



Civil Air Patrol Senior Member Uniform Options

Typical for SW Florida Area

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New Badges

- Two new specialty badges – 3 levels
 - Information Technology
 - Drug Demand Reduction





New Badges

- **New Incident Commander Badge**

- Worn as specialty insignia (Male-above the pocket; Female-left breast area)
- Earned in accordance with 60-3



New Patches

- New Optional Patches

- Archer
- CISM



- **NEW Command patch**

- new design – no U.S.





Looking Sharp in CAP Uniforms

- CAP members are authorized to wear CAP distinctive uniforms as well as uniforms similar to the U.S. Air Force. CAP uses distinctive emblems, insignia, and badges to identify individuals wearing the Air Force-style uniforms as CAP members.
- Wear of the Air Force-style uniforms, as well as the insignia, badges, and devices worn on these uniforms are as prescribed by the Commander CAP-USAF with the approval of Headquarters USAF. Members electing to wear the Air Force-style uniforms must meet the weight and grooming standards prescribed in CAPM 39-1
- CAP prescribes wear policy and the use of CAP emblems, insignia, and badges on the CAP distinctive uniforms..



CAP Uniforms for Seniors

Typical for SW Florida Area

- **CAP Uniform Manual 39-1** describes in detail (*over 100 pages*) the uniform combinations that can be worn by CAP members and the restrictions on their use, including weight and grooming standards. *Please refer to CAPM 39-1 and CAP/CC Letter changes for specific details not covered here.*
- **CAPM 39-1 and CAP/CC Letters** changes are available on the Internet at:
http://members.gocivilairpatrol.com/forms_publications_regulations/indexes_regulations_and_manuals.cfm



Short-sleeve Senior Member CAP Uniform Combinations

These are the most popular **four hot-weather short-sleeve** CAP uniform combinations **typically worn in SW Florida area.**

*(In this presentation Flight Suits, Utility, and BDU are covered later;
Blue Dress Uniforms – jackets and ties- are not included.)*

1. **CAP Knit (Golf) Shirt Uniform**
2. **CAP Distinctive Uniform - White** aviator shirt with **gray** trousers/skirts/slacks
3. **AF-Style Uniform - AF light blue** shirt with **blue AF-style** trousers/skirts/slacks
4. **Blazer Uniform**

CAP Corporate Uniform – No longer approved

White aviator shirt with blue AF-style trousers/skirts/slacks phased out effective 1 Jan 2012.

All uniforms: Wear black socks* with plain black shoes or dress boots
– **please** - no slip-ons or loafers.

** Black socks not worn by women in skirts.*



1. CAP Knit (Golf) Shirts

- The most casual combination considered as a uniform for men and women
- This combination may be worn by senior members regardless of grade.
- Weight and grooming standards **not** applicable
- Black leather jacket is an approved outer garment.



1. CAP Knit (Golf) Shirts

Short and Long Sleeve

Three styles of dark blue knit shirts are authorized



1. Embroidered CAP seal on right breast and name and aeronautical rating or specialty badge on left breast.
2. Embroidered seal on right breast, without name or rating,
3. Screen-printed CAP seal on left breast.

NOTE – Short pants (blue or gray) are not currently authorized to be worn.



1. CAP Knit (Golf) Shirts

The CAP knit shirts can be worn as leisure wear.

To meet the uniform requirement they must be worn as part of a complete uniform, with:

- **gray trousers/slacks/skirt,**
- **plain black civilian belt with non-decorative gold or silver buckle, black socks* and shoes.**
- **head gear is not required but the CAP baseball cap may be worn.**

** Black socks not worn by women in skirts.*



2. CAP Distinctive Uniform

All senior members, including those not meeting the AF-style uniform grooming or weight standards of wear



- White aviator shirt, **gray** 3-line nameplate, **gray** epaulets,
- **gray** trousers /skirts/slacks with plain **black** civilian belt
- CAP ribbons centered above left breast pocket* area. No military ribbons
- CAP Aviation Badge ½ inch above ribbons or left breast pocket* if no ribbons

* *Female center on left breast area.*



2. CAP Distinctive Uniform

- Head gear is not required but the CAP baseball cap may be worn
- CAP Specialty Badge centered on left breast pocket*. It can be another badge if they prefer but only a total of two.
- Only one aviation and one added CAP badge authorized

* Female center on left breast area.



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Only difference between a short sleeve & long sleeve uniform is the long sleeve shirt requires a USAF blue tie be worn.



- **AF light blue shirt/blouse**
- **gray 3-line nameplate,**
- **gray epaulets with grade**
- **AF blue AF-style trousers/skirts/slacks with blue regulation web belt with silver buckle**
- **Ribbons/Badges** centered on left side, parallel to ground. Align bottom row of breast area ribbons with name tag. Aviation badges, specialty insignia are worn 1/2" above the ribbons.





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- **Aviation Badges:**

CAP - worn ½ inch above ribbons or above left breast pocket if no ribbons.

