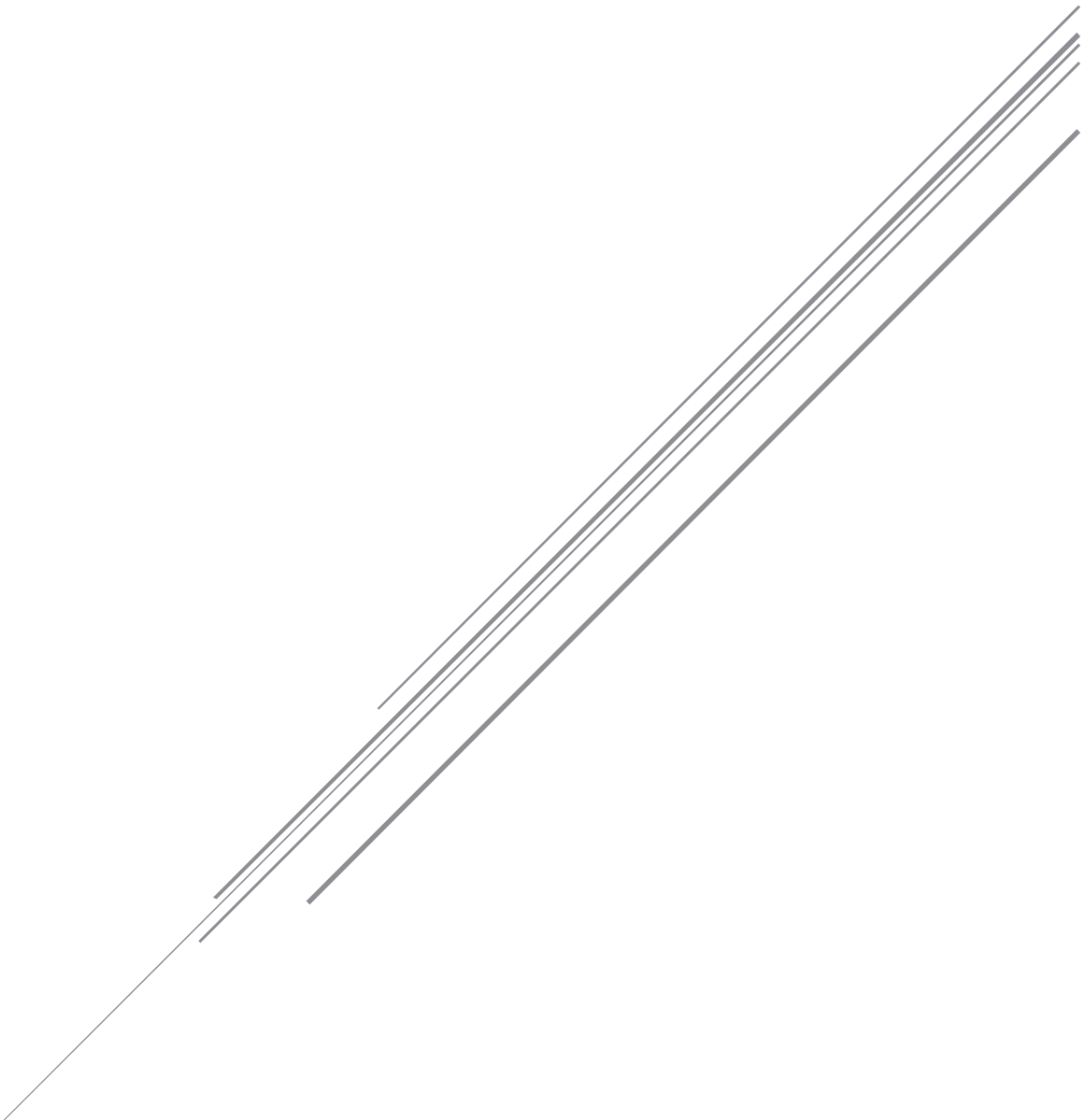




FLOTILLA 10-05 QUICK GUIDE TO PURCHASING UNIFORMS



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UNIFORM TYPES

For detailed descriptions of uniforms and when they are authorized to be worn, refer to Chapter 10 of the Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST M16790.1G. This “Quick Guide” is intended to help new members purchase the basic components of the uniforms they will wear most often.

