Section F. Uniform Accessories

Introduction	This section describes various accessories that Auxiliarists are authorized to wear with their uniforms.
F.1. Insignia	All Auxiliary insignia, with the exception of Commodore shoulder boards, must include the letter "A." On metal insignia, the "A" is blue for elected leaders and red for appointed officers. Shoulder boards have the red "A" within the outline of a silver color shield for appointed officers. The "A" for elected leaders is the same as the silver color shield. On sew-on insignia, the "A" shall be black in all cases.
F.1.a. Member Device	Auxiliarists who have never held office wear the member device (the Auxiliary emblem) on shirt collars. Auxiliarist shoulder boards have a silver color "A" within the silver color shield on a blue background.
F.1.b. Silver Sleeve Lace and Shield	Auxiliary silver sleeve lace and shield are worn on Dinner Dress Blue jackets and Service Dress Blue coats. The appropriate shield is centered outside the sleeve. The lace completely circles the sleeve and is terminated inside the sleeve seam at the back of the sleeve. The first row of lace is 2 inches above the cuff. Each succeeding row of lace and the shield are ¼ inch above the preceding lace. With the exception of DCOs, ANACOs, DNACOs, the VNACO, and the NACO, insignia appropriate to office held is the same as illustrated for shoulder boards. DCOs, ANACOs, DNACOs, the VNACO, and the NACO wear silver sleeve lace similar to the gold sleeve lace of Coast Guard Flag officers.
F.1.c. Stripes	A DCO or ANACO wears one 2-inch stripe. DNACOs and the VNACO wear a 2-inch stripe with a ½-inch stripe ¼ inch above it. The NACO wears a 2-inch stripe with two ½-inch stripes above it, ¼ inch apart.
F.1.d. Metal Shoulder and Collar Insignia	Members wear the large metal shoulder insignia on the epaulets of blue raincoats, trench coats, windbreakers, and blue overcoats. The letter "A" faces outboard and the outer edge of the insignia is placed ¾ inch from the outer edge. Auxiliarists wear the small metal collar devices with the Undress, Working, Jump suit and Winter Dress Blue uniforms. They are also worn on the garrison cap. Auxiliarists may substitute cloth sew-on embroidered collar devices on the dark blue, long or short sleeve shirts worn with the Working Blue uniform, and Auxiliary Jump suit. Auxiliarists shall substitute cloth sew-on embroidered collar devices on the ODU.

F.2. Aiguillette	A cord hung in loops from the left shoulder, known as an aiguillette, may be worn by DCOS, NACO Aide (N-D only), and DCO Aide (D-AD only). It is not worn on any uniform with the insignia of a DCO or above. (see Figure 10-3)
F.2.a. Raincoats and Windbreakers	When Auxiliarists wear raincoats or windbreakers, the aiguillette shall be worn on the inside.
F.2.b. Service Aiguillette	The cords are bound together, lying flat, side by side, with a strip of ½-inch silver lace. For attaching a service aiguillette to the uniform it is fitted with a clasp pin. The aiguillette is attached to the shoulder of the coat just inside the sleeve band seams by the pin. A service aiguillette is worn with Service Dress Blue and Tropical uniforms.
F.2.c. Dress Aiguillette	For attaching a dress aiguillette to the uniform and overcoat, a small flat button covered with black silk is used for securing the becket. It is placed under the coat collar at the height of the collarbone. The pencils hang over the lapel, their suspension cords emerging from the notch in the lapel. A dress aiguillette is worn with Dinner Dress and Service Dress Blue uniforms at official ceremonies. This includes occasions requiring special honors and ceremonies. It is worn at social functions when prescribed, and at social functions for which formal invitations have been extended.
F.2.d. Purchase	Aiguillettes may be purchased with Auxiliary unit funds. As such, they shall remain the property of the Auxiliary unit providing them.
F.2.e. Distinguishing Characteristics	Aiguillettes follow the insignia tradition of blue "A" for elected leaders and red "A" for appointed officers. Aiguillettes for a DCOS are distinguished by silver and dark blue braiding. Aiguillettes for the N-D and DCO aides have silver and dark red braiding. Aides for DCOs wear two cords and the aide for the NACO wears three cords.

