

OH-881 AFJROTC



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Cadet Uniform Wear and Insignia Guidance

Remember, it is each cadet's own responsibility to ensure they are wearing the Air Force Uniform properly. Use this guide for issued uniform instruction.

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AIR FORCE JROTC RANK INSIGNIA

CADET OFFICER INSIGNIA



Cadet
Second Lieutenant
C/2nd Lt



Cadet
First Lieutenant
C/1st Lt



Cadet
Captain
C/Capt



Cadet
Major
C/Maj



Cadet
Lieutenant Colonel
C/Lt Col



Cadet
Colonel
C/Col

Note: cadet officer rank is either cloth epaulet or metal collar rank depending on specific uniform guidance

CADET ENLISTED INSIGNIA

Cadet
Airman Basic
C/AB
No insignia



Cadet
Airman
C/Amn



Cadet
Airman First Class
C/A1C



Cadet
Senior Airman
C/SrA



Cadet
Staff Sergeant
C/SSgt



Cadet
Technical Sergeant
C/TSgt



Cadet
Master Sergeant
C/MSgt



Cadet
Senior
Master Sergeant
C/SMSgt



Cadet
Chief Master Sergeant
C/CMSgt

Note: cadet enlisted rank is metal rank insignia regardless of uniform worn

First Sergeant diamond device not authorized for AFJROTC Cadets
Rank insignia not listed here is not authorized

CADET OCP Male and Female



1. T-Shirt. T-Shirt will be Desert Sand, Tan Coyote Brown in color.
2. The American flag patch (mandatory) will be full color (cloth), will be centered on the top of the right sleeve using Velcro attachment.
3. Unit patch (optional) full color. If worn, will be placed on the right sleeve centered in the Velcro area beneath the American flag.
4. Last name tape (mandatory – must be cadets name). Letters will be spice brown for AFJROTC and dark blue for SFJROTC using Velcro attachment.
5. AFJROTC/SFJROTC tape (mandatory). Letters will be spice brown for AFJROTC and dark blue for SFJROTC using Velcro attachment.
6. Grade insignia (officer or enlisted) (mandatory). Will be standard metal rank pinned in the Velcro area in center of chest.
7. AFJROTC/SFJROTC patch (mandatory) (white/black circular lamp of knowledge patch) will be attached centered on Velcro area on left sleeve attached by Velcro.
8. Berets, ascots, and shoulder cords will NOT be worn with OCPs.
9. OCP Coyote Brown boots may be reissued to cadets. Spray boots with disinfectant before reissuing OCP boots. (Black boots will not be worn with OCPs).
10. Tan rigger belts will be worn with OCPs.
11. OCPs **will** be bloused; the trouser leg will not extend past the third eyelet from the top of the boot.

CADET ABU and OCP HEADGEAR



Enlisted Cadets will not wear rank on the ABU/OCP cap.



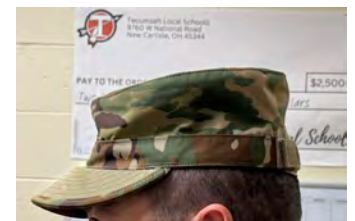
Officers will wear rank insignia on the ABU/OCP cap.

No other style of head gear is authorized for wear with ABUs/OCPs.

Exception is for Cadet Leadership Course (CLC) specific headgear that will ONLY be worn during the period of the CLC course.

