

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary



Coast Guard Auxiliary Uniforms

An overview – April 2015

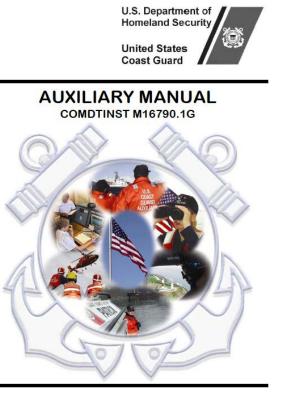
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Topics

- Uniform standards
- Uniform Board 46 changes
- Types of uniforms
- Uniform descriptions
- Proper placement of ribbons, name tags & devices
- Grooming standards
- Where to procure your uniforms



Uniform Standards



"Proud Traditions - Worthy Missions"

17 August 2011

The word uniform implies consistency and conformance to certain standards.

Auxiliary Manual COMDTINST M16790.1G Chapter 10 – Section C.3 "Uniformity in Grooming and Appearance"



Uniform Standards

- Wear the uniform with Pride!
- YOU are a representative of the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
- Elected and Appointed officers are expected to set the example
- Human Resources staff (FSO/SO/DSO-HR) can assist with your Uniform questions
- Uniform Standards are established by:
 - USCG Uniform Regulations Manual COMDINST M1020.6 (series)
 - USCG Auxiliary Manual COMDINST M16790.1 (series)
 - Uniform Board announcements & ALCOAST/ALAUX messages

Uniform Board 46 Changes December 2014

Foul Weather Parka Wear Changes

Garrison Cap Wear Changes



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Foul Weather Parka Wear Changes

- The Foul Weather Parka II (worn with or without the liner) is authorized for wear with the Operational Dress Uniform (ODU), Tropical Blue, Winter Dress Blue, and Service Dress Blue.
- The Parka Liner/ODU Utility Jacket can only be worn as stand alone outerwear with the Operational Dress Uniform (ODU).





Detailed Changes to Foul Weather Parka Wear

FOUL WEATHER PARKA II

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"A. AUTHORIZE WEAR OF **FOUL WEATHER PARKA II WITH SDB**: The FWPII (with or without the liner) is authorized for wear with the Operational Dress Uniform (ODU), Tropical Blue (TB), Winter Dress Blue (WDB), and Service Dress Blue (SDB). The trench coat remains a required seabag item and may be prescribed for wear with the SDB and other uniforms. However, the FWPII provides superior weather protection. The previous limitations on the wear of the FWPII with the TB and WDB uniforms are removed. Commands are reminded that for inspections and occasions where more uniformity is required, they may prescribe seabag outerwear." - ALCGPSC 171/14 RESULTS OF UNIFORM BOARD 46 - 08DEC2014

Note for Auxiliarists: This should not be taken to mean the ODU Utility Jacket can be worn as outwear with Service Dress Blue, Winter Dress Blue, or Tropical Blue.

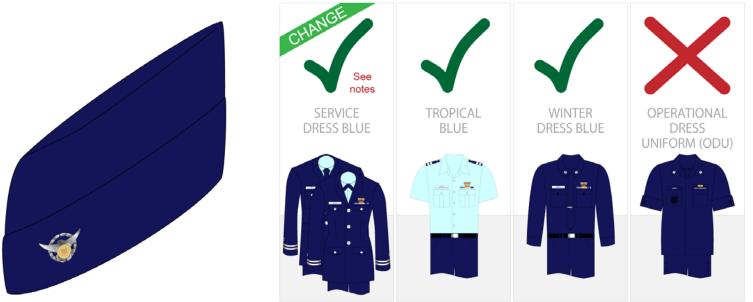


Garrison Cap Wear Changes

- The Garrison Cap may be worn optionally with the Service Dress Blue (SDB) uniform unless the Combination Cap is otherwise prescribed
- The Combination Cap remains the preferred cover for wear with the SDB, especially for outdoor or formal ceremonies where the cover is integral to the uniform
- Commands may prescribe when the Combination Cap is required
- The wear of the Garrison Cap allows for greater flexibility during travel and transiting between indoor and outdoor spaces

Detailed Changes to Garrison Cap wear

GARRISON CAP



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Common Uniforms



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UNIFORMS OF THE DAY



LIKELY FIRST UNIFORMS



How to wear the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary uniform

General Information

- Hats should be worn squarely on the head
- Shirts will be buttoned.
- Sleeves should not be rolled up, except when authorized
- Bottom of pants should touch shoe tops
- Women's skirt hemline will be:
- no higher than the crease in the back of the knee
- no lower than 2 inches below the crease in the back of the knee
- Bracelets, necklaces, wristwatches, ID bracelets and rings must be conservative, noncontroversial, and in good taste
- No more than 2 rings on each hand

