What is the Alternative Working Uniform Pilot Program?

The Alternative Working Uniform Pilot Program (AWUPP) is being conducted in the 1st Southern and 8th Coastal Regions of the USCG AUX from 1 OCT 2021, through 31 DEC 2022. The Program's purpose is to introduce the new Alternative Working Uniform that any members may opt to wear instead of ODUs or the Coast Guard CGU being rolled out over the next two years to active duty.

The tucked ODU will no longer be an authorized uniform after 12/31/21. The CGU will be made available to Auxiliarists in Fiscal Year 2024 when the Untucked ODU will begin to be phased out. The program will allow members of the 1st Southern and 8th Coastal regions to evaluate the AWU's performance. The uniform is authorized anywhere the ODU is currently authorized for wear.

AWU BASICS

Long and short sleeved polos are authorized. Tucked for men and eithe tucked or untucked for women.

Pant is the 5.11 Ripstop tactical pant. Dark Navy in color.

How to find the components: Click on tis link https://www.cgauxa.org/

Auxiliary Alternate Working Uniform Pilot

October 2021-December 2022

WHY THE ALTERNATE UNIFORM?

The last uniform change experienced by the USCGAUX was in 2012 when the tucked version of the ODU was replaced with the untucked version. While the untucked ODU has served the Coast Guard well, it is now time for the Coast Guard's work uniform to be updated to include a uniform that is conducive to warm or cold environments, have identification patches placed on the sleeves of the Uniform (the National Ensign on one and an Organization Patch on the other) and, for the Auxiliary, new breast tapes on the uniform blouse that will help to distinguish between the Auxiliary and the Active Duty.

In addition, the Coast Guard has made a business decision that the CGU will not be available in sizes that are larger than the sizes worn by the Active Duty; this means that the CGU may not be available to some of our members. The tailoring of two uniforms to make one to work around sizing issues will not be allowed when the CGU is rolled out. In conjunction with the sizing availability, grooming standards for Auxiliarists are being further defined for members who choose to wear the CGU. The AWU allows those members who opt not to follow some the grooming standards to remain active and valuable members of the USCG AUX.

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HOT WEATHER UNIFORM

May be worn by Auxiliarists, in districts where approved by District Commanders.

Shirt:
Navy blue polo shirt with Auxiliary logo.

Name:
Embroidered name in upper case sans-serif type on right side of polo shirt aligned with Auxiliary logo on left side of polo shirt.

Standard Ball Cap authorized

Belt:
Black belt

Boonie/Tilly authorized

Shorts: 5.11 Tactile-

May be worn if approved by District Commander

Currently allowed in all Districts except 1 and 14

Details

Components include polo from Aux provider, 5.11 pant, hat, belt and footwear. Outerwear is authorized the same as for ODUs.

All components (except footwear) should be accessed from links provided on Aux AssociationWebpage.

Long and short sleeved polos are authorized. Tucked for men and either tucked or untucked for women.

Authorized footwear includes boots (unbloused), boat shoes in colors approved by Aux Man and Postal Walking shoes (black only, no sneakers, tennis shoes or other alternatives.

Authorized headgear: USCG Aux ball cap, boonie or Tilley.

Belt: black web with non-decorative buckle, available through CG Exchange.

The AWU is available for purchase now at the Auxiliary Association Member Store through links to the uniform's providers, to members of the 1st Southern and 8th Coastal Regions and will be available to all members of the AUXILIARY after Jan 1, 2022. If you are wearing the outdated tucked ODU, you may want to consider transitioning to the AWU. More details about the program, the uniform and grooming standards and how the uniforms standards will be applied have been given to your District Captains and Division Commanders; they are also available on the District Websites of the Pilot Districts (for now).