



## Chapter 10 Uniforms

### Introduction

Auxiliary uniforms are similar to those worn by Coast Guard officers. Silver braid and silver buttons replace the gold braid and buttons worn by Coast Guard officers. Auxiliarists may also wear other authorized emblems, insignia and ribbons. This chapter provides information on the various uniforms and their proper wear. Directors are the source of any additional information on uniforms.

All Auxiliarists are authorized and encouraged to wear the various Auxiliary uniforms or the Blazer outfit. Auxiliarists must adhere to uniform policies when engaged in Coast Guard and Auxiliary programs and activities. Uniforms shall be worn as prescribed in Coast Guard Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6 (series), except as noted in this chapter.

The illustrations in this chapter show Auxiliary uniforms now authorized and the appearance of each uniform when worn properly. A description with each picture provides guidance as to when to wear the particular uniform and specifies the individual items of clothing and accessories worn with each. When purchasing from civilian retail sources, Auxiliarists may use these descriptions for uniform items that may not otherwise be available.

Also illustrated are the various insignia and devices Auxiliarists may wear on different uniforms. They show how certain insignia identify qualifications and office (elected and appointed) status (present or past) within the Auxiliary.

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## Section A. When Uniforms are Required and Prohibited

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| <b>Introduction</b>   | This section describes Auxiliary procedure for proper uniform use.   |
| <b>A.1. Auxiliary Boat Crew, Mobile Radio Facility Operators, and Shore-Side Harbor Patrols</b> | <p>Auxiliarists onboard vessel facilities during an ordered mission shall wear the Operational Dress Uniform (ODU), Working or Undress uniform, Hot Weather uniform, or the Jump Suits appropriate to the climate. In areas where required, survival suits shall be substituted for the uniform. When considered appropriate, they shall replace office insignia with the member device. Uniform selection is the coxswain's choice and it shall be the same for all crew members. It shall also conform to any guidance issued by the Order Issuing Authority (OIA).</p> <p>With the exception of survival suit wear, the same provisions above apply to Auxiliarists involved with mobile radio facility operations and shore-side harbor patrols. Appropriate foul weather gear shall be worn as circumstances warrant.</p> |
| <b>A.2. Vessel Examiners (VE)</b>   | <p>Vessel Examiners (VE) may wear the ODU, Working, Undress, Jump suit, or Hot Weather uniforms. When conducting CFVEs, VEs may wear Coast Guard issued coveralls. Auxiliarists conducting VSCs may replace the insignia of their current or highest past office with the member device.</p> <p>For VEs, the VE Polo shirt is authorized for wear as an optional uniform shirt worn as part of the Undress Blue Summer (Bravo), Working Blue, 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 shirt authorized.</p>  |
| <b>A.3. Pilots, Air Observers, and Aircrew</b>  | <p>Pilots, air observers, and aircrew on ordered missions in aircraft facilities shall wear appropriate Auxiliary uniforms, a Coast Guard flight suit or approved anti-exposure coveralls. The uniform selection is the Aircraft Commander's choice and shall be the same for other air crew members. Non-polyester uniforms should be worn whenever possible. Garrison caps are authorized to be worn with flight suits and are preferred on the flight line over a ball cap as they can be folded into a pocket. Appropriate patches and name tags should be worn on the dark blue civilian-type jump suit. (see paragraph H.5 of this chapter)</p>  |




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**A.4. Instructors (IT) and Assistants**

All instructors (IT) and assistant ITs in PE classes shall be in a uniform appropriate to the setting and climate. Authorized uniforms include the Undress Blue (Alpha), Tropical Blue, Winter Dress Blue, or Service Dress Blue uniforms. The Auxiliary Blue Blazer outfit may also be worn. The uniform worn should be consistent with the one worn by the senior IT, if practical.

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**A.5. Recreational Boating Safety Visitation Program (RBSVP)**

Auxiliarists serving as RBSPVs shall wear either the Service Dress Blue or Tropical Blue uniform (as appropriate for climate and geographic location) for their first visit. Uniforms are encouraged for subsequent visits, although civilian clothes are authorized.

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**A.6. Military Air or Surface Travel**

Auxiliarists traveling as passengers on any Coast Guard or military air or surface craft shall dress as prescribed by local commanders.

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**A.7. Assignment to Duty**

An OIA may prescribe an Auxiliary uniform as a condition for assignment to duty. Auxiliarists shall conform to Coast Guard unit policies regarding such uniform wear whenever interacting with, acting on behalf of, or representing the unit. Any unresolved questions, disputes, or misunderstandings regarding such uniform wear should be referred to the Director. When performing duty on a Coast Guard vessel or unit, Auxiliarists shall wear a uniform consistent with those of the unit's personnel. Auxiliarists, when working as crew on a Coast Guard vessel or unit, shall wear only the member device on collars and the corresponding hats for such uniforms. An Auxiliarist's actual office insignia may be worn for ceremonial events.

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**A.8. Formal and Ceremonial Occasions**

Wearing of the Auxiliary uniform by active or retired Auxiliarists for formal and ceremonial occasions is authorized as follows:

- a. At civilian and military events requiring formal wear (Dinner Dress Blue Jacket or Dinner Dress White Jacket). Auxiliarists who do not own Dinner Dress Blue/White Jacket may wear Service Dress Blue.
- b. Service Dress Blue or White may be worn on occasions where Coast Guard and other military personnel wear the same uniform.

Coast Guard Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6 (series), authorizes retired Coast Guard personnel to wear the dress uniform that was prescribed at the time of their retirement, or any dress uniform that is currently authorized for active duty personnel, to certain formal and ceremonial events. The same holds true for Auxiliarists in retired status. Such events include:

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- c. Military ceremonies (e.g., retirements, changes of command, funerals).
  - d. Patriotic parades on national holidays, or occasions in which active or Reserve personnel are taking part.
  - e. Social or other functions when the invitation has been influenced by the member's prior military service.

Due to the nature of certain formal Auxiliary events like changes of watch, conferences, and banquets, such events are recognized as falling within the general scope of military ceremony. They are nonetheless Auxiliary events, and Auxiliarists who are invited to them are so invited because of their Auxiliary membership status, not due to a retired military status as may be held by prior active duty or Reserve personnel. Accordingly, Auxiliarists who are also retired military personnel are strongly encouraged and recommended to wear their Auxiliary dress uniform under such circumstances in lieu of any authorized military dress uniform.

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#### **A.9. Prohibited Occasions**

Wearing of the Auxiliary uniform without proper authority is a violation of law. Prohibited occasions for wear include:

- a. In places of dubious reputation where the uniform might be discredited or disgraced.
- b. When engaged in political activities.
- c. During paid employment or sports.
- d. Aboard an Auxiliary vessel or aircraft facility unless the facility is on an authorized patrol.
- e. Entry to or while present in a foreign country or territory unless specifically authorized by an appropriate Coast Guard authority. Authorization may be granted in the following cases:
  - (1) A scheduled patrol or deployment that might enter foreign territories.
  - (2) An authorized SAR mission involving foreign borders or territories.
  - (3) Deployment or guest status aboard a Coast Guard cutter or aircraft that enters foreign territory.
  - (4) Visiting a foreign country as an Auxiliarist on official business.

Auxiliarists may not wear any distinctive part of the uniform or official Auxiliary insignia with civilian clothing when not assigned to duty. This includes Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that is marked with wording that includes, "USCG Auxiliary" or any version thereof (e.g., life jackets, cold weather gear).

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Categories of uniform items that do not present such distinctive appearance, and that may be worn with civilian clothing, are defined in Chapter 2 of the Coast Guard Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6 (series), and normally include:

- f. Trench coat (without insignia)
- g. Windbreaker (without insignia)
- h. Foul weather parka (without insignia)
- i. Work coat
- j. Sweaters (cardigan or wooly-pully without insignia)
- k. Belts
- l. Ball caps (without insignia)
- m. Watch caps
- n. Cold weather cap (without insignia)
- o. Blue four-in-hand necktie / bow tie
- p. Shoes / boots
- q. Gloves
- r. White shirts

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**A.10. Other  
Auxiliary  
Activities**

The Director, or elected leaders at any level, may require a specific uniform be worn to participate in Auxiliary activities other than those listed above. This action may include, but is not limited to, appearances at public affairs activities such as boat shows, civic lectures, while participating in AIM and recruiting missions and boating safety booths. When so mandated, the uniform shall be the prescribed uniform for the event or activity.

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## Section B. Procurement and Disposal of Uniforms

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**Introduction** This section provides sources from which Auxiliarists may purchase uniforms. Home manufacture of uniforms is not authorized.

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**B.1. Auxiliary Center** Many uniform accessories and special items are available through the Auxiliary Center (AUXCEN), which is operated by the CGAuxA, Inc.

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**B.2. Coast Guard Exchanges and Uniform Stores** The Commandant has authorized Auxiliarists to buy uniform and insignia items in all Coast Guard exchanges and uniform stores. This authorization extends to the outlets of DoD services for uniform purchases. Special order service (not mail order) may be used in Coast Guard exchanges for items not in stock. Some uniform stores, however, will accept mail orders for uniform garments. The Auxiliary identification card is the only document needed for entry and purchasing ability. If ever denied access to a Coast Guard exchange or DoD exchange for the purpose of uniform outlet purchases, an Auxiliarist should immediately report such denial to the Director. The Director shall attempt to reconcile any misunderstandings about Auxiliary access and/or ID cards with the Coast Guard or DoD facility's command.

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**B.3. Coast Guard Uniform Distribution Center** Auxiliarists may also order uniforms by mail from the Coast Guard Uniform Distribution Center (UDC) in Woodbine, NJ. Special measurement uniforms are available through the UDC. Dinner Dress White and Service Dress White uniforms may be procured from Navy Exchange uniform shops.

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**B.4. Commercial Sources** Auxiliarists may use commercial sources for buying uniforms and insignia, except for Auxiliary ball caps. These caps may only be obtained from the following sources: AUXCEN, UDC, or the Coast Guard Exchange System (CGES). Coast Guard and commercial sources of Auxiliary uniforms can also be found in the Uniform Procurement Guide, which is posted on the Auxiliary web site (see Appendix I) and distributed to all MA officers annually. Auxiliarists should purchase with caution because not all open market uniforms and insignia meet Coast Guard specifications. One can buy, in good faith, apparent regulation items and find such items are not the same. There may be differences in the material, design, cut, shade, durability, color fastness, etc.

When buying uniform insignia, Auxiliarists should look for the Coast Guard certification numbers in a semi-concealed location. Certain commercial sources have received Coast Guard certification for the items they manufacture. The safest course is to purchase insignia supplied to the district by the AUXCEN or to ask the MA officer.

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**B.5. Security and Disposal Concerns**

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To avoid potential security concerns associated with selling Auxiliary uniform items to anyone or otherwise disposing of them, the following guidelines apply:

- a. For the purpose of this section, Auxiliary uniform items include insignia, badges, shoulder boards, uniform shirts, trousers, hats, etc. Non-uniform items like khaki trousers or gray slacks are not included and may be sold or otherwise disposed of.
  - b. Prior to filling and shipping any Auxiliary uniform items, an Auxiliary store shall ensure that the purchaser is a member of the Auxiliary with an EMPLID.
  - c. If the Auxiliary store believes the order is suspicious, it will immediately contact the Director. The store shall not fill or ship the order until it is cleared by the Director.
  - d. Orders from foreign originators shall be verified as fully as possible prior to filling and shipping. The Director shall be notified of any suspicion about the nature or source of such request.
  - e. Obsolete, worn, damaged, unserviceable, or unwanted uniform items shall be disposed of properly to ensure that they do not become available to the general public. Any markings or identification sewn into or stamped onto the uniform which would identify it as belonging to an individual or as a U.S. Coast Guard or Auxiliary uniform item shall be removed before disposal.
  - f. Uniform items shall be rendered wholly unserviceable by burning, tearing, cutting, etc. Uniform items shall not be merely thrown in the trash without taking such precautions first. Additionally, uniform items shall not be donated to relief agencies (e.g., Goodwill, Salvation Army), sold to retail or consignment stores for further resale to the general public, nor provided to any organization, for any purpose, regardless of whether the intent is noble or not.
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## Section C. Standards

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**Introduction** In keeping with the true spirit of an organization of volunteers, the possession and wear of the Auxiliary uniform by Auxiliarists must be a matter of personal pride. When in uniform, an Auxiliarist is a representative of DHS, the Coast Guard, the Auxiliary, and the U.S. Government. Appearance, uniform fit, and grooming shall reflect the pride of that representation.

**C.1. Setting an Example** Elected and appointed leaders are expected to wear the uniform properly to set an example. They must help other Auxiliarists develop proper habits of personal appearance, hygiene, and grooming when wearing the uniform.

Uniforms shall be pressed, clean, fit properly, and be in good repair. The nature of Auxiliary uniform policies occasionally warrant the authorized wear of specific items until they are no longer in serviceable condition. A uniform item shall be considered no longer serviceable when any aspect of it is irreparably damaged, soiled, stained, frayed, worn, discolored, faded, or altered. All Auxiliarists, particularly those in leadership positions, have the responsibility to render judgments and take appropriate action regarding adherence to the Coast Guard's high standards of appearance relative to the serviceability of uniform items as worn by themselves and their fellow Auxiliarists.

Although Auxiliarists are not required to closely adhere to Coast Guard appearance standards (e.g., weight standards, grooming standards) on a daily basis, circumstances may arise in which close adherence to standards is expected. For example, assignment to duty at a Coast Guard training facility for recruits, enlisted leaders, or new officers carries an implicit expectation that Auxiliarists closely adhere to Coast Guard standards of appearance in order to sustain and support the examples that are strived and set for these groups. Particular attention shall be paid by Auxiliary leaders to ensure that Auxiliary representatives in such circumstances adhere as closely as practicable to Coast Guard grooming, weight, and overall appearance standards. Considerable deviation from these standards would not be appropriate in such circumstances, and it should give cause to Auxiliary leaders to consider the propriety of allowing an Auxiliarist who does not closely adhere to them to so serve.

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**C.2. Uniforms, Accessories, and Coast Guard Markings**

Uniforms and accessories obtained through recognized sources have been Coast Guard certified. The products are made of modern materials and constructed to precise specifications with care. Cleaning and maintenance of uniforms and accessories should present no problems. Labels frequently provide specific cleaning instructions.

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. It is the responsibility of the Coast Guard unit that provides such uniform items to Auxiliarists to provide uniform items that are properly marked for Auxiliarists. Time and circumstances may not facilitate the availability of Coast Guard-provided uniform items that have Auxiliary markings. In such circumstances, Auxiliarists may wear the provided uniform items despite not having appropriate Auxiliary markings. However, all due effort shall be put forth to correct such circumstances so that Auxiliarists are provided uniform items with appropriate Auxiliary markings as soon thereafter as possible.

**C.3. Uniformity in Grooming and Appearance**

Proper Auxiliary uniform wear parallels commonly accepted professional civilian dress standards. The word uniform implies consistency and conformance to certain standards.

**NOTE** 

Ethnic, religious, other apparel or wearage, or personal display items shall not be considered standard uniform items.

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. Attaining the active duty grooming and appearance standards should always be held as the goal for all Auxiliarists wearing the uniform. Those who choose not to set this example, or wish to express a degree of individuality, shall wear the Auxiliary Blue Blazer outfit in lieu of the uniform.

The following standards may conflict with civilian practices, as they are service-particular and require adherence by the Auxiliarist:

**C.3.a. Hats and Caps**

Auxiliarists shall wear hats and caps squarely on the head. Cap grommets will be snug against the cap cover.



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| C.3.b. Shirts, Coats, and Jackets     | Auxiliarists shall wear shirts, coats, jackets, overcoats, and raincoats buttoned. Sleeves shall not be rolled up except as authorized for the ODU. When not wearing a tie, only the collar button may be unbuttoned. Military creases are optional on light blue shirts and dark blue dress shirts only. If worn, form creases by pressing two parallel vertical folds in the front of the shirt from the shoulder seam through the center of each pocket to the bottom of the shirt. For men, form three parallel vertical folds on the back, centered between the shirt side seams to the bottom of the yoke. For women, form three parallel vertical folds starting at the center of the shoulder seams and from the middle of the collar seam to the bottom of the shirt. Sewn-in military creases are not authorized. |
| C.3.c. Ties                           | Auxiliarists will not wear a tie when it might be a safety hazard.  |
| C.3.d. Trousers, Slacks, and Socks    | The bottoms of trousers or slacks without cuffs should touch the shoe tops. The socks must not be exposed when the wearer is standing.  |
| C.3.e. Skirts                         | Except for formal uniforms, a female skirt hemline will be no higher than the crease in the back of the knee nor lower than 2 inches below the crease.  |
| C.3.f. Handbags                       | Women's handbags may be carried in the hand or worn over the shoulder with the strap. Women may shorten the strap and carry the handbag over the arm.   |
| C.3.g. Personal Display Items         | Members in uniform may wear personal display items such as bracelets, necklaces, wristwatches, ID bracelets and rings. If visible while in uniform, these items must be conservative, non-controversial, and in good taste (necklaces and neck chains must not be visible). There shall be no more than two rings on each hand. Eccentricities in color and manner of wear (for example, rings on every finger, a large number of bracelets, and large chains) shall not be worn when in uniform.   |
| C.3.h. Earrings/Body Piercing/Tattoos | In uniform, men are prohibited from wearing earrings. Women may wear one pair of gold, silver, or pearl earrings which should be small (maximum ¼ inch) and of the round ball style. Women may wear diamond stud earrings (maximum ¼ inch) with the Dinner Dress uniforms. Dangling and hoop earrings are prohibited while in uniform. No articles, jewelry, or studs other than those specified for women shall be through or attached to the ear, nose, tongue, or any other visible body part while in uniform.  |




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|  | <p>Tattoos, body piercing, brands, intentional scarring or mutilation, or modifications of the head and neck are prohibited unless required for legitimate medical purposes. Any markings on the neck area may not show above the collar line of the Tropical Blue shirt along the back and sides of the neck, nor the line of this shirt at the front of the neck. Furthermore, any markings of the body that are contrary to the published basic core values of the Coast Guard, show political endorsement, advocate or symbolize all types of discrimination, sexual images, supremacist or extremist groups, gangs, drug use, are prejudicial to good order and discipline, or are of a nature to bring discredit upon the service are prohibited (refer to Tattoo and Body Markings Policy for Coast Guard Accessions, COMDTINST 1000.1 (series)).</p> |
| <p>C.3.i.<br/>Cosmetics/<br/>Fingernails</p> | <p>Women's cosmetics shall be of conservative color and worn in good taste. Eccentricities in color and manner of wear shall not be worn while in uniform. 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.</p>   |
| <p>C.3.j. Necklaces<br/>and Neck Chains</p>  | <p>Necklaces and neck chains must not be visible when wearing the uniform.</p>   |
| <p>C.3.k.<br/>Suspenders</p>                 | <p>Suspenders may be worn under coats and jackets so as to prevent the suspenders from being exposed.</p>  |
| <p>C.3.l. Additional<br/>Jewelry</p>         | <p>The only additional jewelry authorized are cuff links, shirt studs, tie clasps, and tie tacs. These items include the tie tac earned at SAR School which may be worn on ties.</p>   |
| <p>C.3.m.<br/>Miscellaneous<br/>Articles</p> | <p>Many articles should not be worn or carried exposed on the uniform. These articles include pencils, pens, watch chains or fobs, pins, handkerchiefs, combs, cigarettes, cigars, pipes and similar items.</p>  |

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| C.3.n.<br>Hair/Facial Hair            | <p>The goal is for men's hair to be neat and clean, not touch the collar, and be away from the ears. Beards, sideburns, or mustaches if worn, shall be well groomed and neatly trimmed at all times in order not to present a ragged appearance. No portion of a mustache will extend below the lip line of the upper lip. Handlebar mustaches or other eccentric styles are not appropriate 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. The length of individual hair shall be limited to 1½ inches. The wearing of beards and mustaches shall not interfere with the operation of oxygen masks, gas masks, or other safety/survival gear. As such, the wearing of beards and moustaches may be prohibited for those participating in certain operational missions as deemed necessary by the Director or a Coast Guard Commanding Officer supervising that mission. For uniformity during public appearances as a distinctive element of the Auxiliary, personnel assigned to a Ceremonial Honor Guard shall be clean-shaven. Women's hair should not be below the collar or extend below the eyebrows when the hat is removed.</p> |
| C.3.o.<br>Windbreakers<br>and Jackets | <p>Windbreakers and jackets are authorized for use with the Tropical, Winter Dress, Undress and Working uniforms. When worn, the jacket shall be zipped at least ⅔ of the way up.</p>   |
| C.3.p. Eyewear                        | <p>Frame and lens styles will be conservative and in good taste. Mirrored lenses are prohibited while in uniform.</p>   |
| C.3.q.<br>Religious/Ethnic<br>Apparel | <p>Religious apparel is defined as articles of clothing worn as part of the doctrinal or traditional observance of the religious faith practiced by the member. Auxiliarists may wear religious apparel while in uniform, provided that the religious apparel, other than religious headgear, is not visible, that the wearing of such religious apparel does not interfere with the Auxiliarist's performance of duty, and does not interfere with the fit of any article of the uniform or the Auxiliarist's appearance in uniform. An Auxiliarist may be asked by anyone in the chain of leadership to provide objective and verifiable information describing the relationship between the article of religious apparel and the doctrinal or traditional observance of the religious faith practiced by the Auxiliarist. Cases in which the relationship between any article of religious apparel and the doctrinal or traditional observance of the religious faith of the Auxiliarist is not clearly established shall be referred to Commandant (CG-5421), via the chain of leadership, for final resolution.</p>  |

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C.3.r. Religious Headgear

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Religious headgear is defined as personal head coverings worn as part of the doctrinal or traditional observance of the religious faith practiced by the member. It is a subset of religious apparel. Auxiliarists may wear religious headgear while in uniform, provided that the headgear meets the following criteria:

- (1) Must be black or match the hair color of the wearer.
- (2) Must be of a style and size that it can be completely covered by, and not interfere with, the wearing or appearance of any uniform headgear, whether or not the uniform headgear is being worn.
- (3) Cannot interfere with the proper wear or functioning of protective clothing or equipment.
- (4) Cannot bear any writing, symbols, or pictures, including writing or images woven into the fabric or the headgear.
- (5) Shall not be worn in place of uniform headgear when such uniform headgear is required in accordance with current Coast Guard uniform regulations.
- (6) Cannot cover any portion of the face or forehead.

