

Errors or Probable Errors in New AuxMan
as of 20 August 2004

Boating Safety Circular

In Chapter 2:

B.12.d.1. Course Materials

The first bullet point is:

...instructions must conform to outlines published and approved by the NEXCOM. The Boating Skills and Seamanship (BS&S), Sailing Fundamentals (SF), Boating Safety Circular (BSC), and America's Boating Course (ABC) will conform to the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators' (NASBLA) minimum standards. In addition to the course material provided by the CGAuxA, Inc., instructors must teach the appropriate State regulations and conduct a proctored examination.

The phrase "Boating Safety Circular (BSC)" should be "Boating Safety Course (BSC)"

B.12.d.7. Boating Safety Circular (should be Boating Safety Course)

For the BSC, all eight chapters must be taught. The total time of instruction must be at least six to eight hours. BSC is NASBLA-approved when State and local regulations are taught and the examination is passed.

Problems With Uniform Insignia Color Plate

All references are to Figure 11-5, Authorized Coast Guard Auxiliary Uniform Insignia, page 11-49, pdf page 404

Item 1.

Add with NAVCO, the new abbreviation for (National) Area Rear Commodore (ARCO).

Item

Add with DVC the abbreviation of the new office of District Directorate Officer (DDO)

Item 3

I don't see a separate insignia for the NADCOs. As appointed officers their insignia should be the same as a DCO but with a red letter "A" not a blue one.

Item 4

There is only 1 set of wings shown and marked Auxiliary Aviator, I think these are the pilot wings. Not shown: PWO, Air Crew, Trident (2 types), BFOI and Auxiliary Cutterman

Item 5

On the women's and men's "scrambled eggs"

Add ARCO and NADCO to the double row graphics

Add DDO to the single row graphics

Item 6

Although only worn on the flight suit, should the Auxiliary flight patch and mission hour indicator be shown.

Sun Hat

10. D.3.f. Auxiliary Sun Hat

This paragraph is missing the authorization to wear the Sun Hat with civilian clothes. The authorization is contained in the original FAQs <http://www.cgaux.org/cgauxweb/hq/hq99037.htm> attached to the Authorization Note from the Commandant <http://www.cgaux.org/cgauxweb/hq/hq99036.htm>

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"Can I wear the sun hat for civilian activities?"

Like the policy for wearing Auxiliary ball caps, there is no prohibition against doing so. Use discretion and think about your appearance and setting you may be in - be sure you present a positive image of the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard."

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Question: It appears the new AuxMan statement was taken verbatim from the FAQs. Since they appeared the Aux has been given permission to wear the ODU's. Shouldn't the ODU's also be listed in the uniform section in the paragraph quoted at the top of this note?

Further, the FAQ stated that some prior authorization existed to wear the Aux baseball caps with civilian attire. I think this authorization should be noted in the Aux baseball cap section. 10.D.3.b.

Pants as an option for Women – Dinner Dress

From the introduction to the Uniform Section of the new AuxMan:

"Uniforms shall be worn as prescribed in Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6 (series), except as noted in this chapter."

The new AuxMan appears to have missed some changes in the CG Uniform Regulations Manual http://www.uscg.mil/ccs/cit/cim/directives/CIM/CIM_1020_6E.pdf

New AuxMan Dinner Dress Blue Jacket 10.I.1.b

"I.1.b. Two skirts are available for wear with this uniform. One is a plain, six-gored, floor length skirt. It may have an optional slit at both side seams reaching no higher than midcalf. The other skirt is of conventional length. Both shall be of the same color and material as the jacket."

Slacks are not an authorized option.

CG Uniform Regulations Manual Dinner Dress Blue Jacket 3.B.2
"Blue Formal Skirt/Slacks For women: skirt or slacks optional."

New AuxMan Dinner Dress White Jacket 10.I.2.

"This uniform may be prescribed for formal evening occasions. This uniform is the same as the Dinner Dress Blue jacket uniform except for the below items."

Slacks are not mentioned in the exception list so they are prohibited by the AuxMan.

CG Regulations Manual Dinner Dress White Jacket 3.B.3.

"Blue Formal Skirt/Slacks For women: skirt or slacks optional."

To maintain conformity with the new CG Uniform Regulations, slacks should be added to the uniform options for the Women's Uniforms above.

