



CGAUX Member Training

UNIFORMS

From the Dictionary

Uniform [yoo-nuh-fawrm]

1. Identical or consistent, as from example to example, place to place, or moment to moment
2. Without variations in detail
3. Constant, unvarying, undeviating
4. An identifying outfit or style of dress worn by members of a given profession, organization, or rank

From the Manual

Pride

“In keeping with the true spirit of an organization of volunteers, the possession and wear of the Auxiliary uniform by Auxiliarists should be a matter of personal pride.”

Representative

“When in uniform, the Auxiliarist is a representative of DHS, the Coast Guard, Auxiliary, and the U.S. Government.”

Appearance

“Appearance, uniform fit, and grooming shall reflect the pride of that representation.”

From the Manual

Example

“Elected and appointed leaders are expected to wear the uniform properly to set an example.”

Help

“They should help other Auxiliarists develop proper habits of personal appearance, hygiene, and grooming when wearing the uniform.”

Auxiliary Uniforms

Two Basic Uniforms!!!

Tropical Blue Uniform (“Trops”)

Operational Dress Uniform (“ODUs”)

Tropical Blue



- Combination or Garrison Cap
- Ribbons, Devices, Name Tag (no medals)
- AF Light Blue Short Sleeve Dress Shirt
 - Open Collar (no tie)
 - All but top button buttoned
 - White V-Neck T-Shirt
- Shoulder Boards – Enhanced
 - No collar devices
- CG Blue Dress Trousers
- Black Web Belt w/Silver Buckle
- Plain Black Dress Shoes w/Black Socks
- Approved for year-round use

Tropical Blue

Tunic Over-Blouse



- For women who will be more comfortable in a size larger than those offered at the UDC.
- The shirt does not need to be tucked into the pants when worn.
- It can be ordered from the Auxiliary Association (see National web site)

Cover – Tropical Blue

- Garrison Cap: Unisex
 - Should be worn parallel to ground.
 - Squared up on head. No tilt of any kind.
 - Crease front lined up with nose vertically.
 - Garrison Cap Device worn, 2”back, 1 ½” up left side.
 - Metal office insignia or member device same spacing right side of face looking forward.



Garrison Cap



Garrison Cap

Trousers / Skirt / Belt

– Tropical Blue

- Trousers (Male/Female)
 - Coast Guard Blue Service Trousers (Service Dress Blue).
 - Worn with Black web belt.

Skirt (Female)

- Coast Guard Blue Service Skirt (Service Dress Blue).
- Worn with Black web belt.
- Worn with stockings.

Belt (Male/Female)

- Black web belt with silver tip.
- Worn with Silver belt buckle.
- The right side of the buckle (as viewed by wearer) shall be aligned with the right side of the shirt opening and the right side of the zipper to form a straight line as shown. Known in the military as a “GIG” line.

Shoes & Socks – Tropical Blue

- Black Dress Shoes (UDC-issue).
- Black Dress Pumps (UDC-issue).
 - Females only.
- Socks: Black plain undecorated.
- Stockings: Flesh tone, plain material, seamless, undecorated.

Necessary Accessories

Tropical Blue

- All new members must obtain the following accessories to complete the basic version of the **Tropical Blue** uniform:
 - Garrison Cap Device.
 - One pair of Enhanced shoulder boards.
 - One U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary plastic name tag (Last Name only or First & Last Name)

Additional Items

– Tropical Blue

Note: These items are not necessary for a complete uniform

- **Accessories**

- **Wooly Pulley Sweater.** Worn indoors or between work stations in immediate area. Not outer wear for extended travel.
- **Cardigan Sweater. ... Same as above**
 - **Must remain buttoned.**

- **Cover**

- **Combination Cap: Male/Female**
 - **Should be worn parallel to ground.**
 - **Squared up on head. No tilt of any kind.**

Combination Caps



Combination Cap - Women



Combination Cap - Men

Additional Items

- Tropical Blue (Cont.)

Note: These items are not necessary for a complete uniform

- **Outerwear**

- **Windbreaker, with or without liner:**

- **Insignia: Large Metal, Placed $\frac{3}{4}$ " inboard from epaulet seam.**
- **Zipped at least $\frac{2}{3}$ up when worn**
- **Zipper pull tucked in**