Authorized Combination Cap covers: or Garrison Cap

Office insignia: Sleeve lace & shoulder boards on light blue shirt

Shirt: CG light blue shirt short or long sleeve

Undershirt: White v-neck (optional for women)

> Belt: Black web belt, silver belt tip & silver buckle

Trousers: CG Trousers, Dress or CG Skirt, Dress*

Footwear: Oxfords, pumps*, or flats* shined or optional synthetic

* optional for women



SERVICE DRESS BLUE

Jacket: Service Dress Blue jacket

Name tag, ribbons & devices

Tie:

Men: CG Four-in-hand Women: Blue tab tie

Outerwear:

Trench coat, bridge coat, Foul Weather Parka (windbreaker, cardigan sweater, wooly-pully sweater)

Socks/Hosiery: Socks are worn with oxfords, hosiery with pumps or flats.

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Socks/Hosiery: Socks are worn with oxfords, hosiery with pumps or flats.

Service Dress Blue (SDB) - Men

- Dress Blue coat with silver buttons, dress blue pants
- Light blue CG uniform shirt, long or short sleeve
- Black socks and shoes
- Sleeve lace with sleeve shield
- Worn with ribbons, breast insignia, qualification devices and name tag
- Combination Cap and Garrison Cap are authorized for wear
- Appropriate for classrooms, meetings and similar functions
- Outerwear:
 - Trench Coat, Bridge Coat, Foul Weather Parka
 - Windbreaker, Cardigan Sweater, or Wooly-Pully sweater may be worn in lieu of SDB jacket, when appropriate



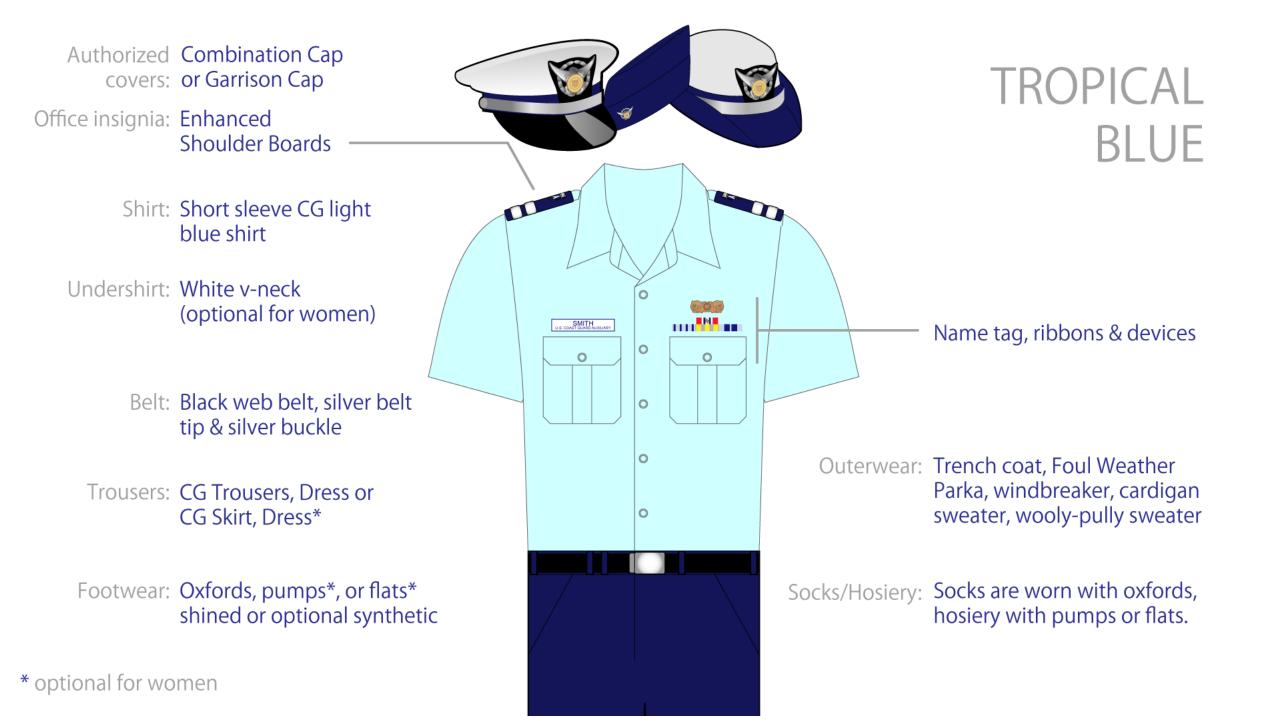


Service Dress Blue (SDB) - Women

- Same as men's SDB except:
 - Blue skirt or pants
 - Coast Guard Blue Tab Tie
 - Stockings (plain) with the skirt
 - Black pumps with low heels







