
Section H. Men's and Women's Uniforms

Introduction	This section describes the uniforms that are authorized to be worn by both men and women Auxiliarists.
H.1. Undress Blue – Summer (Bravo)	The Undress Blue – Summer (Bravo) uniform is appropriate for working situations, operations, and when conducting VSCs (see Figure 10-28). This uniform will no longer be authorized for wear as of 31 December 2012.
H.1.a. Trousers	The trousers shall be the Coast Guard work trousers and are made of cotton/polyester, wash and wear material.
H.1.b. Shorts	See Men's and Women's hot weather outfit.
H.1.c. Belt	A black web belt with a silver buckle and tip is worn. The buckle may be plain or display the Auxiliary emblem.
H.1.d. Shirt	The light blue Air Force style short sleeve shirt with a stand-up collar with stays and with or without epaulets is worn. The shirt is worn open, without a tie.
H.1.e. Socks	Socks shall be black, made of knitted or rib knit, undecorated material.
H.1.f. Shoes	Blue or brown boating shoes or all black, low top, athletic shoes are worn with this uniform.
H.1.g. Insignia	Metal collar devices are worn. Enhanced shoulder boards are not worn on the Coast Guard epaulet style shirt.
H.1.h. Breast Insignia/Devices	Name tag and devices are worn. Badges and ribbons are not worn.
H.1.i. Hat	The combination cap, garrison cap, Auxiliary ball cap, and Coast Guard unit ball cap (if authorized) are the prescribed hats to be worn with this uniform. The Tilley hat may be worn in accordance with section D.3.f of this chapter. The cold weather cap may be worn in accordance with the provisions of section D.3.e of this chapter.

H.1.j. Accessories	The trench coat, windbreaker, and foul weather parka are the prescribed outer wear with this uniform. The over coat, reefer coat, and work jacket may also be worn. The cardigan sweater and the wooly-pully sweater may be worn with this uniform in accordance with the provisions of section D.6 and D.7 of this chapter. Women only may carry a black or white handbag when appropriate.
H.2. Working Blue	This Working Blue uniform is appropriate for operations and when conducting VSCs (see Figure 10-29). This uniform will no longer be authorized for wear as of 31 December 2012.
H.2.a. Trousers	The trousers shall be the Coast Guard work trousers and are made of cotton/polyester, wash and wear material.
H.2.b. Shorts	See Men's and Women's Hot Weather uniform.
H.2.c. Belt	A black web belt with a silver buckle and tip is worn. The buckle may be plain or display the Auxiliary emblem.
H.2.d. Shirt	The shirt shall be the Coast Guard work shirt made of Coast Guard dark blue basket weave polyester and cotton material with an open-notched lapel collar forming a V-neck. The shirt has both long and short sleeve versions. It has two patch pockets with button flap closure (women's shirt). The Auxiliary Operations Polo Shirt may be worn with this uniform as an alternative for patrol activities.
H.2.e. Socks	Socks shall be black, made of knitted or rib knit, undecorated material.
H.2.f. Shoes	Blue or brown boating shoes or all black, low top athletic shoes are worn with this uniform.
H.2.g. Insignia	Metal collar or sew-on insignia are worn.
H.2.h. Breast Insignia/Devices	Name tags and devices are worn. Badges and ribbons are not worn. Embroidered letters directly on the uniform or sew-on cloth "NAME" and "USCG AUXILIARY" tapes shall be used.
H.2.i. Hat	The blue working utility cap, Auxiliary ball cap, and Coast Guard unit ball cap (if authorized) are the prescribed hats to be worn with this uniform. The Tilley hat may be worn in accordance with section D.3.f of this chapter. The cold weather cap may be worn in accordance with the provisions of section D.3.e of this chapter. The knit watch cap may be worn in accordance with the provisions of section D.3.g of this chapter.

