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SUBJECT: Department of the Air Force Guidance Memorandum to DAFI 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Department of the Air Force Personnel

By Order of the Secretary of the Air Force, this Guidance Memorandum immediately implements changes to DAFI 36-2903, *Dress and Personnel Appearance of Department of the Air Force Personnel*. Compliance with this memorandum is mandatory. To the extent its directions are inconsistent with other publications, the information herein prevails, in accordance with Department of the Air Force Instruction (DAFI) 90-160, *Publications and Forms Management*.

This guidance is applicable to Regular Air Force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard personnel only. This guidance does not apply to the Space Force. Other standards contained in DAFI 36-2903 continue to apply as outlined in the opening paragraph. The guidance reissues and changes instruction from DAFI 36-2903 DAFGM 2026-01, DAFGM 2025-01, DAFGM 2025-02, DAFGM 2025-03, and DAFGM 2025-04 as follows: 1) updates Table 5.1 with authorized patches/qualification tabs. This guidance incorporates instruction from DAFGM 2026-01 which 1) removes requirement for all officers regardless of AFSC to maintain a full set of an OCP uniforms and reverts back to officer maintaining uniforms required for assigned duties and mission requirements, 2) restricts wear and use of an earpiece, earbuds, headphones or earphones etc., while in uniform indoors or outdoors for official duties, 3) restricts use of personal media devices while walking in uniform to emergencies/official business, 4) changes/clarifies sunglasses lenses guidance e.g. mirrored lenses are no longer authorized and restricts wear of Meta/AI glasses in uniform, 5) standardizes color of authorized bags, 6) clarifies authorization and colors for watch caps and 7) removes the restriction for wear of duty identifier patches and updates Table 5.1 with authorized patches/qualification tabs. Also, this guidance incorporates instruction from DAFGM 2025-04 which 1) permits the wear of colored T-Shirts on Fridays with utility uniforms when authorized by the unit commander and 2) authorizes call signs for daily wear on flight duty and desert flight duty uniform nametags. Additionally, this guidance incorporates instruction from DAFGM 2025-03 which 1) changed combat boot height requirement to 6-12 inches, 2) provided Airmen until 30 September 2026 to comply with new boot height requirement, 3) changed shaving profile authority to unit commanders, 4) updated sideburns policy to reflect above the ear opening and 5) updated mustache policy to prohibit mustaches beyond the corners of the mouth or into a respirator seal zone. Furthermore, it incorporates instruction from DAFGM 2025-02 which 1) removed authorization for wear of eyelash extensions unless for medical reasons, 2) clarified folding of OCP shirt sleeves, 3) replaced the term "gender" with "sex" (as applicable) and removed all references to exceptions due to gender dysphoria. It further incorporates guidance from DAFGM 2025-01 which 1) changed authorized nail polish to be clear or French or American Manicure only, 2) clarified that male Airmen must be clean-shaven at the start of the duty day unless they have a current medical profile or religious accommodation, 3) clarified male hair will not touch the ears and 4) added the definition of a "gig line".

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This memorandum becomes void after one year has elapsed from the date of this memorandum, or upon publication of an interim change (IC) or rewrite of the affected publication, whichever is earlier.



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Attachment:  
Guidance Changes to DAFI 36-2903

**Attachment**  
**Guidance Changes to DAFI 36-2903**

**Basic Philosophy**

(Changed) 1.1.2. Pride in an Airman's personal appearance and uniform wear greatly enhances the discipline essential to an effective military force. Therefore, Airmen must maintain a high standard of dress and personal appearance through adherence to the five elements of this standard: neatness, cleanliness, safety, uniformity, and military image. The first four are absolute, objective criteria needed for the efficiency and well-being of the Air Force; the fifth, military image, is subjective, but still necessary. Appearance in uniform exemplifies one's military image. The American public and its elected representatives draw certain conclusions on military effectiveness based on the image Airmen present. The image of a disciplined and committed Airman instills public confidence that Airmen live by a common standard and respond to military order and discipline. Every Airman has a responsibility to maintain a professional military image as identified in this DAFI.

