

# Military Style Blue/White Uniform

NEC Discussion Points

November 2009

## History of the Blue/White - 1

- **Mar 06 NB**
  - Approved the basic uniform of aviator shirt and blue AF slacks, blue epaulets and two line blue name tag.
- **May 06 NEC**
  - Approved Corporate Service Coat with brushed silver one-line nametag, U.S on the lapels, flight cap with grade on right sides and hat device on left, black windbreaker with metal grade on epaulet, required those wearing to meet grooming standards.

## History of the Blue/White - 2

- **Aug 06 NB**
  - Announced change to two-line brushed silver name tag on Corporate Service Coat
- **Sep 06 (CC?)**
  - Replaced U.S. on the lapels with C.A.P, removed grade from flight cap and moved hat device to the right side, added the metal C.A.P. cutout to the epaulet of the windbreaker
- **Nov 06 NEC**
  - Clarified customs and courtesies for the Corporate uniform, stand at attention for the National Anthem and presentation of colors, salute superior officers as necessary

## History of the Blue/White - 3

- **Jul 07 (CC?)**
  - Added “U.S.” to the “Civil Air Patrol” on both nametags
- **Nov 07 NEC**
  - Removed U.S. from name tags
- **Mar 08 (CC?)**
  - Wear instructions for senior member NCO grades on Corporate uniform and approved black Army-style all weather coat

## History of the Blue/White - 4

- **Mar 09 NB**
  - Corporate uniform outer garments including sweaters and parkas, also wear of military ribbons tabled. Removal of silver braid defeated.
- **Sep 09 NB**
  - Police-style black v-neck and cardigan sweaters approved.
- **Nov 09 NEC**
  - Corporate uniform eliminated – phase out date Jan 2011.

## Considerations for Deliberation - 1

1. The current CAP "New Corporate" uniform consisting of dark blue trousers, white aviator shirt was approved by NB in March 2006.
2. **However, this uniform was not properly vetted and approved by the U.S. Air Force.**
3. Through **many steps**, the CAP has developed several combinations of uniforms, which sometimes creates confusion relating to the various articles approved for wear. Having so many combinations of uniforms to wear has proved financially burdensome on members who try to stay current with the proper uniform regulation standards.

## Considerations for Deliberation - 2

4. Many CAP members have expressed a desire to reduce our uniform inventory to a more manageable level.
5. CAP-USAF has suggested that CAP reduce our uniform inventory to a manageable level. Suggestions include two service types of uniforms, to include the current Air Force style uniform, and an approved corporate uniform consisting of the grey slacks/white shirt/blue blazer combination currently worn by CAP members who do not wish to or may not wear the USAF style.
6. In an effort to facilitate these requests expeditiously and to comply with the request from the USAF, the NEC chose to remove the CAP "New Corporate" uniform from the CAP inventory at its November 2009 meeting. A "phase out" date of January 2011 was imposed.

## Considerations for Deliberation - 3

7. Although this action was out of the routine, members of the NEC felt that there was urgency to this issue and made the decision to respond.
8. As the Air Force Auxiliary, the CAP must work "in partnership" with the Air Force, and maintain a working relationship that is positive and advantageous for both parties. Therefore, the CAP has the responsibility to continuously strive to improve ourselves, recognize our failures of the past, and move forward in a professional manner.
9. Members may continue to wear the black "Cooper" style jacket with the white shirt/grey slacks and blue blazer combination, and cadets may now wear the white shirt/grey slacks and blue blazer combination also.

## Legal Implications - NB

C&B, Article X, "The NB shall have the exclusive power to:

- a. Elect the National Commander and National Vice Commander.
- b. Adopt regulations governing the removal of the National Commander and National Vice Commander.
- c. Establish, increase, and lower national dues for all categories of membership.
- d. Confirm the appointment of the National Chief of Staff, National Legal Officer, National Finance Officer, National Controller, National Inspector General, and National Chief of Chaplain Service.
- e. Approve Hall of Honor nominees and grant Life Membership.

## Legal Implications - NEC

### **C&B, ARTICLE XI, NEC:**

1. When the National Board is not in session, the National Executive Committee shall be vested with all the powers of the National Board, except those powers which may be reserved exclusively to the National Board.

Therefore, the NEC's actions were not improper.

## Standardized Grey

- Uniform Shops –