

## CHAPTER 8

### UNIFORM AND PERSONAL GROOMING

#### 8-1 RULES FOR WEAR

- A. In accordance with Air Force regulations, cadets must wear their uniforms a minimum of one day each week, unless otherwise announced. **Thursday** is the uniform day for Stebbins JROTC. Maximum inspection grade possible is 100%. *Changes to the uniform wear day may occur with prior notice.*
- B. If a student is absent on uniform day, they are required to wear the uniform on the first day back at school to receive full credit. If the cadet does not wear the uniform the first day back, they must wear it the next school day to receive half-credit (and still be eligible for promotion). If the cadet does not wear it the second school day for half-credit, they will receive a zero grade and will not be eligible for promotion for this quarter. If a cadet has an extended absence (covering two or more uniform days), they should communicate with an instructor to work out a uniform makeup plan that makes sense for their return. Cadets may also coordinate to wear the uniform early in a week they know they are going to be absent from the AFJROTC class on a Thursday (due to appointments or other school activities).
- C. Cadets will plan ahead for wearing the uniform. If it needs dry cleaning, it should be cleaned immediately so that it will be available for wear on the following uniform day. *“My uniform is in the cleaners” is not a valid excuse.*
- D. Cadets are always expected to wear their uniform on uniform days. Cadet **Drill Team and/or Color Guard** members may be excused from wearing their uniform the week of a drill and/or color guard competition. **Cadets, who are performing community service or other related JROTC duties**, may be excused from wearing their uniform during the week of the activity.
- E. PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION (PDA): Any public display of affection, such as hand holding, embracing, or walking arm-in-arm, is inappropriate and prohibited for cadets in uniform. When not in uniform, cadets should use good judgment to ensure they do not bring discredit to themselves, or the unit. PDA discredits JROTC, since indiscriminate displays of affection shows lack of maturity, discipline, and restraint in public. It also detracts from the professional image of JROTC and their unit. It can also be harmful to the good order, discipline, and morale of the Cadet Corps.
- F. On uniform day, cadets are required to wear the uniform ALL DAY—from arrival at school until the end of the school day. Prior permission from an instructor must be obtained for exceptions. This does NOT release cadets from the need to change for gym class, etc. Also, cadets are expected to protect the uniform by changing out of it or wearing protective clothing during shop, chemistry or other classes if activities in that class may cause soiling or damage to the uniform.

- G. IN UNIFORM means the complete uniform. When the dress blue coat (blouse) is worn, it must be buttoned up at all times. Ties or tie tabs **MUST** be worn at all times with the long sleeve shirt or dress blue coat, but may be removed when the short sleeve shirt/blouse is worn without the coat. Hats are required when walking to and from your car or bus and any time you are outside while on campus. When wearing the jacket, it must be zipped up at least half way at all times.
- H. Cadets **WILL NOT** engage in any disrespectful activity while in the uniform or which might give an observer an unfavorable impression of the cadet corps, Stebbins High School or the United States Air Force. Cadets will keep in mind at all times that while wearing the uniform, they are representatives of all three organizations. This includes using the uniform as a Halloween costume or other “dress up activities.”
- I. Cadets **WILL NOT** wear the uniform if they are assigned Alternative Intervention Monitoring (AIM). Cadets may make-up the missed day(s) by wearing the uniform the next day they **ARE NOT** in AIM.

## 8-2 GENERAL RULES

- A. During the year, the coat, jacket, hat, necktie, trousers, slacks and skirt will be dry cleaned only. **They cannot be washed!** Never use an iron on the material of the uniform directly. Home dry cleaning products do not work and must NOT be used on these uniform items. Cadets will be charged for the replacement of damaged uniform items due to improper cleaning.
- B. Clothing items that become worn or unserviceable should be turned in to the ASI as soon as possible. If the unserviceable condition is due to fair wear and tear or normal use, the items will be replaced at no cost to the cadet. Items of clothing that do not fit should be exchanged or altered as soon as possible.
- C. Alterations: Other than replacing a button, return your uniform item to JROTC Staff for repair or sewing on patches. Uniform alterations are done at no cost to the student, please DO NOT attempt to sew or repair the uniform yourself.
- D. Uniform Exchanges: No exchanges will be given for items not commercially dry cleaned. When uniform items no longer fit, have them dry cleaned and returned to instructor for exchange with cleaning tags attached.
- E. Civilian garments are never worn with the uniform during inclement weather for personal safety and to protect the uniform from damage. During cold weather, cadets may wear appropriate coats to and from school, but must put his or her coat in their locker once arriving to school.