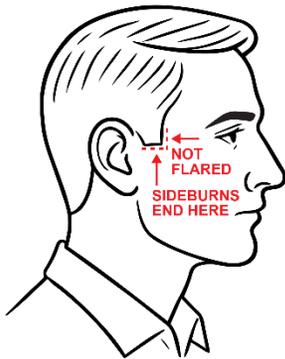
**Grooming and Appearance Standards**

(Changed) 3.1. **Personal Grooming Standards.** This chapter outlines personal grooming standards while wearing any Air Force uniform or civilian clothing in an official capacity. Commanders' discretion will be used to determine if an individual's personal grooming is within standards of this instruction. The personal grooming standards listed are minimum standards that represent common appearance issues and are not all-inclusive. The Air Force defines what is and what is not an acceptable, professional military image for Airmen. Except for minor variations based on differences in sex, all Air Force personnel must comply with the same personal grooming standards. Supervisors have the responsibility to determine compliance with this DAFI and to correct obvious violations regardless of whether the situation identified is clearly defined in this DAFI.

(Changed) 3.1.2. **Hair (Male).** Tapered appearance on both sides and the back of the head, both with and without headgear so that when viewed from any angle the member's hair conforms to the shape of the head, curving inward to the natural termination point without eccentric directional flow, twists, or spiking. A block-cut is permitted with tapered appearance. Hair will not exceed 2 ½ inches in bulk, regardless of length and 1/4-inch at natural termination point; allowing only closely cut or shaved hair on the back of the neck to touch the collar (see **Figure 3.3.**). Hair will not touch the ears or protrude under the front band of headgear. Cleanly shaven heads, military high-and-tight or flattop cuts are authorized. Airmen may have one (cut, clipped, or shaved) front to back, straight-line part, not slanted or curved, on either side of their head, above the temple. Part will not exceed 4-inches length or 1/4-inch width (See **Figure 3.5.**). See **Figure 3.4.** for examples of appropriate sideburns, mustache, and male hair standards.

(Changed) 3.1.2.1. **Sideburns.** If worn, sideburns will be straight and even width (not flared) and will be above the ear opening. Sideburns will end in a clean-shaven horizontal line. See **Figure 3.4.**

(Changed) **Figure 3.4. Male Hair Standards Examples.**



(Changed) 3.1.2.2. Mustaches. Male members may wear mustaches. No portion of the mustache shall extend below the upper lip line, and it must not go beyond the corners of the mouth or into a respirator seal zone. Mustaches must be neatly trimmed and should match the natural hair color of the Airman's head. Handlebar styles, twists, curls, and goatees are strictly prohibited. See **Figure 3.6.**

(Changed) **Figure 3.6. Mustache.**



(Changed) 3.1.2.3. Beards. At the start of each duty day, male Airmen must be clean-shaven. Beards are not authorized unless for medical reasons, when recommended by a medical official and approved by the unit commander, or as authorized pursuant to a request for a religious accommodation. When authorized for medical reasons, members will keep all facial hair trimmed to the same length and it may not exceed 1/4-inch in length. Individuals granted a shaving profile may shave or trim their facial hair to present a neat, clean, professional military image (**Figure 3.7.**). Members may not overly shave, shape, or taper beard to achieve different styles of beard (e.g., goatees, faded beards, etc. are not authorized). Beards must present a natural appearance to the Airman's hair color of the head. Beards are not authorized to be bleached or dyed. Beard wear authorized for religious reasons is governed by **Chapter 11** of this instruction.

(Changed) 3.1.4. Fingernails. Fingernails must not exceed 1/4-inch in length beyond the tip of the finger and must be clean and well groomed. Fingernails must not interfere with the performance of assigned duties or hinder proper fit of prescribed safety equipment or uniform items. Male Airmen are not authorized to wear nail polish. If worn by females, nail polish will be clear or French or American manicure. French manicures include white tips with a base of clear and American manicures include ivory white or cream tips with a base of clear. Ombre manicure style is not authorized. Do not apply designs to nails.

