

Chapter 3

DRESS AND APPEARANCE

(THESE STANDARDS ARE SET BY THE CADETS FOR THE CADETS)

- 3.1 Personal Appearance: AFJROTC cadets wear the Air Force uniform and must comply with grooming standards similar to the active duty Air Force. Therefore, it is important for cadets to maintain a high standard of personal appearance at all times during the school year. This standard is based on AFROTCI 36-2001. **ALL OF THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS WILL BE MAINTAINED WHILE IN THE CORPS ROOM, THE IMMEDIATE HALLWAY, OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES/MEETINGS, ON CORPS ACTIVITIES, AND IN ANY AFJROTC UNIFORM INCLUDING ALL BLUES, BDU, TRAVEL, AND PT AT ALL TIMES, BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL:**

“If you only look at what is, you might never attain what could be.”

-Unknown

MALE & FEMALE CADETS IN CIVILIAN CLOTHING

- a. The following general standards apply:
- (1) Hair, Overall: Must be clean, well groomed, and neat.
 - (2) Hair Styles: Hair must be a natural occurring color (no faddish hair styles/colors), and hair must be all one color. Females may wear hair down while in civilian clothes.
 - (3) Jewelry: While in civilian clothes cadets may wear one conservative wristwatch, necklace, bracelet (not exceeding the width of 1 inch), and a maximum of 3 rings.
 - (4) Personal Hats: Personal hats are allowed for wear while outside and in civilian clothes. The hat must be worn properly (straightforward, right side up, etc.) and **must conform to all RRISD standards. Cadets will never be permitted to wear the hat in the school**

building. Any other headgear (bandanas, combs, etc.) is **never** allowed. Failure to follow these standards will result in confiscation of the hat.

- (5) Body Piercing: The only piercing allowed is in the lower fleshy ear lobe and you may only wear **one** pair of earrings. All other types of body piercing, visible or not, are NOT allowed. Male Cadets are not permitted to wear earrings in class or at ROTC activities at any time.
- (6) No facial hair on males in civilian clothes or at ROTC activities.
- (7) All school dress codes will be enforced and can be found in the RRISD School Handbook. All cadets, both upper and lower classmen will enforce these standards at all times, regardless of one's rank/position.
- (8) Make-up and nail polish maybe worn by female cadets if its conservative in color. No black make-up/nail polish allowed. Nail polish must be the same for each nail (one color) males will not wear make-up/nail polish at anytime.

MALE CADETS IN UNIFORM

b. These specific standards apply:

- (1) Facial Hair: No facial hair may be worn for any reason in AFJROTC. "Five O'clock Shadows" are permitted towards later half of the day. Any exception must be individually approved by the SASI/ASI.
- (2) Sideburns: Must not extend below the lowest part of the exterior ear opening and must be neatly trimmed and tapered in the same manner as the haircut.
- (3) Hair Styles: Must have a tapered appearance on the sides and back, both with and without headgear. A tapered appearance is one that, when viewed from any angle, outlines the cadet's hair so that it conforms to the shape of the head. The depth of the hair must not exceed $\frac{1}{4}$ inch at the termination point. A block cut is permitted as long as a tapered appearance is kept. **It must not touch the ears or the collar.** It must not exceed $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches of depth, regardless of length, on top

of the head. It must not interfere with proper wear of the headgear.

- (4) Cosmetics: Cosmetic makeup is permitted to hide blemishes or other marks as long as the cadet is not noticeably wearing excess makeup. Therefore, all black or other non-natural colored lipstick, eye liner, nail polish, etc. is prohibited.
- (5) Jewelry: A conservative wristwatch may be worn and no more than 3 rings altogether on both hands. **No bracelets may be worn unless they serve a medical purpose.** Once again males are not permitted to wear any earrings. One necklace may be worn, but it must be out of sight.

FEMALE CADETS IN UNIFORM

c. These specific standards apply:

- (1) Cosmetics: Must be conservative. All non-natural colored lipstick, eyeliner, etc. is prohibited. Nail polish may be worn as long as it is the same conservative color on all nails. Designs, decorations, and/or decals are **not** allowed.
- (2) Hair Styles: Must be styled to present a feminine appearance. Must not exceed 3 inches in bulk or prevent the proper wear of headgear. Must not include hair ornamentation such as ribbons or jeweled pins. However, plain pins, combs, and barrettes similar in color to the cadet's hair color may be worn to keep hair in place. Hair must not pass/exceed the bottom edge of the collar in the back.
- (3) Earrings: Women may wear small, conservative studs, that can be white pearl, gold, diamond, or silver spheres that fit tight against the ear and will not extend below the earlobe. You may not wear any rhinestones or hoops. ALL EARRINGS WILL BE WORN IN THE LOWEST FLESHY LOBE AREA OF THE EAR. EARRINGS ARE **NOT** ALLOWED IN THE CARTILAGE.