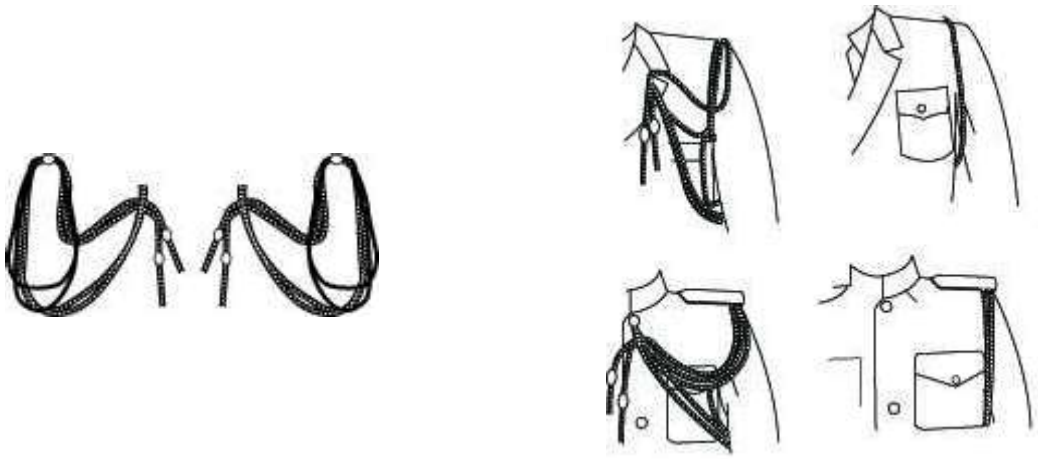


Figure 10-3
Aiguillettes

F.3. Name Tags

A name tag identifies an Auxiliarist by name and as an Auxiliarist. Name tags shall be $3^{3}/_{16}$ inches wide, and $^{3}/_{8}$ inch high. They shall be white with Coast Guard blue lettering. Names shall be horizontally centered on the name tag in ¼-inch letters. Beneath the name shall be centered horizontally, in $^{3}/_{16}$-inch letters, "U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary". Name tags shall be made of Bakelite or similar material to hold the hard finish, and will have clutch-type fasteners. No insignia are authorized to be worn on any name tags. Auxiliarists may wear these name tags on civilian attire when serving in an Auxiliary capacity.

The Coast Guard Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6 (series) authorize active duty and Reserve personnel to wear name tags that display first and last names in lieu of the standard name tag (last name only). An individual's first and last name and the "U.S. Coast Guard" legend letter sizes must be the same as for the standard name tag. This applies only to name tags of Bakelite or similar material, not to cloth name tapes. Commands have the authority to require the standard name tag when a higher level of uniformity is necessary. Auxiliarists are similarly authorized to wear name tags with first and last names displayed in accordance with these guidelines. A displayed first name must be the Auxiliarist's full common first name or conventional shortened derivative (e.g., Mike instead of Michael). Nicknames or parenthesized names are not authorized (e.g., Doc, Mac, "Lefty"). Auxiliarists must also have a standard name tag for when a higher level of uniformity is necessary.

Auxiliary interpreters may wear a pin-on Auxiliary interpreter name tag with the Service Dress Blue and Tropical Blue uniforms during authorized interpreter missions. It shall display the full first and last name in the first row and the word "INTERPRETER" in the second row in place of the traditional words "U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY."

F.4. Embroidery and Sew-on Options

Auxiliarists may have last names and "USCG AUXILIARY" embroidered in ½-inch white lettering directly onto Working Blue and Jump Suit shirts. The navy blue (black) cloth tapes with ½-inch white lettering sewn on are optional for the Working Blue uniform and the Jump suit. Direct embroidery of any sort is not authorized for the ODU, and sew-on name tapes, qualification insignia, and collar insignia must be used.

In accordance with Coast Guard Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6 (series), direct embroidery or a sew-on name tape with Auxiliarist's last name shall be centered immediately over the right breast pocket. The embroidery or sew-on tape with the words "USCG AUXILIARY" shall be centered immediately above the left breast pocket. Such tapes shall not be shorter than nor extend beyond the width of the pocket. Sew-on tapes shall conform to prescribed Coast Guard specifications in Coast Guard Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6 (series), including those dealing with surnames that have a combination of upper and lower case letters. Member office insignia sewn on cloth tape may be sewn on the collars of all Working Blue uniforms and Auxiliary Jump suits (sew-on tapes are mandatory for ODU).

In accordance with Coast Guard Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6 (series), only one Auxiliary sew-on qualification insignia (e.g., coxswain, RBS, Trident) is authorized for wear on the ODU. By extension, this also applies for the Working Blue uniform and the Hot Weather uniform (i.e., only the Coast Guard dark blue short-sleeve shirt alternative). Such insignia shall be centered directly above the "USCG AUXILIARY" sew-on tape immediately above the wearer's left breast pocket. Embroidered insignia shall be the same size as the metal insignia, centered on a tape the full width of the pocket. The tape shall not exceed the width of the pocket.

If an Auxiliarist has earned more than one qualification insignia, then the insignia that is worn shall be at the discretion of the Auxiliarist. Temporary/conditional sew-on qualification insignia shall not be worn on these uniforms.

The sew-on AUXOP insignia may also be worn on these uniforms. It is the only Auxiliary device so authorized. It shall be centered directly above the name tape immediately above the wearer's right breast pocket.

Though authorized, sew-on tapes tend to fade faster than uniforms and need to be replaced more often than the shirt itself.

Sew-on insignia from prior military service other than the Coast Guard are not authorized to be worn on ODUs or any other Auxiliary uniform.

Active duty personnel are authorized to use Velcro to fasten name tapes and "U.S. COAST GUARD" tapes over their right and left breast pockets, respectively. This authorization is granted because of the likelihood and frequency of their involvement in direct law enforcement operations. It does not apply to Auxiliarists.