(Changed) **Figure 3.14. DELETED**

(Changed) 3.1.5. Cosmetics. Male Airmen are not authorized to wear cosmetics. Female Airmen may wear conservatively styled cosmetics. Lipstick, if worn by female Airmen, will be a conservative shade that does not detract from the uniform. Eyeliner, if worn by female Airmen, cannot extend past the corners of eye opening (i.e., winged liner not authorized). Cosmetics will not be worn during field conditions. Eyelash extensions are not authorized unless for medical reasons and documented on an Air Force Form 469, *Duty Limiting Condition Report*. If medical authorization is obtained from a military medical treatment facility provider and documented on an Air Force Form 469, eyelash extensions will be Airman's natural eyelash color and will not exceed 12mm in length.

(Changed) **Figure 3.15. DELETED**

(Changed) 3.2.1. Unauthorized content/locations. Tattoos/brands/body markings will not be on the head, face, tongue, lips, eyes, and scalp. Tattoos/brands/body markings anywhere on the body that are obscene, commonly associated with gangs, extremist, and/or supremacist organizations, or that advocate sexual, racial, ethnic, or religious discrimination are prohibited in and out of uniform. Indecent tattoos/brands/body markings are grossly offensive to modesty, decency, or propriety, or shocks the moral sense, because of its vulgar, filthy, or disgusting nature, or its tendency to incite lustful thought. It is indecent if it tends reasonably to corrupt morals or incite libidinous thoughts. It must not violate community standards. Commanders should contact their servicing Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) unit for additional information on potential identification of gang/hate group, tattoos/brands/body markings. Extremist tattoos/brands/body markings are those affiliated with, depicting, or symbolizing extremist philosophies, organizations, or activities. Sexually discriminative tattoos/brands/body markings are those that advocate a philosophy that degrades or demeans a person based on sex. Racially discriminative tattoos/brands/body markings are those that advocate a philosophy that degrades or demeans a person based on race, ethnicity, or national origin. Religiously discriminative tattoos/brands/body markings are those that advocate a philosophy that degrades or demeans a person based on religion. Tattoos/brands/body markings with unauthorized content that are prejudicial to good order and discipline, or the content is of a nature that tends to bring discredit upon the DAF are prohibited both in and out of uniform. Airmen and Guardians may not cover up tattoos, brands, and/or body markings with bandages or make-up in order to comply with unauthorized content tattoo policy.

### **Service Dress Uniform (Class A and B – Male and Female)**

(Changed) 4.5.1. The service dress uniform is worn as Class A and the service blue uniform as Class B. The Class A uniform is worn with the service dress coat. The Class B uniform is worn without the service dress coat. Gig line will be straight and neat.

**Operational Camouflage Pattern Uniform** (Changed) 5.1.1. OCP Coat (Shirt). The coat is worn outside the trousers. **Note:** Commanders may authorize the coat to be tucked in for duty (e.g., Security Forces Airmen) if necessary. The coat will not extend below the top of the cargo pocket on the trousers and will not be higher than the bottom of the opening of the side (hip) pocket on the trousers.

Airmen may roll up sleeves on the OCP coat; however, the cuffs will remain visible, and the sleeve will rest at, or within 1-inch of, the forearm when the arm is bent at a 90-degree angle. When sleeves are not rolled up, cuffs may remain visible or be folded inward up to twice. Commanders may prohibit rolling of sleeves and folding of cuffs. Patches or badges will not be affixed to the front pockets. Alterations that affect the functionality of the uniform are not authorized, (e.g., sewing down collars, or pockets). The OCP coat may be removed in the immediate work area as determined appropriate by local leadership, however, the OCP coat will be worn while interacting with customers or clients.

