

Civil Air Patrol Uniform Equivalency Chart for Senior Members

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| Air Force-style Uniforms (must meet weight & grooming standards) | CAP Distinctive Uniforms (also called “Corporate Uniforms”) |
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|  <p>The “Mess Dress Uniform”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Para. 2-1 (b) & Figs. 2-7 (males), 2-15 (females) • Consists of black shoes, black socks (males), blue pants with vertical strip (males)/blue ankle-length skirt (females), cummerbund, ruffled white shirt (studs & cuff links), dark blue bow tie (males)/tie tab (females), and blue Mess jacket. • CAP seal is worn over middle button on wearer’s right, insignia worn on shoulder boards, mini medals and devices worn. • Officers have blue braid on arm sleeves. • No headgear is worn. | <p>The “Semi-Formal Blazer Uniform”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentioned at the end of Para. 4-2(a). • Not actually pictured anywhere in CAPM 39-1. • Essentially the same as the “Blazer Uniform” below, except that a black tie/tab is worn and the nameplate is removed. • One miniature medal may be worn as per Para. 5-1 & 5-2. |
|  <p>The “Service <u>Dress</u> Uniform”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Para. 2-1 (a) & Figs. 2-1 (males), 2-9 (females) • Essentially same as the “Service Uniform” below except a tie (males)/tie tab (females) must be worn and the blue service coat is worn over the long-sleeve light blue shirt. • Silver nameplate, “US” cutout on lapels, grey epaulets, and both CAP & military ribbons and devices are worn. • Officers have blue braid on arm sleeves. • Headgear is either the blue flight cap (with mixed blue-silver trim) and mini SM crest, or the service cap with large SM crest. |  <p>The “Blazer Uniform”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Para. 4-2 (a) & Fig. 4-1. • Essentially the same as the “Aviator Shirt Uniform” below except a tie (males)/floppy bow (females) must be worn and a dark blue blazer is worn on over the white shirt. • Special black nameplate (with mini CAP crest and grade insignia attached to it) worn on wearer’s left. • CAP crest is worn under or hanging from the nameplate. • No headgear is worn. |
|  <p>The “Service Uniform”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Para. 2-1 (a) & Figs. 2-3 (male long-sleeve), 2-5 (male short-sleeve), 2-11 (female long-sleeve), 2-13 (female short-sleeve). • Consists of black shoes, black socks (males & females wearing pants), blue pants (male & female)/blue knee-length skirt (female), belt, and light blue shirt (long-sleeve or short-sleeve) with grey nameplate over wearer’s right breast pocket, wing patch on wearer’s left shoulder and grey epaulets. • Tie (males)/tie tab (females) may be worn with the short-sleeve shirt, but must be with the long-sleeve shirt. If short-sleeve without tie/tab, v-neck undershirt required. • Both CAP & military ribbons and devices may be worn. • Headgear is either the blue flight cap (with mixed blue-silver trim) and mini SM crest, or the service cap with large SM crest. |  <p>The “Aviator Shirt Uniform”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Para. 4-2 (b) & Fig. 4-2. • Consists of black shoes, black socks, grey pants/skirt, black belt if you have belt loops, white aviator shirt (long-sleeve or short-sleeve) with grey nameplate over wearer’s right pocket and grey epaulets. • Tie (males)/floppy bow (females) may be worn with the short-sleeve shirt, but must be with the long-sleeve shirt. If short-sleeve shirt is worn without tie/tab, v-neck undershirt required. • CAP ribbons and devices may also be worn, but military ribbons and devices may not be worn. • No headgear is worn. |
|  <p>The “Battle Dress Uniform” (BDU)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Para. 2-1 (c) & Fig. 2-17 • Consists of black boots, camouflage pants, black or brown undershirt (black is the standard in this squadron), and camouflage blouse. • Nametape over wearer’s right breast pocket, CAP tape over wearer’s left breast pocket, grade insignia on collars, reverse American flag patch on wearer’s right shoulder, wing patch on wearer’s left shoulder, and squadron patch on wearer’s right breast pocket. Sleeves may be rolled up. • Headgear is the black squadron hat. |  <p>The “Field Uniform” (a.k.a. the “Blue BDU”)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Para. 4-2 (c) & Fig. 4-6. • Consists of black boots, blue pants, white undershirt, and blue blouse. N.B., the cut and design of the pants and blouse match those of the BDU. • Nametape over wearer’s right breast pocket, CAP tape over wearer’s left breast pocket, grade insignia on collars, reverse American flag patch on wearer’s right shoulder, wing patch on wearer’s left shoulder, and squadron patch on wearer’s right breast pocket. Sleeves may be rolled up. • No headgear is required, but please wear the black squadron hat. |

Notes:

- The flight suits are not shown, but the AF-style flight suit is **green** (Para. 2-4 (d) & Fig. 2-19), and the CAP corporate equivalent is a **blue** flight suit (Fig. 4-4).
- CAP has other corporate uniforms that do not have an AF-style equivalent, namely the **dark blue polo shirt & grey pants combination** (Fig. 4-3), and the blue “Utility Uniform,” which is basically a blue jumpsuit that looks kind of like the CAP corporate blue flight suit but isn’t (Para. 4-2 (d) & Fig. 4-5).