- **Trench Coat:**

- **Insignia: Large Metal, Placed $\frac{3}{4}$ " inboard from epaulet seam.**

- **All-Weather Parka, Type I (old) or II (new):**

- **Insignia: only one insignia can be worn on Storm (zipper) Flap on Jacket.**

- **All Weather Trousers: can be worn in extreme weather conditions.**

Operational Dress Uniform



- Trousers – ODU trousers bloused or tucked in with boots; straight with deck shoes
- Belt – Black web belt
- Shirt – ODU top with sleeves rolled up accordion style with only the cuff showing - or down
- Undershirt – CG Blue T-Shirt, Crew Neck Collar
- Socks – Black, undecorated
- Shoes – Boot, high top lace up or optional boat shoe
- Insignia – Sew-on collar devices
- Cloth tape with “USCG AUXILIARY” sewn above left pocket / last name above right pocket.
- Breast Insignia / Device sewn above nametape
- Hat – Baseball cap with metal collar device

Operational Dress Uniform

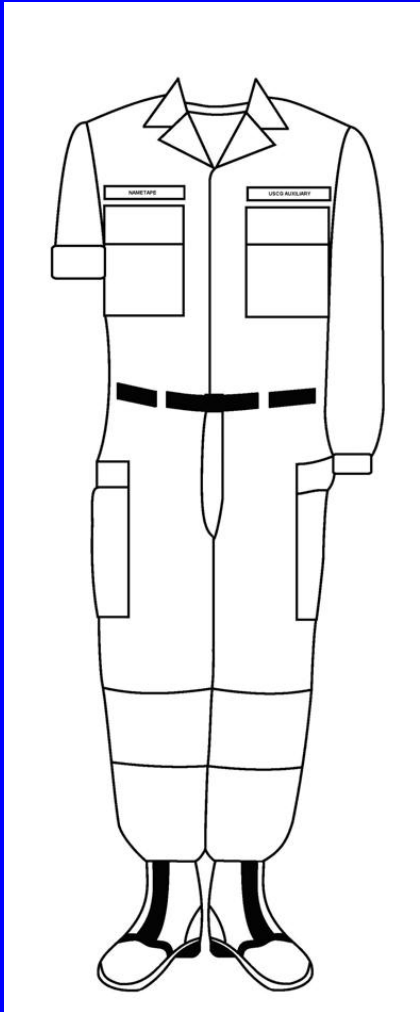
- Recommend the “Spec-Ops BDU” Belt, 1.75”
- Available for under \$20 – eBay



Necessary Accessories - ODU

- All new members must obtain the following accessories to complete the basic version of the Operational Dress Uniform:
 - U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Ball Cap.
 - One pair of sew-on Office or Member collar insignia.
 - One pair Metal Office or Member insignia (one used on cap).

Operational Dress Uniform



‘Tucked’ ODU’s may be worn until
“No longer serviceable”

New ‘Untucked’ ODU’s may be
ordered from UDC and are available
at the CGI Exchange.

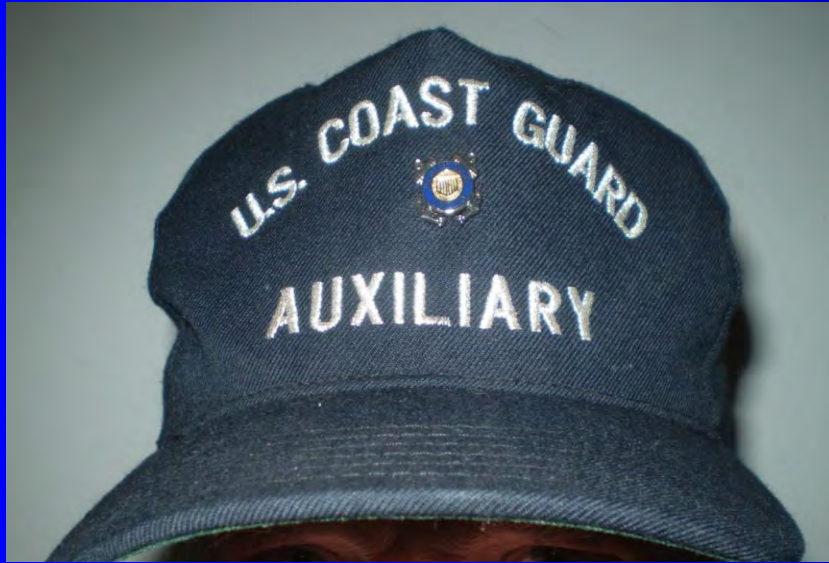
**Do not mix Tucked & Untucked
uniforms!**

Operations Polo Shirt



- For patrol activities, may be worn as an alternative to:
 - Working Blue shirt
 - ODU shirt
 - Hot Weather Uniform shirt
- No logos, patches, insignia, name tapes, nor name tags

Ball Cap



- Full front panel embroidered as shown
 - May have inscribed, in the same lettering, the number of their Flotilla, Division, and/or District/Region
- “Scrambled Eggs” are no longer be authorized
 - Must wear either the metal office insignia or the metal member collar insignia
 - Embroidered/sew-on versions no longer authorized
 - Mesh backs are no longer be authorized