H.2.j.
Accessories

The windbreaker, foul weather parka, and work jacket are the prescribed outer wear with this uniform. The trench coat and over coat may also be worn. The cardigan sweater and the wooly-pully sweater may be worn with this uniform in accordance with the provisions of section D.6 and D.7 of this chapter.



Figure 10-29
Working Blue (Men and Women)

H.3. Hot Weather Uniform

Though not authorized for active duty personnel, the Hot Weather Uniform is authorized as an optional uniform for Auxiliarists. The Director shall prescribe the proper season for its wear. It is appropriate for personnel performing outdoor activities in locations where humidity and high temperatures cause physical discomfort and extreme work environments require it. It is not appropriate for routine office wear. It is not authorized for wear while commuting to and from a Coast Guard duty station or any public affairs setting, although it may be worn directly to and from a point of Auxiliary patrol or vessel safety check activity.

H.3.a. Shirt

The Coast Guard dark blue crew neck T-shirt is the prescribed shirt with this uniform. It shall be worn stenciled or embroidered with the words "USCG AUXILIARY" across the front left chest in white $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch tall block-style letters (they must be stenciled identically to promote unit identity and professional appearance). It shall be in good condition with no tears or stains. It may be 100 percent cotton or be made of a cotton-polyester blend to facilitate moisture wicking. The Auxiliary Operations Polo Shirt may be worn with this uniform as an alternative for patrol activities, and the optional VE shirt may be worn when conducting vessel safety checks. Either the standard Coast Guard light blue, short sleeve, undress blue shirt or the standard Coast Guard dark blue, short sleeve, working blue shirt may also be worn, except that these shirts will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear with this uniform as of 31 December 2012. Any shirt worn with this uniform must be worn tucked into the shorts.

H.3.b. Shorts

Modified standard Coast Guard blue utility or ODU trousers hemmed at the knee or 1 inch above the knee are worn.

H.3.c. Belt

If modified standard Coast Guard blue utility trousers are worn, then a black web belt with a silver buckle and tip is worn. The buckle may be plain or display the Auxiliary emblem. If modified ODU trousers are worn, then the standard black ODU belt or the optional riggers belt is worn (see section H.4 of this chapter).

H.3.d. Socks

Socks shall be all white, athletic type, crew length.

H.3.e. Shoes

Well-blackened 8-inch or 10-inch safety boots are worn. Excess laces shall be tucked away so they cannot be seen.

The boat shoe, (dark blue or brown leather, low cut of moccasin type construction with functional rawhide lacing, brass eyelets, and non-marking sole) is an authorized option for Auxiliarists, regardless of type ODU that is worn (regular or hot weather version).

	All white or all black, low top, athletic shoes with nonskid/nonmarking soles are also authorized for Auxiliarists.
H.3.f. Insignia	Metal collar or sew-on insignia are worn with this outfit. No insignia are worn on the ODU T-shirt.
H.3.g. Breast Insignia/Devices	Depending upon the type of shirt worn, name tags/tapes and insignia/devices are worn in accordance with section F.4 of this chapter. Badges and ribbons are not worn. No insignia are worn on the ODU T-shirt, the Operations Polo Shirt, or the VE polo shirt.
H.3.h. Hat	The blue working utility cap, Auxiliary ball cap, and Coast Guard unit ball cap (if authorized) are the prescribed hats to be worn with this uniform. The Tilley hat may be worn in accordance with section D.3.f of this chapter.
H.3.i. Procurement of Items	Instructions concerning the procurement of the items for this outfit are contained in the Coast Guard Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST 1020.6 (series).
H.4. Operational Dress Uniform	The Operational Dress Uniform (ODU) is the principal general purpose, every day Coast Guard uniform. It may be 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, and Coast Guard unit office wear at Commanding Officer's discretion. It shall not be worn as a substitute for coveralls. Auxiliarists shall carefully consider the propriety of ODU wear in settings that are highly representational in nature, where the type of interaction with the public dictates more formality, or settings in an interagency environment. In DoD, joint or inter-service environments, wear of the ODU should align with the DoD equivalent uniform of the day. The ODU should not be worn for visits to civilian agencies or non-Coast Guard organizations unless the prescribed uniform of the day is the ODU or DoD equivalent at the visit site. However, in some cases the ODU may be appropriate due to the operational nature of the visit or the nature of the work to be performed. It may also be worn during the following authorized circumstances: a. While traveling in government vehicles, vessels, or aircraft, or while traveling on orders in a foreign country (if approved by the corresponding U.S. Embassy). b. While commuting to and from duty assignments, using either private or public forms of transportation (including brief stops in convenience or retail stores associated with the commute).

