

## Chapter 5

# PERSONAL APPEARANCE AND UNIFORM WEAR

**5.1. The Air Force Uniform.** The reputation of the United States Air Force as a professional military organization is known worldwide. Since the uniform you wear is a symbol of that reputation, each cadet in the AFJROTC program at John R. Rogers High School must wear it properly and behave appropriately while in uniform. This cannot be over-emphasized, since the uniform, except for the insignia, is the same as worn by active duty Air Force men and women. **Each cadet must participate in at least one uniform wear day per week.**

**5.2. General Appearance for All Cadets.** Because all cadets represent the Air Force JROTC, cadet conduct, actions and attitudes in and out of uniform will create and sustain a favorable public impression, which will enhance the image of the cadet corps. Therefore, as a Rogers Air Force Junior ROTC cadet, one must constantly strive to present a neat, clean and well-groomed appearance. Hair must be a natural, human hair color. Hair in front will not touch the eyebrows or protrude below the band of properly worn headgear. Refer to AFI 36-2903, AFJROTCI 36-2010 and the Operational Supplement Chapter 7 Change 1 for complete guidance.

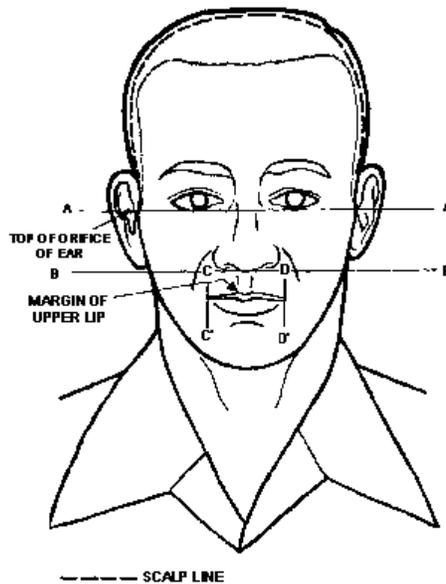
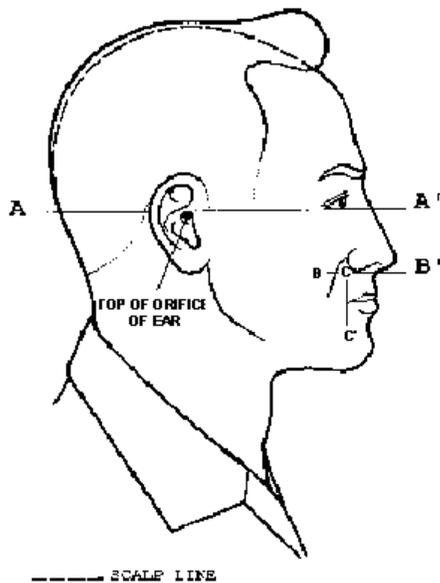
**5.3. Grooming Standards.** Effective upon enrollment, personal appearance and grooming standards are required for all cadets during uniform days. Cadets who have not yet been issued a uniform will comply with grooming standards on uniform days. All cadets will meet minimum uniform wear standards and requirements **within 45 calendar days** from the start of school, or enrollment of the cadet, or they will be disenrolled.

**5.4. Tattoos.** Any tattoo which is visible while a cadet is in uniform will only be permitted at the discretion of the SASI/ASI. Even though military tattoo prohibitions are slowly relaxing, any tattoo may render a cadet disqualified for military service or from desirable duty positions within the military. Cadets who desire a career in the military are advised to avoid tattoos altogether.

**5.5. Body Piercing/Ornamentation.** With the exception of earrings for women, when in uniform, all cadets are prohibited from attaching, affixing, or displaying objects, articles or ornamentation to or through the ear, nose, tongue, eye brows, lips, or any exposed body part. Dental ornamentation is prohibited in uniform.

**5.6. Male Cadets.** Hair will be neat, clean, trimmed, and presented a groomed appearance. Hair will not touch the ears or the collar, except for the closely cut hair on the back of the neck. Male cadets are prohibited from wearing hair in faddish styles e.g., braids, rat-tail, cornrows, Mohawk, “white sidewall”, “side strips”, “etching”, or bulky styles. Hair must be a natural color. Sideburns will be neatly trimmed in the same manner as the hair. They will not extend beyond the bottom of the ear opening, must be straight and even in length, and will end with a clean shaven, horizontal line. A “buzz-cut” or shaved head is not required.

5.6.1. The face will be clean-shaven, with exception of a mustache if desired. If worn, mustaches will be neatly trimmed, must not extend downward beyond a vertical line drawn upward from the corner of the mouth. No other facial hair is permitted.



5.6.2. Male cadets will not wear visible piercings while in uniform, including tongue piercings, earrings, tunnels and gages. Male cadets are not authorized to wear cosmetics or nail polish. Fingernails will be clean and well groomed.

