



United States Coast Guard Auxiliary



2020 Coast Guard Auxiliary Uniforms Tropical Blue Uniform Highlights for D11N

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Wearing the Coast Guard Uniform is a Privilege

- Each of us took the oath in the Members Pledge to abide by the governing policies set forth by the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard.
- Wearing the uniform properly and abiding by established grooming standards is a reflection on ourselves, our service, and our nation.
- Uniforms must be complete. Partial or incomplete uniforms are not authorized. This includes cover, name tag, enhanced shoulder boards, member/office devices, belt, shoes. *If your uniform is not complete, do not wear it. It is as simple as that.*



Wearing the Coast Guard Uniform is a Privilege

- Help us develop a culture of Uniform Pride! Take Personal Accountability
- YOU are a representative of the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.
- It is up to each individual member to be each others keepers, reinforcing good uniform wear, and giving counsel and feedback when a violation is observed. Praise in public! Coach in private...

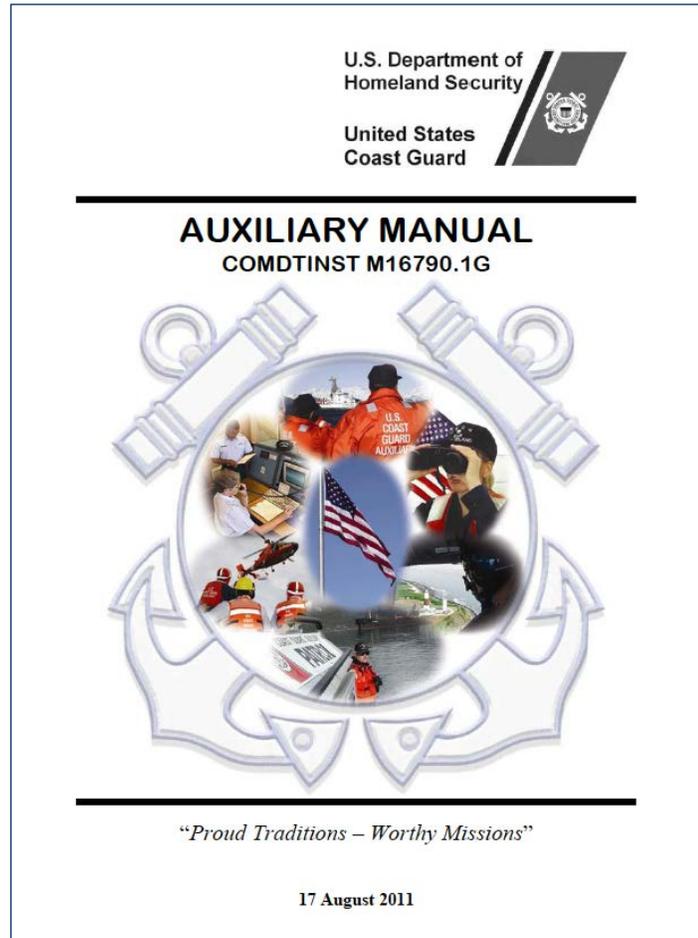


Topics

- Uniform standards
- Description and wearing of the Tropical Blue Uniform (TROPS)
- Proper placement of name tag, ribbons, & devices
- Grooming standards
- Where to procure your uniforms



Uniform Standards



*The word “**uniform**” implies consistency and conformance to certain standards.*

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



Uniform Standards

- Uniform Standards are established by:
 - USCG Uniform Regulations Manual – COMDINST M1020.6 (series)
 - USCG Auxiliary Manual – COMDINST M16790.1 (series)
 - Uniform Board announcements & ALCOAST/ALAUX messages.
- Elected and Appointed officers are expected to set the example for proper uniform wear.
- Human Resources staff (FSO/SO/DSO-HR) can assist with your Uniform questions.