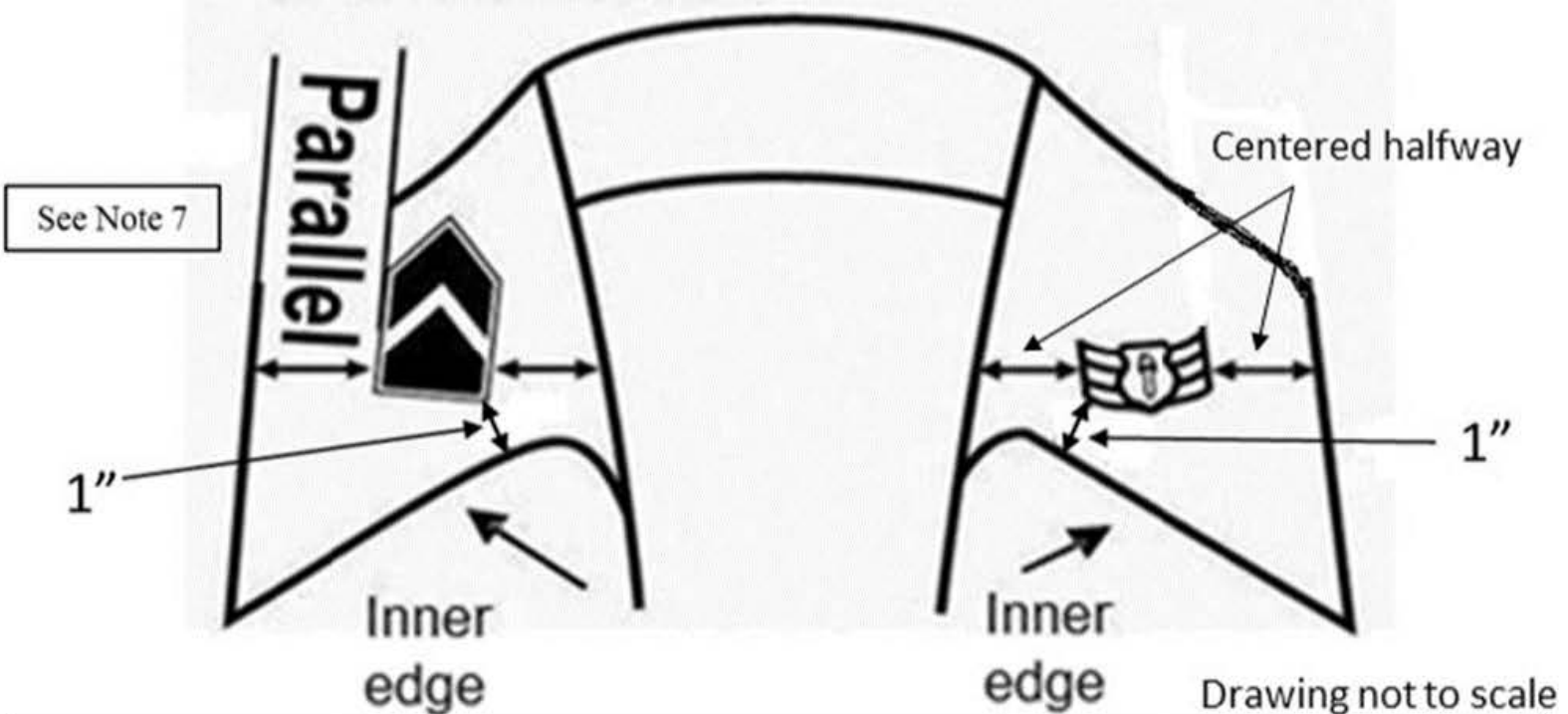
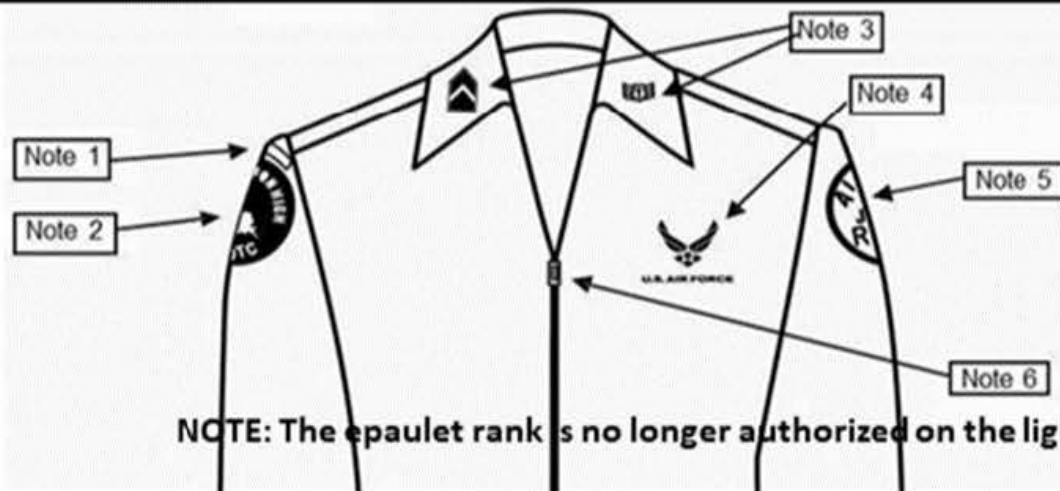
From DAFI 36-2903 Dress and Appearance IC 4, 12 Apr 22 par 5.2.1.0

Patrol cap will be worn straight on the head so that the cap band creates a straight line around the head, parallel to the ground. Cap will fit snugly and comfortably around the largest part of the head without bulging or distortion from the intended shape of the headgear and without excessive gaps. No hair will be visible on the forehead beneath the cap.



