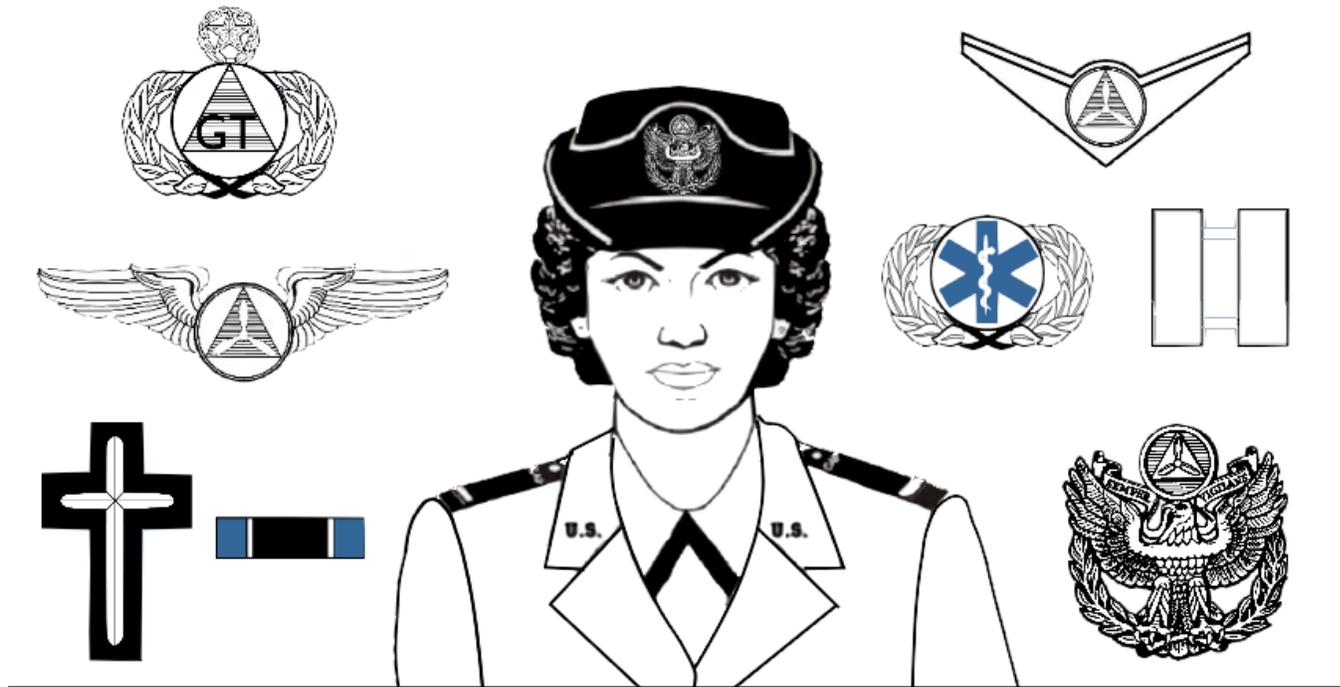


Chapter 7

UNIFORMS, INSIGNIAS, AND YOU



When individuals have no previous connection with a military or para-military organization first join, they may be puzzled as to the reason for wearing a uniform. They may have belonged to a large industrial organization which functioned very efficiently and didn't use a uniform, or possibly they were associated with a firm which required some form of identification card. These items allow people to be identified at a glance as belonging to the firm, a trade, their particular job, or a section of a shift. This identification is considered necessary for efficiency in industry. The origin of the military uniform was also a need for identification but for a different reason.

In early wars, it was found that during the battle, the fighting men could not recognize each other and often killed their own friends. In those days, everyone wore what they pleased and no one knew by sight alone who was friend and who was foe. The clever Generals dressed their men all the same or in "uniform dress" and scored many victories before this new development in warfare became widely known.

Why does the Civil Air Patrol need a distinctive uniform? The reason is that while uniforms first started out to be only a means of identification, down through the centuries, the uniform has taken on a far greater meaning than just that of identification.

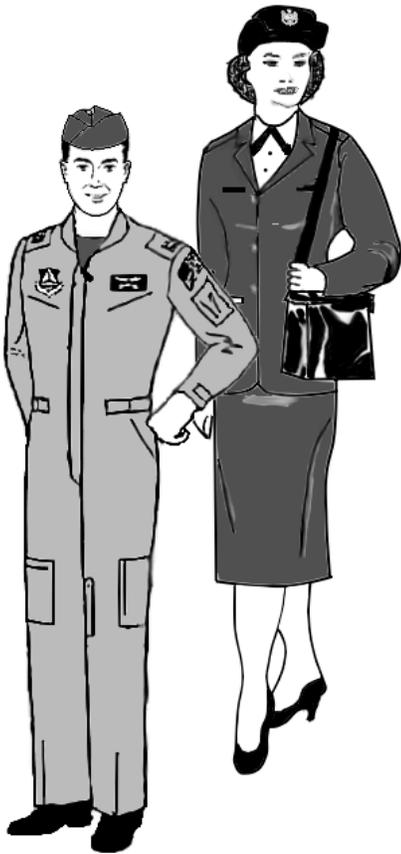
In the beginning, the uniform also set aside the service men from the public whom they protected and served. As the fighting men in early days were selected for their courage and strength, the uniform became a mark of "that" type of man. As warfare progressed, various regiments adopted different uniforms. The amount of honor and respect given to a regimental uniform depended on the amount of honors the regiment had won in previous battles. So the meaning of the uniform grew and military uniforms in countries around the world are richly endowed with tradition and honor.

The routes of the U.S. Air Force uniform and thus the Civil Air Patrol uniform come from the U.S. Army. After the creation of the Air Force, the style of the uniform remained mostly identical to the Army's except for color. In the 1990's, the Air Force adopted a new style service uniform that gave the Air Force a distinct look from other branches of the armed services. Today, the Air Force is examining the possibility of even yet another evolution in the service and utility uniforms.

As a member of the U.S. Air Force team, the auxiliary members also wear the Air Force uniform. Because members of the CAP are given such an honor, we must ensure the proper wear and representation as an Air Force team member. This includes proper grooming and weight standards. For those senior members who may not desire or can not meet the appropriate weight standards, they can wear a CAP distinctive uniform.

In this chapter, we will discuss the types of uniforms, the wear of the uniforms, grooming standards, weight standards and insignias worn with the uniform. In all cases, you should refer to the appropriate publications for current and additional information. More information on the wear of uniforms by Civil Air Patrol members can be found in **CAPM 39-1, Civil Air Patrol Uniform Manual**.

Sources for Uniforms



The uniforms used by the Civil Air Patrol can be obtained from several sources. As a new member, you should first contact a member of your unit to see if they have any uniform items in the units supply room that might fit you. The next step is to purchase your any remaining uniform items.

