

CAP Cadet Uniform Buying Guide

Blues Uniform:

Your \$40 dues includes one free set of blues. It is a very good idea to have a second set of blues, especially for encampment.

| Item | Description | Where to get it |
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| Pants | Dark blue, Air Force issue long slacks with no pleats | One pair is provided free with your membership. If the squadron does not have your size, order through e-services. After that, slacks can be ordered through Vanguard or bought on base at March ARB. |
| Shirt | Light blue, Air Force issue short sleeve, button-up shirt | One is provided free with your membership. If the squadron does not have your size, order through e-services. After that, shirts can be ordered through Vanguard or bought on base at March ARB. |
| Cover (hat) | Dark blue, Air Force issue flight cap | One is provided free with your membership. If the squadron does not have your size, order through e-services. After that, shirts can be ordered through Vanguard or bought on base at March ARB. |
| Belt | Dark blue web belt with silver-toned buckle | One is provided free with your membership. If the squadron does not have your size, order through e-services. After that, belts and buckles can be ordered through Vanguard or bought on base at March ARB. |
| Under-shirt | White, V-neck T-shirt | Any department store may carry these. Buy at least three. |
| Shoes | Black, low-top, lace-up, leather shoes with rubber soles. No conspicuous stitching. | JC Penney or Big 5 (Soft Stags) often have excellent deals. You can also buy these shoes through Vanguard or on base, but you will pay more that way. |
| Name plate | Pin-on CAP blue name plate with last name - | Vanguard #CAP0599M |
| Cap device | 1 ¾ inch blue/red/steel pin to be placed on cover | Vanguard #CAP0748A |
| CAP Cutouts | Steel "CAP" for blues shirt collar. These will be replaced by grade insignia at first promotion. | Your squadron is likely to supply them. Otherwise, they can be ordered through Vanguard. #CAP082O |
| Shirt Garters | Recommended, but not required. Elastic suspenders which clip the bottom of the dress shirt to the socks. | Vanguard #2650466 |

Battle Dress Uniform (BDU's):

CAP uses the woodland BDU's, which are in shades of green. It is a very good idea to have a second set of BDU's, especially for encampment.

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| Pants | Woodland camouflage long pants with cargo pockets. Watch for two different fabric types. Rip-stop is much sturdier. | Can be ordered through Vanguard or bought at any military surplus store. Your squadron may have some BDU's available. |
| Blouse | Woodland camouflage long sleeve, button-up cargo overshirt. Fabric must be same type as pants. | Can be ordered through Vanguard or bought at any military surplus store. Your squadron may have some BDU's available. |
| Cover (hat) | Squadron ballcap is usually worn. Woodland camouflage cap may be worn if your squadron allows. | Ballcaps are available at squadron meetings for \$15. |
| T-shirt | Plain black, crew-neck T-shirt or squadron T-shirt | Squadron T-shirts are available at squadron meetings for \$10 - \$15. |
| Boots | All-black leather combat boots or leather and canvas tactical boots. Boots must be high enough for blousing of pants. | Big-5 sporting goods or other sporting goods stores often have excellent deals. Boots may also be ordered through Vanguard or any online shoe source. USPatriotTactical.com has some great deals, too. |
| Reverse flag patch | American flag reversed for right arm | Vanguard #4432431 |
| CA wing patch | Yellow California with wings on a blue background | Vanguard #CAP0637d |
| Name tape | Last name in white on blue background | Vanguard #CAP0599ha |
| CAP tape | Civil Air Patrol in white on blue background | Vanguard #CAP0599k |
| Belt | Black webbing belt with matted buckle | Vanguard #2500510 |
| Blousing Bands | Recommended - elastic bands that allow cadets to get pants "bloused" without tucking into pants | Vanguard #2650175 or any military surplus store |
| Squadron Patch | Goes on right side breast pocket | Patches are available at squadron meetings for \$5. |

Where to Shop

Vanguard: www.vanguardmil.com/store (800)221-1264

March Air Reserve Base: <http://www.march.afrc.af.mil>

G.I. Joe's Army-Navy Surplus 799 El Cajon Blvd., El Cajon (619)401-7593

Apollo Depot 404 Mission Ave., Oceanside (760)722-3444

Los Angeles Air Base: www.losangeles.af.mil