COAST GUARD AUXILIARY UNIFORM, INSIGNIA AND AWARDS

Division 3

Seventh Coast Guard District
Auxiliary Uniforms in the 7th Coast Guard District

- Tropical Blue
- Operational Dress Uniform
- Hot Weather Uniform
- Service Dress Blue Uniform
- Dinner Dress Blue Uniform
- Dinner Dress White Jacket
Wearing the Auxiliary Uniform is A PRIVILEGE!

- Wear the uniform PROUDLY!
- Wear the uniform correctly!
- Wear the PROPER uniform!
- Do NOT mix articles of uniform and civilian clothing!!!!
Wearing the Auxiliary Uniform is PROHIBITED

In public places of dubious reputation

• When engaged in political activities
• When engaged in paid employment
• When in a foreign country
• Home made uniforms not allowed.
Common Uniform Violations

- Wearing unauthorized Footwear
- Wearing wrinkled, soiled uniforms
- Wearing non-uniform trousers
- Wearing unauthorized insignia
- Wearing unauthorized jewelry
- Wearing improper Undershirt
WRONG T-SHIRT!
The Navy Way!
CORRECT T-Shirt!
The Coast Guard Way!
Wearing the Uniform CORRECTLY

- Hats should be worn squarely on the head.
- Bottom of pants should touch shoe tops.
- Wristwatches, rings and bracelets in good taste.
Wearing the Uniform Correctly

- Men cannot wear earrings. Women can wear small gold, silver or pearl studs. Diamond studs can be worn with dress uniform.
- Necklaces, chains, suspenders, pens, handkerchiefs, etc… should not be visible.
- Hair should be neat and clean and above the collar (for men) or at the collar (for women).
Grooming: Hair/Facial Hair

• Male:
  – Trimmed, neat. No square back. Must not touch shirt collar
  – Beard: Trimmed neatly. No longer than 1 inch. If longer, must be tucked under chin as to be not so noticeable.

• Beards and mustaches must not interfere with the operation of safety/survival gear. These may prohibit participation in certain operational missions as deemed necessary by DIRAUXX
Grooming: Hair/Facial Hair

• Female:
  – Neatly coiffed. 2” at highest point on head. Must not touch shirt collar
  – Ponytail if worn, must be one strand and must not touch collar. Must not obstruct proper seating of Cover on head. Tuck in if possible or change styling. Bangs must not touch eyebrows.
Self-Presentation

• Hair Coloring
  – Only natural, basic colors are permitted

• Jewelry
  – Watches, rings (basic, avoid the ostentatious)
  – One ring per hand (wedding sets count as one ring)
  – No necklaces or chains showing in uniform
  – One pair ¼” round stud earrings (Females only)

• Religious Artifacts
  – Must not be visible
Uniforms and Insignia

• Service Dress Blue

• Worn on more formal occasions when a business suit would be appropriate for a civilian.
Service Dress Blue

• Optional In 7th Coast Guard District

• Worn with SILVER buttons and stripes

• Is the basis of DINNER DRESS BLUE
Uniforms and Insignia

• Dinner Dress Blue

• Worn on formal evening occasions when black tie would be appropriate wear for a civilian.

• Worn with miniature medals and devices.

• OPTIONAL
Tropical Blue Uniform

- Tropical Blue Long
- The uniform of the day in the 7th District.
- One of the first uniforms you should buy.
- Worn with either a ball cap, combination cap or a garrison cap.
- Normally worn for meetings, PE Classes, Boat Shows, etc.
Female Tropical Blue

- Tropical Blue
- Skirt Optional
Uniforms and Insignia
Ribbons

May be worn on all uniforms, except the undress, working and blue blazer.

• Worn in order of precedence from inboard to outboard.

• All rows, except the top row, will contain 3 ribbons.

• Worn with lower edge of bottom row about 1/4 in. above left breast pocket.
Ribbons and Breast Devices

- 1st breast device is 1/4” above ribbons
- 2nd breast device is 1/4’ below top of pocket
- Ribbons and breast devices on left
- Name tag on right, 1/4” above pocket
- Badges may include AUXOP, Command insignias, staff ID, Recruiting and past officer.
- AUXOP is ¼” ABOVE the Name Tag on the right breast.
- Past Officer is ¼” BELOW the top of the RIGHT pocket.
Necessary Accessories

• All new members must obtain the following accessories to complete the basic version of the Tropical Blue Long uniform:
  – Garrison Cap Device (Worn with Garrison Cap)
  – One pair of Enhanced, Member shoulder boards
  – One U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary name tag
• **Outerwear (OPTIONAL)**
  
  – Windbreaker, with or without liner
    • Insignia: Large Metal, Placed ¾” inboard from epaulet seam
  
  – Trench Coat:
    • Insignia: Large Metal, Placed ¾” inboard from epaulet seam
Additional Optional Items

Note: These items are not necessary for a complete uniform

• **Accessories**
  – Wooly Pulley Sweater. Worn indoors or between work stations in immediate area
  – Cardigan Sweater. Worn indoors or between work stations in immediate area.

