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This supplement implements and extends the guidance contained in DAFI 36-2903, *Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel*. Users must read this supplement in conjunction with implemented publications. It establishes Air Force ROTC (AFROTC) guidance regarding the wear of Air Force uniform items and personal appearance standards of cadets. Refer recommended changes and/or corrections to this publication to the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) using the AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*, through your chain of command. Supplements to this publication are not allowed. Request for waivers must be processed through command channels to the publication OPR for consideration. Ensure that all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with AFI 33-322, *Records Management Information Governance Program*, and disposed of in accordance with the Air Force Records Information Management System (AFRIMS) Records Disposition Schedule (RDS). The provisions of this supplement apply to all AFROTC senior units, to include cadets. The use of the name or mark of any specific manufacturer, commercial product, commodity, or service in this publication does not imply endorsement by the Air Force.

***SUMMARY OF CHANGES***

This publication incorporates DAFI36-2903\_AFGM2020-01 and provides guidance on OCP and United States Space Force (USSF) uniform wear for cadets to include wear of the USSF Distinguished Lapel Insignia for the Service and Mess Dress Coats. Additionally, all references to the Two-Piece Flight Duty Uniforms or 2PFDUs, and Airman Battle Uniforms or ABUs have been deleted, along with uniform items POC cadets are authorized to wear. Aircrew Style Name Patch (ASNP) is now being referred to as "Flight Duty Uniform (FDU) Name Patch. This current version also aligns with each respective section and the overall layout of DAFI 36-2903, which was updated on 15 March 2021.

1.2.5.1. (Added) Alteration and Exchange. Cadets will not alter any uniform item without prior approval from the uniform custodian; if alterations are approved by the uniform custodian, cadets will not use personal funds. Custom tailoring (having uniforms custom-fitted for the wearer) of uniforms is not allowed. Basic hemming and normal alterations necessary for regular wear are allowed. **EXCEPTION:** Cadets who have purchased their own uniforms are authorized to alter/tailor their uniforms if approved by the detachment cadre at their own expense. Uniform items being altered will be IAW DAFI 36-2903.

1.2.12. (Added) General Cadet Uniform Wear. Cadets will wear an authorized military uniform for a full day at least once per week at PMT events. Wear of the uniform for AFROTC academic classes on school days other than LLAB is at the Det/CC's discretion.

1.2.12.1. (Added) Uniform Wear Off Campus. Uniform wear in off-campus facilities should be comparable to that of clothing worn by civilians in the establishment. Operational Camouflage Pattern (OCP) is the appropriate uniform if civilians are dressed in casual attire. Blues are appropriate if civilians will be in business casual attire. Service dress is appropriate if the event is coat and tie. Mess dress or equivalent is appropriate for black tie evening attire.

1.2.12.1.1. (Added) OCP, and Flight Duty Uniform (FDU). Cadets may wear the OCP or FDU off-campus to dine in local establishments frequented by civilian workers wearing work clothing comparable to the OCP or FDU regardless of whether or not the establishment offers wait staff service. Cadets are cautioned to select a dining establishment that satisfies these criteria. If the dress code of the establishment, whether written or unwritten, is of more formal dress, the OCP or FDU will not be worn in the establishment. Cadets will not wear these uniforms to off-campus establishments to do extended shopping, dining, socializing or to take part in any form of entertainment. However, short convenience stops are authorized in the OCP or FDU. Det/CCs may set a more specific policy on specific local establishments acceptable for OCP, or FDU wear.

1.2.12.2. (Added) Uniform of the Day and Leadership Lab (LLAB). Cadets will wear the uniform of the day for the full day of LLAB events. The Det/CC and/or OFC will decide which uniform combination will be worn depending on the LLAB activity of the day. The service dress uniform must be worn at LLAB at least once per term.

1.2.12.3. (Added) Military Institutions. At institutions classified as Senior Military Colleges (SMC) where distinctive types of uniforms are required, AFROTC cadets will wear the uniform prescribed in institutional directives. Special attention must be paid to ensuring cadets at these institutions are trained on proper wear of the Air Force uniform prior to participation in Field Training and commissioning.

1.2.12.4. (Added) Field Training Uniforms. FT uniform requirements differ slightly from detachment requirements. FT uniform requirements checklist can be found in the Field Training Manual.

1.2.13. (Added) USSF-Select Cadets.

1.2.13.1. (Added) Physical Training (PT) Gear. USSF-select cadets will wear U.S. Air Force PT Gear IAW DAFI 36-2903, until U.S. Space Force PT Gear is available.

1.2.13.2. (Added) Service Dress Uniform. USSF-select cadets will wear the United States Air Force (USAF) Service Dress as outlined in paragraphs 4.5.1.2–4.1.7.7.1.1. Additionally, USSF-select cadets are authorized to wear the U.S. Space Force Distinguished Lapel Insignia on their Service Coats. The USSF Distinguished Lapel Insignia will be worn centered below the lapel notch on the widest portion of the Service Coat lapel. The insignia will be worn on both lapels similar to how the US insignia is worn on both lapels.

1.2.13.2.1. (Added) Only one of the USSF Distinguished Lapel Insignia will be worn on the men's blue shirt and the women's blue blouse. Both men and women will wear one insignia centered ½ inch above the nametag.

1.2.13.3. (Added) Mess Dress Uniform. USSF-select cadets will wear the USAF Mess Dress as outlined in paragraph 4.1.3. Additionally, USSF-select cadets are authorized to wear the U.S. Space Force Distinguished Lapel Insignia on their Mess Dress coat. The USSF Distinguished Lapel Insignia will be worn on the wearer's right and ½ inch above all other badges.

1.2.14. (Added) Events Authorized for Uniform Wear. Cadets participating in detachment sanctioned Color Guards, Honor Guards, and Drill Teams may wear their uniforms while preparing for, performing, or coming from performing Color/Honor Guard or Drill Team duties. Military institutions retain the same exception to uniform wear as in paragraph 1.2.12.3.

1.2.14.1. (Added) Definitions. In order to ensure all detachments have the same understanding of what constitutes these organizations, the following definitions are provided.

1.2.14.1.1. (Added) Color Guard. Color Guards are small (typically 3-8 person) teams that form to carry the flags/colors and present them at such activities as sporting events, parades, and other formal ceremonies, such as military balls. These teams may also participate in Color Guard competitions at drill meets.

1.2.14.1.2. (Added) Honor Guard. Honor Guards are small (typically 3-8 person) teams that are very similar to Color Guards, except they may or may not carry flags. They are formed to honor something or someone, such as at funerals, veterans' ceremonies, etc. This may include flag raising/lowering details.

1.2.14.1.3. (Added) Drill Team. Drill Teams are normally larger teams (though sometimes as small as a color/honor guard) that do not carry flags, except a flight guidon in some situations. They may drill with or without weapons. They are formed to perform for events such as parades or exhibitions, or to compete in Drill Team competitions at drill meets.

