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1. **PURPOSE.** This Manual is the authority that prescribes the policy, responsibility and standards governing the uniform, appearance, and grooming of all Coast Guard Pipe Band personnel (including non-playing support personnel) when performing with or representing the Pipe Band.
2. **ACTION.** This Manual applies to all Members of the Coast Guard Pipe Band. The Manual is available on the Coast Guard Pipe Band web site: <http://www.uscgpipeband.org> in the "Member Area." Coast Guard Pipe Band Members are responsible for ensuring that their uniforms and appearance conform to this Manual. Members of the Coast Guard Pipe Band wear the uniform and insignia to which they are entitled by law as active duty, reserve, retired, or Auxiliary Members of the Coast Guard, or as honorably discharged wartime veterans of the Coast Guard, as specified in the Coast Guard Uniform Regulations (COMDTINST M1020.6 series) and the uniform chapter of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Manual (Chapter 10 - COMDTINST M16790.1 series), depending on the status of the Member. This Manual sets forth the modifications to such uniforms necessary for wear with the kilt. Throughout this Manual, the term "Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations" will mean the above referenced Manuals as applicable to individual Pipe Band Members.
3. **ORGANIZATION.** The Coast Guard Pipe Band is an unofficial, volunteer organization, recognized by and affiliated with the U.S. Coast Guard. The Pipe Band (or, on certain occasions, select Members of the Pipe Band) performs at various official Coast Guard events and activities and at other events where such participation will enhance the image of the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard Pipe Band is organized as a non-profit corporation under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Pipe Band has been recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt organization. The Coast Guard Pipe Band is not an official part of the Coast Guard and is not operated, controlled, officially endorsed or funded by the Coast Guard. However, the Coast Guard has reviewed the Pipe Band's Articles of Incorporation and By-laws and has made the decision to permit the Pipe Band to use the Coast Guard's statutorily protected name as part of its private organization name.
4. **MISSION.** The Mission of the Coast Guard Pipe Band is to promote greater public recognition and appreciation of the history, traditions, contributions, sacrifices, roles and missions of the men and women of the Coast Guard, by various activities including, but not limited to, participation of

the Coast Guard Pipe Band or select Members of the Band in memorial services, military balls, highland games, patriotic and military parades, public ceremonies, public concerts, Commissioning Ceremonies for Coast Guard vessels and units, Change of Command Ceremonies, Retirement Ceremonies, funerals of Members of the U.S. Uniformed Services (Coast Guard, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Public Health Service, or NOAA Officer Corps) or similar ceremonies and other events in which any active, reserve or Auxiliary component of the Coast Guard or U.S. Armed Forces is participating. The Coast Guard Pipe Band supports the public relations, recognition and recruiting activities of the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary.

5. DISCUSSION. This Manual is written in the permissive form; meaning it describes things that are authorized for wear and the manner of wearing as determined by the Board of Directors. No deviation from the guidance of this Manual is authorized except as otherwise noted.
6. MEMBERSHIP. Membership in the Coast Guard Pipe Band is entirely voluntary and is open to active duty, reserve and retired Members of the Coast Guard, male or female, officer or enlisted; honorably discharged wartime veterans of the Coast Guard; and to members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Membership in the Coast Guard Pipe Band is open to any person meeting the membership requirements regardless of race, color, national origin, ethnic origin, age, religion, sex, handicap or marital status. Members gain and retain their membership at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. While it is primarily the individual and collective desire of the Members to uphold the traditions and values of the Coast Guard that compels them to abide by the guidance in this Manual, failure to uphold the quality of performance and the standards of appearance as set forth in this Manual (including failure to wear the specified uniforms or wearing of unauthorized uniforms) whenever involved in Pipe Band activities of any kind constitutes cause for termination of membership by the Board of Directors as provided in the Bylaws.
7. SUMMARY. This Manual is the first edition and replaces the Draft version that had been previously posted on the Pipe Band web site. It incorporates all the uniform policies that have been adopted by the Pipe Band Board of Directors to date.

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1.A. Background and History

In addition to historic records documenting a tradition of pipers wearing kilts with U.S. military uniforms going back to the American Revolution and U.S. Civil War, the modern era has seen official authorization of U.S. Army pipe bands wearing uniform kilts with U.S. military uniforms organized by the 2nd Infantry Division, the 5th Infantry Division, the 8th Infantry Division, the 31st Infantry Division, the 42nd Infantry Division, and the Sixth Army. The U.S. Army currently authorizes members of the pipe bands of 191st Division, U.S. Army Reserve, California National Guard and Oregon National Guard Reserve to wear kilts of a prescribed pattern with their Army uniforms.

The U.S. Air Force Pipe Band was authorized to wear their uniform kilts with articles of U.S. Air Force uniform at the White House and when performing throughout the 1960's as does the U.S. Air Force Reserve Pipe Band today. The kilt is, therefore, also authorized by the U.S. Air Force as part of the prescribed Air Force uniform for the U.S. Air Force Reserve Pipe Band.

The official uniform regulations of all the U.S. Armed Forces recognize uniforms worn by members of bands as a "special uniform situation." For example, the red jackets worn by members of the Marine Corps Band have no parallel in the uniforms worn by other members of the Marine Corps and, therefore, would be "civilian clothes" if not prescribed as part of their uniform by the Marine Corps uniform regulations. Members of the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy Bands as well as members of the U.S. Coast Guard Band are also authorized to wear articles of uniform and insignia that differ significantly from those prescribed in their respective uniform regulations for their rank and rate worn by other members of their service. Chapter 4 of the Coast Guard Uniform Regulations covers "Special Uniforms and Clothing" for units such as the Honor Guard, Drill Teams, and the Coast Guard Band.

The tradition of military pipe bands has a long history in the United States. In 1861, the 79th New York Infantry marched off to war wearing kilts to the accompaniment of their pipes and drums. President Lincoln became quite fond of them and they often played for him at the White House. During World War II, U.S. troops often served alongside Scottish troops and learned to appreciate the martial qualities of the Great Highland Bagpipe. Following the war, General Mark Clark organized a U.S. Army pipe band as part of the Sixth Army. Other divisions of the U.S. Army formed pipe bands throughout the 1940's and 1950's.

The U.S. Air Force Pipe Band was organized in 1961, wearing the Mitchell Tartan in honor of General Billy Mitchell. The Air Force Pipe Band was a great favorite of President John Kennedy who often invited them to play at the White House. The nation watched in November 1963 as a piper from the Air Force Pipe Band played a lament at the Arlington graveside of President Kennedy. Although the Air Force Pipe Band was later disbanded, that image captured the imagination of the nation. Their tradition lives on, not only in the modern day U.S. Air Force Reserve Pipe Band, wearing their distinctive Air Force Reserve Tartan, but also in the pipe bands of police and fire departments throughout the country.

Since that image of the lone piper at Arlington, it has become part of American tradition for deceased police officers and fire fighters who die in the line of duty to be accompanied to their final resting place by their department's pipes and drums. At military funerals, a lone piper at the gravesite is becoming a sight as familiar as a lone bugler or a line of riflemen.

The pipe band has also become a well-established part of the U.S. Armed Forces. In addition to the pipe bands of military academies such as West Point, Annapolis, The Citadel and VMI, there are military pipe bands serving with the 91st Division Reserve (established 1962), the Oregon State National Guard Reserve (established 1971) and the recently formed pipe band of the 401st Air Support Group, Texas State Guard.

As both a law enforcement organization and a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, therefore, it is entirely appropriate for the U.S. Coast Guard to have an affiliated pipe band.

1.A.1. Policy

The policy of the Board of Directors of the Coast Guard Pipe Band is that, when in Coast Guard Pipe Band uniform, all members will adhere to the applicable uniform regulations and grooming standards and will, at all times, present a military appearance and conduct themselves in a military manner. By adopting this Manual, the Board of Directors empowers the Uniform Prescribing Official for any event at which the Pipe Band attends and/or performs in uniform (Section 1.B.1.) to determine if a member should be barred from performing with the Pipe Band in that event if that member fails to adequately conform to the requirements of this Manual. Any member who consistently fails to adhere to the uniform or grooming standards set forth in this Manual may be removed from Pipe Band membership by the Board of Directors as provided in the Bylaws.

1.A.2. Implementation

These regulations define the composition of Coast Guard Pipe Band uniforms and set appearance standards for Pipe Band personnel. Coast Guard Pipe Band uniforms consist primarily of standard Coast Guard uniform items modified for wear with the kilt and, therefore create distinctive visual evidence of the authority and responsibility vested in the wearer by the Commandant. Pipe Band personnel must present a proud and professional appearance that will reflect positively on the individual; the Coast Guard Pipe Band; the Coast Guard; and the United States. All Pipe Band personnel shall comply with these regulations.

1.A.3. Optional Uniform Items

Optional uniform items are items which are authorized to be worn, but which Band members are not required to own. Some of the items listed in these regulations as optional are required items for active duty, reserve and/or Auxiliary personnel as specified in the Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations. They are listed as optional in these regulations since retired and wartime veterans are not required to have them and they are not essential elements of Pipe Band uniforms. However, all Members are encouraged to obtain these optional items where possible. In addition to the optional items specifically listed in these regulations, essentially every uniform item listed in the Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations is an optional item for Pipe Band wear. Note that some optional items such as the kilt pin have a range of possible alternatives (subject to approval by the Drum Major), while others are specified and if worn by a Band Member must conform to the specifications set forth in this Manual. The Uniform Prescribing Official at any event may request that all Members attending bring uniform items prescribed in the Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform

Regulations. The Uniform Prescribing Official should consider the optional designation of certain uniform items when making decisions regarding wear of such items and should follow the policy set forth in **1.B.1.a.** regarding wear of certain optional items if all the Members present do not have and wear that item.

1.A.4. Optional Uniforms

The Dinner Dress Blue Jacket and Dinner Dress White Jacket uniforms listed in Chapter 3 are designated optional uniforms. Band Members are authorized to wear these uniforms as appropriate, but are not required to do so. When a Band Member who does not have these optional uniforms attends a function at which a Dinner Dress Blue or White Jacket uniform is prescribed, the Coast Guard Pipe Band Dinner Dress Blue uniform described in **3.B.3** is the appropriate substitute. Note that many of the individual components that make up the optional uniforms are not optional since they are listed as Required Uniform Items (**3.A.2**).