(Changed) 5.1.6.2.3. Duty Identifier Patch. While performing their duties, certain Air Force Specialty Codes may wear a spice brown subdued cloth patch centered at the top of the Velcro® area. Identifier patches will be a max of five letters (e.g., Joint Air Component Coordination Element (JACCE)) and maintain standard spice brown subdued color scheme. Additionally, height will not exceed the size of the U.S. tactical flag patch, 3- 1/4” W x 1-13/16”H. Duty Identifier patches and tabs as identified in Table 5.1 are authorized for wear; the list is final, and will not be altered in any way. Patches with black borders differentiate first responders and career fields that require quick identification. General officers may wear the duty identifier that is representative of the organization’s mission they are leading. (Note: The “FIRE” duty identifier (with black border) will only be worn on the two-piece flight duty uniform. Wear of a duty identifier on the OCP uniform is not authorized.) **Note: Duty identifiers will not have any further embellishments or additions (e.g. a lighting bolt or aircraft silhouettes).**

**(Changed) Table 5.1. Authorized Duty Identifier Patches and Qualification Tabs (Left Sleeve).**

**Note:** Officers, warrant officers and enlisted who are assigned to, or performing duties functionally equivalent to, an authorized AFSC are permitted to wear the corresponding duty identifier patch.

DUTY DESCRIPTION	APPROVED PATCH
First Sergeant	1SGT
Air Battle Manager	ABM
Airman Dorm Leader	ADL
Aircrew Flight Equipment	AFE
Airfield Management	AFLD
Aerospace Ground Equipment	AGE
Munitions Systems	AMMO
Tactical Aircraft Maintenance, Airlift/Special Mission Aircraft Maintenance, Refuel/Bomber Aircraft Maintenance	APG
Aircraft Structural Maintenance & Low Observable Aircraft Structural Maintenance	ASM
Air Traffic Control	ATC

Avionics (SOF/PR Integrated Comm/Nav/Mission System, SOF/PR Integrated Instrument & Flight Control System, SOF/PR Integrated Electronic Warfare System, Fighter Aircraft Integrated Avionics, Mobility Air Forces Integrated Comm/Nav/Mission System, Mobility Air Forces Integrated Instrument & Flt Control System, Bomber/Special Integrated Comm/Nav/Mission System, Bomber/Special Integrated Instrument & Flight Control System, Bomber/Special Electronic Warfare & Radar Surveillance Integrated Avionics, Backshop Avionics PODs, Avionics Test Station and Components *Heavy Aircraft Integrated Avionics)	AVI
Aviation Resource Management (Aviation Management)	AVMGT
Command and Control Battle Management Operations	C2BMO
Command and Control Operations	C2OPS
Emergency Management (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear) Officer and Enlisted	CBRN
Combat Controller	CCT
Civil Engineer (Officer and Enlisted)	CE
Career Enlisted Aviator (Mobility Force Aviator, Special Mission Aviator, Multi-Domain Operations Aviator, Executive Mission Aviator, Airborne Cryptologic Language Analyst, Airborne ISR Operator, Remotely Piloted Aircraft Sensor Operator, Enlisted Remotely Piloted Aircraft Pilot)	CEA
Knowledge Management, Cyber Systems Operations, Cyber Transport Systems, Cyber Surety, Computer Systems Programming, Client Systems, RF Transmission Systems, Spectrum Operations, Cable and Antenna Systems, Software Development Specialist	COMM
Contracting	CONS
Combat Rescue Officer	CRO
Mobility Combat Systems Officer	CSO
Cyber Space Warfare, Cyber Warfare Operations, Capability Developers	CYBER
Development Advisor	DA
Pavements & Construction Equipment	DIRT
Aircraft Electrical & Environmental Systems	E/E
Aircrew Egress Systems	EJECT
Electrical Systems	ELEC
Developmental Engineering Utilization Field	EN
Engineering	ENGR
Aerospace Propulsion	ENGS
Pest Management	ENTO
Equal Opportunity	EO

