

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary New Member

Proper Wear of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Uniform



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Purpose

- This presentation is meant to provide new members with the basic information necessary for proper wear of the following uniforms.
 - Tropical Blue Long
 - Operational Dress Uniform
- In addition, some key information regarding grooming and self-presentation has also been included.
- Be advised:
 - Outerwear, additional vestments (i.e. the Cardigan sweater) and certain Covers (i.e. the Combination cap) described herein are not listed on the basic order forms for the Tropical Blue Long or the Operational Dress Uniform. For further information on how to obtain these articles please contact your FSO-PS.

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 DIRUAX
- 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)
 - No necklaces or chains
 - One pair ¼” round stud earrings (Females only)
- Religious Headwear
 - Religious headwear is not to interfere with proper Auxiliary Cover. Must not be visible. Must conform with hair color.
- Religious Artifacts
 - Must not be visible

TROPICAL BLUE LONG



THIS UNIFORM IS WORN INSTEAD OF THE SERVICE DRESS BLUE (BRAVO) UNIFORM, EXCEPT WHEN A COAT AND TIE ARE MORE APPROPRIATE. APPROVED FOR YEAR ROUND USE.

Cover

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

Shirt

- US Air Force Short Sleeve with epaulets
 - Worn with Enhanced Shoulder Boards
 - Shoulder Board Placement
 - End of the shoulder board placed $\frac{3}{4}$ " inboard (towards the center of the body) of epaulet seam (opposite side from button, where epaulet meets shoulder).
 - Appropriate Shoulder Board insignia according to Position/Office
 - Member – silver shield
 - Elected – Blue "A"
 - Appointed – Red "A"
- Undershirt
 - White Cotton with quarter sleeves
 - V-neck undershirt is required for wear with any short sleeve shirt worn with open collar, except with Operational Dress Uniform
- Female members (Plus Size)
 - Tunic Over Blouse (optional)

Tunic Over-Blouse

- For women who will be more comfortable in a size larger than those offered at the Uniform Distribution Center in Woodbine NJ. The shirt does not need to be tucked into the pants when worn. It can be ordered from the Auxiliary Center (AUXCEN) in St. Louis MO.
- The qualification insignia, shoulder boards, ribbons etc. that are worn with the Tropical Blue Long shirt are worn on this shirt.



Trousers/Skirt/Belt

- Trousers (Male/Female)
 - Coast Guard Blue Service Trousers (Service Dress Blue)
 - Worn with Black web belt
- Skirt (Female)
 - Coast Guard Blue Service Skirt (Service Dress Blue)
 - Worn with Black web belt
 - Worn with stockings
- Belt (Male/Female)
 - Black web belt with silver tip
 - Worn with Silver belt buckle

Shoes

- Black Dress Shoes (UDC-issue)
- Black Dress Pumps (UDC-issue)
 - Females only
 - Worn with Coast Guard Dress Skirt

Socks/Stockings

- Socks: Black plain undecorated
- Stockings: Flesh tone, plain material, seamless, undecorated

Necessary Accessories

- All new members must obtain the following accessories to complete the basic version of the Tropical Blue Long uniform:
 - Garrison Cap Device
 - One pair of Enhanced, Member shoulder boards
 - One U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary name tag

Additional Items

Note: These items are not necessary for a complete uniform

- Accessories

- Woolly 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

Additions for the Tropical Blue Long, cont'd

- Outerwear
 - Windbreaker, with or without liner
 - Insignia: Large Metal, Placed $\frac{3}{4}$ " inboard from epaulet seam
 - Trench Coat:
 - Insignia: Large Metal, Placed $\frac{3}{4}$ " inboard from epaulet seam
 - All Weather Parka, Type I (old) or II (new)
 - Insignia: only one insignia can be worn on Storm (zipper) Flap on Jacket
 - AWP Liner : can be worn alone as outer wear
 - Trouser : can be worn in extreme weather conditions

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Worn where any form of Dress Uniform is not required or more appropriate. It is **not** a Liberty Uniform.

Cover (Hat)

- Auxiliary Dark Blue Baseball Cap
 - USCG Auxiliary or USCG arched over Auxiliary.
 - Member device or office insignia centered in middle.

Shirt (ODU Coat)

- ODU Coat (Unisex)
 - Coast Guard Blue
 - 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
 - Auxiliary Tape: U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary; Last Name
 - The member's last name goes over the right pocket and U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY over the left. Velcro tapes are optional. Direct embroidery and plastic name tags are prohibited
 - Member Devices must be sew 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
 - 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 as shown

Shoes

- 8"-10" plain black safety boot (i.e. Super Boot II)
- Safety boots must have a safety toe that conforms with ANSI standards Z41-1999

Socks

- Black undecorated; must not be visible

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
- Optional
 - Garrison Cap Device
 - To be worn in the center of the Auxiliary Ball Cap
 - Transferable to the Garrison Cap

Additional Items

Note: These items are not necessary for a complete uniform

Outerwear (see earlier section for proper insignia placement)

- All Weather Parka
- AWP Liner
- Windbreaker
- Trench Coat

Order Forms

- Order forms will be available for download at the Auxiliary Personnel Department Uniform Division webpage on or before 18 August 2008.
 - <http://www.auxpdept.org/uniform.htm>
 - Tropical Blue Long Male
 - Tropical Blue Long Female
 - Tropical Blue Long Accessories
 - Tunic Over Blouse
 - Operational Dress Uniform – Unisex
 - Operational Dress Uniform – Accessories
- If you do not have access to the internet, contact your FSO-PS.