1.B. Authority to Prescribe

1.B.1. Setting the Uniform

The Uniform Prescribing Official for any event at which Members of the Coast Guard Pipe Band attend and/or participate in uniform shall be the Drum Major (or in his/her absence the Pipe Major). Generally, public performances by the Band (including solo Members) require that Coast Guard Tartan-based uniforms from this Manual be prescribed (with some exceptions – see Section 4.B.3). When advance approval is required for an event, the request for such approval shall include the proposed uniform. The Pipe Major will consult with the Drum Major for a final decision on uniform issues not previously agreed upon by the Drum Major. Generally the uniform will be set well in advance of an event so that Members come prepared. If weather or other factors require that the final selection of uniform(s) must be made on site, then the Uniform Prescribing Official will advise Members what the possible options will be and the on-scene Uniform Prescribing Official will make the final selection at the event. The on-scene Uniform Prescribing Official will be the Drum Major or in his/her absence the Pipe Major. If neither is present, the Drum Major's designee will be the Uniform Prescribing Official. The on-scene Uniform Prescribing Official (which, when performing solo, will be the solo Band Member) may make last-minute decisions to change the designated uniform as appropriate to suit issues such as changes in the weather. However, such changes should provide for as much consistency and quality of appearance as possible.

1.B.1.a. Wear of Optional Uniform Items – The Uniform Prescribing Official may request that Members wear certain optional uniform items at events and such items will then be worn by all Members present only if all Members present have that item. Uniform items listed in this Manual as “Optional – ALL” will not be worn by any Member at an event unless all Members present have and wear that item. Uniforms and uniform items designated “Optional” may be worn by some or all the Members at an event at the individual Member's option.

1.B.2. When Uniform is Optional or Prohibited

1.B.2.a. When Uniform is Optional - Members of the Coast Guard Pipe Band may wear a uniform

prescribed by this Manual (including optional items – which include any uniform item described in the Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations authorized for wear by that Member - if desired) while engaged in local travel to or from participation in Coast Guard Pipe Band activities. Pipe Band Members may wear an appropriate Pipe Band uniform when attending an event at which the Pipe Band (or select Pipe Band Members) is participating in uniform even if that Member is there just to observe the performance rather than participate in or directly support such performance. Pipe Band Members who attend a Pipe Band event in a support capacity are encouraged to wear the appropriate Pipe Band uniform, but are not required to do so. In such case, the Member will wear either an appropriate Coast Guard/Auxiliary uniform (as authorized for that individual) or appropriate civilian attire. Members of the Coast Guard Pipe Band may request and obtain permission from the Drum Major to wear the appropriate Coast Guard Pipe Band uniform when attending or participating in Highland Games, Scottish functions (e.g. a Burns Supper) and similar events as an individual when the presence of a uniformed Coast Guard Pipe Band representative is deemed appropriate.

1.B.2.b. When Uniform is Prohibited - As a private, volunteer organization recognized by and affiliated with the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Pipe Band must, at all times, be mindful of that status and conduct all of its activities in accordance with both the letter and the spirit of Coast Guard regulations requiring the avoidance of even the appearance of impropriety or conflict of interest. Neither the Pipe Band nor any Member in the uniform of the Pipe Band will participate in any event that would not be consistent with Coast Guard policy concerning political and commercial activities or that would discredit the Coast Guard, the Armed Forces, or the U.S. Government. Events at which Pipe Band Members wear a Band uniform will be only those approved by the Pipe Major as provided in the By-laws. No Member will participate while in a Pipe Band uniform in political activities, private employment, commercial interests or any other event that would reflect discredit on the Band, the Coast Guard, the Armed Forces, or the U.S. Government. The Pipe Major may approve Band participation in uniform at an event which is conducted for profit by a commercial entity but which has an element designed to honor or support the Armed Services. Such participation will be limited to that portion of the event dedicated to honor or support of the Armed Services. No Member of the Coast Guard Pipe Band will accept or solicit funds or engage in commercial activity for their personal benefit while appearing or performing in the Pipe Band uniform. Personnel appearing or performing in a Pipe Band uniform may accept donations to the Pipe Band if offered by the event sponsor.

1.B.3. Applicable Laws

TITLE 10, U.S. CODE - The provisions of Title 10, Section 771, prohibit the wearing of the uniform or a distinctive part of the uniform, of the Army, Navy, Air Force or Marine Corps, or of a uniform any part of which is similar to a distinctive part of such uniforms, by any person who is not a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force or Marine Corps. Although Title 10 prohibits the wearing of the uniform or articles of uniform by civilians, it says nothing about, and does not prohibit, the wearing of civilian clothing with the uniform by those authorized to wear the uniform.

A kilt, or any article of clothing, when worn as a prescribed part of a uniform, is not “civilian clothing” since an “article of uniform” is nothing more than an article of clothing of particular pattern, color or appearance which is prescribed to be worn as part of the official or distinctive clothes or outfit of a particular group, such as police, firefighters, or members of a military organization, to identify them as members of that group or organization. Kilts, of a specified tartan, have been worn as part of the uniform by members of the Armed Forces of Great Britain, Scotland, Ireland, Canada and other nations,

including the United States, for hundreds of years. Kilts have been regularly worn as part of U. S. military uniforms since the earliest days of the Republic. When prescribed as part of the uniform of a military organization, a kilt is no more an article of “civilian clothing” than a white dress shirt, tuxedo shirt, neck tie, pair of trousers or similar item which, when so prescribed and worn, become part of the uniform.

TITLE 14, U.S. CODE - Although the Coast Guard uniform is entitled to the same protection under Title 10, U. S. Code, as the uniforms of the Army, Navy, Air Force or Marine Corps (14 U.S.C. § 484), the Coast Guard uniform is also protected pursuant to the provisions of Title 14, U. S. Code. Title 14 also specifies the circumstances under which retired and honorably discharged Coast Guard veterans may wear the Coast Guard uniform (14 U.S.C. § 483). These provisions of law are amplified and implemented through the Coast Guard Uniform Regulations as well as by this Manual.

RETIRED PERSONNEL – Retired personnel are authorized to wear the uniform (either those dress uniforms which were prescribed at date of retirement or dress uniforms currently authorized for active duty personnel) on occasions of military ceremony (including retirements, changes of command, or funerals); at patriotic parades on national holidays, or other occasions on which active or reserve units are taking part; and at social or other functions when the invitation has been influenced by the member’s active military service. When participating with the Coast Guard Pipe Band, retired Members will not wear a uniform component prescribed at date of retirement unless it is the same as a uniform component prescribed in this Manual.

COAST GUARD VETERANS - Any Member who has served honorably in the Coast Guard during time of war will, when not on active service, whether or not on the retired list, be entitled to bear the official title and, upon occasions of ceremony, to wear the uniform of the highest rank or rating held. Honorably discharged war service veterans of the Coast Guard are authorized to wear the uniform on occasions of military ceremony (including retirements, changes of command, or funerals) and at patriotic parades on national holidays, or other occasions on which active or reserve units are taking part. While not all veterans are “war time” veterans, the concept of “war time” service is broadly defined and includes periods of undeclared war and periods of declared national emergency. Periods of declared national emergency include Korea (6/27/50 to 7/27/54), Vietnam (1/1/61 to 8/14/74), Gulf War (8/2/90 to 11/30/95) and War on Terrorism (9/11/01 to date). It is not necessary to have served overseas or in combat to qualify as a “war time” veteran. All individuals who served in the Coast Guard in any capacity during any of these periods are eligible for membership in the Coast Guard Pipe Band as a “war time” Coast Guard veteran. When participating with the Coast Guard Pipe Band, wartime veteran Members will not wear a uniform component prescribed at date of retirement unless it is the same as a uniform component prescribed in this Manual.

1.B.4. Coast Guard and Auxiliary Uniform Regulations

The uniforms worn by the Coast Guard Pipe Band are as specified by the Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations; however, in some cases - as described in this Manual - a standard uniform is modified for wear with the kilt. In broad general terms, Pipe Band uniforms are as specified by the Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations from the waist up and as specified in this Manual from the waist down. Except as otherwise specified herein, the description of articles of uniform and the manner of wearing of articles of uniform will be as stated in the Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations. Some articles of uniform have been modified by these regulations for wear with the kilt. Unless

otherwise specified, any changes or modifications to the Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations will automatically be incorporated in this Manual without the necessity for formal action by the Board of Directors.

1.C. Pipe Band Uniform Board

1.C.1. Uniform Board Composition and Process

The Pipe Band Uniform Board shall consist of the Drum Major (as Chair), the Pipe Major and the Quartermaster. This Board will receive suggestions from Members regarding proposed changes to this Manual and will forward them to the Board of Directors with a recommendation regarding possible adoption by the Board. The Uniform Board may also make its own recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding proposed changes to this Manual.

1.C.2. Making Uniform Suggestions

Any Band Member who has a suggestion regarding a potential change to this Manual should submit a written proposal with sufficient information to make clear what is intended to the Band's Uniform Board in care of the Drum Major (via email or regular mail).

Chapter 2 – Appearance and Grooming

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2.A. Military Appearance

Appearance in uniform is a key element of how Pipe Band Members will perceive themselves and be perceived by others. Uniform items must be maintained in good condition, fit correctly and worn properly. Pipe Band Members must, at all times while in uniform, maintain proper military decorum and present themselves with pride. All Members in uniform should observe normal military courtesies and protocol including: rendering smart hand salutes to officers senior to them; saluting the national colors; and rendering proper hand salutes when boarding and disembarking commissioned vessels. Items of uniform should be maintained and worn as specified in this Manual. Member shall adhere to the standards set forth in the Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniforms Regulations with special emphasis on the following: Headgear should be worn at all times when outdoors but not indoors or in no-cover areas (unless under arms – *e.g.* Drum Major – or for ceremonial purposes). Articles such as pens, pencils, watch chains, cell phones, pagers, water bottles, pins, combs, etc., should not be worn or carried exposed on the uniform. Necklaces and neck chains must be concealed. Only one ring per hand is authorized (engagement/wedding sets and class ring/wedding ring sets count as one ring). Men are prohibited from wearing earrings when in uniform. Women may wear one pair of small (approximately 1/8 to 1/4 inch) gold, silver, plain diamond or white pearl earrings of the round ball type. Decorative or combination earring settings are not authorized. Other than the earrings for women noted above, no body piercing devices will be worn so as to be visible. Sunglasses are authorized at the discretion of the Drum Major (or senior Member present) but mirrored lenses are prohibited.

