

Uniform Standards for CHANGES-OF-WATCH

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To all District Captains, Division Commanders and Flotilla Commanders:

There seems to be some confusion about the proper uniform for dress occasions such as changes-of-watch. Part of this stems from what appears to be either a mistake or an omission in the new *Auxiliary Manual*. The following has been reviewed with CDR Steven D. Whitehead, USCG, the Director of Auxiliary for our District. I ask that you adhere to the proper description of each uniform and list of components so that people who attend change-of-watch ceremonies are in a proper uniform.

Uniform

1. DINNER DRESS BLUE JACKET

Blue (black colored) Navy mess jacket with silver Auxiliary buttons
White tuxedo shirt with plain collar (no wing tips) or blouse for women
Silver studs and cuff-links
Silver stripes and shield insignia on sleeve
Plain black bow tie (or crescent-shaped black velvet ribbon tie for women)
Silver cummerbund, pleated, with chain to close front of jacket
Military formal trousers that match the jacket (women may wear long or short skirt or slacks).
Miniature medals and miniature breast devices
AUXOP device
Past officer's device
Black, plain-toe shoes and black socks (black pumps and flesh-colored stockings for women)
Combination cap only (no garrison caps or baseball caps)
NO RIBBONS OR NAME TAG, PLEASE
Bridge coat or trench coat. No parkas, windbreakers, or civilian overcoats.

Dinner Dress White Jacket is improper for this Season. It is solely a summer uniform.

2. DINNER DRESS BLUE

Same as service dress blue, except:
WHITE dress shirt (no wing-tip collar, pleats, or studs) - New *Auxiliary Manual* omits mention of the shirt color
Plain black bow tie (or crescent shaped black velvet ribbon tie for women)
Wear miniature medals and miniature breast devices
AUXOP device
Past officer's device
Black, plain-toe shoes and black socks (black pumps and flesh-colored stockings for women)
Combination cap only (no garrison caps or baseball caps)
NO RIBBONS OR NAME TAG, PLEASE
Bridge coat or trench coat. No parkas, windbreakers, or civilian overcoats.

3. TROPICAL BLUE

As usually prescribed - usually not prescribed or appropriate for a dress occasion
Bridge coat, trench coat, or foul-weather parka.

4. APPROPRIATE CIVILIAN DRESS

Civilian suit for men or women

Women may wear pants-suits, party dresses or ball gowns as appropriate

Auxiliary blue blazer (with Auxiliary logo on pocket and large silver Auxiliary buttons) and
gray trousers (or skirt for women),

Black socks (or regular stockings for women) and black shoes.

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