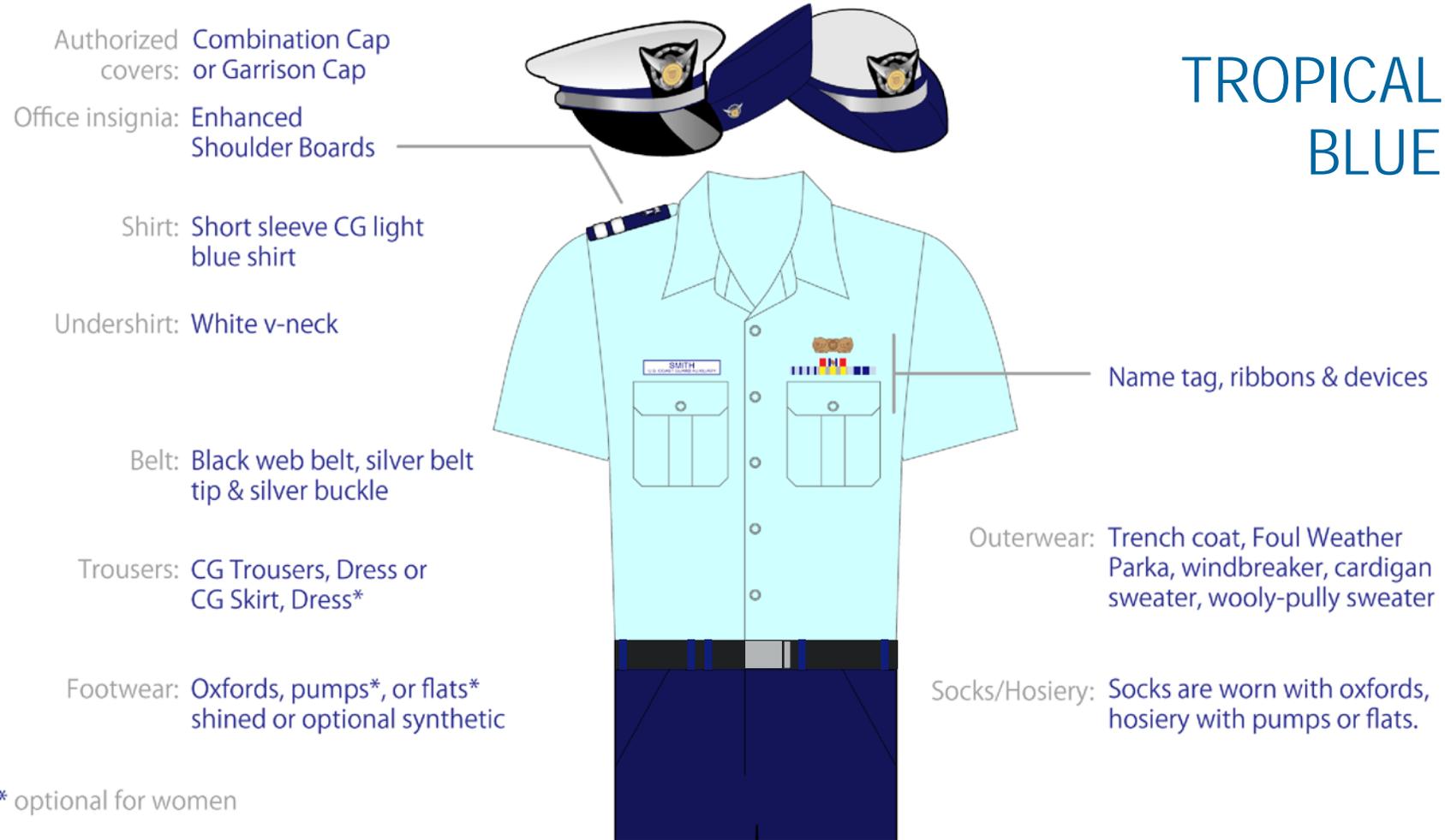


Tropical Blue – The most versatile uniform

- Light blue CG uniform shirt, short sleeve.
- The Over blouse or Maternity shirt, untucked, may be worn by women in lieu of the light blue CG uniform shirt.
- CG Service Dress Blue trousers.
- Plain black socks and basic black shoes.
- Name tag, ribbons, qualification devices (no medals).
- Enhanced Shoulder Boards – No collar devices..
- V-neck T-shirt (No crew neck T-shirt).
- Garrison cap or Combination cap.
- Approved for year-round use.
- Typically worn at meetings, classrooms, public affairs similar functions. Always follow prescribed “Uniform of the Day”.