Tropical Blue

- May be worn when Service Dress Blue is not required
- Light blue CG uniform shirt, long or short sleeve.
 - Tunic overblouse, untucked, may be worn by women
- Black socks and shoes
- Shoulder boards, name tags, ribbons, qualification devices
- V-neck T-shirt (<u>No crew neck T-shirt</u>)
- Garrison cap or Combination cap (No ball caps)



Authorized Combination Cap covers: or Garrison Cap

Office insignia: Collar insignia -

Shirt: Winter Dress Blue shirt

Undershirt: White v-neck (optional for women)

> Belt: Black web belt, silver belt tip & silver buckle

Trousers: CG Trousers, Dress or CG Skirt, Dress*

Footwear: Oxfords, pumps*, or flats* shined or optional synthetic

* optional for women



WINTER DRESS BLUE

Name tag, ribbons & devices

Tie:

CG Four-in-hand for men & women

Outerwear:

Trench coat, bridge coat, Foul Weather Parka, windbreaker, cardigan sweater, wooly-pully sweater

Socks/Hosiery:

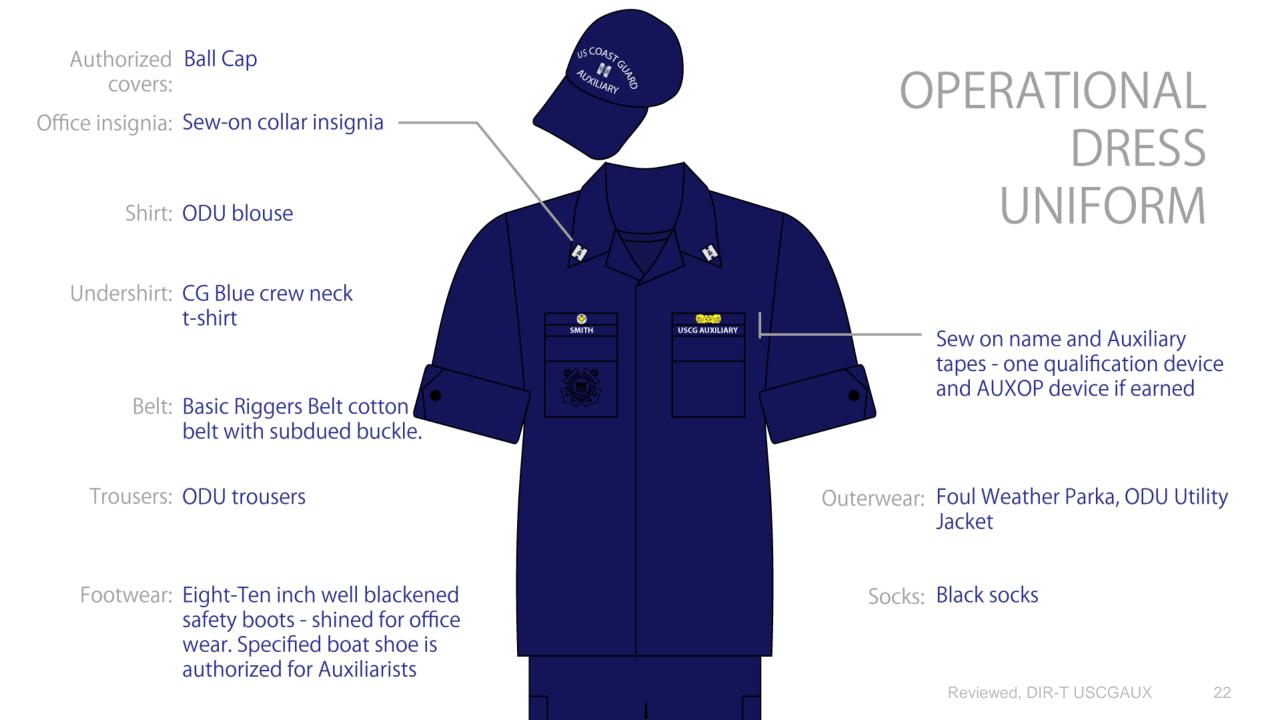
Socks are worn with oxfords, hosiery with pumps or flats.