Explosive Ordnance Disposal	EOD
Reconnaissance/Surveillance/Electronic Warfare Officer	EWO
Foreign Area Officer	FAO
Fire Protection	FIRE (w/Black Border)
Financial Management & Comptroller	FM
Aircraft Fuel Systems	FUELS
Ground Transportation	GT
Chaplains & Religious Affairs	HC
Human Resources and Administration	HRA
Heating, Ventilation, A/C & Refrigeration	HVACR
Aircraft Hydraulic Systems	HYDRO
Independent Duty Medical Technician	IDMT (w/Black Border)
Information Operations	IO
Nuclear and Missile Operations Officer	ICBM
Intelligence Surveillance Reconnaissance (All Source Intelligence Analyst, Geospatial Analysis, Communication Signals Intelligence, Cryptologic Language Analyst, Cyber, Intelligence Analysis, Cryptologic Analysis and Reporting, Human Intelligence Specialist, Targeting Analyst, Scientific Applications Specialist, Intelligence), Intelligence Officer, Intelligence Chief Enlisted Manager	ISR
Paralegal & Judge Advocate	JA
Joint Air Component Coordination Element	JACCE
Logistics Readiness Officer	LRO
Missile Alert Facility Manager	MAFM
Tactical Aircraft Maintenance (5th Generation) Helicopter/Tiltrotor Aircraft Maintenance, Remotely Piloted Aircraft Maintenance	MECH
Medical	MED (w/Black Border)
Manpower	MNPWR
Aircraft Metals Technology	MTECH
Munitions and Missile Maintenance Officer, Nuclear Weapons	MUNS
Aircraft Maintenance - Any 2A/21A/21M & Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Maintenance, Missile & Space System Elect Maintenance, Missile & Space Systems Maintenance, Missile & Space Facilities, Air Launched Cruise Missile Maintenance	MX
Maintenance Management	MXMGR
Nondestructive Inspection	NDI
Operation Analyst	OA
Operations Management	OPSMG

Office of Special Investigations	OSI
Public Affairs	PA
Aerospace Physiology	PHYS
Pararescue	PJ
Logistics Plans	PLNR
Professional Military Education Instructor	PME
Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory	PMEL
Fuels	POL
Air Transportation	PORT
Electrical Power Production	POWER
Radar, Airfield, Weather Systems (Airfield and Radar Systems, Radar Systems, Airfield Systems)	RAWS
Scientific Utilization Field	SCI
Security Forces	SF (w/Black Border)
Safety (Note: 1S0X1 or any member assigned to a Safety office billet)	SFTY
Special Reconnaissance	SR
Special Tactics Officer	STO
Structural	STRUC
Materiel Management	SUP
Services	SVS
Tactical Air Control Party	TACP
Advanced Fighter Aircraft Integrated Avionics (Note: Helicopter/Tiltrotor Avionics and RPA Avionics optional)	TECH
Traffic Management	TMO
Education and Training	TRNG
Unit Deployment Manager	UDM
Vehicle Management (Mission Generation Vehicular Equipment Maintenance, Fleet Management and Analysis)	VM
Weather and Environmental Sciences Officer	WESO
Water & Fuel Systems Maintenance	WFSM
Aircraft Armament Systems	WPNS
Weapons System Evaluation Program	WSEP
Weather	WX

<b>DUTY DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>APPROVED TAB</b>
Air Advisor (Note: With documented classification identifier (SEI/SDI), authorized for permanent wear (POC AF/A3TM))	Air Advisor or Advanced Air Advisor (tab)
Special Warfare Tactical Call Sign	Alpha-numeric call sign , e.g., A01 or HR44 (tab)
Arctic Domain and Security (Note: Completion of Arctic Defense Security Orientation and awarded applicable SEI)	ARCTIC (tab)
USAF Installation Honor Guard (Base Honor Guard)	BASE HONOR GUARD (tab)
Courier	COURIER (tab)
Evaluator	EVALUATOR (tab)
Forward Area Refueling Point	FARP (tab)
Instructor	INSTRUCTOR (tab)
Master Instructor	MASTER INSTRUCTOR (tab)
Raven	RAVEN (tab)
Recruiter	RECRUITER (tab)
Survival, Evasion, Resistance, Escape Specialist	SERE Specialist (tab)
USAF Honor Guard	USAF HONOR GUARD (tab)