All Air Force uniforms can be purchased from any Army Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) facility in person. These facilities are located on most Air Force installation. Before you travel to any military installation, you will need to contact your unit commander to learn about any proper procedures such as contacting the wings liaison officer for a military support authorization (MSA). Many members enjoy going to AAFES facilities because they can try on uniforms to assure proper fit. Also, the AAFES staff is very knowledgeable about uniform and can help. Many AAFES facilities are adjacent to a dry cleaning and tailoring shop where they tailor uniforms all day and know the exact specifications required.

Another source for Air Force uniforms and Civil Air Patrol distinctive uniforms is through the Vanguard Company. They are the official source for uniforms and more. They do not have a store facility that you can visit. Instead they are an internet store and can be visited by going to <http://www.civilairpatrolstore.com>. Another online source for Air Force and Civil Air Patrol distinctive uniforms is the Hock Shop. Their website can be found at <http://www.thehock.com>.

Grooming Standards

All members of CAP must be well groomed and assure that their appearance at all times reflects credit upon themselves, Civil Air Patrol, and the U.S. Air Force. Grooming standards are based on several elements including neatness, cleanliness, safety, and military image and appearance. The standards established by the Civil Air Patrol and the U.S. Air Force are not intended to be overly restrictive nor were they created to isolate Civil Air Patrol members from the rest of society. The limits established in CAPM 39-1, *Civil Air Patrol Uniform Manual*, are reasonable, enforceable, and insure that personal appearance contributes to a favorable military image. The difference between men's and women's grooming standards recognizes the difference between the sexes. Establishing the exact same grooming

MALE

Haircut: Tapered. Hair can not touch the ears or collar. Block style is authorized as long as it looks tapered. Bangs may no be below eyebrows and not exposed when wearing headgear. Sideburns end with a clean horizontal line. Senior Members may not extend below lowest part of ear opening and Cadets not below bottom of ear lobe.



Mustache: must be neatly trimmed and must not extend beyond the lip line of the upper lip or past the ourter edges of the vermillion.

Beards and Goatees: are forbidden for all who wear the Air Force uniform.

FEMALE

Haircut: Neatly arranged and shaped to present a conservative feminine look. Hair style that precent proper wear of the headgear is not permitted. Hair in the back may touch, but not fall below, the bottom edge of the collar.

Barrattes, Ribbons and other ornaments: Except inconspicuous pins and combs, will not be worn in the hair



standards for men and women would not be in the Civil Air Patrol's best interest and is not a factor in assurance of equal opportunity.

When uniforms are worn, they must be clean, neat and correct in design and specification, properly fitted, and in good condition. Uniforms will be kept zippered, snapped, or buttoned and shoes will be shined and in good repair. Metallic insignia, badges and other devices, including the blue service uniform buttons, must also be maintained in the proper luster and condition.

Men in uniform will not have articles such as wallets, pencils, pens, watch chains, fobs, pins, jewelry, handkerchiefs, combs, cigars, cigarettes, pipes, and sunglass cases exposed on the uniform. The wear of wristwatches and rings is permitted. The wear of identification bracelets is likewise permitted provided they present a neat and conservative appearance. Conservative sunglasses may be worn, except in military formation. Ribbons, when worn, will be clean and not frayed. Wear of earrings, ornamentation on eyeglass lenses, or visible ornaments around the neck are prohibited while in uniform.

Women in uniform will not have pencils, pens, pins, handkerchiefs, and jewelry worn or carried exposed on the uniform. One small spherical (ball), conservative, diamond, gold, white pearl, or silver pierced or clip earring per earlobe may be worn. The earring worn in each earlobe must match. Earring should fit tightly without extending below the earlobe (exception: connecting band on clip earrings). Other visible ornaments around the neck or on the head, ornamentation on eyeglass lenses, and ankle bracelets are prohibited.

Wristwatches, identification bracelets, and a maximum of three conservative rings are permitted. Conservative sunglasses may be worn, except in military formation. Appropriate undergarments will be worn to present a conservative, feminine appearance.

Members may wear certain visible items of religious apparel while in uniform. Religious apparel is defined as articles of clothing or dress that are part of the doctrine or traditional observance of the religious faith practiced by the member. Hair and grooming practices are not included in the meaning of religious apparel. Jewelry of a religious nature must conform to standards set forth in this regulation for wear of non-religious jewelry. Religious head coverings are authorized only when military headgear is not authorized. Head coverings must be plain dark blue or black without adornment. Also, they may be worn underneath military headgear if they do not interfere with the proper fit or appearance of the headgear. For example, Jewish yarmulkes meet this requirement if they do not exceed 6 inches in diameter.

Weight Standards

Along with proper grooming standards, members who wear the Air Force uniform must meet weight standards. The Air Force has granted Civil Air Patrol members with a 10% weight allowance above the standard Air Force allowance. Below is a chart outlining the weight CAP members whom wear the Air Force uniform must meet based on their sex and height.

HEIGHT	MEN		WOMEN	
	Air Force Standard (Maximum Allowable Weight)	CAP standard (Maximum Allowable Weight)	Air Force Standard (Maximum Allowable Weight)	CAP Standard (Maximum allowable Weight)
4'10"	149	164	132	145
4'11"	151	166	134	147
5'	153	168	136	150
5'1"	155	171	138	152
5'2"	158	174	141	155
5'3"	160	176	142	156
5'4"	164	180	146	161
5'5"	169	186	150	165
5'6"	174	191	155	170
5'7"	179	197	159	175
5'8"	184	202	164	180
5'9"	189	208	168	185
5'10"	194	213	173	190
5'11"	199	219	177	195
6'	205	225	182	200
6'1"	211	232	188	207
6'2"	218	240	194	213
6'3"	224	246	199	219
6'4"	230	253	205	226
6'5"	236	260	210	231
6'6"	242	266	215	237
6'7"	248	273	221	243
6'8"	254	279	226	249

NOTES:

1. Senior members and cadets who are 18 and older must meet CAP weight standards in order to wear the AF-style uniform.
2. A weight allowance of up to 3 pounds for clothing (excluding footwear) is authorized.
3. Height measurements do not include footwear.
4. Round up to the nearest inch.

Care and Wear of your Uniform



Take care and pride in your appearance. Those who don't are thought of by others as unprofessional and not a team player.

As a member of the Civil Air Patrol, you are a representative of the United States, the U.S. Air Force, the Civil Air Patrol, and yourself. The manor in which you wear and care for your uniform will be a direct reflection of all. So to say that wearing your uniform properly is important is an understatement. The professional members of the Civil Air Patrol can spot a slacker the moment they walk in with an improper, unclean uniform. This will most likely result in you sitting on the side lines when the exciting work begins.

Care or Your Uniform

One of the first steps in caring for our uniform is to ensure that we can identify it as ours. Remember, we all were the same shirt, belt, hat, etc. So mixing up ownership of our uniform can easily happen especially at activities where many uniforms are washed together such as at an encampment or national training academy. To prevent this you should mark you clothing so it can be easily identified.