Winter Dress Blue

- Available for wear between November 1 to March 31
- May be worn unless Service Dress Blue is more appropriate
- Coast Guard blue winter shirt (long sleeve) and blue pants
- Coast Guard blue tie
- Black shoe and socks
- Metal collar devices, name tag, ribbons, qualification devices
- Garrison or Combination cap
- Approved outerwear:
 - Windbreaker, Bridge Coat, Trench Coat, Foul Weather Parka, Cardigan Sweater or Wooly-Pully sweater







- Worn where any form of Dress Uniform is not required (or more appropriate) and while commuting
- Auxiliarists working directly with USCG units must wear the untucked version of the ODU, unless otherwise directed
- Sleeves shall not be rolled up except as authorized for the ODU
- Rolled up sleeves must be worn in prescribed accordion style with only the cuff showing



- Boots, high top, lace up are worn for most occasions, but the boat shoe is an authorized option for Auxiliarists, regardless of the type of ODU that is being worn (regular or hot weather)
- ODU trousers are worn bloused with boots. They are worn unbloused with boat shoes, only when conducting vessel safety checks, underway on an Auxiliary operational facility, commuting to or from a point of Auxiliary patrol or safety check activity, or specifically authorized by a Coast Guard order issuing authority.

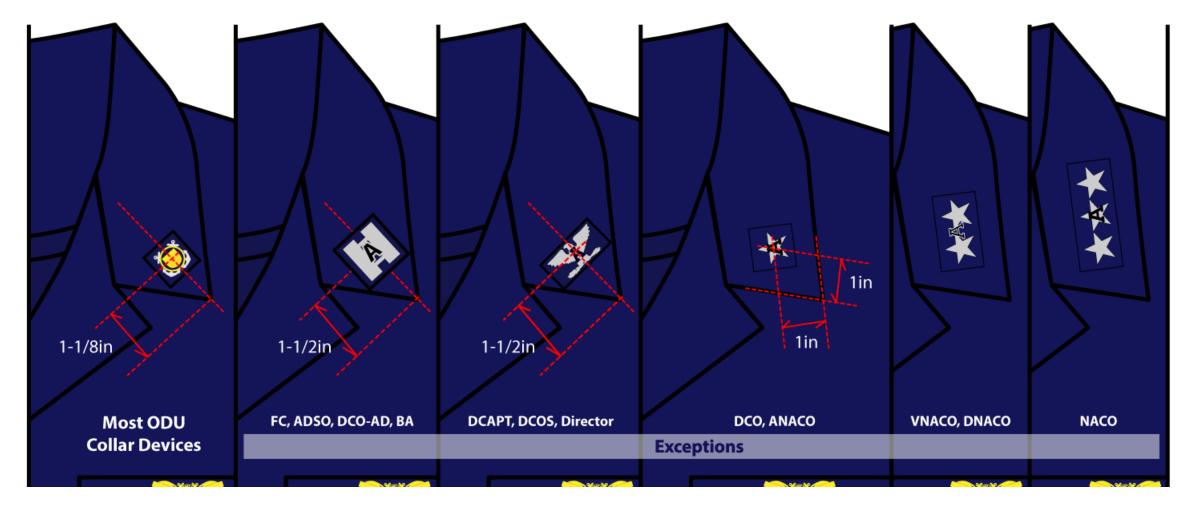
- Sew-on cloth nametapes, USCG AUXILIARY, and devices must be the full width of the pocket
- Sew-on or Velcro cloth member and officer collar devices are worn with black "A" for officer devices
- Embroidery, plastic name tags, and metal devices are prohibited



- The dark blue crew neck tee-shirt with USCG AUXILIARY embroidered or screen printed on the front left chest is worn
- Belt is black web belt with subdued open-faced buckle or basic riggers belt
- USCG Auxiliary ball cap, or Tilley hat obtained from an appropriate source may be worn with the ODU
- Tucked version of the ODU is authorized for Auxiliary wear until no longer serviceable



ODU Member and Office Devices





ODU Outerwear



Foul Weather Parka II (FWP)

(note: the fleece FWP liner is no longer authorized as stand alone outerwear)



ODU Utility Jacket (enhanced Foul Weather liner)

Foul Weather Parka Devices

- The Foul Weather Parka (FWPII) fabric office device is a mandatory uniform item for the parka shell.
- The device is required on the Parka Liner/ODU Utility Jacket when worn as a stand alone, exterior garment.
- Wear of metal office insignia is not authorized