Auxiliarists who frequently encounter situations in which it is more appropriate to wear the Auxiliary membership insignia rather than elected/appointed office insignia are authorized to use Velcro to fasten sew-on insignia to the collar as an option to sewing them directly onto the collar.

F.5. Ribbons and Medals

Auxiliarists wear ribbons and medals, as part of the uniform, as tangible evidence of certain awards received. Auxiliarists who are authorized U.S. awards that are listed on Table 11-2 may wear the corresponding ribbons on all but Undress, Working/ODU, Blue Blazer, Flight Suit, and Jump suit uniforms. Auxiliarists authorized foreign awards may wear them provided at least one U.S. or Auxiliary award is worn.

F.5.a. Ribbons

Auxiliarists wear 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, Auxiliarists 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. If not in multiples of three, the uppermost row shall contain the lesser number. The upper row is to be centered over the center of the one below it. Ribbons shall be worn without intervals between ribbons and rows of ribbons. They shall be worn with the lower edge of the bottom row centered ¼ inch above the left breast pocket. On uniforms with no pocket, ribbons are worn in the same relative position.

F.5.b. Concealed Ribbons	When the number of rows is considerable, the service coat lapel will conceal some ribbons. If one-third or more of a ribbon is concealed, ribbons shall be placed in successively decreasing rows. While at least two-thirds of the ribbon is visible, use 3-ribbon rows. Then, to maintain two-thirds visibility change to 2-ribbon rows. Finally, when required, use a single ribbon. The left edge of all decreasing rows will be in line vertically. When the uppermost row presents an unsatisfactory appearance when so aligned, place it in the position presenting the neatest appearance. It is usually centered over the row immediately below it. Ribbons arranged in this fashion may only be worn on the Service Dress Blue coat, not on shirts.
F.5.c. Attaching Ribbons	Ribbons may be sewn to uniforms, fastened magnetically or with Velcro or arranged on bars to be attached to the uniform. They shall not be impregnated with preservatives that change ribbon appearance. Ribbons shall not be worn with transparent covering of any sort.
F.5.d. Miniature Medals on Women's Uniforms	On Dinner Dress Blue and Dinner Dress White uniforms, miniature medals shall be worn off the left lapel of the jacket. The holding bar of the lowest row of medals is placed in the same relative position as when worn on the Service Dress Blue coat. On the Dinner Dress Blue uniform (Service Dress Blue coat), the holding bar of the lowest row of miniature medals will be worn centered immediately above the left breast pocket.
F.5.e. Miniature Medals on Men's Uniforms	On the Dinner Dress Blue and Dinner Dress White uniforms, the holding bar of the lowest row of miniature medals shall be positioned 3 inches below the left lapel notch of the jacket. It is centered on the left lapel. If greater than 2¾ inches in length, the bar shall extend over the edge of the lapel onto the left breast of the coat. On Dinner Dress Blue uniforms (Service Dress Blue coat), the holding bar of the lowest row of miniature medals will be worn centered immediately above the left breast pocket.
F.5.f. Miniature Medals	Auxiliarists wear miniature medals on Dinner Dress uniforms. Ribbons for which there is no comparable miniature medal will not be worn with dinner dress uniforms. Medal arrangement is by precedence from inboard to outboard, high to lows, and from top down. All may be worn, if desired. Auxiliarists may wear up to five miniature medals in a row. The wearing of six or more miniature medals should conform to the arrangement shown on the following medal matrix, Table 10-2:

Table 10-2
Miniature Medal Placement

No. of Medals to be Worn	Prescribed No. of Rows	Top Row	2nd Row	3rd Row	4th Row
1-5	1 row only	1-5			
6	2	3	3		
7	2	3	4		
8	2	4	4		
9	2	4	5		
10	2	5	5		
11	3	3	4	4	
12	3	4	4	4	
13	3	3	5	5	
14	3	4	5	5	
15	3	5	5	5	
16	4	4	4	4	4

F.5.g. Miniature Medal Placement

Each miniature shall be 2¼ inches long from top of ribbon to bottom of medal. The bottom of medals should dress in a horizontal line. Upper rows of medals shall be positioned so these medals cover the ribbons of the medals below.

F.6. Buttons

Auxiliary silver buttons come in three sizes. The large button is approximately a $^{7}/_{8}$-inch diameter or 35 ligne. The medium size button is approximately a ¾-inch diameter or 28 ligne. The small button is approximately a ½-inch diameter or 22½ ligne.

NOTE

A ligne is a linear unit $^{1}/_{40}$ inch used to measure diameters of buttons.

F.7. Collar Devices

The diagrams below indicate how Auxiliarists should wear collar devices on the various shirts for which they are authorized. In certain cases, the insignia of the current or highest past office is replaced with the member device.