C.3.s. Religious Jewelry

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Jewelry bearing religious inscriptions or otherwise indicating religious affiliation or belief may be worn, subject to the generally applicable uniform regulations for jewelry that is not of a religious nature.

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## Section D. Uniform Components

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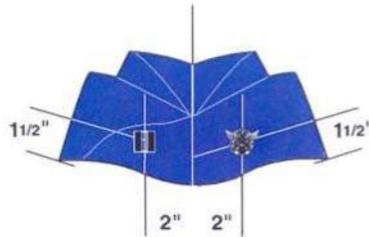
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|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>Introduction</b>         | Auxiliarists are authorized to wear all designated Coast Guard officer uniforms, except Full Dress and Dress uniforms (white gloves, swords, large medals as appropriate). Before purchasing a uniform wardrobe, Auxiliarists should consider what uniforms are needed for duties they will perform and functions they will attend. Dinner Dress uniforms and Service Dress White, in particular, have very limited use. Service Dress Blue and Tropical Blue uniforms are, most often, appropriate for any non-operational occasion. For most social events, including conference banquets, the Auxiliary Blue Blazer outfit or appropriate civilian clothing is acceptable. Only for certain specific missions and business meetings are uniforms considered a requirement. |
| <b>D.1. Combination Cap</b> | The combination cap may be worn with most uniforms, except the Undress Blue – Summer (Bravo), Working Blue, Operational Dress Uniform (ODU), Blue Blazer outfit, and jump suit uniforms for both men and women.   |
| D.1.a. Men's Cap            | The combination cap is required with the Service Dress White, Service Dress Blue, and Dinner Dress uniforms. It is a military cap with black visor and has a rigid standing front with a flaring circular rim. It is worn with a blue cap band with blue mount in front for the hat device, with a silver chin strap and Auxiliary 24-line silver retaining button. Auxiliarists wear the hat with a detachable plain white cotton or vinyl cap cover.  |
| D.1.b. Women's Cap          | The combination cap is required with the Service Dress White and Service Dress Blue. The combination cap crown shall be stiffened and oval in shape. The blue brim shall be rolled at the sides and straight in front and back. The cap shall be encircled by a blue band 1¼ inches wide, with a blue mount in front for the hat device. Two blue streamers are attached to the band at the back. Auxiliarists wear the hat with a detachable white cover.  |
| D.1.c. Plastic Rain Covers  | Rain covers may be worn with the combination cap.   |

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## D.2. Garrison Cap

Auxiliarists may wear the garrison cap (see Figure 10-1) with Tropical Blue, Winter Dress Blue, or Undress Blue uniforms. Auxiliary aviators may also wear the cap with the Flight suit. The cap may not be worn with the Dinner Dress, Service Dress Blue, Working Blue, ODU, Jump suit, or Blue Blazer uniforms. The small garrison cap device (see Figure 10-2) and small metal insignia designating organizational leadership position (or member insignia) shall be worn on the cap as shown in the figure below, with both men's and woman's uniforms.



**Figure 10-1**  
**Auxiliary Elected or Appointed Leader/Staff Officer Garrison Cap**



**Figure 10-2**  
**Cap Device**

## D.3. Authorized Caps

Auxiliarists may wear seven types of working caps/hat with the Auxiliary Working uniform or Jump suit. They may only be worn with the Undress Blue Summer (Bravo) uniform during VSCs or on patrol.

### D.3.a. Blue Working Utility Cap

The blue working utility cap will display the Coast Guard Auxiliary miniature garrison cap device centered 1 1/4 inches above the visor, no office insignia, no lettering. This cap will no longer be authorized for wear as of 31 December 2012.



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D.3.b. Auxiliary  
Ball Cap

The Auxiliary ball cap is the cap most commonly worn by Auxiliarists when a ball cap is authorized with certain uniforms. It shall be well-formed and in good condition with no soiling, fading, or tears. 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". Ball caps for DCDRs and above that have silver embroidered visor ornamentation similar to that on the combination cap visor (i.e., "scrambled eggs") will no longer be authorized for wear as of 31 December 2012. Caps that have mesh backs will no longer be authorized for wear as of 31 December 2012.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary garrison cap device is not displayed on this ball cap. Auxiliarists must wear either the metal office collar insignia or the member collar insignia (embroidered/sew-on versions will no longer be authorized for wear as of 31 December 2012). Such insignia shall be worn centered between the "U.S. COAST GUARD" and "AUXILIARY".

If an Auxiliary ball cap is authorized for wear with a uniform, and the uniform is authorized for wear with a mission or activity, then that ball cap may be worn for that mission or activity. For example, since Undress Blue – Summer (Bravo) is authorized for wear during the conduct of VSCs, then the Auxiliary ball cap may be worn with that uniform when conducting VSCs (including travel to and from the mission site). Ball caps of any type are not authorized for wear with the Tropical Blue uniform.

An Auxiliarist's home unit is the flotilla. As active duty and Reserve personnel are authorized to wear standard issue or Coast Guard unit ball caps with proper uniforms while commuting to and from work (i.e., home unit), so are Auxiliarists authorized to wear Auxiliary ball caps with proper uniforms while commuting to and from flotilla meetings, a Coast Guard unit to which they provide support (in accordance with command policy), and fellowship events (e.g., flotilla picnic).

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### D.3.c. Coast Guard Unit Ball Cap

The Coast Guard unit ball cap is the cap most commonly worn by Coast Guard active duty and Reserve personnel that represents the unit to which they are currently assigned. The principal consideration about Auxiliarists' wear of a unit ball cap is that they must be authorized to wear it by the unit Commanding Officer. Recurring support is a key aspect of the command's authorization to wear a unit ball cap. Such authorization normally results from recurring support provided by an Auxiliarist directly to the unit, effectively earning command recognition as a crew member. Although an Auxiliarist may live in proximity to a Coast Guard unit, that alone does not provide justification to wear that unit's ball cap. There must be an element of direct and recurring support, as defined by the command. Further, like active duty and Reserve personnel, a unit ball cap is only worn while assigned to that unit. This means that once an Auxiliarist ceases recurring support of the unit, their authorization to wear the unit ball cap also ends.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary garrison cap device is not displayed on this ball cap. Auxiliarists must wear either the metal office collar insignia or the member collar insignia (embroidered/sew-on versions are not an option). Such insignia shall be worn appropriately centered in the same manner as assigned unit personnel. A Coast Guard unit ball cap shall be well-formed and in good condition with no soiling, fading, or tears.

If an Auxiliarist is authorized by a Coast Guard command to wear the unit ball cap, then that cap may be worn in lieu of the Auxiliary ball cap with any uniform and for any associated activity for which a ball cap is authorized. A key exception to this provision is that if an Auxiliarist is authorized to wear a unit ball cap, such wear shall not extend to activities involving interaction with the public. This is to ensure that an Auxiliarist is not mistaken by the public as an active duty or Reserve member of a Coast Guard unit with commensurate authority. For example, an Auxiliarist may not wear a unit ball cap when performing VSCs, conducting patrols, or teaching public education classes. As further clarification, the following involve public interaction:

- (1) Performance of Vessel Examiner (VE) activities involving Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) and Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Exams (CFVSE).
- (2) Performance of Program Visitor (PV) activities.
- (3) Performance of Instructor (IT) activities.
- (4) Performance of patrol activities (surface, air, shoreside including missions involving mobile radio facilities).
- (5) Performance of Marine Safety, Security, and Environmental Protection (MSSEP) activities.
- (6) Performance of public outreach, public affairs, and recruiting activities.



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- (7) Authorized Auxiliarists, regardless of highest elected or appointed office, shall only wear the plain version of the Coast Guard unit ball cap. Neither gold nor silver embroidered visor ornamentation similar to that on the combination cap (i.e., “scrambled eggs”) are authorized.

Situations in which a Coast Guard unit ball cap may be worn, if authorized, include:

- (1) Wear of the cap to, at, and from the unit in the course of providing the direct support for which it is authorized (appropriate for commuting, stops for gas, and drive-thru services).
- (2) Wear of the cap to, at, and from flotilla meetings (appropriate for commuting, stops for gas, and drive-thru services).
- (3) Wear of the cap to, at, and from flotilla fellowship events (appropriate for commuting, stops for gas, and drive-thru services).

If there is any doubt about the propriety of wearing a Coast Guard unit ball cap due to potential interaction with the public, then the Auxiliary ball cap shall be worn.

In accordance with the provisions of section D.3.b of this chapter, Auxiliarists are authorized to wear unit ball caps, if authorized by the unit command, with proper uniforms while commuting to and from flotilla meetings, a Coast Guard unit to which they provide support (in accordance with command policy), and fellowship events (e.g., flotilla picnic).

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D.3.d. White  
Safety Hard Hat

A white safety hard hat is authorized as optional protective headgear when prescribed or appropriate. Auxiliarists may wear it with the Working uniform during VEs and CFVEs or crew members may wear it on patrol. Hard hats shall be similar to those authorized for Coast Guard personnel. They are visor type, white in color with a white chin strap. The underside of the visor is to be green. It should be worn with at least 1¼ inches of clearance between suspension liner and top of helmet. Safety hard hats may be marked with a 2-inch self-adhesive transfer decal with the Auxiliary logo. Decals should be centered on the front of the hat with the bottom of the decal ½ inch above the visor. No metal devices or holes may be put in the hard hat. No other insignia or marking may be displayed on this hat. Safety hard hats may not be painted.

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**D.3.e. Cold Weather Cap**

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This hat is an optional item for inclement cold weather use only. The Director shall prescribe the proper season for its wear. It consists of ear and neck flaps and straps with covered metal snap fasteners worn under the chin or over the top of the hat. It may be worn with the Service Dress Blue, Tropical Blue, Winter Dress Blue, ODU, Working Blue, and Undress Blue uniforms. No insignia are worn on the cold weather cap.

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**D.3.f. Auxiliary Sun Hat (Tilley Hat)**

The Auxiliary sun hat is a dark blue wide-brimmed cotton hat, with the words “U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary” embroidered in silver on the front. The sun hat may be worn in lieu of a ball cap when wearing Undress Blue Summer (Bravo), Working Blue, ODU, the Jump suit, Hot Weather uniform, or when on patrol or on VE missions (includes VSCs, personal watercraft (PWC) safety checks, and examinations of UTVs/UPVs/CFVs). The correct method of wearing the hat is with the brim down for maximum sun protection. No insignia may be worn on the hat. The AUXCEN carries the only hat authorized.

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**D.3.g. Knit Watch Cap**

The knit watch cap will be the approved Navy design of the navy blue knitted worsted wool, bell shaped pull-over style. The watch cap is authorized for use with the Working Blue and ODU and is authorized for cold weather use only.

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**D.4. Alternative Shirts for Women**

The A-line maternity style shirt is authorized for women who would be more comfortable in a looser fitting shirt. It is worn over the waist, eliminating the requirement to wear a belt. The shirt is light blue and comes in both short and long sleeve versions.

The female overblouse dress shirt is also authorized for optional wear by Auxiliary women as an alternative to the light blue dress shirt worn with the Tropical Blue uniform only.

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**D.5. Shoulder Boards**

Hard shoulder boards are worn on the Dinner Dress White Jacket, the Service Dress White coat, and the reefer for both men and women.

Enhanced shoulder boards shall be worn on all shirts having epaulets when worn as a Dress uniform and on the wooly-pully or cardigan sweater. Shoulder loops are no longer authorized.

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**D.6. Cardigan Sweater**

The cardigan sweater is the blue Air Force sweater, of acrylic/wool blend, for wear by men and women. It has a button-front closure with long sleeves, V-neck, epaulets, and elbow patches. It is worn either buttoned or unbuttoned. It may be worn with Service Dress Blue (when the coat is removed), Tropical Blue, Winter Dress Blue, Working Blue, and Undress Blue (Summer and Winter) uniforms. It may also be worn with the ODU, but it will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear with that uniform as of 31 December 2012. It is authorized for wear indoors and outdoors within the limits of a Coast Guard or Auxiliary unit/activity. The sweater is not an outer garment for travel purposes and should not be worn on commercial transportation. It may be worn under other outerwear when traveling between home, Coast Guard, and/or Auxiliary units/activities as long as it does not extend below the bottom of such and is otherwise not visible. No name tags, ribbons, devices, or insignia are worn. When worn with any open-collared shirt, the shirt collar shall be worn on the outside of the sweater. Enhanced shoulder boards shall be worn on the epaulets.

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**D.7. Wooly-Pully Sweater**

The wooly-pully sweater is made from 100 percent wool or synthetic yarns in a rib-knit, V-neck design with long sleeves, epaulets, and elbow patches. It may be worn with the Service Dress Blue (when the coat is removed while indoors or outdoors unless the coat is more appropriate), Tropical Blue, Winter Dress Blue, Working Blue, and Undress Blue (Summer and Winter) uniforms. It may also be worn with the ODU, but it will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear with that uniform as of 31 December 2012. It is authorized for wear indoors and outdoors within the limits of a Coast Guard or Auxiliary unit/activity. Auxiliarists may wear it with Undress and Working uniforms between mission area and home. The sweater is not an outer garment for travel purposes and should not be worn on commercial transportation. It may only be worn beneath the trench coat, reefer coat, windbreaker, or foul weather parka. It may be worn when traveling between home, Coast Guard, and/or Auxiliary units/activities as long as it does not extend below the bottom of such outerwear and is otherwise not visible. No name tags, ribbons, devices, or insignia are worn. When worn with any open-collared shirt, the shirt collar shall be worn on the outside of the sweater. Enhanced shoulder boards shall be worn on the epaulets.

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**D.8. Scarves**

White scarves of conventional size and made of plain, unadorned tightly woven wool, silk, or synthetic material are authorized for Auxiliary wear with the bridge coat, trench coat, overcoat, or reefer coat. The "blue" scarf is actually black in color and shall be of similar design and material as the white scarf. This scarf may be worn by Auxiliarists with the Undress Blue, Working Blue, or ODU uniforms and all outer garments authorized with those uniforms. Scarves shall always be worn tucked in.

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**D.9. Uniform Accessories**

Uniform accessories may include the following:

- a. Gloves
  - b. Handbags
  - c. Umbrella
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**D.9.a. Gloves**

Authorized gloves are white or black. Glove stitching will match glove color and may be short or medium length. White gloves are made of white cotton or synthetic material. They are worn with the Dinner Dress Blue Jacket, Dinner Dress White Jacket, or Dinner Dress Blue or Service Dress White uniforms, and they may be required for some ceremonial events. Black gloves are made of leather or similar material. They may be worn with all uniforms as weather dictates.

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**D.9.b. Handbags**

Women's handbags are black or white and made of leather or suitable synthetic material. They are plain or embossed with a leather grain pattern and are an envelope style with a matching detachable shoulder strap. The nominal size is 11 inches wide by 7½ inches deep.

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**D.9.c. Undershirts**

Undershirts are white cotton, with quarter sleeves. V-neck undershirts are required for wear with Jump suits and all short sleeve shirts worn with open collar.

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**D.9.d. Umbrella**

An umbrella is authorized with all Auxiliary uniforms. It must be of the type which folds into a small unit and fits in a briefcase or can be carried compactly in hand. The umbrella shall be black, unadorned and with a straight handle.

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**D.10. Outer Garments**

Auxiliarists are authorized to wear all Coast Guard authorized outer garments including, but not limited to, the following:

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**D.10.a. Windbreaker**

The Air Force single-breasted, poly/wool material jacket with plain collar, shoulder epaulets, zippered front closure, a welt pocket on each forepart, and with a removable vest style quilted liner is authorized for wear. It may be worn with the Service Dress Blue, Tropical Blue, Winter Dress Blue, ODU, Working Blue, and Undress Blue uniforms, except that it will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear with the ODU as of 31 December 2012. It may be worn over all shirts and sweaters. Auxiliarists may wear it in place of the Service Dress Blue coat, unless the coat is prescribed or considered more appropriate. Large metal office insignia shall be worn on the epaulets. No name tags or other patches or devices may be worn on it. When worn, it shall be zipped at least two-thirds of the way up. Cotton and Dacron (old style) windbreakers are no longer authorized for wear.

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| D.10.b. Work Jacket        | The work jacket is made of navy blue polyester/cotton material with a zippered front closure. It has breast pockets with zipper closure, welt hip pockets, raglan sleeves, knitted wristlets, and is fully lined. It may be worn with the Tropical Blue, Working Blue, Undress Blue uniforms, and the ODU, except that it will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear with the ODU as of 31 December 2012. No insignia, name tags, or patches may be worn on it.   |
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| D.10.c. Foul Weather Parka | The foul weather parka has a Coast Guard blue, waterproof, laminated supplex nylon and Gore-tex™ outer shell with a foldaway hood. It has a tab on the front for placement of collar device size office insignia. The wind stopping polar-fleece zip-in liner may not be worn as a standalone jacket. It may be worn with the Service Dress Blue, Tropical Blue, Winter Dress Blue, ODU, Working Blue, and Undress Blue uniforms, except that it will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear with the Service Dress Blue as of 31 December 2012. Until then, it may be worn in place of the Service Dress Blue coat unless the coat is prescribed or considered more appropriate. Additionally, it may be worn with the Tropical Blue and Winter Dress Blue uniforms only if adverse environmental conditions dictate the need for this heavier outer wear (such wear shall be limited to necessary occasions or periods). |
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| D.10.d. Reefer Coat        | The reefer coat is Coast Guard blue, double-breasted, hip length with convertible collar and set-in pockets. Gold Coast Guard buttons must be replaced with silver Auxiliary buttons. Auxiliarists shall wear hard shoulder boards on the coat. It may be worn with the Service Dress Blue, Tropical Blue, and Winter Dress Blue uniforms, except that it will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear as of 31 December 2012.  |
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| D.10.e. Trench Coat        | The trench coat is a Coast Guard blue, double-breasted, polyester/cotton coat with four-button closure, shoulder epaulets, belted waist, and has a removable liner of either quilted pile or pile insulating material. It should extend to a point approximately two inches below the back of the knee when standing upright. It may be worn with all uniforms except the Working Blue and Undress Blue uniforms, and it will no longer be authorized for wear with the ODU as of 31 December 2012. When worn, all four buttons and the belt must be fastened. Large metal office insignia shall be worn on the epaulets.  |
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| D.10.f. Overcoat           | The overcoat is made of Coast Guard blue material of conventional length. It is fully lined, semi-fitted style, with lay down collar and notched lapel, set-in sleeves, and flap-weld hip pockets. Gold Coast Guard buttons must be replaced with silver Auxiliary buttons. It may be worn with all uniforms except the ODU, Working Blue, and Undress Blue uniforms, and it will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear as of 31 December 2012.   |

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D.10.g. Bridge Coat

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The bridge coat is a Coast Guard blue, calf-length, double-breasted coat made of wool-Melton type fabric with 35-ligne buttons and two ornamental belt sections attached by buttons at the rear waist of the coat. Gold Coast Guard buttons must be replaced with silver Auxiliary buttons. It may only be worn with dress uniforms including Service Dress Blue and Winter Dress Blue.

