

Uniform Changes Effective 21 June 2011

Coast Guard uniform policies were changed on 11 June 2011, as described in ALCOAST 291/11. Although considerable latitude was provided to minimize the impacts of these changes on Auxiliary uniform policies, several changes to Auxiliary uniform policies are necessary in order to sustain a high degree of servicewide continuity.

ALAUX 21 JUN 11, provided as a resource below, summarizes the main impacts on and resultant effective changes to Auxiliary uniform policies stemming from that ALCOAST. Due to the nature and breadth of uniform policies, not all uniform policy impacts to all sections of Chapter 10 of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST M16790.1 (series) have been described in that ALAUX. Additional detailed changes will be included in the 2011 revision to the Auxiliary Manual.

A summary of key changes is as follows, but all members are urged to read and understand the entire ALAUX below.

- Auxiliary Baseball and Unit Baseball Caps: may no longer be worn with the Tropical Blue, and the Winter Dress Blue uniforms. Additionally, only plain brims (no scrambled eggs) are authorized for senior officers after 31 December 2012. Additionally, only ball caps sourced by the Coast Guard Auxiliary Center (AUXCEN), the Coast Guard Uniform Distribution Center (UDC) and the Coast Guard Exchange System (CGES) are authorized.
- Service Dress Blue Uniform and Combination Cover: The combination cover is now the *only* authorized cover (cap) for wear with the Service Dress Blue Uniform.
- Tropical Blue and Winter Dress Blue Uniforms: may only be worn with the windbreaker, trench coat, and when conditions dictate, with the foul-weather parka. In addition, the bridge coat is authorized with the Winter Dress Blue uniform.
- Operational Dress Uniform (ODU): Auxiliarists are advised to "carefully consider the appropriateness" of the ODU in interagency and public situations, and with a specific exception, are not to wear it visiting civilian agencies or non-Coast Guard Organizations. See the full ALAUX for the carefully-worded instructions. The use of dark blue or brown leather boat shoes continues to be authorized without restriction (e.g., not just onboard a facility during a patrol). Tucked ODUs are authorized until no longer serviceable.
- T-Shirt Requirements When ODU Blouse Removed: The removal of the ODU blouse continues to be authorized for demanding, prolonged operations in high temperatures. However, in such circumstances, only a Coast Guard dark blue crew neck T-shirt emblazoned with "USCG AUXILIARY" in 3/4" block style letters over the left breast is authorized. Additional restrictions apply.

Resource: [Coast Guard Auxiliary Uniform Policy Changes \[ALAUX 21 JUN 11\] \(pdf;4p\)](#)

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