Various Uniform Issues

Item 1

10.D.3.c. Unit Baseball Cap

If an Auxiliary unit (flotilla/division) is affiliated with a specific Coast Guard unit, Auxiliarists, when serving at that Coast Guard unit may wear the Coast Guard unit baseball cap in the same manner as the Coast Guard active duty and Reserve, as authorized by the Coast Guard unit Commanding officer. The miniature Auxiliary garrison cap device shall be worn with this cap.

A stroke-of-the-pen change authorized the wearing of the member device with the CG Unit Ball Cap. This authorization is missing from the new AuxMan. Was the change revoked?

Item 2

10.G.9 Tropical Blue Long (Men)
G.9.h. Hat The garrison or combination cap is worn with this uniform.

10.I.8. Tropical Blue Long (Women)
I.8.g. Hat The garrison or combination cap is worn with this uniform.

Introduction to Chapter 10 "Uniforms shall be worn as prescribed in Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6 (series), except as noted in this chapter."

The new CG Uniform Regulations Manual authorizes the following hats for Tropical Blue Long:

"Head Gear Combination cap, garrison cap, or ball cap." Uniform Regulations Manual 3.B.10

I believe the Auxiliary baseball cap should be added to the list of authorized Head Gear for the Men and Women's Tropical Blue Long uniforms.

Ribbon Chart Issues

Figure 11-3

Coast Guard Auxiliary Awards (In Order of Precedence)

Item 1

shows the incorrect ribbon for the Operations Program Ribbon. The ribbon shown is the

Annual Service Performance Award not the Operations Program ribbon, which is yellow and gray. Do not put an "O" on the correct operations program ribbon. This was the old but discontinued attachment for a Vessel Operator

Item 2

RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY VISITATION PROGRAM SERVICE AWARD*

What is this award. It is not mentioned in the main section of the manual. It might be that the Annual Service Performance Award for VE/MDV Service was split in two but this is not reflected in the main text. Further, the ribbon shown is the Annual Service Performance Ribbon for PE.

Item 3

AUXILIARY VESSEL EXAMINATIONS

Should have the word "Award" after it. This also should have a * after it denoting it is part of the Annual Service Performance awards system

Item 4

AUXILIARY PUBLIC EDUCATION SERVICE AWARD*

The ribbon is incorrect. The proper ribbon is the one shown for the RBSVP Service Award. The two ribbons were probably reversed.

Item 5

All of the Annual Service Performance Ribbons are shown with large stars. This is an incorrect copy from the old AuxMan. See this section of the new AuxMan: F.3.c. Small Stars Auxiliarists wear small bronze or silver 3/16-inch stars on the Annual Service Performance Award ribbons, the Sustained Auxiliary Service Award, the Membership Service Award, and Specialty ribbons.

Item 6

*Four Awards comprise the Auxiliary Annual Service Performance Awards. This note at the bottom needs to be changed to 5, if the RBSVP is being split off into its own Annual Service Performance Award.

Item 7

COAST GUARD AUXILIARY GROUP ACTION AWARD

is in the wrong precedence. It belongs after the CG MTC. Further, the Coast Guard Auxiliary Group Action Award is the only discontinued award on the chart. It should be removed altogether.

Item 8
AUXILIARY RECRUITING SERVICE AWARD*

The precedence is wrong. This was its precedence as an AMOS award. When the Annual Service Performance Awards were created the precedence of this award was moved to just above the CG Recruiting Service Ribbon.

Item 9

The "O" attachment: "but each surface mission activity (80 or more hours); That is incorrect. The number of hours for surface is 60. This is on each page.

Item 10

COAST GUARD AUXILIARY MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

This is shown with an "O" attachment. The old AuxMan does not show an "O" attachment as authorized. Is this a policy change?

Item 11

FLOTILLA MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

shift stars one box to the right

Errors On Flag Chart

Item 1

Figure 11-6 Auxiliary Flags, Pennants, and Burgees, page 11-50, pdf page 405

This is the page of NEXCOM and NADCO flags. It shows that current and past NEXCOM and NADCOs all fly rectangular flags. Unless there was a policy change current officer fly triangular flags. Past officers fly swallowtail flags.

I don't see in the major change notice any mention of what some would see as a major change to our flag codes. Are these the correct new flags?

Item 2.

Figure 11-6, Auxiliary Flags, Pennants, and Burgees - Continued, page 11-51, pdf page 406

The newly approved District Directorate Officers (DDO) are not shown. The DDOs need their own new flag. The DVC is a National Officer and the organizational insignia (the bars) are to the hoist side of the emblem for a National officer. A DDO is a district officer

and the organizational insignia (the bars) are to the fly side of the emblem. Basically, the bars and emblem of the DVC flag should be switched for a DDO.

