

Chapter 12

WEAR of the UNIFORM

The reputation of the United States Air Force as a professional military organization is known worldwide. Since the uniform you wear is a symbol of reputation, each cadet in the AFJROTC program at Christian County High School must wear it properly. The importance of this cannot be ***over-emphasized***, since the uniform, except for insignia, rank and patches, is the exact same uniform worn by active duty Air Force men and women. Each cadet will be issued the following items: Service Dress jacket, Light weight jacket, pants/trousers, belt, shirt/blouse, tie/tie tab, flight cap, shoes, rank/ribbons as earned, and PT clothes. Normally, Wednesday of each week is uniform day unless you are instructed otherwise by the SASI.

The uniform will be worn all day. That means, the uniform will be worn from home to school and from school to home. **If you are found out of uniform without permission from the SASI, you will be given a zero (0) uniform grade for that day.** You will also lose **“Good Standing”** status and not be eligible for AFJROTC trips. **“Good Standing”** as a result of failure to wear the uniform, will only be reinstated after wearing the uniform on the next two scheduled uniform wear dates. If a cadet is dual enrolled (taking more than one class) the uniform will be graded every class.

UNDERGARMENTS. Males. Appropriate undergarments are required to be worn with all uniform combinations. Wear undershirt and underpants with all uniforms. **Females.** Appropriate undergarments are required to be worn with all uniform combinations. Wear bra and underpants with all uniforms. Wear of the white V-neck is mandatory. Also, all undergarments above the waist will be white only.

Trim all strings & frayed seams on entire uniform (shirt, pants, jackets, etc.).

Male Cadets

FLIGHT CAP: Wear cap tilted slightly to your right, with the vertical crease in the line with the center of the forehead, in a straight line with the nose. It will rest approximately 1-inch from the eyebrows (approximately two fingers). Do not crush the crown, front, or back of the cap. It is always removed indoors unless you are under arms. When not worn, the flight cap, should be tucked under the belt on the wearer’s left side between the first and second belt loops; with opening towards the hip (backside). The cap will not fold over belt.

SHIRT: Generally worn with collar open, unless instructed otherwise. Wear a white undershirt (V-Neck or athletic style) with all service and dress uniforms; the white crew-neck style undershirt is authorized only when wearing closed collar service and dress uniforms. Undershirt will be tucked into trousers. The sleeves of the undershirt must not protrude below the shirt. The blue shirt will be neatly tucked into the trousers. The only creases on the shirt are down the sides of the sleeves, military creases are not authorized.

TIE: A tie will be worn with the long-sleeved shirt but is optional with the short-sleeved shirt. The tie will be either a blue polyester or silk, herringbone twill. The tip of the tie must cover a portion of the belt buckle, but cannot extend below the bottom of the belt buckle. A tie tack or clasp may be worn with the tie. If worn, the tie tack or clasp will be the “wing and star” design, Air Force symbol, or rank insignia. The tie tack or clasp will be centered between the bottom edge of the knot and bottom tip of the tie. And will be plain silver, brushed or polished.

TROUSERS: Trim and fitted with no bunching at the waist or bagging at the seat. The front of the trouser leg must rest on the front of the shoe, with a slight break in the crease. The back of the trousers must be approximately 3/4 of an inch longer (military crease) than the front. Articles carried in the pockets should not be visible or present a bulky look.

BELT AND BUCKLE: The tip and buckle of the belt must be chrome like finish. When properly worn, the tip of the belt extends beyond the buckle facing, to the wearer’s left. No blue fabric will show between the buckle and belt tip. You must have a visible gig-line. This is a line that runs down the right front edge of your shirt, belt buckle, and fly. The belt is threaded through the loops to your left.

SERVICE DRESS COAT: The outside pockets of the coat are for decoration only. Nothing should be carried in them. Use the inside pocket for carrying small, flat items. All outside pockets and buttons will be secured at all times. The coat may be removed in the classroom, only with the instructor’s permission. If the coat is removed in the classroom, it will be carefully draped over the back of the chair. The tie will not be removed or loosened even though the coat is removed. The coat will be donned and buttoned before leaving the classroom. Rank and ribbons are mandatory; ribbons should be centered and grounded over pocket. The blue name tag is not worn on this jacket. Silver nametag is mandatory.

LIGHT-WEIGHT JACKET: Partially lined and water repellent. It is a waist length with a zipper front and two slanted pockets. It has knitted cuffs and waistband. The jacket may be worn with or without the insulated liner and over all blue shirts. The jacket must be zipped up at least 2/3 of the way up when worn, and zipper must be **“locked”** (tucked-in).

Female Cadets

FLIGHT CAP: Worn tilted toward the wearer's right, with the vertical crease at the center for the forehead in a straight line with the nose, approximately 1-inch above the eyebrows. Hair may protrude in the front of the cap, but must not touch the eyebrows. Do not crush the crown, front, or back of the cap. It is always removed indoors unless you are under arms. When not worn, the flight cap, should be tucked under the belt on the wearer's left side between the first and second belt loops; with opening towards hip. The cap will not fold over belt.