To identify your uniform articles as yours, perform the following. Using a black permanent marker place your full name and CAP Identification Number (CAPID) in a place that can only been seen when not worn. If the article of clothing is too small to put you whole name and CAPID, then use your initials and CAPID only.

In addition to your uniform articles any other equipment issued or purchased that is in your custody should also be marked using the same methodology described. Make sure you take time to this. In some cases a permanent marker will not work do to the material of the equipment such as metal. In these cases use a nail to scratch in your markings. Ask your unit's logistic officer if this is permissible with assigned equipment first.



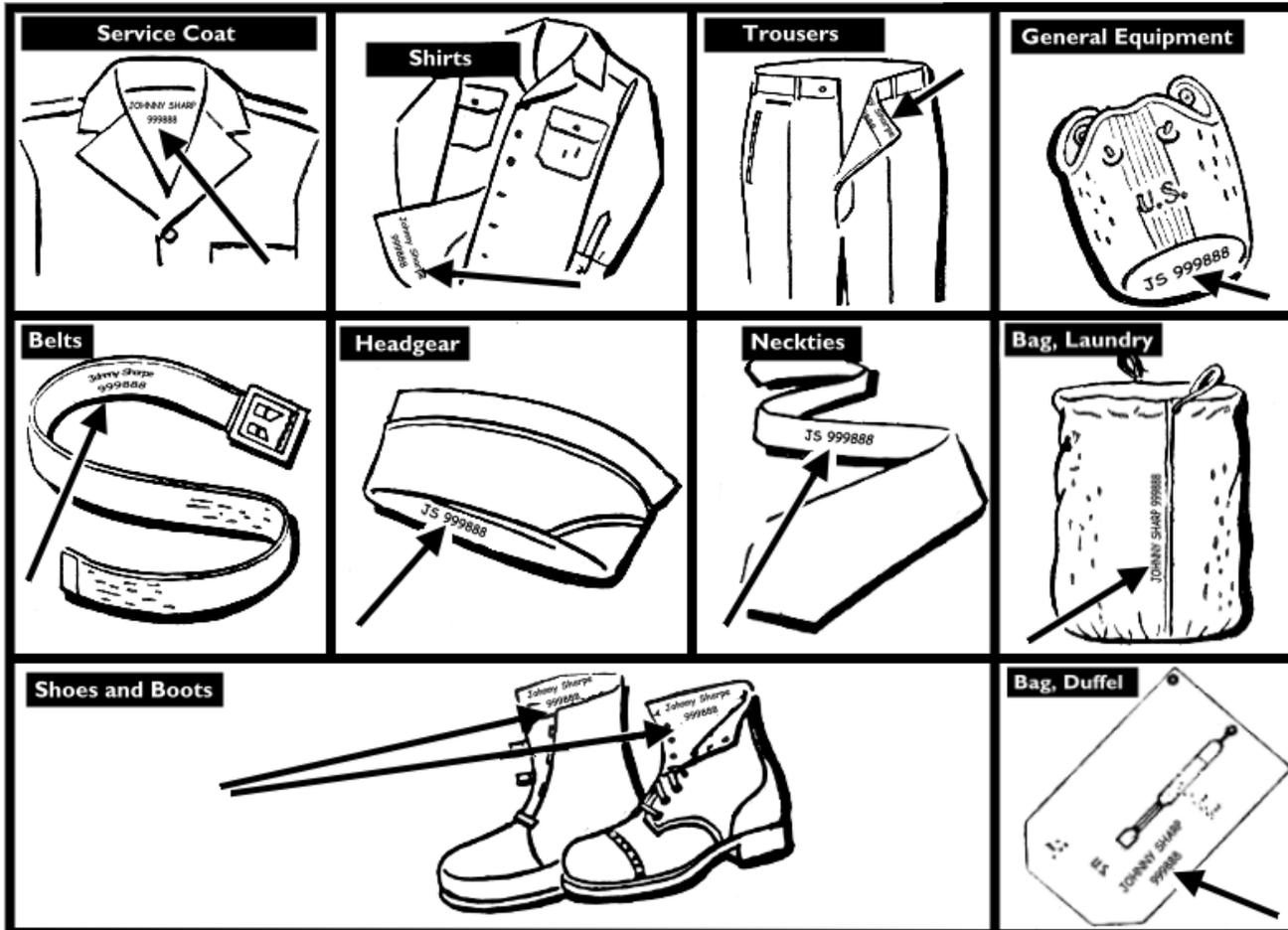
Sample label commonly found in uniforms

Uniform footwear may or may not require polishing. Today the oxford style shoes worn with the dress uniform can be purchased with a permanent shine. Cadets should contact their instructor before choosing the permanent shine style shoes since many instructors prefer enlisted level cadets to wear the patent leather style that require a good polishing and buffing. Boots are to be kept in a polished state. Good, quality leather shoes as worn in the service should be polished at least once a month to preserve their life if they're worn regularly.

Nickel plated uniform items such as insignias and the belt buckle also need to be maintained. Metal polishing products can easily be found in most supermarkets or general stores. Keep all metal uniform items in a clean shiny state. Thumbprints and scratches can be easily seen be everyone.

All uniform clothing items have a label sewn on that gives instruction on the proper care. The care instructions may not always be on the same label were the size is recorded, so be sure to look around for it. Learn the proper care of each piece of clothing and follow the instructions.

Following are suggested locations for uniform markings.



Wear of the Uniform

Before every meeting or activity, take a moment to prepare your uniform ahead of time. Create new time management habits, such as polishing your shoes every Monday or cleaning and pressing your uniform every Saturday.

On the day of a meeting or activity, your uniform should be ready to go. Before you walk out, look at yourself in a long mirror to see if you reflect the person you wish to represent. Make sure there are no loose threads, stains, wrinkles, and misplaced insignias or ribbons. Make sure you meet the proper grooming and weight standards. You may notice when visiting an office at a military installation that there are long mirrors behind office doors. This is so servicemen can look over their uniform before they make an appearance in front of their other servicemen and the public just as you should.

When you arrive to a meeting or activity, pull a peer to the side and have them look you over to see if you missed anything. You should then return the same courtesy. Think of it as a uniform buddy system.

At the end of an activity or mission, you should remove your uniform and put it away immediately when you get home. Never casually toss your uniform aside. This careless attitude towards the care of your uniform can become habit forming and lead to a wasted investment.

Members may not wear their uniform other than for Civil Air Patrol activities. This may be a unit meeting, a mission, or a discussion about who CAP is to the local chamber of commerce. The uniform may never be worn during political campaigns, sporting events as a spectator, to a friend's party or any other type of atmosphere that would detract from you and the organization.

Types of Uniforms

As mentioned before, the Civil Air Patrol allows two categories of uniforms: U.S. Air Force uniforms and CAP distinctive uniforms. Within each of these categories there are two additional primary categories of uniforms, service and utility. Service uniforms are a combination of dress clothing or formal wear; where as utility uniforms are rugged uniforms that can take abuse in heavy work environments. For the purpose of this publication, we will focus only on the U.S. Air Force uniform. You can learn more about the proper wear of all uniforms in further detail by reviewing **CAPM 39-1, *Civil Air Patrol Uniform Manual***.

