

AFJROTC UNIFORM QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE



Dutchtown High School

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Appearance and Grooming. When a cadet wears the uniform, he/she is responsible for presenting a neat, clean, and professional military image. Appearance and grooming standards help cadets present the image of disciplined cadets who can be relied upon to do the job they are called on to do. A professional military image has no room for the extreme, the unusual, or the faddish. The standards for wearing the uniform consist of four elements: neatness, cleanliness, safety, and military image. The first three are absolute, objective criteria for the efficiency, health, and well-being of the force. The fourth standard, military image is also a very important aspect of military appearance. People, both military and civilian, draw conclusions as to the military effectiveness of the Air Force by how they perceive those in uniform. 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.

Special Uniform and Appearance Rules. Here are some additional guidelines about uniform and appearance.

Jewelry. While in uniform, you may wear a wristwatch and rings, but no more than three rings at any one time. You may wear one bracelet if it is neat and conservative. However, the bracelet must not detract from military image, must not be wider than one-half inch, and must not subject anyone to potential injury. You may not wear ornaments on your head or around your neck. Thumb rings are not allowed in uniform. Colored bracelets that support a cause are also not allowed.

Female cadets in uniform may wear earrings if the earrings are conservative and kept within sensible limits. For example, you may wear one small spherical (diamond, gold, white pearl, or silver) pierced or clip earring on each earlobe. The earring worn in each earlobe must match. Earrings should fit tightly without extending below the earlobes, unless they are clip earrings. Male cadets in uniform may not wear earrings.

Eyeglasses or Sunglasses. If you wear glasses, they must not have any ornaments on the frames or lenses. Eyeglass lenses that are conservative, clear, slightly tinted, or have photosensitive lenses may be worn in uniform while indoors or while in military formation. When outdoors and in uniform, sunglasses and eyeglasses must have lenses and frames that are conservative; faddish or mirrored lenses are prohibited. Sunglasses are not allowed while in a military formation. Neither eyeglasses nor sunglasses can be worn around the neck while in uniform.

Tattoos or Brands. Whether you are in or out of uniform, tattoos or brands anywhere on the body are not allowed if they are obscene or if they advocate sexual, racial, ethnic, or religious discrimination. Tattoos or brands that might harm good order and discipline or bring discredit upon the Air Force are also barred, whether you are in or out of uniform.

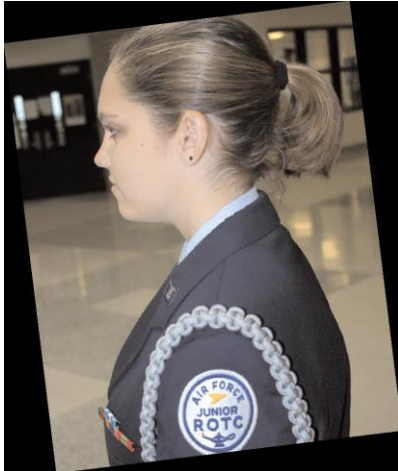
Excessive tattoos or brands, even though they do not violate the prohibitions in the above paragraph, will not be exposed or visible (including visible through the uniform) while in uniform. Excessive is defined as any tattoo or brands that exceed one-quarter of the

exposed body part, and those above the collarbone and readily visible when wearing an open collar uniform.

The SASI may exercise discretion if a new cadet arrives with a tattoo that may not be in full compliance with the above guidance. The tattoo may be covered up with a skin-colored bandage while in uniform and still participate in the program. However, tattoos and brands should be discouraged. The cadet should be counseled on the fact that tattoos and brands may preclude him or her from serving in the military.

Body Piercing. Cadets in uniform are not allowed to attach or display objects, articles, jewelry, or ornamentation to or through the ear, nose, tongue, or any exposed body part (including anything that might be visible through the uniform). Female cadets in uniform, however, are allowed to wear conservative earrings, pierced or clip style, in their earlobes.

Specific Female Cadet Grooming Guidelines.



Hair. Your hair should be no longer than the bottom of the collar edge at the back of the neck. Your hairstyle must be conservative—no extreme or faddish styles are allowed. It should also look professional and allow you to wear uniform headgear in the proper manner, so your hair must not be too full or too high on the head. In addition, your hairstyle shouldn't need many grooming aids. If you use pins, combs, barrettes, elastic bands or similar items, they must be plain, similar in color to your hair, and modest in size. Wigs or hairpieces must also conform to these guidelines.