2.B. Grooming and Physical Standards

2.B.1 Grooming Standards

Active duty and reserve Members of the Coast Guard must comply with the grooming standards set forth in the Coast Guard Uniform Regulations. When wearing the uniform as part of the Pipe Band, other Members should adhere to the grooming standards set forth in this Manual. Generally, men's hair should be neat and clean, not touch the collar, and be away from the ears. Beards (not authorized except for Auxiliary Members) and sideburns should be neatly trimmed. Women's hair should not be below the collar or extend below the eyebrows when the hat is removed.

2.B.2. Physical Standards

Active duty and reserve Members are required to adhere to the physical standards (including weight) set by the Coast Guard. Other Band Members have no specific physical criteria to which they must conform (other than Auxiliarists who desire to augment Coast Guard boat or air crews). However, the appearance of the Band is made up of the individuals that attend and participate in any given event. Unlike many other Coast Guard units where some personnel can carry out their jobs with little visual scrutiny by the public, the Pipe Band is almost always directly in the public's eye. Band Members are also often called upon to carry their instrument in lengthy parades or stand in formation for long periods. Good physical condition is important. All Band Members are encouraged to pay close attention to their physical shape and appearance (including their weight). Not only will doing so improve general health and longevity, it will allow the Band to present a sharp military image when performing.

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3.A. Uniform Requirements

3.A.1. Required Uniforms

All Members of the Coast Guard Pipe Band (except those Non-Playing Members who only support the Band in an administrative capacity and do not participate with the Band in public) will be responsible for procuring and maintaining the necessary articles of uniform to wear the Tropical Blue uniform, Service Dress Blue (Bravo) uniform, Full Dress Blue uniform and Dinner Dress Blue uniform. All Coast Guard Pipe Band personnel are responsible for maintaining their uniforms in serviceable condition, and are responsible for procuring sufficient quantities of uniform items and properly maintaining them as appropriate to the activities for which they volunteer. All personnel are responsible for owning, wearing, and maintaining sufficient quantities of personal items such as undergarments, kilt hose, etc. to comply with Coast Guard standards of personal hygiene and appearance.

3.A.2. Required Uniform Items

All Coast Guard Pipe Band Members will procure and maintain, as a minimum, the following articles of uniform:

Glengarry, plain black	1	
Glengarry insignia	1	
Half Hackle, CG Blue	1	
Coat, Service Dress Blue (modified)	1	
Nametag, Plastic	1	
Necktie, Standard four-in-hand		1 (Men)
Tab Tie, CG Blue		1 (Women)
Bowtie, plain black		1 (Men)
Tab Tie, Black		1 (Women)
Shirt, Standard White, Long Sleeve	1	
Shirt, Light Blue, Long Sleeve	1	
Shirt, Light Blue, Short Sleeve		2
Shoes, Dress	1	
Waist Belt, plain black leather	1	
Waist Belt Buckle	1	
Hose, Navy Blue	1	
Spats, White	1	
Gloves, White	1	
Kilt, CG Tartan		1
Sporran	1	
Sporran belt, plain black leather		1
Flashes, Red wool	1	
Rain Cape, Black	1	
Insignia, Devices, Badges		As appropriate to rank and status
Medals (large & small) and ribbons		As authorized and appropriate

3.B. Uniforms and Components

3.B.1. Dinner Dress Blue Jacket - Optional

Dinner Dress Blue Jacket is an optional uniform and will be the same as the Dinner Dress Blue Jacket uniform prescribed by the Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations modified for wear with the kilt. The cummerbund is not worn. The leather waist belt and buckle are worn in place of the cummerbund. Spats are not worn. The Dinner Dress Blue Jacket uniform will consist of the following:

Glengarry	1
Dinner Dress Blue Jacket	1
Bow Tie, Black	1 (Men)
Tab Tie, Black	1 (Women)
Shirt, Dinner Dress White (Male)/Formal White (Women)	1
Shirt, standard white long sleeve	Optional for men
Shoes, Dress	1
Shoes, Dinner Dress (ghillie brogue)	Optional
Hose, Navy Blue	1
Gloves, White	Prescribing Official discretion
Waist Belt, plain black leather	1
Waist Belt Buckle	1
Kilt, CG Tartan	1
Sporran	1
Sporran belt, plain black leather	1
Flashes, Red wool	1
Prince Charlie Waist Coat (blue <i>i.e.</i> black or white)	Optional
Plaid	Optional

Small medals; miniature insignia and devices; and small badges are worn as appropriate.

3.B.2. Dinner Dress White Jacket - Optional

Dinner Dress White Jacket is an optional uniform and will be the same as the Dinner Dress White Jacket uniform prescribed by the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary Uniform Regulations modified for wear with the kilt. The cummerbund is not worn. The leather waist belt and buckle are worn in place of the cummerbund. Spats are not worn. The Dinner Dress White Jacket uniform will consist of the following:

Glengarry	1
Dinner Dress White Jacket	1
Bow Tie, Black	1 (Men)
Tab Tie, Black	1 (Women)
Shirt, Dinner Dress White (Men)/Formal White (Women)	1
Shirt, standard white long sleeve	Optional for men
Shoes, Dress	1
Shoes, Dinner Dress (ghillie brougue)	Optional

Hose, Navy Blue	1	
Gloves, white	Prescribing Official discretion	
Waist Belt, plain black leather	1	
Waist Belt Buckle	1	
Kilt, CG Tartan		1
Sporran	1	
Sporran belt, plain black leather		1
Flashes, Red wool	1	
Prince Charlie Waist Coat (white)	Optional	
Plaid	Optional	

Small medals; miniature insignia and devices; and small badges are worn as appropriate.

3.B.3. Dinner Dress Blue

The Dinner Dress Blue uniform will consist of the following:

Glengarry	1	
Coat, Service Dress Blue (modified)	1	
Bow Tie, Black	1 (Men)	
Tab Tie, Black	1 (Women)	
Shirt, Standard White, Long Sleeve	1	
Shoes, Dress	1	
Shoes, Dinner Dress (ghillie brogue)	Optional	
Waist Belt, plain black leather	1	
Waist Belt Buckle	1	
Hose, Navy Blue	1	
Gloves, white	1 (Except when playing pipes/drums)	
Kilt, CG Tartan	1	
Sporran	1	
Sporran belt, plain black leather		1
Flashes, Red wool	1	
Plaid	Optional	

Small medals; miniature insignia and devices; and small badges are worn as appropriate.

Spats are not worn.

3.B.4. Full Dress Blue

The Full Dress Blue uniform will consist of the following:

Glengarry	1	
Coat, Service Dress Blue (modified)	1 (Drum Major may wear Doublet)	
Tie, Standard Four-in-Hand	1 (Men)	
Tie, CG Blue Tab Tie	1 (Women)	
Shirt, Standard White, Long Sleeve	1	
Shoes, Dress	1	

Waist Belt, plain black leather	1
Waist Belt Buckle	1
Hose, Navy Blue	1
Spats, White	1
Gloves, White	1 (Not worn when playing pipes or drums)
Kilt, CG Tartan	1
Sporran	1
Sporran belt, plain black leather	1
Flashes, Red wool	1

Large medals; ribbons (w/o medals); insignia; and full size devices and badges will be worn as appropriate. Swords are not worn by officers with the exception of the Drum Major.

3.B.5. Service Dress Blue (Bravo)

The Service Dress Blue (Bravo) uniform will consist of the following:

Glengarry	1
Coat, Service Dress Blue (modified)	1 (Drum Major may wear Doublet)
Nametag, Plastic	1
Tie, Standard Four-in-Hand	1 (Men)
Tie, CG Blue Tab Tie	1 (Women)
Shirt, Light Blue, Long Sleeve	1 (Short sleeve light blue optional)
Collar insignia	Enlisted only
Shoes, Dress	1
Waist Belt, plain black leather	1
Waist Belt Buckle	1
Hose, Navy Blue	1
Spats, White	1 (Not worn with Undress Sporran)
Kilt, CG Tartan	1
Sporran	1
Sporran belt, plain black leather	1
Flashes, Red wool	1

Ribbons; full size insignia; miniature devices and full size badges will be worn as appropriate.

3.B.6. Tropical Blue

The Tropical Blue Uniform will consist of the following:

Glengarry	1
Nametag, Plastic	1
Shirt, Light Blue, Short Sleeve	1
Shoulder boards/Collar insignia	As appropriate
Shoes, Dress	1
Waist Belt, plain black leather	1
Waist Belt Buckle	1

Hose, Navy Blue	1	
Spats, White	1	(Not worn with Undress Sporran)
Kilt, CG Tartan	1	
Sporran	1	
Sporran belt, plain black leather	1	
Flashes, Red wool	1	

Ribbons; full size insignia; miniature devices and full size badges will be worn as appropriate.

3.C. Individual Uniform Items

3.C.1 Headgear

3.C.1.a Glengarry - A plain (no dicing) black Glengarry will be worn by all Band Members with all uniforms. On the left side will be mounted a black silk cockade with a combination cap insignia appropriate to the status of the Band Member (officer, enlisted or Auxiliary) centered in the cockade. A Coast Guard Blue half hackle will be mounted behind the cockade so that the top of the hackle is even with the top of the Glengarry.

3.C.1.b. Manner of Wear - The Glengarry will be worn straight and even fore and aft and side-to-side. Back ribbons will be well pressed and worn clear of the collar down the back of the neck.

3.C.1.c. Unit Ball Cap (Optional) – The Unit Ball Cap with rank insignia (or Pipe Band Pin per **3.C.1.e.**) as described in the Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations with the unit name “PIPE BAND” in gold letters.

3.C.1.d. Manner of Wear – The policy set forth in the Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations regarding the Unit Ball Cap will be followed. The Uniform Prescribing Official may authorize the wear of the Unit Ball Cap only with the Tropical Blue uniform while on a military base/unit or at an organized rehearsal; but it will not be worn during performances or other public appearances. The Pipe Band Unit Ball Cap may be worn with civilian attire only if the Pipe Band Pin is substituted for rank insignia (**3.C.1.e.**) or the rank insignia is removed.

