

CAP UNIFORM ACCESSORIES 101

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Items that are not to be visible while in CAP uniform

- Papers
- Wallets
- Pencils
- Pens
- Watch chains
- Fobs
- Pins
- Jewelry
- Handkerchiefs
- Combs
- Cigars
- Cigarettes
- Pipes



Cell phones with the CAP uniform

Pagers, cellular phones, and two-way radios may be worn clipped to the waistband or purse, or carried in the left hand. Only one is authorized.

Note: Your unit, group, wing or region commander may have a policy which places some restrictions on cell phones at CAP activities.

Wearing sunglasses while in CAP uniform

Conservative sunglasses may be worn with the AF style and CAP distinctive uniforms, except in military formation. Glasses must be free of ornamentation on frames and lenses. Conservative, clear, slightly tinted, or photosensitive lenses indoors or in formation. Conservative lenses and frames outdoors (faddish styles and mirrored lenses prohibited). Sunglass cases will not be worn or carried exposed on the uniform. Not worn around the neck.

Wearing jewelry while in CAP uniform

Men - Wear of earrings, or visible ornaments around the neck are prohibited while in uniform. Dog Tags may be worn while in CAP uniform provided they are not visible.

Women - One small spherical (ball), conservative, diamond, gold, white pearl, or silver pierced, or clip earring per earlobe may be worn. The earring worn in each earlobe must match. Earring should fit tightly without extending below the earlobe. (Exception: Connecting band on clip earrings.) Other visible ornaments around the neck including Dog Tags or on the head and ankle bracelets are prohibited.

Women's handbags while in CAP uniform

Women's handbags should be plain, conservative black or navy blue with or without shoulder strap. The size should not exceed 13 x 9 x 4 1/2 inches deep.

CAP UNIFORM Manual and Information

The latest edition of CAPM 39-1 CAP Uniform Manual was published effective 23 March 2005. See [CAPM 39-1 CAP Uniform Manual 23 Mar 05 Large PDF \(4.5 M\)](#).

http://level2.cap.gov/documents/u_082203102943.pdf

For smaller file size of CAPM 39-1 (by Chapters and Attachments)

See [CAP Indexes, Regulations and Manuals](#)

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Chapter 2 - USAF-Style Uniforms (Senior Members and Cadets)

Chapter 3 - CAP Honor Guard Uniform

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Attachment 1 - CAP Weight Standards and

Attachment 2 - CAP Grooming Standards

Changes and updates to the CAP Uniform Manual are posted at Member Services Uniform Information

Presentations on proper CAP uniform wear

To view a current presentation on proper CAP uniform wear describing the most current uniform wear policies and instructions.

See: [Civil Air Patrol Member Services](#)

[What's new in CAP Uniforms](#) (PowerPoint) (Oct 2006).

[Looking sharp today in a CAP uniform](#) (PowerPoint)

For a PowerPoint presentation on uniforms that was presented at the August 2007 National Conference in Atlanta, Georgia see Member Services Uniform Information.

How to Recommend Changes to the Uniform.

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New or changed uniform items may not be authorized without approval of the National Commander/National Board and/or National Headquarters (except as specified in Table 1-3 of this manual). Unit commanders will forward recommended changes to the uniform, accessories, or related items through channels to National Headquarters/LMM for evaluation. Suggestions not recommended for adoption by the wing or region commander should not be forwarded to National Headquarters.