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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION C
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FROM: SAF/MR
1660 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330-1660

SUBJECT: Chaplain Uniform Reform and Maternity Wrap Dress Guidance

References: (a) Under Secretary of War for Personnel and Readiness Memorandum, "*Implementation Guidance for Chaplain Uniform Reform*," 4 May 2026

On 4 May 2026, Under Secretary of War for Personnel and Readiness signed a memorandum for Implementation Guidance for Chaplain Uniform Reform. Effective immediately, but no later than 30 days from the date of this memorandum, Department of the Air Force Chaplains will wear the chaplain insignia in lieu of officer rank insignia on the chest of the Operational Camouflage Pattern (OCP) uniform. Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard Chaplains will wear the chaplain insignia no later than 60 days from the date of this memorandum. Wear of the chaplain insignia on the patrol cap or tactical cap is mandatory. Additionally, chaplain insignia will replace rank insignia on all authorized OCP outer garments. Removal of rank insignia from the OCP uniform does not alter established customs and courtesies. Upon expiration of the applicable suspense, Wing/Delta Chaplains will certify uniform compliance for all assigned chaplains to AF/HC through their MAJCOM/HCs. Instances of non-compliance require justification, corrective action plans, and will be reported to AF/HC monthly until full compliance is achieved.

Also, effective immediately, the maternity wrap dress may be worn as a mess dress, semi-formal, and Class A uniform equivalent for Air Force pregnant Airmen. Airmen will adhere to attached wear guidance for the maternity wrap dress with references to DAFI 36-2903, *Dress and Personal Appearance of Department of the Air Force Personnel*.

This guidance will remain in effect until published in DAFI 36-2903. My point of contact for this matter is AF/A1PA at af.a1pa.workflow@us.af.mil.

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Attachments:

1. Chaplain Operational Camouflage Pattern Uniform Guidance
2. Maternity Wrap Dress Wear Guidance