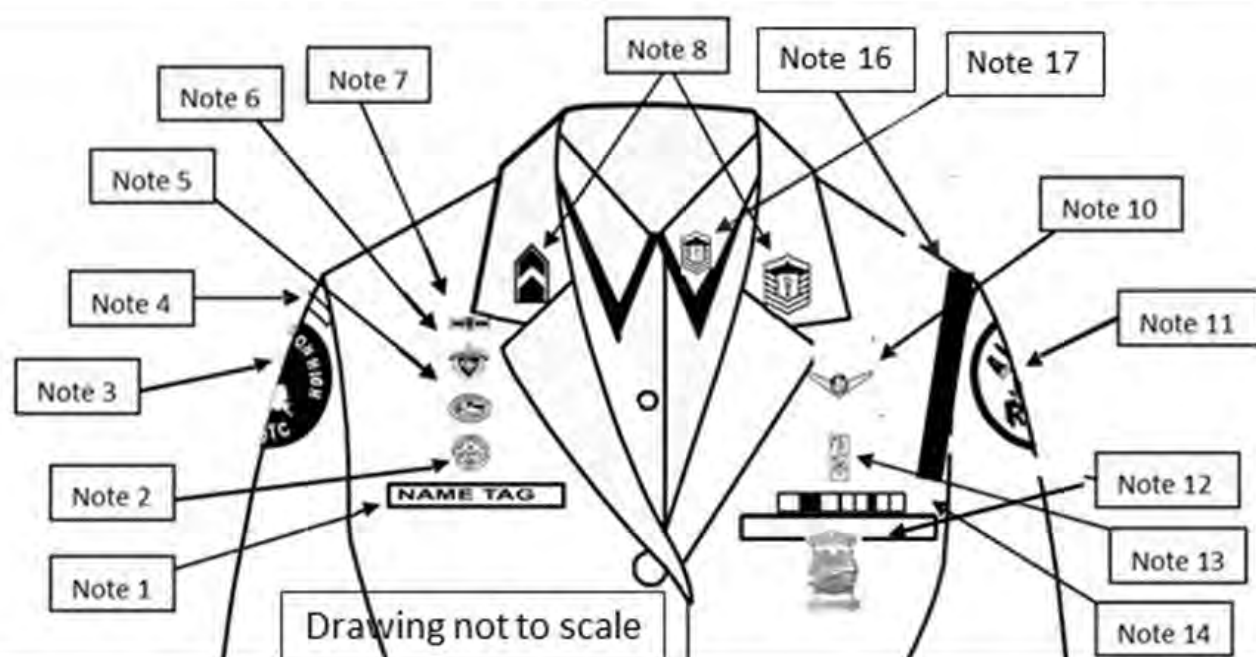
The cap may feel like it is tilting forward. It probably is, when the band/opening (part closest to to your ears) sits parallel to the ground. It should never be pulled down in the back past the furthest point on the back of head.

CADET LIGHT WEIGHT BLUE JACKET



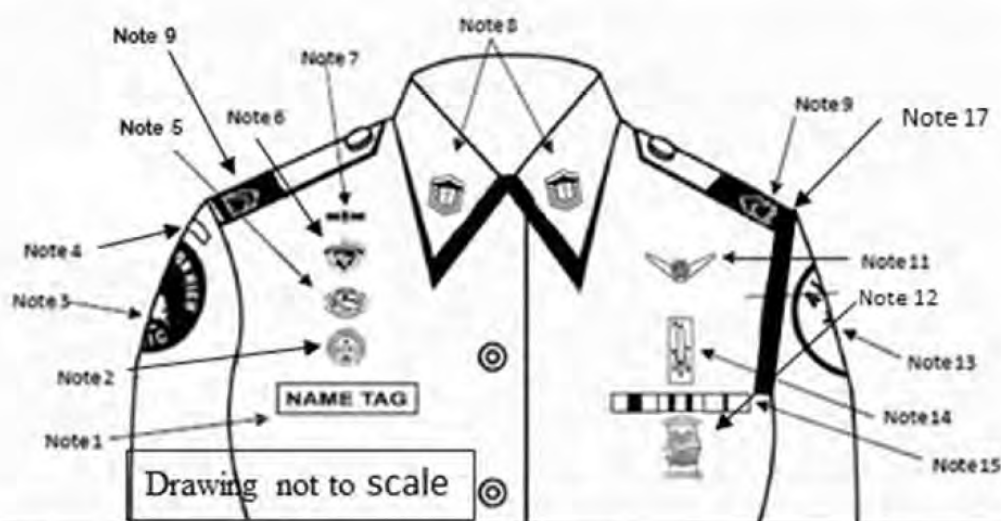
1. Shoulder tabs are centered between unit patch and shoulder seam. If no patch, then 1 inch below shoulder seam.
2. Unit patch on right $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch below shoulder seam and centered.
3. Grade insignia (officer and enlisted) will be worn on both lapels, mandatory. For placement see Note 7.
4. Optional item: center vertically between the shoulder seam and where the underarm side seam joins the armhole sleeve and center horizontally between the center zipper and the sleeve armhole seam. Per AFJROTCI 36-2010, para 6.1.1.10.1. The words "U.S. Air Force" must appear directly below the symbol, or units can choose to use "AFJROTC." Embroidery expenses must be at no cost to the Air Force.
5. AFJROTC Patch (white, Lamp of Knowledge), mandatory. Center $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch below left shoulder seam
6. Jacket will be closed to at least the halfway point.
7. Center insignia horizontally on collar. Place 1 inch from bottom of collar and parallel to the outer edge of the collar.
8. Enlisted rank insignia **MUST** be worn on the blue shirt while wearing the light weight jacket.
9. **Ascots and shoulder cords will not be worn on this uniform.**

