

130th Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol

New Cadet Uniform Acquisition Guide – Revised July 2018

Greetings Cadets and Parents,

Soon your New Cadet Package will arrive from National Headquarters. It will include materials that provide uniform guidance. Since you haven't yet received that yet, we have the "**New Cadet Guide**" electronically at: <http://www.130th.org/new-member-path.html>.

There are **three** uniforms worn by the cadets of the 130th: Utility (ABU or BDU), Service (Blues), and PT (Workout Gear). *(Don't worry; you don't need to get everything at once.)*

1. Utility Uniforms - Cadets may wear either the ABU (New Style) or BDU (Old Style)

Airman Battle Uniform (ABUs) or Battle Dress Uniform (BDUs)

For the ABU or BDU uniform, the cadet is responsible for providing the following: appropriate underwear, black boot socks (wool or wicking synthetic blend socks, avoid cotton), tan (ABU) or black (BDU) t-shirt, uniform shirt and pants (ABU or BDU), khaki belt (ABU) or blue or black belt (BDU), black combat boots, name tape, CAP tape, patrol cap, and wing patch. Squadron T-shirts: Wear a plain black or tan T-shirt until you purchase a squadron T-shirt. Squadron T-shirts are available for order through the store on the squadron website (www.130th.org).

Uniform Shirt: The squadron has a supply of both ABU and BDU shirts that have been donated by cadets, senior members, and squadron supporters. If the squadron has an available article that fits the cadet appropriately, the cadet may be issued the article, to be returned when no longer required by the cadet. If the cadet needs or wishes to purchase a new ABU shirt, they are available from a variety of sources, including Vanguard (\$26-\$32.75). Note: BDUs must be in standard Woodland Camouflage and are no longer available to order on Vanguard.

Uniform Pants: The squadron has a supply of ABU and BDU pants that have been donated by cadets, senior members, and squadron supporters. If the squadron has an available article that fits the cadet appropriately, the cadet may be issued the article, to be returned when no longer required by the cadet. If the cadet needs or wishes to purchase new ABUs, they are available from a variety of sources, including Vanguard (\$26-\$32.75). Note: BDUs must be in standard Woodland Camouflage and are no longer available to order on Vanguard.

Patrol Cap: Can order from Vanguard (www.vanguardmil.com), item #CAP0991U, \$10.00 These are also available from other sites for less, including (www.tacticalgear.com) for \$4.99. No ear flaps. Note: BDU Patrol Caps are no longer available to order on Vanguard.

Web Belt: Khaki Rigger Belt (ABU) small or large, Can order from Vanguard (www.vanguardmil.com). Blue or black (BDU) web belt, woven cotton web, solid or woven elastic belt with black metal tip end and plain (open faced) black buckle. A black, one-piece rigger style, nylon, web belt (1-3/4" wide) may be worn. Can order from Vanguard (www.vanguardmil.com).

Name Tape: Order from Vanguard (www.vanguardmil.com), item #CAP6402, \$4.30

CAP tape: Order from Vanguard (www.vanguardmil.com), item #CAP6403, \$1.50 (suggestion: if you plan on attending Encampment, order two of these)

Wing Patch: Order from Vanguard (www.vanguardmil.com), item #CAP0637V, \$2.30 (suggestion: if you plan on attending Encampment, order two of these)

Black Combat Boots: Black, with or without safety toe; must have a plain rounded toe or rounded capped toe with or without perforated seam; zipper or elastic inserts (“Jungle” style) are optional; no designs. Highly polished, high gloss, or patent leather. 8” is the nominal style measurement. Many options with many price-points are available. Vanguard’s boots are \$90. Walmart has been carrying a boot for around \$40 but availability appears to be limited. Gander Mountain and Cabela’s carry higher-end boots; Uniforms Unlimited in St. Paul has a variety of styles and manufacturers in-stock. Websites with a variety of boots include www.lapolicgear.com, www.uscav.com, and www.tacticalgear.com.

Optional: Squadron Patch may be worn on right top pocket of the BDU shirt (not for wear on ABU). They are available from the squadron for \$5. See any Cadet Programs Senior Member to purchase when at a meeting.

2. Service Uniform, AKA “Class B”, AKA “Blues”

CAP program for the Blues Uniform:

When a cadet promotes to C/Amn (their first promotion), they will receive a \$100 voucher in an email from Vanguard, applicable towards the cost of their blues uniform items. Note that as of April 8, 2017, the retail cost from Vanguard of the cadet blues uniform and all required insignia was \$153.55, not including shoes.

To reduce the cost of uniforms for cadets and parents, and to maximize use of the available vouchers, the 130th has developed the “Appendix B-for-Blues” document to assist cadets with ordering their blues uniforms. See the last page of this document for **Appendix B**.

If you have questions about sizing or ordering online, we can help you do this at a squadron meeting – check with one of the Deputy Commander for Cadets.