3.C.1.e. Pipe Band Pin (Optional) – The Pipe Band Pin described in **3.H.4** may be worn in lieu of rank insignia on the Unit Ball Cap at any time the Unit Ball Cap is authorized (including with civilian attire).

3.C.2. Undergarments

All personnel will wear undergarments under standard Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary uniform items as appropriate and as set forth in the Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations.

3.C.3. Shirts

3.C.3.a. Light Blue Shirt – Short or long sleeved as prescribed by the Coast Guard /Auxiliary Uniform Regulations for men/women with insignia appropriate to the rank of the Band Member.

3.C.3.b. Standard White Shirt – Long sleeved with a standup collar as prescribed by the Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations for men/women; insignia not worn.

3.C.3.c. Dinner Dress White Shirt (Men Only) – Long sleeved with pleated soft front of a pattern prescribed for male personnel by the Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations; insignia not worn.

3.C.3.d. Formal White Shirt (Women Only) – Long sleeved with pleated front and pearl buttons as prescribed for female personnel by the Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations; insignia not worn.

3.C.3.e. Manner of Wear - All shirts will be well tucked into the waistband of the kilt so that the front of the shirt does not hang below the waistband. Excess material at the waist tucked in behind each hip in two even pleats. Wear with all studs, buttons and cuff links fastened. Shirts will be well pressed and unwrinkled. Breast pockets will be buttoned and empty. Military creases are “Optional” for the light blue shirts but if used will be pressed parallel and vertically into front of shirt through the center of each pocket so as to evenly divide each pocket from waist to epaulet. Sharp crease in sleeves aligned with epaulet. Three sharp, military creases in back of shirt from yoke seam to waist at center of back and center of each half so as to divide shirt back into four equal quarters. Sewn-in military creases are not authorized.

3.C.4. Neckties

3.C.4.a. Standard Four-in-Hand Necktie - As prescribed by the Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations for men. The standard necktie may have a Windsor, double Windsor, or a four-in-hand knot. A tie tack or tie clasp may be worn.

3.C.4.b. Black Bow Tie - As prescribed by the Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations for men.

3.C.4.c. CG Blue or Black Tab Ties – As prescribed by the Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations for women.

3.C.5. Service Dress Coat and Dinner Dress Jackets

3.C.5.a. Service Dress Blue Coat - As prescribed by Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations for men/women, modified for wear with the kilt. The Coat will be worn with buttons and insignia appropriate to the rank, rate and status of the Band Member as prescribed by the applicable regulations.

Modification for Wear with the Kilt – The hem of the coat is raised so that the bottom hem of the coat is even with the top of the wearer’s buttocks. The front of the coat is cutaway horizontally two inches to the left and two inches to the right of the button line at a point one inch below the bottom button of the coat. The cutaway then curves away gracefully to the hem. See Appendix C for specific instructions on how to modify the Service Dress Coat.

3.C.5.b. Dinner Dress Blue Jacket (Optional) - As prescribed by Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations for men/women. It will be worn as described in these regulations. Buttons and insignia appropriate to the rank, rate and status of the Band Member as prescribed by the applicable regulations will be worn.

3.C.5.c. Dinner Dress White Jacket (Optional) - As prescribed by Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations for men/women. It will be worn as prescribed in these regulations. Buttons and insignia appropriate to the rank, rate and status of the Band Member as prescribed by the applicable regulations will be worn.

3.C.6. Kilt

Knife pleated kilt in U.S. Coast Guard Tartan (as described in Section 4.B. of this Manual), pleated to the blue. Because of the importance of all kilts coming from the same dye lots, kilts must be procured through the Band's official supplier and tartan mill (see Appendix A and B). Existing kilts in Coast Guard Tartan not made by the official kilt supplier may be worn if approved by the Drum Major.

3.C.6.a. Manner of Wear – The Kilt will be worn evenly all around with bottom of kilt splitting kneecap. Care should be taken to ensure that the straps are tight enough to hold the kilt at the proper level without sagging or slipping down but not so tight that the kilt material is pulled out of shape. Generally, the upper strap is tighter than the lower.

3.C.7. Belts and Belt Buckles

3.C.7.a. Waist Belt - Plain black leather belt, 2 1/4 inches wide, with a Coast Guard Pipe Band pattern buckle. The Waist Belt is worn with all uniforms except it is optional when a Waist Coat is worn.

3.C.7.b. Manner of Wear - The Waist Belt will be worn outside the Service Dress Blue Coat or Woolly-Pully sweater. When Dinner Dress Jackets are worn, the Waist Belt will be worn under the jacket and over the Kilt. With the Tropical Blue Shirt, the Waist Belt will be worn over the Kilt. The Waist Belt will be worn firm to the body with sufficient tightness to prevent the belt from sagging, but not so tight that the material under the belt is excessively bunched. The Waist Belt will never be worn loosely on the body or sag in the front. Runners should be pushed hard up to the buckle. The Waist Belt should not cover Service Dress Coat buttons unless body shape does not allow otherwise.

3.C.7.d. Belt Buckle – A Coast Guard Pipe Band Buckle will be worn with the Waist Belt. The Coast Guard Pipe Band Belt Buckle is a two-piece, interlocking buckle in gold or silver tones as appropriate to the wearer. The center, or right, piece of the Buckle is a disc with the shield of the Coat of Arms of the United States (as adopted by the Coast Guard). The outer, or left, piece is annulet edged and inscribed "U.S. Coast Guard Pipe Band."

3.C.8. Formalwear

3.C.8.a Cummerbund – A Cummerbund is not worn with any Coast Guard Pipe Band uniform including Dinner Dress uniforms. The Waist Belt and/or Waist Coat are worn in lieu of a Cummerbund.

3.C.8.b. Waist Coat (Optional - Men Only) – A Prince Charlie Waist Coat in blue (black) or white material suited to the Dinner Dress Blue/White Jacket with Coast Guard buttons (22 1/2 ligne gilt or silver) may be worn by male Members with the optional Dinner Dress Blue/White Jacket uniform. A blue (black) or white Waist Coat may be worn with the Dinner Dress Blue Jacket uniform, but only the white Waist Coat may be worn with the Dinner Dress White Jacket uniform. When a Waist Coat is worn, the Waist Belt may be worn.

3.C.8.c. Plaid (Optional) – A Fly Plaid in Coast Guard Tartan with a Coast Guard pattern brooch may be worn with the Dinner Dress Blue/White Jacket or the Dinner Dress Blue uniforms by male or female Members.

NOTE: The wearing of a Fly Plaid by individual members with the Dinner Dress Blue/White Jacket uniform is appropriate when attending/performing at Scottish functions such as Burns Suppers, St Andrews Society functions, Highland Games receptions and similar events. It is not appropriate to wear a Fly Plaid with the Dinner Dress Blue/White Jacket uniform when attending/performing at Coast Guard/Coast Guard Auxiliary functions such as a Dining In/Out, Coast Guard Ball, Auxiliary Gala or similar events.

3.C.9. Shoes and Hose

3.C.9.a. Dress Shoes – Black leather (or synthetic substitute) lace-up plain oxford style, as prescribed for men/women by Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations. The woman's dress shoe may have a seam around the toe.

3.C.9.b. Manner of Wear - Walking comfort is of primary concern. Shoes should be selected for a comfortable fit. Laces should be comfortably tight and double tied.

3.C.9.c. Dinner Dress Shoe (Optional) – Black leather, wing tip, ghillie brogue style.

3.C.9.d. Manner of Wear - Walking comfort is of primary concern. Shoes should be selected for a comfortable fit. Laces should be comfortably tight, twice crossed behind ankle and double tied in front.

3.C.9.e. Hose – With the exception of the Drum Major, all Pipe Band Members will wear full-length dark navy blue wool kilt hose with all uniforms. The Drum Major may wear full-length red and dark blue-diced wool hose. Full-length red and dark blue-diced hose may be worn as an "Optional – ALL" item with the Dinner Dress Blue/White Jacket Uniforms.

3.C.9.f. Manner of Wear - Hose seams (if present) will be straight and centered in back; ribbing will be straight. Tops of hose will be turned down to cover flashes. Tops of hose will be four finger widths below inside bone of knee and at the same height on each leg. Diced hose will be worn so points of dice diamonds are centered on the front of the leg.

3.C.10. Outerwear

3.C.10.a. Wooly-Pully Sweater (Optional - ALL) - A Coast Guard Blue V-neck style pullover sweater, in a pattern prescribed by the Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations, for male and female personnel, with fabric epaulets, shoulder and elbow patches. The Wooly-Pully will be worn with insignia appropriate for the rank/ rate and status of the Band Member as prescribed by the Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations.

3.C.10.b. Manner of Wear - The sweater may be worn in lieu of the service dress jacket by all Band Members in cool weather when prescribed by the Uniform Prescribing Official. The sweater is worn full length with the waist belt worn outside the sweater. The long sleeve light blue shirt is worn with

the collar inside the sweater with a Standard Four-in-Hand Necktie. The Wooly-Pully may also be worn with Tropical Blue Uniform with the shirt collar on the outside.

3.C.10.c. Windbreaker (Optional - ALL) – The Air Force windbreaker as prescribed in the Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations may be worn in lieu of the Service Dress Coat or with the Tropical Blue Uniform by all Band Members in cool weather when prescribed by the Uniform Prescribing Official.

3.C.10.d. Manner of Wear – The zipper closure will be zipped up at least two thirds. The waist belt is worn inside the Windbreaker. The optional belt pouch will not be worn under the Windbreaker.

3.C.10.e. Rain Cape - A plain black rubberized highland Inverness pipe band rain cape with a buttoned front enclosure and over-cape with buttoned front. The rain cape should be provided with a belt pouch with loops so that it may be folded and carried on the waist belt when inclement weather threatens. The waist belt is worn inside the Inverness cape. No insignia is worn on the rain cape.

3.C.10.f. Trench Coat (Optional) – The CG Blue polyester/cotton water-repellent coat prescribed in the Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations; insignia as appropriate. This coat may be worn to and from events and while waiting to perform (including practice sessions) if weather dictates. However, it will not be worn during any public performance.