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D.10.h. Organizational Clothing

For organizational clothing, see Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6 (series).

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**Table 10-1  
Auxiliary Uniform Items for Uniform Types**

| Uniform Item / Uniform Type     | Bridge Coat | Reefer Coat | Trench Coat | Over Coat | Wind Breaker   | Foul Weather Parka | Work Jacket | Cardigan Sweater | Woolly Pully Sweater | Combination Cap | Garrison Cap | Auxiliary Ball Cap | Coast Guard Unit Ball Cap | Cold Weather Cap |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|----------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Service Dress Blue              | √           | *           | √           | *         | √ <sup>1</sup> | *                  | X           | √ <sup>1</sup>   | √ <sup>1</sup>       | √               | *            | X                  | X                         | √ <sup>1</sup>   |
| Tropical Blue                   | X           | *           | √           | *         | √              | √ <sup>1</sup>     | *           | √ <sup>1</sup>   | √ <sup>1</sup>       | √               | √            | X                  | X                         | √ <sup>1</sup>   |
| Winter Dress Blue               | √           | *           | √           | *         | √              | √ <sup>1</sup>     | X           | √ <sup>1</sup>   | √ <sup>1</sup>       | √               | √            | X                  | X                         | √ <sup>1</sup>   |
| Operational Dress Uniform (ODU) | X           | X           | *           | X         | *              | √                  | *           | *                | *                    | X               | X            | √ <sup>2</sup>     | √ <sup>2</sup>            | √ <sup>1,3</sup> |
| Working Blue <sup>m</sup>       | X           | X           | √           | √         | √              | √                  | √           | √ <sup>1</sup>   | √ <sup>1</sup>       | X               | X            | √ <sup>2</sup>     | √ <sup>2</sup>            | √ <sup>1,3</sup> |
| Undress Blue Summer             | X           | *           | √           | *         | √              | √                  | √           | √ <sup>1</sup>   | √ <sup>1</sup>       | √               | √            | √ <sup>1,2</sup>   | √ <sup>1,2</sup>          | √ <sup>1</sup>   |
| Undress Blue Winter             | X           | *           | √           | *         | √              | √                  | *           | √ <sup>1</sup>   | √ <sup>1</sup>       | √               | √            | X                  | X                         | √ <sup>1</sup>   |

√ - Authorized for wear    X - Not authorized for wear    \* - No longer authorized for wear as of 31 December 2012  
 √<sup>1</sup> - Authorized, see conditions in appropriate section    √<sup>2</sup> - Tilley hat also authorized    √<sup>3</sup> - Knit watch cap also authorized






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## Section E. Auxiliary Unique Items

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| <b>Introduction</b>                      | This section describes uniform items that are unique to the Auxiliary.   |
| <b>E.1. Authorized Items</b>             | <p>The following articles are officially designed and approved by the National Board. Auxiliarists may wear them at Auxiliary social functions, in PE classes, at meetings, and at conferences.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Auxiliary ring (contact AUXCEN).</li> <li>b. Auxiliary lapel and longevity pins - Auxiliarists may wear them only on civilian attire.</li> <li>c. Auxiliary blazer patch - Auxiliarists may wear this on the Blue Blazer outfit or civilian attire. The official blazer patch is round and contains the Auxiliary logo with stars around it.</li> </ol>  |
| <b>E.2. Blue Blazer Outfit</b>           | <p>The Blue Blazer may be single-breasted, two- or three-button, with civilian or Auxiliary buttons, and with pockets (any kind). The Blue Blazer outfit is highly recommended to be worn when an Auxiliarist in uniform does not present an appearance in keeping with organizational standards of wear, or if the UDC does not stock or have properly fitting sizes (see section C of Chapter 3). The Auxiliary patch is sewn on the left breast pocket. Material is dark blue flannel, tropical worsted, or similar commercial blend. The official blazer patch is round and contains the Auxiliary logo with stars around it. The Auxiliary Blue Blazer outfit may be substituted for all Auxiliary uniforms, except the Undress Blue Summer, Working Blue, and ODU uniforms. The Auxiliary Blue Blazer outfit may be authorized by unit Commanding Officers for wear in office spaces while on duty at Coast Guard units. Auxiliary Blue Blazer outfits are authorized in accordance with the provisions of this section.</p> |
| <b>E.2.a. Women's Blue Blazer Outfit</b> | <p>The Blue Blazer may be worn with white or gray dress slacks, white or gray skirts, pleated or straight. Skirt and slacks are to be made of tropical worsted or polyester blend. Dress slacks are full cut, straight hanging, and without cuffs. Neutral nylon hose and plain unadorned black shoes with 1- to 2<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>-inch high heels complete the outfit. Black socks may be worn with slacks.</p> <p>The blouse is white, buttoned front, of simple design, without ruffles or ornamentation. The blue tab tie is worn for normal occasions and the black tab tie for formal occasions.</p>  |

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E.2.b. Men’s Blue Blazer Outfit

The Blue Blazer may be worn with white or gray dress trousers. They are to be made of tropical worsted or polyester blend. The trousers are full cut, straight hanging and without cuffs. Black socks and black dress shoes complete the outfit.

A white dress shirt and a dark blue necktie are worn for normal occasions, and black bow tie for formal occasions.

E.2.c. Civilian Outer Garments

Civilian outer garments (topcoats, raincoats, etc.) worn with the Blue Blazer shall match the Blazer in general color and style to avoid garish mismatches.

**E.3. Auxiliary Jump Suit**

Auxiliarists may wear a Jump suit on patrols and while conducting VSCs. Jump suits will be worn on patrols only if worn by all crew members.

The Jump suit is dark blue, long- or short-sleeved, with or without belt loops. If with belt loops, the uniform belt and buckle shall be worn. No sewn-in belts (self belts) are authorized. The Jump suit may be purchased from commercial sources.

E.3.a. Auxiliary Patch

An Auxiliary patch, 2¼ by 3¼ inches, is worn on the left breast pocket. The Auxiliary patch will be a sew-on with white or black background. Auxiliarists may wear a U.S. flag patch, about 2 by 3½ inches, on the upper part of the left sleeve ½ inch below the shoulder seam. Both patches may be purchased from the AUXCEN.

E.3.b. Name Tag

A name tag is worn on the right breast and is either the regular pin-on type, Velcro style or sew-on name tag. When using the sew-on name tag, the sew-on “USCG AUXILIARY” tag must be on the left breast.

E.3.c. Insignia or Collar Devices

Miniature office insignia or member collar devices are authorized to be worn. Cloth embroidered or metal collar devices shall be worn.

E.3.d. Shoes

Blue, white or brown boating shoes or all black, low top athletic shoes with black socks are worn.

E.3.e. Hat and Accessories

The Auxiliary ball cap and windbreakers are authorized.



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**E.4. Auxiliary Operations Polo Shirts**

The Auxiliary Operations Polo Shirt may be worn as an alternative to the Coast Guard Working Blue Uniform shirt, 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 white ½-inch tall letters as follows: USCG AUXILIARY on the left front side, and the LAST NAME of the Auxiliarist on the right front side.

The lettering must be the same font on both sides of the shirt and parallel to the bottom hem of the shirt. Place the bottom of the lettering six inches down from the center of the shoulder seam. The LAST NAME and USCG AUXILIARY shall appear to be straight across from each other on the same plane and parallel to the bottom seam. The LAST NAME shall be centered between the button line and the arm seam on the wearer's right front side. USCG AUXILIARY shall be centered between the button line and the arm seam on the wearer's left side.

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## Section F. Uniform Accessories

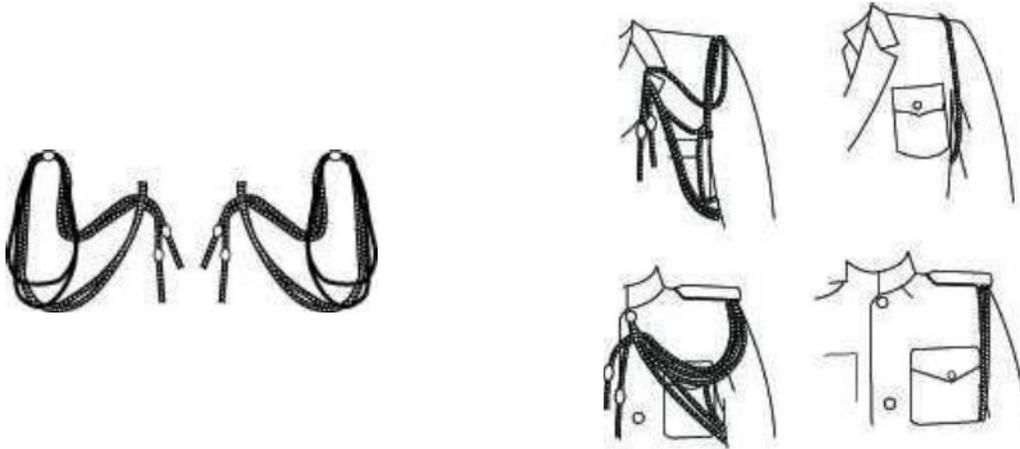
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| <b>Introduction</b>                       | This section describes various accessories that Auxiliarists are authorized to wear with their uniforms.   |
| <b>F.1. Insignia</b>                      | All Auxiliary insignia, with the exception of Commodore shoulder boards, must include the letter "A." On metal insignia, the "A" is blue for elected leaders and red for appointed officers. Shoulder boards have the red "A" within the outline of a silver color shield for appointed officers. The "A" for elected leaders is the same as the silver color shield. On sew-on insignia, the "A" shall be black in all cases.   |
| F.1.a. Member Device                      | Auxiliarists who have never held office wear the member device (the Auxiliary emblem) on shirt collars. Auxiliarist shoulder boards have a silver color "A" within the silver color shield on a blue background.   |
| F.1.b. Silver Sleeve Lace and Shield      | Auxiliary silver sleeve lace and shield are worn on Dinner Dress Blue jackets and Service Dress Blue coats. The appropriate shield is centered outside the sleeve. The lace completely circles the sleeve and is terminated inside the sleeve seam at the back of the sleeve. The first row of lace is 2 inches above the cuff. Each succeeding row of lace and the shield are ¼ inch above the preceding lace. With the exception of DCOs, ANACOs, DNACOs, the VNACO, and the NACO, insignia appropriate to office held is the same as illustrated for shoulder boards. DCOs, ANACOs, DNACOs, the VNACO, and the NACO wear silver sleeve lace similar to the gold sleeve lace of Coast Guard Flag officers. |
| F.1.c. Stripes                            | A DCO or ANACO wears one 2-inch stripe. DNACOs and the VNACO wear a 2-inch stripe with a ½-inch stripe ¼ inch above it. The NACO wears a 2-inch stripe with two ½-inch stripes above it, ¼ inch apart.   |
| F.1.d. Metal Shoulder and Collar Insignia | Members wear the large metal shoulder insignia on the epaulets of blue raincoats, trench coats, windbreakers, and blue overcoats. The letter "A" faces outboard and the outer edge of the insignia is placed ¾ inch from the outer edge.<br><br>Auxiliarists wear the small metal collar devices with the Undress, Working, Jump suit and Winter Dress Blue uniforms. They are also worn on the garrison cap. Auxiliarists may substitute cloth sew-on embroidered collar devices on the dark blue, long or short sleeve shirts worn with the Working Blue uniform, and Auxiliary Jump suit. Auxiliarists shall substitute cloth sew-on embroidered collar devices on the ODU.                               |

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| <b>F.2. Aiguillette</b>               | A cord hung in loops from the left shoulder, known as an aiguillette, may be worn by DCOS, NACO Aide (N-D only), and DCO Aide (D-AD only). It is not worn on any uniform with the insignia of a DCO or above. (see Figure 10-3)   |
| F.2.a. Raincoats and Windbreakers     | When Auxiliarists wear raincoats or windbreakers, the aiguillette shall be worn on the inside.  |
| F.2.b. Service Aiguillette            | The cords are bound together, lying flat, side by side, with a strip of ½-inch silver lace. For attaching a service aiguillette to the uniform it is fitted with a clasp pin. The aiguillette is attached to the shoulder of the coat just inside the sleeve band seams by the pin. A service aiguillette is worn with Service Dress Blue and Tropical uniforms.  |
| F.2.c. Dress Aiguillette              | <p>For attaching a dress aiguillette to the uniform and overcoat, a small flat button covered with black silk is used for securing the becket. It is placed under the coat collar at the height of the collarbone. The pencils hang over the lapel, their suspension cords emerging from the notch in the lapel.</p> <p>A dress aiguillette is worn with Dinner Dress and Service Dress Blue uniforms at official ceremonies. This includes occasions requiring special honors and ceremonies. It is worn at social functions when prescribed, and at social functions for which formal invitations have been extended.</p> |
| F.2.d. Purchase                       | Aiguillettes may be purchased with Auxiliary unit funds. As such, they shall remain the property of the Auxiliary unit providing them.  |
| F.2.e. Distinguishing Characteristics | Aiguillettes follow the insignia tradition of blue “A” for elected leaders and red “A” for appointed officers. Aiguillettes for a DCOS are distinguished by silver and dark blue braiding. Aiguillettes for the N-D and DCO aides have silver and dark red braiding. Aides for DCOs wear two cords and the aide for the NACO wears three cords.   |



**Figure 10-3**  
**Aiguillettes**

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**F.3. Name Tags** A name tag identifies an Auxiliarist by name and as an Auxiliarist. Name tags shall be  $3\frac{3}{16}$  inches wide, and  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch high. They shall be white with Coast Guard blue lettering. Names shall be horizontally centered on the name tag in  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch letters. Beneath the name shall be centered horizontally, in  $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch letters, “U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary”. Name tags shall be made of Bakelite or similar material to hold the hard finish, and will have clutch-type fasteners. No insignia are authorized to be worn on any name tags. Auxiliarists may wear these name tags on civilian attire when serving in an Auxiliary capacity.

The Coast Guard Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6 (series) authorize active duty and Reserve personnel to wear name tags that display first and last names in lieu of the standard name tag (last name only). An individual’s first and last name and the “U.S. Coast Guard” legend letter sizes must be the same as for the standard name tag. This applies only to name tags of Bakelite or similar material, not to cloth name tapes. Commands have the authority to require the standard name tag when a higher level of uniformity is necessary. Auxiliarists are similarly authorized to wear name tags with first and last names displayed in accordance with these guidelines. A displayed first name must be the Auxiliarist’s full common first name or conventional shortened derivative (e.g., Mike instead of Michael). Nicknames or parenthesized names are not authorized (e.g., Doc, Mac, “Lefty”). Auxiliarists must also have a standard name tag for when a higher level of uniformity is necessary.

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Auxiliary interpreters may wear a pin-on Auxiliary interpreter name tag with the Service Dress Blue and Tropical Blue uniforms during authorized interpreter missions. It shall display the full first and last name in the first row and the word "INTERPRETER" in the second row in place of the traditional words "U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY."

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**F.4.  
Embroidery  
and Sew-on  
Options**

Auxiliarists may have last names and "USCG AUXILIARY" embroidered in ½-inch white lettering directly onto Working Blue and Jump Suit shirts. The navy blue (black) cloth tapes with ½-inch white lettering sewn on are optional for the Working Blue uniform and the Jump suit. Direct embroidery of any sort is not authorized for the ODU, and sew-on name tapes, qualification insignia, and collar insignia must be used.

In accordance with Coast Guard Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6 (series), direct embroidery or a sew-on name tape with Auxiliarist's last name shall be centered immediately over the right breast pocket. The embroidery or sew-on tape with the words "USCG AUXILIARY" shall be centered immediately above the left breast pocket. Such tapes shall not be shorter than nor extend beyond the width of the pocket. Sew-on tapes shall conform to prescribed Coast Guard specifications in Coast Guard Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6 (series), including those dealing with surnames that have a combination of upper and lower case letters. Member office insignia sewn on cloth tape may be sewn on the collars of all Working Blue uniforms and Auxiliary Jump suits (sew-on tapes are mandatory for ODU).

In accordance with Coast Guard Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6 (series), only one Auxiliary sew-on qualification insignia (e.g., coxswain, RBS, Trident) is authorized for wear on the ODU. By extension, this also applies for the Working Blue uniform and the Hot Weather uniform (i.e., only the Coast Guard dark blue short-sleeve shirt alternative). Such insignia shall be centered directly above the "USCG AUXILIARY" sew-on tape immediately above the wearer's left breast pocket. Embroidered insignia shall be the same size as the metal insignia, centered on a tape the full width of the pocket. The tape shall not exceed the width of the pocket.

If an Auxiliarist has earned more than one qualification insignia, then the insignia that is worn shall be at the discretion of the Auxiliarist. Temporary/conditional sew-on qualification insignia shall not be worn on these uniforms.

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The sew-on AUXOP insignia may also be worn on these uniforms. It is the only Auxiliary device so authorized. It shall be centered directly above the name tape immediately above the wearer's right breast pocket.

Though authorized, sew-on tapes tend to fade faster than uniforms and need to be replaced more often than the shirt itself.

Sew-on insignia from prior military service other than the Coast Guard are not authorized to be worn on ODUs or any other Auxiliary uniform.

Active duty personnel are authorized to use Velcro to fasten name tapes and "U.S. COAST GUARD" tapes over their right and left breast pockets, respectively. This authorization is granted because of the likelihood and frequency of their involvement in direct law enforcement operations. It does not apply to Auxiliarists.

Auxiliarists who frequently encounter situations in which it is more appropriate to wear the Auxiliary membership insignia rather than elected/appointed office insignia are authorized to use Velcro to fasten sew-on insignia to the collar as an option to sewing them directly onto the collar.

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## **F.5. Ribbons and Medals**

Auxiliarists wear ribbons and medals, as part of the uniform, as tangible evidence of certain awards received. Auxiliarists who are authorized U.S. awards that are listed on Table 11-2 may wear the corresponding ribbons on all but Undress, Working/ODU, Blue Blazer, Flight Suit, and Jump suit uniforms. Auxiliarists authorized foreign awards may wear them provided at least one U.S. or Auxiliary award is worn.

### **F.5.a. 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. 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. 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.

