

Personnel - General

CIVIL AIR PATROL UNIFORM MANUAL

CAPM 39-1, 23 March 2005, **as amended**, is supplemented as follows:

1-1. (Added) Policy This supplement specifies the wear of certain optional items in order to maintain standards of uniformity of appearance within units of California Wing. In addition, this document provides direction in the wear of some items that were not addressed in CAPM 39-1.

1-5.c. (Added) Ground Team Uniform. Members participating in ground team operations may wear the following optional uniform combination only while in the field. This uniform is authorized for safety reasons and does not preclude wearing BDUs or the Field Uniform with an orange vest during ground operations. Placement of insignia is identical to that shown in Figure 2-17 for BDUs with the exceptions in the NOTES: below.

(1) Description:

(a) Long or short sleeve orange, two pocket shirt without epaulets.

(b) Blue CAP Field Uniform trousers.

(c) Dark blue web belt with black subdued buckle (USAF style).

(d) Boots appropriate for conditions. The Ground Team Leader will be the final authority for the suitability of boots.

(e) Outer garments appropriate for weather and safety conditions.

(2) NOTES: Only the following insignia and patches will be worn.

(a) Civil Air Patrol Blue Breast Badge is worn centered immediately above the left shirt pocket.

(b) Blue Name Tag - cloth is worn centered immediately above the right shirt pocket (only the last name is used).

(c) CAP Aviation Badges and Ground Team Badge.-Cloth, are worn 1/2 inch above the "Civil Air Patrol" tape. If both devices are worn, the aviation badge is placed 1/2 inch above the Ground Team Badge.

(d) A cloth Specialty Badge (Communications, EMT, CPR, etc) may be worn centered on the left shirt pocket.

(e) A unit patch may be worn centered on the right shirt pocket.

(f) The California Wing patch is worn 3/4 inch below the shoulder seam on the left sleeve. See Figure 5-12, below.

(g) The NASAR SARTECH II or OES Search and Rescue patch, with or without attached tab, may be worn 3/4 inch below the shoulder seam on the right sleeve.

(3) Insignia NOT authorized on the Ground Team Uniform combination:

(a) Grade insignia.

(b) CAP Lapel/Collar insignia

(c) Military Aviation Badges

(d) Metal insignia.

1-5.d. (Added) Special Uniform for Sailplane Operations. Members may wear a CAP distinctive shirt (Squadron shirt, activity shirt, or any California Wing approved golf shirt) with dark blue or khaki shorts (hemmed) or BDU pants and tennis shoes while participating in sailplane operations.

1-6. (Added) Dress and Appearance. In addition to specifying uniform standards of appearance, certain operational concerns are addressed as follows:

(1) Safety. Items such as bright orange vests with reflective panels, whistles, or other safety items may be worn with any uniform combination or civilian clothing when appropriate for safety considerations.

(2) Laminated Plastic ID Cards. Activity commanders may design and produce heat laminated ID cards for identification of staff members only. Cards will be clipped to the left side collar or pocket flap of the uniform. This section does not apply to the membership card issued by National Headquarters, or to the CAP Form 19 *CAP Photo Identification Card*. When

an identification card is required by another organization for activity participation, it will be worn per this paragraph.

(3) Distinctive Dress/Accessories. For designation of staff members at activities, i.e., air shows, the following items are authorized:

- (a) armbands
- (b) reflective tape on baseball caps.

Table 1-3 Line 3. (Added) Helmet Liners. Military helmets or helmet liners are NOT authorized during emergency services missions or as safety headgear. If head protection is required, wear of an OSHA-certified plastic hardhat is authorized. The hardhat is worn without organizational emblems or badges, except the CAP emblem (3 ½ inch decal) may be worn centered on the front ½ inch above the visor.

Table 1-3 Line 4. (Added) Berets. Berets are NOT authorized for wear in California Wing.

2-1.c. (Added) Load Bearing Equipment (LBE). Load Bearing Equipment (previously referred to as ALICE gear) may be worn for field activities with the BDU or Ground Team uniform. When performing duties in public view (air shows, etc.) limited equipment (pistol belt and canteen) will be worn. Nonessential equipment such as knives, large packs, or flashlights (during daytime) are not authorized.

