

Chapter 11

JROTC SPECIFIC UNIFORM GUIDELINES

DRILL TEAM, COLOR GUARD, and EXHIBITION UNIFORMS. It is important that AFJROTC cadets properly represent the Air Force during events and competitions. All drill team, color guard and exhibition uniforms must be a distinctive Air Force dress uniform. This means

- 1) a combination of the normal Air Force blue pants/skirts, light blue shirt, blue service dress coat and/or light weight blue jacket.
- 2) The Airman Battle Uniform (ABU).

Units may accessorize their **blue** drill team, color guard or exhibition uniforms with the following items only. No waiver is needed for any of the items listed below. Additionally, **NO WAIVER will be granted for any items not listed below.**

Headgear for Drill Team, Color Guard, and Exhibition Uniforms:

BERETS may be worn. **Solid-color berets, white, dark blue and/or black ONLY**, with officer or enlisted rank insignia. **Berets may be worn on regular uniform days.** No other color berets may be worn, and no waiver will be granted for any other color. Berets may be purchased from a vendor using MilPer funds.

NOTE: Units will have until 1 August 2019 to comply with this change.

SERVICE CAPS (wheel and bucket hats) may be worn. Females are authorized to wear the male Service Cap. Silver braid headband straps may only be worn on the Service Cap while the cadet is performing in a color guard or drill team competition ONLY. **Cadets will wear the black headband strap during regular uniform days.**

Service Caps (wheel and bucket hats) will be **a solid color and free of any embroidery.** No waiver will be granted to change the color or authorize the use of embroidery on the Service Cap.

Cadets will wear the highly polished/chrome Hap Arnold Wings or the large Cadet Officer insignia on the Service Cap (wheel and bucket hats). Enlisted cadets may only wear the highly polished/chrome Hap Arnold Wings. These may be purchased from a vendor using MilPer funds.

Chrome helmets may be worn with blue drill team, color guard or exhibition uniform combinations only and are not authorized for wear on regular uniform days.

NOTE: Chrome helmets will be phased out effective 1 August 2019 and will no longer be authorized for wear.

ASCOTS. Solid color ascots may be worn (units may embroider a logo/team name/mascot or place a unit patch on the ascot), colors may be locally-determined, but must be one solid color, conservative, and in good taste, and defined in the Cadet Guide or Unit Operations Instruction. **Ascots will not be worn on regular uniform days.**

GLOVES. Gloves may be worn. Colors may be solid, but no more than two colors. Colors will be locally-determined, but must be conservative and in good taste, and defined in the Cadet Guide or Unit Operations Instruction. **Gloves will not be worn on regular uniform days.**

SHOULDER CORD. One “infantry” style shoulder cord may be worn. Cords will be worn on the left shoulder, grounded to the shoulder seam, **with no metal tips, and no wider than 1-inch.** Colors are locally-determined (does not have to be a solid color, may be multi-color), must be conservative, in good taste, and defined in the Cadet Guide or Unit Operations Instruction. **Shoulder cord may be worn on regular uniform days.** Shoulder cords may be purchased from a vendor using MilPer funds.

NOTE: Units will have until 1 August 2019 to comply with this change.

BLUE PANTS. Blue pants may be modified to have a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch stripe (braid) on the outside length of the pants, silver, dark blue, and/or black only. **These items will not be worn on regular uniform days.** No Air Force funds may be used.

NOTE: Units will have until 1 August 2019 to change the size of the stripe (braid) and comply.

SERVICE DRESS JACKET. Service Dress Jacket may be modified to have a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch silver, dark blue, and/or black only braid sewn 3 inches from bottom of sleeve. **These items will not be worn on regular uniform days.** No Air Force funds may be used.

NOTE: Units will have until 1 August 2019 to change the size of the stripe (braid) and comply.

Wing and Star Buttons on the Service Dress uniform **may NOT** be highly polished (chrome). Buttons will have the standard satin finish only. No waiver will be granted for wear of any other style and/or finish on the buttons

COLORGUARD/SABER HARNESS. Wear of Color Guard and Saber harnesses, i.e., Sam Brown belt with shoulder strap is authorized only when performing color guards or commanding during a drill segment. Harness and color guard web/parade belts may be black, dark blue, white and black/white clarino (high gloss). USAF Honor Guard Ceremonial Belt (Hap Arnold insignia may also be worn). **Harness and web/parade/ceremonial belts must be removed when not performing a color guard or a segment of drill and cannot be worn during awards ceremonies.**

BELT. Belts for trousers must be blue in color only. No waiver will be granted for wear of any other color.

