



## PCGA HYMN

Onward we go, PCGA  
With the commitment of saving lives at sea  
Dedicated to a service that is true  
Making this world a safe place for me and you.

Forward we go, PCGA  
Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary  
Onward we go, Onward we go  
Saving lives we always do.

Kami ang kabalikat ninyo  
Lahat ng oras, ulan man o bagyo  
Handang tumulong sa kapwa Pilipino  
PCGA kami'y handang magserbisyo.

Sulong kapatid sa PCGA  
Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary  
Mabuhay tayo, Mabuhay tayo  
Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary!  
Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary.



# UNIFORM HANDBOOK

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**INTRODUCTION**

The PCGA is a uniformed civilian volunteer organization established by the Philippine Coast Guard. The proper wearing of its prescribed uniform is the responsibility and sacred obligation of each and every member of the PCGA. The proper wearing of uniform not only earns respect, but also symbolizes the proper decorum expected of a PCGA Officer and a "Gentleperson".

Respect for the uniform is always emphasized and must therefore be checked regularly by the National Director and Directors of Auxiliary District and Squadron. The continuous and habitual breach of the proper wearing of uniform is a cause for delisting/ disenrolling in the Auxiliary Service. The improper and unauthorized wear of the uniform shall be subject to the appropriate administrative sanctions and/or penalty and/or fines.

Generally, all members in the Auxiliary Service wear similar uniforms with enough distinction/s to permit identification by service, and show membership of groups in a given service.

There are also small marks of identification added to uniforms to identify the wearer, groupings, show position in a chain of command, or achievements and awards.

Another distinguishing feature is the headgear, which differs from Flag Officers, Field Grade Officers and Company Grade Officers. Cap devices are the same for men and women of the same rank.

## OFFICIAL INSIGNIA and UNIFORMS

Organization, entities, groups and even smaller units are identified and bonded together with symbols, emblems, logos and of course wearing of uniform.

### 1. The Official LOGO and INSIGNIA of the PCGA

For purposes of clarity, logistics and for practical reasons, the PCGA logo and insignia shall be one and the same.

The PCGA logo and insignia carries the PCG Coat of Arms in the middle and the bold capital letters Philippine Coast Guard. It symbolizes the attachment and bond of the PCGA to the PCG. It is bolstered with the word Auxiliary at the bottom of the said Coat of Arms and PCG letters to identify itself as the auxiliary referred to by the R.A. 9993 (PCG Law). The laurels symbolize that the PCGA totally embraces the vision, mission and objectives of the Philippine Coast Guard and submits itself to its control and supervision as mandated by law creating the PCG and its auxiliary, the PCGA.



The official PCGA Insignia and Logo

The said insignia and logo should be use in all written communications, letterheads, uniforms and presentation and identifying mark of the PCGA. It should not be altered nor be given any additional background. Its use, however, must have the written authority of the DAD or of the next higher officer with a copy furnished to the National Auxiliary Board (NAB).

The identification with PCGA and the use of the said logo in a calling card may be allowed. However, it shall not be used/placed side-by-side or together with the logo/s of any other organization/s, entity or unit/s, except the PCG.

The logo and rank should only be printed if the card merely provides information on the squadron membership / PCGA affiliation and contact numbers of the member-Auxiliarist. Prior evaluation and written approval of the Director of next ranking Auxiliary unit/ office is required prior to the printing of said calling card.

All PCGA units and offices particularly the Auxiliary Squadron to be where all Auxiliarists must be affiliated shall automatically adopt the said insignia and logo, with the letters PCGA and squadron number beneath the same. The said squadron insignia and logo shall be used in all squadron letterhead, communications and presentations, and more importantly to be adopted also as the squadron badge.

All Auxiliarists are required to wear the squadron badge on the center of the right breast pocket of the prescribed uniform.