Hair will not contain excessive amount of grooming aids, touch eyebrows. Hair color/highlights/frosting (must not be faddish). Examples of natural looking for human beings: Blonde/Brunette/ Red/Black/Grey. No shaved heads or flat-top hairstyles for women. Micro-braids and cornrows are authorized for women.

EXCEPTION: Hair may be visible in front of women's flight cap. However, long hair will be secured with no loose ends.

Specific Male Cadet Grooming Guidelines.

Hair. Keep your hair clean, neat, and trimmed. It must not contain large amounts of grooming aids such as greasy creams, oils, and sprays that remain visible in the hair. When your hair is groomed, it should not touch your ears or eyebrows, and only the closely cut or shaved hair on the back of your neck should touch the collar.

Your hair should not exceed 1 1/4 inch in bulk regardless of the length. Bulk is *the distance that the hair projects from the scalp when groomed* (as opposed to length of the hair). The bulk and length of your hair must not interfere with wearing any Air Force headgear properly, and it must not protrude below the front band of the headgear. Your hair must have a tapered appearance on both sides and back, both with and without headgear. A tapered appearance means that, when viewed from any angle, the outline of the hair on the side and back will generally match the shape of the skull, curving inward to the end point.

Your hair may not contain or have attached to it any visible foreign items. If you dye your hair, it should look natural. You may not dye your hair an unusual color or one that contrasts with your natural coloring. You may have sideburns if they are neatly trimmed and tapered in the same manner as your haircut. Sideburns must be straight and of even width (not flared) and end in a clean-shaven horizontal line. They may not extend below the lowest part of the outer ear opening. No extreme or faddish hair styles are allowed. Hair may not protrude below the front band of properly worn headgear.

AIR FORCE JUNIOR ROTC INSIGNIA

CADET OFFICER RANK



SECOND
LIEUTENANT



FIRST
LIEUTENANT



CAPTAIN



MAJOR



LIEUTENANT
COLONEL

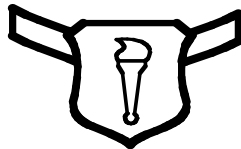


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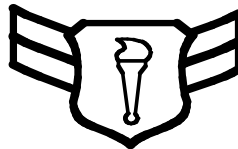
CADET AIRMAN RANK

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AIRMAN BASIC



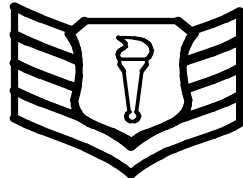
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AIRMAN
FIRST CLASS