BLOUSE: Generally worn with collar open, unless instructed otherwise. Wearing a white bra is mandatory, females are also required to wear the white undershirt (V-Neck) with all service and dress uniforms; this protects the life of the blouse. A white crew-neck style undershirt is authorized only when wearing closed collar service and dress uniforms. Undershirt will be tucked into the pants. The sleeves of the undershirt must not protrude below the shirt. The blue shirt will be neatly tucked into the trousers. The only creases on the shirt are down the sides of the sleeves, military creases are not authorized.

PANTS: Trim and fitted with no bunching at the waist or bagging at the seat. The front of the pant leg must rest on the front of the shoe, with a slight break in the crease. The back of the pant must be approximately 7/8 of an inch longer than the front. Articles carried in the front pockets should not be visible. (Bulky)

BELT AND BUCKLE: The tip and buckle of the belt must be chrome like finish. When properly worn, the tip of the belt extends beyond the buckle facing, the wearer's right. No blue fabric will show between the buckle and belt tip. ***You must have a visible gig-line.*** This is a line that runs down the right front edge of your shirt, belt buckle, and fly. The belt is threaded through the loops to your right.

SERVICE DRESS COAST: The outside pockets of the coat are for decoration only. Nothing should be carried in them. Use the inside pocket for carrying small, flat items. All outside pockets and buttons will be secure at all times. The coat may be removed in the classroom, with instructor's permission. If the coat is removed in the classroom, it will be carefully draped over the back of the chair. The tie tab will not be removed or loosened even though the coat is removed. The coat will be donned and buttoned before leaving the classroom. Rank and ribbons are mandatory; ribbons should be centered and grounded over pocket. The blue name tag is not worn on this jacket. Silver nametag is mandatory.

LIGHT-WEIGHT JACKET: Partially lined and water repellent. It is a waist length with a zipper front and two slanted pockets. It has knitted cuffs and waistband. The jacket may be worn with or without the insulated liner and over all blue shirts. The jacket must be zipped up at least 2/3 of the way-up when worn, and zipper must be ***"locked"*** (tucked-in).

SKIRTS: The length of your skirt may not vary beyond the top or bottom of the kneecap. Your skirt should fit smoothly, should hang naturally, and must not be excessively tight. You must wear hosiery with the skirt. Choose a sheer nylon in a neutral dark brown, black, off-black, or dark blue shade that complements the uniform and your skin tone.

ALTERNATE SHOES FOR FEMALES (PUMPS). Will be worn with the formal dress, mess dress, semi-formal uniforms (authorized with all blue maternity uniforms). Optional with the service dress and service uniforms. Black pumps will be low cut and rounded throat (the top opening) with a raised heel no higher than 2-1/2 inches (measured from the inside sole of the shoe to the end of the heel lift). The tip of the heel cannot be less than ½ inch in diameter or larger than the body of the shoe. Faddish styles will not be worn (e.g. extreme toes, pointed or squared, or extreme heel shapes). They will be plain, clean and serviceable, and without ornamentation such as buckles, bows or straps. The material will be smooth, scotch-grained leather or a manmade material. They may be high-gloss or patent finish.

Miscellaneous

NAME TAG: the name tag is worn over the right breast pocket, grounded and centered above the top seam of the pocket on the male uniform. For the female blouse, the name tag is centered on the right side between the arm sleeve seam and the button line and placed even with or up to ½ inch higher than the first exposed button.

RIBBONS: Center and grounded above the left breast pocket, parallel and centered above the top seam of the pocket on the male uniform. Females will center their ribbons on the left side of the blouse aligning the bottom of the ribbons with the bottom of the name tag. Center is measured between the arm sleeve seam and the button line of the blouse. ***KY-951 cadets will wear all ribbons earned, no exceptions. If you earn it, you will wear it, be proud of your accomplishments.***

SOCKS: Mandatory and must be black, plain with no visible markings or trademarks. Ankle or no-show socks are not authorized.

SHOES: Will be laced to the top and tied snug to each foot. Shoes must always be shined to a high gloss at all times. Be sure to check the edges of the heels and soles. **Corfram** shoes are optional wear for KY-951 Third-Year cadets, and cadets filling “**Leadership Positions**” (**Group Leadership**) at own expense.

POCKETS: Will be buttoned. Hands should be kept out of uniform pockets. If your hands are cold wear plain, black gloves. Avoid carrying bulky items in the pockets which distort the appearance of the uniform. The back pocket on the male blue trousers must be buttoned at all times.

If found un-buttoned during a uniform inspection, it is an automatic 25-pt deduction on your inspection and considered a “security violation.”