3.C.11. Sporrans and Sporran Strap (Revised 24 FEB 2018)

3.C.11.a.1 Dress Sporrans - Military pattern hair sporran with heavy cast thistle cantle of approved pattern in gold/silver tone as appropriate to member's status (active duty, reserve, retired and wartime service veterans wear gold tone and Auxiliary members wear silver tone). A miniature cap insignia appropriate to the Member's status (officer, enlisted, or Auxiliary) will be centered on cantle. For officer and Auxiliary Members, the miniature version of the Combination Cap Insignia will be used. For all enlisted Members (including E-4 and above) the miniature version of the Coast Guard medallion (as prescribed for wear on the Garrison Cap by E-3 and below) will be worn. The Sporran will have two hair tails with gold/silver tone bells. The Piper's Sporran will be white hair with gold/silver cantle and with two black hair tails suspended from gold/silver bells. The Drummer's Sporran will be black hair with gold/silver cantle and with two white hair tails suspended from gold/silver bells. Non-Playing Members who serve as color guards, banner bearers, or other support functions while wearing a Pipe Band uniform will wear a Drummer's Sporran. Pipers who are temporarily serving a support function will wear a Piper's Sporran.

3.C.11.a.2 – Undress Sporran – The undress sporran will be a plain black leather sporran of the pattern illustrated below.



A full size Combination Cap insignia appropriate to the Member's status (officer, enlisted, chief or Auxiliary) will be centered on the sporran. The Emblem may be affixed in place with a small, non-visible amount of an appropriate adhesive to keep it in position or mechanically affixed as attached to a Combination Cap.

3.C.11.a.2 (1) When Worn – The Undress Sporran is optional for the Tropical Blue and Service Dress uniforms for individuals. It can also be prescribed by the Uniform Prescribing Official as Optional-ALL for small ensembles. The Undress Sporran will NOT be worn when performing at USCG National Events/ceremonies or other occasions when the Dress Sporran and spats are more appropriate and will not be worn when more formality is prescribed. The Undress Sporran will NOT be worn with the Full Dress Blue or Dinner Dress uniforms. Appropriate occasions for the Undress Sporran include:

- a. Participation in individual pipe/drum competition;
- b. Attendance at Highland Games as a non-performer;
- c. Attendance or performance at informal events;
- d. Small ensembles (not more than six pipers and three drummers) at informal events;
- e. Other appropriate informal occasions.

3.C.11.a.2 (2) Modifications to CGPB Uniforms When Worn with the Undress Sporran – Spats shall NOT be worn with the Undress Sporran.

3.C.11.b. Sporran Strap - Plain black leather with buckle. Chain straps (including combination chain and leather) will not be worn.

3.C.11.c Manner of Wear — The Sporran Strap should fit snugly into groin with sporran strap buckle centered in back. Side and tenor drummers wear the Sporran on the right hip when carrying a drum. All others centered in front of kilt, aligned with waist belt buckle and button line of shirt/jacket. The bottom of the hair of the Dress Sporran should be worn level with the bottom of the kilt. The top of the Undress Sporran will be one hand's distance from the bottom of the waist belt buckle. When worn with the Service Dress coat the top of the Undress Sporran should be inside the front cut-out of the coat.

3.C.12. Flashes

Flashes will be red double worsted wool flashes for all Band Members with all uniforms. The flashes will be of a single loop pattern. Flashes without the single loop that were purchased prior to this Manual may be worn until replaced.

3.C.12.a. Manner of Wear - Both flashes will be worn equal distances on both legs with leading edge of the flash in line with front seam of the spat (or when spats are not worn, in line with the center of the shin). When diced hose is worn, the leading edge of flashes should split the diamond of the hose dicing down the center of the shin.

3.C.13. Spats

Spats will be white-on-white canvas with white buttons and hook & loop (Velcro ®, etc.) closures.

3.C.13.a. Manner of Wear – Spats will be tight to the leg with their rear point aligned with center of rear of leg. All parts of Velcro ® closure secured and top and bottom buttons well fastened.

3.D. Grade/Rank Insignia

3.D.1. Active Duty, Reserve, Retired and War-time Veteran Members

Active duty, reserve, retired and war-time veteran Members of the Pipe Band will wear the grade or rank insignia prescribed by the Coast Guard Uniform Regulations appropriate to their grade and rank.

3.D.2. Auxiliary Members

Auxiliary Members of the Pipe Band will wear the office insignia to which they are entitled as prescribed in the Coast Guard Auxiliary Manual.

3.E. Insignia, Devices and Badges

3.E.1. All Members

All Pipe Band Members will wear only insignia, devices and badges for which they are qualified. Such items will be worn as prescribed in the applicable Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations.

3.E.2. Coast Guard Pipe Band Identification Badge

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The Coast Guard Pipe Band Identification Badge will be worn on Pipe Band uniforms only by current active Members of the Coast Guard Pipe Band who have an official letter of authorization. The Badge will be returned to the Pipe Band upon removal from membership for any reason.

The Badge shall not be worn on any Coast Guard or Auxiliary uniform. The Badge will be worn on Pipe Band Tropical Blue, Service Dress, Dinner Dress and Full Dress uniforms centered on the right pocket. If the Member already has an authorized insignia, device or badge in that position, then the Pipe Band Badge will be positioned at some other location on the uniform as specified by the Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations (Service and Identification Badges). There is no miniature version of the Pipe Band Badge so it will not be worn on Dinner Dress Blue/White Jacket Uniforms.



3.F. Nametags and Nametapes

3.F.1. Plastic Nametags

The Coast Guard Pipe Band nametag will be of the same color and material as the nametag prescribed by the Coast Guard Uniform Regulations. On the right side of the nametag, there will be a Coast Guard Emblem. The last name of the band Member will be inscribed on the top line of the nametag in approximately 5/16- inch letters centered above the second line which will be inscribed "U.S. Coast Guard Pipe Band" in 3/16-inch letters. In front of the name of the Pipe Major, Drum Major, Pipe Sergeants Drum Sergeants, Pipe Corporals and Drum Corporals will be the abbreviated designation of their respective positions.

3.F.1.a. Manner of Wear - The Pipe Band nametag will be worn with the Tropical Blue and Service Dress Blue Uniforms as prescribed by the Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations.

3.F.2. Cloth Nametags

There are no Pipe Band uniforms for which cloth nametags are prescribed. When a Pipe Band Member is not in a Pipe Band uniform but is acting in support of the Pipe Band while wearing another Coast Guard uniform authorized for that individual by the applicable Coast Guard/Auxiliary uniform regulations and that uniform has a cloth nametag, the Member will leave such nametag in place and not substitute the plastic Pipe Band nametag for it.

3.G. Medals, Ribbons, and Awards

3.G.1. Entitlement

All band Members will wear only the medals, ribbons, and awards to which they are entitled as provided in the Medals and Awards Manual (COMDTINST M1650.25 series) or the Auxiliary Manual.

3.G.2. Manner of Wear

All Pipe Band Members will wear medals, ribbons and awards to which they are entitled in a manner prescribed by the appropriate Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations. The Drum Major may wear such items in a manner suited to the specific Drum Major uniform worn. Pipe Band Members may temporarily remove such items during certain performance situations where the wearing of other equipment such as a drum sling would interfere with those items so as to potentially cause damage to the items or the uniform.

3.H. Accessories

3.H.1. Sgian Dhu - Optional

Pipe Band Members may carry a Coast Guard pattern sgian dhu (also spelled sgian dubh). The mounts, studs and shield are gold or silver as appropriate to the Member's status. The Coast Guard Pipe Band sgian dhu is of a pattern commonly called "regimental" with a black wood hilt and gilt/silver mounts. The outside of the hilt is decorated with gilt/silver studs and a Coast Guard Shield in gilt/silver. The stone in mount at the handle end may be of any color; however, blue or black are preferred.



3.H.1.a. Manner of Wear – If carried, the sgian dhu will be worn under the top of the hose at the outside of right leg with at least two inches of hilt showing above the top edge of hose to display the gilt/silver Coast Guard Shield.

3.H.2. Kilt Pin - Optional

Band Members may wear an optional kilt pin consisting of the Pipe Band Emblem (APPENDIX E) in gold tones superimposed at the hilt of a silver tone claymore sword approximately 3.75" in length. Other kilt pins with appropriate Coast Guard insignia may be worn as approved by the Drum Major.

3.H.2.a. Manner of Wear – If worn, the kilt pin will be placed on the front of the outer apron of the kilt, pinned approximately four inches up from the hem and three inches in from the right side of the kilt apron so as to neatly align with the kilt pattern. The kilt pin is not pinned through the outer apron to the inner portion of the kilt as doing so increases the possibility that the kilt may be torn if the outer apron snags on something. The weight of the pin should be sufficient to prevent the outer apron from flapping in most situations. A secondary means of securing the kilt pin clasp is advised as the pins often come loose without additional security.

3.H.3. Belt Pouch – Optional

An optional plain black leather belt pouch with two loops on the back to accommodate the 2-1/4 inch wide waist belt may be worn with those Pipe Band uniforms with which the Waist Belt is worn on the

outside. A Coast Guard emblem consisting of the miniature version of the silver and gold Coast Guard medallion worn on the E-3 and below garrison cap will be mounted on the body of the pouch, centered below the flap.

3.H.3.a. Manner of Wear – If worn, the belt pouch will be mounted on the Waist Belt, centered in the small of the back. The Belt Pouch will not be worn with any uniform that has the Waist Belt covered by a jacket or coat. The flap will be kept secured and items contained within the pouch will not protrude outside the pouch.

3.H.4. Pipe Band Pin – Optional

Band Members may wear an optional metallic pin consisting of the Pipe Band Emblem (Appendix E) with a red, white and blue shield surrounded by a black belt with gold letters.



3.H.4.a. Manner of Wear – The Pipe Band Pin may be worn in lieu of rank insignia on the Pipe Band Unit Ball Cap (3.C.1.e.) or on appropriate civilian attire.

3.I. Sashes

Sashes will be of a dark red/crimson Highland Officer's pattern for current Pipe/Drum Major and of red worsted for current Pipe Sergeants and Drum Sergeants.