Tropical Blue



TROPICAL BLUE



Women's Overblouse & Maternity Uniform Shirt

- These uniforms shirts are very similar to the Tropical Light Blue Uniform Shirt.
- The difference is that neither of these uniform items have pockets on the left or right sides of the shirt and is designed to be worn untucked outside of the trousers.
- Remember, the Tropical Blue Uniform Shirt with pockets should never be worn untucked.
- The Name tag on the women's light blue over blouse or maternity uniform, will be worn so that it is level and centered on the right side of the shirtfront in the same approximate position that it would be worn on a properly fitting light blue shirt with pockets. Individuals are to adjust placement of nametag to allow for shirt size and individual body proportions to achieve appropriate appearance.
- Office and other insignia, badges, and nametags are worn in the same manner on the overblouse and maternity uniforms as on the corresponding uniforms they replace. Minor adjustments in placement are authorized to prevent discomfort and to present an orderly and balanced appearance.



Women's Overblouse or Maternity

Authorized covers: Combination Cap or Garrison Cap

Office insignia: Enhanced Shoulder Boards

Shirt: Women's Overblouse or Maternity Shirt

Undershirt: White v-neck

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

Trousers: CG Trousers, Dress or CG Skirt, Dress

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



TROPICAL BLUE

with Women's Overblouse or Maternity Shirt

Name tag, ribbons & devices

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

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



Tropical Blue Long Sleeve



- Worn throughout the year.
- Coast Guard blue tie; tie clasp centered in the middle of pockets.
- Black shoe and socks.
- Enhanced shoulder boards
- Right pocket ¼ inch above pocket seam: name tag and AUXOP device, on pocket National staff badge.
- Left pocket ¼ inch above pocket seam: one qualification device, AIMS badge.
- Garrison or Combination cap.
- Approved outerwear:
 - Windbreaker, Bridge Coat, Trench Coat, Foul Weather Parka, Cardigan Sweater or Wooly-Pully sweater

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

General Information

- Hats are to be worn squarely on the head.
- Tropical shirt will be worn with the top button open only.
- Bottom of pants should touch shoe tops.
- Women's skirt hemline will be:
 - no higher than the crease in the back of the knee.
 - no lower than two inches below the crease in the back of the knee.
 - Worn with flesh tone, plain material, seamless, undecorated stockings.
- Bracelets, necklaces, wristwatches, ID bracelets and rings must be conservative, noncontroversial, and in good taste.
 - No more than 2 rings on each hand.
- The right side of the buckle (as viewed by wearer) shall be aligned with the right side of the shirt opening and the right side of the zipper to form a straight line as shown. Known in the military as a "GIG" line.

"GIG" Line



Shoulder Boards



TROPICAL
BLUE

Enhanced
Shoulder
Boards

- Silver "A" for Elected Offices
- Red "A" for Appointed Offices
- Member boards have Silver "A" only



Ribbons, Name Tags, Devices, & Insignia

Auxiliary Devices & Badges
on wearer's **right**

Insignias & Ribbons on
wearer's **left**



Left Side of Uniform

- Ribbons & Qualification Insignias.
 - Lowest row of ribbons is centered $\frac{1}{4}$ " above top of the left pocket.
 - 1st breast insignia is centered $\frac{1}{4}$ " above ribbons.
 - 2nd breast insignia is centered $\frac{1}{4}$ " below top of left pocket.



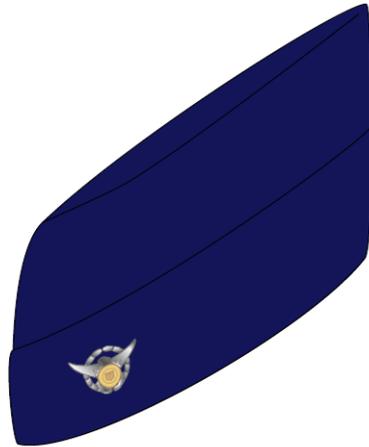
Right Side of Uniform

- Devices & Badges

- Name tag is centered ¼” above top of right pocket.
- AUXOP device is centered ¼” above the name plate.
- Past Officer device is center on left pocket flap between the button and flap seem.
- Recruiting badge is centered on right pocket.
- National Staff badge is centered on right pocket.
- Women may wear the staff badge above the name plate, and wear the AUXOP device below the name tag.