Auxiliary Sun Hat “Tilley Hat”



- May be worn in lieu of a Ball Cap
- No insignia may be worn
- AUXCEN carries the only hat authorized

Shoes

- 8"-10" plain black safety boot (i.e. Super Boot II) if on board a CG vessel.
- Safety boots must have a safety toe that conforms with ANSI standards Z41-1999.
- Boots must be worn if on a Coast Guard base

Boat Shoes

- Boat shoes (brown or dark blue) are authorized **ONLY:**

- ✓ When worn on Auxiliary facilities (boats)
- ✓ When doing Vessel Safety Checks
- ✓ When transiting to or from the above
- ✓ When authorized by a local O.I.A.

- Note: All white or all black, low top, athletic shoes are authorized for the Hot Weather Uniform **only**.

(See Aux Manual for full description of Hot Weather Uniform)

Uniform Requirements

PATROLS OR OTHER OPERATIONAL MISSIONS

Operational Dress Uniform (ODU)



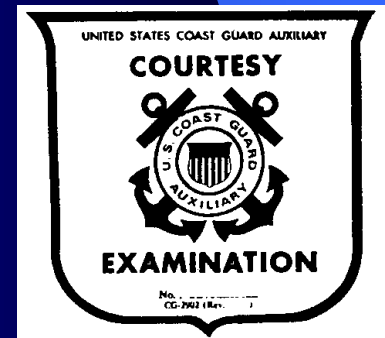
Uniform Requirements

COURTESY MARINE EXAMS

- Operational Dress Uniform (ODU)
- VE shirt with jeans (or shorts), boat shoes, Auxiliary ball cap

MARINE DEALER VISITS

- First visit – in uniform (Trops or ODUs)
- Subsequent visits – uniform or proper civilian attire



Uniform Requirements

PUBLIC EDUCATION CLASSES

- Tropical Blue Uniform
- ODU (Manual states 'Trops')
- All instructors should be
in same uniform.



Uniform Requirements

Flotilla & Division Meetings

- Tropical Blue Uniform
- Operational Dress Uniform



Uniform Requirements

BOATING SAFETY BOOTH & OTHER PA FUNCTIONS

- Tropical Blue Uniform
- Operational Dress Uniform



Uniform Requirements

BOATING SAFETY BOOTH & OTHER PA FUNCTIONS

- Authorized Blue Blazer

w/Appropriate Civilian Attire



Uniform Requirements

OTHER AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES:

- Traveling on Coast Guard or other military facility
 - As prescribed by the District Commander or DIRAUX
- Performing various other US Coast Guard activities
 - As prescribed by the unit CO or OIC
- Performing various other CG Auxiliary activities
 - As prescribed by the DIRAUX or Auxiliary Officer

When to Wear Which?

The “Uniform of the Day”, or appropriate uniform, will be prescribed by the event or activity organizer.

All personnel participating should be wearing the specified uniform.

CGAUX Devices



Cap Device

Shoulder Boards



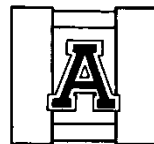
Auxiliary Coxswain
Breast Device



Ribbons



AUXOP Device



Collar & Coat Devices



Auxiliary Pilot
Breast Device

Military Award Recipients

- Auxiliarists may wear prescribed prior or current military insignia earned while serving with a U.S. military service on the Auxiliary uniform
- All prior military awards, badges and devices will be worn on the left side of the uniform



Devices & Shoulder Boards

Flotilla

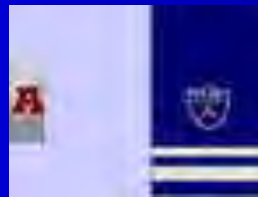


Member



VFC

Division



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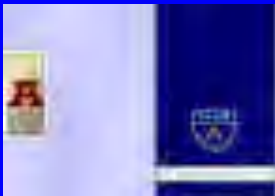


ADSO

District



DCAPT



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VCDR



DSO



DCOS

National



NACO



DCDR



DCO

Shoulder Boards



- Enhanced shoulder boards shall be worn on all shirts having epaulets when worn as a Dress Uniform
- Also worn on the woolly-pully sweater and/or cardigan sweater
- “Soft” shoulder boards are no longer authorized

AUXILIARY INSIGNIA

AUTHORIZED COAST GUARD AUXILIARY UNIFORM INSIGNIA

COLLAR INSIGNIA



SHOULDER INSIGNIA



FOR INFORMATION ONLY - NOT INTENDED TO BE EXACT SCALE



Past Officer Device (Silver)



Shield Elected Officer and Member (Embroidered)



Shield Staff Officer (Embroidered)