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| F.5.b. Concealed Ribbons                    | <p>When the number of rows is considerable, the service coat lapel will conceal some ribbons. If one-third or more of a ribbon is concealed, ribbons shall be placed in successively decreasing rows. While at least two-thirds of the ribbon is visible, use 3-ribbon rows. Then, to maintain two-thirds visibility change to 2-ribbon rows. Finally, when required, use a single ribbon. The left edge of all decreasing rows will be in line vertically. When the uppermost row presents an unsatisfactory appearance when so aligned, place it in the position presenting the neatest appearance. It is usually centered over the row immediately below it. Ribbons arranged in this fashion may only be worn on the Service Dress Blue coat, not on shirts.</p> |
| F.5.c. Attaching Ribbons                    | <p>Ribbons may be sewn to uniforms, fastened magnetically or with Velcro or arranged on bars to be attached to the uniform. They shall not be impregnated with preservatives that change ribbon appearance. Ribbons shall not be worn with transparent covering of any sort.</p>   |
| F.5.d. Miniature Medals on Women's Uniforms | <p>On Dinner Dress Blue and Dinner Dress White uniforms, miniature medals shall be worn off the left lapel of the jacket. The holding bar of the lowest row of medals is placed in the same relative position as when worn on the Service Dress Blue coat.</p> <p>On the Dinner Dress Blue uniform (Service Dress Blue coat), the holding bar of the lowest row of miniature medals will be worn centered immediately above the left breast pocket.</p>  |
| F.5.e. Miniature Medals on Men's Uniforms   | <p>On the Dinner Dress Blue and Dinner Dress White uniforms, the holding bar of the lowest row of miniature medals shall be positioned 3 inches below the left lapel notch of the jacket. It is centered on the left lapel. If greater than 2¾ inches in length, the bar shall extend over the edge of the lapel onto the left breast of the coat.</p> <p>On Dinner Dress Blue uniforms (Service Dress Blue coat), the holding bar of the lowest row of miniature medals will be worn centered immediately above the left breast pocket.</p>   |
| F.5.f. Miniature Medals                     | <p>Auxiliarists wear miniature medals on Dinner Dress uniforms. Ribbons for which there is no comparable miniature medal will not be worn with dinner dress uniforms. Medal arrangement is by precedence from inboard to outboard, high to lows, and from top down. All may be worn, if desired. Auxiliarists may wear up to five miniature medals in a row. The wearing of six or more miniature medals should conform to the arrangement shown on the following medal matrix, Table 10-2:</p>  |



**Table 10-2  
Miniature Medal Placement**

| No. of Medals to be Worn | Prescribed No. of Rows | Top Row | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Row | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Row | 4 <sup>th</sup> Row |
|--------------------------|------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1-5                      | 1 row only             | 1-5     |                     |                     |                     |
| 6                        | 2                      | 3       | 3                   |                     |                     |
| 7                        | 2                      | 3       | 4                   |                     |                     |
| 8                        | 2                      | 4       | 4                   |                     |                     |
| 9                        | 2                      | 4       | 5                   |                     |                     |
| 10                       | 2                      | 5       | 5                   |                     |                     |
| 11                       | 3                      | 3       | 4                   | 4                   |                     |
| 12                       | 3                      | 4       | 4                   | 4                   |                     |
| 13                       | 3                      | 3       | 5                   | 5                   |                     |
| 14                       | 3                      | 4       | 5                   | 5                   |                     |
| 15                       | 3                      | 5       | 5                   | 5                   |                     |
| 16                       | 4                      | 4       | 4                   | 4                   | 4                   |

**F.5.g. Miniature Medal Placement**

Each miniature shall be 2¼ inches long from top of ribbon to bottom of medal. The bottom of medals should dress in a horizontal line. Upper rows of medals shall be positioned so these medals cover the ribbons of the medals below.

**F.6. Buttons**

Auxiliary silver buttons come in three sizes. The large button is approximately a 7/8-inch diameter or 35 ligne. The medium size button is approximately a 3/4-inch diameter or 28 ligne. The small button is approximately a 1/2-inch diameter or 22½ ligne.

**NOTE**

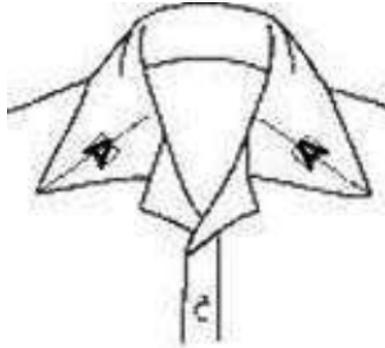
A ligne is a linear unit 1/40 inch used to measure diameters of buttons.

**F.7. Collar Devices**

The diagrams below indicate how Auxiliarists should wear collar devices on the various shirts for which they are authorized. In certain cases, the insignia of the current or highest past office is replaced with the member device.

**F.7.a. Working Blue and ODU**

For Working Blue and ODU, the insignia shall be centered on the collar, along an imaginary line bisecting the angle of the collar point. (see Figure 10-4)

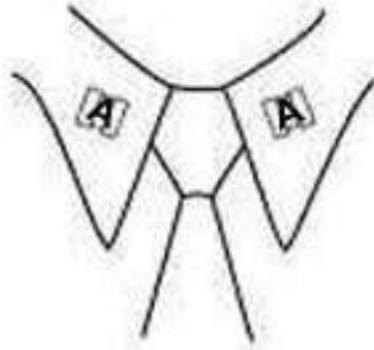


**Figure 10-4**  
**Working Blue and ODU Collar Insignia**

F.7.b. Undress Blue Winter, Undress Short Sleeve, and Winter Dress Blue

For Undress Blue winter, Undress short sleeve, and Winter Dress Blue shirts, the insignia shall be centered on the collar between the visible top and bottom collar edges with the devices, centered 1 inch from and parallel to the inner collar edges. (see Figure 10-5)

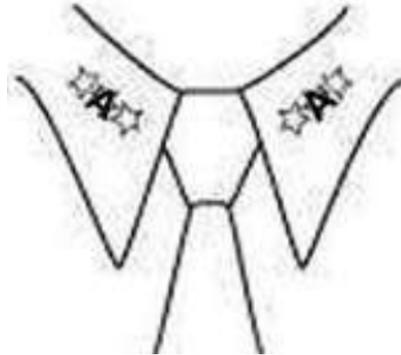
Positioning is determined by the style of the collar and not whether or not a tie is being worn.



**Figure 10-5**  
**Undress Blue Winter, Undress Short Sleeve, and Winter Dress Blue Shirt Collar Insignia**

F.7.c. Commodore Insignia

Auxiliarists authorized to wear the insignia of Commodore shall wear it centered on the collar between the visible top and bottom collar edges, with the first star of the device 1 inch from the inner edge of the collar. (see Figure 10-6)



**Figure 10-6**  
**Commodore Collar Insignia**

**F.8. Proper Placement of Ribbons, Name Tags, and Insignia**

The following describes the proper placement of ribbons, name tags, and insignia.

**F.8.a. Left Side of Uniform**

The illustrations for various uniforms at the end of this chapter indicate proper placement for ribbons, name tag, breast devices, and qualification insignia. As shown, the lowest row of ribbons is  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch above the top left pocket. The first breast insignia is placed  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch above the top row of ribbons. The second insignia, if worn, is placed  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch below the pocket top. Auxiliarists wear ribbons and insignia only on the left side of the uniform.

On women's light blue short-sleeved shirts without pockets, ribbons are centered on the left side of the shirt, with the lower edge of the bottom row of ribbons aligned with the top of the third button from the top of the shirt front.

**F.8.b. Right Side of Uniform**

On the right side of the uniform, Auxiliarists wear the name tag  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch above the pocket. An AUXOP device, if authorized, is worn  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch above the name tag. Auxiliarists wear the past officer device, if appropriate,  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch below the top of the pocket. No other ribbons or devices are authorized.

Auxiliarists wear these items in the same relative position on the Service Dress Blue coat and the Winter Dress Blue and Tropical Blue uniform shirts.

On women's light blue shirts without pockets, the name tag is centered on the right side of the shirt, with the bottom of the name tag aligned with the top of the third button from the top of the shirt front.



F.8.c.  
Exceptions

On the Undress and Working Blue shirts, Auxiliarists do not wear badges or ribbons. The first breast insignia is worn ¼ inch above the top of the left pocket. A second breast insignia may be worn ¼ inch below the top of the left pocket. The single breast insignia authorized for wear on the ODU shall be worn in accordance with paragraph H.4 of this chapter.

## F.9. Breast Devices

The following describes the proper placement of breast devices.

F.9.a. AUXOP Device

Auxiliarists wear the AUXOP device, instead of the Specialty Training ribbon, after completing all specialty courses. Auxiliarists wear it on the right, immediately above the name tag/ name tape on all uniforms for which it is authorized to be worn except Dinner Dress uniforms. On the Dinner Dress Blue uniform, men wear it immediately above the pocket. Women wear it in the same relative position. On the Dinner Dress White or Blue jacket, men wear it centered on the right lapel about three inches below the notch. Women wear it just off the lapel, in the same relative position. (see Figure 10-7)



**Figure 10-7  
AUXOP Device**

F.9.b. Command Insignia, Service and Staff Identification Badges

The only exceptions to the following insignia placement are the Coast Guard or Navy command at-sea or command ashore insignia plus service and staff identification badges.

F.9.b.(1)  
Command At-Sea and Ashore Insignias

When authorized, Auxiliarists may wear both the command at-sea and command ashore insignia with two other breast devices of choice. Auxiliarists may wear either or both command insignias on the left breast, centered immediately below any ribbons, medals, or the second breast insignia (below the pocket button if necessary). When worn alone, Auxiliarists wear the command insignia(s) centered immediately above the pocket or “USCG Auxiliary” tape, as appropriate. Male Auxiliarists center the device on the Dinner Dress jacket left lapel, about 3½ inches below the notch. Female Auxiliarists wear it in that same relative position.




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F.9.b.(2) Service and Staff Badge      Auxiliarists are authorized to wear one service and staff identification badge, in addition to any two breast insignia and command insignia. They are to be worn centered on the right breast pocket (beneath a flap, if present) and in the same relative position on Dinner Dress jackets.

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F.9.b.(3) Auxiliary National Staff Badge      While serving on the National Staff, Auxiliarists may wear the Auxiliary National Staff identification badge. Auxiliarists may wear this badge replacing any service or staff badge or insignia worn centered on the right breast pocket (beneath a flap, if present) of dress uniforms and in the same relative position on dress uniforms with no pockets. Women may wear the staff badge above the name tag and in the same relative position on the Dinner Dress jacket. When worn above the name tag, female Auxiliarists wear the AUXOP device, if earned, below the name tag. On the Dinner Dress Blue jacket, men wear it centered on the right side between the top two buttons and women wear it centered on the right side above the top button. On the Dinner Dress White jacket, both men and women wear it centered on the right side above the top button. Auxiliarists do not wear it on Undress or Working uniforms. Two sizes of National Staff badges are authorized. The larger is worn for formal occasions while the smaller is worn for normal day wear. Women have the option of wearing the smaller badge on formal occasions. (see Figure 10-8)

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**Figure 10-8**  
**National Staff Identification Badge**



### F.9.c. Past Officer Device

Past elected and appointed leaders are authorized to permanently wear the insignia of the highest office held if they held such office for at least half of its term. For elected officers up to the office of DCAPT, this is meant to recognize service of the elected officer, and those appointed to staff offices by the elected officer, for a period of at least half the elected officer's regular term of one year (i.e., six months). For elected officers from the office of DCOS and above, this is meant to recognize service of the elected officer, and those appointed to staff offices by the elected officer (including national staff officers all of whom are appointed by the NACO), for a period of at least half the elected officer's regular term of two years (i.e., one year).

When an elected or appointed office is either established or disestablished off the regular election cycle, then the device may be permanently worn if the elected or appointed officer served at least half of the period that either ended with the next election cycle or with disestablishment.

When insignia no longer indicates current elected or appointed status in the office represented by the insignia, Auxiliarists must wear the past officer device. This device does not come with a red or blue "A" to distinguish past elected officers from appointed officers. The appropriate office insignia remains the distinguishing mark.

Past Officer status does not authorize the wearing of aiguillettes. The following are guidelines for wearing the Past Officer device. (see Figure 10-9)



**Figure 10-9  
Past Officer Device**

### F.9.c.(1) On Men's Dinner Dress White or Blue

On men's Dinner Dress White or Blue uniforms, the device will be worn centered on the right lapel approximately 3½ inches below the notch.



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- F.9.c.(2) On Women's Dinner Dress White or Blue  
On women's Dinner Dress White or Blue uniforms, the device will be worn on the right, just off the lapel, in the same relative position as above.
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- F.9.c.(3) All Other Men's and Women's Uniforms  
On all other men's and women's uniforms the device will be worn on the right, centered approximately ¼ inch below the name tag, or in that same relative position, on uniforms with which the name tag is not worn.
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- F.9.d. Auxiliary Coxswain Insignia  
The Auxiliary coxswain insignia may be worn by Auxiliarists qualified as coxswain in the boat crew qualification program. Raised portions shall be maintained with a highly-polished appearance. The recessed and remaining portions shall be antique bronze. Previous coxswain insignia not having highly polished raised portions remain authorized. It is worn above ribbons or medals over the left breast pocket. (see Figure 10-10)
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**Figure 10-10**  
**Auxiliary Coxswain Insignia**

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- F.9.e. Aviation Insignia  
Auxiliary aviator insignia may be worn by qualified Auxiliary pilots. Auxiliary air crew insignia may be worn by qualified Auxiliary air crew members. They are worn above ribbons or medals over the left breast pocket. If both insignia have been earned, then only the aviator insignia shall be worn. (see Figure 10-11 and Figure 10-12)
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**Figure 10-11  
Auxiliary Aviator Insignia**



**Figure 10-12  
Auxiliary Air Crew Insignia**

**F.9.f. Auxiliary  
Marine Safety  
Insignia**

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The Auxiliary Marine Safety insignia was created pursuant to establishment of the Coast Guard Marine Safety insignia. It recognizes the culmination of Auxiliary training and qualification in a Coast Guard needs-based program. This means that the types of program disciplines that Auxiliarists may pursue will hinge upon the needs of the cognizant Sector command (e.g., an Auxiliarist should not expect to pursue completion of the Assistant Facility Inspector Personal Qualification Standard (PQS) if the Sector command does not have a need for Auxiliarists to be so qualified). Auxiliarists are not authorized to qualify in marine safety program disciplines that would earn the Coast Guard Marine Safety insignia. Auxiliarists who may have already earned the Coast Guard Marine Safety insignia may continue to wear such insignia, but they are not authorized to exercise, in a lead capacity, the authorities that are commensurate with it.

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Auxiliarists must have the approval of the cognizant Sector command in order to commence program qualifications and work toward the Auxiliary Marine Safety insignia. The Sector command, working through the Auxiliary Sector Coordinator (ASC) and appropriate Auxiliary Unit Coordinators (AUCs), shall keep local Auxiliary units apprised of its Marine Safety program needs so as to properly guide Auxiliarists who desire to participate in marine safety programs and work towards the Auxiliary Marine Safety insignia.

The Auxiliary Marine Safety insignia is similar in appearance to the Coast Guard Marine Safety insignia with an additional blue Coast Guard Auxiliary shield with crossed anchors in the center of the device centered above the trident. (see Figure 10-13)



**Figure 10-13**  
**Marine Safety Insignia**

**F.9.f.(1)**  
**Requirements**

Auxiliarists who successfully complete the following tasks are entitled to wear the Auxiliary Marine Safety insignia (there is no time limit in which these tasks must be completed):

- (a) Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection (IMSEP) course.
- (b) Good Mate course.
- (c) Incident Command System (ICS) courses 100/ 200/ 700/ 800.
- (d) ICS course 210 (Coast Guard taught) or ISC 300 (FEMA taught).
- (e) At least four Auxiliary marine safety program PQS.
- (f) Perform at least 96 hours of program activity per year for at least five years (these years do not have to be consecutive).



F.9.f.(2)  
Conditional  
Award Status

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An Auxiliarist reaches conditional award status when all requirements for permanent award are met, with the exception of having completed five (5) approved years of service of 96 hours each year. Auxiliarists considered for a conditional award should have performed, and are continuing to perform, significant services in support of marine safety programs. The conditional award would provide recognition for these Auxiliarists by allowing them to wear the device while completing the remaining permanent award requirements. As with permanent award, conditional award requires a recommendation by the Sector commander. The conditional award insignia sew-on version may not be worn on ODUs.

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F.9.f.(3)  
Conditional  
Award  
Consideration

In order for a member to be considered for a conditional award, they shall have completed the following requirements:

- (a) A member shall be actively and continuously engaged in support of Marine safety missions.
- (b) A member shall have successfully completed all required courses of study.
- (c) A member shall hold four (4) Letters of Designation for approved Auxiliary or active duty PQSs at the time of application for conditional award.
- (d) A member shall be actively and continuously engaged in the completion of the remaining requirement for permanent entitlement.

“Actively and continuously engaged” is defined as recording not less than 96 hours per year in the performance of marine safety activities, using the skills of the designated marine safety qualifications, each calendar year until the requirements for permanent entitlement are met.

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F.9.f.(4)  
Requirement  
Failure

Should a member fail to be actively and continuously engaged until all requirements have been met for permanent entitlement, the sector commander shall vacate the conditional award, collect the Trident device, and forward the same to the Director, along with a letter of explanation. In the event that a conditional award is vacated, the member must comply with all requirements for the permanent award of the Trident device before being authorized to wear it again.

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F.9.f.(5)  
Conditional  
Award  
Application

Application for the conditional award shall be made by the Auxiliarist and be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from the sector commander for which the Auxiliarist provides his/her services. The application with the letter of recommendation and all required documentation shall be sent to the members' DSO-MS for review and endorsement and, if determined to be complete, shall be forwarded to the Auxiliarist's Director for approval and entry into AUXDATA as a conditional award.

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Upon approval by the Director of this conditional award entitlement, the Director shall issue the conditional award certificate and the device to the Auxiliarist at an appropriate ceremony.

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F.9.g. Coast  
Guard Recruiting  
Badge and  
Academy Partner  
Badge

Auxiliarists at Coast Guard recruiting offices may wear the Coast Guard Recruiting Badge, in addition to any others. In order for Auxiliarists to wear this badge, they shall:

- (1) Meet the Commandant's weight standards.
- (2) Meet the Commandant's grooming and uniform appearance standards.
- (3) Have completed recruiter training or the recruiter PQS.
- (4) Be actively working for a Coast Guard recruiting office and receive a positive recommendation from the Recruiter-in-Charge (RIC).
- (5) The RIC of the recruiting office must forward a request to the Mission Execution Branch Chief via the RIC's enlisted recruiting supervisor. The request shall contain full length front and profile photographs of the Auxiliarist and a short narrative supporting the request. The Mission Execution Branch Chief will then authorize, in writing, the Auxiliarist to wear the Recruiting Badge and notify the Auxiliarist's Director of such authorization. (see Figure 10-14)

Auxiliarists who meet all program requirements of the Academy Admissions Partner Program described in section 2.B of this Manual shall be authorized to wear the Academy Admissions Partner Badge and the appointed staff officer insignia of an Assistant Branch Chief in the Auxiliary Human Resources Directorate (or higher position insignia if otherwise earned).

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**Figure 10-14**  
**Coast Guard Recruiting Badge**



F.9.h. Auxiliary  
Personal  
Watercraft  
Operator Insignia

The Auxiliary Personal Watercraft Operator (PWO) insignia is a dull silver metal pin that may be worn by Auxiliarists who are qualified and certified as PWOs in the Auxiliary BCQ program. It is worn above the ribbons or medals over the left breast pocket. (see Figure 10-15)



**Figure 10-15**  
**Auxiliary Personal Watercraft Insignia**

F.9.i. Boat Force  
Operations  
Insignia

The Boat Force Operations insignia is a solid matte silver toned metal device with an eight point compass/compass rose, over a crossed boat hook and oar centered over stylized waves. The insignia is unique in one design which comes in two color schemes: a pewter-toned device indicating five years of service at boat force units and qualification as a boat crew member, and a silver and gold-toned device indicating five years of service and completion of a series of Coast Guard Force leadership related requirements.

An Auxiliarist may earn and wear either of these insignia in accordance with the Coast Guard Boat Operations and Training (BOAT) Manual, Volume I, COMDTINST M16114.32 (series). Since they are not specifically Auxiliary insignia, an Auxiliarist must complete the same requirements of an active duty service member with the exceptions only noted in part 2 of Chapter 6 of the Coast Guard BOAT Manual, Volume I, COMDTINST M16114.32 (series) and as follows. The insignia require completion of the Boat Force Operations Personnel Qualifications Standard (PQS), COMDTINST M16114.30. This requirement applies to Auxiliarists with the exception of Task 03-05 item 12.b.2, “Oversee a Law Enforcement Operation”, and item 12.b.3, “Conduct a Post-Operations Debrief with a Key Supervisor”.