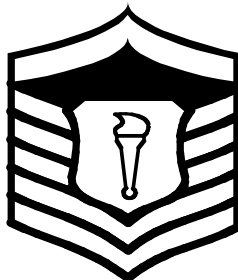
SENIOR
AIRMAN



STAFF
SERGEANT



TECHNICAL
SERGEANT



MASTER
SERGEANT



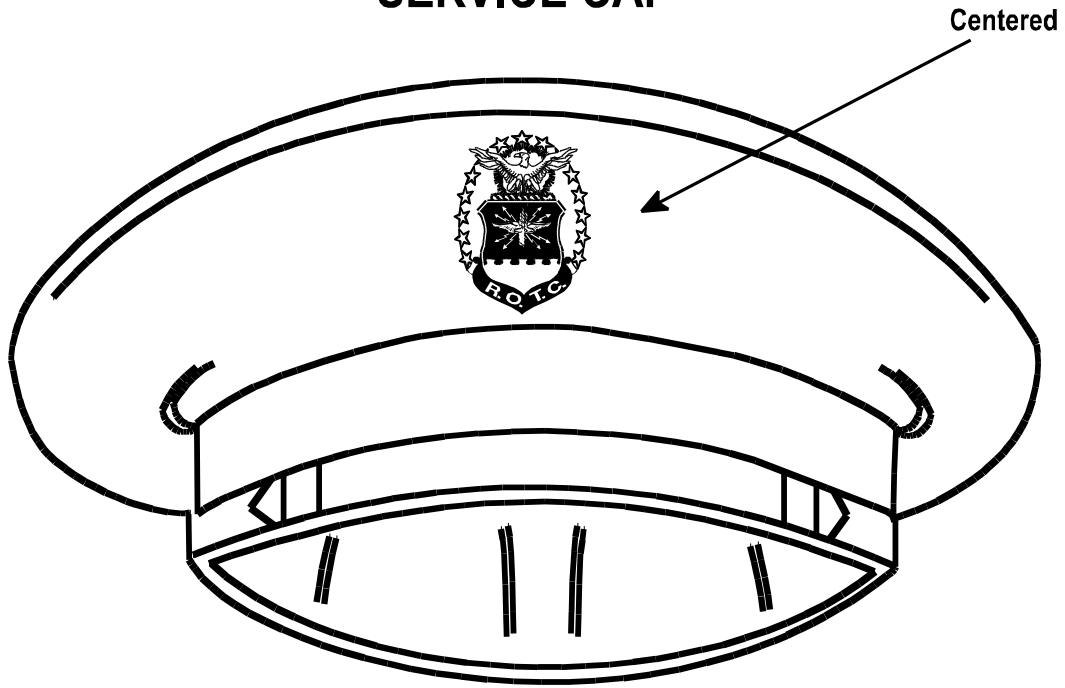
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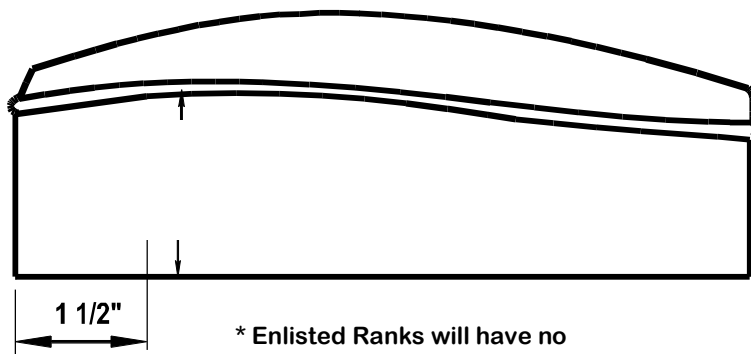
CHIEF
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CADET MALE HEADGEAR

SERVICE CAP



FLIGHT CAP



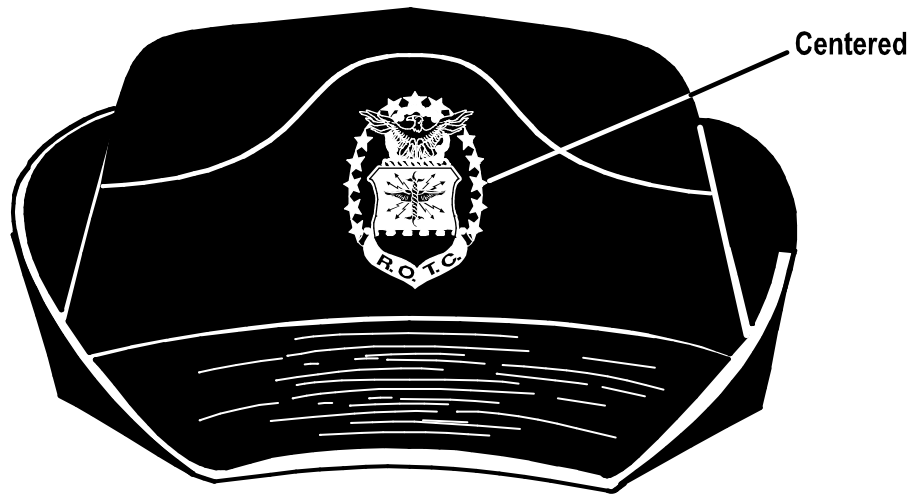
* Enlisted Ranks will have no hat insiania on the flight cap

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1 1/2 inches from front of cap

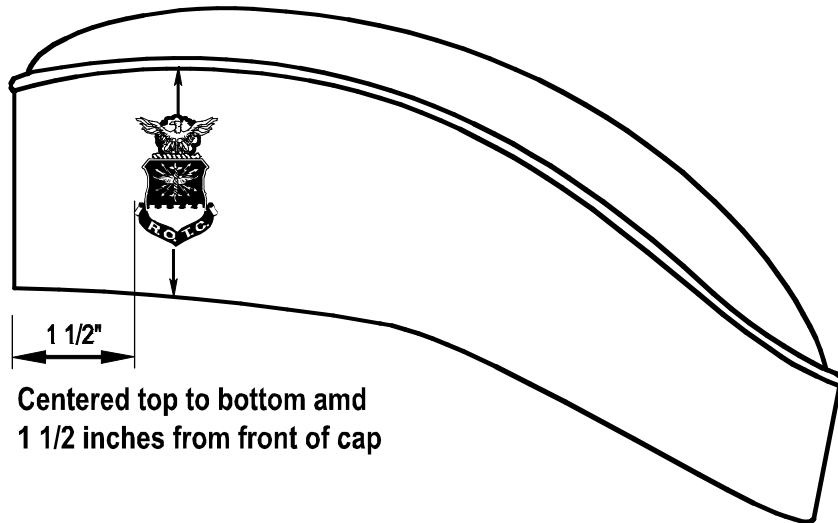
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CADET FEMALE HEADGEAR