F.7.a. Working Blue and ODU

For Working Blue and ODU, the insignia shall be centered on the collar, along an imaginary line bisecting the angle of the collar point. (see Figure 10-4)

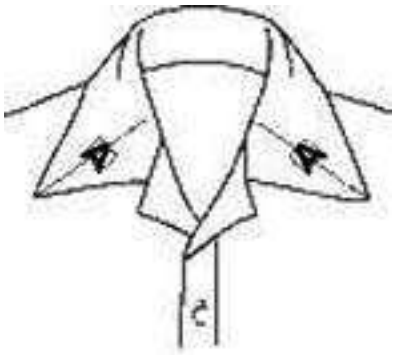


Figure 10-4
Working Blue and ODU Collar Insignia

F.7.b. Undress Blue Winter, Undress Short Sleeve, and Winter Dress Blue

For Undress Blue winter, Undress short sleeve, and Winter Dress Blue shirts, the insignia shall be centered on the collar between the visible top and bottom collar edges with the devices, centered 1 inch from and parallel to the inner collar edges. (see Figure 10-5)

Positioning is determined by the style of the collar and not whether or not a tie is being worn.

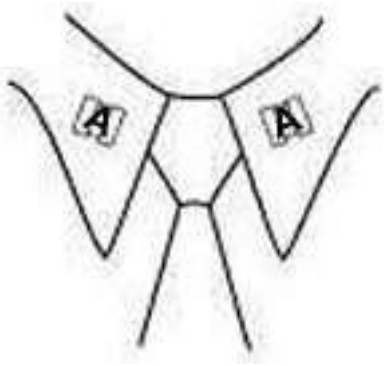


Figure 10-5
Undress Blue Winter, Undress Short Sleeve, and Winter Dress Blue Shirt Collar Insignia

F.7.c. Commodore Insignia

Auxiliarists authorized to wear the insignia of Commodore shall wear it centered on the collar between the visible top and bottom collar edges, with the first star of the device 1 inch from the inner edge of the collar. (see Figure 10-6)

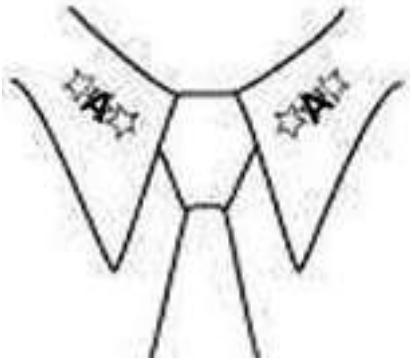


Figure 10-6
Commodore Collar Insignia

F.8. Proper Placement of Ribbons, Name Tags, and Insignia

The following describes the proper placement of ribbons, name tags, and insignia.

F.8.a. Left Side of Uniform

The illustrations for various uniforms at the end of this chapter indicate proper placement for ribbons, name tag, breast devices, and qualification insignia. As shown, the lowest row of ribbons is ¼ inch above the top left pocket. The first breast insignia is placed ¼ inch above the top row of ribbons. The second insignia, if worn, is placed ¼ inch below the pocket top. Auxiliarists wear ribbons and insignia only on the left side of the uniform.

On women's light blue short-sleeved shirts without pockets, ribbons are centered on the left side of the shirt, with the lower edge of the bottom row of ribbons aligned with the top of the third button from the top of the shirt front.

F.8.b. Right Side of Uniform

On the right side of the uniform, Auxiliarists wear the name tag ¼ inch above the pocket. An AUXOP device, if authorized, is worn ¼ inch above the name tag. Auxiliarists wear the past officer device, if appropriate, ¼ inch below the top of the pocket. No other ribbons or devices are authorized.

Auxiliarists wear these items in the same relative position on the Service Dress Blue coat and the Winter Dress Blue and Tropical Blue uniform shirts.

On women's light blue shirts without pockets, the name tag is centered on the right side of the shirt, with the bottom of the name tag aligned with the top of the third button from the top of the shirt front.

F.8.c. Exceptions	On the Undress and Working Blue shirts, Auxiliarists do not wear badges or ribbons. The first breast insignia is worn ¼ inch above the top of the left pocket. A second breast insignia may be worn ¼ inch below the top of the left pocket. The single breast insignia authorized for wear on the ODU shall be worn in accordance with paragraph H.4 of this chapter.
F.9. Breast Devices	The following describes the proper placement of breast devices.
F.9.a. AUXOP Device	Auxiliarists wear the AUXOP device, instead of the Specialty Training ribbon, after completing all specialty courses. Auxiliarists wear it on the right, immediately above the name tag/ name tape on all uniforms for which it is authorized to be worn except Dinner Dress uniforms. On the Dinner Dress Blue uniform, men wear it immediately above the pocket. Women wear it in the same relative position. On the Dinner Dress White or Blue jacket, men wear it centered on the right lapel about three inches below the notch. Women wear it just off the lapel, in the same relative position. (see Figure 10-7)



Figure 10-7
AUXOP Device

F.9.b. Command Insignia, Service and Staff Identification Badges	The only exceptions to the following insignia placement are the Coast Guard or Navy command at-sea or command ashore insignia plus service and staff identification badges.
F.9.b.(1) Command At-Sea and Ashore Insignias	When authorized, Auxiliarists may wear both the command at-sea and command ashore insignia with two other breast devices of choice. Auxiliarists may wear either or both command insignias on the left breast, centered immediately below any ribbons, medals, or the second breast insignia (below the pocket button if necessary). When worn alone, Auxiliarists wear the command insignia(s) centered immediately above the pocket or "USCG Auxiliary" tape, as appropriate. Male Auxiliarists center the device on the Dinner Dress jacket left lapel, about 3½ inches below the notch. Female Auxiliarists wear it in that same relative position.