Dinner Dress Blue Uniform



Dinner Dress Blue Uniform

- The Dinner Dress Blue uniform may be prescribed and worn for formal evening occasions
- Uniform components are the same as Service Dress Blue, but with white shirt and plain black bow tie (not to exceed 2¼ inches in vertical width
- Miniature medals and devices are worn
- Name tag is not worn
- The Combination cap is worn



Dinner Dress Blue Jacket Uniform





Dinner Dress Blue Jacket Uniform

- The Dinner Dress Blue Jacket uniform may be prescribed and worn for formal evening occasions
- The jacket is the standard Coast Guard (Navy) Blue Mess jacket
- Sleeve lacing with sleeve shield is worn
- The three gold buttons down each forepart are replaced with three large silver Coast Guard Auxiliary buttons
- A silver chain with medium size Auxiliary buttons on each end close the jacket at the button holes
- The Combination cap is worn

Dinner Dress White Jacket Uniform







Dinner Dress White Jacket Uniform

- The Dinner Dress White Jacket uniform may be prescribed and worn for formal evening occasions
- The jacket is the standard Coast Guard (Navy) White Mess jacket
- Hard shoulder boards are worn on the jacket
- The two gold buttons down each forepart are replaced with two large silver Coast Guard Auxiliary buttons
- A silver chain with medium size Auxiliary buttons on each end close the jacket at the button holes
- The Combination cap is worn

Ribbons, Name Tags, Devices, & Insignia



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Left Side of Uniform

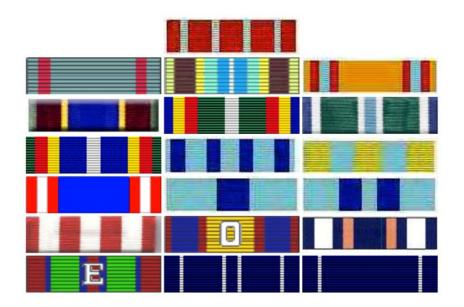
- Ribbons & Qualification Insignias
 - Lowest row of ribbons is 1/4" above top of the left pocket
 - 1st breast insignia is 1/4" above ribbons
 - 2nd breast insignia is 1/4" below top of left pocket
- You may elect to wear all earned ribbons, highest 3 ribbons, or any 9 ribbons of your choice.



Right Side of Uniform

- Devices & Badges
- Name tag ¼" above top of right pocket
- Devices may include AUXOP & Past Officer and Command insignias
- Badges may include Recruiting & Staff badges
- Name tag on Women's uniform shirt with no pockets: bottom edge aligned with top of the third button from the top of the shirt front.

Ribbons Have an Order



http://www.uscg.mil/uniform/Ribbons.asp



Coast Guard Auxiliary Covers





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Which Cover to Wear

Uniform Quick Reference: COVERS



Combination Cap

- Can be worn with most uniforms
- Men's and Women's styles
- The combination caps for Auxiliarists holding DCDR or above (and commensurate) office positions are adorned with one or two rows of silver oak leaves and acorns.







Garrison Cap

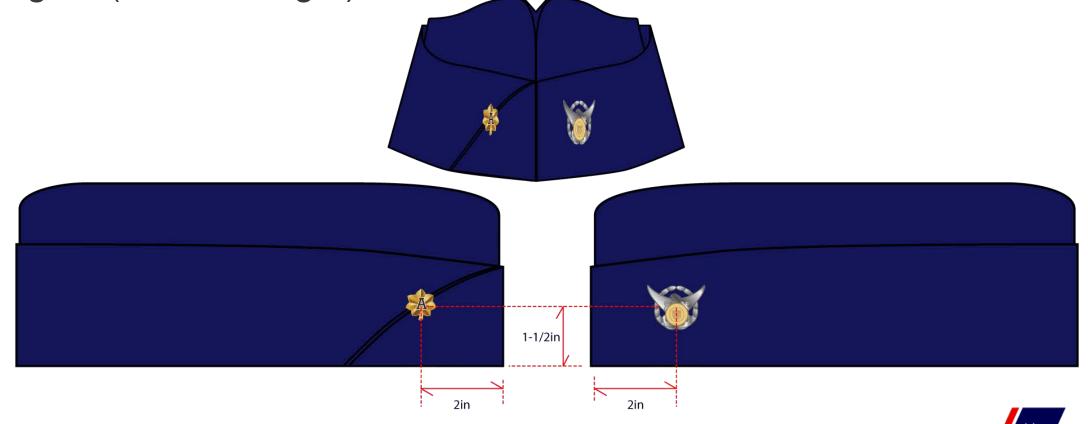
- Can be worn with Tropical Blue, Winter Dress Blue, and Flight Suit
- May be authorized for wear with Service Dress Blue