Table 2-3 Line 12. (Added) BDU Undershirt. Cadets will wear black T-shirts with the BDU uniform at all Wing level cadet activities. Silk-screening and designs with a CAP or USAF theme are permitted, but will not be visible when wearing the blouse.

Table 2-4 Item 3. (Added) Footwear. In the interest of safety, black leather over the ankle lace-up boots will be worn with flight suits while participating in mission flight activities.

Table 4-4 Line 2. (Added) Shirt. The gray or blue knit golf shirt with the embroidered California Wing patch, or any color knit golf

shirt awarded for participation in the Counter Drug program is authorized for wear within California. These shirts may not be worn during powered flight activity.

Table 4-5 Line 1. (Added) Flight Suit. In the interest of safety, the orange NOMEX flight suit is authorized for wear in California as an alternative to the royal blue or dark blue flight suit. This garment will be worn with the same badges and devices prescribed for the AF-style flight suit.

Table 4-5 Line 3. (Added) Footwear. In the interest of safety, black leather over the ankle lace-up boots will be worn with flight suits while participating in mission flight activities.

5-4. (Added) Military Service Awards and Badges. Copies of legal military orders or DD 214 *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty* authorizing the wear of the badges and/or decorations will be filed at the member's home unit.

5-5 (Added) Shoulder Cords. Authorized cadets may wear shoulder cords as listed below on the service and service dress uniforms. Members may wear the cord only while they are a current member of one of the groups and have orders assigning them to that group (CAPF 2a or Personnel Authorization). Shoulder cords are to be of the Infantry style only.

<u>ACTIVITY/POSITION</u>	<u>CORD COLOR</u>
Wing CAC Chairman	Blue
Wing CAC Member	Red
Wing Drill Team	Dark Blue/Gold
Wing Color Guard	Dark Blue/Gold
Sqdn/Grp Color Guard	White
Primary Sqdn CAC Rep	Green

Table 6-4, Item 21 (Added) Because of its unusual design, the top center of the California Wing patch is placed 3/4 inch below the shoulder seam. See Figure 6-14, below, for detailed instructions.

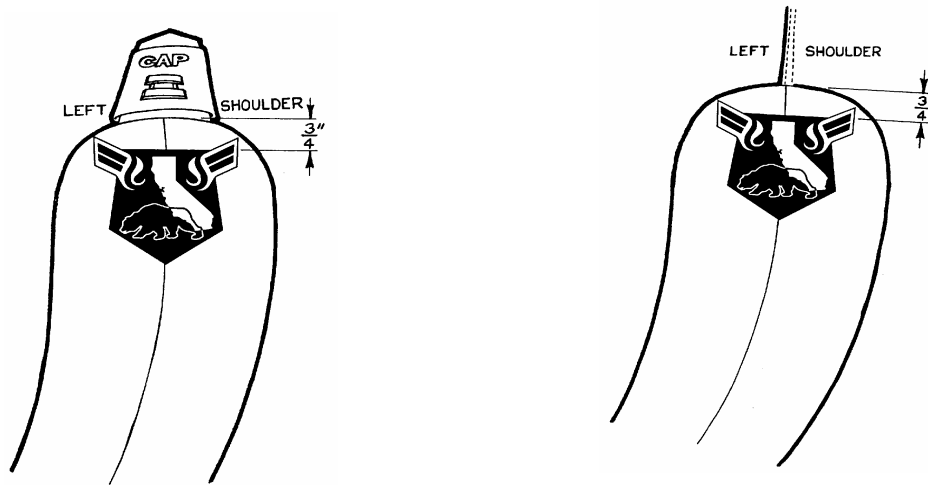


Figure 6-14 (Added) Placement of the California Wing Patch. The California Wing Patch is worn so that the center of the top edge of the patch is 3/4 inch below the shoulder seam. The patch will be worn on the optional Ground Team uniform, BDU, Field Uniform, CAP Utility Uniform and all flight suits. On jackets that have epaulettes, center the patch below the epaulet. On garments without epaulettes, place the patch so that the top center edge of the patch is 3/4 inch below the highest point of the shoulder seam as worn. The California Wing Patch will be removed from the blue Air Force shirt and all Air Force outer garments except BDU and green flight suit/jacket by 31 July 2006.

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

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