F.9.b.(2) Service and Staff Badge	Auxiliarists are authorized to wear one service and staff identification badge, in addition to any two breast insignia and command insignia. They are to be worn centered on the right breast pocket (beneath a flap, if present) and in the same relative position on Dinner Dress jackets.
F.9.b.(3) Auxiliary National Staff Badge	While serving on the National Staff, Auxiliarists may wear the Auxiliary National Staff identification badge. Auxiliarists may wear this badge replacing any service or staff badge or insignia worn centered on the right breast pocket (beneath a flap, if present) of dress uniforms and in the same relative position on dress uniforms with no pockets. Women may wear the staff badge above the name tag and in the same relative position on the Dinner Dress jacket. When worn above the name tag, female Auxiliarists wear the AUXOP device, if earned, below the name tag. On the Dinner Dress Blue jacket, men wear it centered on the right side between the top two buttons and women wear it centered on the right side above the top button. On the Dinner Dress White jacket, both men and women wear it centered on the right side above the top button. Auxiliarists do not wear it on Undress or Working uniforms. Two sizes of National Staff badges are authorized. The larger is worn for formal occasions while the smaller is worn for normal day wear. Women have the option of wearing the smaller badge on formal occasions. (see Figure 10-8)



Figure 10-8
National Staff Identification Badge

F.9.c. Past Officer Device

Past elected and appointed leaders are authorized to permanently wear the insignia of the highest office held if they held such office for at least half of its term. For elected officers up to the office of DCAPT, this is meant to recognize service of the elected officer, and those appointed to staff offices by the elected officer, for a period of at least half the elected officer's regular term of one year (i.e., six months). For elected officers from the office of DCOS and above, this is meant to recognize service of the elected officer, and those appointed to staff offices by the elected officer (including national staff officers all of whom are appointed by the NACO), for a period of at least half the elected officer's regular term of two years (i.e., one year).

When an elected or appointed office is either established or disestablished off the regular election cycle, then the device may be permanently worn if the elected or appointed officer served at least half of the period that either ended with the next election cycle or with disestablishment.

When insignia no longer indicates current elected or appointed status in the office represented by the insignia, Auxiliarists must wear the past officer device. This device does not come with a red or blue "A" to distinguish past elected officers from appointed officers. The appropriate office insignia remains the distinguishing mark.

Past Officer status does not authorize the wearing of aiguillettes. The following are guidelines for wearing the Past Officer device. (see Figure 10-9)



Figure 10-9
Past Officer Device

F.9.c.(1) On Men's Dinner Dress White or Blue

On men's Dinner Dress White or Blue uniforms, the device will be worn centered on the right lapel approximately 3½ inches below the notch.

F.9.c.(2) On Women's Dinner Dress White or Blue	On women's Dinner Dress White or Blue uniforms, the device will be worn on the right, just off the lapel, in the same relative position as above.
F.9.c.(3) All Other Men's and Women's Uniforms	On all other men's and women's uniforms the device will be worn on the right, centered approximately ¼ inch below the name tag, or in that same relative position, on uniforms with which the name tag is not worn.
F.9.d. Auxiliary Coxswain Insignia	The Auxiliary coxswain insignia may be worn by Auxiliarists qualified as coxswain in the boat crew qualification program. Raised portions shall be maintained with a highly-polished appearance. The recessed and remaining portions shall be antique bronze. Previous coxswain insignia not having highly polished raised portions remain authorized. It is worn above ribbons or medals over the left breast pocket. (see Figure 10-10)



Figure 10-10
Auxiliary Coxswain Insignia

F.9.e. Aviation Insignia	Auxiliary aviator insignia may be worn by qualified Auxiliary pilots. Auxiliary air crew insignia may be worn by qualified Auxiliary air crew members. They are worn above ribbons or medals over the left breast pocket. If both insignia have been earned, then only the aviator insignia shall be worn. (see Figure 10-11 and Figure 10-12)



Figure 10-11
Auxiliary Aviator Insignia



Figure 10-12
Auxiliary Air Crew Insignia

F.9.f. Auxiliary Marine Safety Insignia

The Auxiliary Marine Safety insignia was created pursuant to establishment of the Coast Guard Marine Safety insignia. It recognizes the culmination of Auxiliary training and qualification in a Coast Guard needs-based program. This means that the types of program disciplines that Auxiliarists may pursue will hinge upon the needs of the cognizant Sector command (e.g., an Auxiliarist should not expect to pursue completion of the Assistant Facility Inspector Personal Qualification Standard (PQS) if the Sector command does not have a need for Auxiliarists to be so qualified). Auxiliarists are not authorized to qualify in marine safety program disciplines that would earn the Coast Guard Marine Safety insignia. Auxiliarists who may have already earned the Coast Guard Marine Safety insignia may continue to wear such insignia, but they are not authorized to exercise, in a lead capacity, the authorities that are commensurate with it.