SERVICE CAP

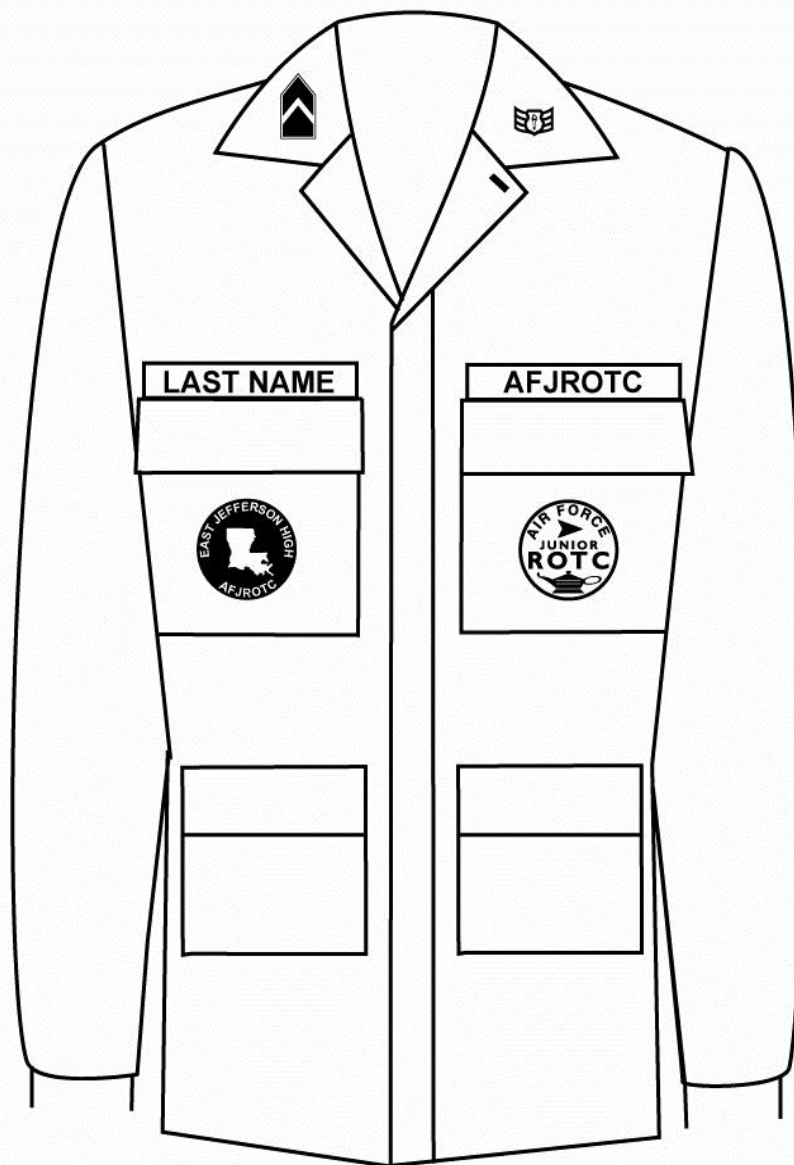


FLIGHT CAP



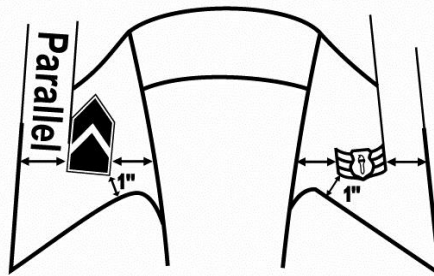
Officers wear hat insignia with stars
Insignia without stars is worn by enlisted