Garrison Cap

• Worn with small cap device (wearer's left) and small metal office insignia (wearer's right)





ODU Ball Cap

- Note: Auxiliary ball caps must be obtained from:
 - USCG Exchange (CGEX)
 - AUXCEN
 - UDC
- Only ball caps made of ODU material ball cap are authorized for use
- Embroidered cap ornamentation (acorns and leaves) are no longer authorized



Cap devices

- Metal device on your ball cap must match ODU collar devices
- Metal device on your garrison cap must match your shoulder boards or collar devices
- Small metal devices are worn on caps for men's and women's uniforms
- Large metal devices are reserved for outerwear only



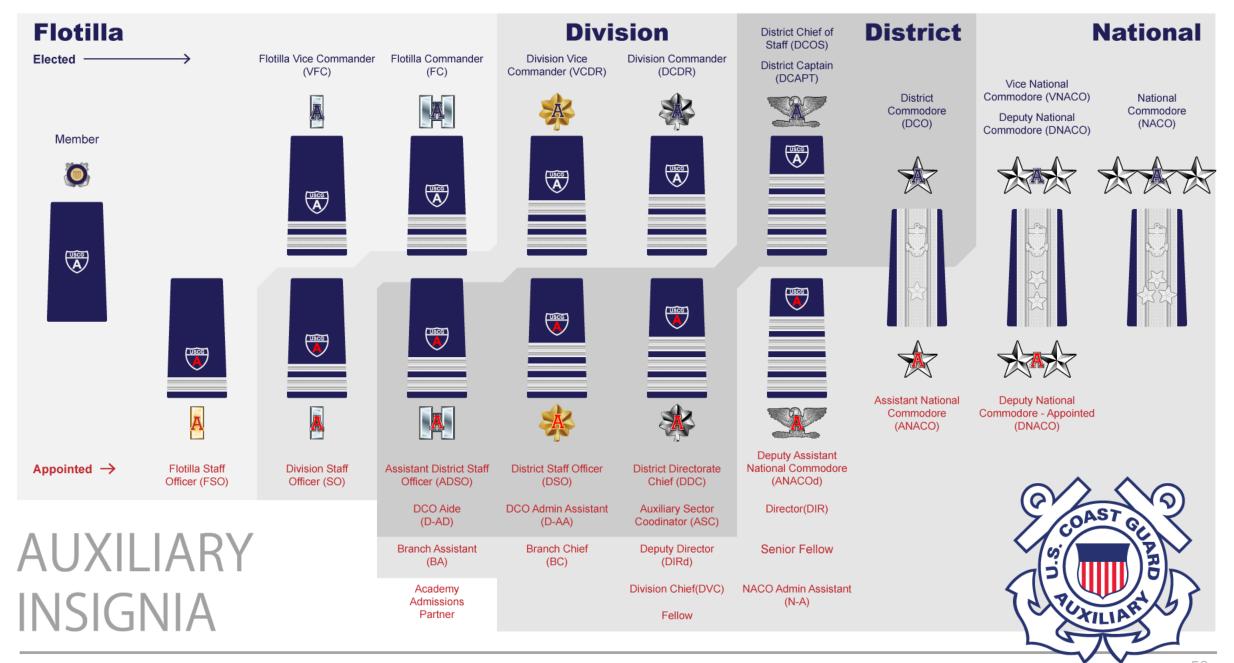
Shoulder Boards

- Hard shoulder boards are worn with Dinner Dress White Jacket or Service Dress White uniforms
- Enhanced shoulder boards are worn on Tropical Blue uniform, cardigan sweater, and the wooly-pully sweater
- Soft shoulder boards ("Loops") are no longer authorized for wear with any uniform