Although time requirements are detailed for the permanent insignia, there are no time requirements detailed for the temporary version. However, the same convention applies for the temporary insignia. Temporary entitlement based on six months and completion of qualification equates to one day per week for six months for an Auxiliarist to earn the temporary insignia. This level of effort shall be required in order to continue wearing the temporary insignia until the permanent insignia is earned. If an Auxiliarist is unable to provide that level of effort, for any reason, the temporary insignia shall be removed. Support of a boat forces unit is the primary requirement to earn this insignia. This means direct support as defined in the Coast Guard BOAT Manual, Volume I, COMDTINST M16114.32 (series). Standard Auxiliary surface patrols do not count for such. For manner of wear, refer to Coast Guard Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6 (series). (see Figure 10-16)



**Figure 10-16**  
**Boat Force Operations Insignia**

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| F.9.j. Miniature Devices         | Miniature devices may only be worn on Dinner Dress uniforms. Auxiliarists may wear the AUXOP and past officer devices on all uniforms.   |
| F.9.k. Other Devices and Patches | Auxiliarists may wear only two breast devices at one time and these are worn on the uniform's left side only. Other authorized devices include those earned during U.S. military service, such as the combat infantryman and medic devices, aviation wings, Air Force specialty badges, Pathfinder, airborne and air assault badges, submariner dolphins, Surface Warfare Officer, etc. The wearer may select any two and determine their precedence (normally, the higher precedence is placed on the insignia that represents the most program time). Auxiliarists wear the first device on the left centered directly above the ribbons or miniature medals. Auxiliarists wear the second device centered on the pocket flap immediately below the ribbons or miniature medals. For example, wearing Auxiliary aviator wings centered on the left, above the ribbons, and an Auxiliary coxswain insignia centered below the ribbons. Sew-on patches, strips, Auxiliary unit designations, honor guard, ranger, special forces, and other cloth patches, not otherwise approved for wear, are not authorized on the Auxiliary uniform. |



F.9.l. Military  
Award  
Recipients

Coast Guard personnel are not authorized to wear prior military service insignia if not earned while in the Coast Guard (e.g., a prior-service Army officer who now serves in the Coast Guard cannot wear his/her combat infantry badge on Coast Guard uniforms). This policy does not apply to Auxiliarists. Auxiliarists may wear prescribed prior or current military service insignia earned while serving with a U.S. military service on their Auxiliary uniform. Only metal versions of such may be worn and only upon appropriate authorized uniforms.

Although various military services allow for particular military awards, decorations and badges on the uniform's right side (i.e., Army Unit Awards), such is not the case for the Auxiliary uniform. All prior other military awards, badges and devices will be worn on the left side of the uniform. The right side of the Auxiliary uniform is reserved for Auxiliary badges, devices, and name tags (i.e., AUXOP device, past officer device, name tag, and Auxiliary National Staff badge, or other service staff or service identification badges).

F.9.m. Civil Air  
Patrol

CAP/AFA ribbons are not authorized for wear on the Auxiliary uniform.

F.9.n. Auxiliary  
Cutterman  
Insignia

The Auxiliary Cutterman insignia (Figure 10-17) is intended to identify and recognize the commitment of Coast Guard Auxiliarists currently working in the cutter fleet who have regularly dedicated their efforts in support of the cutter community. This insignia distinguishes those Auxiliarists who have achieved the requisite level of qualification, knowledge, and experience that includes both practical and proven understanding and appreciation for cutter force command, management, and operations. Refer to Coast Guard Auxiliary Cutterman Insignia, COMDTINST 1650.9 (series), for more information.



**Figure 10-17**  
**Auxiliary Cutterman Insignia**



F.9.n.(1)  
Requirements

Auxiliarists who meet the following criteria are entitled to wear the Auxiliary Cutterman insignia:

- (a) Perform a minimum of 52 days per year (equivalent to 1 day per week per year) aboard a cutter, 65 feet in length or greater, for a minimum of 2 years, underway or in port. Of those 52 days, a minimum period of 24 shall be served as underway days as defined in the Cutter Employment Standards, COMDTINST M3100.5 (series). A total of 104 or more days over two years does not meet this requirement if at least 52 days were not served in each calendar year.
- (b) Complete the Personnel Qualification Standard (PQS) for Damage Control, NAVEDTRA 43119 (series) – Watch stations 301-308, or for cutters 175 feet in length or less, Special and Emergency Operations and Procedures (SEOPS) Volume I & II – Basic Damage Control as per Cutter Training and Qualification Manual, COMDTINST M3502.4 (series).
- (c) Complete qualifications to support the cutter in a minimum of one Watch, Quarter, and Station Bill (WQSB) position. The Assistant Inport Officer-of-the-Deck watchstation and the Assistant Watchstander watchstation described in section B of Chapter 2 meet the WQSB criteria. The suitability of an Auxiliarist for any WQSB position shall be a Commanding Officer or OIC determination. Watchstander certification shall be achieved by completing any required Coast Guard and/or unit PQS/Job Qualification Requirements (JQR) process.

F.9.n.(2) Design

This basic insignia design is identical in size and form to the Coast Guard Cutterman insignia. A pewter Auxiliary emblem is superimposed in the center of the bronze-tone stylized waves. This color scheme distinguishes it as an Auxiliary insignia.

F.9.n.(3)  
Administration

Commanding Officers or elected or appointed leaders will ensure all requirements have been met before certification. The unit commander shall document the achievement with the Administrative Remarks Form (CG-3307) and send a copy of the Administrative Remarks Form to the District Director of Auxiliary. The Director shall provide the initial insignia and certification notification to the unit commander for presentation, and send a copy of the certification to the FC.



F.9.o. Auxiliary  
Recreational  
Boating Safety  
Insignia

The Auxiliary Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) insignia is meant to recognize extraordinary effort of Auxiliarists who consistently provide strong support to RBS programs (see Figure 10-18). Consequently, its eligibility criteria require significant RBS program activity over a minimum period of two years.



**Figure 10-18**  
**Auxiliary RBS Insignia**

F.9.o.(1)  
Requirements

Auxiliarists who compile 120 points per year for two consecutive years (for a total of 240) are entitled to wear the Auxiliary RBS insignia. Hours for prescribed mission codes are reported on the Mission Activity Report (ANSC-7030) form. Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) and vessel facility inspections are reported on the Vessel Examinations Activity Report (ANSC-7038). RBS Program Visits are reported on the RBS Visitation Report (ANSC-7046). Points for eligibility can be compiled based on activity recorded in any one, or combination, of the following criteria:

- (a) Public Education: Hours recorded using any mission code 14. 1 point-per-hour as lead instructor and 0.5 points-per-hour as an assistant/aide (preparation or travel not included).
- (b) Public Affairs: Activities promoting RBS in the following areas (1 point-per-hour limited to actual mission hours (preparation or travel not included)):
  1. Speech/talks, mission code 10B.
  2. Broadcast media, mission code 10C.
  3. External print media, mission code 10F.
  4. Community Relations (COMREL), mission code 10J.
- (c) Vessel Safety Checks and Vessel Facility Inspections: Based on the number of VSCs and/or vessel facility inspections. 1 point-per-check or inspection.
- (d) RBS Program Visitation: Based on the number of RBS Program Visits. 1 point-per-visit.
- (e) Legislative Outreach: Hours recorded as Federal/State Legislative Outreach or Government Affairs work, mission codes 65A or 65B. 1 point-per-hour limited to face-to-face contact hours (preparation or travel not included).



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- (f) State RBS Outreach: Hours recorded in meetings with a state BLA or state BLA staff, mission code 65C. 1 point-per-hour limited to face-to-face contact hours (preparation or travel not included).
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F.9.o.(2)  
Administration

Only Directors are authorized to order the RBS insignia from ANSC. Auxiliarists who meet the eligibility criteria as reported in AUXDATA and are awarded the RBS insignia, with accompanying certificate, by the Director are entitled to wear it on a permanent basis. Uniform wear is same as that for insignia like the Auxiliary Marine Safety insignia.

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**F.10.**  
**Ceremonial**  
**Honor Guards**  
**Using Rifles**

Auxiliarists are allowed to participate in ceremonial honor guards and carry rifles in this capacity. These rifles must be de-militarized or commercial and non-firing. Auxiliarists are not authorized to carry swords.

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**Figure 10-19**  
**Dinner Dress Blue Jacket (Men)**




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## Section G. Men's Uniforms

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| <b>Introduction</b>                          | This section describes the uniforms that are authorized to be worn by Auxiliary men.   |
| <b>G.1. Dinner Dress Blue Jacket Uniform</b> | This Dinner Dress Blue Jacket uniform may be prescribed and worn for formal evening occasions. (see Figure 10-19)  |
| G.1.a. Coat                                  | The coat is the standard Coast Guard (Navy) Blue Mess jacket. The three gold buttons down each forepart are replaced with three large silver Auxiliary buttons. A silver cord or chain, attached to the two black buttons sewed on the inside or button holes on each forepart, is used to close the jacket. |
| G.1.b. Trousers                              | Trousers shall be of the same color and material as the jacket, high-waisted, of plain design with no cuffs, without back pockets. Suspenders are optional.  |
| G.1.c. Shirt                                 | The shirt is a plain white shirt with a conventional (no wing tips) collar or, an optional pleated soft front dress shirt with a turndown collar and worn with plain silver cuff links and silver shirt studs.   |
| G.1.d. Cummerbund                            | A pleated silver cummerbund, 5 inches high, made from silver acetate satin, is worn with the pleat openings facing upward.   |
| G.1.e. Tie                                   | A black bow tie of plain style, with square ends, not to exceed 2¼ inches in vertical width, is worn. It may be hand tied or clip-on.  |
| G.1.f. Socks                                 | Socks shall be black, made of knitted or rib knit, undecorated material.   |
| G.1.g. Shoes                                 | Shoes shall be black, with heels, made of smooth leather or synthetic material. Shoes shall be low cut, of plain style, without decorations. 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.                          |
| G.1.h. Breast Insignia/Device                | Miniature medals and miniature insignia are worn. The AUXOP device, past officer device, and large National Staff badge are also worn (if authorized). Ribbons and name tags are not worn.   |
| G.1.i. Hat                                   | The combination hat is worn with this uniform.   |



G.1.j.  
Accessories

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The bridge coat or trench coat may be worn with this uniform.

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**G.2. Dinner  
Dress White  
Jacket Uniform**

The Dinner Dress White Jacket uniform may be prescribed and worn for formal evening occasions.

This uniform is the same as the Dinner Dress Blue jacket uniform, except for the following items.

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G.2.a. Coat

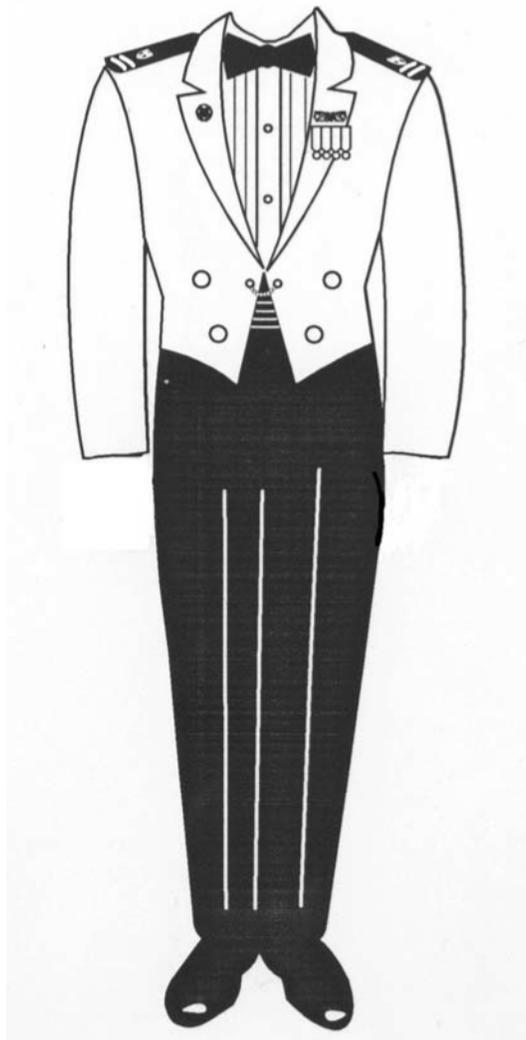
The coat is the standard Coast Guard (Navy) White Mess jacket. The two gold buttons down each forepart are replaced with two large silver Auxiliary buttons. A silver chain, with a medium size Auxiliary silver button attached on each end, using the button holes on each forepart, is used to close the jacket. (see Figure 10-20)

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G.2.b. Insignia

Hard shoulder boards are worn on the jacket.

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**Figure 10-20**  
**Dinner Dress White Jacket (Men)**



### **G.3. Service Dress Blue**

The Service Dress Blue uniform is the official Uniform of the Day 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 and for occasions where the civilian equivalent is coat and tie. It is authorized for wear in a travel status pursuant to Coast Guard assignment to duty. (see Figure 10-21)

#### **G.3.a. Service Dress Coast Guard Blue Blouse**

The coat is the standard Coast Guard officer's blouse. The four gold Coast Guard buttons on the patch pockets closures are replaced with four small silver Auxiliary buttons. The four gold Coast Guard buttons down the forepart are replaced with four large silver Auxiliary buttons. Air Force coats or blouses will not be worn with the Coast Guard Auxiliary uniform.

#### **G.3.b. Trousers**

The trousers shall be of conventional plain design with no cuff and of the same material and color as the coat. Air Force trousers will not be worn with the Coast Guard Auxiliary uniform.

#### **G.3.c. Belt**

A black web belt with a silver buckle and tip is worn. The buckle may be plain or display the Auxiliary emblem.

#### **G.3.d. Shirt**

The shirt is the Air Force style shirt with a soft stand-up collar with stays, long or short sleeves, one button convertible cuff, epaulets and a patch pocket with button flap closure on each breast.

#### **G.3.e. Tie**

A Coast Guard Blue four-in-hand tie of suitable length is worn. Clip-on types are optional.

#### **G.3.f. Socks**

Socks shall be black, made of knitted or rib knit, undecorated material.

#### **G.3.g. 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.

#### **G.3.h. Insignia**

Appropriate silver sleeve lace mounted by the appropriate Auxiliary shield is worn on the coat sleeves and enhanced shoulder boards are worn on the shirt.

#### **G.3.i. Breast Insignia/Devices**

This uniform is worn with ribbons, breast insignia, devices, and name tag.



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**G.3.j. Hat**

The combination cap is the prescribed hat to be worn with this uniform. The garrison cap may be worn, but it will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear with the Service Dress Blue uniform as of 31 December 2012. The cold weather cap may be worn in accordance with the provisions of section D.3.e of this chapter.

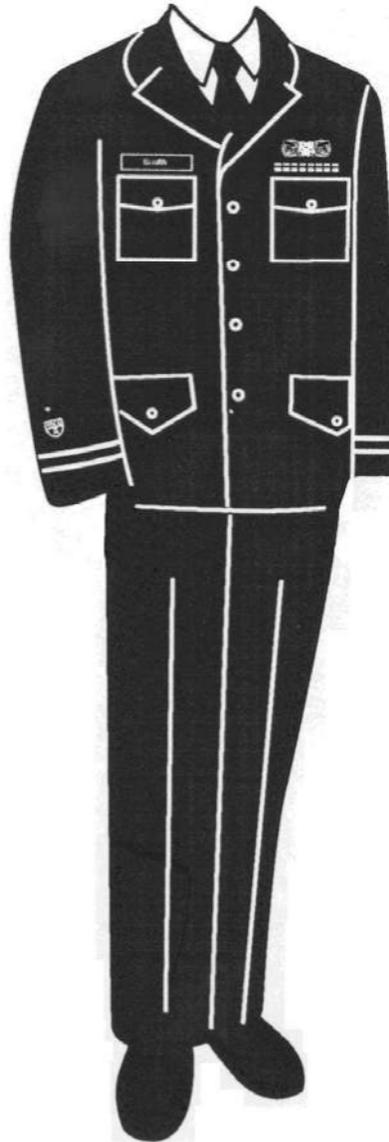
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**G.4.  
Accessories**

The bridge coat and the trench coat are the prescribed outer wear with all above uniforms.

The over coat, reefer coat, and foul weather parka may be worn with the Service Dress Blue uniform, but they will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear with it as of 31 December 2012. The windbreaker may be worn in place of the Service Dress Blue coat, unless the coat is prescribed or considered more appropriate. The cardigan sweater and the wooly-pully sweater may be worn with this uniform in accordance with the provisions of section D.6 and D.7 of this chapter.

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**Figure 10-21**  
**Service Dress Blue (Men)**



### **G.5. Dinner Dress Blue**

The Dinner Dress Blue uniform is worn for formal evening occasions when the Auxiliarist does not have the Dinner Dress Blue or White jacket. It is the same as the Service Dress Blue, except miniature medals, miniature breast devices, and a plain black bow tie are worn instead of ribbons, name tag, and the four-in-hand necktie. The AUXOP and past officer devices, for which there are no miniatures, are also worn. Only the combination cap is appropriate for wear with this uniform. (see Figure 10-22)



**Figure 10-22**  
**Dinner Dress Blue (Men)**




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**G.6. Service Dress White**

The Service Dress White uniform may be prescribed and worn for ceremonies and official functions. (see Figure 10-23)

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**G.6.a. Coat**

The coat is the standard Coast Guard (Navy) officer Service Dress White coat with a stand-up collar. The coat may be worn with a white, unmarked undershirt only. The two gold Coast Guard buttons on the pocket flaps are replaced with two small silver Auxiliary buttons. The five gold Coast Guard buttons down the front are replaced with five large silver Auxiliary buttons.

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**G.6.b. Trousers**

The trousers shall be of conventional plain design with no cuffs and of the same material and color as the coat.

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**G.6.c. Belt**

A white web belt with a silver buckle and tip is worn. The buckle may be plain or display the Auxiliary emblem.

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**G.6.d. Socks**

Socks shall be white, made of knitted or rib knit, undecorated material.

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**G.6.e. Shoes**

Shoes shall be white, with heels, made of smooth leather or a synthetic substitute. They shall be plain, low cut or 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 white.

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**G.6.f. Insignia**

Hard shoulder boards are worn.

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**G.6.g. Breast Insignia/Devices**

Name tag, ribbons, badges, and devices are worn.

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**G.6.h. Hat**

The combination cap is worn with this uniform.

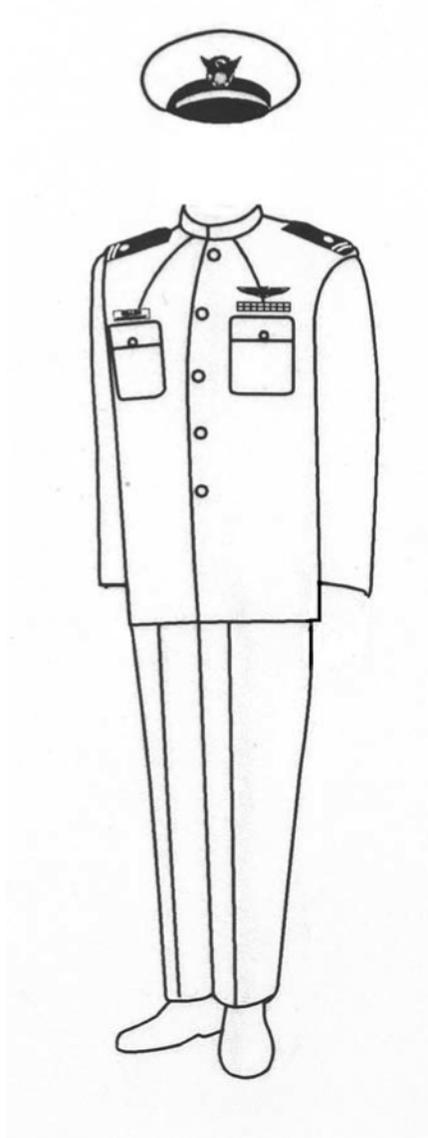
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**G.6.i. Accessories**


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The bridge coat or trench coat may be worn.