OPERATIONAL DRESS UNIFORM (ODU).

This is the most common uniform worn by Auxiliarists and active-duty Coast Guard at Station Oak Island. It can be worn year-round as a field utility uniform and in an office environment. ODUs are the “uniform-of-the-day” for Auxiliary flotilla meetings, training sessions at Station Oak Island, vessel examinations, on-the-water patrols, and some public affairs events. It is recommended that new members purchase an ODU as their first uniform because it is the most versatile.



Figure 1 Operational Dress Uniform

HOT WEATHER UNIFORM.

Auxiliarists may wear the optional hot weather uniform during summer months only, and only for on-the-water operations or vessel exams. The uniform should not be worn to



Figure 2 Hot Weather Uniform

meetings or public events. An ODU tee shirt is worn with dark blue shorts (modified ODU trousers), Auxiliary ball cap, boat shoes or athletic shoes.

TROPICAL BLUE UNIFORM.

This uniform is worn when a tie is not necessary, and the uniform will not be soiled. Auxiliarists wear Tropical Blues when teaching public education classes, at Division and District workshops and training sessions, Change-of-Watch ceremonies, and many public affairs events.



Figure 3 Tropical Blue Uniform

SERVICE DRESS BLUE UNIFORM.

This uniform may be worn for occasions where the civilian equivalent is jacket and tie. Most flotilla members do not buy Service Dress Blues until or unless they regularly attend functions for which the uniform is required. Because this “Quick Guide” is intended for new members, it does not cover purchasing the service dress blue.



Figure 4 Service Dress Blue Uniform

WHERE TO BUY UNIFORMS.

Many uniform components can be purchased on the Coast Guard Exchange (CGX) website. Some Auxiliary-specific items are not available from the CGX but can be purchased on-line from the Auxiliary Center (AuxCen) operated by the Auxiliary Association. A few items, such as belts, name tags and garrison hats, are available on both websites. In most cases, the CGX prices are less than the AuxCen prices for the same items, and the CGX does not charge for shipping or tax.

There are many commercial sellers of Auxiliary uniform components. Prices vary considerably among the websites. They can be located by searching online, or by asking flotilla members for recommendations.

COAST GUARD EXCHANGE (CGX): [HTTPS://SHOPCGX.COM](https://shopcgx.com)

You will initially need to register with the exchange to make purchases. Click on the person icon on the top right, then click "Register."

Click the "For Auxiliary Coast Guard" bar. Enter your member ID number and name. After entering a verification code, enter a password. The next time you sign in you will be asked for your email address and this password.

There are a couple of ways of finding uniform items on the website:

Type the item's exact name in the "Search Products" box. *OR*

Click on the 3-horizontal-line menu icon at the top left of the home page. Click UNIFORMS.



Figure 5 CGX Main Screen Example

ODU components are under [ODU Uniforms](#).

Tropical Blue components are under [Service Dress and Trops](#), Male or Female

Name and Auxiliary tapes for ODUs are under [Name Tapes and Tags](#).

Belts and Trouser Blousers are under [Uniform Accessories](#).

ODU ball caps and T-shirts are under [Coast Guard Auxiliary](#)

If you are unsure about what to buy or about sizes, call Customer Service at 800-572-0230, hours 0800-16:30 ET Mon-Fri., Saturday 12:00-16:00 ET. The website is like most on-line shopping sites, with a shopping cart and checkout procedure. Payment is made by credit card.

AUXILIARY CENTER (AUXCEN): HTTP://AUXCEN.COM

You will need to register to create an account to purchase items. The website is like other online shopping sites. There is a shipping charge.