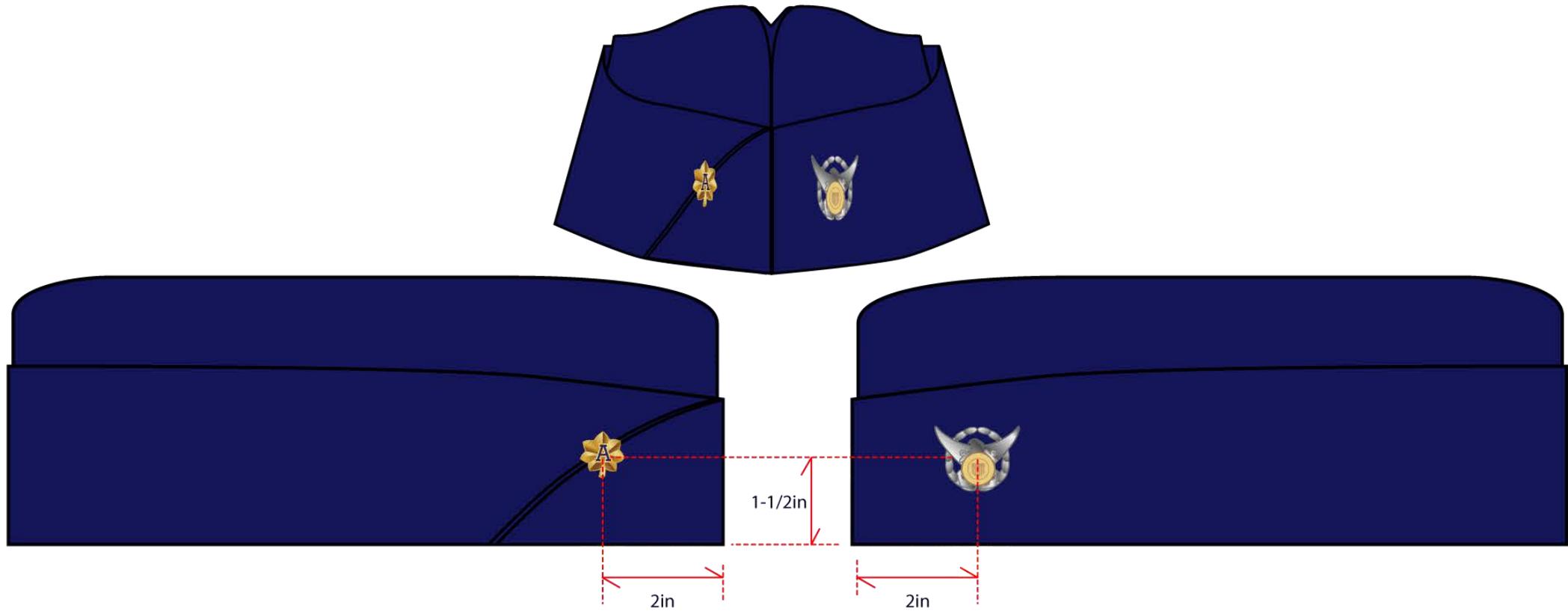


Coast Guard Auxiliary Covers worn with Tropical Blue Uniform



Garrison Cap

- Worn with small cap device (wearer's left) and small metal insignia of office or member insignia (wearer's right).



Garrison Cap devices

- Size small metal device on your garrison cap must match your shoulder boards.