See instructor to replace missing buttons promptly

Develop the habit of carrying books, book bags and other objects in the left hand or on the left shoulder **(recommend not wearing book bag on uniform day to keep from wrinkling uniform)** to free the right hand for saluting. Wrist watches, bracelets (no dangling charms or devices) which are conservative, and ½-inch wide or less in width. Rings (maximum of 3) may be worn. Thumb rings do not present a professional appearance, and will not be worn while in uniform. Necklaces, cloth/string wristbands, pendant, ankle bracelets, and other conspicuous adornments are prohibited while in uniform. Bracelets that support a cause, philosophy, individual or group are not authorized. Traditional POW/MIA metal bracelets are still authorized. Uniform must not be worn if hitch-hiking. Sunglasses may be worn, but not in formation. Sunglasses must meet AF standards.

Only authorized uniform items will be worn. Do not mix any uniform items with civilian clothing.

Care and Cleaning of Uniforms: AFJROTC will pay for any alterations needed to pants and service coat (concerning length/waist). **A professional tailor shop must do all alterations.** You will be responsible for any **damages** to uniform **for unauthorized tailoring or laundering.**

The service coat, trousers/pants, lightweight jacket (including liner), skirt, flight cap, tie/tie-tab must be commercially dry cleaned.

Home dry-cleaning products do not work and must NOT be used on these uniform items.

***Shirts/blouses may be taken to the cleaners or laundered at home, but need to be ironed to remove wrinkles.
No military creases allowed on shirts/blouses.***

NOTE: Returned items must be professionally cleaned and free of “ODORS” to include smoke. The next cadet deserves the right to have a clean uniform!!!

WHEN A UNIFORM ITEM NO LONGER FITS. Have item dry cleaned or laundered and returned to instructor for exchange. No exchanges for items not commercially dry cleaned.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO NOTE. When in uniform or civilian clothes (in an official capacity) the following actions are prohibited while walking or in a formation, including organized or unit PT.

Note: Members should also consult AFI 34-1201, Protocol and AFPAM 36-2241, Professional Development Guide, for protocol, customs and courtesies.

Do not stand or walk with hand(s) in pocket(s), except to insert or remove an item.

Do not consume food and/or beverage while walking in uniform.

Exception: Beverages may be authorized during wear of PT uniform and SASI may authorize food and/or beverage consumption during special functions.

Note: While walking in uniform use of personal electronic media devices, including ear pieces, speaker phones or text messaging is limited to emergencies or when official notifications are necessary. Military customs and courtesies take precedence.

PHYSICAL TRAINING GEAR

KY-951 has developed their own unit specific PFT gear (shorts/shirt) for use. Cadets may also receive the gray sweat suit (pants/shirt) that is standard AFJROTC uniform. **Per HQ AFJROTC, PFTG (locally developed) and PTG (FEDMALL purchased) may not be mixed together.**

SHORT-SLEEVED PTG/PFTG. The short-sleeve shirt will be tucked into shorts at all times. Do not remove, push-up, or cut sleeves. PTG undershirts, short and long-sleeved (have no color restriction) form fitting undershirts, (i.e. Spandex, Lycra™ or elastic material) may be worn and visible under the short-sleeved PTG shirt. Undershirt must be tucked in. The undershirt may have visible small trademark logo. KY-951 have a locally developed PFT gear. A undershirt (form fitting) shirt is authorized if they match the colors of PFT gear (red/blue), or may be black or white in color.

SHORTS/SWEATPANTS. When worn, it is considered a uniform, and cadets must only wear the coordinating AFJROTC sweatshirt or T-shirt. Shorts and sweatpants waistband will rest at or within two inches of the natural waistline. Also, Sweatpants must stay around the ankles (bottom cuff) and not pulled up over the calf at any time.

Cold weather accessories may be worn outdoors only. These items in question are the watch cap, gloves, scarf, and earmuffs. Black is the authorized color to

be worn with PT uniform. Female's long hair must be secured but, it may have loose ends that extend below the collar; i.e., ponytails.

Proper military customs and courtesies honoring the flag during reveille/retreat will apply (this means coming to full attention and rendering a proper salute when outdoors). **Short, mid and full length solid black or white** form fitting sportswear (i.e. spandex, lycra or elastic) may be worn and visible under PT shorts.

SOCKS. Socks (white/black) are mandatory. White or black socks are worn with athletic shoes and may have small logos.

SHOES. Athletic shoes must be worn. Cadets must wear appropriate footwear while engaging in physical fitness activities. There is no guidance on color, etc. Cadets should select shoes for comfort and athletic durability. Athletic style shoes are mandatory.

HEADGEAR. SASI may authorize wear of an optional solid color, conservative in nature, baseball/sports cap with the PTG/PFTG uniform. If authorized, caps are to be worn outside only, and cadet officer rank will be worn. Enlisted cadets will not have any rank on the headgear. **Bandanas and other similar head-scarves/headgear are not authorized.**

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