In the following pages we will review graphics that detail the placement of uniform items. We will begin with the service uniform. The U.S. Air Force service uniform consists of a light blue shirt (long or short sleeve), dark blue dress pants (and/or a skirt for females), black oxford leather patent shoes, a blue belt with a nickel polished buckle, a tie, a dark blue service coat, and either a flight cap or service cap.

Following the service uniform, we will review the Air Force utility uniform called the Battle Dress Uniform or BDU's. Then we look at appropriate headgear worn with the uniforms.

MALE AIR FORCE SERVIC DRESS OFFICERS AND FLIGHT OFFICERS

Officer Epaulets:

Officers wear embroidered grade insignia on gray epaulet sleeve.

Lapel Insignia:

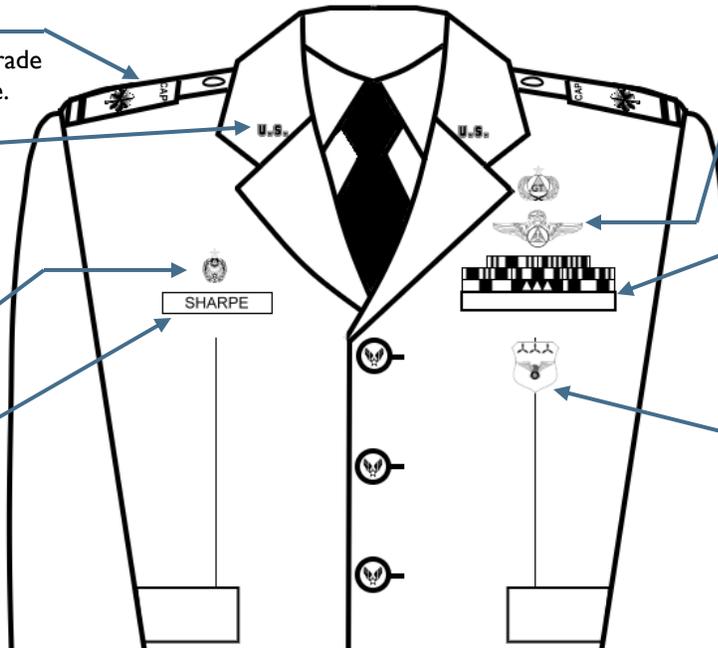
Highly polished U.S. insignia. Insignia is placed halfway up the seam, resting on but not over it. Bottom of insignia is parallel with the ground.

Command Badge:

Worn centered on right breast, 1/2 inch above nameplate.

Nameplate:

The AF highly polished nameplate is worn centered on the right breast with the bottom edge parallel to bottom row of ribbons.



CAP Aviation Badges and Specialty Insignia:

Highly polished, worn centered 1/2 inch above ribbons.

Ribbons: (required)

Worn centered above left breast welt, resting on but not over top edge with 3 or 4 in a row. Wear all or some.

CAP Specialty Badges:

Worn centered 1 1/2 inches below top of welt pocket and/or on right side centered between arm seam 1/2 inch above nameplate, only one specialty badge may be worn in each location.

NOTE: All ribbons and devices must fall below the top edge of the notched collar.

NON COMMISSIONED OFFICERS & SENIOR AIRMEN

Lapel Insignia:

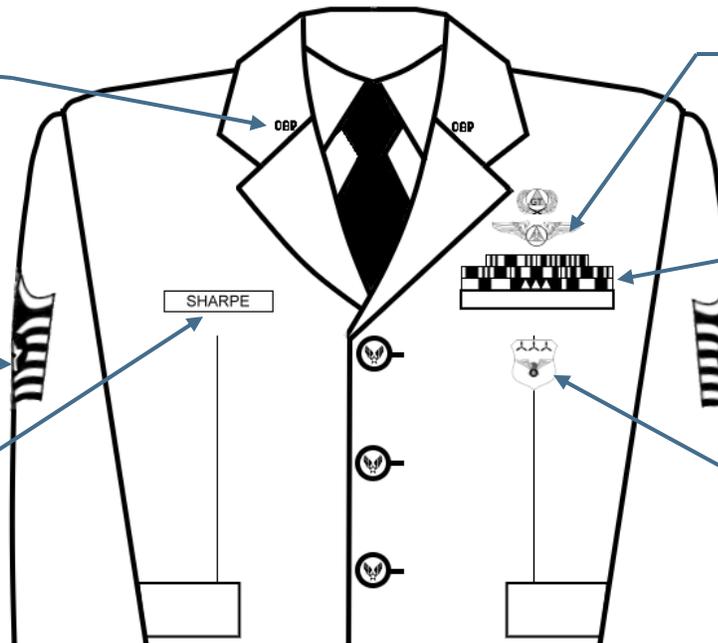
Highly polished CAP insignia worn by NCOs, Airmen and senior members without grade. Insignia is placed halfway up the seam, resting on but not over it. Bottom of insignia is parallel with the ground.

Grade Insignia:

NCOs and Airmen wear 4 inch cloth chevrons halfway between shoulder seam and elbow bent at 90 degree angle.

Nameplate:

The AF highly polished nameplate is worn centered on the right breast with the bottom edge parallel to bottom row of ribbons.



CAP Aviation Badges and Specialty Insignia:

Highly polished, worn centered 1/2 inch above ribbons.

Ribbons: (required)

Worn centered above left breast welt, resting on but not over top edge with 3 or 4 in a row. Wear all or some.

CAP Specialty Badges:

Worn centered 1 1/2 inches below top of welt pocket and/or on right side centered between arm seam 1/2 inch above nameplate, only one specialty badge may be worn in each location.

NOTE: All ribbons and devices must fall below the top edge of the notched collar.

CADET OFFICER

Grade Insignia:

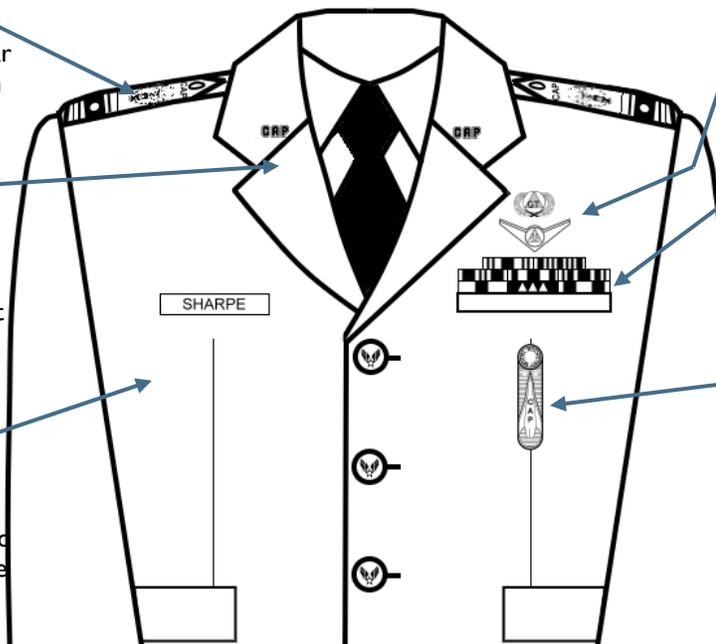
Cadet Officers wear regular size metal grade insignia on shoulder boards.