SEARCH GIFT CERTIFICATES SIGN IN or REGISTER CART



Figure 6 Aux Center Main Screen Example

UNIFORM COMPONENTS

The following descriptions of uniform components are meant to help new members buy their first uniforms. Only ODUs, hot weather uniforms, and tropical blues are covered. Components of other uniforms, such as Service Dress Blues and Dinner Dress Blues, are not described as new members are unlikely to purchase those.

Only basic uniform items are included here. Accessories and optional components, such as polo shirts, Tilley hats, sweaters and outerwear are not described. Members should always refer to the Auxiliary Manual and other uniform guidance documents for detailed information.

Note: all prices listed below are current as of February 2023.

OPERATIONAL DRESS UNIFORM (ODU) COMPONENTS.

Note: all prices listed below are current as of February 2023.

ODU SHIRT (COAT). Purchase from CGX.

Type **ODU Untucked Coat** in the Search Products box.

OR

Click the menu icon, UNIFORMS, ODU Uniform, **ODU Untucked Coat**.

Scroll down to the female or male sizing chart, determine size based on chest and height, enter the size, and add to cart. Note: Female sizes are odd numbers, male is even.

The price is \$36.09.

ODU TROUSERS. Purchase from CGX

Type **ODU Logo Untucked ODU Trousers** in the Search Products box.

OR

Click the menu icon, UNIFORMS, ODU Uniform, **ODU Logo Untucked ODU Trousers**

Trousers are the same for male and female. Scroll to the sizing chart, then enter the appropriate waist size and length. Price is \$45.68 As of February 2023; many sizes are depleted. If the size you need is not available, buy the **ODU Non-Logo Untucked Trousers**,

The price is \$44.75.

RIGGERS BELT. Purchase from CGX.

Type **Belt Riggers with Buckle** in the Search Products box.

OR

Click the menu icon, UNIFORMS, Uniform Accessory, Belt | Buckle, **Belt Riggers with Buckle**

The price is \$5.15. The belt can be cut to the proper size.

TROUSER BLOUSER. Purchase from CGX.

Type **Trouser Blouser** in the Search Products box.

OR

Click the menu icon, UNIFORMS, Uniform Accessory, Garter | Boot Band, **Trouser Blouser**.

The price is \$1.37 for a pair. Blousers are elastic cords that you hook around your lower leg. You then tuck the bottom of the ODU trousers under the cords and pull down over the boot.

NAME TAPE. Purchase from CGX.

Type **Vanguard CG Individual Name Tape** in the Search Products box.

OR

Click the menu icon, UNIFORMS, Name Taps and Tags, **Vanguard CG Individual Name Tape Embroidered on Blue Rip-Stop**

The price is \$2.25 per tape.

The last word of name listed in the shipping address of your order will appear on the name tape. (See instructions for other name) Sew this cloth tape directly above the right pocket. It must be the same width as the pocket.

AUXILIARY TAPE. Purchase from CGX.

Type **Aux Name Tape** in the Search Products box.

OR

Click the menu icon, UNIFORMS, Name Tapes and Tags, **Vanguard CG Aux Name Tape USCG Auxiliary**.

The price is \$2.00.

Sew this tape on the ODU shirt directly above the left pocket, and it must be the same width as the pocket.



Figure 7 Tape placement locations

BALL CAP. Purchase from CGX or AuxCen.

FROM CGX:

Type **USCG RPSTP Auxiliary Ballcap** in the Search Product box,

OR

Click the menu icon, UNIFORMS, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Hat | Cap,

The price is \$14.99.

FROM AUXCEN:

Click UNIFORMS (ALL ITEMS) Click Hats & Caps. Select **Auxiliary Standard Ball Cap** (Runs Small). Select the proper size by clicking on Choose Options.

The price is \$11.41 for S and XL, \$12.67.for M and L.



Figure 8 Auxiliary Ball Cap

ODU TEE SHIRT. Purchase from CGX or AuxCen.

FROM CGX:

Type **Coast Guard Auxiliary Embroidered Short Sleeve T-Shirt** in the Search Products box.

OR

Click the menu icon, UNIFORMS, Coast Guard Auxiliary. Select **Coast Guard Auxiliary Embroidered Short Sleeve T-Shirt**.