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**Figure 10-23**  
**Service Dress White (Men)**



### **G.7. Winter Dress Blue**

This winter uniform may be worn for general office wear, visits to Coast Guard units, and appropriate assignments to duty. It is the basic cold climate, non-operational uniform and may be worn in lieu of the Service Dress Blue uniform except for occasions where the civilian equivalent is coat and tie. It is authorized for wear in a travel status pursuant to Coast Guard assignment to duty. This option is only authorized from 1 November through 31 March. (see Figure 10-24)

#### G.7.a. Trousers

Trousers shall be the same as those prescribed for the Service Dress Blue uniform.

#### G.7.b. Belt

A black web belt with a silver buckle and tip is worn. The buckle may be plain or display an approved Auxiliary emblem.

#### G.7.c. Shirt

A long sleeve, Coast Guard blue winter shirt that matches the color and material of the trousers is worn. The developmental Winter Dress Blue shirt with permanent silicone creases shall not be authorized for Auxiliary wear until approved by the Coast Guard Uniform Board as a standard sea bag item for active duty personnel.

#### G.7.d. Tie

A Coast Guard blue four-in-hand tie of suitable length is worn. Clip-on types are optional.

#### G.7.e. Socks

Socks shall be black, made of knitted or rib knit, undecorated material.

#### G.7.f. 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.

#### G.7.g. Insignia

Metal collar devices are worn.

#### G.7.h. Breast Insignia/Devices

Name tag, ribbons, badges, and devices are worn.

#### G.7.i. 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.



G.7.j.  
Accessories

The bridge coat, trench coat, and windbreaker are the prescribed outer wear with this uniform. The over coat and reefer coat may be worn with the Winter Dress Blue uniform, but they will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear with it as of 31 December 2012. The foul weather parka may be worn with the Winter Dress Blue uniform only if adverse environmental conditions dictate the need for this heavier outer wear (such wear shall be limited to necessary occasions or periods). The cardigan sweater and the wooly-pully sweater may be worn with this uniform in accordance with the provisions of section D.6 and D.7 of this chapter.



**Figure 10-24**  
**Winter Dress Blue (Men)**



**G.8. Tropical Blue**

This uniform may be worn instead of the Service Dress Blue uniform except for occasions where the civilian equivalent is coat and tie. It is authorized for wear in a travel status pursuant to Coast Guard assignment to duty. This uniform may be worn year-round for appropriate assignments to duty. (see Figure 10-25)

G.8.a. Trousers

Trousers shall be the same as those prescribed for Service Dress Blue uniform.

G.8.b. Belt

A black web belt with a silver buckle and tip is worn. The buckle may be plain or display the Auxiliary emblem.

G.8.c. 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.

G.8.d. Socks

Socks shall be black, made of knitted or rib knit, undecorated material.

G.8.e. 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.

G.8.f. Insignia

Enhanced shoulder boards are worn on the epaulet style shirt.

G.8.g. Breast Insignia/Devices

Name tag, ribbons, badges, and devices are worn.

G.8.h. 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.

G.8.i. Accessories

The trench coat and windbreaker are the prescribed outer wear with this uniform. The over coat, reefer coat, and work jacket may be worn with the Tropical Blue uniform, but they will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear with it as of 31 December 2012. The foul weather parka may be worn with the Tropical Blue uniform only if adverse environmental conditions dictate the need for this heavier outer wear (such wear shall be limited to necessary occasions or periods). The cardigan sweater and the woolly-pully sweater may be worn with this uniform in accordance with the provisions of section D.6 and D.7 of this chapter.

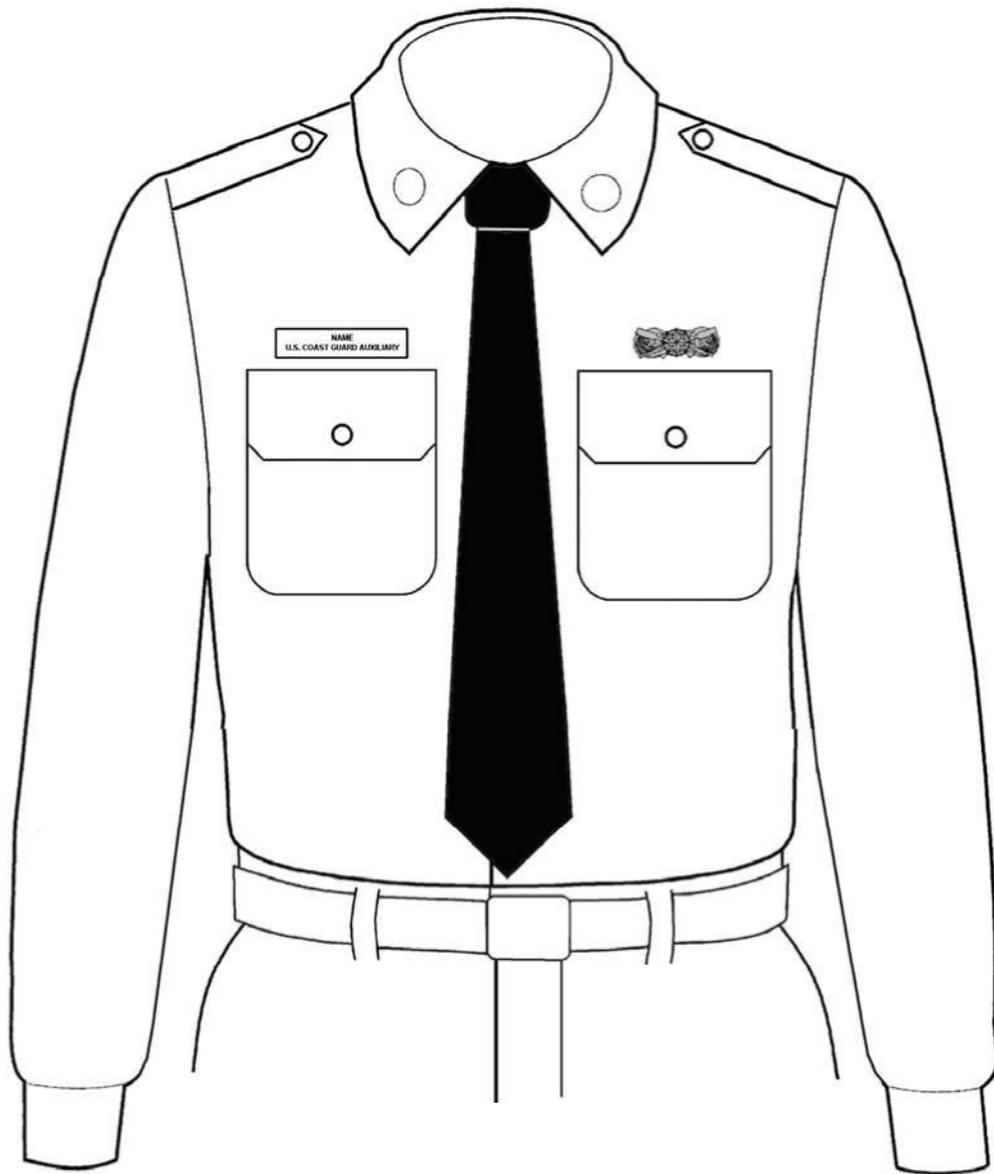


**Figure 10-25**  
**Tropical Blue (Men)**

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| <b>G.9. Undress Blue – Winter</b> | This winter uniform is worn for more formal working situations and is appropriate in classrooms, unit meetings, and boating safety booths. (see Figure 10-26)   |
| G.9.a. Trousers                   | Trousers shall be the same as those prescribed for Service Dress Blue uniform.  |
| G.9.b. Belt                       | A black web belt with a silver buckle and tip. The buckle may be plain or display an approved Auxiliary emblem.   |
| G.9.c. Shirt                      | The shirt is the light blue Air Force epaulet style shirt with a soft stand-up collar with stays, long or short sleeves, one-button convertible cuff, epaulets, and a patch pocket with button flap closure on each breast. |



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| G.9.d. Tie                     | A Coast Guard Blue four-in-hand tie of suitable length is worn. Clip-on types are optional.   |
| G.9.e. Socks                   | Socks shall be black, made of knitted or rib knit, undecorated material.  |
| G.9.f. 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.  |
| G.9.g. Insignia                | Metal collar devices are worn. Enhanced shoulder boards are not worn.   |
| G.9.h. Breast Insignia/Devices | Name tag and devices are worn. Badges and ribbons are not worn.   |
| G.9.i. Hat                     | The combination cap and garrison cap are the prescribed hats 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.   |
| G.9.j. Accessories             | The trench coat, windbreaker, and foul weather parka are the prescribed outer wear with this uniform. The over coat, reefer coat, and work jacket may be worn with the Winter Undress Blue uniform, but they will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear with it as of 31 December 2012. The cardigan sweater and the wooly-pully sweater may be worn with this uniform in accordance with the provisions of section D.6 and D.7 of this chapter. |



**Figure 10-26**  
**Undress Blue – Winter (Men)**



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| <b>G.10. Undress Blue – Summer (Alpha)</b> | The Undress Blue – Summer (Alpha) uniform is appropriate for formal working situations including in classrooms, at unit meetings, and at boating safety outreach events (see Figure 10-27). This uniform will no longer be authorized for wear as of 31 December 2012.   |
| G.10.a. Trousers                           | Trousers shall be the same as those prescribed for Service Dress Blue uniform.   |
| G.10.b. Belt                               | A black web belt with a silver buckle and tip. The buckle may be plain or display an approved Auxiliary emblem.  |
| G.10.c. 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.   |
| G.10.d. Socks                              | Socks shall be black, made of knitted or rib knit, undecorated material.   |
| G.10.e. 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.   |
| G.10.f. Insignia                           | Metal collar devices are worn. Enhanced (or soft) shoulder boards are not worn.  |
| G.10.g. Breast Insignia/Devices            | Name tag and devices are worn. Badges and ribbons are not worn.  |
| G.10.h. Hat                                | The combination cap, garrison cap, Auxiliary ball cap, and Coast Guard unit ball cap (if authorized) are the prescribed hats to be worn with this uniform. The Tilley hat may be worn in accordance with section D.3.f of this chapter. The cold weather cap may be worn in accordance with the provisions of section D.3.e of this chapter. |
| G.10.i. Accessories                        | The trench coat, windbreaker, and foul weather parka are the prescribed outer wear with this uniform. The over coat, reefer coat, and work jacket may also be worn. The cardigan sweater and the wooly-pully sweater may be worn with this uniform in accordance with the provisions of section D.6 and D.7 of this chapter.                 |



**Figure 10-27**  
**Undress Blue – Summer (Alpha) (Men)**



**Figure 10-28**  
**Undress Blue – Summer (Bravo) (Men and Women)**




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## Section H. Men's and Women's Uniforms

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| <b>Introduction</b>                       | This section describes the uniforms that are authorized to be worn by both men and women Auxiliarists.   |
| <b>H.1. Undress Blue – Summer (Bravo)</b> | The Undress Blue – Summer (Bravo) uniform is appropriate for working situations, operations, and when conducting VSCs (see Figure 10-28). This uniform will no longer be authorized for wear as of 31 December 2012.   |
| H.1.a. Trousers                           | The trousers shall be the Coast Guard work trousers and are made of cotton/polyester, wash and wear material.  |
| H.1.b. Shorts                             | See Men's and Women's hot weather outfit.  |
| H.1.c. Belt                               | A black web belt with a silver buckle and tip is worn. The buckle may be plain or display the Auxiliary emblem.  |
| H.1.d. Shirt                              | The light blue Air Force style short sleeve shirt with a stand-up collar with stays and with or without epaulets is worn. The shirt is worn open, without a tie.   |
| H.1.e. Socks                              | Socks shall be black, made of knitted or rib knit, undecorated material.   |
| H.1.f. Shoes                              | Blue or brown boating shoes or all black, low top, athletic shoes are worn with this uniform.  |
| H.1.g. Insignia                           | Metal collar devices are worn. Enhanced shoulder boards are not worn on the Coast Guard epaulet style shirt.   |
| H.1.h. Breast Insignia/Devices            | Name tag and devices are worn. Badges and ribbons are not worn.  |
| H.1.i. Hat                                | The combination cap, garrison cap, Auxiliary ball cap, and Coast Guard unit ball cap (if authorized) are the prescribed hats to be worn with this uniform. The Tilley hat may be worn in accordance with section D.3.f of this chapter. The cold weather cap may be worn in accordance with the provisions of section D.3.e of this chapter. |



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| H.1.j. Accessories             | The trench coat, windbreaker, and foul weather parka are the prescribed outer wear with this uniform. The over coat, reefer coat, and work jacket may also be worn. The cardigan sweater and the wooly-pully sweater may be worn with this uniform in accordance with the provisions of section D.6 and D.7 of this chapter. Women only may carry a black or white handbag when appropriate.   |
| <b>H.2. Working Blue</b>       | This Working Blue uniform is appropriate for operations and when conducting VSCs (see Figure 10-29). This uniform will no longer be authorized for wear as of 31 December 2012.  |
| H.2.a. Trousers                | The trousers shall be the Coast Guard work trousers and are made of cotton/polyester, wash and wear material.  |
| H.2.b. Shorts                  | See Men's and Women's Hot Weather uniform.   |
| H.2.c. Belt                    | A black web belt with a silver buckle and tip is worn. The buckle may be plain or display the Auxiliary emblem.  |
| H.2.d. Shirt                   | <p>The shirt shall be the Coast Guard work shirt made of Coast Guard dark blue basket weave polyester and cotton material with an open-notched lapel collar forming a V-neck. The shirt has both long and short sleeve versions. It has two patch pockets with button flap closure (women's shirt).</p> <p>The Auxiliary Operations Polo Shirt may be worn with this uniform as an alternative for patrol activities.</p>                  |
| H.2.e. Socks                   | Socks shall be black, made of knitted or rib knit, undecorated material.   |
| H.2.f. Shoes                   | Blue or brown boating shoes or all black, low top athletic shoes are worn with this uniform.   |
| H.2.g. Insignia                | Metal collar or sew-on insignia are worn.  |
| H.2.h. Breast Insignia/Devices | Name tags and devices are worn. Badges and ribbons are not worn. Embroidered letters directly on the uniform or sew-on cloth "NAME" and "USCG AUXILIARY" tapes shall be used.  |
| H.2.i. Hat                     | The blue working utility cap, Auxiliary ball cap, and Coast Guard unit ball cap (if authorized) are the prescribed hats to be worn with this uniform. The Tilley hat may be worn in accordance with section D.3.f of this chapter. The cold weather cap may be worn in accordance with the provisions of section D.3.e of this chapter. The knit watch cap may be worn in accordance with the provisions of section D.3.g of this chapter. |



H.2.j.  
Accessories

The windbreaker, foul weather parka, and work jacket are the prescribed outer wear with this uniform. The trench coat and over coat may also be worn. The cardigan sweater and the woolly-pully sweater may be worn with this uniform in accordance with the provisions of section D.6 and D.7 of this chapter.



**Figure 10-29**  
**Working Blue (Men and Women)**



### **H.3. Hot Weather Uniform**

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Though not authorized for active duty personnel, the Hot Weather Uniform is authorized as an optional uniform for Auxiliarists. The Director shall prescribe the proper season for its wear. It is appropriate for personnel performing outdoor activities in locations where humidity and high temperatures cause physical discomfort and extreme work environments require it. It is not appropriate for routine office wear. It is not authorized for wear while commuting to and from a Coast Guard duty station or any public affairs setting, although it may be worn directly to and from a point of Auxiliary patrol or vessel safety check activity.

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#### **H.3.a. Shirt**

The Coast Guard dark blue crew neck T-shirt is the prescribed shirt with this uniform. It shall be worn stenciled or embroidered with the words "USCG AUXILIARY" across the front left chest in white 3/4-inch tall block-style letters (they must be stenciled identically to promote unit identity and professional appearance). It shall be in good condition with no tears or stains. It may be 100 percent cotton or be made of a cotton-polyester blend to facilitate moisture wicking. The Auxiliary Operations Polo Shirt may be worn with this uniform as an alternative for patrol activities, and the optional VE shirt may be worn when conducting vessel safety checks. Either the standard Coast Guard light blue, short sleeve, undress blue shirt or the standard Coast Guard dark blue, short sleeve, working blue shirt may also be worn, except that these shirts will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear with this uniform as of 31 December 2012. Any shirt worn with this uniform must be worn tucked into the shorts.

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#### **H.3.b. Shorts**

Modified standard Coast Guard blue utility or ODU trousers hemmed at the knee or 1 inch above the knee are worn.

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#### **H.3.c. Belt**

If modified standard Coast Guard blue utility trousers are worn, then a black web belt with a silver buckle and tip is worn. The buckle may be plain or display the Auxiliary emblem. If modified ODU trousers are worn, then the standard black ODU belt or the optional riggers belt is worn (see section H.4 of this chapter).

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#### **H.3.d. Socks**

Socks shall be all white, athletic type, crew length.

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#### **H.3.e. Shoes**

Well-blackened 8-inch or 10-inch safety boots are worn. Excess laces shall be tucked away so they cannot be seen.

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 version).

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|  | All white or all black, low top, athletic shoes with nonskid/nonmarking soles are also authorized for Auxiliarists. |
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| H.3.f. Insignia | Metal collar or sew-on insignia are worn with this outfit. No insignia are worn on the ODU T-shirt. |
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| H.3.g. Breast Insignia/Devices | Depending upon the type of shirt worn, name tags/tapes and insignia/devices are worn in accordance with section F.4 of this chapter. Badges and ribbons are not worn. |
|                                | No insignia are worn on the ODU T-shirt, the Operations Polo Shirt, or the VE polo shirt.   |

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| H.3.h. Hat | The blue working utility cap, Auxiliary ball cap, and Coast Guard unit ball cap (if authorized) are the prescribed hats to be worn with this uniform. The Tilley hat may be worn in accordance with section D.3.f of this chapter. |
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| H.3.i. Procurement of Items | Instructions concerning the procurement of the items for this outfit are contained in the Coast Guard Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST 1020.6 (series). |
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| <b>H.4. Operational Dress Uniform</b> | <p>The Operational Dress Uniform (ODU) is the principal general purpose, every day Coast Guard uniform. It may be worn year-round primarily as a field utility and watchstanding uniform. It is intended for wear in any situation that does not require a dress uniform, including patrols, vessel safety checks, and Coast Guard unit office wear at Commanding Officer's discretion. It shall not be worn as a substitute for coveralls.</p> <p>Auxiliarists shall carefully consider the propriety of ODU wear in settings that are highly representational in nature, where the type of interaction with the public dictates more formality, or settings in an interagency environment. In DoD, joint or inter-service environments, wear of the ODU should align with the DoD equivalent uniform of the day. The ODU should not be worn for visits to civilian agencies or non-Coast Guard organizations unless the prescribed uniform of the day is the ODU or DoD equivalent at the visit site. However, in some cases the ODU may be appropriate due to the operational nature of the visit or the nature of the work to be performed. It may also be worn during the following authorized circumstances:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. While traveling in government vehicles, vessels, or aircraft, or while traveling on orders in a foreign country (if approved by the corresponding U.S. Embassy).</li> <li>b. While commuting to and from duty assignments, using either private or public forms of transportation (including brief stops in convenience or retail stores associated with the commute).</li> </ol> |
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- c. While in an educational environment at other Coast Guard or DoD agencies (as directed by the appropriate Commanding Officer) or Auxiliary member training and conference events.

Although there is no weight standard in the Auxiliary, the ODU shall only be worn in Coast Guard standard sizes from Coast Guard standard stock from a Coast Guard exchange or the UDC. ODU substitution look-alikes are not authorized. Like other Coast Guard uniforms, the ODU must fit properly. (see Figure 10-30)

Auxiliarists shall pay particular attention to appearance while wearing the ODU. It shall be serviceable, well-maintained, clean, and not faded or discolored. In addition to the following general provisions, proper wear and maintenance shall be as prescribed in the Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6 (series), or other relevant, interim Coast Guard policy. The untucked version of the ODU has black Coast Guard emblems embossed on them in several locations. Untucked ODUs are not produced without the emblems. Therefore, Auxiliarists are authorized to wear the untucked ODU version with the embossed Coast Guard emblems. Moreover, although the untucked ODU is the prescribed version, Auxiliarists are authorized to wear the tucked ODU version until no longer serviceable.