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- c. While in an educational environment at other Coast Guard or DoD agencies (as directed by the appropriate Commanding Officer) or Auxiliary member training and conference events.

Although there is no weight standard in the Auxiliary, the ODU shall only be worn in Coast Guard standard sizes from Coast Guard standard stock from a Coast Guard exchange or the UDC. ODU substitution look-alikes are not authorized. Like other Coast Guard uniforms, the ODU must fit properly. (see Figure 10-30)

Auxiliarists shall pay particular attention to appearance while wearing the ODU. It shall be serviceable, well-maintained, clean, and not faded or discolored. In addition to the following general provisions, proper wear and maintenance shall be as prescribed in the Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6 (series), or other relevant, interim Coast Guard policy. The untucked version of the ODU has black Coast Guard emblems embossed on them in several locations. Untucked ODUs are not produced without the emblems. Therefore, Auxiliarists are authorized to wear the untucked ODU version with the embossed Coast Guard emblems. Moreover, although the untucked ODU is the prescribed version, Auxiliarists are authorized to wear the tucked ODU version until no longer serviceable.

H.4.a. Trousers Trousers may be tucked into the boots or bloused. When bloused, place blousing bands between the second and third boot eyelet. If tucked into boots, the trouser legs should be shaped to present a bloused appearance. Trouser legs shall be worn straight with boat shoes. Cargo pockets may be used, but items stowed shall not take away from a smart appearance.

H.4.b. Belt The buckle and belt tip of the standard 1¼-inch black ODU belt must not be chipped or discolored. The bitter end shall extend 2 to 4 inches past the belt buckle (subdued version) on the wearer's left. The basic riggers belt is an authorized optional belt for ODU wear. This belt is a 1¾-inch black nylon belt. When worn, the bitter end shall stop behind, but not past, the first belt loop on the wearer's left. This will require the belt be passed through the belt loops from the right, the opposite of other men's belts. This belt also comes in one size, and it must be properly cut to size.

H.4.c. Shirt	The ODU top is an integral part of the uniform, and the Coast Guard dark blue crew neck T-shirt is the prescribed undergarment. If the ODU top sleeves are rolled up, they shall be done so in prescribed accordion style with only the cuff showing. The ODU top may only be removed temporarily when working in demanding, prolonged operations in high temperatures. In all such cases, the Coast Guard dark blue crew neck T-shirt shall be worn stenciled or embroidered with the words “USCG AUXILIARY” across the front left chest in white ¾-inch tall block-style letters (they must be stenciled identically to promote unit identity and professional appearance), and it shall be in good condition with no tears or stains. It may be 100 percent cotton or be made of a cotton-polyester blend to facilitate moisture wicking. Such relaxed ODU wear is not authorized for routine wear in the office environment, in public, nor for wear while commuting to and from duty assignments, including in private vehicles. The Auxiliary Operations Polo Shirt may be worn in lieu of the ODU top for patrol activities.
H.4.d. Socks	Socks should be black, undecorated. If wearing the hot weather version, white crew length socks shall be worn.
H.4.e. Shoes	Shoes shall be well-blackened 8-inch or 10-inch safety boots. When worn in an office, boots shall be shined. Excess laces shall be tucked away so they cannot be seen. The boat shoe, (dark blue or brown leather, low cut of moccasin type construction with functional rawhide lacing, brass eyelets, and nonmarking sole) is an authorized option for Auxiliarists, regardless of type ODU that is worn (regular or Hot Weather uniform).
H.4.f. Insignia	All insignia, except that for hats worn with the ODU, shall be in good repair and shall be embroidered (direct embroidery on the shirt is not authorized), including collar and specialty insignia. If embroidered versions of certain insignia have not yet been fabricated and made available through the Auxiliary materials network, then metal versions may be worn until they are available. All embroidered collar insignia, with the exception of Flotilla Commander (FC), District Captain (DCAPT), District Chief of Staff (DCOS), and their corresponding appointed staff officer insignia, shall be placed on the imaginary line bisecting the angle of the collar with the base of the insignia (not the embroidered patch) approximately 1 ⅛ inches from collar point. Due to their horizontal format, embroidered FC and DCAPT/DCOS insignia shall be placed 1 ½ inches from the point.