Garrison and Combo Cap Devices

The new AuxMan makes references in several places to the Garrison and Combo Cap devices but never describes them. They are shown on the Insignia Color Plate

See Auxiliary Program Stroke-of-the-Pen Change 1

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-o/cgauX/Publications/Manuals/auxman/auxmanchange1.htm>

II. COMBINATION, GARRISON AND WORKING CAP DEVICES: PAGE 11-37, TWO SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT COMBINATION, GARRISON AND WORKING CAP DEVICES ARE IN USE; THE OLD ONE HAS A BLUE RING, WHICH HIGHLIGHTS THE LETTERING "U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY", AND THE NEW ONE (DISPLAYED ON PAGE 11-37 OF THE AUXMAN) HAS A GOLD RING. BOTH DEVICES ARE AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR.

I believe this Stroke should be added to the text portion of the Uniform section.

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Another problem with Garrison Cap

AuxMan 10.D.2

quote:

Auxiliarists may wear the garrison cap (see Figure 10-1) with Service Dress, Tropical, Winter Dress, or Undress uniforms. Auxiliary aviators may also wear the cap with the Flight suit. The cap may not be worn with the Dinner Dress, Service Dress Blue (Alpha), Working Blue, OD, Jump suit, or Blue Blazer uniforms. The small garrison cap device (see Figure 10-2) and small metal insignia designating organizational leadership position (or member insignia) shall be worn on the cap as shown in the figures below, with both men's and woman's uniforms.

endquote

Note the: "small metal insignia designating organizational leadership position (or member insignia) shall be worn on the cap as shown in the figures below" especially the word "shall".

The problem is that there are two graphics in 10-1. The first shows the garrison cap correctly for an Aux officer. The second graphic shows the garrison cap as a non-officer member would wear it - and there is no member insignia shown on the cap. The AuxMan text states either the officer or member device SHALL be worn yet the second graphic does not show it.

“O” Device For Ops Annual Service

11.A.10.f.2. "O" Device

Displays the operational "O" device for underway (excluding underway for training), surface mission activity (sixty or more hours), or for airborne aviation mission activity (excluding training) (thirty or more hours). Support for on-thewater readiness exercises does qualify as operational service. No combination of surface and air operations is allowable for this award. Support activity includes categories 01, 02, 03, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 51, 52, 53, and 54 identified on AUXDATA report 4. Activities 30 (AtoN-Federal) and 31 (AtoN-private) and 32 (Bridge Administration) should be for afloat activity, vice ashore, for this award.

Missions 51 and 52 no longer exist. They were old AuxMIS codes that were given new codes or merged with other codes in AuxData. You will need an old pre-AuxData 7030 to figure out what they were. Also the reference to AuxData Report 4 is incorrect. The writer just changed the word from AuxMIS to AuxData. Report 4 was the old AUXMIS Mission Hour Report. It does not exist as a standard report in AuxData. The sentence could end right after "54".

The same reference to AuxData Report 4 occurs in 11.A.10.f.1. S Device

NACO Aide (N-D)

I checked all over the manual and the Insignia Chart and the Insignia for a NACO Aide (N-D) is never specified. A NACO Assistant (N-A) wears 4 stripes and/or silver eagles.

A DCO Admin Assist (D-AA) wears 2.5 stripes and/or gold oak leaves. A DCO Aide (D-AD) wears 2 stripes and/or 2 silver bars.

If the relationship of a N-D to a N-A is the same as a D-AD to a D-AA (one position lower) then an N-D should wear a silver oak leaf and/or 3 stripes. But what they actually should wear is never specified any where in the manual (at least from what I can find).

Attachments Annual Service Ribbons

All of the Annual Service Performance Awards have letter attachments. "S" or "O" or Ops, "S" for Recruiting, "V" for VE/PV and "E" for PE. Only the Ops Annual Service Ribbon is shown correctly. Without the attachments the ribbons are the old AMOS ribbons.

Titles In Publications

AuxMan 5.D.2.c

Mentioning Auxiliary Leader

When writing articles mentioning Auxiliary leaders, use of an office title before names is proper only for current or past District Commodores (DCOs) and above. (criteria one) Use of a title like Commodore Lucy Jones is proper for a national elected leader or DCO. (criteria two) For VCOs or RCOs and division or flotilla leader, the name is followed by the office title.