The PCGA Squadron Insignia, Logo and Badge

## 2. Official Uniforms of the PCGA

Uniforms have been used for centuries to identify military persons as to country, service, group and place in the chain of command. Generally, all members of each service wear similar uniforms with enough distinction/s to permit identification by service, and show membership of groups in a given service.

There are also small marks of identification added to uniforms to identify the wearer, groupings, show position in a chain of command, or achievements and awards.

Another distinguishing feature is the headgear, which differs from Flag Officers, Field Grade Officers and Company Grade Officers. Cap devices are the same for men and women of the same rank.

The PCGA regular officers and members have the distinction and privilege of wearing uniforms, the designs of which were initially patterned from the PCG uniforms with some modifications. Having descended from a military heritage, the uniforms are steeped in tradition and should therefore be worn properly, proudly and in accordance with the dignity of the office it represents.

The prescribed uniforms for PCGA shall be worn only when attending official PCGA meetings/conferences or conventions or when attending official PCG / PCGA activities or functions. To assure the maturity and value of the PCGA's chain of leadership and management, only flag rank officers presently occupying TO positions shall wear the PCGA uniform.

Other flag rank officers not holding any TO position, as well as the other members of the National Auxiliary Board, shall wear the PCGA prescribed short sleeves Barong Tagalog or shirt jack with the PCGA Insignia (see below).

They can, however, wear the usual PCGA formal uniform with rank insignias during PCGA National Conventions and anniversaries, Auxiliary District and Auxiliary Squadron anniversaries, District Conventions, or as may be authorized by the Commandant.



Short sleeved Barong Tagalog or Shirt Jack with embroidered PCGA Logo

Wearing of the Auxiliary uniform without proper authority is a violation of law. Occasions when wearing of uniforms is prohibited include:

- In public places/establishments such as airports, malls, church, and the like, except when a PCG or PCGA function or activity is being held thereat
- In places of dubious reputation where the uniform might be discredited or disgraced
- When engaged in political activities
- During paid employment or sports
- Aboard an Auxiliary vessel or aircraft facility unless the facility is on an authorized Coast Guard mission
- Entry to or while present in a foreign country or territory unless specifically authorized by an appropriate Coast Guard authority. Authorization may be granted when visiting a foreign country as an Auxiliarist on official business

Auxiliarists may not wear any distinctive part of the uniform or official Auxiliary insignia or shoulder boards with civilian clothing.

## **Section A. AUTHORIZED UNIFORMS OF THE PCGA**

### **1. For Men/ Women Auxiliary Officer:**

- Service Blue (Alpha)
- Service Blue (Bravo)
- Working Blue
- Field Uniform
- Blue Bush Jacket (optional)
- Dress Blue / Blouse Blue (optional)
- Dinner Dress White/Dinner Dress Black Uniform (Optional)

### **2. For Men/ Women Auxiliarist (Aux 4 – Aux 1):**

- Field Uniform

Other field uniforms maybe authorized upon approval of the respective Directors Auxiliary Districts that are intended for special and specific activities within their respective areas of responsibility.

However, the design of the uniform shall include the name or logo of the specific activity and all the other participating units/agencies, if any.

## **Section B. DESCRIPTION of AUTHORIZED UNIFORMS**

### **1. Service Blue Alpha Uniform**

The Service Blue Alpha is worn with the Pershing cap, service blue polo shirt, blue web belt with gold PCGA buckle, dark blue pants, black socks and prescribed black shoes. The prescribed undershirt

is a V-neck white cotton shirt, without any large markings or print that may be seen through the polo shirt.

The following are the ONLY authorized attachments:

1. Ribbons directly on top of the left breast pocket cover
2. Auxiliary Squadron Badge on the center of the right breast pocket (below the cover)
3. Prescribed nameplate, unit citation ribbons
4. Leadership Badge

Enhanced (HARD) shoulder boards are worn with this uniform.

