



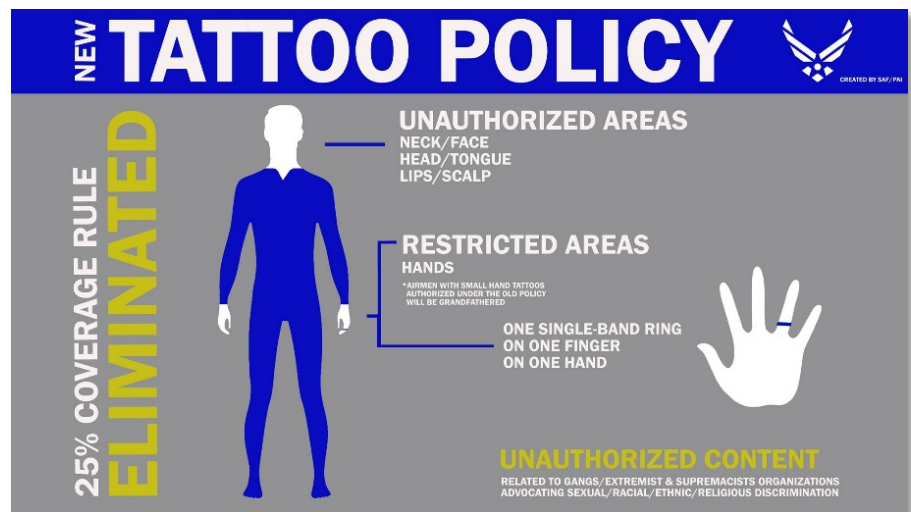
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NEW TATTOO POLICY

The new tattoo policy is effective Feb. 1, 2017. Further implementation guidance will be released in an addendum to the policy guidance.

Evaluation of tattoo regulations began in 2016 in accordance with an [AFI 33-360](#) required periodic review, and in August 2016 Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James announced a review of

personal appearance and uniform policy. The last update to the Air Force policy on tattoos was in 2010. Senior leaders at the Air Staff level have been reviewing current policies with the intent to continue efforts to expand the pool of eligible applicants for military service while still supporting the Air Force mission.



Tattoo policy changes include:

- Eliminates the 25% rule and removes size limitations to tattoos on the chest, back, arms, and legs
- Provides a clear definition of prohibited tattoos on the neck, face, head, tongue, lips, and/or scalp
- Limits hand tattoos to one single-band ring tattoo, on one finger, on one hand
- Grandfathers serving Airmen who are in compliance with the current hand policy (25% rule)

Are there any other restrictions on tattoos? Per [AFI 36-2903](#), paragraph 2.10, commanders will retain the authority to be more restrictive for tattoos, body ornaments and/or personal grooming based on legal, moral, safety, sanitary and/or foreign country cultural reasons.

Other areas of interest highlighted in the memo: Update to medical accession policy waivers for all Air Force accession candidates are as follows: Eczema, Asthma and ADHD. Additional policy changes remove service prescribed numerical limitations on pre-accession marijuana use.

2017 MLK DAY JANUARY 16

With profound faith in our Nation's promise, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., led a non-violent movement that urged our country's leaders to expand the reach of freedom and provide equal opportunity. We celebrate the long arc of progress for which Dr. King and so many other leaders fought to bend toward a brighter day. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. federal holiday is a perfect opportunity for Americans to honor Dr. King's legacy through service. The MLK Day of Service empowers individuals, strengthens communities, bridges barriers, creates solutions to social problems, and moves us closer to Dr. King's vision of a beloved community.



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► THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

January 12, 1965 – At Plattsburg Air Force Base, New York, the 380th Air Refueling Squadron received the Strategic Air Command's last KC-135 (Tail No. 64-14840).

January 13, 1993 – Air Force Maj. Susan Helms became the first U.S. military woman in space during a flight of the Space Shuttle Endeavour.

January 14, 1977 – The Department of Defense directed the Air Force to begin full-scale production of the Air Launched Cruise Missile.

January 15, 1914 – The Signal Corps Aviation School issued the first Army aviation safety regulation. It required pilots to wear helmets and leather coats for overland flights, and unsinkable coats for overwater flights.

January 16, 1981 – From Corpus Christi, Texas, and Little Rock AFB, Arkansas, Military Airlift Command C-130s moved 500 tons of arms, ammunition, helicopters and other material to San Salvador to support the Salvadoran government in its struggle against leftist guerrillas. This operation lasted through June.

January 17, 1932 – After a severe snowstorm, seven aircraft from the 11th Bomb Squadron flew missions for four days to deliver supplies to Navajo Indians near Winslow, Arizona. Lt. Charles H. Howard received the Mackay Trophy for this effort.

January 18, 1905 – Through their congressman, the Wright Brothers opened negotiations with the federal government to build an aircraft. The government, however, refused the offer.

► CURRENT NEWS

[James bids farewell as SecAF](#) "Because of your leadership, the United States Air Force is better prepared to fly, fight and win than at any time in history," said Secretary of Defense Ash Carter during Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James' farewell ceremony.

[AF selects 929 for promotion to captain](#) To view the promotion lists go to the Air Force portal and select the promotion link or log in to myPers, select "Any" from the drop down menu, enter "Active Duty: Officer Promotions Home Page" in the search window and scroll down to the promotion select list section.

[AF looks to ensure cyber resiliency in weapons systems through new office](#) The Air Force has stood up the Cyber Resiliency Office for Weapons Systems to ensure that weapons systems maintain mission-effective capabilities despite cyber adversities.

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