

OFFICE OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE
CIVIL AIR PATROLNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
WASHINGTON - FEBRUARY 13, 1942

Subject: Uniforms & Insignia for Staff Personnel

To: All Wing Commanders

We have received a great number of requests from all over the country, asking for information on the official Civil Air Patrol uniforms and insignia.

There have been many details to work out and decisions to be secured from various channels of the War Department, and we have been working with all possible speed to iron out all complications and get firm commitments and final approvals. The problem of material for C. A. P. Commissioned Officer uniforms has been a large one, and now, through the cooperation of the Quartermaster Corps of the War Department, we have been able to procure a quantity of the official Civil Air Patrol brown material for approximately one thousand suits. The promised delivery from the mills is February 18.

Specifications for this official C. A. P. Commissioned Officers uniform are to be finished by the War Department by February 14th, and will be mailed to you immediately, along with the final decision on the type, color and manner of distribution of materials, if tailor-made uniforms are desired, or, the source of ready-made uniforms.

Because of the use of the insignia in our armed forces, it necessitated a great deal of thought and consideration with the War Department before final adoption, and many complications were involved - which have now been cleared. Therefore, at the same time information on the uniform is forwarded to you, you will receive the War Department's final decision as to the official insignia.

We appreciate the necessity of getting this to you as soon as possible, for psychological and other reasons, but found that complications were much greater in volume at present than if organization had been completed during the period preceding the Declaration of War - and would therefore suggest that you in turn get this information through your respective groups as soon as possible.

Your continued cooperation and indulgence is urgently requested and needed.

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COMMISSIONED PERSONNEL (Complete information on uniforms and
(insignia will be available soon.)

National Headquarters Commander & Staff
Regional Commander & Staff
Wing Commander & Staff
Group Commander & Staff
Squadron Commander & Staff
Flight Leader - Pilot and Observer Officers

ALL OTHER PERSONNEL

OFFICIAL UNIFORMS

(Can be purchased locally and should be held as uniform as possible)

Leather Jacket: Brown

Shirt: Khaki - Suiting cloth, 8.2 ounce - or,
Flannel - Shirting, olive drab, 10 ounce, shrunk,

Semi form-fitting, 6 to 7 button, open front coat style with attached collar. Two patch breast pockets with flaps to button, reinforced sleeves from elbow to cuff, and yoke across shoulder. Shoulder straps, if possible, to make unit uniform. Olive drab buttons.

Tie: Plain Black

Trousers: Khaki - Cotton - no cuffs.
Serge - Olive drab, 18 ounce - no cuffs.

Belts: Tan Commercial

Shoes: Tan Commercial

Socks: Tan Commercial

(Complete information on the following will be available soon)

Cap: Regulation C. A. P.

Insignia: Cap Insignia - Metal - Left side, 1" from front.
Shoulder Insignia - To be sewn on left shoulder sleeve
 $\frac{1}{2}$ " from shoulder seam.

Pilot Wings: Sterling Silver - worn above left shirt pocket, or
left breast of flying jacket.

Observer Wings: Sterling Silver - worn above left shirt pocket, or
left breast of flying jacket.