So what is the proper way to address a NADCO who never was elected to a DCO or higher office, like Tony Morris. Currently the Navigator addresses him as Commodore Tony Morris. However a NADCO is not an national elected leader, they are appointed. Thus they fail criteria two.

A NADCO wears the same number of stripes as a DCO and might be allowed to use Commodore under criteria one but the sentence uses the specific "DCO" not "DCO or equal precedence" or similar language.

So we have an open question on what is the proper way to mention in print and address in person a NADCO who was never elected DCO.

AuxMan 8.B.1.b. Basically Qualified

To become BQ, an Auxiliarist must have completed all of the requirements of IQ and must have passed or successfully challenged the following courses:

- .Boating Skills and Seamanship (BS&S)
- .Sailing Fundamentals (SF)
- .Boating Safely Course
- .America's Boating Course (ABC)
- .United States Power Squadron (USPS) Public Boating
- .Boat Smart Courses

Insert the words "one of" after "challenged".

IT Qual Requirement

AuxMan 8.B.2.c. Qualification Requirements

All new ITs will be qualified using the current IT Training Course as follows:

- . Candidates to become ITs will be issued both Parts A and B of the current Auxiliary Instructor Qualification Course (IQC), COMDTPUB P16794.44 (Part A) (series) and COMDTPUB P16794.45 (Part B) (series).
- . For IT qualification, the candidate completes Part A of the current IQC, passes the open book examination with a three-hour time limit and passing grade of 90%, and teaches a minimum of two classes of satisfactory instruction under a certified IT's supervision. The certified IT determines whether or not the instruction was satisfactory and provides specific, instructional feedback to the qualifying Auxiliarist to assist them in gaining qualification. The IT may be in the same flotilla as the candidate. The first presentation should be of ten to thirty minutes in length, and the second presentation should be one to two hours in length.
- . The supervising IT or an elected leader signs and dates the completed examination form stating IT qualifications have been met.

What is missing is the following requirement that appears in the VE, RBSVP, Boat Crew and Air:

"the Auxiliarist must be BQ"

As written an IQ status member could become an IT - i.e. never having taken a boating course or challenged the test - they could teach it. Is this correct?

Rape and Sexual Assault Reporting

A new section of the AuxMan is Chapter 7 - Human Resources, Section C. Rape and Sexual Assault. The entire section is new and it is short. It appears that it was copied from another document and included in the AuxMan "because it had to be". As written, it has some issues.

AuxMan 7.C requires:

quote:

All allegations of alleged rape or sexual assault by any member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary shall be immediately reported to the servicing CGIS office and the servicing legal office in accordance with Mandatory Reporting of Incidents to the Coast Guard Investigative Service and Requesting Investigative Assistance, COMDTINST 5520.5 (series). Commands shall avoid local administrative investigations to prevent damaging evidence hindering later litigation, or inadvertently re-traumatizing the victim. All allegations will be promptly investigated by CGIS.

endquote:

Does it cover all Auxies all the time? It appears so, but when not under orders and especially when not in uniform do Auxies fall under Coast Guard authority?

I think I found the source for most of the section. The section of the AuxMan opens with this:

quote:

Introduction

Rape and sexual assault will not be tolerated in the Coast Guard as stated in Rape and Sexual Assault in the Coast Guard ALCOAST 161/04, dated 02 April 2004. These criminal acts violate the Coast Guard's core values.

endquote:

Now read and compare the wording of ALCOAST 161/04

http://www.uscg.mil/reserve/msg04/coast161_04.htm to that section. In most places the AuxMan section is a direct lift from the ALCOAST.

Both the AuxMan and the ALCOAST include a reference to MANDATORY REPORTING OF INCIDENTS TO COAST GUARD INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE AND REQUESTING INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANCE, COMDTINST 5520.5 (series) <http://www.uscg.mil/ccs/cit/cim/directives/ci/ci%5F5520%5F5e.pdf>

That contains this statement:

quote:

the criminal investigative arm of the Coast Guard, CGIS is comprised of active duty, reserve and civilian personnel designated as special agents/criminal investigators, with law enforcement authority under 14 U.S.C. 95 to:

- (1) Carry firearms;
 - (2) Execute and serve any warrant or other process issued under the authority of the United States;
 - (3) Make arrests without warrant for;
 - (a) any offense against the United States committed in the special agent's presence, or,
 - (b) any felony cognizable under the laws of the United States if the agent has probably cause to believe that the person to be arrested has committed or is committing the felony.
 - (4) Administer oaths and take statements in the performance of official duty.
- endquote:

However, Auxies do not appear to fall under the definition of "covered person" in that manual:

quote:

DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of this Instruction, the following definitions apply:

a.

