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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL CAP MEMBERS

FROM: CAP/CC

SUBJECT: Interim Change Letter – CAPR 39-1, *Civil Air Patrol Uniform Regulation*

1. This interim change letter changes CAPR 39-1, *Civil Air Patrol Uniform Regulation*, dated 3 March 2020, with incorporated ICL 21-01, dated 9 August 2021, and ICL 25-02, dated 16 April 2025, to include the following approved uniform changes:
2. The attached incorporates Chapter 7 and authorizes the wear of the Operational Camouflage Pattern (OCP) as a CAP utility uniform. The approved wear date is 1 November 2025.
3. The Airman's Battle Uniform (ABU) is still authorized for wear with a phase-out date of 31 October 2028.
4. The following changes authorize the wear of Coyote Brown boots with the USAF-style Flight Duty Uniform (FDU). The approved wear date for Coyote Brown boots is 1 November 2025.

Paragraph 8.2.11. Changed to read: Footwear. Coyote Brown or black combat boots are worn with the FDU. Black combat boots will be phased out on 31 October 2028.

Paragraph 9.2.3. Changed to read: National Blue Beret (NBB). Graduates of this program may wear the blue beret granted per the activity's procedures with the USAF style ABU/OCP and the CAP corporate field uniform at the unit level. Berets will not be worn at wing, region, or national activities other than NBB.

Direct comments or questions regarding this interim change letter to the CAP Director of Personnel and Member Actions, Ms. Marie Vogt, CAP/DP, at membershipservices@capnhq.gov.

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Wear Instructions for the CAP Occupational Camouflage Pattern (OCP)

These instructions will be incorporated into the next revision of CAPR 39-1.

7.1. Operational Camouflage Pattern (OCP), Male and Female. OCPs will be worn in accordance with DAFI 36-2903 unless specifically noted below in subsequent sections and paragraphs.

7.1.1.1. OCP Coat (Shirt).

7.1.1.1.1. The glint squares on the shoulders will remain covered.

7.1.1.1.2. Accoutrements. Members will wear a basic configuration consisting of name and CAP tapes, U.S. Flag (full color), and AUX Duty Identifier. Members may sew on or use Velcro® backing for nametape, CAP tape, and rank. Tapes and rank must be either all sewn on or all Velcro®; members are not authorized to mix sewn-on and Velcro® tapes or rank. Note: Aviation and Occupational badges may be sewn-on or Velcro®, but if more than one is worn, you must sew or Velcro® all badges. Only Velcro® patches are authorized on the left and right sleeves of the OCP coat. An OCP Velcro® sleeve pen/pencil holder may be worn on either sleeve but will not impede the proper wear of required patches and/or duty badges.

7.1.1.2. Grade Insignia

7.1.1.2.1. Officer and NCO Grade Insignia. Officers and NCOs will wear embroidered grade insignia on 2" x 2" dark blue material on the front of the OCP in the center of the chest. The General Officer grade will be positioned vertically, with a point of each star pointing upward. General Officers will wear 1-inch stars. General Officers unable to wear 1-inch stars will wear 3/4 inch stars. The Colonel grade insignia is worn with the eagle's beak pointed towards the wearer's right shoulder (indicating the eagle is facing forward) and will be centered horizontally. The stem of the Major and Lieutenant Colonel grade will point toward the ground. The long end of the Flight Officer, Lieutenant, and Captain bars will be positioned vertically. Senior members without grade wear a blank 2" x 2" dark blue square on the front of the OCP.

7.1.1.2.2. Cadet Grade Insignia. Cadet officers will wear embroidered grade insignia on 2" x 2" dark blue material on the front of the OCP in the center of the chest. Cadet officer insignia is centered vertically with the long points on the cadet field grade insignia positioned horizontally, and each subsequent circle of cadet company grade insignia added vertically. Cadet NCOs and Airmen will wear their grade device in metal on 2" x 2" dark blue material; Cadet Airman Basic wear no device and no blue material.

7.1.1.2.3. Name and CAP tapes are mandatory for all personnel and will be light silver block lettering on dark blue background. The "Civil Air Patrol" tape will be worn on the wearer's upper left chest. The last name tape will be worn to the wearer's upper right chest. If sewn to the OCP coat, name tapes will be the same length as the hook side Velcro® panel that was removed. Name tapes will only be longer if the last name is longer than the panel.

