

# THE CIVIL AIR PATROL BLUE DISTINCTIVE CORPORATE UNIFORM

## SQUADRON/GROUP COMMANDER BADGE

Worn on the right pocket 1/2" above the nametag and centered. Only sitting squadron/group commanders may wear this badge.

## AERONAUTICAL RATINGS AND SPECIALTY INSIGNIA

Wear 2" size aeronautical rating wings or specialty insignia 1/2" above top row of ribbons; if ribbons are not worn, place them 1/2" above left pocket. NO U.S. MILITARY OR FOREIGN AERONAUTICAL RATINGS OR BADGES MAY BE WORN.

## SHOULDER MARK INSIGNIA

Senior member officers wear USAF-style blue shoulder marks that slide onto shirt epaulets. Cadet officers over 18 years old wear blue cadet shoulder marks with miniature cadet officer insignia. Senior member NCOs may wear AF-style senior NCO shoulder mark insignia (MSgt/SMSgt/CMSgt only), pin on metal grade (TSgt and below) on blue shoulder mark (use cadet officer shoulder mark) or sew 3-1/2" stripes on sleeves, halfway between elbow and shoulder seam. Senior members without grade wear CAP cutouts on both sides of collar, 1" from front edge and centered. Cadet Airmen wear CAP cutout on left collar and grade insignia on right collar, 1" from front edge and centered.

## NAMETAG

Senior member officers and NCOs wear two-line blue nametag. Cadets wear three-line blue cadet nametag. Worn resting on (but not over) the right pocket and centered.

## THE 'GIG LINE' AND 'BRASS ON BRASS'

Keep shirt edge, end of belt buckle and fly aligned at all times. This is the 'gig line'. Tip of belt does not show any blue material when fastened; this is 'brass on brass'.

## RIBBONS

Wear is optional. Senior members may choose to display all or some of their earned ribbons; cadets must display all ribbons earned. Wear of earned military ribbons with CAP ribbons is permitted. Consult CAPM 39-1 and the respective uniformed service's uniform regulations for correct order of precedence.

## SPECIALTY TRACK BADGE

Worn centered on the left pocket. Female members may place the specialty track badge 1/2 inch above ribbons and centered. Only one specialty track badge may be worn.

## BLUE TROUSERS

Shade is Air Force 1625. Be sure to match the shade and weave to the flight cap or if you are planning to wear the corporate service dress coat.

**NOTE:** When wearing this uniform combination, CAP grooming standards in accordance with CAPM 39-1 must be followed. CAP weight standards do not apply. Short sleeve shirt is shown as an example; when wearing the long sleeve shirt, the Air Force blue tie must be worn. Tie is optional on the short sleeve shirt combination worn as an outer garment.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON INSIGNIA PLACEMENT**

Specialty insignia: Worn ½" above ribbons; if ribbons are not worn, ½" above pocket and centered. Aeronautical rating badges, if worn, are placed ½" above specialty insignia and centered. EXCEPTION: Chaplain specialty insignia is worn ½" above any other specialty badge or aeronautical rating.

## **THE WHITE 'AVIATOR' SHIRT**

There is no specific style of white shirt worn with this uniform combination; the most common shirt style is made by Van Heusen and called the 'Aviator'. White shirts with epaulets and Air Force style pleated patch pockets are also approved for wear. Military creases (pressed or permanently sewn) on the front and back of the shirt are prohibited. (Pressed (not sewn) creases are allowed on the shirt sleeves). Do not put pens, pencils or any other items inside the shirt pockets. Shirts with holes pre-cut for the placement of wings or police/fire badges are prohibited.

## **WEAR OF MILITARY MEDALS, RIBBONS AND BADGES ON THE CAP BLUE DISTINCTIVE UNIFORM**

Military badges and devices may NOT be worn on the CAP blue distinctive uniform. Military ribbons (in the proper order of precedence) may be worn, if allowed by the respective military service. Wear some, all or none. Below are excerpts of the military service's uniform regulations for guidance:

Quote from: AFI 36-2903

### **4.4. Wear of Awards and Decorations by Retirees and Honorably Discharged Veterans.**

Honorably discharged and retired Air Force members may wear full-size or miniature medals on civilian suits on appropriate occasions such as Memorial Day and Armed Forces Day. Female members may wear full-size or miniature medals on equivalent dress.

Quote from: AR 670-1

### **30–6. Wear of medals on civilian clothes.**

Retired personnel and former members of the Army (as described above) may wear all categories of medals described in this regulation on appropriate civilian clothing. This includes clothes designed for veteran and patriotic organizations on Veteran's Day, Memorial Day, and Armed Forces Day, as well as at formal occasions of ceremony and social functions of a military nature. Personnel may wear either full-size or miniature medals. Personnel who wear medals on civilian clothes should place the medals on the clothing in approximately the same location and in the same manner as for the Army uniform, so they look similar to medals worn on the Army uniform.

Quote from: NAVPERS 15665I

### **5303. WEARING AWARDS ON CIVILIAN CLOTHES**

1. Miniature Medals and Miniature Breast Insignia. Wear miniature medals and breast insignia on civilian evening dress (white tie) or civilian dinner dress (black tie) in the same manner as for dinner dress jackets.
2. Medal of Honor. The Medal of Honor, for which there is no miniature, may be worn with civilian evening dress (white tie) and civilian dinner dress (black tie) in the same manner as for military uniforms.
3. Miniature Replicas. Wear miniature replicas of ribbons made in the form of lapel buttons, or ribbons made in rosette form, on the left lapel of civilian clothes except civilian evening dress (white tie) and civilian dinner dress (black tie).
4. Miniature Distinguished Marksmanship and Pistol Shot Badges. Wear miniature distinguished marksmanship and pistol shot badges as a lapel pin or as part of a tie clasp on civilian clothing.
5. Honorable Discharge and Service Buttons. Wear honorable discharge and service buttons on left lapel of civilian clothes except civilian evening dress (white tie).

Quote from: COMDTINST M1020.6E 3.G.1.

Civilian Clothing Miniature medals. With civilian evening dress (white tie) wear in the same manner as prescribed for Formal Dress uniform, and with civilian dinner dress (black tie) in the same manner as prescribed for Dinner Dress uniforms.

Miniature ribbon replicas made as lapel pins, or ribbons in rosette form. On the left lapel of civilian clothes except civilian evening dress (white tie), and civilian dinner dress (black tie) as noted above.

Nonmilitary Uniforms Medals and Ribbons. Per organization's uniform rules.

5203. 5. Wear on Civilian Evening Clothes

a. Males. Miniature medals may be worn on the left lapel of the civilian evening coat on ceremonial occasions, but only when strictly appropriate to the occasion. On the full dress and tuxedo coats, miniatures will be worn centered on the wearer's left lapel, placed horizontally and one inch below the end of the collar gorge. The top edge of the holding bar will completely cover the buttonhole. If current styles preclude wearing on the lapel, miniatures will be placed in the same relative position as if there was a lapel.

b. Females. Miniature medals may be worn on civilian evening attire on ceremonial occasions, but only when strictly appropriate to the occasion. Miniatures will be worn in approximately the same position where they would be worn on the uniform. If current styles preclude the wearing of miniatures in a place approximating the position where they would be worn on the uniform, miniatures will not be worn.

c. If a second row of miniatures is worn, it will be placed 1 inch below the first row. In no case will more than two rows of miniatures be worn on civilian attire.

**FLIGHT CAP AND SERVICE CAP**

Be sure the shade and weave matches the trousers and service coat. Shade for the blue distinctive CAP uniform is 1625. Do not mix shades or weaves.