H.4.g. Breast
Insignia/Devices

Direct embroidery on the shirt is not authorized.

Insignia shall be centered directly above the “USCG AUXILIARY” cloth tape immediately above the wearer’s left hand pocket. Only one embroidered insignia is authorized. If an Auxiliarist has earned more than one insignia, then the insignia worn shall be at the discretion of the Auxiliarist. Embroidered insignia shall be the same size as the metal insignia, centered on a tape the full width of the pocket. The tape shall not exceed the width of the pocket. Temporary or conditional qualification insignia shall not be worn on the ODU.

Incumbent Commanding Officers and Officers-in-Charge are authorized to wear the embroidered command ashore or afloat devices centered directly above the wearer’s nametape. These embroidered devices shall be approximately the same size as the metal versions. The same parameters apply to the wear of the embroidered AUXOP device, which is the only device authorized for wear by Auxiliarists on the ODU.

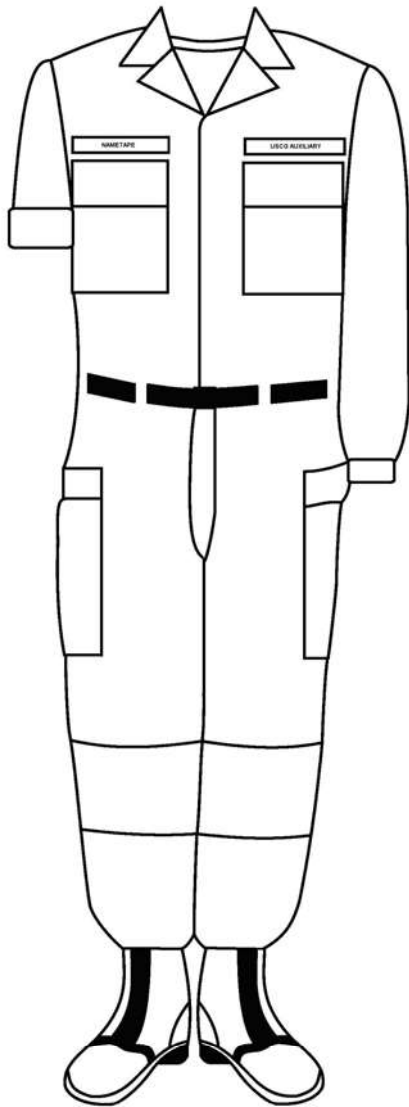
Since these positions are integral to active duty command cadre, only incumbent gold and silver badge Command Chiefs are authorized to wear their respective badges (embroidered only) on the ODU. They shall be worn in accordance with provisions of the Coast Guard Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1010.6 (series). Coast Guard active duty, Reserve, or retired personnel who also happen to be Auxiliarists may wear Coast Guard sew-on qualification insignia and devices earned through such service on their Auxiliary ODU uniform in accordance with Coast Guard uniform regulations.