1.3.3.1. (Added) Military Aircraft. Cadets will wear OCP or FDU while traveling aboard military aircraft between military installations. Det/CC may authorize wear of civilian clothes or detachment polos if uniforms have not been issued.

1.3.4.1. (Added) Commercial Aircraft. Cadets will not wear any AFOTC uniform while traveling aboard commercial aircraft unless specifically directed to do so.

1.3.7. (Added) Exceptions. General Military Course (GMC) cadets may not wear the items listed below. Only Professional Officer Course (POC) cadets may wear the following items which are purchased at their own expense with Det/CC approval:

1.3.7.1. (Added) Corfam shoes/Corfam pumps.

1.3.7.2. (Added) Service caps. If worn for other than Color/Honor Guard or Drill Team purposes, wear the same insignia as active duty officers. Insignia must be purchased at the expense of the cadet.

1.3.7.3. (Added) Semi-Form Fitting Blouse (Long or Short-Sleeved).

1.3.7.4. (Added) Tactical (baseball) OCP style caps.

1.4.14. (Added) When NOT to wear the AFROTC Uniform. Det/CCs have discretion to enforce a professional military image and may restrict uniform wear as necessary. A cadet with a failing BMI or body fact check is permitted to wear the uniform if a current passing PFA is on file.

1.5.4.1. (Added) Authorized Uniform Items. Uniform items not listed in this instruction but authorized for wear per DAFI 36-2903 may be authorized for cadets if purchased at their own expense. However, detachment cadre should not encourage or discourage cadets to use personal funds to purchase items not covered in this instruction. Cadets must ensure they are wearing the uniform item properly, including the wear of cadet rank insignia.

1.5.4.2. (Added) Procurement of Maternity Uniform. AFROTC/DOS will purchase maternity uniforms for wear by cadets with approval from the Det/CC. Det/CCs may waive uniform wear for pregnant cadets during the timeframe they are unable to wear the regular uniform.

1.5.4.3. (Added) Mess Dress Wear. Costs associated with wear of the mess dress uniform are paid by the cadet.

1.5.5. (Added) Detachment Responsibilities.

1.5.5.1. (Added) Detachments will not issue a uniform to a student until all application requirements are complete and the student is currently eligible or will be eligible (as can be reasonably ascertained) for the planned semester of membership.

**3.4. Tattoos/Brands/Body Markings.** Det/CCs have the responsibility to approve or disapprove tattoos for applicants and cadets IAW DAFI 36-2903 and any subsequent guidance in DAFI 36-2903. Det/CCs will provide documentation via AF Form 4428 for any cadet with unauthorized or inappropriate tattoos stating that the cadet has been counseled on AFROTC and Air Force requirements and has begun removal of the unapproved tattoos.

3.4.1.1. Cadets with inappropriate tattoos anywhere on the body (to include those that are obscene or advocate sexual, racial, ethnic or religious discrimination, or that are prejudicial to good order and discipline and bring discredit upon the Air Force) must be in the process of removing these tattoos at their own expense before attending Field Training.

4.1.3. (Added) Semi-Formal or Mess Dress Uniform. Cadets will wear the semi-formal dress uniform or mess dress uniform when participating in AFROTC-related military ball/dining out. Headgear will not be worn with the semi-formal or mess dress uniform. Cadets will not wear civilian clothing—evening gowns, dresses, suits—to their own military ball/dining out. When the costs associated with wear of the semi-formal dress uniform are prohibitive, the Det/CC may give authorization for local wear of the service dress uniform at formal social functions. Wear of the mess dress uniform will be IAW DAFI 36-2903. POC cadets will wear silver sleeve braid. GMC cadets will not wear silver sleeve braid. Braid received with purchase of the mess dress should be retained by the cadet for wear as POC cadet and upon commissioning. Hard Shoulder Boards with appropriate silver stripes will be worn on the Mess Dress. Hard shoulder boards will be purchased at the expense of the cadet. If detachments have hard shoulder boards available, they can be issued to cadets for wear with the mess dress uniform. Cadets should contact the uniform custodian for commercial sourcing.

4.1.3.1. (Added) Civilian clothing is only authorized for wear if the cadet is participating as a guest at another service's military ball/dining out, or if the cadet falls into a category which does not authorize them to wear the uniform (see DAFI 36-2903 paragraph 1.4).

4.5.1.2. (Added) Service Dress Uniform. The service dress uniform is the official uniform for AFROTC training. The service dress uniform consists of the service dress coat, trousers, long-sleeved or short-sleeved shirts/blouses, tie/tie tab, as well as other required accoutrements (name tag, rank insignia, ribbons, badges, etc.).

4.5.1.2.1. (Added) Cloth shoulder marks will be used on the epaulets of the service dress jacket, long-sleeved and short-sleeved shirts/blouses, and the sweater. The epaulets are inserted into the cloth shoulder marks and buttoned. The bottom edge of the cloth shoulder mark must be as close as possible to the upper seam of the sleeve. See attachment 2 Figure A2.4 for cadet rank insignia.

4.5.2.2.1. (Added) Silver Name Tags. Only POC cadets wear the silver service dress name tag on the service dress jacket.

4.5.2.2.2. (Added) Shoulder Cords. In the short-sleeve Blues or long-sleeve Blues combination, authorized shoulder cords are optional. In the service dress uniform, authorized cords are mandatory.

4.5.2.2.3. (Added) Braids. Braids will not be worn on the service dress coat. If a braid was previously sewn on, it does not need to be removed, but ensure the jacket is only issued to contracted cadets if at all possible. Remove from inventory through sale or rotation. Braids received with purchase of the service jacket will be retained and will be issued to commissioning cadets if the uniform is purchased. It may then be sewn on prior to commissioning at the commissioning cadet's expense.

4.7.7.1. (Added) Headgear. Cadets will wear the officer flight cap with diamond braid (male or female) with the service dress uniform. Cadets will be issued "Prop & Wings" flight cap insignia (Figure 4.10) upon satisfactory completion of FT.

4.7.7.1.1. (Added) POC cadets are authorized to wear gold/silver combination "Prop & Wings" (gold wings and silver propeller) if a relative was a member of the Army Air Corps, if a parent has

at least 20 years of military service, if a parent died in the line of duty, or if a parent participated in active combat as a member of any U.S. military service. The gold/silver “Prop and Wings” is Vanguard Part # 3680101. Insignia must be purchased at the expense of the cadet.

**Figure 4.10. (Added) Prop & Wings.**



5.1.2.4.4. (Added) Cadet Rank at Field Training (FT). Cadets will wear the rank of Cadet Third Class (C/3C) while participating in FT.

5.1.2.4.5. (Added) Cadet Rank at Special Programs or Practical Military Training (PMT). GMC cadets will wear the rank of Cadet Third Class (C/3C) while participating in any Special Program or PMT between the AS 100 – AS 200 years and between the AS 200 – AS 300 years. POC cadets will wear the last rank held at the detachment when participating in Special Programs or PMT.