7.1.1.3. Badges and CAP Commander Insignia.

7.1.1.3.1. A maximum of four occupational, qualification, and/or skill badges may be worn centered above the CAP tape using light silver embroidery on the dark blue background. Badge placement is measured from the blue fabric edges. Badges will have 1/8th inch of blue fabric exposed at the widest and tallest parts of the badge. If earned and authorized, military badges may be worn in accordance with

DAFI 36-2903. Military badges on the OCP may be worn in subdued colors if they cannot be obtained in silver on dark blue fabric. Only military wings and badges originally awarded in gold will be embroidered in gold on dark blue background.

7.1.1.3.1.1. When one badge is worn, it is centered 1/2 inch above the CAP tape. Measure from the top of the CAP tape to the silver of the badge.

7.1.1.3.1.2. When two badges are worn, the first is centered 1/2 inch above the CAP tape; the second badge will be centered 1/2 inch above the first badge.

7.1.1.3.1.3. When three badges are worn, they are centered 1/8 inch above the CAP tape either in a single vertical column with 1/4 inch between badges; or two badges are worn side by side, 1/8 inch above and centered on the CAP tape with 1/2 inch between badges horizontally, and the third badge is centered on the CAP tape 1/4 inch above the lower two badges.

7.1.1.3.1.4. When four badges are worn, they are centered 1/8 inch above the CAP tape and worn either vertically and side by side in stacks of two with 1/4 inch between the badges vertically and 1/2 inch between the badges horizontally; or two badges are worn side by side, 1/8 inch above and centered on the CAP tape with 1/2 inch between badges horizontally, and the remaining two badges are centered on the CAP tape and stacked vertically 1/4 inch above the lower two badges with 1/4 inch between badges. Badges stacked one on top of the other are centered on each other with the smaller badge centered above or below (according to precedence) the larger badge. Vertical spacing is measured between the larger badges.

7.1.1.3.1.5. Aviation, occupational, and military badge order of precedence:

7.1.1.3.1.5.1. Group 1 (mandatory badges). CAP chaplain, aviation, military aeronautical, space, cyberspace, and missile operations badges. If more than one CAP Aviation badge is authorized, only one may be worn. CAP mandatory badges take precedence over military mandatory badges.

7.1.1.3.1.5.2. Group 2 (optional badges) CAP occupational and qualification badges, military parachutist wings, military qualification badges, military occupation badges, or skill badges. Wear service badges in accordance with the applicable service order of precedence; however, all Air Force badges take precedence over other service badges, and all CAP badges take precedence over all group 2 badges and should be in the wearer's highest position, from the viewer's left to right, under group 1 badges.

7.1.1.3.1.6. Chaplain badge has precedence over all other badges and will always be worn in the highest position.

7.1.1.3.1.7. CAP Commander's Insignia will be worn for Officers in the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and below when currently in command. The insignia will be centered 1/2 inch above the name tape, on 1 1-inch x 1-inch dark blue cloth patch. Officers and NCOs who are graduated commanders IAW paragraph 10.2.5. may wear the insignia on a small Velcro® patch on top of the left sleeve (Figure 7.1.1.3.1.7.), either centered horizontally and vertically above the left shoulder patch or centered horizontally and 1/2 inch from the top of the Velcro® area, depending on uniform configuration. The CAP commander's insignia does not count towards the four maximum badges on the chest or two maximum patches on the left sleeve.

Figure 7.1.1.3.1.7:



Illustration: OCP Coat (Shirt) **left sleeve view** as worn by graduated commanders

7.1.1.4. Shoulder Patches. Patches will not extend past the boundary of the Velcro®.

7.1.1.4.1. Right Sleeve (Figure 7.1.1.4.1). A maximum of 2 patches may be worn.

7.1.1.4.1.1. The right field (reversed) U.S. flag patch is mandatory and will be full color cloth centered at the top of Velcro®.

7.1.1.4.1.2. Unit of assignment full color patches are mandatory if approved and compliant with CAPR 110-3 and will be centered in the middle of the Velcro® area under the U.S. Flag. Units that do not have an in-compliance patch will wear no patch under the U.S. Flag until their patch is in compliance and approved by the appropriate commander. Wing Commanders will approve squadron and group patches. CAP/CC is the approval authority for overseas units, wings, and regions. Members will only wear the organization unit emblem of their primary unit of membership. Members will not wear patches of other units to which they have additional duties in this position.