Units may wear the USAF Honor Guard Ceremonial Belt, with the Hap Arnold Wings during color guard performances only. **These items will not be worn on regular uniform days.** No Air Force funds may be used to purchase these belts.

Below is a list of NOT to be worn at any time by Air Force JROTC:

ITEMS NOT to be worn on Drill Team, Color Guard, and Exhibition Uniforms. No waivers will be granted for such items listed below.

Embroidery on the Air Force blue drill team uniform is not authorized, i.e., on the back of the blue shirt collar or shoulder yoke. No waiver will be granted for wear of such items.

Specialized unit rank, stars or other unit made rank/shoulder boards are not authorized. Example: Team or school name on shoulder boards, or a custom unit rank for drill team members. No waiver will be granted for wear of such items.

Arm wrist/sweat bands are not authorized. No waiver will be granted for wear of such items.

Spats (**shoe covers**) **will not be worn** with any uniform combination, drill, color guard or any type of ceremonial uniform. No waiver will be granted for wear of such items.

Service Caps (wheel and bucket hats) will be **a solid color. No embroidery on the service cap is authorized. Additionally, no “thunder and lightning” on the hat brim is authorized for wear by cadets.** No waiver will be granted for wear of such items.

ABUs

ABUs may be worn as Drill Team, Color Guard, and Exhibition Uniform. **Berets, shoulder cords, ascots and gloves will not be worn with the ABU uniform,** waivers will not be authorized.

NOTE: Chrome helmets, ascots and gloves will not be worn on uniform days.

ABU NOTES: ABUs may be worn only with the garrison ABU cap and sage green boots. ABU pants must always be properly bloused over the sage green boots. **No berets, shoulder cords, ascots, and gloves WILL NOT be worn with ABUs.**

Cadets may wear a unit t-shirt with the ABU uniform. The shirt must be standardized and a solid color. Unit t-shirt may be worn without the ABU blouse during any Cadet Leadership Course (CLC), Raiders/Sports/Fitness competition.

The uniform standards in AFI 36-2903 are influenced to some extent by military tradition, and they reflect the image the Air Force desires to project to the civilian community. The basic concept of the Air Force uniform is that it is plain but distinctive dress, with an absolute minimum number of badges, insignia, and devices authorized for wear on it.

SEMI-FORMAL DRESS UNIFORM

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COAT. The semi-formal dress uniform coat is the service dress uniform coat without a name tag.

Cadets will wear medals with the semi-formal uniform at events such as dining ins/outs, military ball, awards ceremonies, or other formal events as specified by the SASI. Additionally, AFJROTC ribbons will not be worn with the semi-formal dress uniform. Large medals will be worn on the semi-formal uniform coat ½ inch below the top of the welt of the pocket, centered on the pocket.

SHIRT. Cadets of KY-951 will wear a white Long-Sleeve Shirt. The long-sleeve shirt will be plain, knit or woven, commercial type with a short or medium point collar, with button or French cuffs. Shirts will be tucked into the trousers.

Female cadets will wear a white long-sleeved blouse similar in style to the men's white long-sleeve shirt.

TIE/TAB. Either a blue polyester or silk, herringbone twill tie/tab may be worn with either the blue or white long-sleeved shirt. Men may wear a plain black or dark blue bow tie with the long-sleeve white shirt, with the semi-formal dress uniform only. For cadets of KY-951, male cadets will wear a black bow-tie.

TROUSERS/SKIRT. The semi-formal dress uniform trousers and/or skirt are the same as the service dress uniform trousers and/or skirt. **No stripes (braiding) on the outside length of the trousers is authorized for wear on the semi-formal dress uniform.**

BELT AND BUCKLE. The semi-formal dress uniform belt and buckle are the same as the service dress belt and buckle.

HEADGEAR. Cadets will not wear headgear with the semi-formal dress uniform.

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