Lapel Insignia:

Highly polished CAP insignia worn by Cadets. Insignia is placed halfway up the seam, resting on but not over it. Bottom of insignia is parallel with the ground.

Nameplate:

The AF highly polished nameplate is worn centered on the right breast with the bottom edge parallel to the bottom row of ribbons.



CAP Aviation Badges and Specialty Insignia:

Highly polished, worn centered 1/2 inch above ribbons.

Ribbons: (required)

Worn centered above left breast welt, resting on but not over top edge with 3 or 4 in a row. Wear all or some.

CAP Specialty Badges:

Worn centered 1 1/2 inches below top of welt pocket and/or on right side centered between arm seam 1/2 inch above nameplate, only one specialty badge may be worn in each location.

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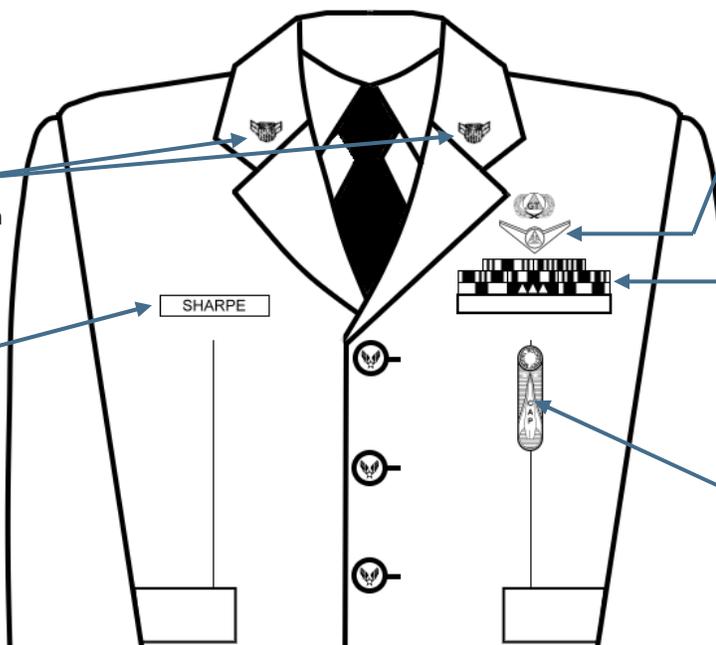
CADET NCOs AND AIRMAN

Grade Insignia:

Cadet NCOs and Airmen wear a metal chevron on the left and right lapel.

Nameplate:

The AF highly polished nameplate is worn centered on the right breast with the bottom edge parallel to bottom row of ribbons.



CAP Aviation Badges and Specialty Insignia:

Highly polished, worn centered 1/2 inch above ribbons.

Ribbons: (required)

Worn centered above left breast welt, resting on but not over top edge with 3 or 4 in a row. Wear all or some.

CAP Specialty Badges:

Worn centered 1 1/2 inches below top of welt pocket and/or on right side centered between arm seam 1/2 inch above nameplate, only one specialty badge may be worn in each location.

NOTE: All ribbons and devices must fall below the top edge of the notched collar.

MALE AIR FORCE SERVIC DRESS OFFICERS AND FLIGHT OFFICERS

Officer Epaulets:

Officers wear embroidered grade insignia on gray epaulet sleeve.

Command Badge:

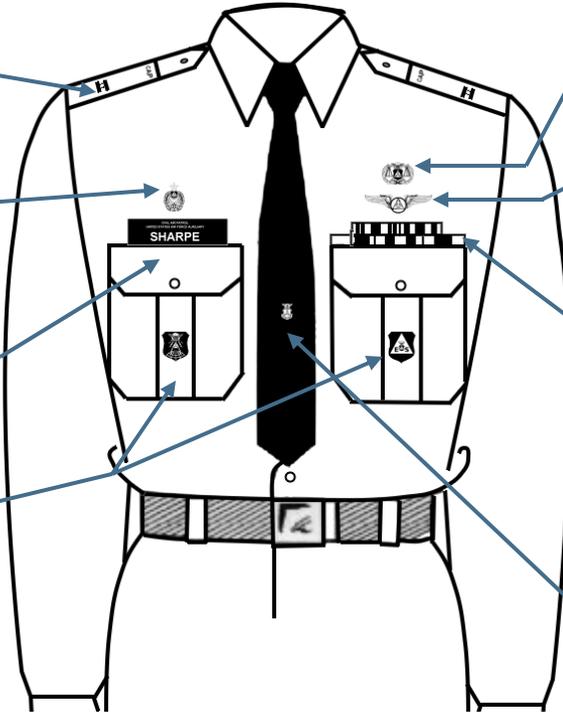
Worn centered on right breast, 1/2 inch above nameplate.

Nameplate:

Gray, three-line rests on but not over top edge of right pocket, centered between left and right edges.

CAP Specialty Badges:

Worn centered below the pocket flap on the left breast pocket and/or on right breast pocket between left and right edges and bottom of flap and pocket, only one specialty badge maybe worn in each location.



CAP Specialty Badges:

Worn 1/2 inch above ribbons or left pocket if ribbons are not worn.

CAP Aviation Badges and Specialty Insignia:

Highly polished, worn 1/2 inch above ribbons or left pocket if ribbons are not worn.

Ribbons: Worn resting on but not over top edge of left pocket and centered between the left and right edges with 3 in a row. Wear all, some or none. All ribbons and devices must fall below the bottom tip of the collar when worn as an outer garment.

Tie; Tie Tack or Bar: Center tie tack or tie bar (CAP crest, Air Force coat of arms, Wing and Star/Hap Arnold design or grade insignia) between bottom edge of knot and bottom (tip) of tie.