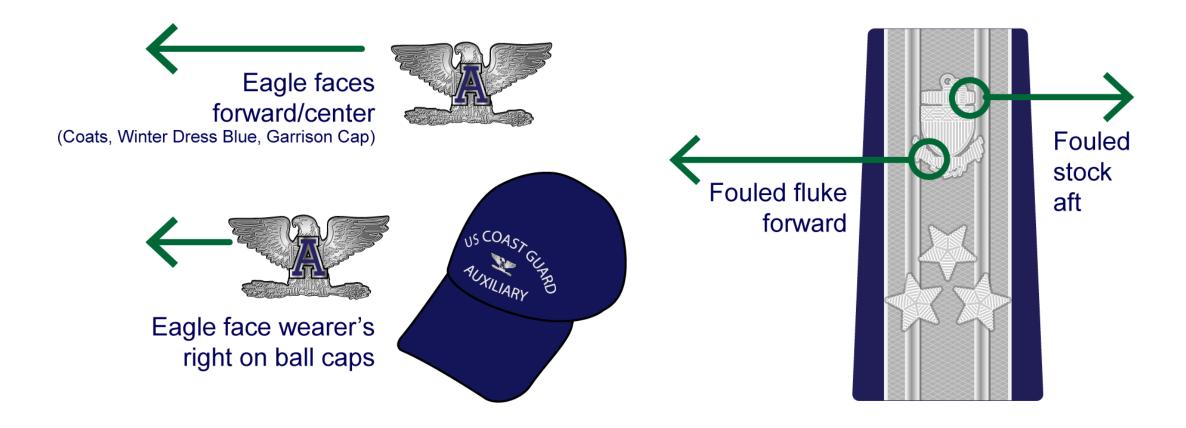






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A few items have left and right elements





Outerwear Devices

Windbreaker, Trench Coat, Reefer Coat, and Bridge Coat use large devices



Blue Blazer Uniform

- The Auxiliary blue blazer may be substituted for all uniforms except the operational dress uniform (ODU)
- The blue blazer is worn with white or gray pants (or skirt), white shirt, and black shoes
- A dark blue or black tie is worn by men, and a blue or black tab is worn by women depending upon the occasion





Blue Blazer Uniform

- The official Auxiliary blazer patch is available through AUXCEN
- It is recommended for wear when the UDC does not stock or offer properly fitting uniform sizes
- The Auxiliary Blue Blazer outfit may be authorized by unit Commanding Officers for wear in office spaces while on duty at Coast Guard units.







Vessel Examiner (VE) Polo Shirt

- The VE Polo shirt is authorized for wear as an optional uniform shirt worn as part of the ODU, and Hot Weather uniform.
- The shirt is not authorized for wear on patrol and no insignia, name tags or breast devices shall be worn with the shirt.
- Headgear (when wearing the Polo shirt) shall not display office insignia. Only the member device shall be displayed on the hat.
- The AUXCEN carries the only authorized shirt.



Auxiliary Operations Polo Shirt

- The Auxiliary Operations Polo Shirt may be worn as an alternative to the Operational Dress Uniform (ODU) top, and the Hot Weather Uniform shirt for patrol activities.
- No logos, patches, insignia, name tapes, nor name tags of any type may be worn on this shirt.
- The Auxiliary Operations Polo shirt will be dark blue in color, and have two or three buttons with no pockets. It may be 100 percent cotton or be made of a cotton-polyester blend to facilitate moisture wicking.
- Lettering will be embroidered with USCG AUXILIARY on the left front side, and the LAST NAME of the Auxiliarist on the right front side.
- The AUXCEN carries the only authorized shirt.

Authorized ODU Ball Cap, Sun covers: Hat/Tilley

Shirt: CG Blue crew neck t-shirt with USCG AUXIILIARY screen printed/embroidered, Operational polo shirt, VE Polo when conducting VEs

Footwear: Well-blackened 8-inch or 10-inch safety boots; boat shoes (authorized style & color only); all white or all black, low top, athletic shoes with nonskid/ nonmarking soles

Socks: White socks

Outerwear: None



HOT WEATHER UNIFORM

Trousers: ODU trousers hemmed at the knee or 1 inch above the knee

> Belt: Black ODU belt with open buckle; optional riggers belt

Trousers: Modified Coast Guard blue utility hemmed at the knee or 1 inch above the knee

OR

Belt: Black web belt with silver buckle & tip

- This uniform is authorized as an optional uniform for Auxiliarists only (no USCG equivalent).
- The Director (DIRAUX) shall prescribe the proper season for its wear.
- It is not appropriate for routine office wear.
- Shorts are modified Coast Guard modified blue utility or ODU trousers, cut and hemmed at knee or 1 inch above knee.
- Any shirt worn, must be tucked into the shorts with this uniform.



- The Coast Guard dark blue crew neck T-shirt (stenciled or embroidered with the words "USCG AUXILIARY" across the front left chest in white ³/₄-inch tall block-style letters) is the prescribed shirt with this uniform.
- The Auxiliary Operations Polo Shirt may be worn with this uniform as an alternative for patrol activities.
- The optional VE shirt may be worn when conducting vessel safety checks (VSCs).