CADET FEMALE SERVICE DRESS



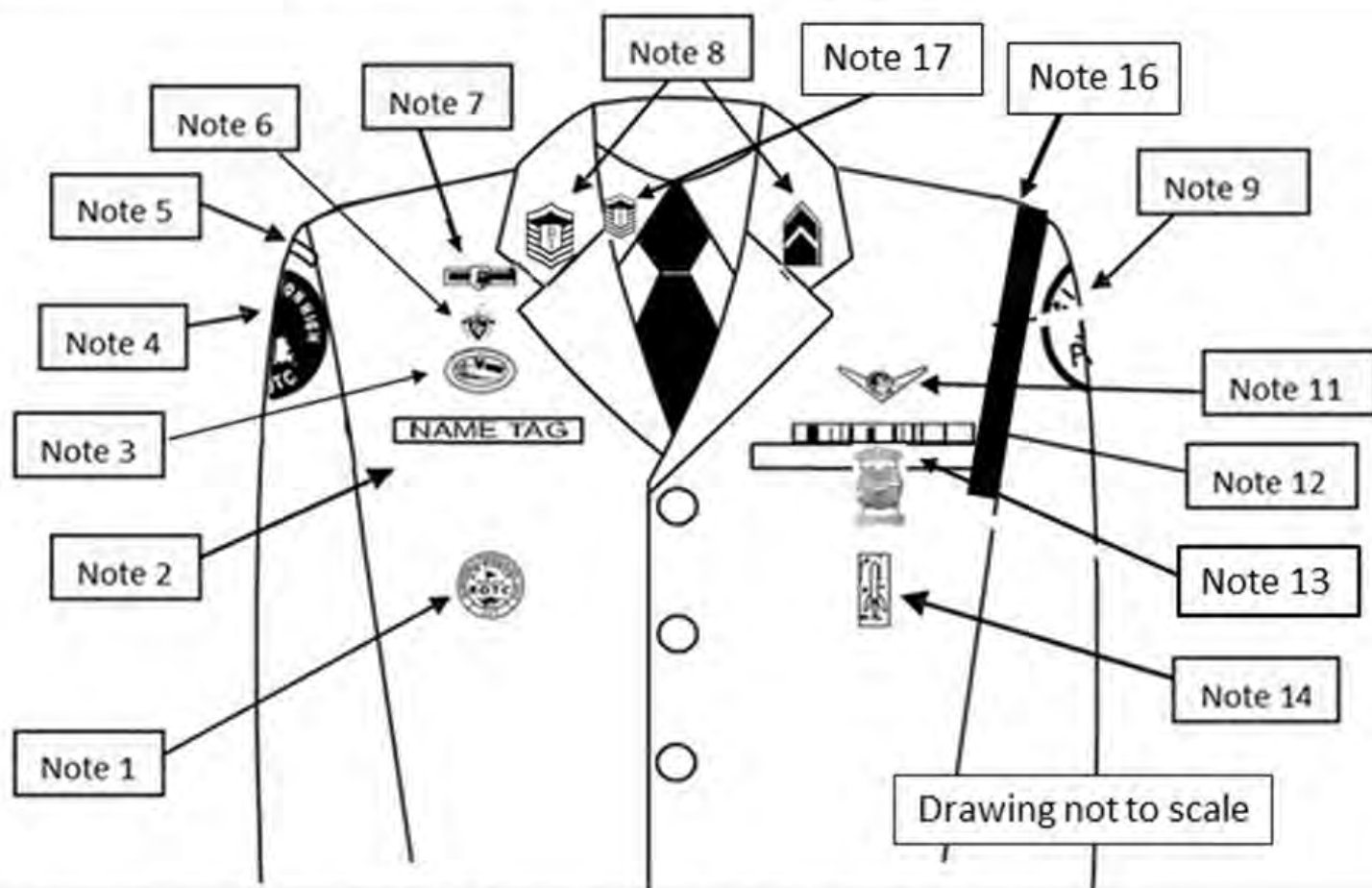
1. Silver Name tag, mandatory. Center on the wearer's right between the sleeve seam and lapel and the bottom of the name tag will be parallel with the bottom of ribbons.
2. Awareness Presentation Team Badge. See Note 15 below.
3. Unit patch. Center $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch below shoulder seam
4. Shoulder tab: Center between unit patch and shoulder seam. If no patch, then 1 inch below shoulder seam
5. Kitty Hawk Badge. See Note 15 below.
6. Aerospace Education Foundation (AEF) Badge. See Note 15 below.
7. Distinguished Cadet Badge. See Note 15 below.
8. Grade insignia (officer and enlisted) worn on both lapels, mandatory. Place insignia halfway up the seam, resting on but not over it. Bottom of insignia is horizontal with the ground.
9. Deleted
10. Cadets will only wear one of the following badges, Flight Solo Badge, Unmanned Aircraft Badge, Aviation Ground School, and Flight Certificate Badge. See Note 15 below.
11. AFJROTC Patch (white, Lamp of Knowledge), mandatory. Center $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch below left shoulder seam.
12. Marksmanship Badge - Marksmanship competition awards/badges may be worn on the AFJROTC uniform. Males and females will wear the badge (may only wear one) below the ribbons on the blue shirt or service dress uniform. **Marksmanship badges will not be worn with medals.**
13. Model Rocketry Badge. See Note 15.
14. Ribbons, mandatory. Center ribbons resting on but not over edge of welt pocket. Wear 3 or 4 in a row. Wear all or some ribbons earned.
15. Except marksmanship badge. Wear first badge placed $\frac{1}{2}$ inch above silver name tag or ribbons and is centered horizontally. Additional badges are placed $\frac{1}{2}$ inch above previous badge. Order of precedence for badges are as show on the diagram. Distinguished Cadet Badge, then the AEF Badge, then the Kitty Hawk Badge, then the Awareness Presentation Team Badge and lastly the CyberPatriot National Finalist Badge. No more than one Flight badge is authorized.
16. Shoulder Cord. No wider than 1 inch and will be grounded to the seam of the left shoulder. May be solid or multi-colored.
17. Enlisted rank insignia **MUST** be worn on the blue shirt while wearing the service dress.
18. **Medals are not authorized for wear on this uniform with ribbons. Ribbons and medals may not be mixed.**