**Cover**

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

White with CG Blue lettering.

- 3 3/16 in. wide and 5/8 in. high.
- Surname only standard
- First Name/Nickname Optional
- US. Coast Guard Auxiliary below name.
- Worn ¼” over right pocket
Operational Dress Uniform (ODU)

- The second uniform you should buy.
- A working uniform worn for any situation where any form of dress uniform is not required or more appropriate and while commuting to/from duties or missions including brief stops for gas or drive through business.
Operational Dress Uniform

- Embroidered Name Tape (Last Name) sewn over the right pocket
- Embroidered “USCG AUXILIARY” Tape over the left pocket.
- Embroidered Qualification Devices (Coxswain, Trident, AUXOP, etc.)
- Embroidered Collar Devices (Member, Office)
Footwear/Boots

– BLACK 8”-10” plain safety boot
– Safety boots must have a safety toe that conforms with ANSI standards Z41-1999
– Trousers must be BLOUSED when BOOTS are worn.
– OR Optional Brown Leather Boat Shoe
– OR Black, plain toe, dress Oxford shoe
– SOCKS- Black undecorated; must not be visible
Shirt (ODU Coat)

• ODU Coat (Unisex)
  – Coast Guard Blue (tucked if tucked style, un-tucked if un-tucked style)
  – Proper wear: the ODU coat may be worn with sleeves rolled up accordion style with only the cuff showing, or with sleeves down.
  • If rolled, the cuff should be approximately 2” above the elbow (mid-bicep)

• Undershirt
  – Coast Blue “T” Shirt, Round Collar (crew neck)

• Insignia
  – Sew-on only
  – Velcro tapes are optional. Direct embroidery and plastic name tags are prohibited
  – Member Devices/Office Insignia must be sewn on
Trousers/Belt

• **Trousers (Unisex)**
  – ODU Coast Guard Blue Trousers
  – May be worn with Trouser blousing bands but bands must not be visible.

• **Belt**
  – 52” Rigger’s belt with buckle **OR**
    • Black web with black metal tip
    • Black subdued, open frame buckle
  – Proper placement:
    • The metal tip is run through the belt loops beginning on the right side of the zipper. Once fastened, the metal tip will extend from 2” to 4” beyond the buckle. Cut and Singe end to prevent unraveling.
    • The right side of the buckle (as viewed by wearer) shall be aligned with the right side of the shirt opening and the right side of the zipper to form a straight line.
Cover (Hat)

- Auxiliary Dark Blue Baseball Cap
  - USCG Auxiliary or USCG arched over Auxiliary.
  - Member device, garrison cap insignia or office insignia centered in middle.
Necessary Accessories

- All new members must obtain the following accessories to complete the basic version of the Operational Dress Uniform:
  - U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Ball Cap
  - One pair of Sew-on collar devices – Member
Uniforms and Insignia

• Dinner Dress White Jacket

A summer equivalent to civilian black tie.

Worn year round in the 7th District.

An optional uniform in lieu of Dinner Dress Blue
Hot Weather Uniform

- Hot Weather Outfit worn in high humidity and high temperatures:
  - Shorts (ODU or working blue) 3”-6”
  - Shirt- S/S Working Blue or Blue ODU T-Shirt or operational polo shirt
  - Shoes- Dark Brown Boat Shoes, white/black low top athletic shoes w/white socks
  - Hat- Auxiliary Sun Hat (Tilly) OR Ball cap
Operational Polo Shirt

- **OPERATIONAL POLO SHIRT** – A dark CG Blue polo (collared) knit shirt as prescribed by U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Uniform Regulations for male/female personnel. The words “USCG Auxiliary” are embroidered in white over the left breast and the member’s last name is embroidered in white over the right breast.

- **How Worn.** - Well tucked into the waistband of the shorts so that the front of the shirt does not hang below the waistband. Excess material at the waist tucked in behind each hip in two even pleats.
Operational T-Shirt

- OPERATIONAL T-SHIRT – A dark CG Blue T-Shirt as prescribed by U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Uniform Regulations for male/female personnel. The words “USCG Auxiliary” are stenciled or embroidered in white over the left breast.