The price is \$9.99.

FROM AUXCEN:

Click UNIFORMS (ALL ITEMS), Click Accessories. Select **Operational Dress Uniform Blue T-Shirt (100% Preshrunk Cotton)**. Select the proper size by clicking on Choose Options.

The price ranges between \$12.99-23.35 for sizes up to 5XL, more for larger sizes.

The tee shirt is worn under the ODU shirt or by itself as the hot weather uniform shirt.



Figure 9 Embroidered Short Sleeve T-Shirt

MEMBER COLLAR SEW-ON. Purchase from CGX or AuxCen.

FROM CGX:

Type **Vanguard CG Aux Collar Dev** in the Search Products box,

OR

Click the menu icon, UNIFORMS, Coast Guard Auxiliary. Select **Vanguard CG Aux Collar DEV Ripstop Member SLVR/Gold Shield Crossed ANCHO**.

The price is \$1.80.

FROM AUXCEN:

Click UNIFORMS (ALL ITEMS), Click Insignia: ODU & Parka. Select **Auxiliary Sew-On Collar Device – Member (Pair)**.

The price is \$2.77.

These cloth insignia are sewn on the collar of the ODU shirt, on the imaginary line bisecting the angle of the collar with the base of the insignia (not the entire patch), about 1-1/8 inches from the collar point.

“COLLAR” INSIGNIA FOR BALL CAP. Purchase from CGX or AuxCen.

FROM CGX:

Type **Vanguard CG Aux Collar Dev** in the Search Products box,

OR

Click the menu icon, UNIFORMS, Coast Guard Auxiliary. Select **Vanguard CG Aux Collar DEV Member**.

The price is \$9.35.

FROM AUXCEN:

Click UNIFORMS (ALL ITEMS) Click Insignia, Select **Member Collar Insignia**.

The price is \$6.48.

Although these are called collar insignia, they are no longer worn on the ODU collar. Rather, one insignia is worn on the ball cap, centered between the “U.S. COAST GUARD’ and the “AUXILIARY.”



BOOTS. Purchase from CGX, Local Store or Online:

ODUs must be worn with plain, black, 8" hard toe boots. (Athletic shoes or leather boat shoes may be worn with ODUs only when on the water.) Several styles of boots are available on the CGX website. Many flotilla members buy less expensive boots from other online or local stores.

FROM CGX:

Click the menu icon, UNIFORMS, Footwear, Boot.

HOT WEATHER UNIFORM COMPONENTS.

(Worn only when on the water!)

Note: all prices listed below are current as of February 2023.

SHORTS. Purchase from CGX.

Type **Rothco Mens Tactical BDU Shorts** in the Search Products box,

OR

Click the menu icon, UNIFORMS, Coast Guard Auxiliary, ODU/Alternate Uniform.
Select **Rothco Mens Tactical BDU Shorts**.

The price is \$30.29.

There are no comparable women's shorts, but the men's shorts come in an XS size (28" waist) and the shorts have adjustable waist tabs. Some members wear dark blue shorts or dark blue cargo shorts.



Figure 10 Tactical BSU Shorts

ODU TEE SHIRT. *See Item under ODU components.*

RIGGERS BELT. *See under ODU components.*

BALL CAP. *See under ODU components.*

WHITE CREW SOCKS.

SHOES Low cut, dark blue or brown leather boat shoes, or athletic shoes may be worn.



Figure 11 leather boat shoe

TROPICAL BLUE UNIFORM COMPONENTS.

Note: all prices listed below are current as of February 2023.

MEN'S TROPICAL BLUES

LIGHT BLUE SHORT SLEEVE SHIRT. Purchase from CGX.

Type Male Light Blue Regular Fit Short Sleeve Dress Shirt in the Search Products box.

OR

Click the menu icon, UNIFORMS, Service Dress and Trops, Male Light Blue Regular Fit Short Sleeve Dress Shirt. Enter neck size.

The price is \$19.99.

Note: As of February 2023, an identical shirt is shown for \$15.89 but is out of stock.

DRESS TROUSERS. Purchase from CGX.

