

## Tropical Blue Uniform

Your second Coast Guard Auxiliary uniform will likely be the **Tropical Blue** uniform (“trops”). This uniform is appropriate for wear at all meetings, in classrooms, and at all other similar functions. It may be worn year-round for business within the Coast Guard *except* for occasions where the civilian equivalent is coat and tie.

The primary tropical blue components are the same for both the active-duty Coast Guard and the Auxiliary. These items can be ordered through the Coast Guard Exchange online (<https://shopcgx.com/>). You will need to log in or create a new account. Look for a little circle icon in the upper right corner of the webpage.

If you have your Auxiliary ID card, you can go to the Coast Guard exchange at Curtis Bay. Or, if you feel like taking a long drive, the exchange at Cape May has a larger selection. However, all items may be ordered online.

You will need the following items, available from the Coast Guard Exchange online:

Dress Trousers:

<https://shopcgx.com/uniforms/service-dress-uniform/men/service-dress-trousers/dress-trouser-male.html>

Note: There is a wash & wear version of the dress trousers.

<https://shopcgx.com/uniforms/service-dress-uniform/men/service-dress-trousers/mens-service-dress-blue-trousers-wash-and-wear.html>

If you plan to add the service dress blue coat to your uniform wardrobe, be aware that the wash & wear trousers are not authorized for wear with the service dress blue coat.

Short Sleeve Dress Shirt:

<https://shopcgx.com/uniforms/service-dress-uniform/men/dress-shirts/light-blue-short-sleeve-male-shirt.html>

The shirt is worn with a white V-neck T-shirt.

Dress Belt:

<https://shopcgx.com/uniforms/shop-by-brand/vanguard/n-belt-black-nylon-silver-mirror-buckle-tip.html>

Garrison Cap:

<https://shopcgx.com/uniforms/hats-caps/garrison-cap/cap/garrison-cap.html>

Or

Combination Cap:

<https://auxcen.com/complete-combination-cap-standard/>

(The combination cap is also authorized for wear with the tropical blue uniform. This must be ordered from the Auxiliary Center.)

You will need the following Auxiliary-specific items, available from the Auxiliary Center online:

Name Tag:

<https://auxcen.com/accessories-auxiliary-uniform-name-tag/>

Garrison Cap Device:

<https://auxcen.com/hats-caps-garrison-cap-device/>

Garrison Cap Insignia:

Member (member collar insignia is used):

<https://auxcen.com/member-collar-insignia/>

Officer (choose which office and size "small"):

<https://auxcen.com/office-insignia-elected-pair-medal/>

The Garrison cap device is worn on the wearer's left and the small metal insignia is worn on the wearer's right.



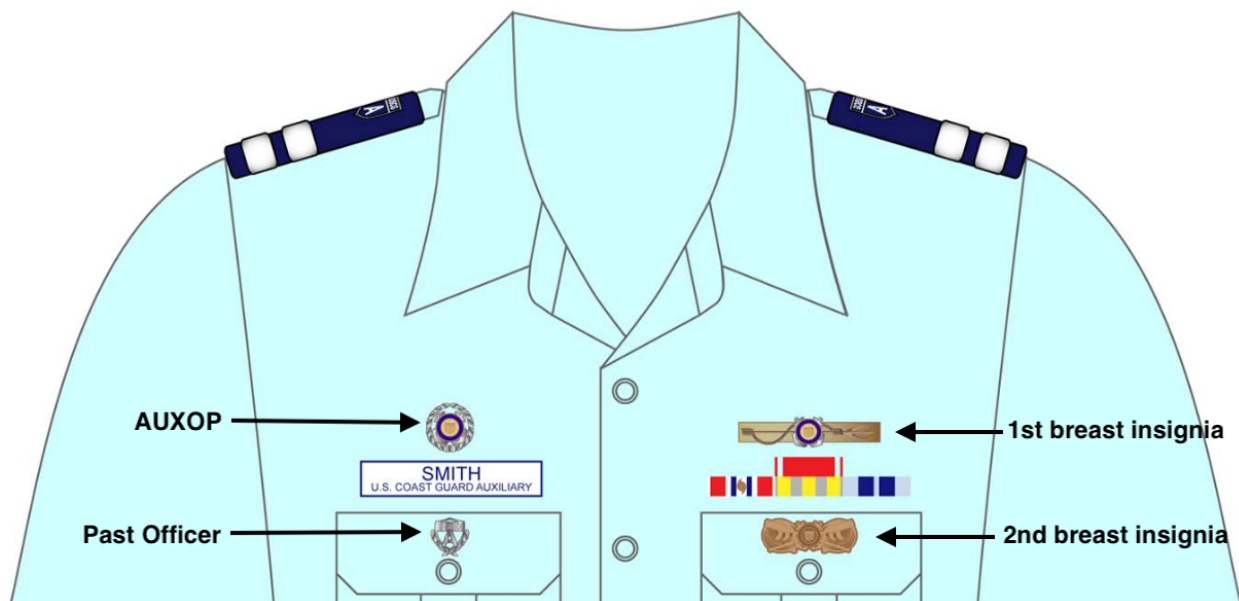
Shoulder Boards - Member (choose options "regular" and "enhanced"):

<https://auxcen.com/shoulder-boards-member/>

Or, Shoulder Boards - Elected (choose your office and "regular" size):

<https://auxcen.com/insignia/?sort=featured&page=2>

The tropical blue shirt is worn with appropriate qualification devices as illustrated below:



Socks and shoes can be purchased from the Coast Guard Exchange, but may be purchased anywhere. Socks must be black, made of knitted or rib knit, undecorated material. Shoes must be black, with heels, made of smooth leather or a synthetic material. Shoes must be low cut of plain style without decoration. There must be no stitching or seams across the toe. Heels must be no higher than 1 inch. Sole edges, heels, and laces must be black. (Auxiliary Manual COMDTINST M16790.1G Chap. 10, Section G.8.d. and e.)