5.1.2.4.6. (Added) Cadet Training Assistants (CTA) will wear Cadet Colonel (C/Col) rank insignia while at FT.

5.1.3.1. (Added) Detachment Morale T-shirts. Det/CCs may design and authorize cadets to wear a standardized color T-shirt for local wear at the detachment to be worn with the OCP and FDU. T-shirts with the OCP and FDU will be Coyote Brown (Tan 499) in color. Det/CCs may prescribe unit designation emblems to be worn on the upper left side of chest, not to exceed 5 inches in diameter.

5.2.6.1.3. (Added) OCP Detachment Patches. Cadets are authorized to wear detachment (unit) patches. Detachments are responsible for converting their approved color configured patch to the approved Spice Brown color IAW CMAL No. 20-01.

5.2.6.1.3.1. (Added) Right Sleeve. USAF cadets will wear subdued US flag patch. Detachment patches will be worn centered, below the U.S. flag patch; USSF-select cadets will wear the detachment patch centered horizontally and vertically.

5.2.6.1.3.2. (Added) Left Sleeve. USSF-select cadets will wear the full color US flag patch. AFROTC patch will be worn centered below the US flag patch; USAF cadets will wear the AFROTC patch centered vertically and horizontally.

5.2.6.1.3.3. (Added) Funding and Manufacturing. MILPERS GPC (Fund Code 32) is authorized for use when procuring detachment and AFROTC patches from authorized commercial vendors. View CMAL No. 20-01 for a list of authorized vendors.

5.2.6.1.3.4. (Added) OCP Nametapes. Nametapes, U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force tapes will be Velcro. USAF cadets will wear Spice Brown nametapes, USSF-select cadets will wear Space Blue nametapes. Cadets will not sew on any tapes on the OCP utility uniform. **[EXCEPTION: see paragraph 1.2.5.1.]**

5.2.6.1.3.5. (Added) Cadet Rank Insignia. OCP Velcro ranks will be utilized on the OCP utility uniform. POC Cadets will secure the rank in the middle of the chest Velcro rank area, centered, with the silver stripes(s) oriented horizontally. GMC Cadets will secure the rank in the middle of the chest Velcro rank area, centered, with the short edge of the insignia parallel to the bottom of the Velcro squadron and the chevrons pointing upwards. Velcro ranks will be worn as pictured in the diagram below. See Figure 5.3.

**Figure 5.3. (Added) OCP GMC and POC Velcro Rank.**



**Figure 5.4. (Added) USSF-Select OCP Nametapes and Flag.**



7.1.3.3. (Added) Metallic rank is worn on the lightweight blue jacket and all-weather coat. Rank will be centered on both epaulets 5/8ths-inch from the shoulder seam. POC cadets will wear metallic black and silver cadet officer rank insignia with the silver stripe(s) parallel to the shoulder seam. GMC cadets will wear metallic blue and silver rank insignia with the point toward the neck.

7.1.3.3.1. (Added) Lightweight Blue Jacket. AS 400 cadets and extended cadets are authorized to wear the embroidered USAF or USSF logo on the lightweight blue jacket.

7.1.11. (Added) Cold-Weather Parka and Coyote Brown Fleece. The OCP name tape and U.S. Air Force tape will not be worn on the parka. The OCP name tape and U.S. Air Force name will be worn on the fleece.

7.1.11.1. (Added) Rank is not worn on the cold-weather parka, FDU, or flight jacket. Cadets will wear rank on the coyote brown fleece, Level 6 OCP jacket. Cadets will wear the Velcro rank on

the Velcro patch above the name-tape on the coyote brown fleece jacket. Metal rank will be worn on the Level 6 jacket; the rank pin will be centered on the jacket rank tab. GMC rank will have the chevrons pointing upwards. POC rank pins will have the bars oriented horizontally.

7.2.5.1. (Added) Cadet Wear of Beret. Only cadets categorized as Special Warfare (19Z) may wear the navy blue beret with the service dress, Blues, and OCP. The “Prop and Wings” insignia will be worn in the center of the stiffener, ¼ inch above and parallel to the headband. Cadets may purchase the navy blue beret at their own expense. The navy blue beret is Vanguard Part # CAP96029.

**Figure 7.11. (Added) Cadet Beret.**



7.2.10.4. (Added) Distinctive Headgear. Cadre and Cadet Training Assistants (CTA) members are authorized distinctive headgear when assigned to the AFROTC Field Training Staff and while performing Field Training events. The headgear will aid in rapid identification of cadre and CTA members in the event of an emergency. The headgear will be standardized by the AFROTC commander.

7.2.11. (Added) OCP Headgear. Cadets will wear the OCP patrol cap with the OCP uniform. After successful completion of FT, cadets are authorized to wear the Prop and Wings insignia on the OCP cap. The Prop and Wings will be centered on the front of the cap. Blocking of the cap is authorized. Name tape will be worn on the back of the OCP patrol cap.

9.1.2.1. (Added) Cadet Aeronautical, Space, Cyberspace and Parachutist Badges.

9.1.2.1.1. (Added) Cadet Pilot Badge. Cadets who meet one of the following criteria are authorized to wear the Cadet Pilot Badge. Cadets who meet two or more of the criteria listed below are authorized to wear the Cadet Senior Pilot Badge (pilot wings with a star).

9.1.2.1.1.1. (Added) Flown solo through private means, CAP, or another solo flight program. Documentation must be provided to detachment cadre to prove solo qualification.

9.1.2.1.1.2. (Added) Successfully completed the USAFA Soaring program.

9.1.2.1.1.3. (Added) Categorized as pilot.

9.1.2.1.1.4. (Added) Cadets will not wear cadet pilot wings with a star and wreath.

9.1.2.1.2. (Added) Cadet Combat Systems Officer (CSO) Badge. Cadets who are categorized as CSO will wear the Cadet CSO Badge or Cadet Senior CSO Badge as appropriate.



9.1.2.1.2.1. (Added) Cadets who have previously earned the Cadet Pilot Badge (solo flight or USAFA Soaring program) and are categorized as CSO, wear the Cadet Senior CSO Badge in lieu of the Cadet Senior Pilot Badge.

9.1.2.1.2.2. (Added) Cadets will not wear cadet CSO wings with a star and wreath.

9.1.2.1.3. (Added) Cadet Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) Badge. Cadets who are categorized as RPA officers will wear the RPA badge.

9.1.2.1.4. (Added) Cadet Air Battle Manager (ABM) Badge. Cadets who are categorized as ABM will wear the Cadet ABM Badge.

9.1.2.1.5. (Added) Cadet Missile Badge. Cadets who are categorized as Missile Operations Officers will wear the Cadet Missile Badge. Cadets will not wear Cadet Missile Badge with a star and wreath.

9.1.2.1.6. (Added) Cadet Space Operations Badge. USSF-select cadets who are categorized as Space Operations Officers will wear the Cadet Space Badge. Cadets will not wear the Cadet Space Badge with a star and wreath.

