



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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MEMORANDUM FOR MAJCOM COMMANDERS AND ANG

FROM: SAF/MR

SUBJECT: Distribution of Air Force Utility Uniforms to Civil Air Patrol

This memorandum provides authorization for distribution of Airman Battle Uniforms (ABUs) to all Civil Air Patrol (CAP) organizations. Per DoDM 4160.21 Vol 4, CAP is authorized to wear military combat clothing and accessories to include ABUs. This includes jackets, trousers, shirts, associated headwear and outer garments.

On 28 August 2015, the SecAF and CSAF officially announced that the CAP is a member of the Total Force as the Auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, joining the regular, guard and reserve forces. For the last 78 years CAP has supported America with emergency response, aerospace education and continues to shape future leaders through CAP's cadet programs. CAP cadets and volunteers, therefore, are authorized to wear USAF ABU uniforms.

Since mandatory wear for OCPs is 1 April 2021 and many organizations are already issuing the new OCP uniforms I'm encouraging serviceable ABUs be transferred to local CAP wings and squadrons. To find a local CAP wing please visit www.gocivilairpatrol.com and enter a zip code in the "find your local squadron" block or contact Maggie Spikes at (334) 953-9180, mSPIKES@capnhq.gov.

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