For the blues uniform, the cadet is also responsible for providing the following: appropriate underwear, black socks, V-neck white undershirt, and shoes.

Shoes will be low quarter, oxford-style, lace-up with a plain rounded toe or a plain rounded-capped toe. Soles will not exceed ½ inch in thickness and the heel will not exceed one inch in height (measured from the inside front of the heel). Shoes will be smooth or scotch-grained leather or manmade material. Shoes will be shined; high gloss or patent finish is optional.

Leather shoes can be purchased from most department stores for \$30-\$50. Patent leather shoes can be purchased from Vanguard (#CAP2800NM; \$40), or used *poromeric* shoes can be purchased from *SAVVI Formalwear* at Burnsville Center (\$20-\$30). Check with the Cadet Logistics/Supply Officers/NCOs to see whether the squadron has any available shoes that can be checked out. As an additional option, highly polished black combat boots (as worn with the BDU uniform) may be worn with the Service Uniform in place of low-quarter shoes.

3. Physical Training, or “PT”

For the PT uniform, the cadet is responsible for providing: appropriate underwear and athletic socks (wicking, non-cotton style socks recommended). Black athletic shorts with minimal logo that reach at least mid-thigh or longer. Squadron T-shirt, plain black T-shirt, or a T-shirt issued at a CAP activity (Encampment, DDR, CyberPatriot, MLA, NCSA, etc). Compression shirts/shorts may be worn under but

not in place of the athletic T-shirts and shorts. Sweatpants and sweatshirts are acceptable if temperature warrants. No tight-fitting yoga pants. No shredded, see-through, or cut-off clothing. No inappropriate logos, advertising or graphics (alcohol, tobacco, MMA, WWE, etc.). Reflective striping is acceptable. Running or training shoes appropriate for running and exercising.

This uniform is occasionally worn at squadron functions (PT meetings, mid-summer-heat, etc.) but is also required for many Wing Level overnight activities (Encampment, Minnesota Leadership Academy, etc.).

Notes:

All price estimates are from vendor websites and are subject to change without notice.

This guide is not an endorsement for any outside vendors.

The “Blues” Curry voucher is valid for **45 days** after issue, so cadets and their parents need to promptly make arrangements for ordering their blues.

Civil Air Patrol uniform requirements are defined by **CAP Manual – CAPM 39-1**, and can be found here: <https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/members/publications/indexes-regulations-and-manuals-1700/>

Appendix B-for-Blues

After earning your Curry Achievement, you will receive an email containing a voucher for Vanguard to purchase your blue uniform. Along with the voucher will be an order form that “looks” like this:

<i>CADET CURRY UNIFORM</i>				
		Cadet Name:		
		CAP ID#:		
ITEM#	ITEM DESCRIPTION	CHOOSE YOUR SIZE (FILL IN)	QUANTITY	(Estimated) PRICE
CCP1001A	BLUE EPAULET SHIRT MALE			\$47.50
CCAP1017	FEMALE BLUE OVERBLOUSE S/S			\$47.50
CCP0993B	AF BLUE TROUSERS MALE			\$59.40
CCP3500A	FEMALE BLUE SLACKS			\$54.00
CCP3600A	FEMALE BLUE SKIRT			\$50.00
CCP2800NM	SHOE DRESS OXFORD-POMERIC BLK			\$40.00
CCP0994K	MALE FLIGHT CAP AIRMAN			\$19.45
CCAP1015J	FEMALE FLIGHT CAP AIRMAN			\$19.45
CCP2500505	AF BELT MALE BLUE ELASTIC SILVER MIRROR BUCKLE/TIP			\$17.10
CCP0646L	AIRMAN CHEVRON			\$6.65
CCP0609	CURRY RIBBON			\$1.30
CCP7712525	VANMOUNT METAL 1 (SINGLE RIBBON BASE BAR)			\$1.75
CCP0748A	CADET ENLISTED HAT DEVICE			\$6.50
CCP0599M	NAME PLATE BLUE (3-LINE) LAST NAME , ONLY			\$3.80
	ADDRESS:			
	PHONE:			
	EMAIL:			

Additional info concerning these items:

Cadets should confirm availability of blues trousers and/or shirts in their size at the squadron before ordering. The 130th is willing to issue a shirt or trousers (if available in our stock) to each cadet to help minimize the cost of the blues uniform.

Cadets do not need to order the Airman Chevron. These are provided by the squadron.

Cadets may purchase the Curry Ribbon from the 130th for \$2.00, which includes a single ribbon base bar. As the cadet earns more ribbons, the base bar is traded in for progressively larger units.

As noted in the uniform guide, there are other options for ordering shoes, including leather shoes that can be purchased at local department stores.

Make sure that you are ordering the correct size using accurate neck and waist dimensions. Note that Blues uniforms tend to run small; we recommend ordering at least one full size larger in waist (+2”) and 1” extra in neck size to ensure adequate fit.