Military - Highly polished, worn centered 1/2 inch above the ribbons, below the CAP aviation badge.

Maximum of two badges may be worn.

- **CAP Specialty Badges:** worn centered below the pocket flap on the left breast pocket and/or on right pocket centered between left and right edges and bottom of flap and pocket.

Only one specialty badge may be worn in each location.





3. AF-Style Uniform

All senior members must meet both the grooming and weight standards. **No wing of other patches.**

- **Head gear is required-** either flight cap or service cap.
*NOTE: The flight cap will **not be worn with the grade insignia** on the right side of the cap.*
- **Senior members Major through Colonel** (field grade) may wear caps with two sets of clouds and lightning on the cap bill. All others wear caps with a plain bill.



Senior Member Field Grade
Service Cap



Senior Member Officer Flight
Cap



Women's Field Grade
Service Cap



4. CAP Blazer Uniform

May be worn by all members (cadet and senior) regardless of grade.



- **CAP blazer** white shirt/blouse with tie, gray trousers/slacks/skirt combination.
- **CAP Crest** attached or sewn to the left breast pocket
- **Nameplate** (optional) Black with CAP crest, grade insignia and state or region Chaplains may wear the chaplain insignia ½ inch above the name
- **Belt** plain black civilian, with non-decorative type gold or silver buckle (not to exceed 2 inches).
- **Shoes** Black socks and round toe shoes, no pattern
- **Tie** CAP regimental or Air Force blue
- **Semi-Formal:** CAP blazer combination with a plain white shirt/blouse and black bow tie or blue floppy bow tie, **remove the name plate; one miniature medal may be worn** on semi-formal occasions.



CAP Corporate Uniform

No longer approved –effective date 1 Jan 2012
(White aviator shirt with blue AF-style trousers/skirts/slacks)



CAP/CC Letter Change to CAPM 39-1, CAP Uniforms

1. The National Executive Committee recently approved a proposal to **phase out the Corporate Service uniform**, including the **white aviator shirt and AF blue slacks combination**, corporate service coat, black windbreaker, black overcoat and black police-style sweaters. A 1 January 2011 phase out date was originally established for these items. After careful consideration, it has been determined that the original phase out date does not provide members with sufficient time to wear items recently purchased. For this reason **the phase out date for these uniform combinations has been extended to 1 January 2012.**

2. To ensure that these combinations retain the CAP distinctiveness required by the Air Force, effective 1 September 2010 **the metal grade insignia and the blue AF epaulet sleeve will be replaced with the standard CAP gray epaulet sleeve.** The metal CAP cutout previously authorized on the epaulets of the black windbreaker and overcoat will be removed to allow for proper placement of the gray epaulet sleeve. The blue nameplate previously authorized on the white aviator shirt will be replaced with the standard gray CAP nameplate. Members may begin wearing the gray epaulet sleeve immediately but must make the change by 1 September 2010.

Outer Garments

- **Black leather jacket**
 - Two-toned name patch
 - CAP Command patch



Other Uniform Combinations

- Senior members are expected to outfit themselves with ***at least one*** of the **four uniforms** previously described and to wear one of them when attending each meeting.
- The following additional **five uniforms** are optional, but if worn, must comply with the regulations **CAP Uniform Manual 39-1**.

5. Battle Dress Uniform (BDU)

Weight/grooming standards apply

- Woodland green
- Optional left shoulder Wing patch
- Reverse American Flag mandatory
 - Right shoulder patches moved to left lower pocket
- Civil Air Patrol Tape
- Headgear (no boonie hats)
 - Embroidered grade insignia for senior member officers is mandatory
- Gortex parka authorized



6. Air Force Style Flight suit

Weight/grooming standards apply

- **AF-style flight suit**
 - White, black or brown t-shirts
 - Leather name patch
 - approved wear of specialty insignia as well as aeronautical rating
 - Plastic encased grade
 - Optional right shoulder patches
 - Flight cap or CAP baseball cap
 - Command Patch



7. CAP Flight Suit

- **Dark Blue –**
 - White t-shirt
 - Grade insignia
 - Embroidered or plastic encased
 - Leather name patch
 - Aeronautical badges and specialty insignia authorized
 - Command Patch
 - Optional right shoulder patches
 - No military badges
 - Flight cap or CAP baseball cap
- *Transition to dark blue flight suit*
 - ***Phase out date of ultramarine blue has passed.***
- **Outer garments**
 - Blue flight jacket
 - Black leather jacket
 - Civilian outer garments

8. CAP Field Uniform

- Worn same as AF BDU's
 - Civil Air Patrol tape
 - Reverse American Flag on right shoulder
 - Other patches moved to lower left pocket
 - Optional left shoulder Wing patch
 - White or black t-shirt
- Trousers may be bloused
- Headgear not required
 - Blue BDU hat authorized
 - Grade insignia
- Blue flight jacket authorized
 - If worn same devices as shirt
- Civilian outer garments