Figure 7.1.1.4.1:



Illustration: OCP Shirt **right sleeve view**

7.1.1.4.2. Left Sleeve (Figure 7.1.1.4.2). A maximum of two patches may be worn. One patch must be the “AUX” duty identifier and affixed in the top position. The graduated commander’s insignia does not count as one of two patches, i.e., it may be worn in addition to two patches. Patches other than those listed below are not authorized to wear on the left sleeve.

7.1.1.4.2.1. One higher headquarters (HHQ) patch (wing, region, or CAP command patch) is mandatory, except as provided in paragraph 7.1.1.4.2.2. Members assigned to squadrons and groups will wear the wing patch in this position. Members assigned to wings as their primary unit will wear the region patch in this position. Members assigned to region and national staff as their primary unit will wear the CAP command patch. Members of overseas squadrons will wear the CAP Overseas unit patch in this position.

7.1.1.4.2.2. Cadet Special Activity, Operations-related Recognition Patches, Command Council, CSAG, National Executive Committee, National Board, National Staff Badge, and Volunteer University Instructor patches may be worn in lieu of the HHQ patch.

7.1.1.4.2.3. Military joint qualification tabs may be worn above the top patch and do not count toward the maximum of 2 patches (e.g., Army Ranger, Sapper, Special Forces, Air Advisor, etc.). These tabs should be in full color but may be worn in the subdued color of their issuing service if full color is not available. These tabs will be worn in accordance with DAFI 36-2903.



7.1.1.5. T-Shirt. T-shirt will be Coyote Brown (Tan 499), long or short sleeve, and will be tucked into OCP trousers. Additionally, unit commanders may allow for display on morale undershirts organizational emblems, as officially and currently approved by the wing commander, not to exceed 5 inches in diameter, in cloth or silk screen. If displayed, organizational emblems will be worn on the left side of the

chest of the Coyote Brown (Tan 499) morale undershirts. The morale undershirts may also display the organizational emblem on the back of the undershirt in a larger diameter as authorized by commanders.

7.1.1.6. OCP Trouser. The OCP trousers are worn buttoned and with a belt. The trouser waistband will rest on the member's waist. Pockets will be secured, and items stowed in pockets will not be visible. Exception: OCP patrol cap or tactical cap may extend outside when placed in the OCP trouser cargo pocket. Members may wear trousers tucked into the top of the boots, bloused using the draw strings at the bottom of the trousers, or use commercial blousing devices if the trousers are not tucked into the boots. Members will not wrap the trouser leg around the leg tightly enough to present a pegged appearance or insert any items inside the trouser leg to create a round appearance at the bottom of the trouser leg. When bloused, the trousers will not extend below the third eyelet from the top of the boot.

7.1.1.7. Belt. A one-piece Tan 499 color rigger-style nylon web belt will be worn with OCP trousers. The belt may extend past the buckle.

Figure 7.1.1.8:



Illustration: **Patrol cap front** as worn by adult members and cadet officers (top) **Patrol cap back** (middle) **Tactical hat front** as worn by cadet airmen (bottom)

7.1.1.8. Tactical and Patrol OCP Caps (Figure 7.1.1.8). A cap will be worn outdoors at all times, unless in a designated “no hat” area. Members will wear a cap straight on the head so that the cap band creates a straight line around the head, parallel to the ground. The cap will fit snugly and comfortably around the largest part of the head without bulging or distortion from the intended shape of the headgear and without excessive gaps. No hair will be visible on the forehead beneath the cap. Members are not authorized to block or ranger roll the patrol cap. The Velcro® or sew-on light silver on dark blue nametape will be centered on the back of the cap and will match the width of the OCP coat name tape. Officers and Cadet Officers will wear sewn or Velcro® rank insignia centered, 1/2 inch from the visor, on the front of caps. Members' sewing rank on the cap will only have 1/8th inch of blue fabric showing past the widest and tallest part of the insignia. Chaplains may wear the chaplain occupational badge sewn-on or Velcro® and centered 1/2 inch above the visor in place of rank insignia. NCOs, Cadet NCOs, and Airmen members will not wear rank insignia or a subdued flag on the patrol or tactical cap; only a nametape on the back of the cap is authorized. The front of the cap must not have any Velcro® or other

items. Tactical caps may be solid OCP material or OCP with coyote brown mesh back. No other colors or combinations are authorized. Note: Females are authorized to pull their bun or ponytail/equivalent through the back of the tactical cap.