9.1.2.1.7. (Added) Cadets who are categorized as Cyber officers will wear the Cadet Basic Cyber Badge.

9.1.2.1.7.1. (Added) Cadets who also completed a summer program at the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT), the Advanced Course in Engineering (ACE)-Cyber Security Boot Camp or the Information Assurance Internship Program may wear the Cadet Senior Cyber Badge.

9.1.2.1.7.2. (Added) Cadets will not wear cadet Cyber Badge wings with a star and wreath.

9.1.2.1.8. (Added) Parachutist Badge. Cadets who have earned the parachutist badge through the USAFA Freefall program, Army Airborne Training, or other prior service qualifications may wear parachutist badge.

9.3.26. (Added) Cadet Occupational Badges.

9.3.26.1. (Added) Medical Insignia. Cadets wear the appropriate badge upon receiving an allocation in the Nurse or Pre-Health category.

9.3.27. (Added)

9.3.27.1. (Added) CTA Badge. The CTA badge (see Figure 9.1) will be worn upon successful completion of CTA duties. On the service dress jacket, the CTA badge will be worn on the right breast, centered ½ inch above the service dress name tag. If worn with the Arnold Air Society (AAS) Pin, place the AAS pin ½ inch above the CTA badge. On the long- or short-sleeved shirt/blouse, wear the CTA badge centered and ½ inch above the blue name tag.

9.3.27.2. (Added) Shoulder Cords. Cadets will wear shoulder cords on the left shoulder of the service uniform. Only one shoulder cord may be worn at a time. Shoulder cords should be worn

grounded to the upper seam of the sleeve. When this is not practical, they may be worn attached to the button of the epaulet. The only shoulder cords authorized for wear are:

9.3.27.2.1. (Added) Arnold Air Society (AAS) or Silver Wings (SW).

9.3.27.2.2. (Added) Color/Honor Guard and Drill Team members may wear a white shoulder cord.

9.3.27.2.3. (Added) Scabbard and Blade.

9.3.27.2.4. (Added) Pershing Rifles.

9.3.28. (Added)

9.3.28.1. (Added) No items from other activities, groups, or organizations may be worn on the cadet uniform, unless specifically authorized by other AFROTC Instructions.

9.3.28.2. (Added) Air Force and Non-Air Force Sponsored Military Activities. Shoulder cords, rank, shields, and other insignia denoting membership or office in other military activities, such as Arnold Air Society, Silver Wings, Pershing Rifles, and Scabbard and Blade, may be worn whenever the service uniform, semi-formal uniform, or mess dress uniform is worn. Ribbons, if authorized by AFROTCI 36-201v3 (Table 15.1.), may be worn whenever the service uniform or semi-formal uniforms are worn. Wear of items denoting membership in student military activities and organizations must comply with the following requirements:

9.3.28.3. (Added) Arnold Air Society (AAS) and Silver Wings (SW). AAS members may wear the membership rank or candidate pin on the service uniform and mess dress uniform (rank pin takes the place of the candidate pin). AAS pin is worn centered  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch above the name plate or CTA badge on the shirt and service dress jacket. For GMC cadets wearing the AAS pin on the service dress jacket, it is worn centered on the right  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch above a line drawn from the bottom of the ribbons. The SW pin is not authorized for wear on the cadet uniform. AAS/SW ribbons authorized for wear are listed in precedence in (Figure 10.4.).

9.3.28.4. (Added) Pershing Rifles. Cadets who are members of Pershing Rifles may wear certain Pershing Rifles uniform items, including the Pershing Rifles Rank Shield.

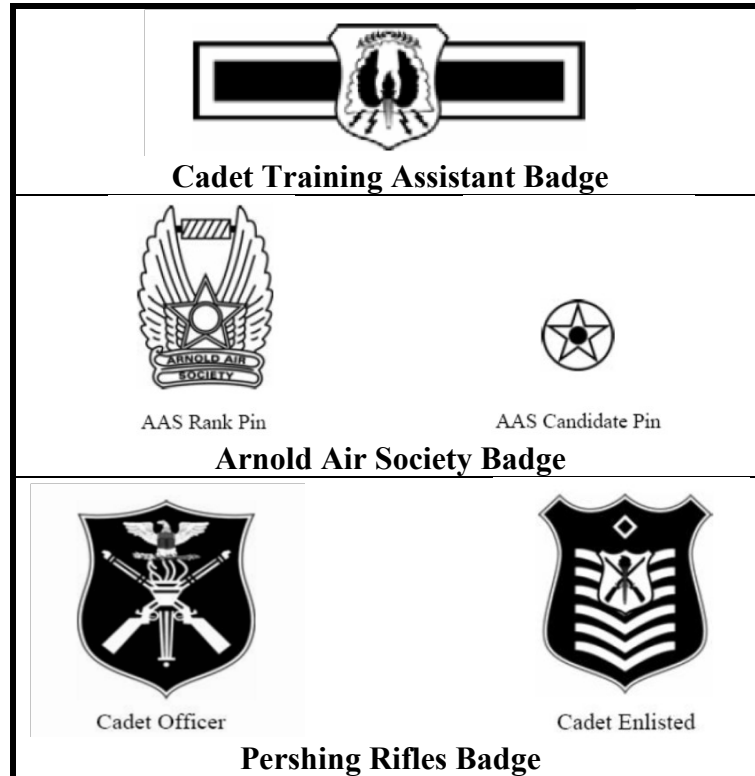
9.3.28.4.1. (Added) Male cadets wear the Pershing Rifles Rank Shield centered on the left breast pocket of the service uniform. Wear  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches below the top of the welt pocket on the service dress jacket, and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches below the bottom of the medals on the mess dress uniform. Center Pershing Rifles Rank Shield on the ribbons or medals.

9.3.28.4.2. (Added) Female cadets wear the Pershing Rifles Rank Shield centered  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch above the ribbons on the service uniform and  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch above the medals on the mess dress uniform. Wear  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches below the top of the welt pocket on the service dress jacket. Center Pershing Rifles Rank Shield on the ribbons or medals.

9.3.28.4.3. (Added) The Pershing Rifle Membership Ribbon may be worn on the AFROTC cadet uniform in precedence as listed in (Figure 10.4.).

9.3.28.5. (Added) Scabbard and Blade. Cadets are authorized to wear the Scabbard and Blade Membership or Rank ribbon (rank ribbon takes the place of the membership ribbon) in precedence as listed in Figure 10.4.

**Figure 9.1. (Added) Sample Cadet Additional Uniform Devices.**



9.3.28.6. (Added) Color/Honor Guard members and Drill Team members will wear the following items as part of the Color/Honor Guard and Drill Team uniform. Units must request approval from AFROTC/DOS prior to purchasing new uniform items under this paragraph. Variations to this uniform are not authorized unless approved by AFROTC/DOS. Color/Honor Guard and Drill Team uniforms will consist of the following:

9.3.28.6.1. (Added) The service dress uniform is worn by all members of the Color/Honor Guard or Drill Team.