A "covered person" is defined as:

- (1) Active duty Coast Guard personnel;
 - (2) Reserve Coast Guard personnel on active duty;
 - (3) Civilian Coast Guard employees;
 - (4) Public Health Service personnel assigned to the Coast Guard, and;
 - (5) DoD personnel assigned to the Coast Guard.
- endquote:

And that definition becomes important when you consider what violations the CGIS may investigate and what status either the victim or suspect must have:

quote:

7. MANDATORY REPORTING TO CGIS.

a. Felony UCMJ Violations. All actual, alleged, or suspected felony UCMJ violations must be reported to CGIS when the suspect/accused is a "covered person".

b. Violations of Federal Criminal Law. All actual, alleged, or suspected felony or misdemeanor violations of federal criminal law must be reported to CGIS when: (1) The suspect is a "covered person", or; (2) The federal offense occurred on Coast Guard property, or; (3) The federal offense occurred within the special maritime jurisdiction of the United States, with the exception of those maritime law enforcement investigations specifically vested in G-O and G-M.

c. Victim Status. CGIS must be notified whenever the victim of an actual, alleged, or suspected felony UCMJ violation or federal offense is a "covered person". Additionally, CGIS must be notified if the victim of an actual, alleged, or suspected rape, sexual assault, or child or spouse abuse is a Coast Guard military dependent.
endquote:

So although the AuxMan tells us to report these incidents to the CGIS, it is not clear that CGIS has the authority to investigate them.

If anyone has a need to contact CGIS the contact list begins on pdf page 11.

The CGIS Manual also references REPORTING RAPE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT COMDTINST 1754.10A

<http://www.uscg.mil/ccs/cit/cim/directives/ci/ci%5F1754%5F10a.pdf> That instruction also appears to not cover the Auxiliary.

The new section of the AuxMan also contains some surprises, especially for flotillas that are not located near CG units. Section C.1 of the AuxMan requires among other things:

quote:

Mandatory annual training.

Requirement for a trained victim support person for each Coast Guard unit.
endquote:

For a flotilla near a CG unit, those requirements could be met by relying on the CG unit. But what does an inland flotilla or other flotilla that is not near a CG unit do? By as strict reading of the section they must do their own training and provide their own trained victim support person.

It appears to me that the new section of the AuxMan which requires reporting of rape and sexual assault to the CGIS, is in conflict with the referenced manuals. Those manuals do

not give the CGIS authorization to investigate these incidents if they only involve two Auxies or an Auxie and another non-covered person. At a minimum I think the section needs an addendum as to what specific circumstances the section applies to Auxies.

Awarding Authority

AuxMan 11.A.4. Medal of Operational Merit

The Medal of Operational Merit is given to Auxiliarists in recognition of outstanding skill in performing an assist, rescue, or other meritorious operational service. The Medal of Operational Merit may be awarded by any Coast Guard Commanding officer (06 and above) of an operational unit or serving as DVC or higher at a district office, MLC, HQ, or serving as a Director.

As written that implies that an Auxiliary National Division Chief (DVC) has awarding authority for the Medal of Operational Merit. Is that true?

Keep in mind that District Directorate Officers (DDO) are equal to a DVC in precedence and that DCOs, RCOs, VCOs, DCs, DC-ds, NADCOs, ARCOs, NAVCO, N-As and NACO are higher and also would have awarding authority.

Ditto the above for

10.A.5. Auxiliary Commendation Medal

10.A.6. Auxiliary Achievement Medal

10.A.7. Auxiliary Commandant Letter of Commendation Ribbon

Are women required to wear hats – ever?

AuxMan 10.I.1.j.

Hat

Women are not required to wear hats. An optional tiara is available for wear.

The first line of that is interesting. I checked and the same sentence appears in the old AuxMan. Instead of appearing in the Dinner Dress Blue Jacket section it appears after that and the Dinner Dress White Jacket in a section "Both Uniforms". In the New AuxMan the sentence appears in the Dinner Dress Blue Jacket section and is adopted by Dinner Dress White Jacket in its "same as except" clause.

There are two possible interpretations of that sentence.