H.4.h. Hat

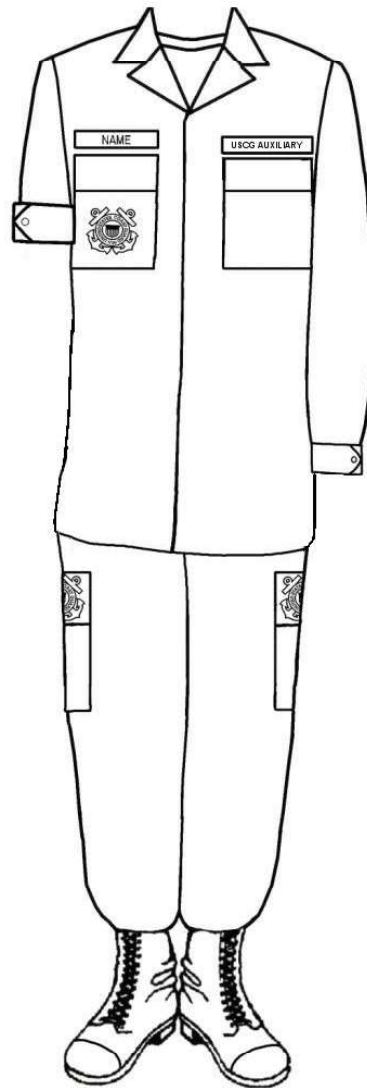
The Auxiliary ball cap and Coast Guard unit ball cap (if authorized) are the prescribed hats to be worn with this uniform. The blue working utility cap may be worn, but it will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear as of 31 December 2012. The Tilley hat may be worn in accordance with section D.3.f of this chapter. The cold weather cap may be worn in accordance with the provisions of section D.3.e of this chapter. The knit watch cap may be worn in accordance with the provisions of section D.3.g of this chapter.

H.4.i.
Accessories

The foul weather parka is the prescribed outer wear with this uniform. The trench coat, windbreaker, and work jacket may be worn with the ODU, but they will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear with it as of 31 December 2012. The cardigan sweater and the wooly-pully sweater may be worn with this uniform in accordance with the provisions of section D.6 and D.7 of this chapter.



Tucked Version



Untucked Version

Figure 10-30
Operational Dress Uniform (Men and Women)

H.5. Auxiliary Flight Suit

The Auxiliary Flight Suit is authorized to be worn during flight on any aviation mission performed under orders, or during flight standby status (B), unless the Coast Guard order-issuing authority specifies another uniform. This Flight Suit shall be similar in pattern, color, and design to those worn by active duty Coast Guard aviators. The Flight Suit shall be manufactured of fire-retardant material similar to that specified for active duty Coast Guard aviators. Only patches, pins, insignia, and devices specified here are authorized. Flight suits shall remain zipped to within 3 inches of the top at all times.

H.5.a. Flight Uniform

The normal uniform for Auxiliary flight or flight standby (B status) shall consist of:

- (1) Flight Suit with insignia. (see Figure 10-31)
- (2) Outerwear as specified by the Coast Guard order-issuing authority.
- (3) Footwear and undershirt as specified by the Coast Guard order-issuing authority.
- (4) Headgear, either Garrison Cap, baseball cap, or protective gear, as required. If an Auxiliarist provides direct support to a Coast Guard unit and is authorized to wear the unit ball cap, then the unit ball cap may be worn with this uniform in accordance with Coast Guard uniform regulations.