Auxiliarists must have the approval of the cognizant Sector command in order to commence program qualifications and work toward the Auxiliary Marine Safety insignia. The Sector command, working through the Auxiliary Sector Coordinator (ASC) and appropriate Auxiliary Unit Coordinators (AUCs), shall keep local Auxiliary units apprised of its Marine Safety program needs so as to properly guide Auxiliarists who desire to participate in marine safety programs and work towards the Auxiliary Marine Safety insignia.

The Auxiliary Marine Safety insignia is similar in appearance to the Coast Guard Marine Safety insignia with an additional blue Coast Guard Auxiliary shield with crossed anchors in the center of the device centered above the trident. (see Figure 10-13)



Figure 10-13
Marine Safety Insignia

F.9.f.(1) Requirements

Auxiliarists who successfully complete the following tasks are entitled to wear the Auxiliary Marine Safety insignia (there is no time limit in which these tasks must be completed):

(a) Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection (IMSEP) course.
(b) Good Mate course.
(c) Incident Command System (ICS) courses 100/ 200/ 700/ 800.
(d) ICS course 210 (Coast Guard taught) or ISC 300 (FEMA taught).
(e) At least four Auxiliary marine safety program PQS.
(f) Perform at least 96 hours of program activity per year for at least five years (these years do not have to be consecutive).

F.9.f.(2) Conditional Award Status	An Auxiliarist reaches conditional award status when all requirements for permanent award are met, with the exception of having completed five (5) approved years of service of 96 hours each year. Auxiliarists considered for a conditional award should have performed, and are continuing to perform, significant services in support of marine safety programs. The conditional award would provide recognition for these Auxiliarists by allowing them to wear the device while completing the remaining permanent award requirements. As with permanent award, conditional award requires a recommendation by the Sector commander. The conditional award insignia sew-on version may not be worn on ODUs.
F.9.f.(3) Conditional Award Consideration	In order for a member to be considered for a conditional award, they shall have completed the following requirements: (a) A member shall be actively and continuously engaged in support of Marine safety missions. (b) A member shall have successfully completed all required courses of study. (c) A member shall hold four (4) Letters of Designation for approved Auxiliary or active duty PQSs at the time of application for conditional award. (d) A member shall be actively and continuously engaged in the completion of the remaining requirement for permanent entitlement. "Actively and continuously engaged" is defined as recording not less than 96 hours per year in the performance of marine safety activities, using the skills of the designated marine safety qualifications, each calendar year until the requirements for permanent entitlement are met.
F.9.f.(4) Requirement Failure	Should a member fail to be actively and continuously engaged until all requirements have been met for permanent entitlement, the sector commander shall vacate the conditional award, collect the Trident device, and forward the same to the Director, along with a letter of explanation. In the event that a conditional award is vacated, the member must comply with all requirements for the permanent award of the Trident device before being authorized to wear it again.
F.9.f.(5) Conditional Award Application	Application for the conditional award shall be made by the Auxiliarist and be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from the sector commander for which the Auxiliarist provides his/her services. The application with the letter of recommendation and all required documentation shall be sent to the members' DSO-MS for review and endorsement and, if determined to be complete, shall be forwarded to the Auxiliarist's Director for approval and entry into AUXDATA as a conditional award.

Upon approval by the Director of this conditional award entitlement, the Director shall issue the conditional award certificate and the device to the Auxiliarist at an appropriate ceremony.

F.9.g. Coast Guard Recruiting Badge and Academy Partner Badge

Auxiliarists at Coast Guard recruiting offices may wear the Coast Guard Recruiting Badge, in addition to any others. In order for Auxiliarists to wear this badge, they shall:

(1) Meet the Commandant's weight standards.
(2) Meet the Commandant's grooming and uniform appearance standards.
(3) Have completed recruiter training or the recruiter PQS.
(4) Be actively working for a Coast Guard recruiting office and receive a positive recommendation from the Recruiter-in-Charge (RIC).
(5) The RIC of the recruiting office must forward a request to the Mission Execution Branch Chief via the RIC's enlisted recruiting supervisor. The request shall contain full length front and profile photographs of the Auxiliarist and a short narrative supporting the request. The Mission Execution Branch Chief will then authorize, in writing, the Auxiliarist to wear the Recruiting Badge and notify the Auxiliarist's Director of such authorization. (see Figure 10-14)

Auxiliarists who meet all program requirements of the Academy Admissions Partner Program described in section 2.B of this Manual shall be authorized to wear the Academy Admissions Partner Badge and the appointed staff officer insignia of an Assistant Branch Chief in the Auxiliary Human Resources Directorate (or higher position insignia if otherwise earned).



