

Proper of Wear of USCG Auxiliary  
Uniforms – ODU and Tropical Blue  
Long

ALCOAST 291/11

# ODU

- **1. Material**

With the ODU we have a new material - the tapes should be the same material as the uniform "nylon/cotton poplin material matching the Operational Dress Uniform (ODU) in CG Blue 3362". The webbing type tape material is now obsolete.

# ODU - Continued

- **2. Placement of name, auxiliary tapes, and device.**

Name and auxiliary tapes should run the full width of the pocket and go directly above the pocket with no gap between the pocket and the tape.

- A single device tape may be worn above the Auxiliary tape - also running the full width of the pocket.

# ODU - Continued

- **3. Sewing of tapes**

"Tapes will be sewn on with matching blue thread 1/16 inch from the edge with a minimum of six stitches per inch. Sew-on stitching will not run through the embroidered lettering."

- Fold the ends of the tape under so there is no exposed unfinished edge which can unravel.

# ODU - Continued

- **4. Sew on insignia**
- Metal devices are no longer authorized. As of 31DEC2010 our devices are to be the new style with Black "A"s in place of Red or Blue "A"s.
- Office insignia are to be sewn on a line bisecting the collar with the bottom of the device (not the sew on patch) 1 1/8 inches from the collar point [Except FC/ADSO and DCAPT devices which are placed 1 1/2 inches from the collar point]

# ODU - Continued

- The cloth nametape with the wearer's name will be centered directly above the wearer's right chest pocket. The “U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY” nametape will be centered directly above the wearer's left chest pocket.

# ODU - Continued

- Only the last name will be represented on the wearers right name tape. Surnames that have a combination of upper and lower case letters are authorized (i.e. McDONALD).
- For last names that exceed 15 characters, the letter width will be reduced to allow the name to fit on the tape.

# ODU - Continued

- Recognizing that many Auxiliarists wear sew-on insignia that have either a blue or red "A", a phase-in period is established for transition to these new sew-on insignia. The phase-in period shall end on December 31, 2010.



# ODU - Continued

- Pursuant to ALCOAST 074/09, the Auxiliary sew-on AUXOP device is authorized for wear on these uniforms. It is the only Auxiliary device so authorized. It shall be centered directly above the cloth nametape immediately above the wearer's right breast pocket.

# ODU - Continued

- Ball Caps
- 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.

# Ball Cap - Continued

- **The standard Auxiliary ball cap worn by Auxiliarists shall conform to the provisions of ALCOAST 291/11 that deal with material, circumstances for wear, and general appearance.**
- **Oak leaves and acorns (aka, scrambled eggs) will no longer be authorized for wear on any ball cap worn by Auxiliarists as of December 31, 2012.**

# Ball Cap - Continued

- 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”.

# ODU - Continued

- **Prescribed outer wear with the ODU is the FWP with the standard Auxiliary ball cap (or Coast Guard unit ball cap, if authorized due to the nature of support provided to the Coast Guard unit), knit watch cap, or the Auxiliary sun (Tilley) hat.**

# ODU- Continued

- **The windbreaker, work jacket, trench coat, wooly-pully, cardigan sweater, and blue working utility cap will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear with the ODU as of December 31, 2012.**

# ODU - Continued

- Shoes that are worn with the ODU 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.

# ODU - Continued

- 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.



# ODU - Continued

- 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.

# ODU - Continued

- **Socks**
- Socks should be black, undecorated. If wearing the hot weather version, white crew length socks shall be worn.