- Well-blackened 8-inch or 10-inch safety boots, boat shoes (dark blue or brown leather) or all white or all black, low top, athletic shoes with nonskid/non-marking soles are authorized for Auxiliarists wearing the hot weather uniform.
- Socks shall be all white, athletic type, crew length.
- Belt is black web belt with silver buckle and tip or the optional basic riggers belt.



- The Auxiliary ball cap, or the Tilley hat, are the prescribed hats to be worn with this uniform.
- No insignias are worn on the ODU T-shirt, the Operations Polo Shirt, or the VE polo shirt.

Flight Suits

- Authorized for wear only during flight or any aviation mission performed under orders.
- Shall be similar in pattern, color, and design to those worn by active duty Coast Guard aviators.
- Zipped to within 3 inches of top at all times.
- Head gear either garrison cap, baseball cap, or protective gear as required.
- Confirm local standards through your DSO-AV.



Footwear

- Dress shoes = Service Dress Uniforms (heels no higher than 1")
- Boat Shoes = ODU, Hot Weather Uniform
 - Dark Blue or brown leather, low cut moccasin type
- ODU Boots = ODU & Hot Weather Uniform
 - Shall be shined when in a classroom or office
- Tennis Shoes = Hot Weather Uniform
 - All white or all black
- Black socks made of knitted or ribbed on decorated material
 - Not grey, dark blue, etc.
 - No stitching or seam across the toe
- White socks shall be all white, athletic type, crew length

Grooming Standards while in Uniform

- Earrings
 - Men cannot wear earrings
 - Women can wear one pair of small gold, silver or pearl earrings of the ball style (no larger than ¼ inch)
- Diamond studs can be worn with the Dinner dress uniforms
- Necklaces, chains, suspenders, pens, handkerchiefs, etc...should not be visible

Grooming Standards while in Uniform

- Hair should be neat and clean and above the collar (for men) or at the collar (for women)
- Mustaches must be no lower than the lower lip line of upper lip
- Fingernails: Men and women shall keep their nails clean. Women may wear nail polish, but the color shall be conservative and neutral in color. Decorative nail art is not authorized while in uniform



Grooming Standards while in Uniform

- Full and partial beards, van dykes, and goatees are authorized
- In uniform, patches and spotty clumps of facial hair are not considered beards and are not authorized
- The bulk of the beard (distance that the mass of facial hair protrudes from the skin on the face) shall not exceed 1 inch
- Beards, sideburns, or mustaches if worn, shall be well groomed and neatly trimmed at all times in order not to present a ragged appearance



Prohibited Wear of Auxiliary Uniform

- In public places of dubious reputation
- When engaged in political activities
- When in a foreign country unless specifically authorized
- Don't wear distinctive parts of the uniform or insignia with civilian clothes when not on duty
- Auxiliarists must adhere to uniform policies when engaged in U.S. Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary programs and activities



Uniform Distribution Center (UDC)

Your local Coast Guard Exchange (CGEX)

> USCG Auxiliary Center (AUXCEN/Shop Auxiliary)

USCG Installation Lucky Bags

USCGA Used Uniform Exchange

How:

- http://www.uscg.mil/UNIFORMS/
 - 1-609-861-1221
- 1-800-874-6841

Items available:

- Tropical Blue, Service Dress Blue & ODU uniforms
- Coats, Foul Weather Parkas, Windbreakers, and Sweaters
- USCG AUXILIARY and nametapes
- Garrison and Combination caps
- Shoes & boots



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How:

- Once you have an ID card you can gain access to the CGEX
- Access for newer members in AP status can be obtained when accompanied by another member

Items available:

- Tropical Blue, Service Dress Blue & ODU uniforms
- Combination, Garrison, and ball caps
- Shoes and boots



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USCGA Used Uniform Exchange

How:

- http://www.shopauxiliary.com
- Click on "District Online Members Store"

Items available:

- Shoulder boards
- Name tags
- Officer devices
- Qualification insignia
- Sleeve lacing
- And much more



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USCG Installation Lucky Bags

USCGA Used Uniform Exchange

How:

• Talk to your FSO-HR

Items available:

• Depends upon the local stock

Member service:

 If your local area or USCG installation does not operate or maintain a lucky bag, consider the possibility of starting one



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USCG Installation Lucky Bags

USCGA Used Uniform Exchange

- How:
 - http://www.trlmo.com/cgaux8wr/pws/uue.htm
- Items Available:
 - Dependent upon changing availability



Ask Your Flotilla Commander

 It is highly recommended that New Members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary speak with their Flotilla Commander first about procuring either the Tropical Blue and/or Operational Dress Uniform, as these will be appropriate for a majority of USCGAUX activities.



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