NON COMMISSIONED OFFICERS & SENIOR AIRMEN

Nameplate:

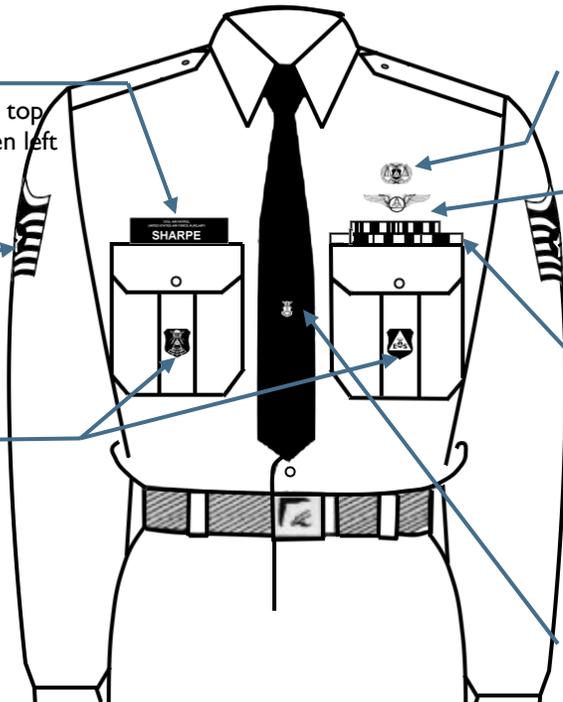
Gray, three-line rests on but not over top edge of right pocket, centered between left and right edges.

NCO/Airman Grade:

3 inch or 3 1/2 inch cloth chevrons on the sleeve or embroidered gray epaulet sleeve.

CAP Specialty Badges:

Worn centered below the pocket flap on the left breast pocket and/or on right breast pocket between left and right edges and bottom of flap and pocket, only one specialty badge maybe worn in each location.



CAP Specialty Badges:

Worn 1/2 inch above ribbons or left pocket if ribbons are not worn.

CAP Aviation Badges and Specialty Insignia:

Highly polished, worn 1/2 inch above ribbons or left pocket if ribbons are not worn.

Ribbons: Worn resting on but not over top edge of left pocket and centered between the left and right edges with 3 in a row. Wear all, some or none. All ribbons and devices must fall below the bottom tip of the collar when worn as an outer garment.

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CADET OFFICER

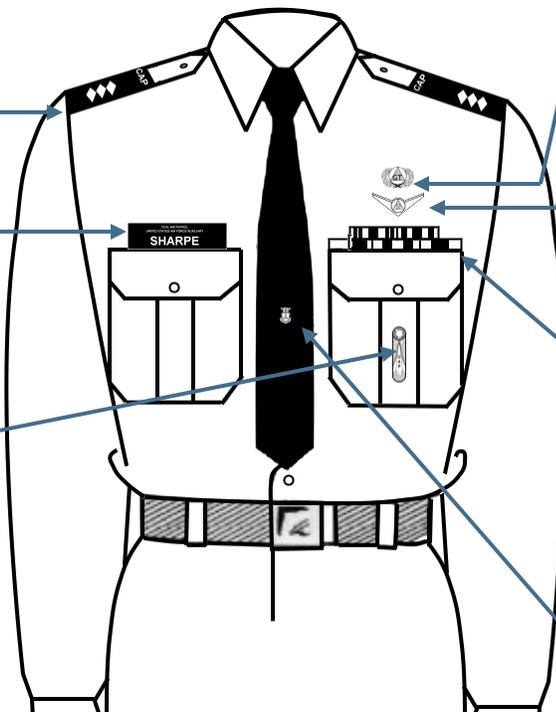
Cadet Officer Epaulets:

Nameplate:

Blue, three-line, rests on but not over top edge of right pocket, centered between left and right edges.

Model Rocketry Badge:

Centered below flap on left breast pocket.



CAP Specialty Badges: Worn 1/2 inch above ribbons or left pocket if ribbons are not worn.

CAP Aviation Badges and Specialty Insignia: Highly polished, worn 1/2 inch above ribbons or left pocket if ribbons are not worn.

Ribbons: Worn resting on but not over top edge of left pocket and centered between the left and right edges with 3 in a row. Wear all, some or none. All ribbons and devices must fall below the bottom tip of the collar when worn as an outer garment.

Tie; Tie Tack or Bar: Center tie tack or tie bar (CAP crest, Air Force coat of arms, Wing and Star/Hap Arnold design or grade insignia) between bottom edge of knot and bottom (tip) of tie.

CADET NCOs AND AIRMAN

Grade Insignia:

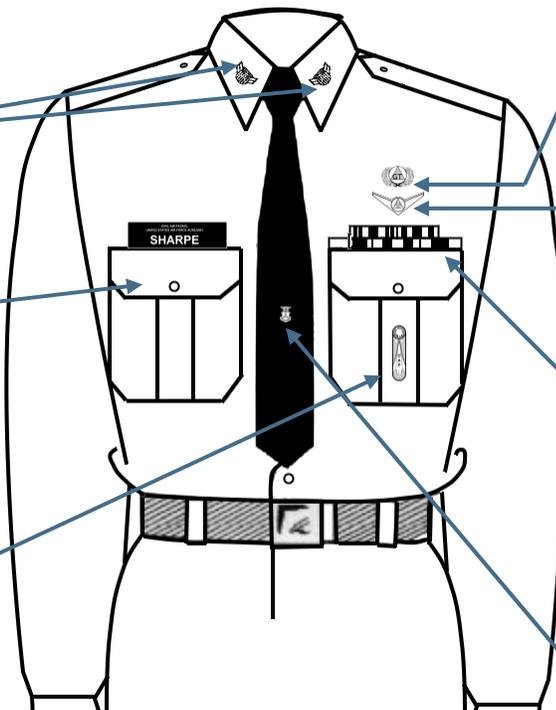
Cadet NCOs and Airmen wear regular size metal chevron on right side of collar.

Nameplate:

Blue, three-line, rests on but not over top edge of right pocket, centered between left and right edges.

Model Rocketry Badge:

Centered below flap on left breast pocket.



CAP Specialty Badges: Worn 1/2 inch above ribbons or left pocket if ribbons are not worn.

CAP Aviation Badges and Specialty Insignia: Highly polished, worn 1/2 inch above ribbons or left pocket if ribbons are not worn.

Ribbons: Worn resting on but not over top edge of left pocket and centered between the left and right edges with 3 in a row. Wear all, some or none. All ribbons and devices must fall below the bottom tip of the collar when worn as an outer garment.

Tie; Tie Tack or Bar: Center tie tack or tie bar (CAP crest, Air Force coat of arms, Wing and Star/Hap Arnold design or grade insignia) between bottom edge of knot and bottom (tip) of tie.

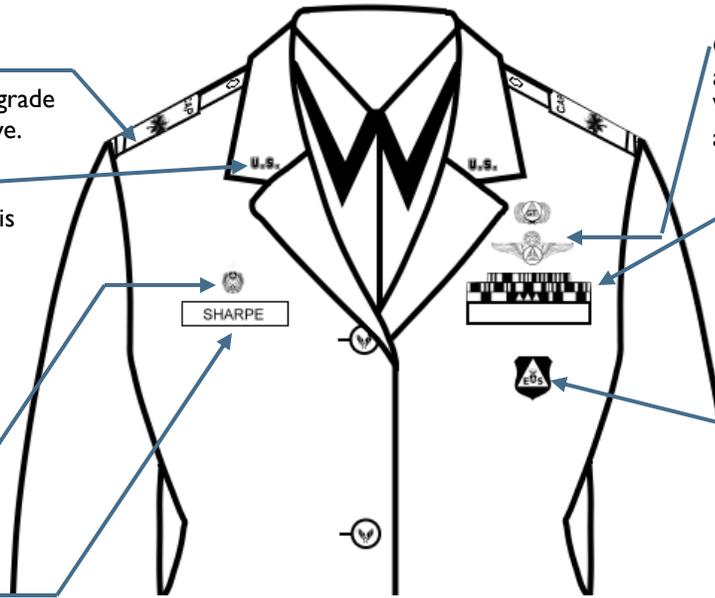
FEMALE AIR FORCE SERVICE DRESS OFFICERS AND FLIGHT OFFICERS

Grade Insignia:
Officers wear embroidered grade insignia on gray epaulet sleeve.