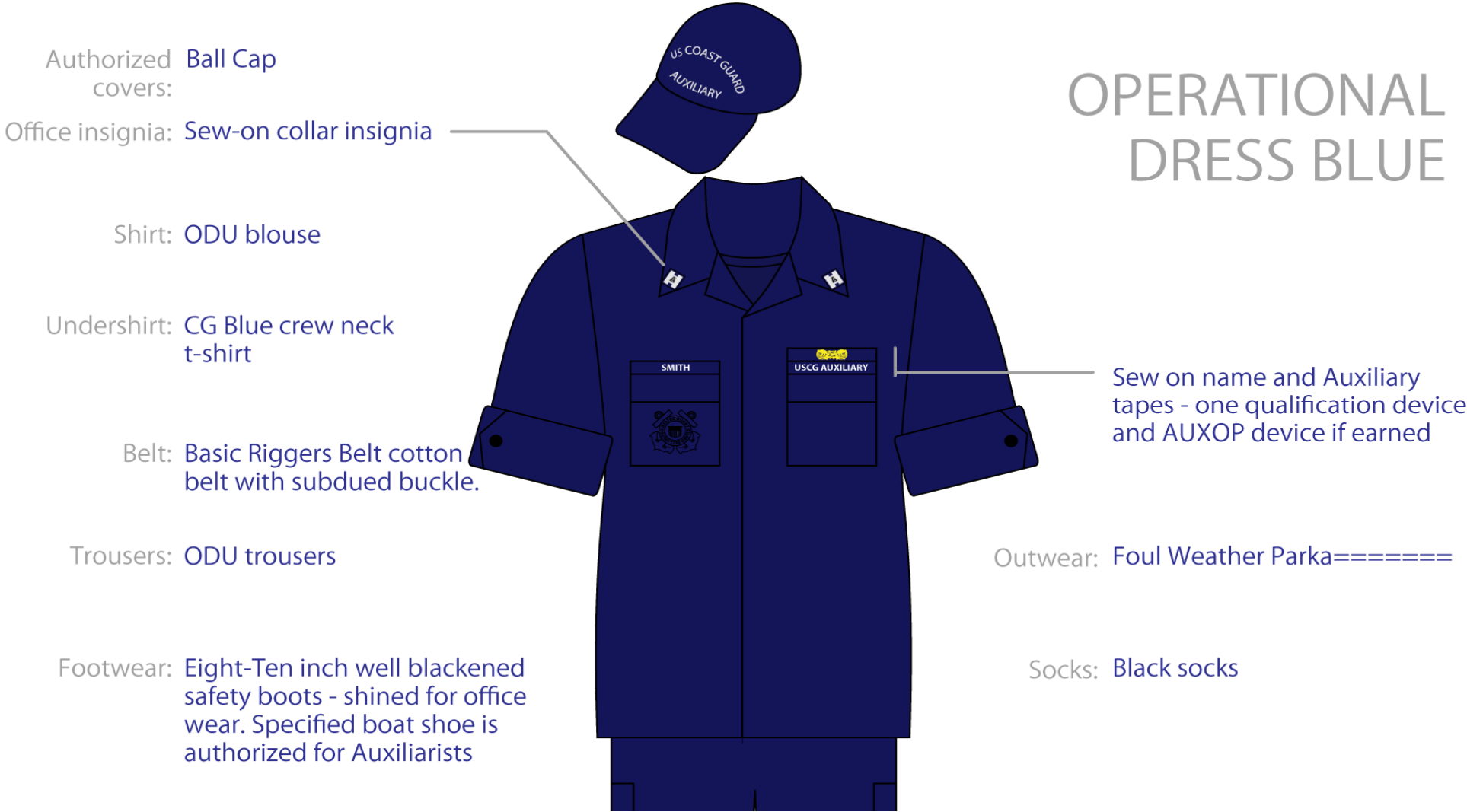
# ODU - Continued

- 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 Uniform).

# ODU - Continued

- Auxiliarists are authorized to remove the ODU blouse when engaged 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  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch tall block-style letters.

# OPERATIONAL DRESS BLUE



Authorized Ball Cap covers:

Office insignia: Sew-on collar insignia

Shirt: ODU blouse

Undershirt: CG Blue crew neck t-shirt

Belt: Basic Riggers Belt cotton belt with subdued buckle.

Trousers: ODU trousers

Footwear: Eight-Ten inch well blackened safety boots - shined for office wear. Specified boat shoe is authorized for Auxiliarists

Sew on name and Auxiliary tapes - one qualification device and AUXOP device if earned

Outwear: Foul Weather Parka=====

Socks: Black socks

# Tropical Blue

- May be worn year-round for appropriate assignments to duty. It may be worn in lieu of the SDB, but not to functions where civilian dress is coat and tie.
- Authorized for wear in a travel status pursuant to Coast Guard assignment to duty.

# Tropical Blue

- **Trousers** Trousers shall be the same as those prescribed for Service Dress Blue uniform.
- **Belt** A black web belt with a silver buckle and tip is worn. The buckle may be plain or display the Auxiliary emblem.

# Tropical Blue

- **Shirt** The light blue Air Force style short sleeve shirt with a stand-up collar with stays and epaulets is worn. With this shirt, the collar is worn open, without a tie.
- **Socks** Socks shall be black, made of knitted or rib knit, undecorated material.



# Tropical Blue

- Shoes Shoes shall be black, with heels, made of smooth leather or a synthetic material. Shoes shall be low cut of plain style without decoration. There shall be no stitching or seams across the toe. Heels shall be no higher than 1 inch. Sole edges, heels, and laces must be black.

# Tropical Blue

- Insignia      Enhanced shoulder boards are worn on the epaulet style shirt.
- Breast Insignia/Devices      Name tag, ribbons, badges, and devices are worn.