- F. The service coat may be removed in the classroom to avoid binding and wrinkling. It will never be unbuttoned while outside the classroom. When the service coat is removed in the classroom, it will be carefully draped over the side or back of the chair. The service coat will be put on and buttoned before leaving the classroom. The service coat is not required to visit the restroom during class.
- G. Replace missing buttons promptly. They may be obtained in the supply room from the ASI. Buttons and insignia are made of oxidized silver and are not to be polished.
- H. Wristwatches, identification bracelets and rings may be worn but they must be conservative in nature. A total of three rings may be worn. Only one bracelet may be worn. It must be no wider than one inch, not detract from the military image and not be a safety hazard. Earrings will not be worn by a male cadet while in class or uniform. Female cadets may wear small stud type earrings. Necklaces, pendants, car rings and other conspicuous adornments are prohibited.
- I. For females, the nametag is always worn over the right breast, parallel and centered on the top seam of the simulated pocket. Directly above the pocket and centered for males.
- J. Wear only the shoes that were issued to you with the uniform (may not wear corfram shoes). Shoes will be highly polished at all times. Blacken the sides of the heels and soles as well.
- K. Trim loose strings and frayed seams on the uniform.
- L. Cadets will not participate in any political, racial or social demonstration while in uniform.
- M. Hitchhiking, performing hard labor or engaging in sporting activities while in uniform is prohibited.
- N. No smoking or use of tobacco products on or off school grounds or at JROTC functions on or off campus, or while wearing the JROTC uniform or JROTC T-shirt.
- O. Except for the shoes, socks, t-shirts, and personal ribbons and badges, all uniform items must be turned in or accounted for at the end of the school year (this includes rank insignia). Lost uniform items must be paid for promptly. All items must be dry cleaned and specific instructions will be provided for students who graduate or dis-enroll from JROTC.

### 8-3 Uniform requirements for MALE CADETS:

- A. **Male** cadets will be clean-shaven unless under a doctor's care, validated in writing. Hair must be off the collar and off the ears. At no time will a cadet have a design in his hair or dyed hair of unnatural color. Moustaches are permitted but must not extend downward beyond the lip line of the upper lip or extend sideways beyond a vertical line drawn from the corner of the mouth. Sideburns must not extend below the lower opening of the ear. A male cadet is not to wear any type of jewelry on his face or ears while in uniform.
- B. The flight cap is worn with the front crease toward the center of the forehead, tilted slightly to the right, two fingers width above the right ear and one finger width above the eyebrow. Always wear the flight cap outdoors but never indoors. Hats will be neat, clean and wrinkle free. When not being worn, the flight cap should be put in a clean location of your book bag/locker or tucked under your belt on your left waist.
- C. The socks must be solid black. Ankle socks are not permitted!
- D. The short sleeve shirt can be worn with or without a necktie. The shirttail is pulled down into the trousers tightly and tucked at the sides to make it nearly form fitting. The only creases on the shirt are down the sleeves. No item will be worn in the shirt pockets.
- E. The rear pockets will be buttoned at all times and articles carried in the pocket will not be visible.
- F. Your "gig" line is the line formed by the shirt buttons, the belt buckle and the fly of your trousers. These should always be in line—check it frequently during the day.
- G. Male cadets will wear a white clean V-neck T-shirt under the short sleeve shirt when wearing an open collar. Crew neck T-shirts may be worn when wearing a tie. Male T-shirts will be plain **white** with no writing or pictures visible through the light blue shirt.
- H. The preceding rules apply to on and off campus activities. REMEMBER, people may see you as an Air Force member, so don't do anything to embarrass the Air Force, your fellow cadet, instructors or the cadet corps.

### 8-4 Uniform Requirements for FEMALE CADETS:

- A. **Female** cadets with hair that extends below the collar must keep their hair pinned up anytime they wear the uniform, unless hair is a ponytail or long braid. The hair should not be too full or high on the head where it interferes with wearing the flight cap. If pins, combs, barrettes or other items are worn, they should match the hair color, be plain and modest. At no time will a cadet have a design in her hair or dyed hair of unnatural color.

- B. The female flight cap will be worn outdoors but not indoors. The flight cap is worn with the front crease toward the center of the forehead. The cap insignia is aligned approximately above the left eye.
- C. Pant legs will not be altered except for length.
- D. Skirt length will be one inch above or one inch below the kneecap. Skirts will hang freely and will not be tight.
- E. Low quarter shoes will be issued with the uniform and are recommended for wear during drill periods. Black pumps may be purchased by female cadets as an optional item for wear with the uniform. Military shoes will be highly polished at all times.

