

Uniforms

Basic Introduction Course (BIC)

Lesson 3



Auxiliary University Programs



Core Values at the core of our service

Honor “Integrity is our standard. We demonstrate uncompromising ethical conduct and moral behavior in all of our actions. We are loyal and accountable to the public trust.”

Respect “We value our diverse workforce. We treat each other with fairness, dignity, and compassion. We encourage creativity through empowerment. We work as a team.”

Devotion to Duty “We are professionals, military and civilian, who seek responsibility, accept accountability, and are committed to the successful achievement of our organizational goals. We exist to serve. We serve with pride.”

**Honor is to serve yourself; Respect is to serve others;
Devotion to Duty is to serve your country.**



Coast Guard Ethos

I am a Coast Guardsman.

I serve the people of the United States.

I will protect them.

I will defend them.

I will save them.

I am their shield.

For them I am Semper Paratus.

I live the Coast Guard core values.

I am proud to be a Coast Guardsman.

We are the United States Coast Guard.



(ADMIN 1)

**DID YOU LOG AND
SUBMIT YOUR TIME?**



Why the way we look and act matters...

“As an Auxiliarist, I had the opportunity to lead a public affairs ‘mission’ at a local town festival. We had a good mix of Auxiliarists and ‘fresh-outta-boot-camp’ gold side there, and we were having a great time playing with the kids and letting them climb all over the 25-foot we had on trailer from station.

“The afternoon shift arrived, and included a pair of rather unkempt Auxiliarists wearing old-style ‘working blue’ uniforms that were clearly many years past their prime.

“A young Fireman looked at me and said, ‘No offense, Sir, but this is why I hate the Auxiliary. They make us look like we don’t respect the service or ourselves.’”



Basic Uniforms

Operational Dress Uniform (ODU)

- For operations when the uniform may become soiled or dirty;
- Not intended for formal occasions or office wear.



Service Dress Blue (SDB)

- For occasions when civilian equivalent is coat and tie;
- Not intended for occasions when it may become soiled;

Tropical Blue (“Trops”)

- For occasions when the civilian equivalent is “business casual”;
- Not intended for operations or occasions when the uniform may become soiled;
- Considered the standard “uniform of the day” in the Coast Guard.



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WHICH UNIFORM WHEN?



Tropical Blue (“Trops”)

Cover: Combination or Garrison;

Shirt: Short sleeve, light blue, never with tie; V-neck undershirt—no visible collar;

Insignia: Enhanced shoulder boards;

Attached: Nametag, ribbons, qualification devices;

Pants: Dark blue dress with black web belt;

Feet: Black socks and leather undecorated oxford shoes.

Uniform of the day for all occasions when a tie is not necessary, and the uniform will not be soiled.



Service Dress Blue “Bravo” (SDB)

“SDB” is the same as Tropical Blue, except:

- Cover: Combo Cover ONLY
- Shirt: Light blue, always with standard issue tie;
- Jacket: Dress blue jacket with silver buttons;
- Insignia: Enhanced shoulder boards on shirt, lace and shield on jacket cuffs.

SDB “Alfa” is the same as “Bravo”, but for more formal occasions (dinners, weddings, funerals, often after 1800). Replace the blue with a white shirt. Rest is the same.

Uniform of the day for all occasions when civilian equivalent is tie and jacket.



Operational Dress Uniform (ODU)

- **Cover:** ODU ball cap, with member or office insignia;
- **Shirt:** Dark blue crew-neck tee shirt under dark blue ODU blouse;
- **Insignia:** sew-on cloth office (with black "A") or member devices;
- **Attached:** Sew-on name and "USCG Auxiliary", 1 sew-on qualification device;
- **Pants:** Dark blue ODU trousers with black "riggers" belt; bloused on boots;
- **Feet:** Black work socks and hard-toe black leather boots.

Uniform of the day in working situations or whenever there is a chance of the uniform becoming soiled.



For something a bit more formal...

SDB turns to “Dinner Dress Blue”, substituting for the “dinner jacket” uniform, quite easily:

- Only wear the combo cover;
- Wear a white six-button shirt;
- Swap the blue necktie or collar tab for a black bow tie (men) or collar tab (women);
- Never wear a nametag;
- Wear only miniature medals and qualification devices, no ribbons at all.
- Gold Side 2 ½ stripes and higher upgrade to dinner dress jackets.

Uniform of the day at formal occasions when civilian equivalent calls for a tuxedo.