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H.4.a. Trousers      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.

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H.4.b. Belt      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.

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- H.4.c. Shirt      The ODU top is an integral part of the uniform, and the Coast Guard dark blue crew neck T-shirt is the prescribed undergarment. If the ODU top sleeves are rolled up, they shall be done so in prescribed accordion style with only the cuff showing. The ODU top may only be removed temporarily when working 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 ¾-inch tall block-style letters (they must be stenciled identically to promote unit identity and professional appearance), and it shall be in good condition with no tears or stains. It may be 100 percent cotton or be made of a cotton-polyester blend to facilitate moisture wicking. Such relaxed ODU wear is not authorized for routine wear in the office environment, in public, nor for wear while commuting to and from duty assignments, including in private vehicles. The Auxiliary Operations Polo Shirt may be worn in lieu of the ODU top for patrol activities.
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- H.4.d. Socks      Socks should be black, undecorated. If wearing the hot weather version, white crew length socks shall be worn.
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- H.4.e. Shoes      Shoes 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.
- The boat shoe, (dark blue or brown leather, low cut of moccasin type construction with functional rawhide lacing, brass eyelets, and nonmarking sole) is an authorized option for Auxiliarists, regardless of type ODU that is worn (regular or Hot Weather uniform).
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- H.4.f. Insignia      All insignia, except that for hats worn with the ODU, shall be in good repair and shall be embroidered (direct embroidery on the shirt is not authorized), including collar and specialty insignia. If embroidered versions of certain insignia have not yet been fabricated and made available through the Auxiliary materials network, then metal versions may be worn until they are available.
- All embroidered collar insignia, with the exception of Flotilla Commander (FC), District Captain (DCAPT), District Chief of Staff (DCOS), and their corresponding appointed staff officer insignia, shall be placed on the imaginary line bisecting the angle of the collar with the base of the insignia (not the embroidered patch) approximately 1⅛ inches from collar point. Due to their horizontal format, embroidered FC and DCAPT/DCOS insignia shall be placed 1½ inches from the point.
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H.4.g. Breast  
Insignia/Devices

Direct embroidery on the shirt is not authorized.

Insignia shall be centered directly above the "USCG AUXILIARY" cloth tape immediately above the wearer's left hand pocket. Only one embroidered insignia is authorized. If an Auxiliarist has earned more than one insignia, then the insignia worn shall be at the discretion of the Auxiliarist. Embroidered insignia shall be the same size as the metal insignia, centered on a tape the full width of the pocket. The tape shall not exceed the width of the pocket. Temporary or conditional qualification insignia shall not be worn on the ODU.

Incumbent Commanding Officers and Officers-in-Charge are authorized to wear the embroidered command ashore or afloat devices centered directly above the wearer's nametape. These embroidered devices shall be approximately the same size as the metal versions. The same parameters apply to the wear of the embroidered AUXOP device, which is the only device authorized for wear by Auxiliarists on the ODU.

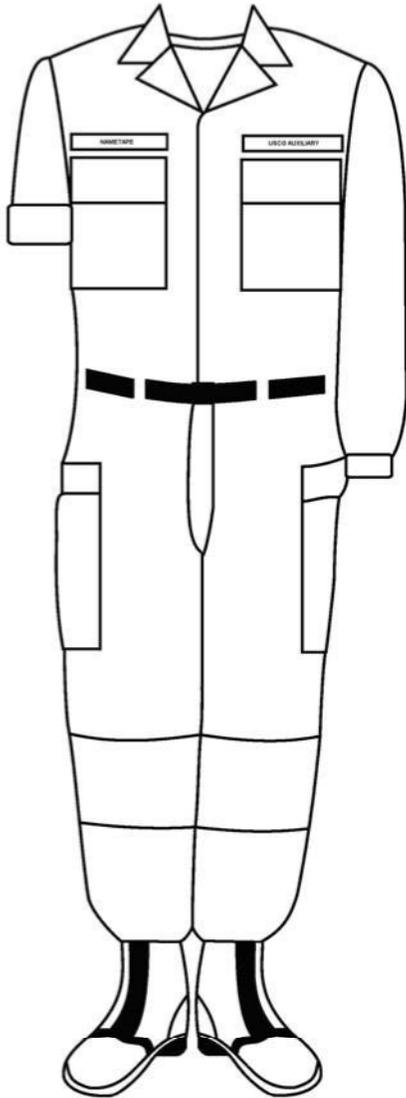
Since these positions are integral to active duty command cadre, only incumbent gold and silver badge Command Chiefs are authorized to wear their respective badges (embroidered only) on the ODU. They shall be worn in accordance with provisions of the Coast Guard Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1010.6 (series). Coast Guard active duty, Reserve, or retired personnel who also happen to be Auxiliarists may wear Coast Guard sew-on qualification insignia and devices earned through such service on their Auxiliary ODU uniform in accordance with Coast Guard uniform regulations.

H.4.h. Hat

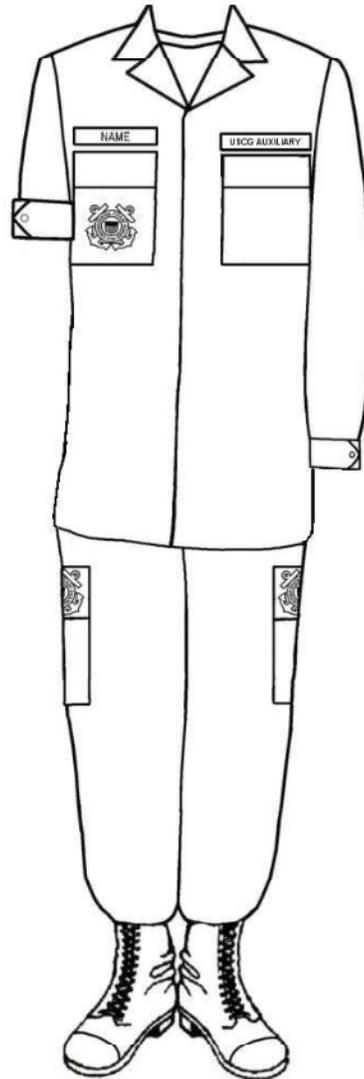
The Auxiliary ball cap and Coast Guard unit ball cap (if authorized) are the prescribed hats to be worn with this uniform. The blue working utility cap may be worn, but it will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear as of 31 December 2012. The Tilley hat may be worn in accordance with section D.3.f of this chapter. The cold weather cap may be worn in accordance with the provisions of section D.3.e of this chapter. The knit watch cap may be worn in accordance with the provisions of section D.3.g of this chapter.

H.4.i.  
Accessories

The foul weather parka is the prescribed outer wear with this uniform. The trench coat, windbreaker, and work jacket may be worn with the ODU, but they will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear with it as of 31 December 2012. The cardigan sweater and the wooly-pully sweater may be worn with this uniform in accordance with the provisions of section D.6 and D.7 of this chapter.



**Tucked Version**



**Untucked Version**

**Figure 10-30  
Operational Dress Uniform (Men and Women)**



**H.5. Auxiliary Flight Suit**

The Auxiliary Flight Suit is authorized to be worn during flight on any aviation mission performed under orders, or during flight standby status (B), unless the Coast Guard order-issuing authority specifies another uniform. This Flight Suit shall be similar in pattern, color, and design to those worn by active duty Coast Guard aviators. The Flight Suit shall be manufactured of fire-retardant material similar to that specified for active duty Coast Guard aviators. Only patches, pins, insignia, and devices specified here are authorized. Flight suits shall remain zipped to within 3 inches of the top at all times.

**H.5.a. Flight Uniform**

The normal uniform for Auxiliary flight or flight standby (B status) shall consist of:

- (1) Flight Suit with insignia. (see Figure 10-31)
- (2) Outerwear as specified by the Coast Guard order-issuing authority.
- (3) Footwear and undershirt as specified by the Coast Guard order-issuing authority.
- (4) Headgear, either Garrison Cap, baseball cap, or protective gear, as required. If an Auxiliarist provides direct support to a Coast Guard unit and is authorized to wear the unit ball cap, then the unit ball cap may be worn with this uniform in accordance with Coast Guard uniform regulations.

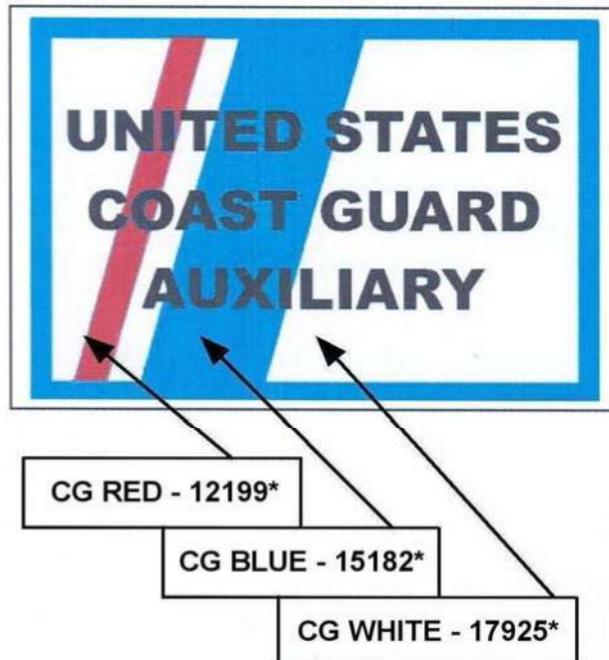


**Figure 10-31  
Auxiliary Flight Suit**



H.5.b. Patches The following patches shall be worn on the Auxiliary Flight Suit as follows:

H.5.b.(1) Right Breast A cloth patch shall be displayed on the right breast of the Flight Suit as shown below in Figure 10-32. The patch colors shall be similar to those of the active duty aviation patch, with the color order of the patch reversed. Patch size shall be approximately  $2\frac{1}{4}$  by  $3\frac{3}{8}$  inches. Lettering on the patch shall be in all capital letters with three lines of lettering.



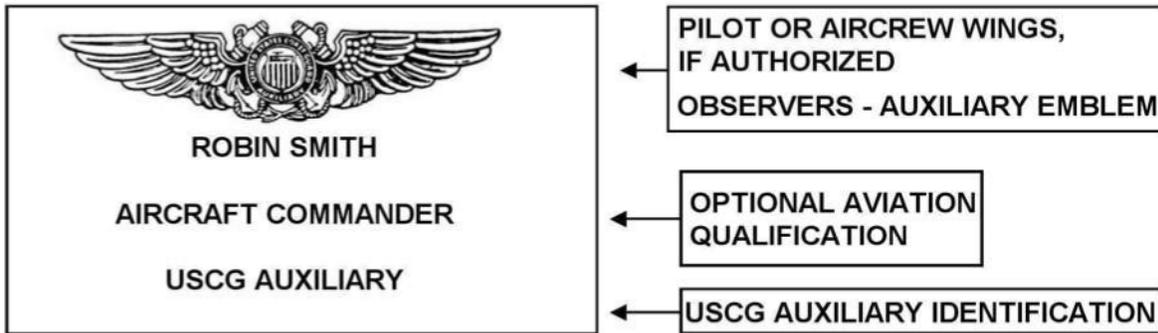
\*COLOR NUMBERS ARE FOUND IN THE  
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COMDTINST M10360.3 (SERIES)

**Figure 10-32**  
**Auxiliary Flight Suit Right Breast Patch**



H.5.b.(2) Left Breast

A patch shall be displayed on the left breast of the Flight Suit as shown below in Figure 10-33. At the discretion of the Coast Guard order-issuing authority, this patch may be leather or cloth. The leather patch shall have silver lettering, embossed on black leather. The cloth patch shall have silver/white thread on a dark cloth background, blue or black, at the discretion of the Coast Guard order-issuing authority. Patch size shall be approximately 2 inches by 4 inches. Lettering on the patch shall be all capital letters.



**Figure 10-33  
Auxiliary Flight Suit Left Breast Patch**

H.5.b.(3) Left Sleeve

A patch of the American National Ensign shall be worn centered on the left sleeve, positioned with the top of the patch  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch below the shoulder seam. The flag shall be positioned with the field forward. This patch shall be approximately  $2\frac{1}{4}$  by  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches in size.

H.5.b.(4) Right Sleeve

An insignia patch of the Auxiliarist's Coast Guard or Auxiliary district, or the relevant Coast Guard Air Station shall be worn centered on the right sleeve, positioned with the top of the patch  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch below the shoulder seam. Choice of the insignia shall be made by the Coast Guard order-issuing authority.

H.5.c. Auxiliary Office Insignia

Aviators may wear the insignia of their highest current or past Auxiliary office on the shoulders/epaulets of the Flight Suit. The insignia must be a sew-on type, on a background matching the color of the Flight Suit. The outside edge of the office insignia shall be placed  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch in from the shoulder seam or outside end of the epaulet (if present).



H.5.d. Auxiliary  
Operational  
Mission  
Participation  
Designator

At the discretion of the Coast Guard order-issuing authority, Auxiliarists may wear a sleeve patch indicating recognition of Operational Mission Participation. This patch is illustrated in Figure 10-34 and shall indicate the level of participation by depicting the number of mission flight hours so recognized by the Coast Guard order-issuing authority. It shall be worn  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch below the District or Air Station Patch on the right sleeve. This patch shall be approximately  $\frac{3}{8}$  by 2 inches in size. This patch shall have a silver border and silver lettering on a black background. Lettering shall be all capitalized. This patch shall be awarded at 100 hours, 250 hours, and every 250 hours thereafter.



**Figure 10-34**  
**Auxiliary Operational Mission Participation Patch**

H.6. Auxiliary  
Chef  
(AUXCHEF)  
Uniform

The Coast Guard unit command or special event coordinator may specify a uniform for food service personnel. Absent such guidance, Auxiliarists who have successfully completed the AUXCHEF training program may wear the AUXCHEF uniform when performing food service support or augmentation activities.

H.6.a. Coat/Shirt

The white Chef's coat, long or short sleeve, shall be worn as the principal top garment. The long sleeve white Chef's coat shall specifically be worn for serving. If authorized by the unit command, the white Chef's shirt, long or short sleeve, may also be worn. In either case, a white T-shirt shall be worn as an undergarment.

The Chef's coat or shirt shall be white cotton or cotton/polyester blend with clear or white buttons. It shall be embroidered, in navy or black script, with the Auxiliarist's last name on the right front side in the same general place as where a name tag is conventionally located. "U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary" shall be similarly embroidered on the left front side in the same general place as where a qualification insignia is conventionally located (due to title length, the word "Auxiliary" should be embroidered  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch below and centered under "U.S. Coast Guard"). Name tags shall not be worn on these garments.



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| H.6.b. Trousers            | The trousers shall be of conventional black-and-white hounds-tooth checked pattern, belted (black web) or draw-string waist, with no cuff. Solid black pants may also be worn, specifically when serving.  |
| H.6.c. Socks               | Socks shall be black, made of knitted or rib knit, undecorated material.   |
| H.6.d. Shoes               | Well-blackened 8-inch or 10-inch safety boots are worn. Black tennis shoes or Chef's clogs may also be worn. Shoes prescribed for dinner dress uniforms shall be worn for serving.   |
| H.6.e. Hat                 | The Auxiliary ball cap or Chef's hat with mesh inset shall be worn (disposable Chef's hat also authorized). The Coast Guard unit ball cap may be worn, if authorized.  |
| H.6.f. Insignia            | Only the metal Auxiliary member collar insignia shall be worn on the coat or shirt collar, as well as on the ball cap worn with the uniform.   |
| H.6.g.<br>Preparatory Wear | For certain circumstances, such as preparatory work, the unit command may authorize attire to be worn consistent with provisions in the Coast Guard Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6 (series), for a Special Command Aide (e.g., khaki slacks, dark blue/navy polo shirt with Auxiliary logo). |

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## Section I. Women's Uniforms

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| <b>Introduction</b>                  | This section describes the uniforms that are authorized to be worn by Auxiliary women.  |
| <b>I.1. Dinner Dress Blue Jacket</b> | The Dinner Dress Blue Jacket uniform may be prescribed and worn for formal evening occasions. (see Figure 10-35)  |
| I.1.a. Coat                          | The coat is the standard Coast Guard (Navy) Blue Mess jacket. The three gold Coast Guard buttons down each forepart are replaced with three medium size silver Auxiliary buttons.   |
| I.1.b. Skirt/Slacks                  | Two skirts are available for wear with this uniform. One is a plain, six-gored, floor length skirt. It may have an optional slit at both side seams reaching no higher than midcalf. The other skirt is of conventional length. Both shall be of the same color and material as the jacket. Dinner dress slacks for women are optional.                   |
| I.1.c. Shirt                         | The shirt shall be of white opaque nylon or similar material with small pleated ruffles down the front, plain turndown collar, and pearl buttons.   |
| I.1.d. Cummerbund                    | A pleated cummerbund, 3½ inches wide, made of silver acetate satin, is worn with the pleat openings facing upward.  |
| I.1.e. Tie                           | The black dress necktie consists of a small crescent-shape black velvet ribbon tapering toward each end from a width of 1 inch at the center.   |
| I.1.f. Stockings                     | Stockings shall be made of plain material, flesh color, undecorated. Stockings will be seamless.  |
| I.1.g. Shoes                         | Shoes shall be black, plain pump style, made of smooth leather or a synthetic leather substitute without decoration and with closed heels and toes. Heel heights may range from 1 to 2⅞ inches. Heel widths may be no less than ½ inch at the floor. Flat wedge style soles that rise to 1-inch heels are authorized. Sole edges and heels must be black. |
| I.1.h. Insignia                      | Full silver sleeve lace is worn on the coat sleeves mounted by the appropriate Auxiliary shield.  |
| I.1.i. Breast Insignia/Devices       | Miniature medals and miniature insignia are worn on both uniforms. The AUXOP and past officer devices, for which there are no miniatures, are also worn if authorized. Ribbons and name tags are not worn.  |



I.1.j. Hat

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Women are not required to wear hats.

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I.1.k.  
Accessories

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The bridge coat or trench coat may be worn with these uniforms. A black or white handbag should be included where appropriate.

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**Figure 10-35**  
**Dinner Dress Blue Jacket (Women)**



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**I.2. Dinner  
Dress White  
Jacket**

This uniform may be prescribed and worn for formal evening occasions. This uniform is the same as the Dinner Dress Blue jacket uniform, except for the below items. (see Figure 10-36)

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**I.2.a. Coat**

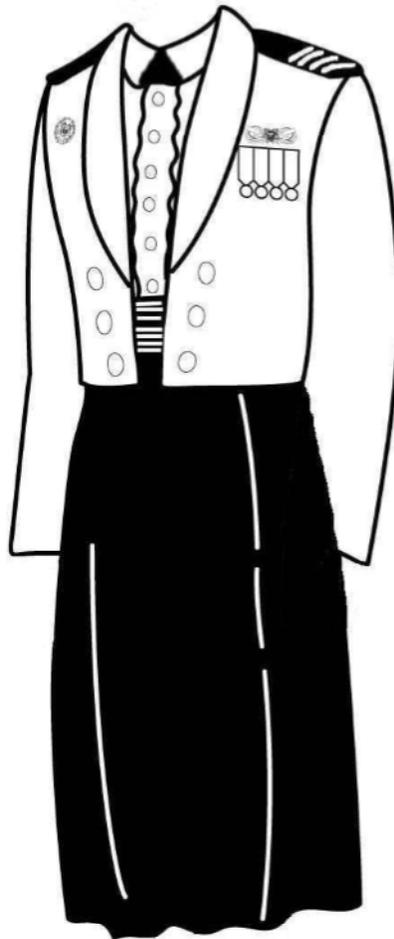
The coat is the standard Coast Guard (Navy) White Mess jacket. The three gold Coast Guard buttons down each forepart are replaced with three medium size silver Auxiliary buttons of the same size.