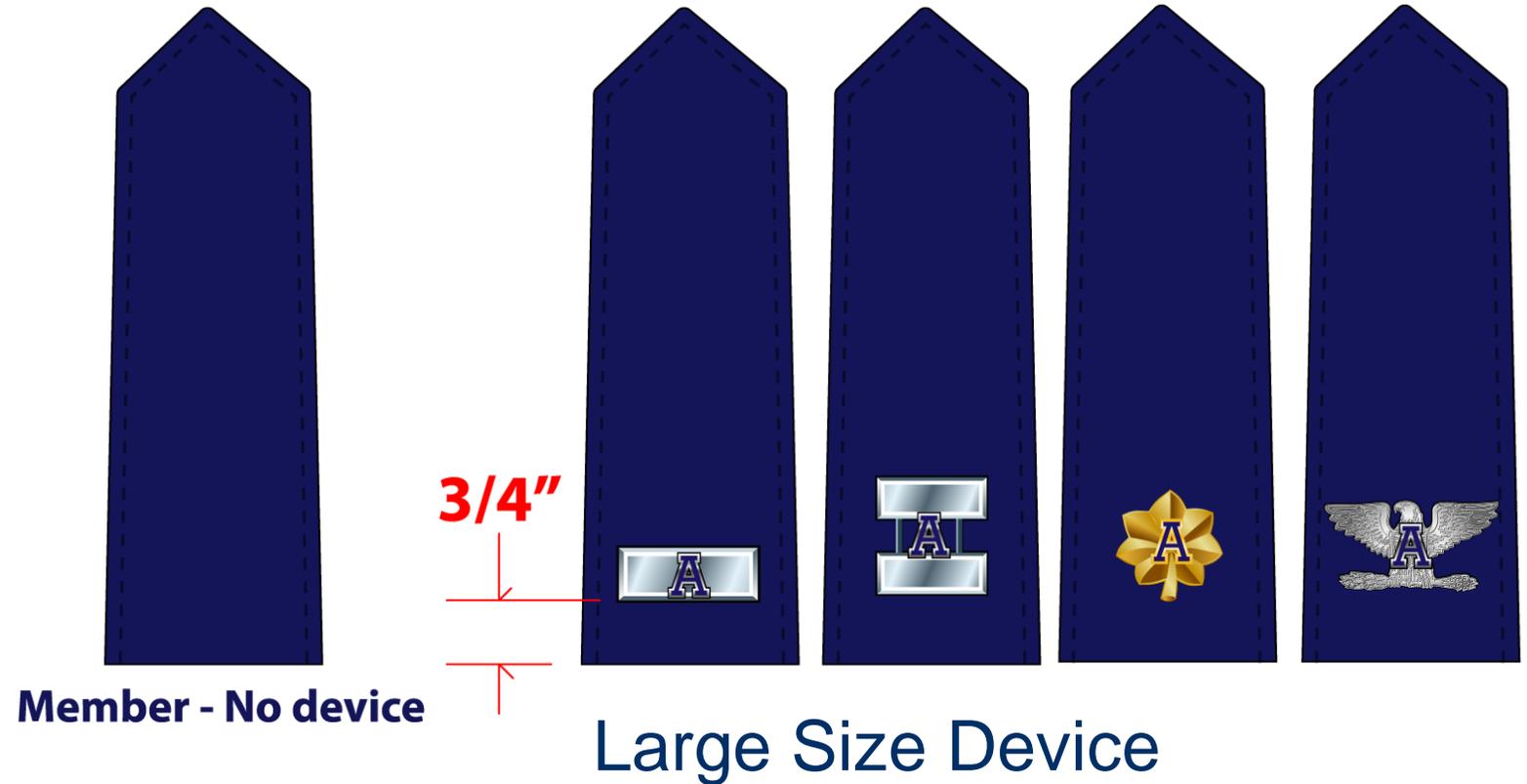
Combination Cap

- Auxiliary cap device with blue band
- Silver braided cap strap.
- Auxiliary silver screw posts.
- Auxiliarists holding DCDR or above (and commensurate) office positions are adorned with one or two rows of silver oak leaves and acorns.