Attention to Detail

No Longer Serviceable...

- Faded shirts that are no longer blue;

Ironing and proper storage now can save you a lot of trouble later.

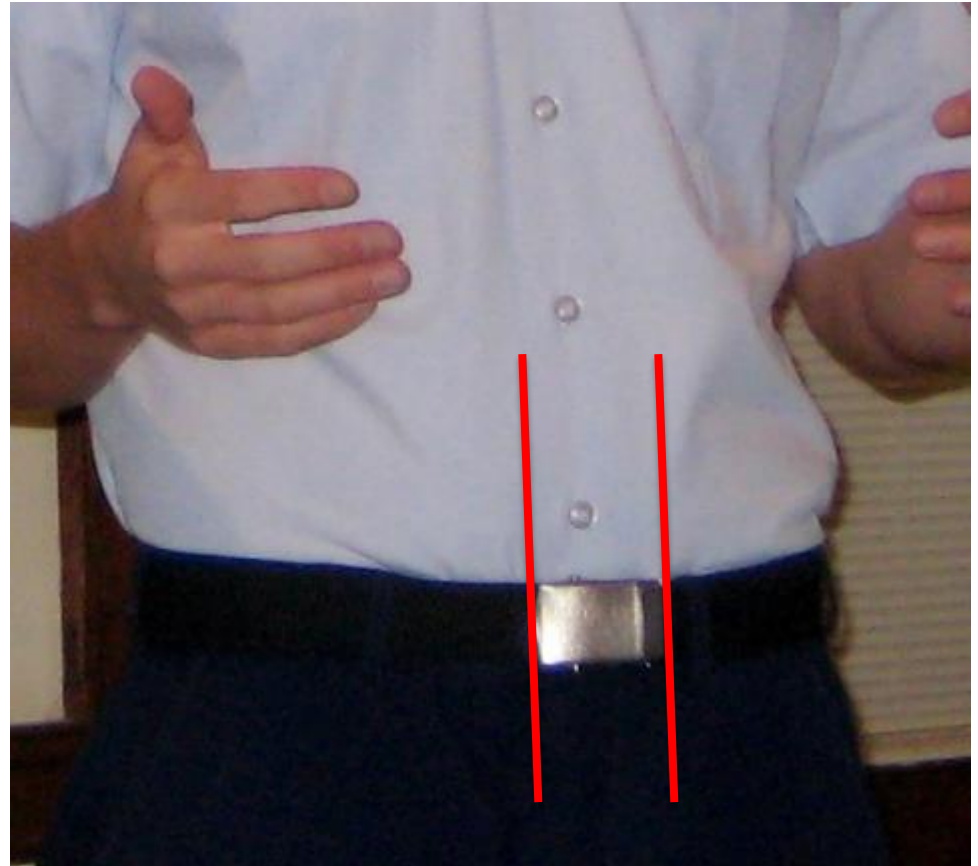
Know your combinations...

- Long sleeves demand a tie;
- Boat shoes only work with the ODU when on a boat;
- Bowties never go with nametags or ribbons, and always go with miniatures;
- Large metal insignia are for your jacket shoulders, nothing more;
- Jackets at least two-thirds zipped or fully buttoned—never fully open.



Straighten your “Gig Line”

There is an imaginary line that connects the buttons on your shirt, the edge of your belt buckle, and the zipper of your trousers... make sure it is straight!



Key Rules of Uniform Wear

If the “silver side” and the “gold side” agree on a uniform matter, then use it.

- Take care and show pride in your appearance;
- Replace when its old, worn, “no longer serviceable”;
- Control costs by obtaining only the uniforms you need;
- Be precise, and consult the directives;
- Rely on each other—help your shipmates;
- Always wear a cover when outdoors and in uniform, or in formation, indoors or outdoors.
- Do not wear soiled, un-ironed, un-polished uniforms.
- Follow the regulations, and always look it up!
- Remember that “WE are the United States Coast Guard”.



Honor – Respect – Devotion to Duty

HOW DO CORE VALUES AND UNIFORMS RELATE?



Helpful Resources

- Auxiliary Manual (AUXMAN), COMDTINST 16790.1 (Series)
 - Chapter 10 is devoted to Auxiliary uniforms
- Uniform Distribution Center (UDC)
<http://www.uscg.mil/hr/udc/>
- Check with your District's auxiliary material center or store
- Coast Guard Exchanges - <http://www.cg-exchange.com/>
- Your shipmates are your most important resources.