7.1.1.9. Footwear. Socks may be either Sage Green socks or Coyote Brown. Boots will be suede or composite material and coyote brown in color. Boots must be between 6-12 inches in height (measured from the bottom of the heel tread to the top of the back of the boot), and soling material will not exceed 2 inches in height. Boots will be laced up with plain, rounded toe or rounded capped toe with or without a perforated seam. Laces will either be tied and tucked into the boot or tied and wrapped around the boot. A zipper or elastic insert may be worn; however, if worn, they will be without design. Boots can be either with or without a safety toe. Logos or brand names will be the same color as the boot. Designs are not authorized.

7.1.1.10. Optional Undergarments. Optional undergarments are worn in addition to the t-shirt/turtleneck.

7.1.1.10.1. Sleep Shirt. The sleep shirt may be worn untucked under the OCP coat. The sleep shirt will not be worn as an outer garment. The sleep shirt will not be visible under the OCP coat except at the neck. The sleep shirt will be coyote brown (Tan 499). No other colors are authorized.

7.1.1.10.2. Thermal Underwear. Tan 499 thermal underwear may be worn under the OCP. Thermal underwear will not be worn as an outer garment. Thermal underwear will not be visible under the OCP trousers and coat except at the neck.

7.1.1.11. Cold-Weather accessories. Cold-weather accessories may be worn without wearing authorized outer garments. With the exception of functional items, cold-weather accessories are only worn while outdoors. Authorized cold-weather accessories for the OCP are:

7.1.1.11.1. Coyote Brown or black scarves, earmuffs, cold weather headbands, watch caps and sage green, black or coyote brown gloves.

Figure 7.1.1.11.2:



Illustration: Coyote Brown Fleece

7.1.1.11.2. Coyote brown fleece may be worn indoors or outdoors (Figure 7.1.1.11.2). The coyote brown fleece is authorized for wear as an outer garment over the OCP coat only. It will have a Velcro® nametape centered between the zipper and sleeve seam on the wearer's right chest. It will also have a 2-inch squared Velcro® cloth rank with blue background flushed and centered above the nametape on the wearer's right chest. A Velcro® Civil Air Patrol tape will be even with the nametape and centered between the zipper and sleeve seam on the wearer's left chest. Note: Members may sew-on or use Velcro® backing for nametape, Civil Air Patrol tape, and rank but will not mix sewn-on and Velcro® tapes or rank. The fleece will be zipped no lower than the top of the nametape. The collar will be folded over and resting on the shoulder, chest, and back when the zipper is not completely zipped. The bottom length of the fleece will match as closely as possible to the bottom length of the OCP coat. Do not roll or push up the sleeves.

7.1.1.11.3. Commercial Cold-Weather Outerwear. Commercial cold-weather OCP outerwear may be worn with the OCP uniform, for outdoor use only. If worn, commercial outerwear must be OCP pattern or coyote brown. Name tape, CAP tape, rank, and patches will be worn in the same configuration as authorized for the OCP uniform. At minimum, commercial outerwear will have name tape, CAP tape, and rank. No large logo will be visible.

7.1.1.11.4. All levels of outer and undergarment from the GEN III Extended Cold Weather Clothing System (ECWCS) provided they are in OCP pattern or Coyote brown, except for the Level 7 parka which may be sage green. The jackets may be worn without the pants, but the pants must be worn with the jacket. Name tape, CAP tape, and rank square must be worn when applicable. Slip-on rank sleeve is acceptable with the Level 6 jacket.

7.1.1.12. Additional items that may be authorized:

7.1.1.12.1. Encampments and Activities. Encampment Commanders and/or Activity Directors may authorize the wear of Encampment/Activity-specific t-shirts or headgear for wear at the Encampment/Activity only. Examples of these items would be Baseball Caps (with the exception of red caps), Berets (Blue Beret graduates only, no other color is authorized). Encampment/Activity-specific items will not be worn outside of the Encampment/Activity. For the purpose of this regulation, an encampment/activity includes travel to and from the member's home and the activity site.

7.1.1.12.2. Baseball Caps. Unit Commanders may authorize the wear of unit Baseball Caps for wear with the OCP when approved by the Wing Commander. These caps will be conservative in color and will not be worn outside of unit activities. Red Baseball Caps may not be authorized, as the Air Force reserves this color for specific special duty units.