9.3.28.6.2. (Added) USAF ceremonial service (wheel) cap with silver rimmed visor, silver front chin strap, and black rear chin strap. Wear the USAF Honor Guard “Wing and Star” service cap insignia. Female cadets participating in Color/Honor Guards or Drill Teams will wear the male service cap.

9.3.28.6.3. (Added) Single strand white shoulder cord.

9.3.28.6.4. (Added) USAF ceremonial web belt (blue with silver trim) with chrome buckle emblazoned with “Wing and Star” insignia.

9.3.28.6.5. (Added) White gloves. Detachments may purchase white gloves with grip face for better hold of weapons and flags.

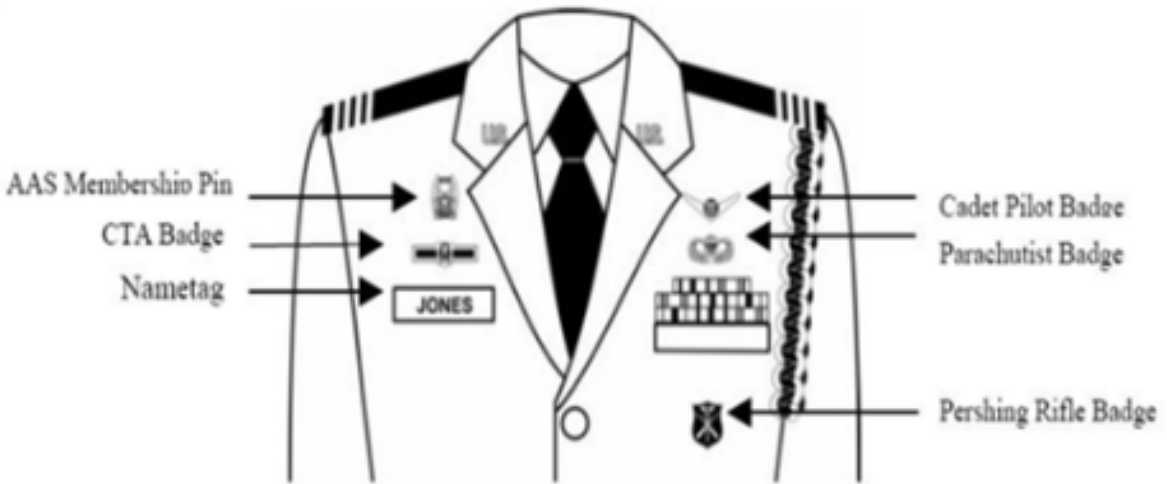
9.3.28.6.6. (Added) Detachments may purchase white flag holders if needed.

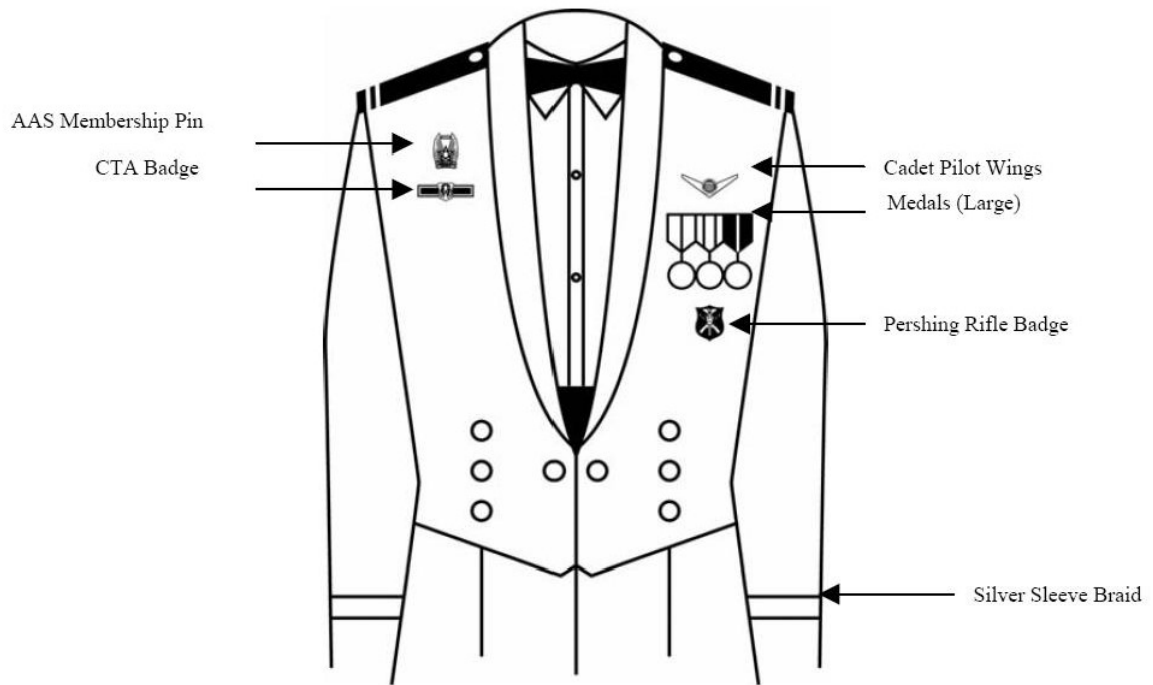
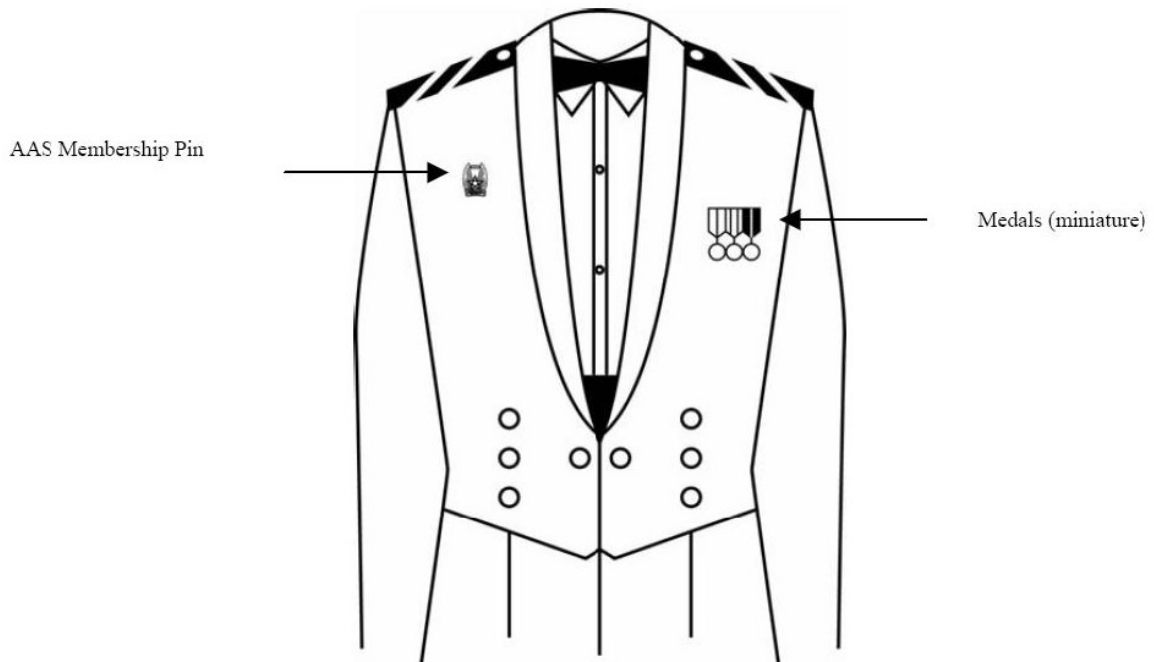
9.3.28.6.7. (Added) If desired, Drill Teams may alter the service dress uniform to remove ribbons and badges to present a standardized appearance by all drill team members during competition. All other insignia must be worn. Color/Honor Guards will not alter the uniform in this manner.