CADET BATTLE DRESS UNIFORM (BDU) Male and Female



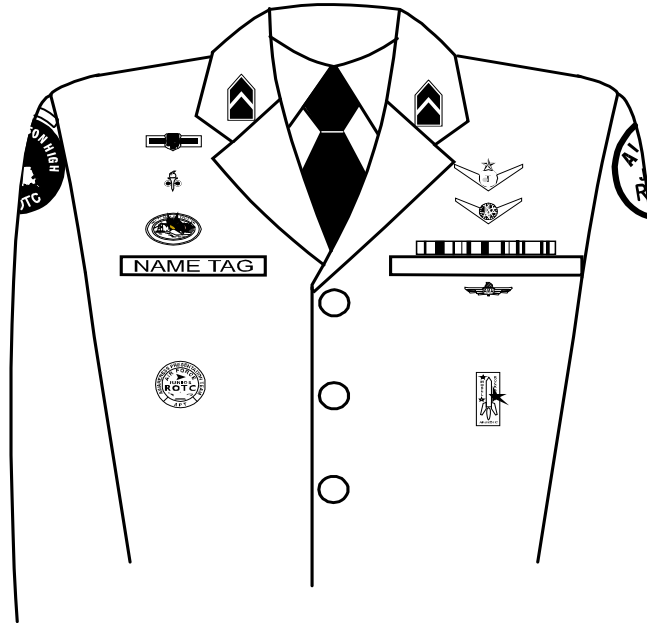
1. Unit patch worn on right pocket and centered.
2. Tapes grounded and centered on pockets.
3. Grade insignia (officer or enlisted) is worn on both left and right collars, centered on collar and parallel with bottom of collar. Airman Basic have no collar insignia.

CADET LIGHTWEIGHT BLUE JACKET



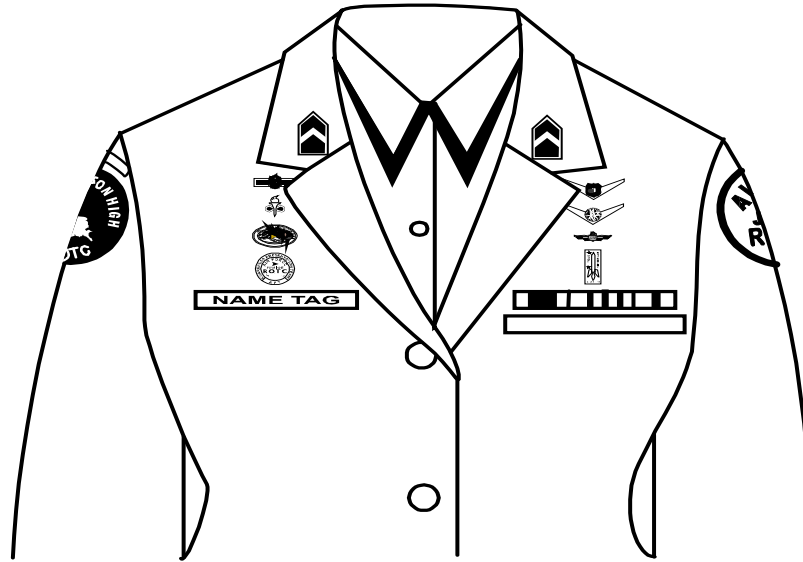
1. (Officers only) When placing rank on epaulet instead of collar, use standard size metal rank, center on epaulet 5/8 in from shoulder seam.
2. Shoulder tabs are centered between unit patch and shoulder seam. If no patch, then 1" below shoulder seam.
3. Unit patch on right sleeve 1/2 to 1 inch below shoulder seam and centered.
4. Grade insignia (officer and enlisted) is worn on both left and right collar. Airman Basic have no collar insignia.
5. 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.
6. AFJROTC patch on left sleeve 1/2 to 1 inch below shoulder seam and centered.
7. Jacket will be closed to at least the halfway point.
8. Center insignia horizontally on collar. Place 1 inch from bottom of collar and parallel to the outer edge of the collar.