Windbreaker

- $\frac{3}{4}$ zippered up
- Zipper pull tucked



Wooley Pulley



- Worn with enhanced shoulder boards only
- Shirt collar out

Foul Weather Parka Wear

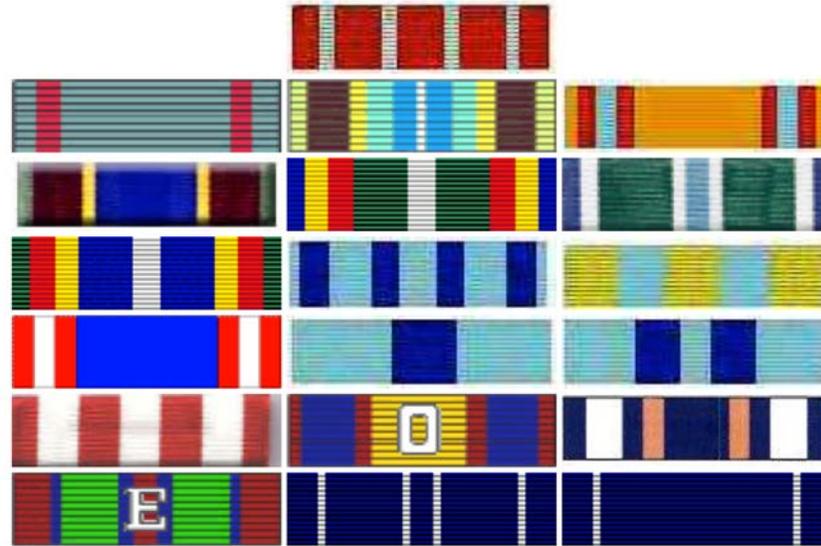
- The Foul Weather Parka II (worn with or without the liner) is authorized for wear with the Tropical Blue uniform.
- The Foul Weather Parka (FWPII) fabric office device is a mandatory uniform item for the parka shell.
- Wear of metal office insignia is not authorized.



Fabric Office Device

Ribbons

- Ribbons are worn 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, Auxiliarist 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.
- Those Auxiliarists with prior U.S. military service may wear their authorized federal ribbons and medals in addition to the Auxiliary medals and ribbons on their uniforms.



Ribbon Rack Options

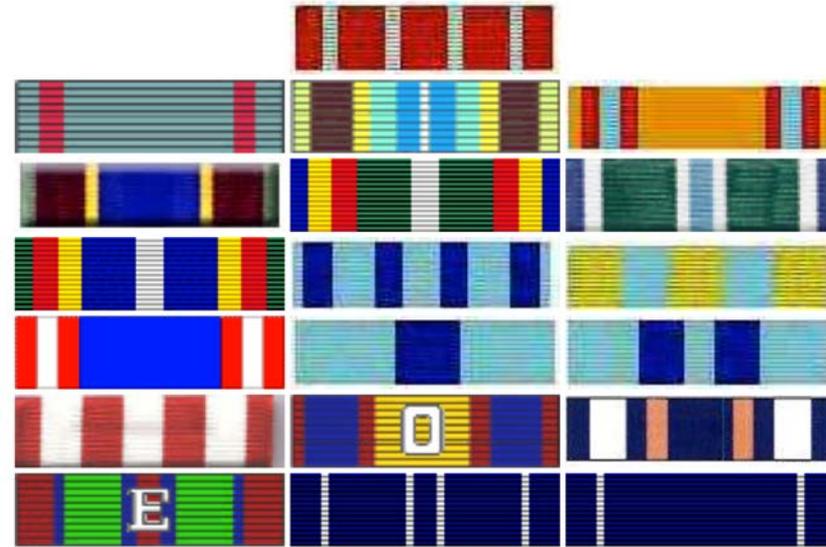
Members may wear all ribbons earned

or

Wearers choice of 9 ribbons earned.

or

Wear the senior 3 ribbons earned



Ribbons Have an Order

Check that you have your ribbons in the correct order:

[Ribbon Checker](#)

<http://ribbons.cgaux.info/>

[United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Ribbons and Medals](#)

http://wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads_wowII/H-DEPT/USCGA_Ribbons.pdf



Men's Grooming Standards while in Uniform

- Hair coloring should be only natural, basic colors.
- Hair should be neat and clean and above the collar
- Full and partial beards, van dykes, and goatees are authorized.
 - Handlebar mustaches or other eccentric styles are not appropriate while in uniform
 - Ceremonial Color Guard (during public appearances) shall be clean shaven
- Patches and spotty clumps of facial hair are not considered beards and are not authorized.
- The bulk of the beard (distance that the mass of facial hair protrudes from the skin on the face) **shall not exceed 1 inch.**
- Beards, sideburns, or mustaches if worn, shall be well groomed and neatly trimmed at all times in order not to present a ragged appearance.
- No portion of a mustache will extend below the lip line of the upper lip



