



Flotilla Clarification / Q & A

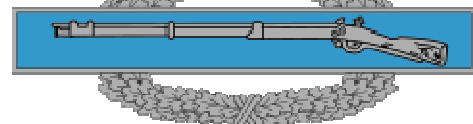
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Question: **Can a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary wear a U.S. Army earned *Combat Infantryman Badge* (CIB) on their Auxiliary uniform.**

Clarification: **Yes**

The following are from official U.S. Coast Guard source material. All emphasis has been added.



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a. Prior Military Service Insignia. One of UB42's determinations was that Coast Guard personnel are not authorized to wear prior military service insignia if not earned while in the Coast Guard (i.e. - a prior service Army officer who now serves in the Coast Guard cannot wear his/her **combat infantry badge** on Coast Guard uniforms). This determination does not apply to Auxiliarists, therefore provisions in the Auxiliary Manual regarding Auxiliarists' wear of prior military service insignia other than Coast Guard still apply. [SEE BELOW]

AUXMAN COMDTINST M16790.1F Chapter 10 - Uniforms

F.9.k. Auxiliarists may wear only two breast devices at one time and these are worn on the uniform's left side only. **Breast devices include** the following qualification devices: coxswain, aviator, air crew and PWC operator. **Other authorized devices** include those earned during U.S. military service, such as **the combat infantryman** and medic badge, aviation wings, Air Force specialty badges, pathfinder, airborne and air assault badges, submariner dolphins, etc. The wearer may select any two and decide their precedence. Auxiliarists wear the first device on the left centered directly above the ribbons or miniature medals. Auxiliarists wear the second device centered on the pocket flap immediately below the ribbons or miniature medals. For example, wearing Auxiliary aviator wings centered on the left, above the ribbons, and an Auxiliary coxswain insignia centered below the ribbons. Sew-on patches, strips, Auxiliary unit designations, honor guard, ranger, special forces, and other cloth patches, not otherwise approved for wear, are not authorized on the Auxiliary uniform.

F.9.l. Although various military services allow for particular military awards, decorations and badges on the uniform's right side (i.e., Army Unit Awards), such is not the case for the Auxiliary uniform. **All prior military awards, badges and devices will be worn on the left side** of the uniform. The right side of the Auxiliary uniform is reserved for Auxiliary badges and name tags (i.e., AUXOP pin, past officer pin, name tag, and Auxiliary National Staff badge, or other service staff or service identification badges). Appropriate ribbon sizes are available for purchase to include such Coast Guard unit awards on the ribbon bar worn over the left breast pocket.