(Changed) 5.1.7. T-Shirt. T-Shirt will be Coyote Brown (Tan 499) and tucked into OCP trousers. Additionally, when authorized by the unit commander, USAF members may wear colored T-shirts on Fridays with utility uniforms, provided the member is not deployed, participating in an exercise, or assigned to a joint or Space Force unit. The color must reflect the authorized heraldry and heritage colors of the member's assigned unit. Commanders may authorize members of supporting units to wear the same-colored T-shirts. For example, maintainers and flight surgeons may wear the same T-shirts as the flying unit they support. Wing commanders will maintain a list of approved colors for wear within their wing. Wing or squadron commanders may approve display of organizational emblems, as officially and currently approved, not to exceed 5-inches in diameter, in cloth or silk screen on morale undershirts. If displayed, organizational emblems will be worn on the left side of chest of the Friday morale T-Shirt. The morale T-Shirt may also display the organizational emblem on the back of the undershirt in a larger diameter as authorized by commanders.

## **Headgear**

7.2.7. Watch Cap. Watch cap may be worn during 1 Oct – 31 March, cold weather conditions, or as determined and approved by the Installation Commander. When worn, the watch cap will be pulled down snugly on the head; the bottom edge (all) of the cap may be folded to allow proper fit, but not rolled. The back of the cap should run across the nape of the neck and the front of cap should not be touching eyebrows nor higher than center of forehead; hair will not protrude from front of cap. No bunching or sagging. It will be commercially designed, plain, solid black, or coyote brown knit or fleece/microfiber material. Do not wear rank insignia.

7.2.7.1. Black Watch Cap. When permitted, may be worn with Class A and B uniforms, OCP or PTG.

#### 7.2.7.2. DELETED

7.2.7.3. Coyote Brown Watch Cap. When permitted, may be worn with the OCP uniform or PTG.

### **Eyewear, Electronic Devices, Bags, Backpacks**

7.3.2. Eyeglasses/Sunglasses. Eyeglasses and sunglasses will not be worn around the neck or on top/back of head or exposed hanging on the uniform. Eyeglasses and sunglasses may have conservative ornamentation on non-prescription sunglasses or eyeglasses, frames will be a conservative color: black, brown, white, dark blue, gray, or transparent material, or gold or silver wire. Brand name glasses may be worn with small logo on frames or lenses. Logo may contrast with frame color or lenses in conservative colors such as black, brown, matte silver/gold). Conservative wrap-around sunglasses may be worn. Conservative, clear, slightly tinted, or photosensitive lenses are authorized. Wear of lenses with extreme or trendy colors, which include, but are not limited to, red, yellow, light blue, purple, bright green, or orange are not authorized. Lens colors must be traditional gray, brown, or dark shades. Sunglasses, to include darkened photosensitive lenses, are not authorized in formation and will not be worn indoors. **Exception:** Sunglasses are authorized for medical reasons such as PRK/Lasik surgery and when authorized by a commander or commandant on the advice of a medical official. (**Note:** Sunglasses with mirrored lenses and Meta/AI glasses are not authorized for wear in uniform.)

#### **(New) Figure 7.12. Authorized Sunglass Lens Color (Not All-Inclusive).**



7.3.4.1. Wear and use of an earpiece, earbuds, headphones, or earphones and any Bluetooth® wireless technology, while in uniform, indoors or outdoors, is only authorized for official duties. **Exception:** Headphones and earphones are authorized during travel on public transportation (i.e., bus, train, or air travel) and/or while wearing the Physical Training Gear (PTG) during individual or personal PT in the fitness center or on designated running areas unless prohibited by the Installation Commander. Use of a hands-free device is authorized while in uniform operating a motor vehicle if local policy permits. Use of personal electronic media devices, including earpieces, speaker phones or text messaging while walking in uniform is limited to emergencies or when official notifications are necessary. Military customs and courtesies take precedence.