5.6.3. Appropriate undergarments are required to be worn with all uniform combinations. Wear undershirt and underpants with all uniforms. Only a white V-neck undershirt is authorized when wearing the opened collar short-sleeved shirt.

5.6.4. Clip-on neck-ties are not authorized.

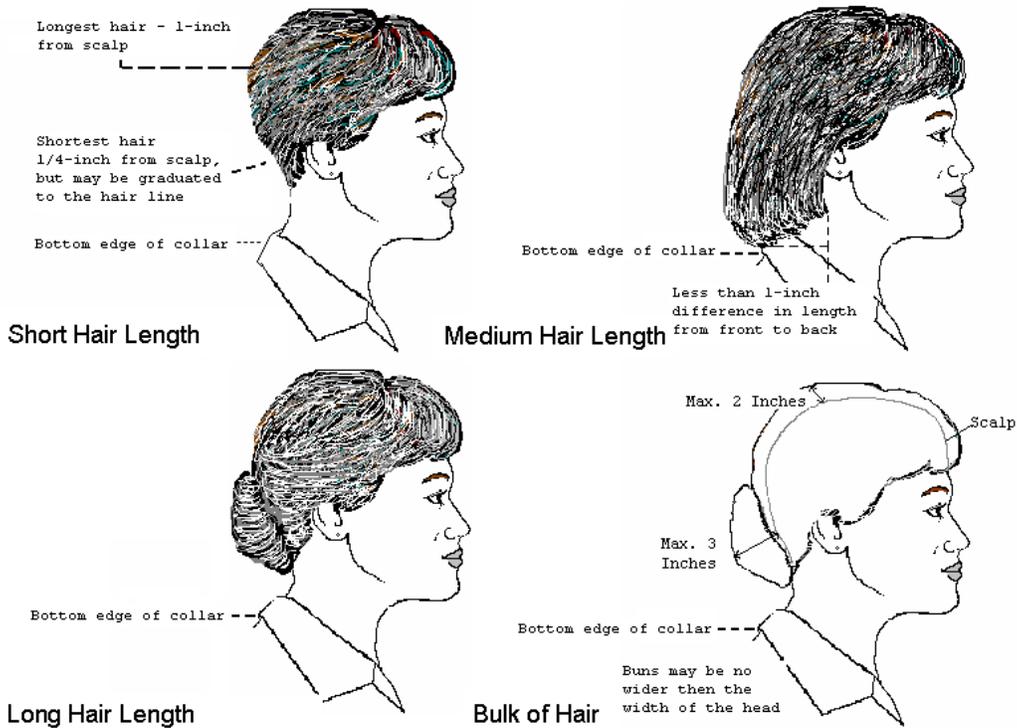
5.6.5. The belt is threaded through the loops to the LEFT.

5.6.6. Male cadets are not authorized to wear earrings while in uniform.

**5.7. Female Cadets.** The hair must be styled to permit proper wear of Air Force headgear. If dyed, hair must be a natural color. It should always be clean and neatly arranged. If pinned up, hair will be styled in a manner that prevents loose ends from extending outward from the head. Braids, micro-braids and cornrows are authorized. Hair will not be worn below the bottom of the collar edge at the back of the neck. Hair will be groomed so that it does not touch the eyebrows and will not cover any portion of the face. Afro, natural, bouffant and similar styles are authorized except those with excessive fullness or extreme heights. Ponytails are allowed which do not extend below the collar.

5.7.1. Hair ornaments such as ribbons will not be worn. Pins, combs, or barrettes similar in color to the individual's hair color may be worn. Hairnets are not authorized.

5.7.2. Cosmetics, if worn, will be conservative, in good taste, and not contrast distinctly with the cadet's natural complexion.



5.7.3. Earrings may be worn. They must be gold, silver, white pearl or diamond studs. Only one earring per ear allowed, and must be in the lobe. Eyebrow, nose and tongue piercings are not allowed in uniform.

5.7.4. If worn by females, nail polish will be a single color that does not distinctly contrast with the cadet's complexion or be extreme colors (purple, gold, black, blue, bright red, or fluorescent). French manicures are permitted. Fingernails must not exceed  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch in length beyond the finger tip.

5.7.5. Appropriate undergarments are required to be worn with all uniform combinations. Wear bra and underpants with all uniforms. Only a white V-neck style undershirt or tank-top is authorized when wearing opened collar service uniforms. Undergarments which are other than white will not be visible through the light blue shirt.

5.7.6. Black pumps are optional personal expense items. Cadets may wear black pumps as an optional item for school or social occasions. Corfams are not authorized other than for Color Guard duty.

5.7.7. Nylons may be substituted (commercial, sheer, nylon hose in black, off-black, dark blue, dark brown, or neutral that complement the uniform and the cadet's skin color) for black socks. Patterned hose is not allowed.