3.I.1. Manner of Wear – Sashes will be worn from the right shoulder to the left hip by the Drum Major, Pipe Sergeants and Drum Sergeants with the tassels just behind the left hip; and will be worn outside the Waist Belt. The Pipe Major may opt to wear the sash from either shoulder. Sashes will be worn with the Tropical Blue, Service Dress, Full Dress Blue, and Dinner Dress Blue uniforms (including when the Woolly-Pully Sweater is worn) and may, at the option of the individual, be worn with the Dinner Dress Blue/White Jacket uniform. When the sash is worn with the Dinner Dress Blue/White Jacket Uniform, it is worn over the shirt but inside the Jacket. When worn with a Waist Coat, it is worn outside the Waist Coat but inside the Jacket.

3.J. Funerals

3.J.1. Mourning Badges (Optional - ALL)

Pipe Band Members may wear mourning badges at military funerals when performing or when attending in an official capacity as provided in the Coast Guard Uniform Regulations. The badge will be made of black crepe, 3 inches wide and long enough to fit around the arm without compressing the uniform sleeve. The badge is worn on the outer garment halfway between the shoulder and elbow.

Officer and Auxiliary Members wear the badge on the left sleeve and Enlisted Members wear it on the right sleeve.

3.J.2. Swords at Funerals (Optional)

The Drum Major may wear a sword at a funeral, but if a sword is worn, a mourning badge 3 inches wide and 20 inches long will be knotted in the middle of the sword hilt.

Chapter 4 – Special Uniforms

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4.B. U.S. Coast Guard Tartan

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4.C. Camouflage Utility Uniform (CUU) - Optional

- 4.C.1. Authorized

4.A. Drum Major Uniform Items

On certain occasions deemed appropriate by the Drum Major, the Drum Major may opt to add or substitute any or all of the following items of uniform when on parade or other situations at which the Pipe Band is wearing the Tropical Blue, Service Dress or Full Dress uniforms:

4.A.1. Full Dress Highland Doublet

A Full Dress Highland Doublet in Coast Guard Blue or White uniform cloth, with traditional Full Dress highland accoutrements, may be worn in lieu of the Service Dress Coat.

4.A.2. Baldric

A suitable Coast Guard Pipe Band Baldric displaying Coast Guard battle honors and other appropriate Coast Guard devices and insignia may be worn. A sword may be worn with the Baldric.

4.A.3. Waist Belt

A traditional drum major's waist belt may be worn in lieu of the black leather Waist Belt.

4.A.4. Plaid

A full Plaid in Coast Guard Tartan with a Coast Guard pattern brooch and similar devices may be worn.

4.A.5. Feather Bonnet

A black feather bonnet with a combination cap insignia appropriate to the Drum Major's status (officer, enlisted or Auxiliary) and a Coast Guard blue hackle may be worn in lieu of the Glengarry

4.A.6. Mace

A regimental pattern Mace in gold tones inscribed with appropriate Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary emblems and heraldry may be carried.

4.B. U.S. Coast Guard Tartan

4.B.1. Authorized

The Coast Guard Tartan was adopted as the official tartan of the U. S. Coast Guard on May 1, 2002 by then Commandant, Admiral James Loy. The Coast Guard Uniform Regulations authorizes active duty, reserve, retired, Auxiliary and others desiring to support the Coast Guard through pipe band membership to wear the Coast Guard Tartan. As of 2008, the Coast Guard is unique among U.S. Armed Forces in having its own officially-recognized Tartan.

4.B.2. Description

The official Coast Guard Tartan is described in Section 4.E. of the Coast Guard Uniform Regulations as having a thread count of W10 R10 CGB12 R2 CGB12 (where W = white, R = red, CGB = Coast Guard Blue). This Tartan is registered with the Scottish Tartans Authority.

4.B.3. Requirement to Wear

Section 4.E. of the Coast Guard Uniform Regulations requires that any pipe band claiming Coast Guard affiliation will use the official Coast Guard Tartan. The Coast Guard Pipe Band has been granted the authority to claim such affiliation and will, therefore, wear the Coast Guard Tartan. All of the uniforms described in this Manual involve the Coast Guard Tartan and such uniforms should generally be those chosen by the Uniform Prescribing Official for any event in which the Band (including solo Members) performs publically. Exceptions to that requirement include times when the Band Members can be seen by the public, but a performance *per se* is not intended such as when the Band is practicing in an area that may be observed by members of the public. In such cases the Uniform Prescribing Official may prescribe a uniform from the Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations (such as ODUs) or appropriate civilian attire. Other exceptions might include when a Band Member(s) is conducting a piping or drumming class or is participating in group gatherings such as camps where the Member(s) is asked to play for the group in an informal setting. Wearing appropriate civilian attire or a uniform authorized for that Member(s) by the Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations in lieu of a Tartan-based uniform from this Manual is authorized in such cases.

4.C. Camouflage Utility Uniform (CUU) - Optional

4.C.1. Authorized

Pipe Band Members assigned to units or forces that are authorized to wear the Camouflage Utility Uniform as provided in the Coast Guard/Auxiliary Uniform Regulations may, when performing as a Pipe Band Member, wear the CUU associated with that unit or force. In some cases the uniform is designated Desert Camouflage Uniform (DCU). The Member may also, when appropriate, use Bagpipe Covers, Band Emblems, etc. made of a material compatible with the CUU/DCU to ensure a proper match with such uniforms.

Chapter 5 – Instruments

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5.A. Bagpipes

Generally bagpipes are not provided by the Pipe Band. Each piper is responsible for obtaining a good-quality set of highland pipes suitable for the types of music played by the Band.

5.A.1. Pipe Chanters and Reeds - Pipers will acquire and, when performing with the Coast Guard Pipe Band, play a McCallum Mark I® polypenco pipe chanter with a Ross® chanter reed of a hardness suited to the pipers style tuned to 478 HZ unless otherwise directed by the Pipe Major. Pipers will also acquire a practice chanter for practice sessions with other Band Members. When performing solo or with other bands, pipers may use other chanters and/or reeds suitable to the circumstances of the performance.

5.A.2. Bag Cover – The bag cover will be of Coast Guard Blue corduroy fabric trimmed with short gold fringe. On the after portion of the left outside bag cover, a Coast Guard Pipe Band Emblem embroidered in gold wire will be positioned so as to show behind the left arm on parade. Back edge of emblem to be positioned 1” forward of gold fringe and top edge of emblem 1” down from center line of bag cover (center line of middle drone).

5.A.3. Pipe Drone Ribbons - All pipers will procure seventy-two (72) inch swallow-tail tartan drone ribbons of a uniform pattern in U. S. Coast Guard Tartan. Pipe drone ribbons will be optional for individual pipers for solo performances. For all other performances, the senior piper will notify the pipers performing as to whether pipe drone ribbons will or will not be attached to the pipe drones for the performance.

5.A.4. Pipe Drone Cords - All pipers will procure and install pipe drone cords of a uniform length and pattern in red, white and blue to match the U. S. Coast Guard Tartan.

5.A.5. Pipe Banner – When prescribed by the Pipe Major, some or all pipes may be provided with a Coast Guard Pipe Banner of an approved pattern (procured by the Pipe Band). When prescribed, Pipe Banners will be mounted on the bass drone. Individual pipers may procure at their own expense a Pipe Banner and mount it on the bass drone for solo performances.

5.B.. Drums

To insure consistency of sound and visual impact, all drums used by Pipe Band drummers will be those procured by the Pipe Band unless specific permission is obtained from the Drum Major. A drum and a suitable carrying case will be issued to qualified drummers at the discretion of the Drum Major. Issued drums and cases remain the property of the Pipe Band and will be returned when the Member leaves the Band, is no longer active as a drummer, or when requested by the Drum Major. The Bass Drums, Tenor Drums and Side Drums will be black-on-black Andante® drums emblazoned with the Coast Guard Pipe Band Emblem in red, white and blue and Coast Guard Battle Honors in gold, black and red.

5.B.1. Drum Slings and Carriers

Other than a bass drum carrier, all slings are provided by the individual drummer. The bass drum may be carried by a black metal carrier, black nylon harness or black leather harness or collar at the option of

the bass drummer. All other drums will be carried by a sling of black nylon or leather over the right shoulder. Slings employing dual shoulder straps may also be used at the discretion of the Drum Major. Slings employing a waist belt in addition to the shoulder sling may be worn with the waist portion of the sling under the black leather Waist Belt so as not to cover the leather Waist Belt.

5.B.2. Drum sticks and beaters

Side drummers will use highland style drum sticks in a natural wood tone (no painted or dark colored sticks). Bass and tenor drummers will use appropriate beaters (sticks) with white heads and shafts that match the other tenor drum beater shafts where possible. Leather or other appropriate material thongs will be attached to the beaters to allow for flourishing and to reduce the possibility of dropping a beater.

5.B.3. Practice Pad

Side drummers will acquire a good-quality practice pad for use at practices where playing on the drum is inappropriate.

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APPENDIX A

SOURCES OF SUPPLY

Those uniform items that are not unique to the Coast Guard Pipe Band are generally available through the normal sources of supply open to active duty, reserve and Auxiliary Members. Retired Members generally have access to the same sources of supply. Wartime veteran Members who are not on the retired list may have to ask for assistance from the Pipe Band in order to obtain the required uniform items from official Coast Guard sources of supply and should contact the Quartermaster for such assistance.

Some uniform items may be obtained from commercial uniform suppliers. Coast Guard Exchanges also carry many uniform items. The Uniform Distribution Center (UDC) has the vast majority of basic uniform items readily available to active duty, reserve, retired and Auxiliary Members who have an Employee ID number (EMPLID) or Auxiliary Number. Retired Members can obtain an EMPLID by contacting the Personnel Support Center, Retired Affairs Section at 1-800-772-8724. Once a Member has an EMPLID, uniform items may be purchased through the UDC by using their web site at: <http://www.uscg.mil/uniform/>

Since membership in the Coast Guard Pipe Band is on a voluntary basis and the cost of procuring and maintaining the necessary uniform items can be quite high, there are opportunities for certain uniform items (the Coast Guard Tartan Kilt in particular) to be procured by the Band. Any Member who has a need for financial assistance in procuring uniform items should contact the Quartermaster to see if such assistance is available. The Quartermaster will follow procedures set by the Board of Directors to determine if the Member is qualified for financial assistance and the necessary Band funds are available. Members should also be on the alert for announcements from other Members regarding economical sources of supply for certain items (such as from "Lucky Bags", etc.).