**8-5 Transfer to Class-Member Status from Corps Member Status for Non-Wear of the Uniform:**

- A. Any corps member cadet who fails to wear the Air Force uniform on three or more uniform days in a quarter will be removed from corps member status, and transferred to class-member status. While on class member status, the student may not participate in any AFJROTC extra-curricular activities unless approved by the SASI or ASI as appropriate. Cadets will receive a zero grade for the uniform inspection if the uniform isn't worn. Cadets will be demoted to his or her permanent grade while in class-member status and will not regain his or her previous, temporary, rank until 14 days after being returned to corps member status.
- B. A cadet will receive a warning letter from the ASI when they have reached his or her second no-uniform day and another letter on the third date of not wearing the uniform informing the student that he or she has been returned to class member status.
- C. To return to corps member status, the student must wear the AFJROTC uniform on three consecutive uniform days. If the student misses one more uniform day after being returned to corps member status, he or she will be returned to class member status until such time they have worn the uniform for three consecutive uniform days.

**8-6 Airman Battle Uniform (ABU)**

- A. AS-200, 300, and 400 cadets may earn the right to wear the ABU two days a month. AS-100 cadets may be issued ABUs at the SASI's discretion. AS-400 cadets will be considered first for issue of ABUs, followed by AS-300's, 200's, and then 100's.
- B. Issue and wear of ABUs is considered a privilege and only cadets who are active in the corps will receive them. Cadets may also have this privilege revoked at the discretion of the SASI or ASI.

- C. To earn the right to wear ABUs a cadet must meet the following criteria:
- Have at least a grade of 75 percent in AFJROTC for the quarter previous to issue of ABUs.
  - Have a minimum of five hours of community service for the previous quarter before issue of ABUs.
  - Have a uniform wear rate of 80 percent, or better, for the year (service uniform and physical training uniform).
  - No disciplinary issues (detentions, AIMS, or out-of-school suspensions).
- D. Cadets who meet the above criteria will have ABUs issued based on rank (rank has its privileges). This highest ranking cadets will be issued first.

Refer to Attachment 1 for proper placement of uniform accouterments.

### **8-7 Operational Camouflage Pattern (OCP) Uniform**

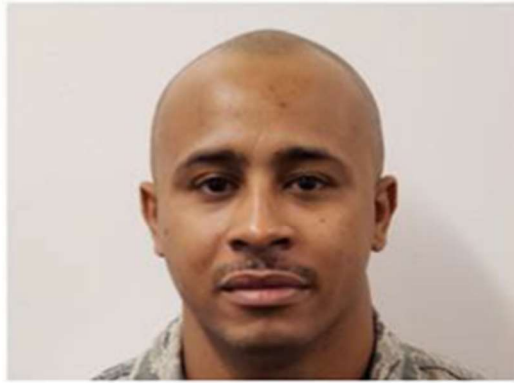
At this time, only four-year seniors are authorized to wear the OCP uniform.

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**MALE HAIR GROOMING STANDARDS**



**Sideburns**



**Mustache**

**AUTHORIZED WOMEN'S HAIR STYLES**



Unbraided Single Ponytail/Pull-through Ponytail Style/Braided Ponytail



Braided Ponytails/Multiple Braids in a Single Ponytail



Pulled back secured and does not exceed 6 inch radius



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Two Braids Looped Underneath/Two Braids



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**Braids**



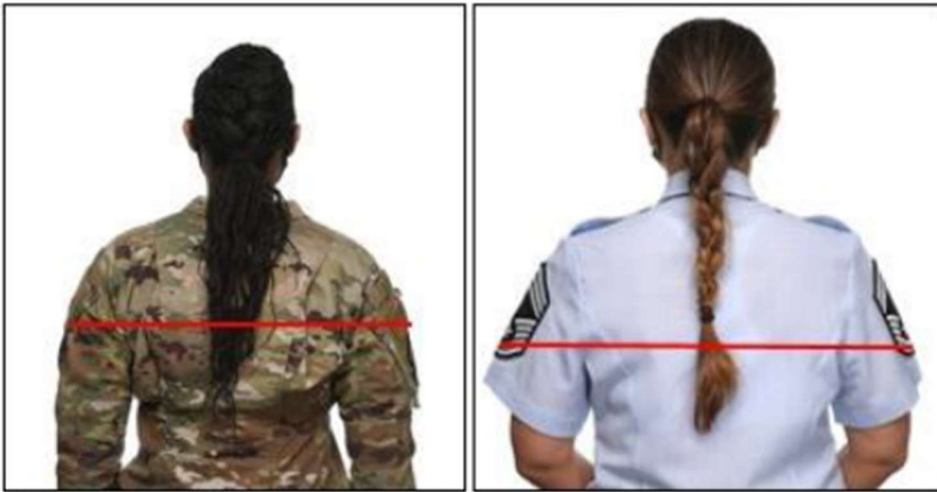
**Twists**



**Locs**

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**UNAUTHORIZED WOMEN'S HAIR STYLES**



Exceeds Length Requirement



Ponytail Fasten on the Crown of Head.