CADET MALE 1620 SERVICE DRESS



1. Awareness Presentation Team (APT) badge: Center on welt pocket 3 inches below the top.
2. Name tag: Center between arm seam and lapel with bottom edge parallel to top of welt pocket
3. Kitty Hawk Badge: see note 15.
4. Unit patch: Placed $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch below shoulder seam and centered.
5. Shoulder tabs: 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.
7. Distinguished Cadet Badge: see note 15.
8. Grade insignia (officer or enlisted) worn on both lapels. Place insignia halfway up the seam, resting on but not over it. Bottom of insignia is horizontal with the ground. *(The lapel insignia (eagles non-chrome) will no longer be worn on the lapels by Airmen Basics.)
9. AFJROTC Patch: Placed $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch below shoulder seam, and centered.
10. Flight Solo or Flight Certificate Badge: see note 15.
11. Ground School Badge: see note 15.
12. Ribbons: Center, on but not over edge of pocket. Wear 3 or 4 in a row. Wear all or some.
13. Academy of Model Aeronautic Wings: worn 1 inch below pocket.
14. Model Rocketry Badge: worn 2 inches below AMA Wings or 3 inches below pocket if no AMA Wings are worn
15. 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.

CADET FEMALE 1620 SERVICE DRESS



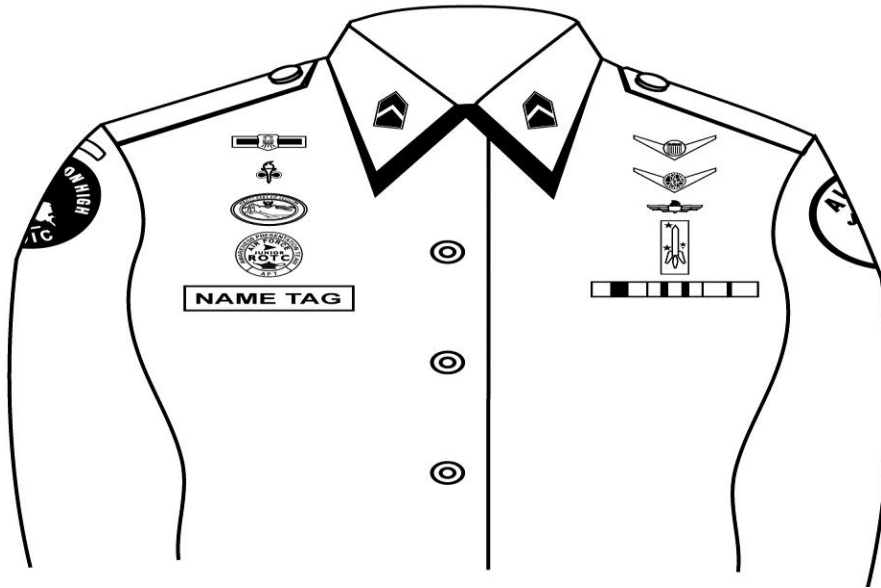
1. Name tag: authorized for wear and is to be centered on right side, even with to 1 1/2 inches higher or lower than the first exposed button.
2. Awareness Presentation Team Badge: see note 15.
3. Unit patch: center 1/2 to 1 inch below shoulder seam.
4. Shoulder tab: centered between unit patch and shoulder seam. If no patch, then 1 inch below shoulder seam.
5. Kitty Hawk Badge: see note 15.
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11. AFJROTC Patch: center 1/2 to 1 inch below shoulder seam.
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13. Model Rocketry Badge: see note 15.
14. Ribbons: center ribbons resting on but not over edge of welt pocket. Wear 3 or 4 in a row. Wear all or some.
15. First badge placed 1/2 inch above name tag or ribbons (whichever is appropriate) and is centered horizontally. Additional badges placed 1/2 inch above previous badge.

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: authorized for wear and is to be grounded and centered over wearer's right pocket.
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 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 (officer or enlisted) worn on both left and right collar, centered side to side and top to bottom. Enlisted rank's bottom point of torch points toward the point of the collar. Officer top point of rank aligned with point of collar. Airman 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.
10. Flight Solo or Flight Certificate Badge: see note 15.
11. Ground School Badge: see note 15.
12. Academy of Model Aeronautic (AMA) Wings: see note 15.
13. AFJROTC Patch: center $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch below shoulder seam.
14. Ribbons: ground and center on pocket.
15. 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.

CADET FEMALE BLUE SHIRT



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13. AFJROTC Patch: center 1/2 to 1 inch below shoulder seam.
14. Model Rocketry Badge: see note 16.
15. Ribbons: Center, parallel with ground. Align with bottom of name tag. Or, if no name tag, align bottom of ribbons even with to 1 1/2 inches higher or lower than the first exposed button.
16. First badge placed 1/2 inch above name tag or ribbons (whichever is appropriate) and is centered horizontally. Additional badges placed 1/2 inch above previous badge.