The first is the strict literal interpretation that women are not required to wear hats - with

any uniform, since nothing in the sentence or following it restricts it to the uniform under which it appears.

Or you could infer that the sentence only applies to the Dinner Dress Jacket uniforms. Ummmm something to ponder.

Recruiting Assistance Program

This is the description of the Recruiting Assistance Program (RAP) in the new AuxMan.

2.B.13.

Recruiting Qualified Auxiliaries are authorized assignment to duty as military recruiters to support the Coast Guard's recruiting program. This assignment includes qualification as a recruiter for the military, proctoring recruiting examinations, and providing administrative assistance to recruiting offices.

It appeared the same way in the old AuxMan. Notice the acronym RAP (Recruiting Assistance Program) appears nowhere in that description. I think it should - especially since the program name and/or acronym are used elsewhere in the manual.

4.G.6. Flotilla and Division Staff Officers List
* The Coast Guard Academy Office of Admissions staff shall be notified by the CC of new CC appointments to ensure training in Academy Introduction Mission (AIM) and Recruiting Assistance Program (RAP) assignments.

Table 5-1 (Authorized activities)
Publicizing and Administering the Academy Introduction Mission (AIM). Activities and the Recruiting Assistance Program (RAP)

Acronym list page M-26
RAP Recruiting Assistance Program

USPS/USCGAUX Mutual Recognition

The new AuxMan is missing the mutual recognition of USPS VE (similar to the mutual recognition of USPS ITs).

Quote:

VSC News -- The USCGAUX and the USPS have an agreement to respect the other organization's VSC qualification. If a person is a member of both organizations (or becomes a member of the other after VSC qualification) they need only qualify in one

organization and the other will give credit for that qualification. The dual member will need to meet annual currency qualifications in BOTH organizations to remain current in both. This should be no hardship with the minimum annual requirement of only 5 VSCs for USPS and 5 VSCs for the USCGAUX. To transfer your USPS VSC qualification to the Auxiliary, obtain a letter from the USPS Squadron Commander stating that you are qualified and in good standing with the USPS. The Auxiliary IS system will enter you into the system and you are available for use as a Vessel Examiner! The USPS has similar requirements if you decide to join them as a dual member. [Posted: 23 March 2001. Source: DC-V]

Boat Force Operations Insignia

AuxMan 10.F.9.i. Boat Force Operations Insignia (page 10-34, pdf page 305)

The Boat Force Operations Insignia is a solid matte silver toned metal device with an eight point compass/compass rose, over a crossed boat hook and oar centered over stylized waves. Auxiliarists are not authorized to wear the device on a temporary basis. The insignia is unique in one design which comes in two color schemes: a pewter-toned device indicating five years of service at boat force units and qualification as a boat crew member, and a silver and gold-toned device indicating five years of service and completion of a series of Coast Guard Force leadership related requirements. For qualification requirements for either insignia, refer to the Boat Operations and Training (BOAT) Manual, Volume I, COMDTINST 16114.32 (series). For manner of wear, refer to the Coast Guard Uniform Regulations Manual, COMDTINST M1020.6 (series). (see Figure 10-16)

Note the AuxMan refers Auxies to the (Coast Guard) Uniform Regulations Manual for manner of wear. The CG does not allow coxswains to wear both the coxswain insignia and the BFOI. However, The Interchange <http://www.cgau.org/cgauweb/personnel/junint04.pdf> June 2004 on page 5, stated this:

"BOAT FORCE INSIGNIA POLICY:

Auxiliary Coxswains who qualify for the USCG's single (pewter) tone Boat Force Insignia may also wear their earned Auxiliary Coxswain Insignia on their uniform at the same time. One device shall be affixed above and centered over the ribbon bar the other device shall be affixed centered on the left pocket flap above the button. Either insignia can be worn in either place. It remains a personal decision as to which goes above the ribbons and which is on the pocket flap."

Pledge of Allegiance and Saluting

AuxMan 1. A.5.b. Pledge of Allegiance (page 1-7, pdf page 36)

When the Pledge of Allegiance is given, Auxiliarists, in uniform or not, should face the National Ensign and stand at attention with their right hand over their heart.

As written, Auxies would render the civilian salute whenever the Pledge of Allegiance was said, even if outdoors and covered. They would not salute and there is no exception for the Pledge in the preceding section of the AuxMan that covers saluting.

This would be proper as Auxies are civilians. However, some of the 'more military' Auxies think this policy is in error and that if outdoors and covered Auxies should salute during the pledge.

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