

## Coast Guard Auxiliary Uniform Sources

### Where to buy uniforms.

Many uniform components can be purchased on the Coast Guard Exchange (CGX) website. Most Auxiliary-specific items are not available from the CGX, but can be purchased on-line from the Coast Guard Auxiliary Store (CGAS): <https://auxcen.com/>. 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 CGAS for the same items, and the CGX does not charge for shipping or tax.

Coast Guard Exchange (CGX): <https://shopcgx.com>

You'll need to register to make purchases. Click on "Sign In," then "Register," then answer Yes to the question "Are you a USCG Auxiliarist?" Enter your member ID number and name. Then enter a password (you can use your Member Zone password if you want.) The next time you sign in you will be asked for your email address and this password.

If you're unsure about what to buy or about sizes, call Customer Service at 800-874-6841, hours 0800-1500 Mon-Fri. The website is similar to most on-line shopping sites, with a shopping cart and checkout procedure. Payment is made by credit card.

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.

### Operational Dress Uniform (ODU) components.

#### 1. ODU Shirt. Purchase from CGX.

Place curser on UNIFORMS.

Click Uniform Distribution Center from drop-down menu.

Click ODU, then Shirts.

Select either ODU Female Untucked Shirt or ODU Male untucked Shirt. Scroll down to the sizing chart, then enter the appropriate coat size and length. Price is \$42.45.

#### 2. ODU Trousers. Purchase from CGX

As above, click ODU, then Trousers.

Click Non Logo Untucked ODU Trousers.

Trousers are the same for male and female. Scroll down to the sizing chart, then enter the appropriate waist size and inseam. Price is \$40.51.

**3. Riggers Belt.** Purchase from CGX.

Click Uniform Distribution Center, then Accessories.

Select Riggers Belt. Price is \$4.31. The belt can be cut to proper size.

**4. Trouser blousers.** Purchase from CGX.

On the Accessories page, select Trouser Blousers.

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.

**5. Name Tape.** Purchase from CGX.

On the Accessories page, select ODU Name Tape.

Price \$1.01 for four tapes. When checking out, be sure to specify the last name to be embroidered on it. You will need to sew this cloth tape directly above the right pocket, and it must be the same width as the pocket.

**6. Auxiliary Tape.** Purchase from CGX.

On the Accessories page 2, select ODU Auxiliary Tape. Price is \$1.62. You will need to sew this tape on the ODU shirt directly above the left pocket, and it must be the same width as the pocket.

**7. Ball Cap.** Purchase from CGAS store.

At the home page, click Uniform Items, then Caps/Hats/Accessories, then Auxiliary Standard Ball Caps. Select the proper size. Price \$12.40.

**8. ODU Tee Shirt.** Purchase from CGAS store.

At home page click Uniform Items, then Accessories Operational Dress Uniform Blue Tee Shirts. Select the right size. The tee shirt is worn under the ODU shirt.

**9. Member Insignia Sew-Ons.** from CGAS store.

On the Uniform Items page, click Insignia: ODU Parka, Then select Member Sew-On collar device (Sold in Pairs). Price is \$2.09. 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), approximately 1-1/8 inches from the collar point.

**10. "Collar" insignia for ball cap.** Purchase from CGAS store

On the Uniform Items page, click on Insignia. Select Member Collar Insignia (pair). Price \$4.85. 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" the other is worn on the Garrison Cap for the TROPS uniform.

**10. Boots.** ODUs must be worn with plain, black, hard toe boots. (When on the water only, athletic shoes or leather boat shoes may be worn.) Boots are available on the CGX website. Hover on Uniforms,

then click Uniform Distribution Center, then Footwear. Male and Female Super Boots are \$110.09 Most flotilla members buy less expensive boots from other online or local stores.

### **Tropical Blue Uniform components.**

Note: all prices listed below are current as of April, 2019.

#### **1. Light Blue Short Sleeve Shirt.** Purchase from CGX.

Place cursor on UNIFORMS.

Click Uniform Distribution Center on the drop-down menu.

Click Service Dress.

Click Male.

Select Male Light Blue Regular Fit Short Sleeve Dress Shirt. Enter neck size. Price is \$15.02. For persons of stature, order the Male Light Blue Tall Short Sleeve Dress Shirt. Price is \$23.23.

#### **2. Dress Trousers.** Purchase from CGX.

On the same page as the shirt above.

Purchase the 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. Price \$42.51

Each trouser description has a sizing chart. Enter your waist size and height.

**3. Shoes.** Black, smooth leather or synthetic, laced shoes without decoration. There should be no stitching or seams across the toe. If you want to buy shoes, they are available at the CGX. Cursor on UNIFORMS, click Uniform Distribution Center, then Footwear, then Dress Shoes.

Order either the Male Dress Shoes, price \$48.93, or Male Corafram Dress Shoes, price \$45.86.

#### **4. Name Tag.** Purchase from CGAS store.

On the home page, click Uniform Items, then click on Accessories then select Auxiliary Uniform Name Tag, Regulation Size, price \$3.35. Be sure to specify last name when ordering.

#### **5. Belt.** Purchase from CGAS store.

On the home page, click Uniform Items, then Accessories Belts. Select Black Web Belt by length (it can be cut). Price depends on length.

#### **6. Buckle.** Purchase from CGAS store.

On the home page, click Uniform Items, then Accessories, then Buckles. Then select either Plain Buckle , price \$4.40 or Buckle with Aux Emblem price \$13.40.

#### **7. Enhanced Shoulder Boards.** Purchase from CGAS store .

On the home page, click Uniform Items, Click Insignia, Click Shoulder Boards, Click Enhanced Shoulder Boards Regular. Select Member, Regular Shoulder Boards (sold in pairs). Price \$37.50

**8. 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.

**7a. Garrison Cap:** Purchase from CGAS store.

Hover mouse over UNIFORMS,

Click Uniform Distribution Center

Click Hats I Caps

Select Garrison Cap. Enter hat size. Price \$10.65.

**Garrison Cap Device.** Purchase from CGAS store. Click Uniform Items, then Caps Hats, then Garrison Cap Device Price \$3.50. The device is placed on the left side of the cap, 2 inches from the front, 1½ inches from the bottom.

**“Collar” insignia for Garrison Cap.** Purchase from CGAS store

On the Uniform Items page, click on Insignia. Select Member Collar Insignia (pair). Price \$4.85. Although these are called collar insignia, One insignia is worn on the ball cap, the other is worn on the Garrison Cap.

**7b. Combination Cap:** The men’s combination cap can be bought as separate components or as a complete cap from the CGAS store. The separate components are a frame, vinyl or cloth cover, band with mount, cap device, chin strap, and cap buttons. Because it’s much easier to buy the complete cap, that’s the method described here.

On the District 5 store, click Uniform Items, Click Caps Hats, Click Complete Combination Cap, Select size. Price \$65.95.