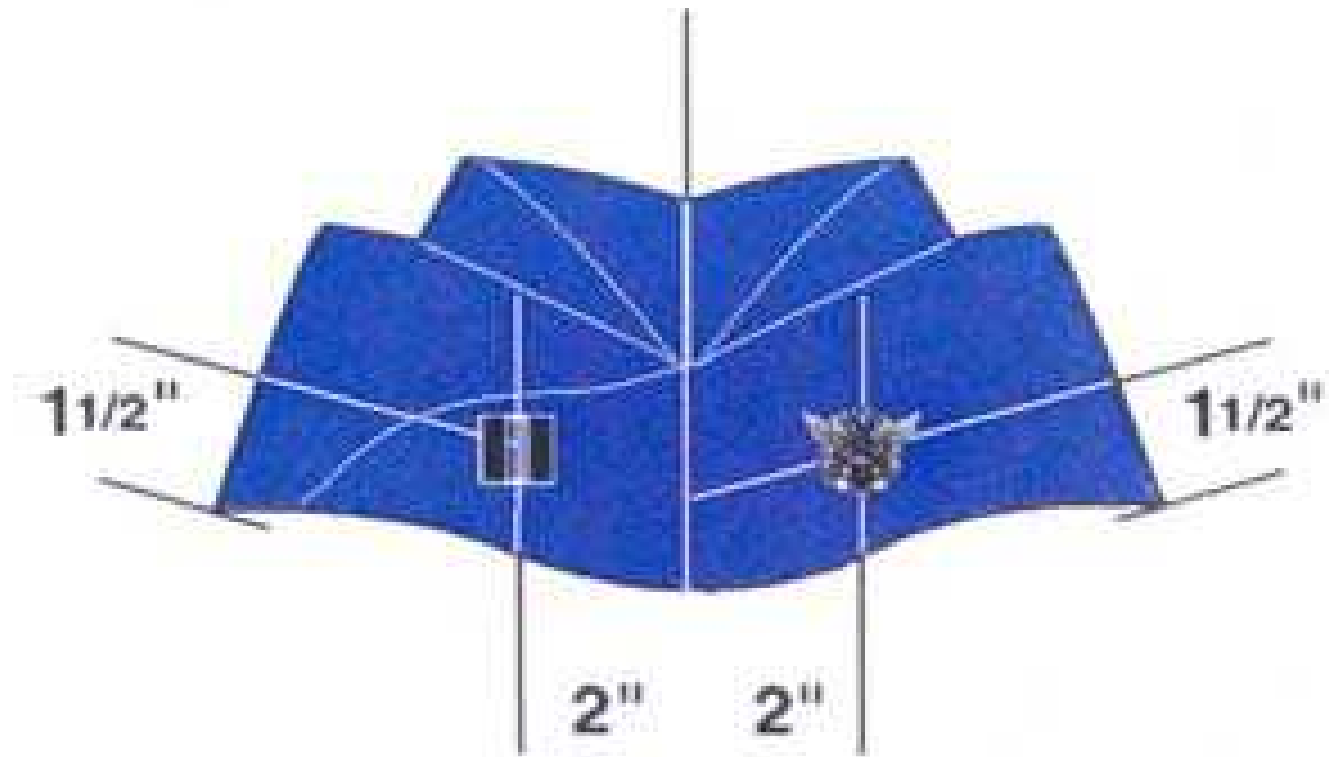
# Tropical Blue

- Hat      The combination cap and garrison cap are the prescribed hats to be worn with this uniform. **Ball caps of any type are not authorized to be worn with this uniform.** The cold weather cap may be worn in accordance with the provisions of section D.3.e of this chapter.

# Tropical blue

- **Garrison Cap** Auxiliarists may wear the garrison cap with Tropical Blue, Winter Dress Blue, or Undress Blue uniforms. The small garrison cap device and small metal insignia designating organizational leadership position (or member insignia) shall be worn on the cap as shown in the next slide, with both men's and woman's uniforms.

# Tropical Blue



# Tropical Blue – Cont.

- Prescribed outer wear with the Tropical Blue uniform are the windbreaker and trench coat with combination cap or garrison cap (**ball caps of any type are not authorized for wear with the Tropical Blue uniform**). The overcoat, reefer coat, and work jacket will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear with the Tropical Blue uniform as of December 31, 2012.

# Tropical Blue – Cont.

- **The FWP [foul weather parka] may be worn with the Tropical Blue uniform if adverse environmental conditions dictate the need for this heavier outer wear (such wear shall be limited to necessary occasions or periods). Auxiliarists shall otherwise conform to Coast Guard unit policies regarding such wear whenever interacting with or representing the unit.**

# Tropical Blue Long – Cont.

- **Liners: The Foul Weather Parka FWP liner or other liners are not authorized as a standalone jacket.**



# Tropical Blue – Cont.

- Ribbons
- Auxiliarists wear one, two, or three ribbons in a single row. They are worn in order of precedence, high to low, from inboard to outboard. When wearing more than one row, the precedence is across rows, from top down.