#### 7.3.4.2. DELETED

7.3.5.1. Attaché Cases/Messenger/Computer/Lunch Bags. Items will be solid black, brown, olive drab green, OCP patterned or dark blue in color and carried in the left hand or shoulder if using a shoulder strap. Bags will be without design. Small logos are authorized.

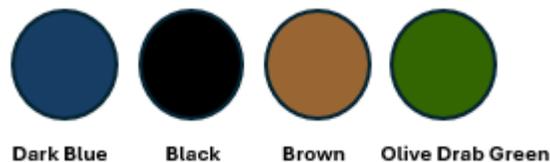
7.3.5.2. Gym Bags. Gym bags will be solid black, brown, olive drab green, OCP patterned or dark blue in color with matching stitching and carried in the left hand. Bags will be without design unless OCP patterned. Use of a shoulder strap is authorized on either shoulder, or the strap may cross the body so long as it does not interfere with rendering the proper salute. Logos of any size are authorized on the bag.

7.3.5.3. Backpacks. Solid black, brown, or dark blue back packs may be worn with any uniform combination. Backpacks will be a single color, without design unless OCP patterned. Olive drab green, or OCP-patterned back packs may be worn with the OCP. Small logos are authorized. Airmen may wear either a sling style backpack or two-strap backpacks. Sling backpacks will be worn across the chest, if carried on shoulder wear on the left shoulder. Two-strap backpacks will be worn on the left shoulder or both shoulders as long as it does not interfere with rendering the proper salute. Backpacks will not have ornamentation, high-gloss, designs, or hanging/dangling objects. Small gold or silver clasp authorized but chains are not authorized.

7.3.5.4. Handbags. Handbags for all uniform combinations will be solid black, brown, dark blue leather, or vinyl. Bag will be without design and without ornamentation; however, a single small logo not to exceed 1-inch in diameter is authorized. Bag may be with or without plain fold-over flap, with or without single-placed silver or gold-colored clasp. Stitching will be black, white, or the same color as handbag. Handbags may have up to two adjustable shoulder straps with or without buckles on the straps.

7.3.5.5. Clutch-Style Purses/Wallets. Hand carried clutch-style purses/wallets for all uniform combinations will be solid black, brown, or dark blue smooth or scotch-grain leather, patent leather, high-gloss, or manmade material without design and without ornamentation. Stitching will be black or white or the same color as purse/wallet. Fabric, suede, and patent leather may be carried with the mess dress, formal dress, and ceremonial dress uniforms. Hand carried clutch-style purses/wallets will be no larger than 6½ (H) x 11(W)-inches or no smaller than 5(H) x 9(W)-inches. Hand carried clutch-style purses/wallets will have a concealed closure and may have a wrist strap.

(New) Figure 7.13. Authorized bag color examples.



## Footwear

(Changed) 7.4.2.1. Coyote Brown Combat Boots. Wear Coyote Brown combat boots only with the OCP. Athletic shoes may be worn if medically necessary, as determined by competent medical authorities at a civilian or military treatment facility and approved by the commander. **Exception:** Commanders may authorize wear of black combat boots in some situations. See **paragraph 7.4.2.3**. Boots must be between 6-12 inches in height (measured from the bottom of the heel tread to the top of the back of the boot) and soling material will not exceed 2 inches in height. **Note:** Airmen have until 30 September 2026 to comply with new boot height standard. Airmen may wear taps on their boots to preserve the heels as long as the taps do not change the intended appearance of the boots. Boots will be laced up with plain rounded toe or rounded capped toe with or without a perforated seam. Laces will either be tied and tucked in the boot or tied and wrapped around the boot. A zipper or elastic inserts may be worn; however, if worn, they will be without design. Boots can be either with or without a safety toe. Logos will be the same color as the boot. Designs are not authorized.

