Winter Dress Blue, Working Blue, and Undress Blue (Summer and Winter) uniforms. It may also be worn with the ODU, but it will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear with that uniform as of 31 December 2012. It is authorized for wear indoors and outdoors within the limits of a Coast Guard or Auxiliary unit/activity. Auxiliarists may wear it with Undress and Working uniforms between mission area and home. The sweater is not an outer garment for travel purposes and should not be worn on commercial transportation. It may only be worn beneath the trench coat, reefer coat, windbreaker, or foul weather parka. It may be worn when traveling between home, Coast Guard, and/or Auxiliary units/activities as long as it does not extend below the bottom of such outerwear and is otherwise not visible. No name tags, ribbons, devices, or insignia are worn. When worn with any open-collared shirt, the shirt collar shall be worn on the outside of the sweater. Enhanced shoulder boards shall be worn on the epaulets.

D.8. Scarves

White scarves of conventional size and made of plain, unadorned tightly woven wool, silk, or synthetic material are authorized for Auxiliary wear with the bridge coat, trench coat, overcoat, or reefer coat. The “blue” scarf is actually black in color and shall be of similar design and material as the white scarf. This scarf may be worn by Auxiliarists with the Undress Blue, Working Blue, or ODU uniforms and all outer garments authorized with those uniforms. Scarves shall always be worn tucked in.

D.9. Uniform Accessories

Uniform accessories may include the following:

- a. Gloves
 - b. Handbags
 - c. Umbrella
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D.9.a. Gloves

Authorized gloves are white or black. Glove stitching will match glove color and may be short or medium length. White gloves are made of white cotton or synthetic material. They are worn with the Dinner Dress Blue Jacket, Dinner Dress White Jacket, or Dinner Dress Blue or Service Dress White uniforms, and they may be required for some ceremonial events. Black gloves are made of leather or similar material. They may be worn with all uniforms as weather dictates.

D.9.b. Handbags

Women's handbags are black or white and made of leather or suitable synthetic material. They are plain or embossed with a leather grain pattern and are an envelope style with a matching detachable shoulder strap. The nominal size is 11 inches wide by 7½ inches deep.

D.9.c. Undershirts

Undershirts are white cotton, with quarter sleeves. V-neck undershirts are required for wear with Jump suits and all short sleeve shirts worn with open collar.

D.9.d. Umbrella

An umbrella is authorized with all Auxiliary uniforms. It must be of the type which folds into a small unit and fits in a briefcase or can be carried compactly in hand. The umbrella shall be black, unadorned and with a straight handle.

D.10. Outer Garments

Auxiliarists are authorized to wear all Coast Guard authorized outer garments including, but not limited to, the following:

D.10.a. Windbreaker

The Air Force single-breasted, poly/wool material jacket with plain collar, shoulder epaulets, zippered front closure, a welt pocket on each forepart, and with a removable vest style quilted liner is authorized for wear. It may be worn with the Service Dress Blue, Tropical Blue, Winter Dress Blue, ODU, Working Blue, and Undress Blue uniforms, except that it will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear with the ODU as of 31 December 2012. It may be worn over all shirts and sweaters. Auxiliarists may wear it in place of the Service Dress Blue coat, unless the coat is prescribed or considered more appropriate. Large metal office insignia shall be worn on the epaulets. No name tags or other patches or devices may be worn on it. When worn, it shall be zipped at least two-thirds of the way up. Cotton and Dacron (old style) windbreakers are no longer authorized for wear.