- How Worn. - Well tucked into the waistband of the shorts so that the front of the shirt does not hang below the waistband. Excess material at the waist tucked in behind each hip in two even pleats.
Auxiliary Blue Blazer

- Blue Blazer with Silver Auxiliary Buttons
- Worn with Embroidered blazer patch
- Auxiliary Blue Blazer may be substituted for all uniforms, except service dress blue (bravo) and working uniforms.
- Blue Blazer worn with white or gray pants or skirt, white shirt, black shoes and dark blue for men.
Auxiliary Blue Blazer
Headgear

• Commonly referred to as a “Cover”
• ALWAYS worn when outdoors in uniform.
• Wear correct “COVER” with the uniform
Garrison Cap

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

– Combination Cap is OPTIONAL
– Should be worn parallel to ground
– Squared up on head. No tilt of any kind
– Insignia front lined up with nose vertically
– Female Members should wear FEMALE Combination Cap.
Combination Cap
Ball Cap

- Ball Cap
  - Silver letters, w/ USCG AUX
  - Member device or miniature office device
  - Can have flotilla number/District Number
Ball Cap
Tropical Shirt

• US Air Force Short Sleeve with epaulets
  – Worn with Enhanced Shoulder Boards

  – Shoulder Board Placement
    • End of the shoulder board placed ¾” inboard (towards the center of the body) of epaulet seam (opposite side from button, where epaulet meets shoulder).

  – Military Creases are OPTIONAL but shirt should be WELL PRESSED!

  – Excess material at waist tucked into two folds at each side “reefed”
Uniform Shirt

- **How Worn.** - Well tucked into the waistband of the trousers so that the front of the shirt does not hang below the waistband. Excess material at the waist tucked in behind each hip in two even pleats. Nothing in breast pockets, which are buttoned.

- **Care.** - Well pressed and unwrinkled. Military creases are optional and consist of sharp, military creases pressed parallel and vertically into front of shirt through the center of each pocket so as to evenly divide each pocket from waist to epaulet; sharp creases in sleeves aligned with epaulet, and three sharp, military creases in back of shirt from yoke seam to waist at center of back and center of each half so as to divide shirt back into four equal quarters. Sewn-in military creases are not authorized.
T-Shirt/Undershirt

- Undershirt
  - White Cotton with quarter sleeves
  - **V-neck** undershirt is required for wear with any short sleeve shirt worn with open collar.
Trousers/Skirt/Belt

- **Trousers (Male/Female)**
  - Coast Guard Blue Service Trousers (Service Dress Blue) ONLY!
  - Worn with Black web belt
  - Do NOT wear Dickies/Sears/Walmart work trousers!!!

- **Skirt (Female)**
  - Coast Guard Blue Service Skirt (Service Dress Blue)
  - Worn with Black web belt
  - Worn with stockings (weather permitting)

- **Belt (Male/Female)**
  - Black web belt with silver tip (tip ONLY showing at buckle!)
  - Worn with Silver belt buckle. Auxiliary insignia authorized
  - Belt tip aligned with “gig line” of shirt buttons and trouser fly.
FOOTWEAR

Black socks:

• Not grey, dark blue, etc.
• Boot socks may not show

• Dress shoes:
  • Black military/naval oxfords with PLAIN, ROUND Toe (leather or patent leather)
Dress Shoes
FOOTWEAR

Boat Shoes:

• Brown/Blue Leather or white athletic shoes
• Non-skid soles
• Worn with WHITE athletic socks
Boat Shoes
Optional Female Shoes

• May wear Black Dress Shoes (Black, plain toe Oxford)
• May wear Black Dress Pumps
  – Females only
  – Worn with Coast Guard Dress Skirt or dress trousers

• Socks: Black plain undecorated
• Stockings: Flesh tone, plain material, seamless, undecorated
Ribbons and Insignia

• Ribbons should always be worn with Tropical Blue and Service Dress Blue.
• A Member wear ALL ribbons or just the highest THREE.
• Ribbons should be worn in proper PRECEDENCE
• Ribbons should be clean and in GOOD condition.
Order of Precedence

Auxiliary and Coast Guard Awards
Common Coast Guard Breast Devices

- Aviation/Surface/Command
Auxiliary Breast Devices

- Auxiliary Pilot
- Auxiliary Air Crew
- AUXOP
- Past Officer
Auxiliary RBS Device
Auxiliary Breast Devices

- Auxiliary Coxswain
- Auxiliary Trident Device
National Staff Device
Auxiliary Breast Devices