CADET FEMALE BLUE SHIRT



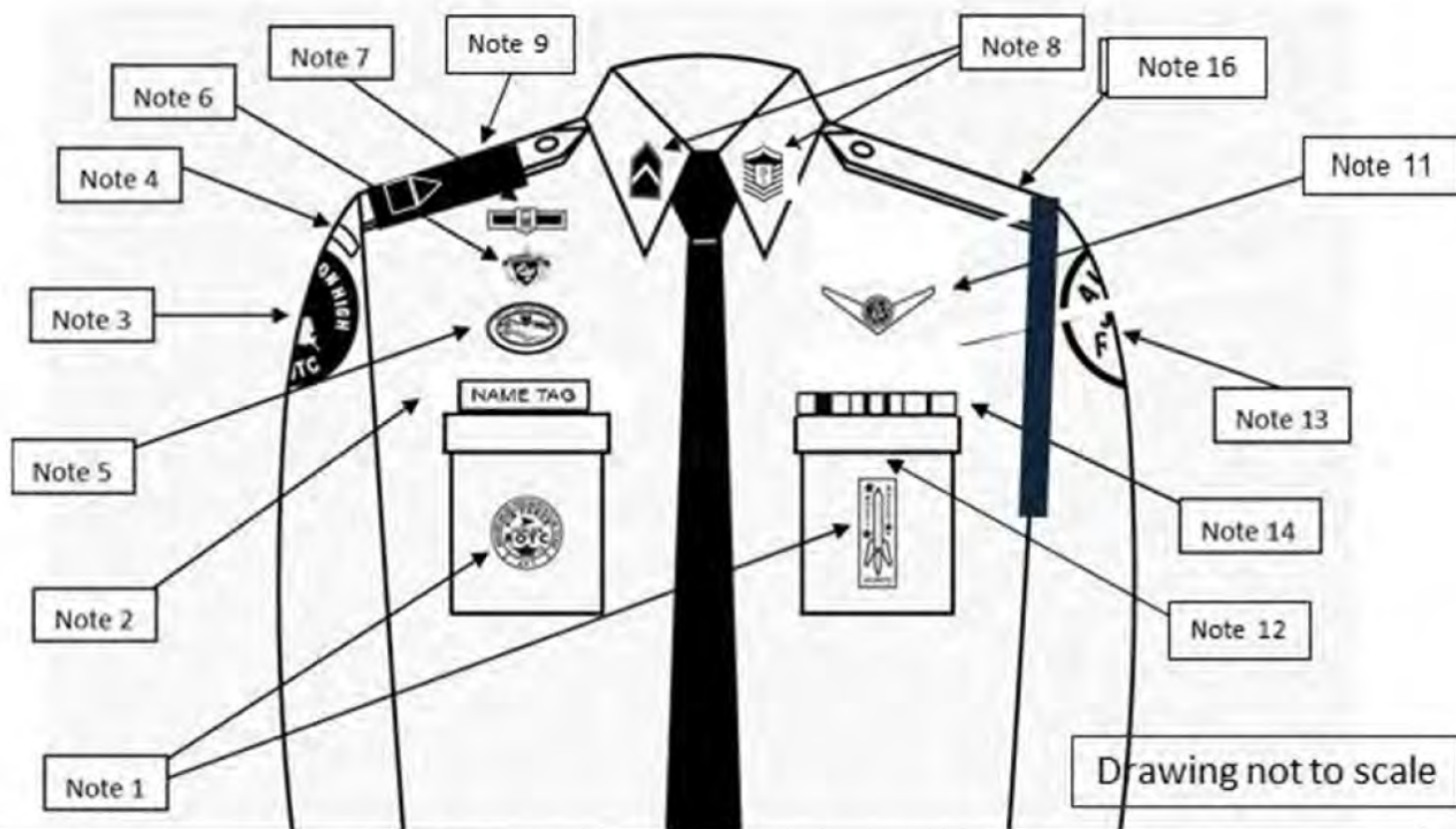
1. Name Tag: Mandatory wear. Blue Plastic with white letters. Without ribbons: centered on right side, parallel to ground and within 1 ½ inches higher/lower than topmost exposed button. With Ribbons: Even with bottom row of ribbons, centered on right side, parallel to ground and within 1 ½ inches higher/lower than topmost exposed button.
2. Awareness Presentation Team (APT) Badge. See Note 16
3. Unit Patch. Centered on sleeve and ½ to 1 inch below shoulder seam.
4. Shoulder Tab (Metal or cloth). Centered between unit patch and shoulder seam. If no patch, then 1 inch below shoulder seam.
5. Kitty Hawk Air Society Badge. See Note 16.
6. Aerospace Education Foundation (AEF) Badge. See Note 16.
7. Distinguished Cadet Badge. See Note 16.
8. Grade insignia, mandatory (officer and enlisted) worn on both left and right collar, centered side to side and top to bottom. Enlisted rank's bottom point of torch points towards the point of the collar. Officer top point of rank aligned with point of collar. Cadet/Amn Basic have no insignia of any kind on the collar
9. Officers only. When using officer cloth rank on epaulets versus miniature metal rank on collar, place as close as possible to shoulder seam. (Use smaller female epaulets only)
10. Deleted.