Figure 10-14
Coast Guard Recruiting Badge

F.9.h. Auxiliary Personal Watercraft Operator Insignia

The Auxiliary Personal Watercraft Operator (PWO) insignia is a dull silver metal pin that may be worn by Auxiliarists who are qualified and certified as PWOs in the Auxiliary BCQ program. It is worn above the ribbons or medals over the left breast pocket. (see Figure 10-15)



Figure 10-15
Auxiliary Personal Watercraft Insignia

F.9.i. Boat Force Operations Insignia

The Boat Force Operations insignia is a solid matte silver toned metal device with an eight point compass/compass rose, over a crossed boat hook and oar centered over stylized waves. The insignia is unique in one design which comes in two color schemes: a pewter-toned device indicating five years of service at boat force units and qualification as a boat crew member, and a silver and gold-toned device indicating five years of service and completion of a series of Coast Guard Force leadership related requirements.

An Auxiliarist may earn and wear either of these insignia in accordance with the Coast Guard Boat Operations and Training (BOAT) Manual, Volume I, COMDTINST M16114.32 (series). Since they are not specifically Auxiliary insignia, an Auxiliarist must complete the same requirements of an active duty service member with the exceptions only noted in part 2 of Chapter 6 of the Coast Guard BOAT Manual, Volume I, COMDTINST M16114.32 (series) and as follows. The insignia require completion of the Boat Force Operations Personnel Qualifications Standard (PQS), COMDTINST M16114.30. This requirement applies to Auxiliarists with the exception of Task 03-05 item 12.b.2, “Oversee a Law Enforcement Operation”, and item 12.b.3, “Conduct a Post-Operations Debrief with a Key Supervisor”.

Although time requirements are detailed for the permanent insignia, there are no time requirements detailed for the temporary version. However, the same convention applies for the temporary insignia. Temporary entitlement based on six months and completion of qualification equates to one day per week for six months for an Auxiliarist to earn the temporary insignia. This level of effort shall be required in order to continue wearing the temporary insignia until the permanent insignia is earned. If an Auxiliarist is unable to provide that level of effort, for any reason, the temporary insignia shall be removed. Support of a boat forces unit is the primary requirement to earn this insignia. This means direct support as defined in the Coast Guard BOAT Manual, Volume I, COMDTINST M16114.32 (series). Standard Auxiliary surface patrols do not count for such. For manner of wear, refer to Coast Guard Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6 (series). (see Figure 10-16)



Figure 10-16
Boat Force Operations Insignia

F.9.j. Miniature Devices

Miniature devices may only be worn on Dinner Dress uniforms. Auxiliarists may wear the AUXOP and past officer devices on all uniforms.

F.9.k. Other Devices and Patches

Auxiliarists may wear only two breast devices at one time and these are worn on the uniform's left side only. Other authorized devices include those earned during U.S. military service, such as the combat infantryman and medic devices, aviation wings, Air Force specialty badges, Pathfinder, airborne and air assault badges, submariner dolphins, Surface Warfare Officer, etc. The wearer may select any two and determine their precedence (normally, the higher precedence is placed on the insignia that represents the most program time). Auxiliarists wear the first device on the left centered directly above the ribbons or miniature medals. Auxiliarists wear the second device centered on the pocket flap immediately below the ribbons or miniature medals. For example, wearing Auxiliary aviator wings centered on the left, above the ribbons, and an Auxiliary coxswain insignia centered below the ribbons. Sew-on patches, strips, Auxiliary unit designations, honor guard, ranger, special forces, and other cloth patches, not otherwise approved for wear, are not authorized on the Auxiliary uniform.

F.9.l. Military Award Recipients	Coast Guard personnel are not authorized to wear prior military service insignia if not earned while in the Coast Guard (e.g., a prior-service Army officer who now serves in the Coast Guard cannot wear his/her combat infantry badge on Coast Guard uniforms). This policy does not apply to Auxiliarists. Auxiliarists may wear prescribed prior or current military service insignia earned while serving with a U.S. military service on their Auxiliary uniform. Only metal versions of such may be worn and only upon appropriate authorized uniforms. Although various military services allow for particular military awards, decorations and badges on the uniform's right side (i.e., Army Unit Awards), such is not the case for the Auxiliary uniform. All prior other military awards, badges and devices will be worn on the left side of the uniform. The right side of the Auxiliary uniform is reserved for Auxiliary badges, devices, and name tags (i.e., AUXOP device, past officer device, name tag, and Auxiliary National Staff badge, or other service staff or service identification badges).
F.9.m. Civil Air Patrol	CAP/AFA ribbons are not authorized for wear on the Auxiliary uniform.
F.9.n. Auxiliary Cutterman Insignia	The Auxiliary Cutterman insignia (Figure 10-17) is intended to identify and recognize the commitment of Coast Guard Auxiliarists currently working in the cutter fleet who have regularly dedicated their efforts in support of the cutter community. This insignia distinguishes those Auxiliarists who have achieved the requisite level of qualification, knowledge, and experience that includes both practical and proven understanding and appreciation for cutter force command, management, and operations. Refer to Coast Guard Auxiliary Cutterman Insignia, COMDTINST 1650.9 (series), for more information.