WARNING : NO NEW EAR PIERCINGS DURING SCHOOL DAYS. NEW PIERCINGS SHOULD WAIT UNTIL SUMMER, FOR HEALING PURPOSES.

“It is not true that nice guys finish last. Nice guys are winners before the game ever starts.”

-Addison Walker

3.2 Uniform of the Day (UOD)

The UOD will be posted in the classroom on the scheduling board and/or announced in advance. The UOD is to be worn **ALL DAY**, unless authorized by the SASI/ASI.

- a. Do not mix civilian clothing with the uniform.
- b. Hats/caps will be worn outdoors. Always take hats off when indoors. When flight caps are not being worn, it may be tucked under the belt to the right/left of the buckle, with the opening to the rear, and the top edge of the cap one-inch above the top of the belt. Once again all hat rules must comply with RRISD handbook standards.
- c. Keep hands out of pockets, all buttons buttoned, and do not carry bulky items in pockets or items that protrude outside the pocket.
- d. Keep the shirt tucked in neatly with the gig line (shirt edge, belt buckle, and trouser fly) lined up in a straight line and trim off all loose threads.
- e. Shoes should have a high shine with the edges of the soles and heels black. All shoes have a high degree of shine and a minimal amount of scuffs.
- f. Carry books, etc., in the left hand when walking outdoors so that the right hand is free for saluting.

“Never mistake motion for action.”

-Ernest Hemingway

3.3 Unauthorized Wear of the Uniform

- a. Any person who wears a uniform without authority is subject to penalties prescribed by 18 USC 702: “UNIFORM OF ARMED FORCES AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE. Whoever, in any place within the jurisdiction of the United States, without authority, wears the uniform or a distinctive part thereof or anything similar to a distinctive part of the uniform of any of the Armed Forces of the United States, Public Health Services, or any auxiliary of such, shall be fined not more than \$250 or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.”
- b. The uniform must not be worn while hitchhiking.
- c. Do not wear the uniform while participating in student demonstrations, for crowd control, or in any other inappropriate activity.

“The reason lightning doesn’t strike the same place twice is that the same place isn’t there the second time.”

-Willie Tyler

3.4 Authorized Wear of the Uniform

- a. The AFJROTC cadet uniform is, with certain exceptions, the same as that worn by active duty personnel. It is the distinctive dress of a proud and honorable profession. Cadets should always wear the uniform correctly and with pride. Air Force regulations require that cadets wear the uniform all day, one day each week. Uniform days are **Wednesdays or Thursdays**, depending on which day a cadet has ROTC class.
- b. Each member of the Corps must maintain high standards of dress and personal appearance. The uniform must be kept clean, neat, and in good condition. If a uniform item becomes worn and unserviceable, or is outgrown, it should be returned to Logistics for a replacement. All returned items must be clean.

- c. Uniform items and insignia for AFJROTC cadets, and proper wearing instructions, are prescribed in **Attachment 1** to this handbook and on the McNeil ROTC Website.
- d. The semiformal uniform, which consists of the blue uniform with white shirt and black bow tie for men, is authorized for the Military Ball or other special occasions designated by the SASI/ASI.
- e. BDU uniforms may be worn in lieu of blues at the discretion of the SASI/ASI. Travel hats and black T-shirts must be worn as part of the Battle Dress Uniform.
- f. Cadets may wear their uniform for special occasions such as weddings, graduations, etc. Permission for this must be obtained first from the SASI/ASI.
- g. With approval from the SASI/ASI, special teams may wear additional uniform items, insignia, and devices; or they may design and wear a separate, distinctive uniform of military style. These special uniforms or uniform items are only worn when performing duties as a member of a special team. Ascots are authorized for wear at the discretion of the SASI/ASI.
- h. The TX-934 hat may not be substituted for another form of cover, and you may wear local devices (cross rifles/flags/sabers, Kitty Hawk Air Society Pin, or JAG Pin) on it. Other pins may be worn at the discretion of the SASI/ASI. *No hatpin insignia or rank of any kind shall be permitted on this hat at any time.*

“Life is like riding a bicycle; you don’t fall off unless you quit pedaling.”