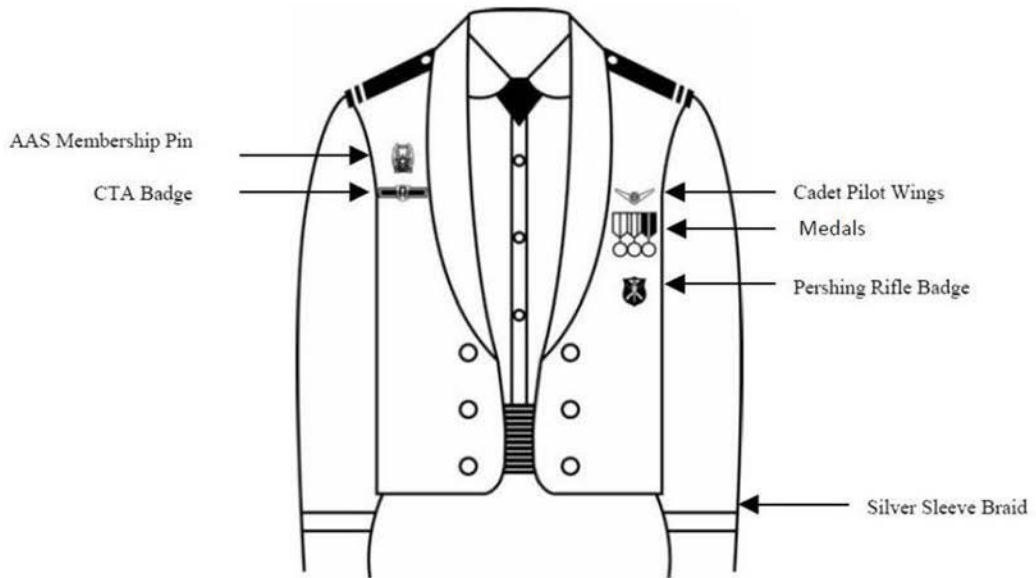
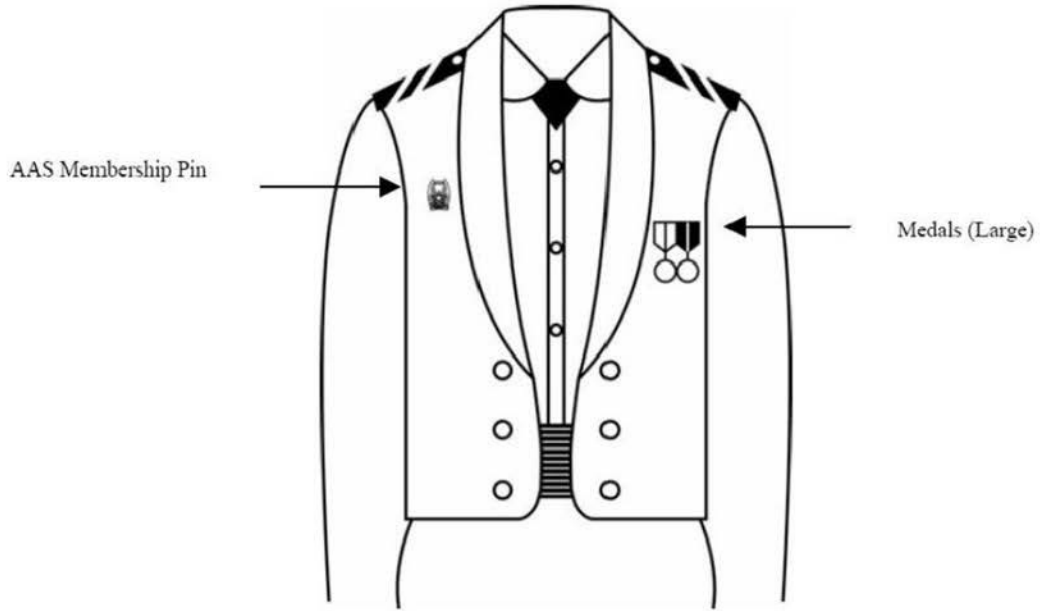
9.3.28.6.8. (Added) Color/Honor Guard uniform items will be issued out on AF Form 538, *Personal Clothing and Equipment Record*, to the individual cadet and should be turned in when the cadet no longer participates as an active member of the Color/Honor Guard or Drill Team.

Figure 9.2. (Added) Sample various uniform configurations.











## 10.8. (Added) AFROTC Cadets.

10.8.1. (Added) Wear of Medals. Members may wear medals earned as members of AFROTC, and medals earned on active duty (AFROTC will not provide active duty medals), in Civil Air Patrol (CAP), and in any service's ROTC or JROTC program. Center medals horizontally midway between lapel and arm seam and vertically between the shoulder and top button (See Figure 9.2). Mixing of large size and miniature medals is not authorized. Most AFROTC medals are only available in large size. Medals earned on active duty take precedence over all AFROTC medals. Questions of precedence or other wear questions not answered in this instruction can be addressed to [afrotc.dos@us.af.mil](mailto:afrotc.dos@us.af.mil).

10.8.1.1. (Added) Order of Precedence. See Figure 10.4 for order of precedence of AFROTC medals and ribbons.

Figure 10.4. (Added) AFROTC Ribbon Chart



10.8.1.2. (Added) Anodized medals are authorized.

10.8.1.3. (Added) Bronze Star Device. The bronze star device is worn on the AFROTC Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (see Figure 10.11). Additionally, AFA Award winners selected as the region W. Randolph Lovelace Award winner will wear a bronze star device on the AFA Award medal and ribbon (see Figure 10.10).