Lapel Insignia:
Highly polished U.S. insignia is worn by Officers. Insignia is placed halfway up the seam, resting on but not over it. Bottom of insignia is parallel with the ground.

CAP Command Badge:
Worn centered on right breast, 1/2 inch above nameplate.

Nameplate:
The AF highly polished nameplate is worn centered on the right breast with the bottom edge parallel to bottom row of ribbons.



CAP Aviation Badges and Specialty Insignia:
Worn centered 1/2 inch above ribbons

Ribbons: (required)
Worn centered above left breast pocket/welt, resting on but not over top edge with 3 or 4 in a row.

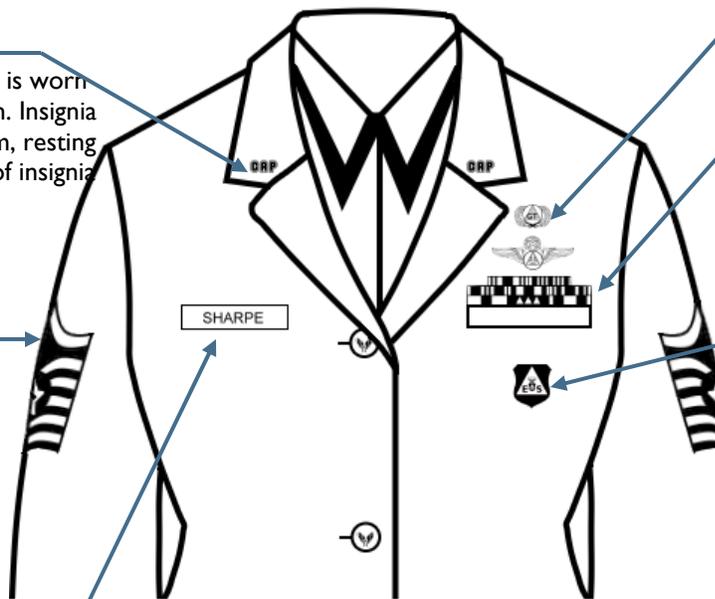
CAP Specialty Badges: worn centered 1 1/2 inches below top of welt pocket and/or on right side centered between arm seam and lapel 1/2 inch above the nameplate. Model Rocketry badge must be worn below the top of welt pocket on the left side.

NON COMMISSIONED OFFICERS & SENIOR AIRMEN

CAP Lapel Insignia:
Highly polished CAP insignia is worn by NCOs and Senior Airman. Insignia is placed halfway up the seam, resting on but not over it. Bottom of insignia is parallel with the ground.

Grade Insignia:
NCOs and Airmen wear 3 1/2 or 4 inch chevrons halfway between shoulder seams and elbow when bent at 90-degree angle.

Nameplate:
Worn centered on the right breast with the bottom edge parallel to bottom row of ribbons.



CAP Aviation Badges and Specialty Insignia:
Worn centered 1/2 inch above ribbons

Ribbons: (required)
Worn centered above left breast pocket/welt, resting on but not over top edge with 3 or 4 in a row.

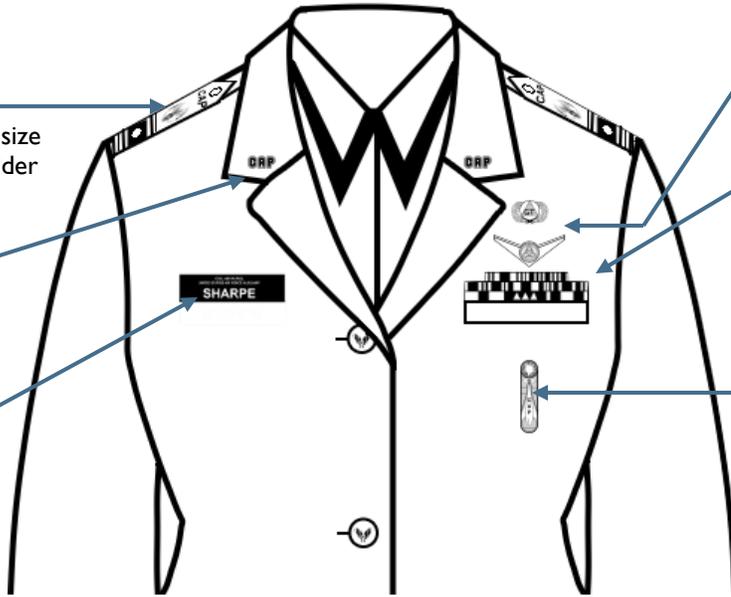
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CADET OFFICERS

Grade Insignia:
Cadet Officers wear regular size metal grade insignia on shoulder boards.

CAP Lapel Insignia:
Cadet Officers wear lapel insignia on both lapels halfway up the seam, resting on but not over it.

Nameplate:
Worn centered on the right breast with the bottom edge parallel to bottom row of ribbons.



CAP Aviation Badges and Specialty Insignia:
Worn centered 1/2 inch above ribbons

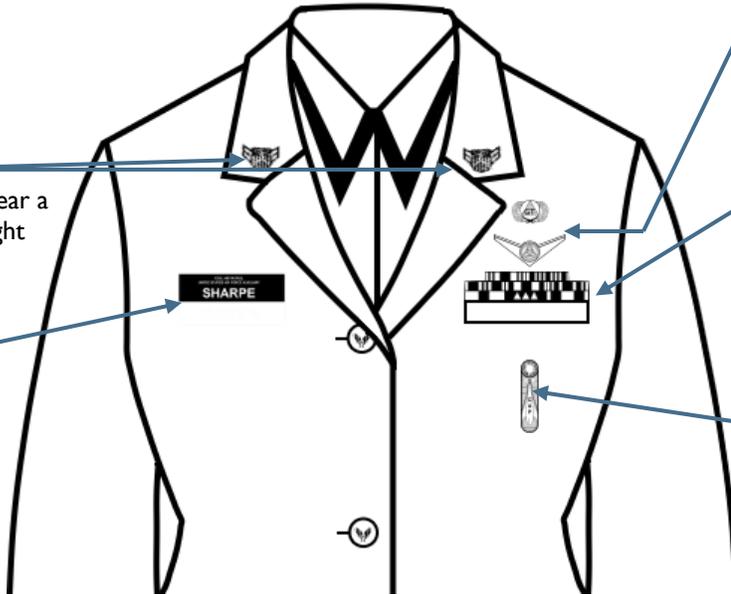
Ribbons: (required)
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CAP Specialty Badges: worn centered 1 1/2 inches below top of welt pocket and/or on right side centered between arm seam and lapel 1/2 inch above the nameplate. Model Rocketry badge must be worn below the top of welt pocket on the left side.