No other devices such as: pens, pins, patches or paraphernalia may be attached or worn on it. Any other badges, pins, wings, flags, etc., not mentioned in items 1-4 cited above, or those given by other international organizations or other military units, may be worn only if it has the explicit **written approval of the Commandant** upon the recommendation of the PCGA National Auxiliary Board.



This uniform should be worn during turnover / change of leadership and management, national convention, PCG national command conference (by invitation) / NEC meetings, and/or other occasions with a formal program or ceremonies or as prescribed on the invitation.

## 2. Service Blue Bravo Uniform

The Service Blue Bravo is worn with the Pershing cap, service blue polo shirt, blue web belt with gold PCGA buckle, dark blue pants, black socks and prescribed black shoes. The prescribed undershirt is a V-neck white cotton shirt, without any large markings or print that may be seen through the polo shirt.

Only the following are authorized attachments: (1) Squadron Badge on the center of the right breast pocket (below the cover); (2) prescribed nameplate; and (3) Command Badge. The SOFT shoulder loops are worn with this uniform. No other badge, ribbon, pin, patch, device or paraphernalia may be attached or worn on it.





This uniform is appropriate to be worn in classrooms, during unit meetings, parades, orientation seminars, etc. and/or as prescribed by the leadership.

### 3. Working Blue Uniform

The Working Blue Uniform is worn with the PCGA ball cap for field operations and Pershing cap for indoor activities, working blue polo shirt, blue web belt with gold PCGA buckle, dark blue pants, black socks and prescribed black shoes. The headgear shall be Pershing cap or ball cap as appropriately prescribed by the leadership.

An embroidered nametag with Yellow Gold Letters over same blue cloth is permanently sewn on top of the right pocket, while the letters PCGA embroidered in yellow gold letters over the same blue cloth is sewn permanently on top of the left pocket cover.

A rank patch with appropriate bar/s for the rank of Ensign to Captain embroidered in yellow gold letters over same blue cloth shall be sewn each on the left and right collars.



The prescribed undershirt is a round neck dark blue cotton shirt.

The following are the ONLY authorized attachments: (1) Squadron Badge on the center of the right breast pocket (below the cover), (2) Badge and (3) metal star/s for appropriate star rank.

No other badge, ribbon, pin, patch, device or paraphernalia may be attached or worn on it.

This uniform shall be worn during outreach activities, such as, bloodlettings, medical and dental services, boating and other activities which require physical actions.

### 4. Dinner Dress White (Mess Jacket) Uniform

- a. The Dinner Dress White uniform is worn for formal dinner occasions
- b. Pershing cap is worn with this uniform
- c. The coat is the standard Coast Guard (Navy) white colored mess jacket. The buttons are silver. Two medium buttons with a chain same color as the buttons, are used to close the coat
- d. Hard shoulder boards are attached to loop upon the shoulder to designate rank
- e. Black bow tie plain style, not extending 2 ¼ inches in vertical width is worn
- f. Breast insignias/devices. Miniature medals are worn on this uniform. Auxiliary pin/badges, that have no miniatures, are also worn if authorized. Ribbons and name tags are not allowed



- g. The shirt is white with pleated soft front dress shirt with a turn-down collar and worn with plain gold cuff links and gold shirt studs
- h. Cummerbund (waistband). A pleated black cummerbund 5" high is worn with pleats facing upwards
- i. Trousers shall be black of the same material as the coat, high-waisted of plain design (and with black stripe down the leg), without back pockets;
- j. Socks shall be black, made of knitted or rib knit, undecorated material;
- k. Shoes shall be black with heels made of smooth leather or synthetic materials. Shoes shall be low cut of plain style without decorations. There shall be no stitching or seams across the toe. Heels shall be no higher than 1". Sole edges, heels and laces must be black.



Dinner Dress White (Ladies)

## 5. PCGA Field Uniform

### a. Field Uniform for Men and Women Auxiliary Officer

The Field Uniform is composed of a collared T-Shirt in either dark blue or orange color, blue web belt with gold PCGA buckle, blue maong pants, and optional ball cap. An embroidered or printed PCGA Logo (maximum of 4 inches diameter) shall be printed on the left breast portion on the front and the words/letters COAST GUARD (3 inches height), AUXILIARY, CGAD and SQUADRON No. (optional) (2 inches height) at the back, using ARIAL BLACK font.