-Claude Pepper

3.5 Uniform Ribbons, Medals, and Badges

- a. Ribbons are worn with the bottom row of ribbons immediately above the top of the pocket button and centered on the pocket for men. The bottom row of ribbons must be even with the bottom of the nametag 1½ inch above or below the first exposed button. Medals may be worn simultaneously with the ribbons when authorized locally for formal, semiformal, and special occasions. The order of precedence will be the same as for ribbons.
- b. Ribbons of other services: AFJROTC cadets are authorized to wear ribbons earned while enrolled in Army, Navy, or Marine JROTC. Group ribbons according to service in this order: Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Civil Air Patrol. Only four CAP ribbons (General Carl Spaatz Award, Amelia Earhart Award, General Billy Mitchell Award, and General J. F. Curry Achievement Award) are authorized on the AFJROTC uniform. Badges or insignia from any other non-AFJROTC groups are not authorized on the AFJROTC uniform. This is in compliance with the AFOATSI 36-2001
- c. Valor Awards: Wear valor awards ahead of other ribbons, regardless of which JROTC awarded them.
- d. Order of Precedence: The medal or ribbon with the highest precedence is worn nearest the lapel on the top row. The ribbon or medal with the lowest precedence is worn on the bottom row furthest from the lapel
- e. Oak Leaf Clusters:
 - (1) Bronze: Bronze oak leaf clusters are worn on the ribbon to designate the second or subsequent award of a ribbon.
 - (2) Silver: Silver oak leaf clusters are worn on the ribbon in lieu of five bronze oak leaf clusters.

"It is better to give than to lend, and it costs about the same."

-Sir Phillip Gibbs

- f. Badges: once a badge is earned and awarded, it will be worn as showed in attachment 1

“Life is a tragedy when seen in close-up, but a comedy in longshot.”

-Charlie Chaplin

- 3.6 Name Tags: The standard Air Force blue name tag will be worn on all light blue shirts/blouses. Males wear the nametag grounded to the wearer’s right pocket top edge, (centered on the pocket) and parallel to the ground. Females wear the nametag 1½ inch above or below the first exposed button parallel to the ground on the wearer’s right side.
- 3.7 AFJROTC Shoulder Patch: Wear of the AFJROTC official shoulder patch is mandatory on all outer garments except the raincoat, overcoat, and all weather coats. Cadets enrolled in Civil Air Patrol (CAP) and AFJROTC who use the same uniform for both activities may wear the CAP wing patch on the right shoulder and the AFJROTC patch on the left shoulder with the AFJROTC shoulder patch taking precedence.

“Every time I’ve tried to do something that doesn’t feel right, it ended up not being right.”

-Mario Cumomo

- 3.8 TX934th Unit Patch: Wear the AFJROTC patch on the left and the TX934th unit patch on the right sleeve 1 inch below the outer shoulder seam, centered.
- 3.9 Shoulder Cords: Cadets are authorized to wear one shoulder cord. Wear the shoulder cord only on the short sleeve light blue shirt. NOT ON THE SDC Coat! The SASI/ASI designate criteria. Colors to denote different honors may be used. All cords (Drill Team, Color Guard, Saber Team, KHAS, etc.) will be worn on the left shoulder.
- 3.10 Corafam Shoes: **AS-II** cadets and above are permitted to wear Corafam Shoes as long as they are in a presentable condition and at the expense of the cadet.

3.11 Service Caps: **AS III** and **IV** Cadet Officers and NCOs are permitted to wear service caps. All caps must also have the proper insignia.

“To be upset over what you don’t have is to waste what you do have.”

-Ken S. Keyes, Jr.

United States Air Force

Core Values

Integrity First Service Before Self Excellence in All We DO

"Our Core Values, Integrity first, Service before self and Excellence in all we do, set the common standard for conduct across the Air Force. These values inspire the trust which provides the unbreakable bond that unifies the force. We must practice them ourselves and expect no less from those with whom we serve."

**General Michael E. Ryan
Chief of Staff
United States Air Force**

In 1995, The Honorable Sheila E. Widnall, Secretary of the Air Force and General Ronald R. Fogleman, Air Force Chief of Staff, approved these core values for the United States Air Force. The Air Education and Training Command and the United States Air Force Academy were tasked with promulgating these core values throughout the Air Force at every level. This initial education has been completed. Air Force commanders and schools for professional military education continue to hold these values up for the inspiration and guidance of new generations of military professionals.

TX 934 has adopted the Air Force Core Values and added three values we believe are important standards of conduct for our cadets.

These three core values are:

**Patriotism
Courage To Do What Is Right
Tenacity To The End**