10.8.1.4. (Added) Silver Star Device. The Silver Star device is worn on the Physical Fitness Ribbon (earned at FT or detachment; see Figure 10.7), the Field Training Distinguished Graduate ribbon (see Figure 10.8), and the national winner of the Outstanding Cadet Training Assistant (CTA) Award (see Figure 10.9). Additionally, the cadet selected as the AFA Outstanding Cadet of the Year will wear a Silver Star device on the AFA Award medal and ribbon (see Figure 10.10). Star devices are not worn on any other medal or ribbon.

10.8.1.5. (Added) Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC). Denotes a second or later award of the same ribbon. (See Figures 10.5, 10.6, and 10.7.) **EXAMPLE:** Ribbon equals one award. Ribbon with 1 bronze OLC equals 2 awards. Ribbon with 2 bronze OLC equals 3 awards.

10.8.1.6. (Added) Silver Oak Leaf Cluster. Denotes 5 bronze OLCs. When worn with bronze OLCs, silver OLCs are to the wearer's right (toward the shirt buttons) (see Figure 10.6). **EXAMPLE:** Ribbon equals one award. Ribbon with 1 silver OLC equals 6 awards. Ribbon with 1 silver OLC and 1 bronze OLC equals 7 awards.

10.8.1.7. (Added) Devices awarded as part of an organizational award (Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement, American Legion Awards, Reserve Officers Association, Military Order of World Wars, etc.) will be worn centered on the ribbon. No more than one device may be worn, even if the recipient has earned the award more than once. If various levels of the award have been earned denoted by different devices, only the highest level award device will be worn.

10.8.1.8. (Added) Prior service cadets are authorized to wear earned ribbons, medals, and badges on their blues service dress uniform. Ribbons earned on active duty take precedence over all AFROTC ribbons. Prior service cadets may mix prior service and ROTC badges (i.e., prior occupational badge and cadet aeronautical badges), and wear mini medals on the mess dress uniform.

**Figure 10.5. (Added) Physical Fitness Ribbon with 1 Bronze OLC and 2 Bronze OLCs.**



**Figure 10.6. (Added) Ribbon with 1 Silver OLC; with 1 Silver and 1 Bronze OLC (Academic Honors Award).**



**Figure 10.7. (Added) Physical Fitness Ribbon with Silver Star and Oak Leaf Clusters.**



**Figure 10.8. (Added) Field Training Distinguished Graduate (FTDG) Award.**



**Figure 10.9. (Added) Field Training Outstanding Cadet Training Assistant National Winner.**



**Figure 10.10. (Added) Air Force Association (AFA) Tiered Awards with Devices.**



**Figure 10.11. (Added) AFROTC Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Two Weapon Qualification).**



12.8. (Added) AFROTC Uniform Changes.

12.8.1. (Added) Make recommendations for changes to AFROTC cadet uniforms and insignia through Det/CCs and Region/CCs to AFROTC/DOS. AFROTC/DOS will staff uniform recommendations through AFROTC/DO to AFROTC/CC for a decision.

12.8.2. (Added) Waiver of Wear. The Det/CC may waive the requirement for cadet wear of the uniform when such wear could result in unnecessary damage to the uniform or present an unprofessional image.

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AF Form 4428, *Tattoo/Brand/Body Marking Screening/Verification*

***Abbreviations and Acronyms***

**AAS**—Arnold Air Society

**ABM**—Air Battle Manager

**ABU**—Airman Battle Uniform

**ACE**—Advanced Course in Engineering

**AFIT**—Air Force Institute of Technology

**ALO**—Air Liaison Officer

**APECS**—All-Purpose Environmental Clothing System

**CAP**—Civil Air Patrol

**CRO**—Combat Rescue Officer

**CSO**—Combat Systems Officer

**CTA**—Cadet Training Assistant

**FDU**—Flight Duty Uniform

**FOP**—Flight Orientation Program

**FT**—Field Training

**GMC**—General Military Course

**LLAB**—Leadership Laboratory

**OCP**—Operational Camouflage Pattern

**PMT**—Practical Military Training

**POC**—Professional Officer Course

**PT**—Physical Training

**RPA**—Remotely Piloted Aircraft

**STO**—Special Tactics Officer

**SW**—Silver Wings

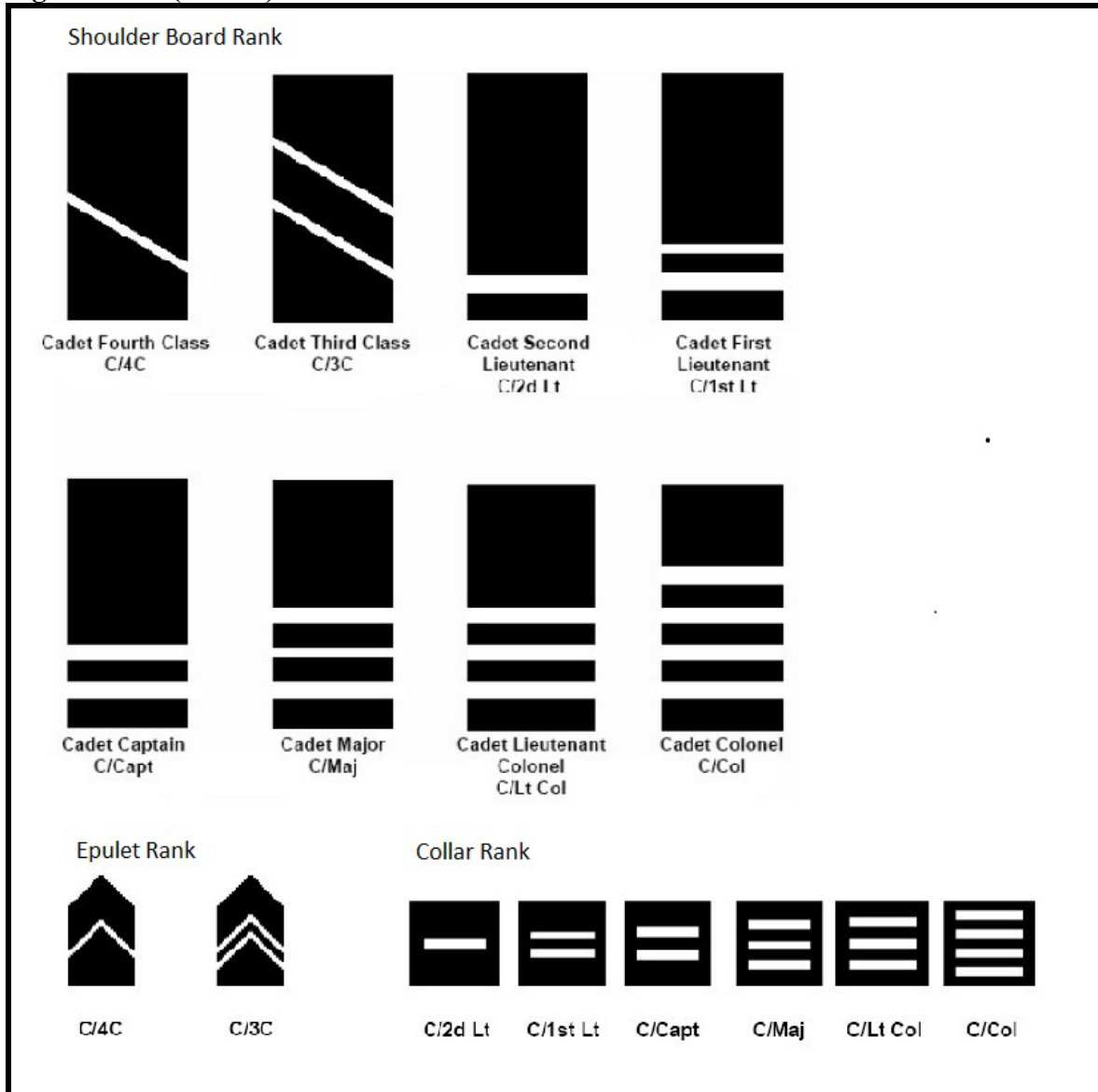
**USAFA**—United States Air Force Academy