Field uniforms shall be worn during outreach activities such as coastal cleanups, mangrove plantings, bloodlettings, medical and dental missions, boating, and other activities that require physical actions. Ball caps must be worn with the field uniforms.



Dinner Dress White (Men)

- (Optional items: white suspenders, with gloves)



The orange shirt is worn during Search and Rescue (SAR) operations.



The blue shirt is worn during activities, such as, MARSAF (Oplan Ligtas Byahe), MAREP (Coastal Cleanup) and other MCOMREL (Medical - Dental Mission/ Blood-Letting activities).

**b. Field Uniform for Men and Women Non-officer Auxiliarist**

The Field Uniform is composed of a round neck T-Shirt in either dark blue or orange color, blue web belt with gold PCGA buckle, blue maong pants, and optional bull cap.



Field Uniform for Men and Women Non-officer Auxiliarist

An embroidered or printed PCGA Logo (maximum of 4 inches diameter) shall be printed on the left breast portion on the front and the words/letters COAST GUARD (3inches height), AUXILIARY, CGAD and SQUADRON number (optional) (2 inches height) at the back, using ARIAL BLACK font.

This uniform shall be worn during outreach activities such as, coastal cleanups, mangrove plantings, bloodlettings, medical and dental missions, boating, and other activities which require physical actions.

## Section C. DESCRIPTION OF BASIC COMPONENTS OF THE UNIFORMS

### 1. Service and Working Blue Trousers

Trousers or pants for the Service Blue and Working Blue Uniforms are one and the same. It is made of dark blue cloth. The wearer has the option to have it pleated or plain from the front waistline. A blue web belt with a PCGA gold buckle is always worn with the trousers.

Women Auxiliary Officers have the option to wear a skirt with the same color and fabric, in lieu of the trousers, the length of which should not go higher than 3 inches above the knees.



### 2. Official PCGA Buckle and Belt

The Official PCGA buckle carries the PCGA Insignia at the center over the front gold metal plate. A dark blue web canvass belt is always attached to

It and wrapped around the waistline of the trouser. The tip or end portion of the belt is placed inside the buckle and **should not protrude** out of the buckle.