11. Cadets will only wear one of the following badges, Flight Solo Badge, Unmanned Aircraft Badge, Aviation Ground School, and Flight Certificate Badge. See Note 16 below.
12. Marksmanship Badge - Marksmanship competition awards/badges may be worn on the AFJROTC uniform. Males and females will wear the badge (may only wear one) below the ribbons on the blue shirt or service dress uniform. **Marksmanship badges will not be worn with medals.**
13. AFJROTC Patch (white, Lamp of Knowledge), mandatory. Center ½ to 1 inch below left shoulder seam
14. Model Rocketry Badge. See Note 16.
15. Ribbons **mandatory**. Wear all **or some** ribbons earned. **Center** ribbons on wearer's left, parallel with ground. Align bottom of the ribbons with the bottom of the name tag.
16. Except marksmanship badge. Wear first badge placed ½ inch above silver name tag or ribbons and is centered horizontally. Additional badges are placed ½ inch above previous badge. Order of precedence for badges are as show on the diagram. Distinguished Cadet Badge, then the AEF Badge, then the Kitty Hawk Badge, then the Awareness Presentation Team Badge and lastly the CyberPatriot National Finalist Badge. No more than one Flight badge is authorized.
17. Shoulder Cord. No wider than 1 inch and will be grounded to the seam of the left shoulder under the epaulet. May be solid or multi-colored.
18. **Medals (regardless of what type) are not authorized for wear on this uniform.**

