



CALIFORNIA WING SUPPLEMENT 1

CAPM 39-1

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Personnel

CIVIL AIR PATROL UNIFORM MANUAL

CAPM 39-01, Dated 23 March 2005, with changes through 16 Feb 2010, is supplemented as follows:

1-5.c (Added). CAWG Ground Team Uniform.

Background

Cal EMA has suggested that in the interest of increased safety CAP members participating in ground search activity wear the commonly adopted SAR uniform recognized by law enforcement nationwide. In March 2008, the CAP National Board approved a conditional exception allowing for alternate uniforms to those defined in CAPM 39-1. In February 2009, PCR/CC and CAWG/CC made the determination that the suggestion made by Cal EMA meets the criteria of the exception.

This section defines the CAWG Ground Team uniform and the conditions under which it may be worn. It is referred to below as the CAWG GT uniform. This section also defines authorized uniforms for UDF team members.

Policy

It is the policy of CAWG that the CAWG GT uniform is authorized for wear by members actively participating (as defined below) as a member of a Ground Team or UDF team on a ground search sortie (training or actual). At all other times members must wear other uniforms in accordance with CAPM 39-1. When appropriate, it is recommended the member convert the CAWG GT uniform to the CAP Blue Field Uniform by wearing the Blue BDU Blouse with appropriate patches.

It is the policy of CAWG that the CAWG GT Uniform **shall** be worn by all members actively participating as a member of a Ground Team (training or actual).

It is the policy of CAWG that members participating in UDF team operations **shall** wear one of the following uniform combinations.

- (1) CAWG Ground Team Uniform
- (2) CAP polo shirt/grey pants corporate uniform
- (3) CAP Blue Field uniform
- (4) Cadets may wear BDU Uniform.

Note: If CAP Blue Field Uniform or BDU Uniform is worn, wear of an orange safety vest is MANDATORY and must be worn at all times while in the field.

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Actively participating is defined as the mobilizing, on sortie and demobilizing portions of the ground sortie.

The CAWG GT uniform is not authorized for:

- Base Staff or Aircrew functions at any time.
- Ground Team or UDF Team members while transporting to or from a search base, or at a search base in a out of service status

Implementation

Authorization for wear of the CAWG GT uniform is effective as of the date of this supplement.

Compliance with the provision requiring wear of the CAWG GT uniform by Ground Team members is effective 120 days after the effective date of this supplement.

CAWG Ground Team Uniform Definition

(1) Description:

- (a) Long or short sleeve orange (not fluorescent), two or four pocket shirt without epaulets.
- (b) CAP Blue Field Uniform trousers.
- (c) Boots appropriate for mission objectives, conditions, and terrain. The Ground Team Leader will be the final authority on the suitability of boots.
- (d) Additional outer garments (jackets, packs, outerwear layers, hats, gloves, gaiters, PPE etc.) appropriate for mission objectives, weather conditions and safety considerations.

(2) Insignia and Patches

(Placement of insignia is identical to that shown in CAPM 39-1 Figure 2-17 for BDUs.)

The following insignia and patches must be worn.

- (a) Blue Civil Air Patrol tape – cloth: is worn centered immediately above the left shirt pocket.
- (b) Blue Name Tag – cloth: is worn centered immediately above the right shirt pocket (only the last name is used).
- (c) California Wing patch – cloth: is worn placed 3/4 inch below the shoulder seam on the left sleeve.

The following insignia and patches may optionally be worn.

- (d) CAP Aviation Badge and Ground Team Badge – Blue Cloth: if worn, are placed 1/2 inch above the "Civil Air Patrol" tape. If both devices are worn, the aviation badge is placed 1/2 inch above the Ground Team Badge.
- (e) Cloth Specialty Badge (Communications, EMT, CPR, etc): if worn place centered on the left shirt pocket.
- (f) Unit patch or the National Search & Rescue School patch: if worn place centered on the right shirt pocket.
- (g) NASAR SARTECH Patch (with or without 1 rocker) or OES/Cal EMA Search and Rescue patch: if worn place 3/4 inch below the shoulder seam on the right sleeve.

(3) Insignia NOT authorized on the CAWG Ground Team Uniform combination:

- (a) Grade insignia (not even on the hat)
- (b) CAP Lapel/Collar insignia
- (c) Military Aviation Badges
- (d) Metal insignia, badges, or awards
- (e) Cords or other decorations

1-5.d Added. Special Uniform for Sailplane Operations. Members may wear a CAP distinctive shirt (Squadron shirt, activity shirt, or any approved knit golf shirt) with dark blue or khaki shorts (hemmed) or BDU pants and tennis shoes while participating in sailplane operations.

5-5 Added. Shoulder Cords. Authorized cadets may wear shoulder cords as listed below on the service and service dress uniforms. Members may wear the cord only while they are a current member of one of the groups and have orders (CAPF2a or Personnel Authorization) assigning them to that group. Shoulder cords are to be of the Infantry style only.

<u>ACTIVITY/POSITION</u>	<u>CORD COLOR</u>
Wing CAC Chairman	Blue
Wing CAC Member	Red
Primary Squadron CAC Representative	Green
Wing Drill Team	Dark Blue/Gold *
Wing Color Guard	Dark Blue/Gold *
Squadron/Group Color Guard	White

* Worn within CAWG only, otherwise White cord is authorized.

Table 6-4, Item 21 Added. Because of its unusual design, the California Wing patch is placed so that the center of the top edge of the patch is $\frac{3}{4}$ inch below the shoulder seam. Such placement keeps the protruding wing tips from overlapping the seam. On garments with epaulets, center the patch below the epaulet. On garments without epaulets, place the patch so the top center edge is $\frac{3}{4}$ inch below the highest point of the shoulder seam as worn.