Pipe Band unique items are generally available from various commercial sources that specialize in highland dress/uniform items; the primary exception being the Coast Guard Tartan Kilt. In order to ensure that the kilts worn by the Pipe Band are reasonably consistent in color and pattern, the Kilt must be obtained through the Pipe Band's kilt maker using the guidelines provided in Appendix B.

The Band Quartermaster maintains a list of sources of supply for uniform items. Band Members are not required to obtain the required items from the sources on that list; however, if a Band Member chooses to obtain a uniform item from other than the recommended source, the item so chosen must be of equivalent quality, color, design, etc. to the item available from the recommended source(s). The acceptability of such items is at the discretion of the Drum Major.

Pipe Band Members are encouraged to check out other sources of supply and, if one is found that appears to provide a required or optional uniform item that is of the same design and quality as the source(s) listed in the list provided by the Quartermaster, the information regarding that source should be passed to the Quartermaster.

APPENDIX F contains information about the Uniform Guide that can be found on the Band website in the Members Area. That Guide provides information regarding sources of supply as well as photographs, illustrations and descriptions of certain uniforms to provide a visual guide to how each Band Member should look when in those uniforms.

APPENDIX B

HOW TO MEASURE FOR A KILT

When ordering a kilt for use with the U.S. Coast Guard Pipe Band, Members should print the most recent version of the KILT MEASUREMENT GUIDE AND ORDER FORM (from the “Member Area” of the Band web site: www.uscgpipeband.org); fill out the form; and mail or email the completed form to the Quartermaster as indicated on the form.

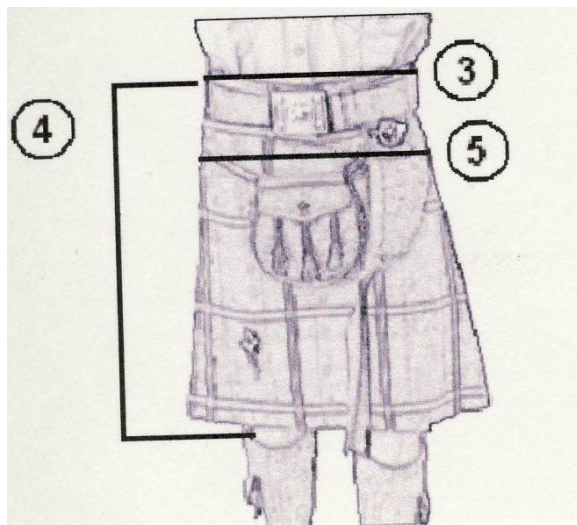
The Quartermaster will determine the Member’s eligibility and whether the Band or the Member is paying for the kilt. The Quartermaster will endorse the form and, if the kilt is authorized, forward the form to the Pipe Band’s official kilt maker, ALEXIS MALCOLM KILTS. Subsequent communications regarding the kilt will be directly between the Member and Alexis Malcolm Kilts.

If you need financial assistance in order to obtain a kilt, you should contact the Quartermaster in advance to discuss your situation. Then when forwarding the Order Form, include a cover letter (or email) with a brief summary of your reasons for needing financial assistance.

Members must follow the instructions on the form regarding measurements very carefully since each kilt is custom made based on those measurements. Do not attempt to take the measurements yourself; they must be done by another person so you do not bend, twist or stoop while the measurements are being taken.

When taking the waist and hip measurement, wear the shirt and undergarments you plan to wear when wearing the kilt.

The measurements for: **3. WAIST**; **4. LENGTH**; and **5. HIPS** on the form correspond to the diagram below:



**SAMPLE - U.S. COAST GUARD PIPE BAND - SAMPLE
KILT MEASUREMENT GUIDE AND ORDER FORM**

Use latest version downloaded from Member Area of the Band web site: www.uscgpipeband.org

Order Date: _____ Needed by: _____

Your name: _____

Shipping Address: _____
(No P.O. Boxes) _____

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

- ☐ I will pay for this kilt. I request the initials _____ (will be embroidered on a tag in the kilt).
☐ I request that the USGPB pay for this kilt (attach an explanation of reasons for this request).

1. Have a friend make these measurements (DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DO THEM YOURSELF).
Wear the undergarments and shirt you plan to wear with the kilt.
2. These measurements MAKE your kilt! EXACT measurements are absolutely required!

3. **WAIST:** Measurement **AT the Navel**...tight tape, as this holds up the kilt: _____ inches

4. **LENGTH:** Stand at attention (DO NOT LOOK DOWN)

Have someone else measure from your **navel** to **mid-kneecap**: _____ inches
(This will not be the length of the kilt)

If you have an existing kilt that fits well, provide the overall length: _____ inches
(Note that this should not be the same as the length measurement above)

5. **HIPS:** Measure at the widest part ...No tight tape. _____ inches

6. **TARTAN:** U.S. Coast Guard Tartan; pleated to the blue (Official Coast Guard Kilt pleating).

7. **KILT:** 8-Yard Regulation handmade to Coast Guard Pipe Band specifications.

Mail this form to: (address listed on form downloaded from website)

(Or scan and attach to an email to: email address listed on form downloaded from website)

FIRST ENDORSEMENT

Date: _____

FROM: Quartermaster, U.S. Coast Guard Pipe Band

TO: Alexis Malcolm Kilts

1. This kilt order is approved. Please make a kilt for this Coast Guard Pipe Band Member and bill as follows:

- Bill the Coast Guard Pipe Band (per agreed procedures). No initials on kilt.
- Bill the Member (contact the Member listed above for payment information).

XXXXXX

Quartermaster, USGPB

APPENDIX C

MODIFICATION OF SERVICE DRESS COAT

The standard Service Dress Blue Coat must be modified for wear with the Coast Guard Tartan as part of the Pipe Band uniforms described in these Regulations. A primary objective of the modification is to prevent covering the sporran when the Coat is worn.

The best thing to do is take your Kilt, Sporran (with strap), Waist Belt, and un-modified Coat to your tailor and have him/her make the measurements. If you or your tailor are in doubt, contact the Drum Major or Quartermaster to verify what is intended before starting.

Wear the same foot wear for all measurements and stand on a hard surface (not rug or carpet). Do not attempt to make the measurements yourself; have someone make them for you (preferably your tailor).

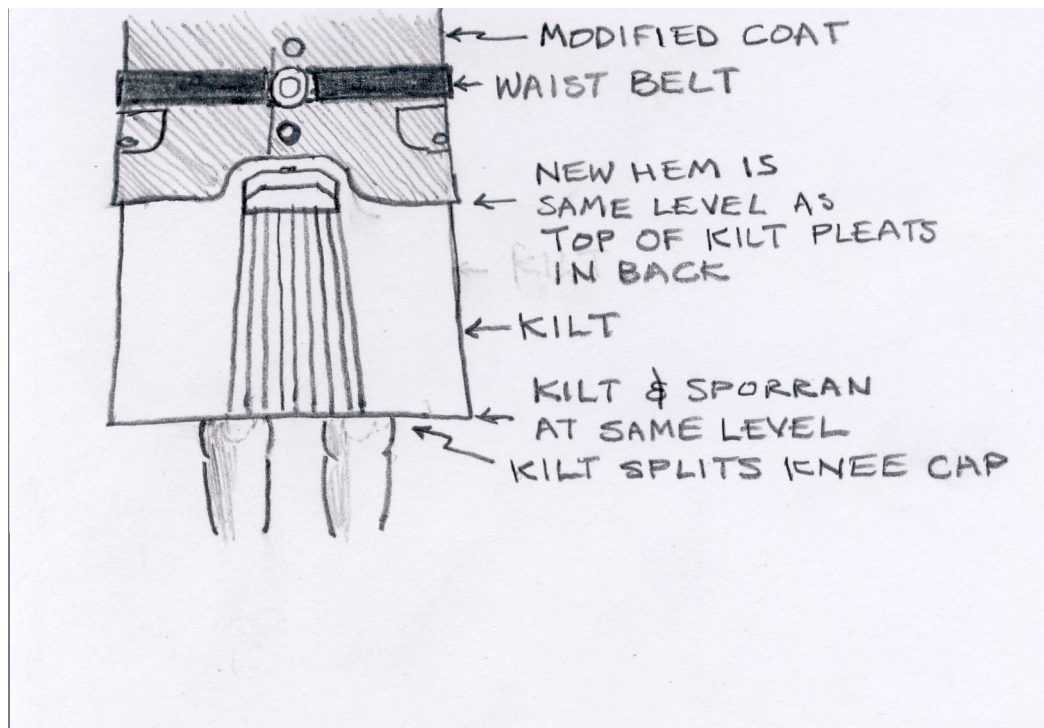
1. Put on your Kilt with the bottom of the Kilt at the middle of your kneecap and with a standard shirt properly tucked in. Put on your Sporran and adjust it so that the bottom of the Sporran is even with the bottom of your Kilt. Do not put on your Coat yet.
2. Have someone measure and record the distance from the floor to the top of the pleat openings at the back of your Kilt (just at the point where the pleats are sewn together). Also have the person measure and record the distance from the floor to the top of the cantle of your Sporran (not including the little button on the top of the cantle).
3. Take off your Waist Belt and Sporran. Put on your Coat. Put on your Waist Belt. You will probably have to adjust its length to accommodate the additional material of the Coat. It should not be so tight that it bunches up the Coat, but tight enough not to sag. Position the Waist Belt so that it does not cover any of the Coat buttons (front closure or pocket buttons). This may mean that your Waist Belt will not be at the same height on your body as it is when you are wearing only the Kilt with a tucked in shirt such as the Tropical Blue Shirt. Move around a bit so the Coat adjusts under your Waist Belt to the position it will be in after you have worn it for a time. However, do not let it ride up too much.
4. Have someone mark the back of the Coat at the same height as the top of the Kilt pleat openings in the back (the first measurement made in step 2). Use a safety pin, or tailor's soap marker to make a mark that will not move when the Coat is taken off and your tailor can easily find. This will be the location of the new hem. The new hem should be level when completed (except for the front section cut-out described in the following steps). Note that this new hem will intersect the existing side pockets. The interior of the pockets will have to be shortened or removed to accommodate the new hem. The location of the pocket flaps should not be changed. If your Coat has actual pockets under the pocket flaps, the best option is to have your tailor sew the side pockets (not the pocket flaps) closed since you should never place anything in those pockets and sewing them shut will prevent them from sagging.
5. Have someone mark the front of the Coat 1 and 3/8 inches below the bottom button hole. Use a safety pin or tailor's soap so the mark will not move and your tailor can find it. This mark should be at least 1/4 inch higher than the second measurement made in step 2. If it is not, contact the Drum Major or Quartermaster for instructions.
6. Use the pattern on the following page as a guide to create your own pattern for how the new hem