There are two choices of trouser material.

Type the exact name in the Search Products box, or click the menu icon, UNIFORMS, Service Dress and Trops, Male, then select the trouser.

Male Dress Trousers are 55% polyester, 45% wool. They can be worn with the Tropical Blue uniform or with the Service Dress Blue uniform. Dry clean only.

The price is \$69.99.

Male Wash and Wear Service Dress Blue Trousers are 75% polyester, 25% wool. They can be worn only with the Tropical Blue uniform, not with Service Dress Blues.

The price is \$68.99.

Note: Each trouser description has a sizing chart. Order by waist size and length.

SHOES. Purchase from CGX, local store, or online.

Black, smooth leather or synthetic, laced shoes without decoration. There should be no stitching or seams across the toe. If you want to buy them, several styles are available at CGX.

FROM CGX:

Click the menu icon, UNIFORMS, Footwear, Dress Shoes

BELT. Purchase from AuxCen. (CGX does not have any showing available.)

FROM AUXCEN:

Click UNIFORMS (ALL ITEMS) click Accessories.

Select **Black Web Belt**. price for 44" belt \$5.47, can cut to size.

Select **Belt Buckle Plain Silver**, price \$4.70.

OR

Buckle with Auxiliary Emblem, price \$16.50.

NAME TAG. Purchase from AuxCen.

FROM AUXCEN:

Click UNIFORMS (ALL ITEMS), click Accessories.

Select **Auxiliary Uniform Name Tag**. Price \$4.41. Type last name in "Required" box.

SHOULDER BOARDS. PURCHASE FROM CGX OR AUXCEN.

Note: Before buying new shoulder boards, check to see if any are available from other flotilla members. Staff and elected officers may have member shoulder boards they do not wear anymore.

FROM CGX:

Type **Vanguard CG Aux Shldr Brd Enhanced Male Member – No Stripe & Slvr "A"** in the Search Products box.

OR

Click the menu icon, UNIFORMS, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Shoulder Boards, Enhanced Shoulder Boards (Male)

Vanguard CG Aux Shldr Brd Enhanced Male Member – No Stripe & Slvr "A"

The price is \$30.30

FROM AUXCEN:

Click UNIFORMS (ALL ITEMS), click Insignia.

Select **Shoulder Boards - Member**

Under Size select Regular, Under Type select Enhanced.

The price is \$41.04.



Figure 12 Enhanced Male Member Shldr

HAT.

Either a Garrison Cap or Combination Cap may be worn. New members usually buy a garrison cap first, as it is much less expensive.



Figure 14 Garrison Cap



Figure 13 Combination Cap

GARRISON CAP: Purchase from CGX or AuxCen

FROM CGX.:

Type **Garrison Cap** in the Search Products box.

OR

Click the menu icon, UNIFORMS, Cap Devices and Accessories. Select **Garrison Cap**. Enter hat size.

The price is \$10.95.

Note: Certain sizes may also be available from AuxCen, but the prices are higher.

FROM AUXCEN:

Click UNIFORMS (ALL ITEMS), click Hat & Caps.

Select **Garrison Cap**. Enter hat size:

Prices range from \$18.97 - \$23.06.

GARRISON CAP DEVICE. Purchase from AuxCen.

Click UNIFORMS (ALL ITEMS) Click Hats & Caps Select **Garrison Cap Device**.
The price is \$4.74.

Note: Garrison Cap Device is also available from CGX, but the price is \$6.55.

The device is placed on the left side of the cap, 2 inches from the front and 1½ inches from the bottom.



Figure 15 garrison cap device

COMBINATION CAP: Purchase from AuxCen

Click UNIFORMS (ALL ITEMS), click Hats & Caps, select **Complete Combination Cap – Standard** Select size.

The price is \$78.80.

WOMEN'S TROPICAL BLUES

LIGHT BLUE SHORT SLEEVE SHIRT OR OVER BLOUSE. Purchase from CGX.

Note: Female Auxiliaries are authorized to wear either male or female light blue short sleeve shirts that provide the best fit. Women may wear either a tucked dress shirt or an untucked overblouse.