**USSF**—United States Space Force

Attachment 2

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Figure A2.4. (Added) Cadet Rank.



## Attachment 6

### FLIGHT DUTY UNIFORM

A6.2.4. (Added) Cadet Wear of FDUs. Only cadets categorized as Pilot, Combat Systems Officer (CSO), Air Battle Manager (ABM), Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) , and Missile Officer may be issued FDUs.

A6.2.4.1. (Added) Authorized cadets may wear FDUs in lieu of the OCP unless training requirements or the Det/CC dictate otherwise. Cadets will wear the OCP if FDUs are unavailable.

A6.2.4.2. (Added) Submit orders for FDUs with HQ AFROTC/DOS.

A6.2.4.3. (Added) Events Authorized for Wear of FDUs.

A6.2.4.3.1. (Added) AFROTC Flight Orientation Program (FOP). If available in the inventory, FDUs may be worn by cadets participating in the AFROTC FOP during the duration of their flight only. FDUs must be issued immediately before and returned immediately after the training. Wear of the FDU name patch is not required for wear by cadets participating in AFROTC FOP when worn for single flights and returned to inventory. If FDUs are not available in the inventory, cadets will wear the OCP for AFROTC FOP participation. If cadets have not been issued the OCP and combat boots, the service uniform will be worn.

A6.4.3.3.1. (Added) Right Breast Pocket. The AFROTC patch (cadet version with light blue background) will be worn on the right breast pocket of the FDU and between the diagonal pocket zipper and the main zipper.

A6.4.3.4.1. (Added) Left Sleeve. The U.S. Flag patch will be worn on the left sleeve. Cadets will not wear the Air Education and Training Command (AETC) patch.

A6.4.3.5.1. (Added) Right Sleeve. A detachment patch, if available, may be worn on the right sleeve.

A6.4.3.6.1. (Added) No other patches, badges, or accoutrements will be worn on the FDU. All patches must be attached to the FDU by the use of Velcro. Do not sew any patches on the FDU.

A6.4.3.6.2. (Added) FDUs will not be worn unless all required patches and insignia are available. This includes the AFROTC patch, the U.S. Flag Patch, and the FDU name patch. **EXCEPTION:** Per paragraph A6.2.4.3.1, the FDU name patch is not required for wear by cadets participating in AFROTC FOP when worn for single flights and returned to inventory.

A6.4.3.7.1. (Added) Neckwear. Detachment scarves are authorized but the Det/CC will determine the color of scarves and be consistent with university colors.

A6.4.3.8. (Added) Name Tag. FDUs will be configured with the cloth FDU name patch. The FDU name patch will be configured with text lines justified to the left and right (see Figure A6.6) and cadet badge centered above name line. The first line will read: FIRST NAME MI. LAST NAME

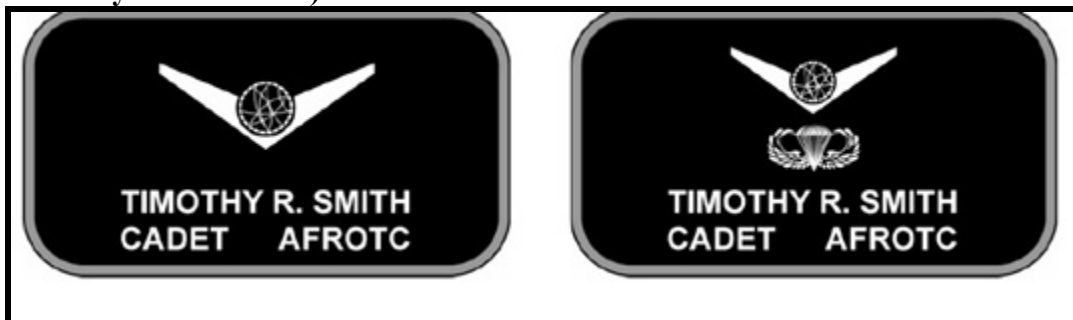


(no nicknames allowed). The second line will read: CADET AFROTC (justify CADET to the left and AFROTC to the right). **NOTE:** Do not replace a FDU name patch solely because it does not meet the provisions of paragraphs A6.4.3.8-A6.4.3.8.2, but ensure any new FDU name patches meet these requirements.

A6.4.3.8.1. (Added) Cadets authorized wear of FDUs who have earned the Parachutist Badge (whether through the USAFA Freefall program, Army Airborne Training, or other prior service qualifications) may have them placed on their FDU name patch, centered between the Cadet Aeronautical Badge (if applicable) and above the name line. Cadets who wish to have this added to an existing patch must do so at their own expense.

A6.4.3.8.2. (Added) FDU name patches using custom colors (e.g., school colors) may be worn if approved by the Det/CC and will determine which colors are to be used and shall be consistent throughout the detachment for all cadets wearing FDU name patch.

**Figure A6.6. (Added) Aircrew Style Name Patch (ASNP) Configurations (Cloth; Example is Combat Systems Officer).**



A6.5.1.3. (Added) AFROTC does not provide flight jackets for wear, therefore, cadets may wear Gen III, Level VI OCP Jacket or OCP APECS for outdoor use only. **EXCEPTION:** If serviceable Air Force authorized Nomex flight jackets are available in the detachment inventory from non-AFROTC sources, are authorized for wear. Flight jackets will not be worn unless all required patches and insignias are available. This includes the AFROTC patch, the U.S. flag patch, and the FDU name patch (additional FDU name patches must be purchased at the expense of the cadet).

A6.6.4. (Added) Headgear. Cadets will wear the diamond braided officer flight cap with the FDU. POC cadets will wear the “Prop and Wings” insignia. The flight cap will be stored in the lower cargo pocket on the leg when not worn.

A6.7.2. (Added) FDUs will be worn with the coyote brown combat boot with coyote brown (Tan 499) shirt combination.