5.7.8. The belt is threaded through the loops to the RIGHT.

**5.8. General Rules for Wearing the Uniform.** Once a cadet has been issued a complete uniform, that cadet will be required to wear the uniform every Wednesday unless otherwise instructed. The

uniform will be worn all day. If a cadet is out of uniform without proper permission obtained from the SASI/ASI they will be given a zero uniform grade for that day. If a cadet is absent on uniform day will make up the uniform wear by Friday of that week. Each unexcused failure to wear the uniform will result in a 5% reduction in the cadet's overall grade for the semester. The first Wednesday of the month Service Dress (3 button coat and tie/tab) is worn.

5.8.1. Only authorized uniform items will be worn. DO NOT mix any uniform item with civilian clothing or any clothing item not authorized by AJFROTC.

5.8.2. The flight cap is worn outdoors except in pre-designated no-hat areas. The proper position is tilted slightly to the wearer's right with the vertical crease of the cap in a straight line with the nose and approximately one-inch above the eyebrow in the front. The cap will not be folded or crushed in any way, when worn. When not worn, the flight cap may be tucked under the belt on the left side of the belt buckle, between the first and second belt loops.

5.8.3. The short sleeve blue shirt is worn with the top button unbuttoned without a tie or neck tab. The long sleeve shirt is always worn with a tie or tab. The tip of the tie must cover a portion of the belt buckle, but cannot extend below the bottom of the belt buckle. Shirrtails are tightly tucked in at the sides to make it neatly form fitting. No items will be carried in the shirt pockets. **Shirts should be laundered after each wearing.** They do not need to be dry-cleaned. Medium to light starch will keep the shirts neat through the day. See the Operational Supplement Chapter 7 for placement of items on the shirt.

5.8.4. Your "GIG" line is the line formed by the button edge of the shirt, the edge of the belt buckle, and the fly of your trousers. The "GIG" line should always be kept straight. Check it frequently. The chrome tip of the belt will extend beyond the wearer's left (for men) or right (for women) with no belt fabric visible between the tip and the buckle.

5.8.5. The bottom of the trouser legs will be tailored in such a manner as to cause a slight break in the front trouser crease while touching the shoes. The rear pocket of the trousers will be buttoned at all times. Articles carried in the pocket will not be visible. The zipper tab will be pressed down to permit the fly to be neatly closed. **The blue trousers must be dry-cleaned.**

5.8.6. The sleeve of the service coat will extend between where the thumb joins the wrist and the first knuckle of the thumb. The outside pockets of the service dress coat are for decoration only. Nothing should be carried in them. There are two inside pockets for carrying small, flat items. All outside pockets and snaps will be secured at all times. The coat will be donned and buttoned whenever outside the classroom. **The service coat must be dry-cleaned.**

5.8.7. Wear only a **clean, white V-neck style undershirt, with no writing or graphics**, when wearing open-collar short-sleeved light blue shirt. Members may wear the white V-neck, athletic or crew-neck style undershirt when wearing closed-collar shirt with a tie or tab.

5.8.8. The socks must be **black and at least crew length**. No other colors are authorized.

5.8.9. The leather low quarter shoes will be laced to the top and shined to a high gloss at all times. Corfams (patent leather) are only authorized for cadets to wear while performing Color Guard duties.

- 5.8.10. All pockets must be buttoned.
- 5.8.11. Trim loose strings and frayed seams on the uniform.
- 5.8.12. Avoid carrying bulky items in the pockets.
- 5.8.13. Replace missing buttons promptly. Buttons on the service coat are oxidized silver. Do not attempt to shine them.
- 5.8.14. Carry books and other objects in the left hand to free the right hand for saluting.
- 5.8.15. Never place any articles under the epaulet of the service dress coat, or the windbreaker.
- 5.8.16. Wrist watches, identification bracelets, and rings (three maximum) may be worn. Necklaces will not be visible. Large pendants, ankle bracelets, and other conspicuous adornments are prohibited.
- 5.8.17. All insignia are fastened with brass or black plastic clasps (frogs).
- 5.8.18. Hitchhiking, performing hard manual labor, engaging in rigorous sports activities, etc, while wearing the uniform is not permitted.
- 5.8.19. Conservative sunglasses may be worn outdoors except in formation. Mirrored lenses are prohibited.
- 5.8.20. Cadets are not permitted to smoke in uniform.
- 5.8.21. Do not stand or walk with hand(s) in pocket(s), except to insert or retrieve an item.
- 5.8.22. Do not consume food and/or beverages while walking in uniform.
- 5.8.23. If not being worn, the flight cap may be tucked under the belt to the left of the buckle between the first and second belt loops.

**5.9. Shoulder Cords.** Cadets are authorized to wear one braided cord on the left shoulder of the service dress jacket or the light blue shirt. On the service dress jacket, cords will be pinned to the shoulder with the pins on the inside, hidden beneath the cord. The following colors are authorized: purple, gold, blue or white for Color Guard and Honor Guard as directed, purple/gold for Drill Team, silver/blue for Cyber Patriot.