FROM CGX:

Type either **Female Light Blue Short Sleeve Dress Shirt (Trops)** or **Female Overblouse Short Sleeve Shirt** in the Search Products box.

OR

Click the menu icon, UNIFORMS, Service Dress, Female.

Female Light Blue Short Sleeve Dress Shirt (Trops). Order by neck and bust size. Note sizing information.

The price is \$19.99.

Female Overblouse Short Sleeve Shirt. Follow instructions to determine correct measurements. Choose Misses or Women's fit then enter dress size and length.

The price is \$18.18.

DRESS SLACKS OR SKIRT. Purchase from CGX.

Women may wear either dress slacks or skirt. Slacks come in a choice of two materials.

FROM CGX:

Click the menu icon, UNIFORMS, Service Dress, Female,

Dress Slacks Flat Front.

There are three options: Junior, Misses, or Women's. Select proper fit and size from the sizing chart. 55% polyester, 45% wool. These can be worn with the Tropical Blue uniform or with the Service Dress Blue uniform.

The price is: \$66.99.

Wash and Wear Flat Front Slacks.

There are three options: Junior, Misses or Women's. 75% polyester, 25% wool. These can be worn only with the Tropical Blue uniform, not with the Service Dress Blue uniform.

The price is \$68.99.

Dress Skirt.

There are three options: Junior, Misses, or Women's. Note: Women's is listed as "Female." Refer to sizing chart to determine skirt size and length.

The price is \$60.60.

SHOES.

The black women's pumps are plain in style, with no decoration, and made of smooth black leather or synthetic, with a closed heel and toe. The heel may be 1 to 2-5/8 inches high and no less than 1/2 inch wide at the floor. A flat wedge style sole which rises 1 inch is authorized. Sole edges and heels must be the same color as the shoe. Pumps can be purchased from the CGX.



Figure 16 Female pump Dress Shoe

FROM CGX:

Click the menu icon, UNIFORMS, Footwear, Dress Shoe. Select **Female Pump Dress Shoes.**

The price is \$44.44.

Optional shoes, for wearing with slacks, are plain, lace-up oxfords made of smooth black leather or synthetic. These can be purchased from the CGX.

Go to Dress Shoes as above. Choose either **Oxford Female Dress Shoes** (\$61.22) or **Female Corafram Dress Shoes** (\$47.67.)

NAME TAG. See name tag under *Men's Tropical Blues*.

BELT See belt under *Men's Tropical Blues*. A belt is worn only with slacks, not with a skirt.

SHOULDER BOARDS. Purchase from CGX or AuxCen.

Small, enhanced shoulder boards are worn with the female dress shirt or overblouse.

FROM CGX:

Type **Vanguard CG Shldr Brd Enhanced FEM Member – No Stripe & Slvr “A”** in the Search Products box.

OR

Click the menu icon, UNIFORMS, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Shoulder Boards, Enhanced Shoulder Boards (Female) **Vanguard CG Aux Shldr Brd Enhanced FEM Member – No Stripe & Slvr “A”**

The price is \$30.30.

FROM AUXCEN:

Click UNIFORMS (ALL ITEMS), click Insignia, Select **Shoulder Boards – Member**. Under Size, select Small. Under Type, select Enhanced.

The price is \$41.01.

Note: Before buying new shoulder boards, check to see if any are available from other flotilla members. Staff and elected officers may have member shoulder boards they do not wear anymore.

HAT.

Women may wear either the garrison cap or female combination cap with tropical blues. Most members wear the garrison cap, as it is much less expensive than the combination cap.

GARRISON CAP. See *Garrison Cap under Men’s Tropical Blues.*

FEMALE COMBINATION CAP. Purchase from AuxCen.

FROM AUXCEN:

Click UNIFORMS (ALL ITEMS), click Hats & Caps

Select **Female Member Combination Cover**. Sizes are given as circumference of head about 1/8-inch above ear.

The price is \$121.91



Figure 17 Female Combination Cap