CADET MALE SERVICE DRESS



1. Awareness Presentation Team (APT) Badge. Centered 3 inches below the bottom of the silver name tag.
2. Silver Name tag, mandatory. Center on the right side between arm seam and lapel with bottom edge parallel to top of welt pocket.
3. Kitty Hawk Badge. See Note 15 below.
4. Unit patch. Place $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch below shoulder seam and centered.
5. Shoulder tab: Center between unit patch and shoulder seam. If no patch, then 1 inch below shoulder seam.
6. Aerospace Education Foundation (AEF) Badge. See Note 15 below.
7. Distinguished Cadet Badge. #1 See Note 15 below.
8. Grade insignia (officer and enlisted) worn on both lapels, mandatory. Place insignia halfway up the seam, resting on but not over it. Bottom of insignia is horizontal with the ground.
9. AFJROTC Patch (white, Lamp of Knowledge), mandatory. Center $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch below left shoulder seam.
10. Deleted.
11. Cadets will only wear one of the following badges, Flight Solo Badge, Unmanned Aircraft Badge, Aviation Ground School, and Flight Certificate Badge. See Note 15 below.
12. Ribbons, mandatory. Centered, on but not over edge of pocket. Wear 3 or 4 in a row. Wear all or some ribbons earned.
13. Marksmanship Badge - Marksmanship competition awards/badges may be worn on the AFJROTC uniform. Males and females will wear the badge (may only wear one) below the ribbons on the blue shirt or service dress uniform. **Marksmanship badges will not be worn with medals.**
14. Model Rocketry Badge. Worn 2 inches below the pocket.
15. Except marksmanship badge. Wear first badge placed $\frac{1}{2}$ inch above silver name tag or ribbons and is centered horizontally. Additional badges are placed $\frac{1}{2}$ inch above previous badge. Order of precedence for badges are as show on the diagram. Distinguished Cadet Badge, then the AEF Badge, then the Kitty Hawk Badge and lastly the CyberPatriot National Finalist Badge. No more than one Flight badge is authorized.
16. Shoulder Cord. No wider than 1 inch and will be grounded to the seam of the left shoulder. May be solid or multi-colored.
17. Enlisted rank insignia **MUST** be worn on the blue shirt while wearing the service dress.
18. **Medals are not authorized for wear on this uniform with ribbons. Ribbons and medals may not be mixed.**