Figure 10-17
Auxiliary Cutterman Insignia

F.9.n.(1) Requirements	Auxiliarists who meet the following criteria are entitled to wear the Auxiliary Cutterman insignia: (a) Perform a minimum of 52 days per year (equivalent to 1 day per week per year) aboard a cutter, 65 feet in length or greater, for a minimum of 2 years, underway or in port. Of those 52 days, a minimum period of 24 shall be served as underway days as defined in the Cutter Employment Standards, COMDTINST M3100.5 (series). A total of 104 or more days over two years does not meet this requirement if at least 52 days were not served in each calendar year. (b) Complete the Personnel Qualification Standard (PQS) for Damage Control, NAVEDTRA 43119 (series) – Watch stations 301-308, or for cutters 175 feet in length or less, Special and Emergency Operations and Procedures (SEOPS) Volume I & II – Basic Damage Control as per Cutter Training and Qualification Manual, COMDTINST M3502.4 (series). (c) Complete qualifications to support the cutter in a minimum of one Watch, Quarter, and Station Bill (WQSB) position. The Assistant Inport Officer-of-the-Deck watchstation and the Assistant Watchstander watchstation described in section B of Chapter 2 meet the WQSB criteria. The suitability of an Auxiliarist for any WQSB position shall be a Commanding Officer or OIC determination. Watchstander certification shall be achieved by completing any required Coast Guard and/or unit PQS/Job Qualification Requirements (JQR) process.
F.9.n.(2) Design	This basic insignia design is identical in size and form to the Coast Guard Cutterman insignia. A pewter Auxiliary emblem is superimposed in the center of the bronze-tone stylized waves. This color scheme distinguishes it as an Auxiliary insignia.
F.9.n.(3) Administration	Commanding Officers or elected or appointed leaders will ensure all requirements have been met before certification. The unit commander shall document the achievement with the Administrative Remarks Form (CG-3307) and send a copy of the Administrative Remarks Form to the District Director of Auxiliary. The Director shall provide the initial insignia and certification notification to the unit commander for presentation, and send a copy of the certification to the FC.

F.9.o. Auxiliary Recreational Boating Safety Insignia

The Auxiliary Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) insignia is meant to recognize extraordinary effort of Auxiliarists who consistently provide strong support to RBS programs (see Figure 10-18). Consequently, its eligibility criteria require significant RBS program activity over a minimum period of two years.



Figure 10-18
Auxiliary RBS Insignia

F.9.o.(1) Requirements

Auxiliarists who compile 120 points per year for two consecutive years (for a total of 240) are entitled to wear the Auxiliary RBS insignia. Hours for prescribed mission codes are reported on the Mission Activity Report (ANSC-7030) form. Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) and vessel facility inspections are reported on the Vessel Examinations Activity Report (ANSC-7038). RBS Program Visits are reported on the RBS Visitation Report (ANSC-7046). Points for eligibility can be compiled based on activity recorded in any one, or combination, of the following criteria:

(a) Public Education: Hours recorded using any mission code 14. 1 point-per-hour as lead instructor and 0.5 points-per-hour as an assistant/aide (preparation or travel not included).

(b) Public Affairs: Activities promoting RBS in the following areas (1 point-per-hour limited to actual mission hours (preparation or travel not included)):

1. Speech/talks, mission code 10B.
2. Broadcast media, mission code 10C.
3. External print media, mission code 10F.
4. Community Relations (COMREL), mission code 10J.

(c) Vessel Safety Checks and Vessel Facility Inspections: Based on the number of VSCs and/or vessel facility inspections. 1 point-per-check or inspection.

(d) RBS Program Visitation: Based on the number of RBS Program Visits. 1 point-per-visit.

(e) Legislative Outreach: Hours recorded as Federal/State Legislative Outreach or Government Affairs work, mission codes 65A or 65B. 1 point-per-hour limited to face-to-face contact hours (preparation or travel not included).

	(f) State RBS Outreach: Hours recorded in meetings with a state BLA or state BLA staff, mission code 65C. 1 point-per-hour limited to face-to-face contact hours (preparation or travel not included).
F.9.o.(2) Administration	Only Directors are authorized to order the RBS insignia from ANSC. Auxiliarists who meet the eligibility criteria as reported in AUXDATA and are awarded the RBS insignia, with accompanying certificate, by the Director are entitled to wear it on a permanent basis. Uniform wear is same as that for insignia like the Auxiliary Marine Safety insignia.
F.10. Ceremonial Honor Guards Using Rifles	Auxiliarists are allowed to participate in ceremonial honor guards and carry rifles in this capacity. These rifles must be de-militarized or commercial and non-firing. Auxiliarists are not authorized to carry swords.



Figure 10-19
Dinner Dress Blue Jacket (Men)