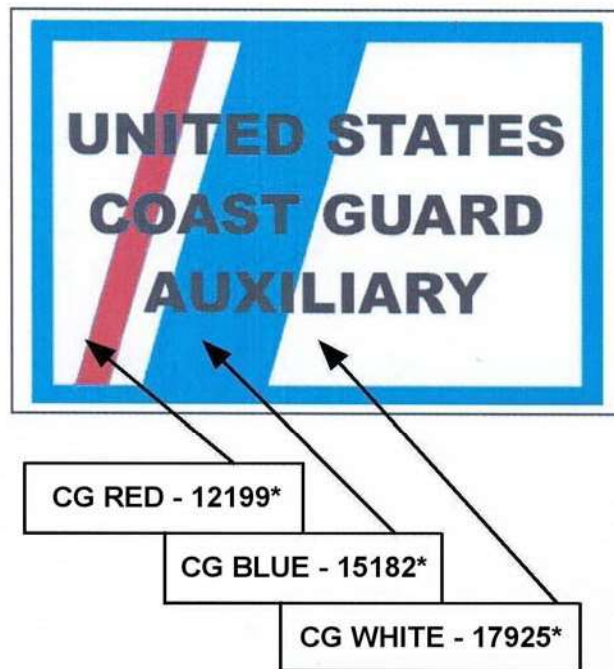
Figure 10-31
Auxiliary Flight Suit

H.5.b. Patches

The following patches shall be worn on the Auxiliary Flight Suit as follows:

H.5.b.(1) Right Breast

A cloth patch shall be displayed on the right breast of the Flight Suit as shown below in Figure 10-32. The patch colors shall be similar to those of the active duty aviation patch, with the color order of the patch reversed. Patch size shall be approximately 2¼ by 3⅜ inches. Lettering on the patch shall be in all capital letters with three lines of lettering.



*COLOR NUMBERS ARE FOUND IN THE
COATINGS AND COLOR MANUAL,
COMDTINST M10360.3 (SERIES)

Figure 10-32
Auxiliary Flight Suit Right Breast Patch

H.5.b.(2) Left Breast

A patch shall be displayed on the left breast of the Flight Suit as shown below in Figure 10-33. At the discretion of the Coast Guard order-issuing authority, this patch may be leather or cloth. The leather patch shall have silver lettering, embossed on black leather. The cloth patch shall have silver/white thread on a dark cloth background, blue or black, at the discretion of the Coast Guard order-issuing authority. Patch size shall be approximately 2 inches by 4 inches. Lettering on the patch shall be all capital letters.

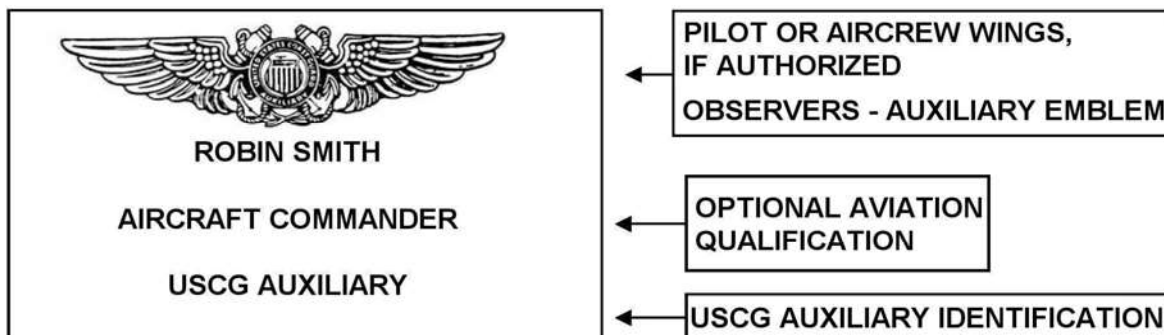


Figure 10-33
Auxiliary Flight Suit Left Breast Patch

H.5.b.(3) Left Sleeve

A patch of the American National Ensign shall be worn centered on the left sleeve, positioned with the top of the patch $\frac{3}{4}$ inch below the shoulder seam. The flag shall be positioned with the field forward. This patch shall be approximately $2\frac{1}{4}$ by $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in size.