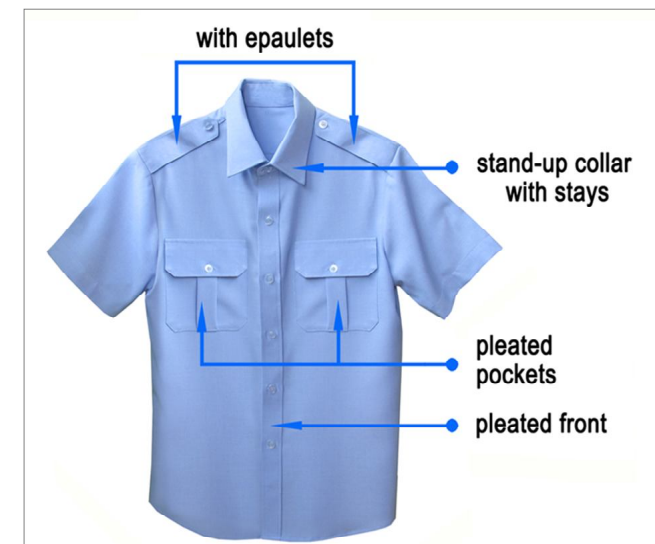


Prescribed buckle from  
Aux to Captain

Prescribed buckle for Flag Ranks

### 3. Service Blue Polo Shirt

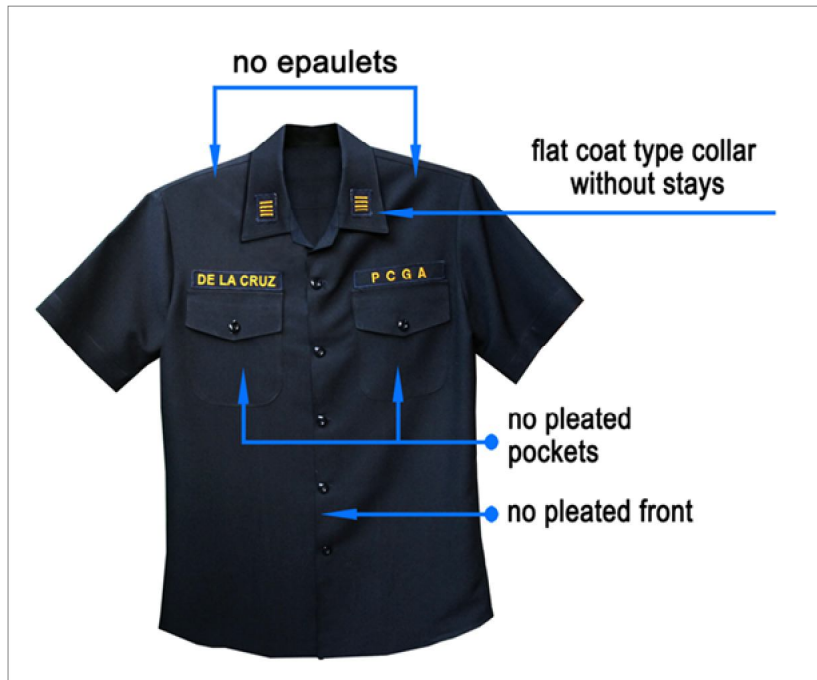
The service blue polo shirt is made of light blue cloth. It is short-sleeved with stand up collar with stays and epaulets. Its difference with the PCG service polo shirt is that it has pleated button row at the front and double pleated breast pocket. With this shirt, the collar is worn open without a tie.



Its proper manner of wearing and attachments are specified earlier. Prospective auxiliary officers with pending General Orders or with General Orders but not yet officially inducted can wear this with the prescribed nameplate ONLY and without any other attachments. It is worn tucked-in at all times for both male and female Auxiliary officers.

#### 4. Working Blue Polo Shirt

The service blue polo shirt is made of dark blue cloth. It is short-sleeved with flat coat type collar without stays and epaulets. It is the same with the PCG service Polo Shirt, and should be buttoned up to the last top button. It is worn tucked-in at all times for both male and female auxiliary officers.



#### 5. Official PCGA Name Plate

An official PCGA nameplate must always be worn with the Service Blue uniform. The PCGA nameplate shall have black background with gold letters and borders and topped with a shiny plastic laminate.

On the Service Blue Alpha, it shall be worn on top of the right breast pocket directly with a half-inch clearance from the citation ribbons.

On the Service Blue Bravo, it shall be worn on the right breast pocket with its bottom seating or aligned to the top of the pocket cover.



For the Working Blue uniform, the PCGA nametag shall be embroidered using yellow gold letters over the same blue cloth fabric as the Working Blue uniform. It shall be sewn directly on top of right breast pocket.





## 6. Prescribed Shoes and Socks

Shoes shall be black with heels made of smooth and shiny leather or synthetic material (preferably Charol). Shoes shall be low cut plain style without decoration. There shall be no stitching or seams across the toe. It should have heels which, however, shall not be higher than one (1") inch for men and two and half (2½ ") inches for women. Sole edges, heels and laces must be black Socks should be worn at all times with the prescribed shoes. It shall be black in color, made of knitted or rib knit undecorated material.



## Section D. HEADGEARS

### 1. Pershing Cap



The Pershing cap is named after the famous American General John "black jack" Pershing, Chief of Staff of the U.S Army and Commanding General of the U.S Army Expeditionary Force which saw action in Zamboanga, Philippines and in France during WW1.