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**I.2.b. Insignia**

Hard shoulder boards are worn on the jacket.

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**Figure 10-36  
Dinner Dress White Jacket (Women)**



### **I.3. Service Dress Blue**

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The Service Dress Blue uniform is the official Uniform of the Day 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 and for occasions where the civilian equivalent is coat and tie. It is authorized for wear in a travel status pursuant to Coast Guard assignment to duty. (see Figure 10-37)

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#### **I.3.a. Coat**

The coat is the standard Coast Guard officer's coat. The gold Coast Guard buttons are replaced with silver Auxiliary buttons.

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#### **I.3.b. Skirt/Slacks**

The skirt is straight, with side pockets and a back zipper. Women may also wear dress slacks similar in outward appearance to the men's trousers with a conventional plain design and no cuffs. Air Force slacks will not be worn with the Auxiliary uniform. For both the slacks and skirt, the color and material will be the same as the coat.

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#### **I.3.c. Belt**

The web belt with a silver buckle and tip is worn with the slacks. The buckle may be plain or display the Auxiliary emblem. The belt is not worn with the skirt.

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#### **I.3.d. Shirt**

The shirt with a stand-up collar, long or short sleeves, two-button cuff closures, epaulets, pockets, and button placket. The shirt will not have exposed buttons; the men's shirt is not authorized.

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#### **I.3.e. Tie**

The Coast Guard blue tab tie is worn.

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#### **I.3.f. Stockings**

Stockings are worn with dress shoes and shall be made of plain material, flesh-color, undecorated. Stockings will be seamless. When wearing trousers, black socks, made of knitted or rib knit, undecorated material may be worn when wearing service shoes.

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#### **I.3.g. Shoes**

Dress shoes shall be black, plain pump style, made of smooth leather or a synthetic leather substitute without decoration and with closed heels and toes. Heel heights may range from 1 to 2<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> inches. Heel widths may be no less than 1/2 inch at the floor. Flat wedge style soles that rise to 1-inch heels are authorized. Sole edges and heels must be black. Optional service shoes, for wear with trousers, are black, plain, lace up, oxford style with heels, made of smooth leather or a synthetic leather substitute. Shoes shall have three to six pairs of eyelets for lacing. A seam around the toe is authorized. Heel height may not exceed 1 inch. Sole edges, heels, and laces must be black.

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| I.3.h. Insignia | Full silver sleeve lace is worn on the coat sleeves mounted by the appropriate Auxiliary shield and soft or enhanced shoulder boards are worn on the shirt. |
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| I.3.i. Breast Insignia/Devices | This uniform is worn with ribbons, breast insignia, badges, devices, and name tags. |
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| I.3.j. Hat | The combination cap is the prescribed hat to be worn with this uniform. The garrison cap may be worn, but it will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear with the Service Dress Blue uniform as of 31 December 2012. The cold weather cap may be worn in accordance with the provisions of section D.3.e of this chapter. |
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| I.3.k. Accessories | <p>The bridge coat and the trench coat are the prescribed outer wear with this uniform.</p> <p>The over coat, reefer coat, and foul weather parka may be worn with the Service Dress Blue uniform, but they will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear with it as of 31 December 2012. The windbreaker may be worn in place of the Service Dress Blue coat, unless the coat is prescribed or considered more appropriate. The cardigan sweater and the wooly-pully sweater may be worn with this uniform in accordance with the provisions of section D.6 and D.7 of this chapter.</p> |
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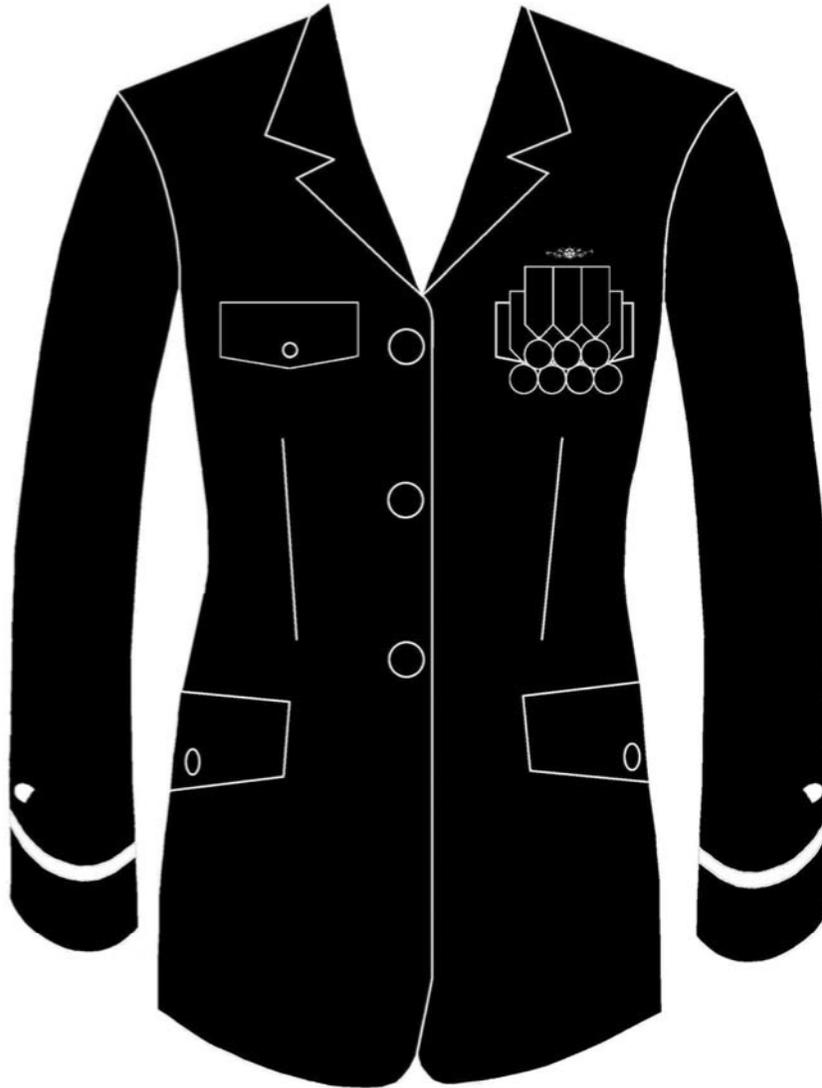


**Figure 10-37**  
**Service Dress Blue (Women)**



#### **I.4. Dinner Dress Blue**

This uniform is worn for formal evening occasions when the Auxiliarist does not have the Service Dress Blue or White jacket. It is the same as the Service Dress Blue, except miniature medals and breast devices are worn instead of ribbons and name tag. The AUXOP and past officer devices, for which there are no miniatures, are also worn. Only the combination cap is appropriate for wear with this uniform. (see Figure 10-38)



**Figure 10-38**  
**Dinner Dress Blue (Women)**




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**I.5. Service Dress White**

The Service Dress White uniform may be prescribed and worn for ceremonies and official functions. (see Figure 10-39)

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**I.5.a. Coat**

The coat is the standard Coast Guard (Navy) Service Dress White coat. The four gold Coast Guard buttons down the front shall be replaced with four medium size silver Auxiliary buttons.

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**I.5.b. Skirt**

The skirt is a plain six-gored skirt of conventional sweep with two insert pockets in the upper part of the front. Women may wear trousers similar in outward appearance to men's trousers. For both, the color and material shall be the same as the coat.

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**I.5.c. Shirt**

The shirt shall be white, with a turndown pointed collar and short or long sleeves. It shall button down the front, using small plain white buttons.

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**I.5.d. Tie**

The black tab tie is worn.

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**I.5.e. Stockings**

Stockings are worn with dress shoes and shall be made of plain material, flesh-color, undecorated. Stockings will be seamless. When wearing trousers, white socks, made of knitted or rib knit, undecorated material may be worn when wearing service shoes.

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**I.5.f. Shoes**

Dress shoes, shall be white, plain pump style, made of smooth leather or a synthetic leather substitute without decoration and with closed heels and toes. Heel heights may range from 1 to 2<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> inches. Heel widths may be no less than 1/2 inch at the floor. Flat wedge style soles (white) that rise to 1-inch heels are authorized. Optional service shoes, for wear with trousers, shall be white, plain, lace up, oxford style with heels, made of smooth leather or a synthetic leather substitute. Shoes shall have three to six pairs of eyelets for lacing. A seam around the toe is authorized. Heel height may not exceed 1 inch. Sole edges, heels, and laces must be white.

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**I.5.g. Insignia**

Hard shoulder boards are worn with this uniform.

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**I.5.h. Breast Insignia/Devices**

Name tag, ribbons, badges, and devices are worn.

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**I.5.i. Hat**

The combination cap is worn with this uniform.

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**I.5.j. Accessories**

The bridge coat or trench coat may be worn with this uniform. A black or white handbag should be included where appropriate.

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**Figure 10-39**  
**Service Dress White (Women)**



## **I.6. Winter Dress Blue**

This winter uniform may be worn for general office wear, visits to Coast Guard units, and appropriate assignments to duty. It is the basic cold climate, non-operational uniform and may be worn in lieu of the Service Dress Blue uniform except for occasions where the civilian equivalent is coat and tie. It is authorized for wear in a travel status pursuant to Coast Guard assignment to duty. This option is only authorized from 1 November through 31 March. (see Figure 10-40)

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| I.6.a. Trousers                | Trousers shall be the same as prescribed for Service Dress Blue. Women may wear a skirt (optional) that is the same as prescribed for the Service Dress Blue.  |
| I.6.b. Belt                    | A black web belt with a silver buckle and tip is worn. The buckle may be plain or display the Auxiliary emblem.  |
| I.6.c. Shirt                   | A long sleeve, Coast Guard blue winter shirt that matches the color and material of the trousers is worn. The developmental Winter Dress Blue shirt with permanent silicone creases shall not be authorized for Auxiliary wear until approved by the Coast Guard Uniform Board as a standard sea bag item for active duty personnel. |
| I.6.d. Tie                     | A Coast Guard blue four-in-hand tie of suitable length is worn. Clip-on types are optional.  |
| I.6.e. Stockings               | Stockings are worn with dress shoes and shall be made of plain material, flesh-color, undecorated. Stockings will be seamless. When wearing trousers, black socks, made of knitted or rib knit, undecorated material may be worn when wearing service shoes.   |
| I.6.f. Shoes                   | Dress shoes are the same as prescribed for the Service Dress Blue uniform. For wear with trousers, optional service shoes are the same as prescribed for the Service Dress Blue uniform.   |
| I.6.g. Insignia                | Metal collar devices are worn.   |
| I.6.h. Breast Insignia/Devices | Name tag, ribbons, badges, and qualification devices are worn.   |
| I.6.i. 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.   |



I.6.j.  
Accessories

The bridge coat, trench coat, and windbreaker are the prescribed outer wear with this uniform. The over coat and reefer coat may be worn with the Winter Dress Blue uniform, but they will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear with it as of 31 December 2012. The foul weather parka may be worn with the Winter Dress Blue uniform only if adverse environmental conditions dictate the need for this heavier outer wear (such wear shall be limited to necessary occasions or periods). The cardigan sweater and the wooly-pully sweater may be worn with this uniform in accordance with the provisions of section D.6 and D.7 of this chapter.



**Figure 10-40**  
**Winter Dress Blue (Women)**



## **I.7. Tropical Blue**

This uniform may be worn instead of the Service Dress Blue uniform except for occasions where the civilian equivalent is coat and tie. It is authorized for wear in a travel status pursuant to Coast Guard assignment to duty. This uniform may be worn year-round for appropriate assignments to duty. (see Figure 10-41)

### **I.7.a. Skirt/Slacks/Belt**

The skirt, optional slacks, and belt are the same as prescribed for the Service Dress Blue uniform.

### **I.7.b. Shirt**

The light blue style Coast Guard shirt with a stand-up collar, short sleeves, epaulets, two front pockets, and button packet is worn. With this shirt, the collar is worn open without a tie. The female overblouse dress shirt is authorized as optional wear as an alternative to the light blue style Coast Guard shirt for the Tropical Blue uniform only. Women may also wear the men's shirt.

### **I.7.c. Stockings**

Stockings are worn with dress shoes and shall be made of plain material, flesh-color, undecorated. Stockings will be seamless. When wearing trousers, black socks, made of knitted or rib knit, undecorated material may be worn when wearing service shoes.

### **I.7.d. Shoes**

Dress shoes and service shoes are the same as prescribed for Service Dress Blue uniform.

### **I.7.e. Insignia**

Enhanced shoulder boards are worn on the shirt.

### **I.7.f. Breast Insignia/Devices**

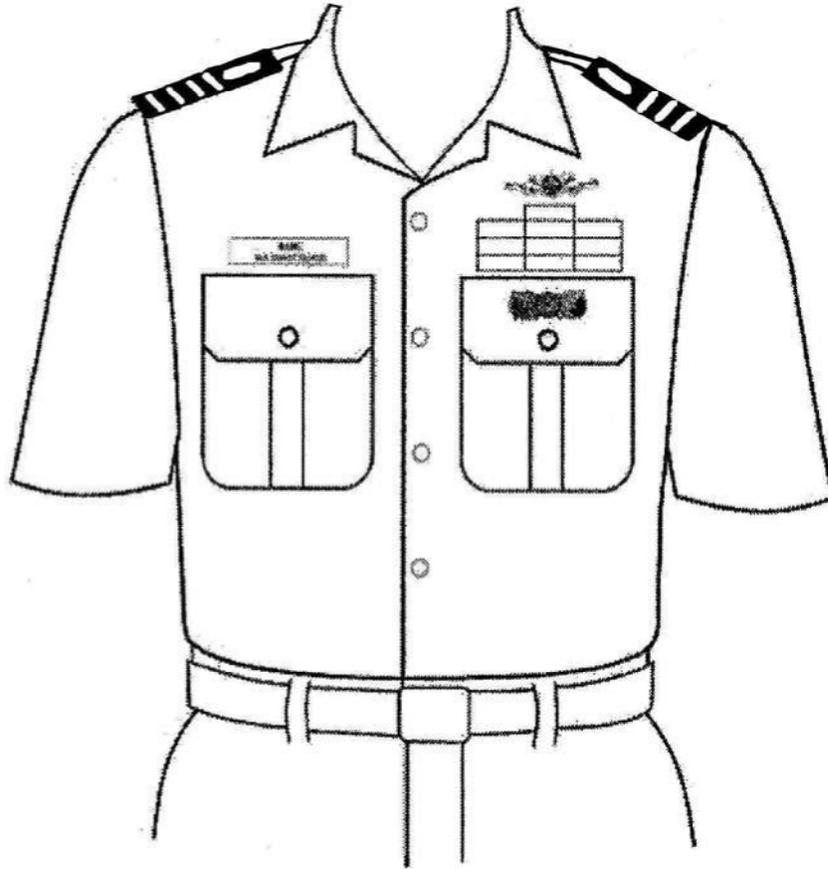
This uniform is worn with ribbons, breast insignia, badges, devices, and name tags.

### **I.7.g. 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.

### **I.7.h. Accessories**

The trench coat and windbreaker are the prescribed outer wear with this uniform. The over coat, reefer coat, and work jacket may be worn with the Tropical Blue uniform, but they will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear with it as of 31 December 2012. The foul weather parka may be worn with the Tropical Blue uniform only if adverse environmental conditions dictate the need for this heavier outer wear (such wear shall be limited to necessary occasions or periods). The cardigan sweater and the wooly-pully sweater may be worn with this uniform in accordance with the provisions of section D.6 and D.7 of this chapter.



**Figure 10-41**  
**Tropical Blue (Women)**



**I.8. Undress  
Blue – Winter**

This winter uniform is worn for more formal working situations and is appropriate for classrooms, unit meetings, and boating safety booths. (see Figure 10-42)

I.8.a.  
Skirt/Slacks/Belt

The skirt, optional slacks, and belt are the same as prescribed for the Service Dress Blue uniform.

I.8.b. Shirt

The light blue, Coast Guard style shirt with a stand-up collar, long sleeves, two-button cuff closures, two front pockets, epaulets, and button packet. The men's shirt may also be worn. (see paragraph G.9.c of this chapter)

I.8.c. Tie

The Coast Guard blue tab tie is worn.

I.8.d. Stockings

Stockings are worn with dress shoes and shall be made of plain material, flesh-color, undecorated. Stockings will be seamless. When wearing trousers, black socks, made of knitted or rib knit, undecorated material may be worn with service shoes.

I.8.e. Shoes

Dress shoes and optional service shoes are the same as prescribed for the Service Dress Blue uniform.

I.8.f. Insignia

Metal collar devices are worn. Enhanced shoulder boards are not worn.

I.8.g. Breast  
Insignia/Devices

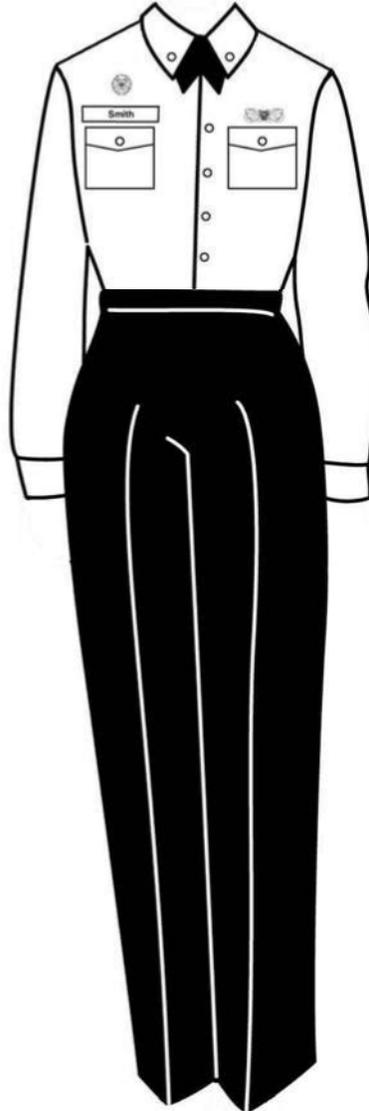
This uniform is worn with name tag and devices. Badges and ribbons are not worn.

I.8.h. Hat

The combination cap and garrison cap are the prescribed hats 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.

I.8.i.  
Accessories

The trench coat, windbreaker, and foul weather parka are the prescribed outer wear with this uniform. The over coat, reefer coat, and work jacket may be worn with the Winter Undress Blue uniform, but they will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear with it as of 31 December 2012. The cardigan sweater and the wooly-pully sweater may be worn with this uniform in accordance with the provisions of section D.6 and D.7 of this chapter.



**Figure 10-42  
Undress Blue – Winter (Women)**

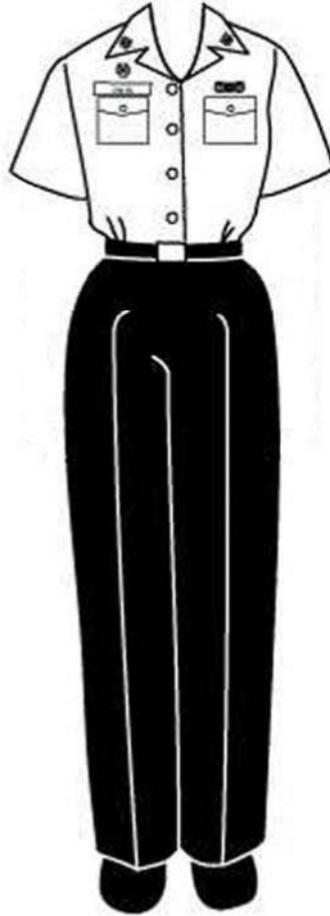


**I.9. Undress  
Blue – Summer  
(Alpha)**

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This summer uniform is worn for formal working situations and is appropriate for wear in classrooms, at unit meetings, and at boating safety booths. It shall be worn in accordance with the provisions of section G.10 of this chapter. (see Figure 10-43)

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**Figure 10-43  
Undress Blue – Summer (Alpha) (Women)**