D.10.b. Work Jacket	The work jacket is made of navy blue polyester/cotton material with a zippered front closure. It has breast pockets with zipper closure, welt hip pockets, raglan sleeves, knitted wristlets, and is fully lined. It may be worn with the Tropical Blue, Working Blue, Undress Blue uniforms, and the ODU, except that it will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear with the ODU as of 31 December 2012. No insignia, name tags, or patches may be worn on it.
D.10.c. Foul Weather Parka	The foul weather parka has a Coast Guard blue, waterproof, laminated supplex nylon and Gore-texTM outer shell with a foldaway hood. It has a tab on the front for placement of collar device size office insignia. The wind stopping polar-fleece zip-in liner may not be worn as a standalone jacket. It may be worn with the Service Dress Blue, Tropical Blue, Winter Dress Blue, ODU, Working Blue, and Undress Blue uniforms, except that it will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear with the Service Dress Blue as of 31 December 2012. Until then, it may be worn in place of the Service Dress Blue coat unless the coat is prescribed or considered more appropriate. Additionally, it may be worn with the Tropical Blue and Winter Dress Blue uniforms only if adverse environmental conditions dictate the need for this heavier outer wear (such wear shall be limited to necessary occasions or periods).
D.10.d. Reefer Coat	The reefer coat is Coast Guard blue, double-breasted, hip length with convertible collar and set-in pockets. Gold Coast Guard buttons must be replaced with silver Auxiliary buttons. Auxiliarists shall wear hard shoulder boards on the coat. It may be worn with the Service Dress Blue, Tropical Blue, and Winter Dress Blue uniforms, except that it will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear as of 31 December 2012.
D.10.e. Trench Coat	The trench coat is a Coast Guard blue, double-breasted, polyester/cotton coat with four-button closure, shoulder epaulets, belted waist, and has a removable liner of either quilted pile or pile insulating material. It should extend to a point approximately two inches below the back of the knee when standing upright. It may be worn with all uniforms except the Working Blue and Undress Blue uniforms, and it will no longer be authorized for wear with the ODU as of 31 December 2012. When worn, all four buttons and the belt must be fastened. Large metal office insignia shall be worn on the epaulets.
D.10.f. Overcoat	The overcoat is made of Coast Guard blue material of conventional length. It is fully lined, semi-fitted style, with lay down collar and notched lapel, set-in sleeves, and flap-weld hip pockets. Gold Coast Guard buttons must be replaced with silver Auxiliary buttons. It may be worn with all uniforms except the ODU, Working Blue, and Undress Blue uniforms, and it will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear as of 31 December 2012.

D.10.g. Bridge
Coat

The bridge coat is a Coast Guard blue, calf-length, double-breasted coat made of wool-Melton type fabric with 35-ligne buttons and two ornamental belt sections attached by buttons at the rear waist of the coat. Gold Coast Guard buttons must be replaced with silver Auxiliary buttons. It may only be worn with dress uniforms including Service Dress Blue and Winter Dress Blue.

D.10.h.
Organizational
Clothing

For organizational clothing, see Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6 (series).

Table 10-1
Auxiliary Uniform Items for Uniform Types

Uniform Item Uniform Type	Bridge Coat	Reefer Coat	Trench Coat	Over Coat	Wind Breaker	Foul Weather Parka	Work Jacket	Cardigan Sweater	Woolly Pully Sweater	Combination Cap	Garrison Cap	Auxiliary Ball Cap	Coast Guard Unit Ball Cap	Cold Weather Cap
Service Dress Blue	✓	*	✓	*	✓ ¹	*	X	✓ ¹	✓ ¹	✓	*	X	X	✓ ¹
Tropical Blue	X	*	✓	*	✓	✓ ¹	*	✓ ¹	✓ ¹	✓	✓	X	X	✓ ¹
Winter Dress Blue	✓	*	✓	*	✓	✓ ¹	X	✓ ¹	✓ ¹	✓	✓	X	X	✓ ¹
Operational Dress Uniform (ODU)	X	X	*	X	*	✓	*	*	*	X	X	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ^{1,3}
Working Blue [*]	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ ¹	✓ ¹	X	X	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ^{1,3}
Undress Blue Summer [*]	X	*	✓	*	✓	✓	✓	✓ ¹	✓ ¹	✓	✓	✓ ^{1,2}	✓ ^{1,2}	✓ ¹
Undress Blue Winter	X	*	✓	*	✓	✓	*	✓ ¹	✓ ¹	✓	✓	X	X	✓ ¹

✓ - Authorized for wear X - Not authorized for wear * - No longer authorized for wear as of 31 December 2012
 ✓¹ - Authorized, see conditions in appropriate section ✓² - Tilley hat also authorized ✓³ - Knit watch cap also authorized