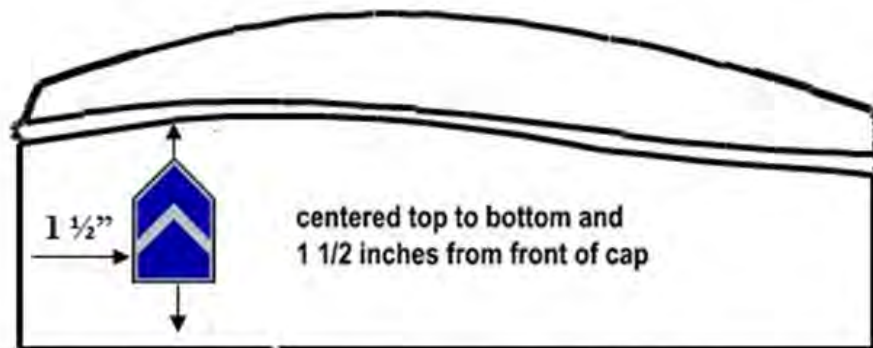
CADET MALE BLUE SHIRT



1. Awareness Presentation Team (APT) and Model Rocketry Badge are centered on the pockets on the appropriate sides as displayed above.
2. Name Tag: Mandatory wear. Blue Plastic with white letters. Must be grounded and centered over wearer's right pocket.
3. Unit patch. Centered $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch below the shoulder seam.
4. Shoulder tab. Centered between unit patch and shoulder seam. If no patch, then place 1 inch below shoulder seam.
5. Kitty Hawk Badge. See Note 15.
6. Aerospace Education Foundation (AEF) Badge. See Note 15.
7. Distinguished Cadet Badge. See Note 15.
8. Grade insignia, mandatory (officer and enlisted) worn on both left and right collar, centered side to side and top to bottom. Enlisted rank's bottom point of torch points towards the point of the collar. Officer top point of rank aligned with point of collar. Cadet/Amn Basic have no insignia of any kind on the collar.
9. Officers only. When using officer cloth rank on epaulets versus miniature metal rank on collar, place as close as possible to shoulder seam. (Use larger male epaulets only).
10. Deleted
11. Cadets will only wear one of the following badges, Flight Solo Badge, Unmanned Aircraft Badge, Aviation Ground School, and Flight Certificate Badge. See Note 15 below.
12. Marksmanship competition awards/badges may be worn on the AFJROTC uniform. Males and females will wear the badge (may only wear one) below the ribbons on the blue shirt or service dress uniform. **Marksmanship badges will not be worn with medals.**
13. AFJROTC Patch (white, Lamp of Knowledge), mandatory. Center $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch below left shoulder seam.
14. Ribbons: **mandatory** Wear all **or some ribbons** earned. **Ribbons** will be centered, resting on, but not over the edge of the pleated pocket on the wearers left.
15. Except marksmanship badges. First badge placed $\frac{1}{2}$ inch above name tag or ribbons and is centered horizontally. Additional badges placed $\frac{1}{2}$ inch above previous badge. Order of precedence for badges are as show on the diagram. Distinguished Cadet Badge, then AEF Badge, then Kitty Hawk Badge, and finally the CyberPatriot National Finalist Badge. No more than one Flight badge is authorized.
16. Shoulder Cord. No wider than 1 inch and will be grounded to the seam of the left shoulder under epaulet. May be solid or multi-colored.
17. Medals (regardless of what type) are not authorized for wear on this uniform.

CADET MALE HEADGEAR

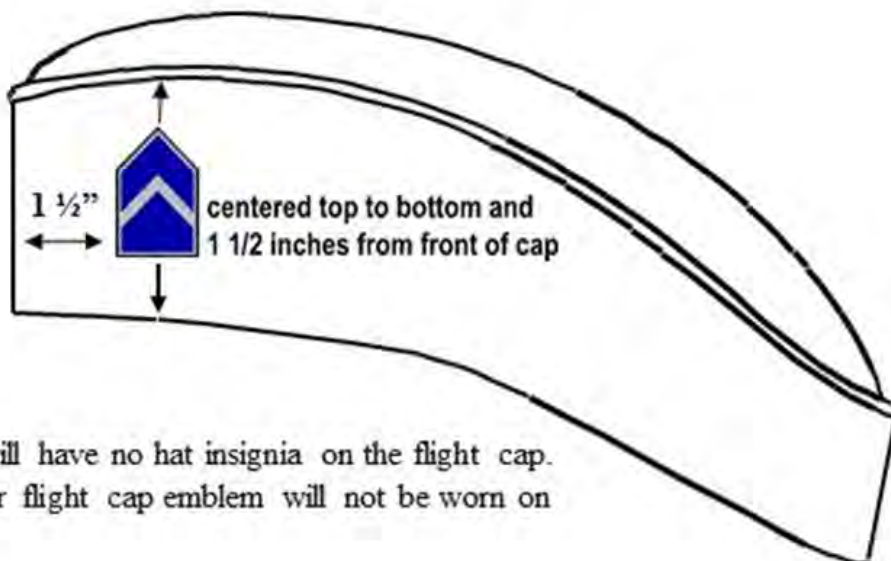
FLIGHT CAP*



- Enlisted Ranks will have no hat insignia on the flight cap.
- The former officer flight cap emblem will not be worn on the flight cap.

CADET FEMALE HEADGEAR

FLIGHT CAP*



- Enlisted Ranks will have no hat insignia on the flight cap.
- The former officer flight cap emblem will not be worn on the flight cap.

From Dress and Appearance - DAFI36-2903_DAFGM2025-02 par 7.2.4 and 7.2.4.1

"Flight Cap... Cap will not be tucked under epaulets. Women are authorized to wear the men's flight cap..."

"Male and Female. The flight cap will be worn *slightly to the wearer's right* with vertical creases of the cap in line with the center of the forehead and in a straight line with the nose. The cap extends approximately 1 inch from the eyebrows in the front and the opening of cap is to the rear. "

Air Force and Space Force JROTC Ribbon Chart