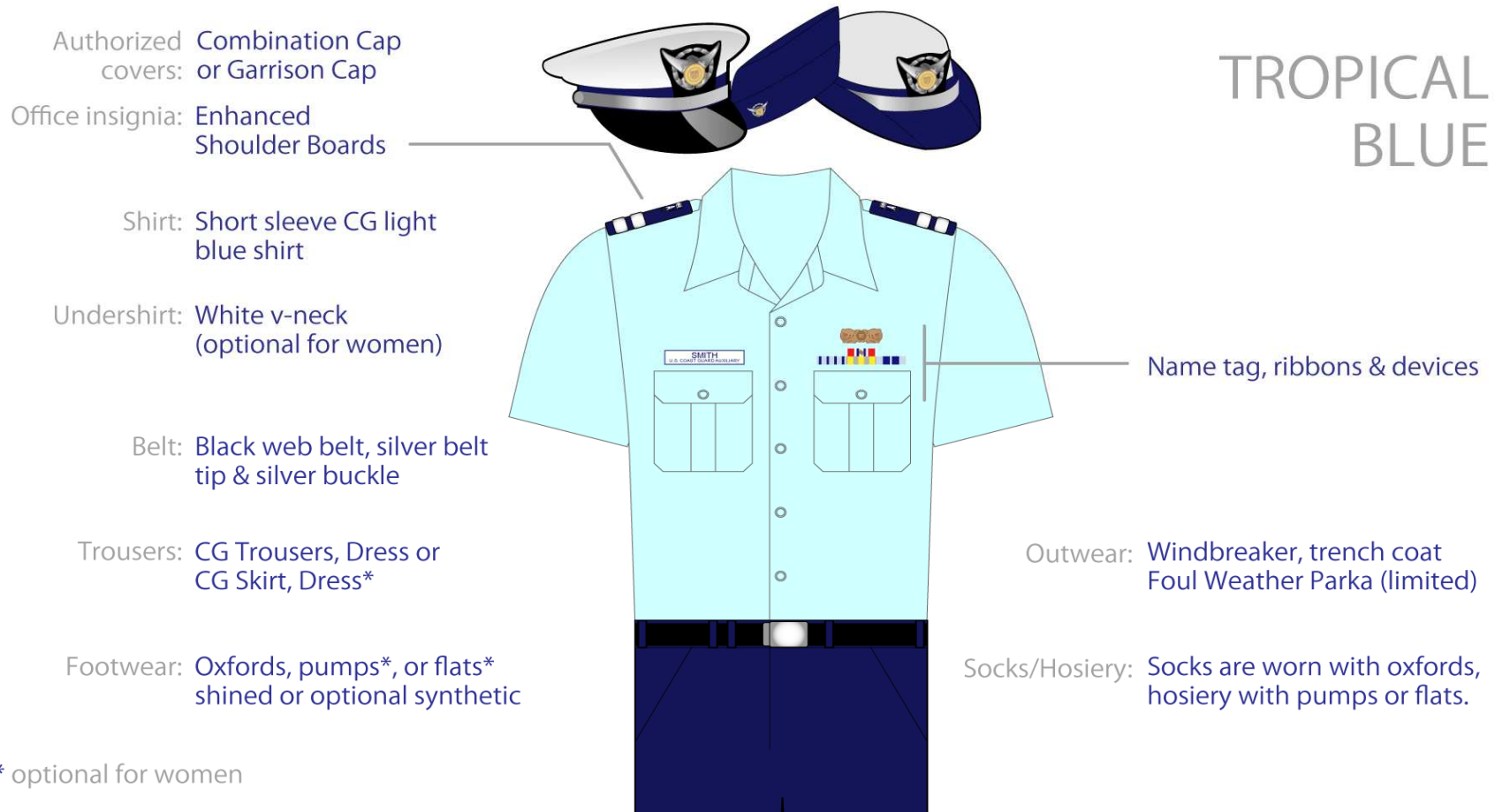
# Ribbons

- When wearing ribbons, Auxiliarists may wear either all ribbons authorized, their three senior ribbons, or their choice of nine of their authorized ribbons. When wearing more than one row of ribbons, all rows except the uppermost will contain three ribbons. If not in multiples of three, the uppermost row shall contain the lesser number.

# Ribbons

- The upper row is to be centered over the center of the one below it. Ribbons shall be worn without intervals between ribbons and rows of ribbons. They shall be worn with the lower edge of the bottom row centered  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch above the left breast pocket. On uniforms with no pocket, ribbons are worn in the same relative position.

# Tropical Blue – Cont.



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