Pershing caps are differentiated with rank. Field grade and flag officers have elaborated braids on the visors of their Pershing caps; company grade officers do not have silver braids.

Pershing caps are worn with dark blue covers (dinner dress white uniform and service blue uniforms).

### 2. Ladies Headgear



The Ladies headgear is similar to the Pershing cap for men and are also differentiated with rank. Likewise, it is worn with a dinner dress white uniform, service dress white uniform, and service blue alpha and bravo uniforms.

Both the Pershing Cap and the Ladies Headgear are made of dark blue cloth material and bears the PCGA Insignia.

### 3. PCGA Ball Cap



PCGA ball caps, popularly known as baseball caps, are now known in the military as Command Ball Caps. This is used with the working blue for field activities especially on sea duty. This is in dark blue fabric and bears the PCGA insignia at the center front. No other marking, rank, or device shall be placed on it.

#### Section E. OFFICIAL SHOULDER BOARD AND LOOP

The shoulder boards and loops are the epaulette or adornment consisting of an ornamental cloth pad worn on the shoulder that indicate rank. They are worn on and inserted properly on the epaulettes strap of the Service Blue or dinner uniforms.

The PCGA shoulder boards are designed with the insignia and with the PCGA acronym on it.



Emblem used for Hard Shoulder Boards

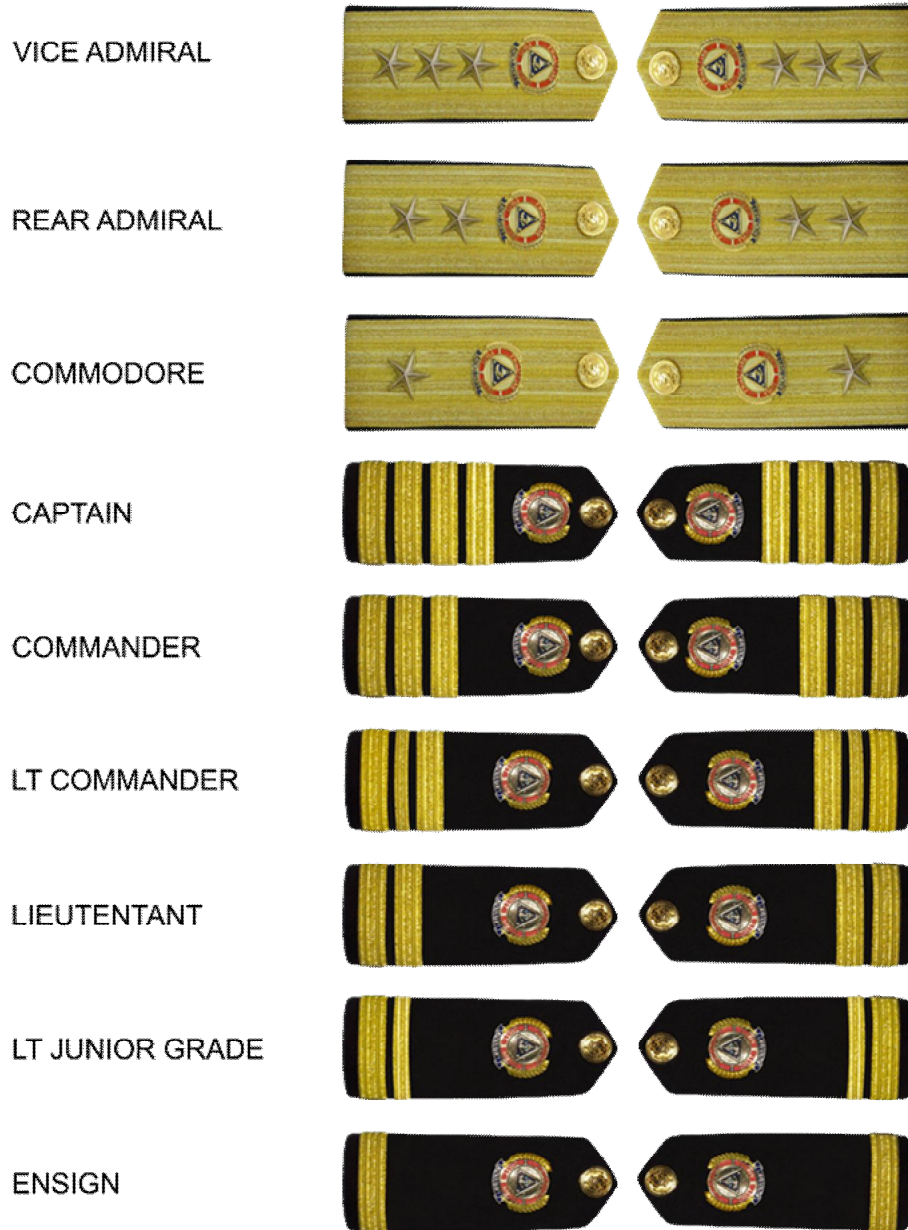
#### There are two (2) types of Shoulder Boards:

1. The **HARD shoulder board** is made of cloth material with a hard insert inside it, and is adorned with metal ornaments. It always carries the metal-casted PCGA insignia with the PCGA acronym directly below and a small golden button locker with the dolphin and anchor symbols on it. It is used with the Dinner Jacket and the Service Blue Alpha uniforms.

The hard shoulder board of a flag rank officer has a flat plain gold color background fabric with the metal star symbol on top, while that of a lower rank officer uses boards with black background fabric and yellow gold color stripes to indicate ranks.

2. The **SOFT shoulder board** or LOOP is made of soft black cloth material with the PCGA acronym embroidered at the end using yellow gold threads. Stars indicate the ranks of flag officers while bars are used for the rank of Captain and below. The stars and bars are also embroidered using yellow gold threads. The shoulder loop is used with the Service Blue Bravo uniform.

**PCGA Hard Shoulder Boards with Corresponding Rank**



**PCGA Soft Shoulder Loops with Corresponding Rank**





## Section F. Proposed PCGA Uniforms

### 1. Bush Coat for Flag Rank and Senior Grade Officers

The Blue Bush Jacket is worn with the Pershing cap, blue web belt with gold PCGA buckle, dark blue pants, black socks and prescribed black shoes. The prescribed undershirt is a dark V-neck cotton shirt.

The following are the ONLY authorized attachments: (1) Ribbons directly on top of the left breast pocket cover; (2) Squadron Badge on the center of the right breast pocket (below the cover); (3) prescribed nameplate, unit citation ribbons; and (4) Leadership Badge, and (5) Hard Shoulder Board.

The commensurate number of silver stars is worn on the epaulette. No other devices i.e. pens, pins, patches or paraphernalia may be attached or worn on it. Any other badges, pins, wings, flags, etc., not mentioned in items 1-4 cited in this paragraph, or those given by other international organizations, other military units, may be worn only if it has the explicit written approval of the Commandant upon the recommendation of the PCGA NAB.



### 2. Dress Blouse for Formal Occasions

The Dress Blouse is worn with the Pershing cap, hard shoulder board, blue web belt with gold PCGA buckle, dark blue pants, black socks and prescribed black shoes. The prescribed undershirt is a dark blue V-neck cotton shirt.

The following are the ONLY authorized attachments: (1) Ribbons directly on top of the left breast pocket cover; (2) Squadron Badge on the center of the right breast pocket (below the cover); (3) prescribed nameplate, unit citation ribbons; and (4) Leadership Badge.

No other devices i.e. pens, pins, patches or paraphernalia may be attached or worn on it. Any other badges, pins, wings, flags, etc., not mentioned in items 1-4 cited in this paragraph, or those given by other international organizations, other military units, may be worn only if it has the explicit written approval of the Commandant upon the recommendation of the PCGA NAB.