Combination Cap Device



Auxiliary National Staff Identification Badge



Auxiliary Aviator



Garrison & Working Cap Device



Coxswain Device



Auxiliary Button



Auxiliary Name Tag



Retired Pin



AUXOP Device

CAP ORNAMENTATION



NACO, NAVCO, DCO



VCO, RCO, DCP, DC, DVC, N-A



NACO, NAVCO, DCO



VCO, RCO, DCP, DC, DVC, N-A

“Gold Side” / “Silver Side”

The regular Coast Guard is known as the “Gold Side”



The Auxiliary is known as the “Silver Side”



Coast Guard Markings

With the exception of authorized Coast Guard unit ball caps, Auxiliarists should avoid wearing uniform items that carry Coast Guard markings, particularly Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), work clothes, and organizational clothing.

RIGHT SIDE OF AUX UNIFORM



AUXOP
Device



Past Officer
Device



National Staff
Badge

LEFT SIDE OF THE UNIFORM OVER/UNDER RIBBONS



Coxswain device



Auxiliary Aviator



Marine Safety Insignia



PWC Insignia



RBS Device

Disposing of Uniforms

Uniforms must never be given away or donated to charities.

When no longer needed or no longer serviceable, Uniforms must be DESTROYED so as not to be worn by any unauthorized individuals.

Procurement

or “Where do we get it?”

- District Store
- <http://store.d11nuscgaux.info/shop/uniforms.html>
- **(Not currently on line)**
 - Belts
 - T-Shirts
 - Caps
 - Ball Caps
 - Garrison Caps
 - Combination Caps
- Lighthouse Uniform
- <http://catalog.lighthouseuniform.com/coastguard>
 - Dress Uniforms
 - Tropical Blue Uniforms
 - Insignias

Procurement

or “Where do we get it?”

- National Aux Store
- <http://www.shopauxiliary.com/membershipsignin.phpop/uniforms.html>
 - Logo Items
 - Gift Items
 - Caps
 - Ball Caps
 - Garrison Caps
 - Combination Caps
 - Insignias, Devices, Ribbons
 - Name Tags
 - Operational Items
 - Auxiliary-specific Uniform Items
 - Stationery

Procurement

or “Where do we get it?”

- USCG Uniform Distribution Center
- <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg1/udc/>
- Need to establish Log-In
- Full selection of Coast Guard uniform items
- Best pricing
- Check here first!
- Cloth name tapes available here
- **VERY LIMITED Aux items!!!**

Procurement

or “Where do we get it?”

UNIFORM PROCUREMENT GUIDE

Link:

<http://www.auxpdept.org/pdf/Uniform%20Procurement%20Guide%204-8-08.pdf>

Best to “GOOGLE”

Coast Guard Auxiliary Uniform Procurement
Guide

Additional Uniforms

There are numerous other uniforms available!

The two outlined in this presentation are the most common and are suggested basics for new members.

**Check the *AUXILIARY MANUAL*
*CHAPTER 10***

For complete uniform information.

Grooming: Hair

- Male:
 - Trimmed
 - Neat
 - No square back
 - Must not touch shirt collar.

Grooming: Hair

- **Female:**

- ❖ Neatly coiffed. 2” at highest point on head.
- ❖ Must not touch shirt collar.
- ❖ Bangs must not touch eyebrows.
- ❖ Ponytail if worn, must be one strand and must not touch collar.
 - Must not obstruct proper seating of Cover on head.
 - Tuck in if possible or change styling.
 - Wear of small unadorned scrunchies is OK.

Grooming: Facial Hair

- **Male:**

Beard: Trimmed neatly. No longer than 1 inch. If longer, must be tucked under chin as to be not so noticeable.

- Beards and mustaches must not interfere with the operation of safety/survival gear. These may prohibit participation in certain operational missions as deemed necessary by DIRAUX.



Self-Presentation

- Hair Coloring
 - Only natural, basic colors are permitted.
- Jewelry
 - Watches, rings (basic, avoid the ostentatious).
 - No necklaces or chains.
 - One pair 1/4” round stud earrings (Females only).
- Religious Headwear
 - Religious headwear is not to interfere with proper Auxiliary Cover. Must not be visible. Must conform with hair color.
- Religious Artifacts
 - Must not be visible.

Self-Presentation

From the Manual

“It is impossible to provide examples of every appropriate or unacceptable hairstyle or “conservative” or “eccentric” grooming,

therefore, the good judgment of leaders at all levels is key to upholding the Auxiliary grooming policy.”

**WEAR THE UNIFORM
PROPERLY**

OR

DON'T WEAR IT AT ALL!

**WE ARE "TEAM COAST
GUARD"**

End of Presentation

THANK YOU!



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