**(New) Figure 7.14. Authorized and Unauthorized Coyote Brown Combat Boot Examples.**



Authorized Example



Unauthorized Example

**Physical Training Gear Cold Weather Accessories**

8.1.9.1. Watch Cap. If worn, will be plain, solid black, or coyote brown without logos.

**Flight Clothing Accoutrements**

(Changed) 9.4.3.2. Nametags with call signs are authorized for daily wear on flight duty and desert flight duty uniform nametags. Officer nametags may incorporate the member's call sign or first name followed by last name. Enlisted personnel will incorporate rank, followed by the member's call sign and last name (Example: 'MSgt "Bat" Masterson'). Commanders will ensure that nametags are in good taste and reflect proper military order, discipline, morale, and professional image. When worn, patches must be consistent in color to patch configuration worn.

**Flight Duty Uniform Undergarments**

**9.7. Undergarments.** Undergarments are required with the FDU and DFDU. During flight operations all undergarments, to include cold weather undergarments, must be cotton or fire-retardant material and must be on the safe to fly list. Undershirts will be Coyote Brown (Tan 499). Additionally, when authorized by the unit commander, USAF members may wear colored T-shirts on Fridays provided the member is not deployed, participating in an exercise, or assigned to a joint or Space Force unit. The color must reflect the authorized heraldry and heritage colors of the member's assigned unit. Commanders may authorize members of supporting units to wear the same-colored T-shirts. For example, maintainers and flight surgeons may wear the same T-shirts as the flying unit they support. Wing commanders will maintain a list of approved colors for wear within their wing. Wing or squadron commanders may approve display of organizational emblems, as officially and currently approved, not to exceed 5-inches in diameter, in cloth or silk screen on morale undershirts. If displayed, organizational emblems will be worn on the left side of chest of the Friday morale T-Shirt. The morale T-Shirt may also display the organizational emblem on the back of the undershirt in a larger diameter as authorized by commanders. Thermal undergarments (i.e., dickies, turtlenecks, or mock necks) will be White, Black, Cream, or Coyote Brown-colored and are authorized with the FDU/DFDU as weather conditions warrant. **Note:** Only items approved as Safe-to-Fly will be worn during flying operations.

**Two Piece Flight Duty Uniform (2PFDU)**

9.12.2.18. T-Shirt. T-Shirt will be Coyote Brown (Tan 499). Additionally, when authorized by the unit commander, USAF members may wear colored T-shirts on Fridays provided the member is not deployed,

participating in an exercise, or assigned to a joint or Space Force unit. The color must reflect the authorized heraldry and heritage colors of the member's assigned unit. Commanders may authorize members of supporting units to wear the same-colored T-shirts. For example, maintainers and flight surgeons may wear the same T-shirts as the flying unit they support. Wing commanders will maintain a list of approved colors for wear within their wing. Wing or squadron commanders may approve display of organizational emblems, as officially and currently approved, not to exceed 5-inches in diameter, in cloth or silk screen on morale undershirts. If displayed, organizational emblems will be worn on the left side of chest of the Friday morale T-Shirt. The morale T-Shirt may also display the organizational emblem on the back of the undershirt in a larger diameter as authorized by commanders. (**Note:** Only items approved as Safe-to-Fly will be worn during flying operations.)

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## GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### *References*

(DELETED) DoDM 6025.18

(DELETED) DSM-V

### *Acronyms and Abbreviations*

(DELETED) GMC

(DELETED) MTP

(DELETED) RLE

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### *Terms*

(DELETED) Biological Sex

(DELETED) Cross-Sex Hormone Therapy

(DELETED) Gender Dysphoria

(DELETED) Gender Identity

(DELETED) Gender Marker

(DELETED) Gender Transition

(DELETED) Social transition

**(New) Gig Line**—When members wear shirt tucked into trousers or slacks with front fly opening, the button front edge of the shirt, the outside of the belt buckle (when required) and the edge of the fly will align. This alignment creates a gig line.

(DELETED) Self-identified gender

(DELETED) Real Life Experience

(DELETED) Service Central Coordination Cell

(DELETED) Transgender Health Medical Evaluation Unit

(DELETED) Transgender

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