Women's Grooming Standards while in Uniform

- Hair coloring should be only natural, basic colors.
- Hair should be neat and clean and at the collar.
- Hair buns should not exceed three inches and pony tails should be inconspicuously fastened to the head. The bun may touch, but may not fall below the bottom edge of the back of the shirt collar or jacket collar, with exception to the foul weather parka.
- Fingernails: Men and women shall keep their nails clean. Women may wear nail polish, but the color shall be conservative and neutral in color. Decorative nail art is not authorized while in uniform.
- Hair claws shall be wingless; not to exceed 3 inches in length and 1 inch in width. The hair claw shall be black, navy blue, brown or a color similar to the individual's hair color and shall not interfere with the proper wearing of head gear (and/or safety gear). Restrict the wear of hair accessories while engaged in operational environments where there is a risk for foreign object damage (FOD) hazards or for personnel safety.
- Female hair style "locks" are authorized hair style, and present a balanced, neat, professional and well groomed appearance.
- The diameter of braids, cornrows, locks and twists allowance from ¼ inch to ½ inch with no more than a ¼ inch space between rows.
- Pony tails ends shall be neatly and inconspicuously fastened, pinned or secured to the head at all times.



Additional Grooming Standards while in Uniform

- Earrings
 - Men cannot wear earrings.
 - Women can wear one pair of small gold, silver or pearl earrings of the ball style (no larger than ¼ inch).
- Necklaces, chains, suspenders, pens, handkerchiefs, etc...should not be visible.
- Button closures, including pockets, shall be buttoned.



Tattoos / Body Piercing / Brands

- 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.
- 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).



Prohibited Wear of Auxiliary Uniform

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



Where to buy uniforms and uniform items

Coast Guard Exchange
(CGX)

USCG Auxiliary Center
(AUXCEN/Shop Auxiliary)

USCG Installation Lucky Bags

USCGA Used Uniform Exchange



How:

- <http://www.ShopCGX.com>
- For Uniform Web Orders:
- 1-800-874-6841

Items available:

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



Where to buy uniforms and uniform items

Your local Coast Guard Exchange
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How:

- Once you have an ID card you can gain access to the CGEX
- Access for newer members in AP status can be obtained when accompanied by another member
- On line exchange (ShopCGX.com.)

Items available:

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



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How:

- <http://www.shopauxiliary.com>
- Click on “District Online Members Store”

Items available:

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

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How:

- Talk to your FSO-HR

Items available:

- Depends upon the local stock

Member service:

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



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- How:
 - Check with your local District Used Uniform store
- Items Available:
 - Dependent upon changing availability



Ask Your Flotilla Commander or FSO-HR

- It is highly recommended that New Members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary speak with their Flotilla Commander first about procuring either the Tropical Blue and/or Operational Dress Uniform, as these will be appropriate for a majority of USCGAUX activities.
- Talk to your FSO-HR if you have specific questions on uniform procurement or wear.
- Be proactive –Always ask if you don't know...



“All U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary activities are Public Affairs events, regardless of the type of uniform worn.”

“ALL UNIFORMS MUST BE WORN CORRECTLY.”



Wearing the Coast Guard Uniform is a Privilege

- *Thank you for reading, understanding, and complying with this training. It is up to all of us to embody the Coast Guard Core Values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty.*
- *It is a Privilege to wear the Coast Guard uniform, however it is not a Right. We must respect the uniform and what it stands for, otherwise this privilege could be taken away from all of us if we don't.*
- *I urge all members to take pride in not only the tasks we perform for the Coast Guard, but also in the manner in which we do it. The Auxiliary is unique in that we serve alongside active duty and reserve members and we are looked at the same way when in uniform. We are the face of the Coast Guard in many situations and it is our duty to present our service in the best and most professional way possible.*

Thank you for being a member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

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