- PWC Operator Device
Uniform Insignia

- Auxiliary Member
- Flotilla Staff Officer
Insignia

- Flotilla Vice Commander
- Flotilla Commander
Insignia

• Division Staff Officer
• Division Vice Commander
Insignia

- Division Commander
- Assistant District Staff Officer
Insignia

- District Staff Officer
- District Directorate Officer
Insignia

- District Captain
- District Commodore
National Staff

- Branch Chief
- Division Chief
National Staff

Department Chief

Directorate Commodore (Red “A’)
Insignia

• Area Commodore/ National Chief of Staff (Red “A”)
• National Vice Commodore
National Commodore

• The Elected Head of the Auxiliary
Sources of Supply

- Once you have been issued a Member Number, you can obtain most uniform items online through the Materials Stores operated by the various Auxiliary Districts. You may access the Seventh District Materials Store at the D7 Auxiliary web site at cgaux7.org. Buying uniform components at Coast Guard Exchanges requires an Auxiliary ID Card. In addition, the available sizes and quantity of Auxiliary uniform components at Coast Guard Exchanges can be extremely limited and are often not reliable. Currently, ODU uniforms are NOT available thru Coast Guard Exchanges.
Sources of Supply

• The Eleventh District (South) Auxiliary Material Center is particularly well stocked with the components for the Tropical Blue uniform. With the exception of foot wear, you can obtain virtually all the components of the Tropical Blue uniform, including nametags, through this Material Center. Go to www.d11s.org and click on “Members” then click on “Material Center.” By clicking on the various catalog listings at the left of the Material Center page, you can access all the various components of the Tropical Blue uniform online, purchase them with a credit card and have them shipped to your home. This website is also a good source for the Auxiliary ball cap.
Sources of Supply

- Although more expensive than other sources, Lighthouse Uniform has high quality Auxiliary uniforms and insignia available at:
  - http://www.lighthouseuniform.com
Sources of Supply

- The Coast Guard Uniform Distribution Center at [www.uscg.mil/uniforms](http://www.uscg.mil/uniforms) provides virtually all the uniform components for both the Tropical Blue and ODU uniforms. Orders may be placed online or by telephone with a credit card. Shipping is prompt. Before placing an order, go through the Uniform Items you require and write down the stock numbers for the uniform components and sizes that you need.
For ODU uniforms, after clicking on “Uniform Items”, click on “ODU Uniforms”. First, review and download the PowerPoint “How to Wear the ODU Uniform”. Then click on “ODU Coat” and “ODU Trousers” to identify and note the Stock Numbers for your size. Then click back to the “Uniforms Catalogue” page and click on “ODU Accessories and Attachments” to get the Stock Numbers to order your sew on Nametape, sew on USCG Auxiliary tape and black web ODU belt and buckle.
Embroidered Insignia

- Sew on Member Collar Devices, sew on office insignia, sew on Nametapes, sew on USCG Auxiliary tapes, and sew on Auxiliary breast devices may be purchased online at [www.bentneedle.net](http://www.bentneedle.net).
- Auxiliary plastic nametags and embroidered nametapes and Auxiliary branch tapes can also be purchased at [www.1800nametape.com](http://www.1800nametape.com).
Used Uniforms

• Used uniform items in good condition at reasonable prices can be obtained through the following web site:

http://users.mo-net.com/district8WR/members/used_uniform_exchg.htm
Purchasing Footwear

• Purchasing uniform footwear can often be a challenge. Good quality brown boat shoes can be purchased at a number of locations such as West Marine. However, black military oxfords and boots for wear with the ODU uniform in the right size can be hard to find at a Coast Guard Exchange. High gloss or patent leather uppers are not required but are recommended. High gloss uppers still must be cleaned and polished but require much less maintenance. If leather uppers are worn, they must be cleaned and well polished after each wear.
Purchasing Footwear

• For wear with the Tropical Blue uniform, the Bates Lites black, high gloss oxford is recommended. This dress shoe is a high gloss, synthetic uppers shoe that is easily maintained. This shoe is available from a number of sources on the Internet for about $59.

• Another potential source of comfortable, appropriate uniform footwear is Rockport. They sell a black, plain round toe oxford with leather uppers that is quite comfortable and can be shined to a high gloss. They are available from a number of Internet sources as well as from major shoe outlets.
Bates also offers an 8” high side zipper boot with an ASTM Z41-1999 steel safety toe that would be suitable for wear with the ODU uniform through a number of online sources for about $60. These boots are also available at Bass Outdoor World.
REMEMBER

• Wear your uniform PROUDLY!

• Wear your uniform CORRECTLY!