H.5.b.(4) Right Sleeve

An insignia patch of the Auxiliarist's Coast Guard or Auxiliary district, or the relevant Coast Guard Air Station shall be worn centered on the right sleeve, positioned with the top of the patch $\frac{3}{4}$ inch below the shoulder seam. Choice of the insignia shall be made by the Coast Guard order-issuing authority.

H.5.c. Auxiliary Office Insignia

Aviators may wear the insignia of their highest current or past Auxiliary office on the shoulders/epaulets of the Flight Suit. The insignia must be a sew-on type, on a background matching the color of the Flight Suit. The outside edge of the office insignia shall be placed $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in from the shoulder seam or outside end of the epaulet (if present).

H.5.d. Auxiliary
Operational
Mission
Participation
Designator

At the discretion of the Coast Guard order-issuing authority, Auxiliarists may wear a sleeve patch indicating recognition of Operational Mission Participation. This patch is illustrated in Figure 10-34 and shall indicate the level of participation by depicting the number of mission flight hours so recognized by the Coast Guard order-issuing authority. It shall be worn $\frac{1}{4}$ inch below the District or Air Station Patch on the right sleeve. This patch shall be approximately $\frac{3}{8}$ by 2 inches in size. This patch shall have a silver border and silver lettering on a black background. Lettering shall be all capitalized. This patch shall be awarded at 100 hours, 250 hours, and every 250 hours thereafter.

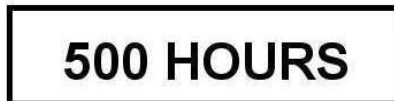


Figure 10-34
Auxiliary Operational Mission Participation Patch

**H.6. Auxiliary
Chef
(AUXCHEF)
Uniform**

The Coast Guard unit command or special event coordinator may specify a uniform for food service personnel. Absent such guidance, Auxiliarists who have successfully completed the AUXCHEF training program may wear the AUXCHEF uniform when performing food service support or augmentation activities.

H.6.a. Coat/Shirt

The white Chef's coat, long or short sleeve, shall be worn as the principal top garment. The long sleeve white Chef's coat shall specifically be worn for serving. If authorized by the unit command, the white Chef's shirt, long or short sleeve, may also be worn. In either case, a white T-shirt shall be worn as an undergarment.

The Chef's coat or shirt shall be white cotton or cotton/polyester blend with clear or white buttons. It shall be embroidered, in navy or black script, with the Auxiliarist's last name on the right front side in the same general place as where a name tag is conventionally located. "U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary" shall be similarly embroidered on the left front side in the same general place as where a qualification insignia is conventionally located (due to title length, the word "Auxiliary" should be embroidered $\frac{1}{4}$ inch below and centered under "U.S. Coast Guard"). Name tags shall not be worn on these garments.

H.6.b. Trousers	The trousers shall be of conventional black-and-white hounds-tooth checked pattern, belted (black web) or draw-string waist, with no cuff. Solid black pants may also be worn, specifically when serving.
H.6.c. Socks	Socks shall be black, made of knitted or rib knit, undecorated material.
H.6.d. Shoes	Well-blackened 8-inch or 10-inch safety boots are worn. Black tennis shoes or Chef's clogs may also be worn. Shoes prescribed for dinner dress uniforms shall be worn for serving.
H.6.e. Hat	The Auxiliary ball cap or Chef's hat with mesh inset shall be worn (disposable Chef's hat also authorized). The Coast Guard unit ball cap may be worn, if authorized.
H.6.f. Insignia	Only the metal Auxiliary member collar insignia shall be worn on the coat or shirt collar, as well as on the ball cap worn with the uniform.
H.6.g. Preparatory Wear	For certain circumstances, such as preparatory work, the unit command may authorize attire to be worn consistent with provisions in the Coast Guard Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6 (series), for a Special Command Aide (e.g., khaki slacks, dark blue/navy polo shirt with Auxiliary logo).