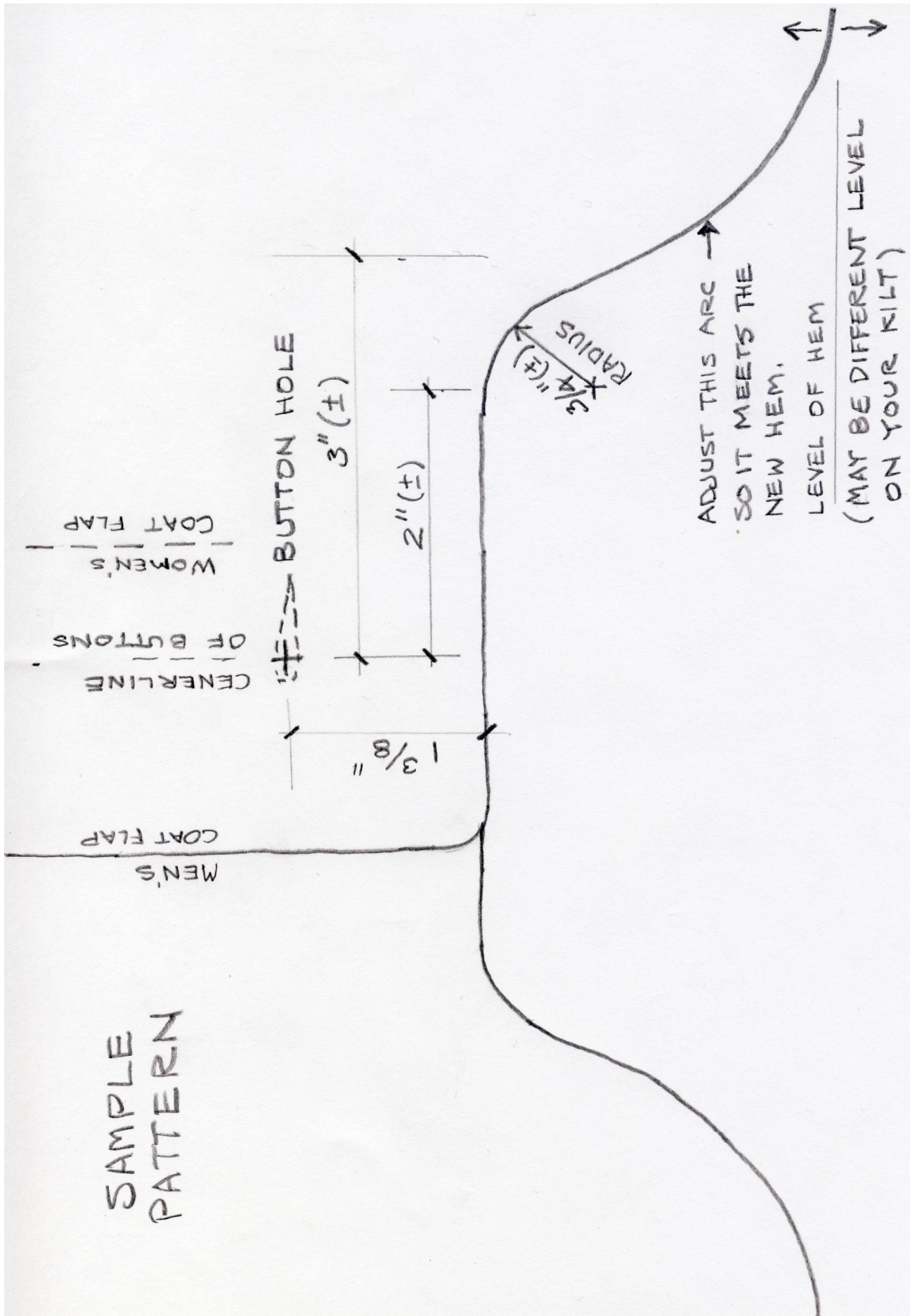
should look in the front in the area of the cut-out for the Sporran. The curves on either side of the bottom of the cut-out may need to be modified to match up with the hem location set in step 4. Note that the pattern on the following page may NOT print to full scale and should be re-drawn with the correct dimensions. Note also that women's Coats open on the opposite side from men's Coats, so women should adjust their pattern to reflect how their Coats are constructed.

7. When drawn to full scale, the only part of your pattern that may be different from the sample pattern is the radius of the two bottom arcs of the cut-out. They may need to be adjusted so that the bottom of those arcs (where they turn horizontal) meet the new bottom hem established at the back of the Coat in step 4. When you place your pattern over your Sporran, it should show that when the cut-out is completed, no part of the Sporran will be covered by the Coat.

8. Have your tailor modify the Coat so the new hem is at the level set in step 4 and the front cut-out matches your pattern with the top of the cut-out at 1 and 3/8 inches below the bottom button hole. If there are any questions about how the modification should look, contact the Drum Major or the Quartermaster for guidance before proceeding.

9. When the modification is complete, and you are wearing your Kilt; Sporran and Waist Belt in the proper positions, the new hem in front should outline the Sporran without touching it; the remainder of the hem should be very close to level; and the hem in the back should be very close to the same level as the top of the pleat openings on the Kilt. It should look something like the following:





APPENDIX D

CARE OF UNIFORM ITEMS

Because the Coast Guard Pipe Band is called on to perform in front of the public, its Members often come under closer scrutiny than many other personnel who represent and serve the Coast Guard. As a result, Pipe Band Members need to be extra vigilant in the maintenance and upkeep of their uniform items so the impression they leave with those who see the Band (including solo performers) is of the highest order. Most uniform items require the standard level of care associated with them; however, some items unique to the Band require special care as follows:

Pipes - The care and maintenance of pipes are the responsibility of each individual piper. Pipes will be kept in top-quality condition.

Drums - Drummers are responsible for the care and maintenance of Band-issued drums. No alterations or modifications to the drums other than the mounting of leg pads to the leg rest will be made without specific permission of the Drum Sergeant. Clean only with mild soap and water.

Glengarry – Brush as necessary with a clothes brush to remove dirt and lint. Ribbons should be pressed and folded flat inside of Glengarry for storage. Place in a plastic bag and store flat.

Hose - Dry clean or clean with mild wool-compatible soap/detergent such as Woolite.

Kilt - Dry-clean and press as necessary. Store on a good quality skirt hanger with pleats hanging naturally. Store in a moth-proof bag.

Sashes – Dry clean and press as necessary. Store rolled so as not to create creases.

Sgian dhu - Clean and oil blade and mounts frequently.

Spats - Cleanliness of spats is of paramount importance to a smart appearance. Spats should be washed with bleach after each wearing. As necessary, whiten with liquid shoe polish. Store flat inside a plastic bag to prevent soiling.

Sporran - Clean and brush hair periodically as for a natural hair wig. Take care not to pull hair from sporran. Store hung from a hanger allowing hair to fall naturally. Do not use abrasive metal cleaners on the metal parts as doing so can remove the finish and/or plating. Clean metal parts with a damp cloth and dry thoroughly.

Waist Belt & Sporran Strap - Belt and strap should be periodically dressed/cleaned with preservative to prevent drying and cracking.

Natural fiber items – The Kilt, Sporran, Glengarry, etc. contain wool and other natural materials that are susceptible to attack and damage by insects and/or vermin such as moths or mice. Extra care should be taken when storing these items. Human sweat, food, and other organic materials increase the attraction to moths, etc. and should be removed by dry-cleaning prior to storage.

APPENDIX E

COAST GUARD PIPE BAND EMBLEM

The Coast Guard Pipe Band has been given permission to use the name “U.S. Coast Guard” as part of its private organization name. This is a great privilege granted to very few organizations. It is incumbent on the Pipe Band and its Members to ensure that everything it does warrants the trust that the Coast Guard leadership has expressed by granting this authority. In addition to ensuring that Pipe Band Members always present themselves in a manner that reflects credit on the Coast Guard and brings positive recognition for the Coast Guard personnel who serve the public, it is essential that every aspect of the Coast Guard Pipe Band be executed in a professional manner that blends the military traditions of the Coast Guard with the traditions of pipe bands throughout the world.

One of the elements that set the tone for this blending of traditions is the emblem that is used as the identifying symbol of the Band. The Emblem of the Coast Guard Pipe Band is based on the clan badge concept that has become the traditional means by which clans identify themselves. That concept centers on the use of a circular waist belt such as that traditionally worn with a kilt within which is placed the crest of the particular clan. One of the most recognized symbols that represents the Coast Guard is the Coast Guard Shield which has been worn on Coast Guard uniforms and on Coast Guard insignia, devices and badges since the earliest days of the Coast Guard. The Emblem of the Coast Guard Pipe Band uses this universally recognized symbol to represent “Clan Coast Guard” and places it in the traditional clan badge format.

The Coast Guard Pipe Band Emblem will consist of a Coast Guard Shield in red, white and blue (or, where colors are not appropriate, in gold tones) surrounded by a belted clan badge in gold tones inscribed “U.S. Coast Guard” with a superimposed banner below the belt circle and across the tab end of the belt inscribed “Pipe Band.”



APPENDIX F

UNIFORM ILLUSTRATIONS

Photographs, illustrations and descriptions which provide guidance on how Pipe Band Uniforms should look are located on the Band website (www.uscgpipeband.org) in the Members Area under “Dress and Deportment” - “Uniform Guide.” That guide also provides information regarding sources of supply.

Where there is an apparent conflict between the photographs, illustrations, or descriptions in the Uniform Guide and the language of this Manual, this Manual will prevail over the Uniform Guide.