9. CAP Utility Uniform

- One-piece, flight suit style
 - Worn as CAP or AF-style flight suit
 - Grade insignia
 - Cloth or plastic encased
 - White or black t-shirts
 - Command Patch
 - No military patches
 - No headgear required
 - Any civilian outer garment
 - ***Not Nomex fabric!***



Uniform Fit is especially important

- **Service Coats and Blazer**

- Fit easily over chest and shoulders
- Sleeves end $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from heel of thumb
- Collar shows at least $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch above coat

- **Trousers/Slacks**

- Natural waist with no waist bunching or sagging in seat
- Rest on front of shoe or boot with slight break in crease
- Back edge approximately $\frac{7}{8}$ inch longer than front

- **Skirts**

- Hang naturally over hips
- No shorter than top of kneecap nor longer than bottom of kneecap



Uniform Wear Regulations

- **Weight, Weight, Weight!**
 - CAP weight standards are AF standards plus 10%
 - There is no body fat equivalent for CAP
 - Members who do not meet the standards **must not wear Air Force style uniforms**
- **Hair and Grooming Standards—**
 - Required for Air Force Style Uniform**
 - No waivers for beards
 - Jewelry: Women only may wear one small spherical (ball) conservative matched earring per lobe. Ear rings may be gold, silver, white pearl or diamond.

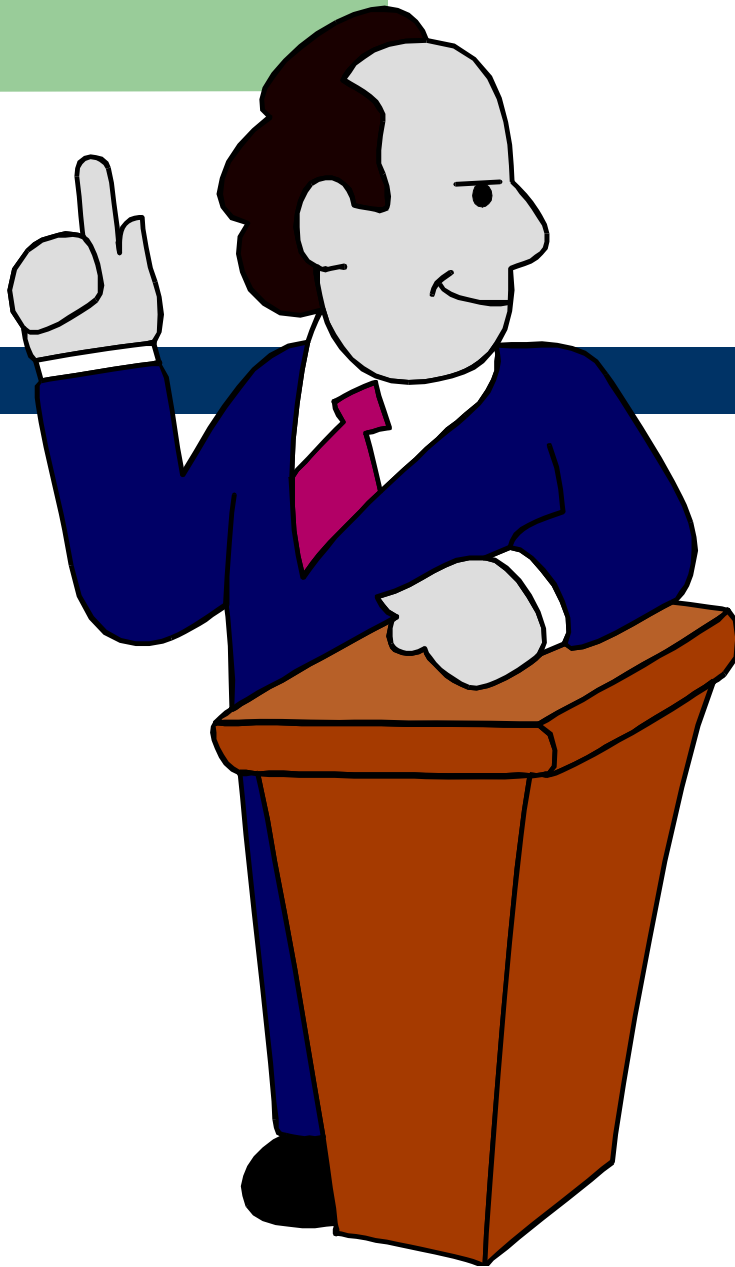


LOOK SHARP

whenever you wear a CAP Uniform

In general with all uniforms

- Articles such as papers, wallets, pencils, pens, pins, jewelry, handkerchiefs, combs, cigarettes, pipes, sunglass cases, etc. **will not be worn** or carried ***exposed*** on the uniform. A black cell-phone case may be worn clipped to the belt.
- Cell Phone may be carried in left hand.
- Other visible ornaments around the neck or on the head, ornamented eye glasses, and ankle bracelets are prohibited while in uniform.
- Proper wear of the uniform shows the high respect CAP members have for the U.S. Air Force and all the armed services.
DO NOT SHOW DISRESPECT



Any Questions?

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