CADET NCOs AND AIRMAN

Grade Insignia:
Cadet NCOs and Airmen wear a metal chevron on left and right lapel.

Nameplate:
Worn centered on the right breast with the bottom edge parallel to bottom row of ribbons.

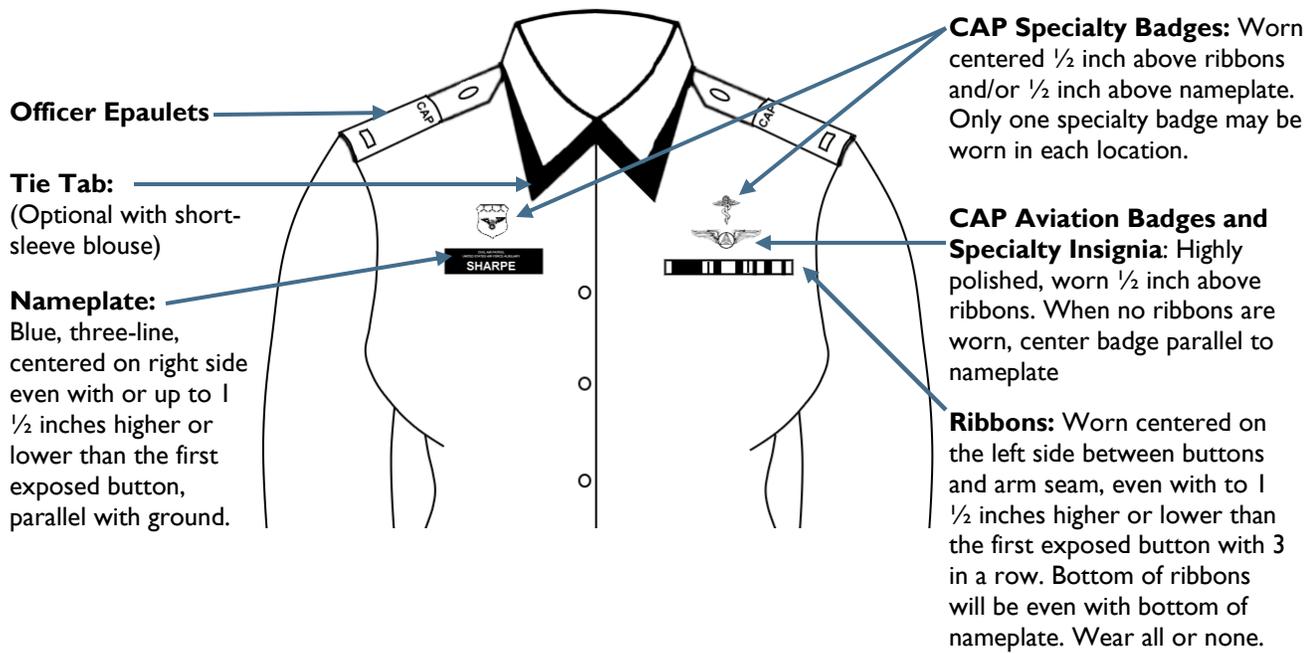


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Worn centered 1/2 inch above ribbons

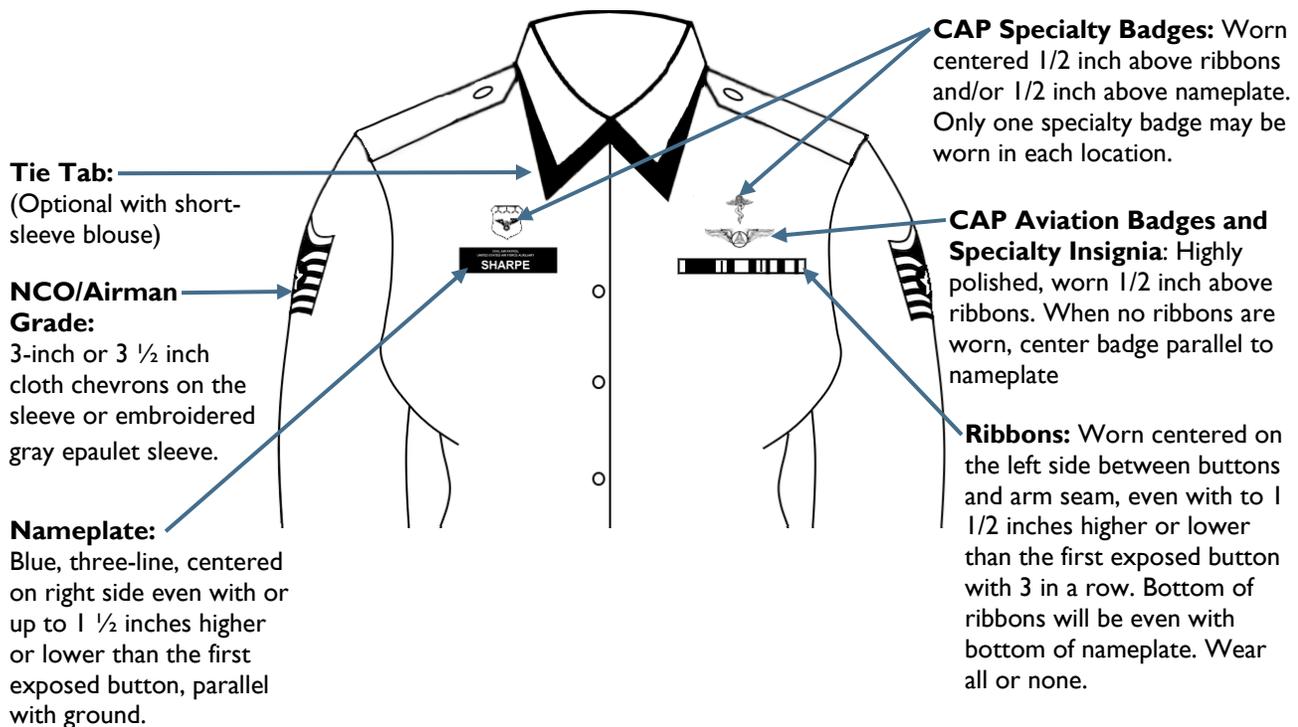
Ribbons:(required) Worn centered above left breast pocket/welt, resting on but not over top edge with 3 or 4 in a row.

CAP Specialty Badges: worn centered 1 1/2 inches below top of welt pocket and/or on right side centered between arm seam and lapel 1/2 inch above the nameplate. Model Rocketry badge must be worn below the top of welt pocket on the left side.

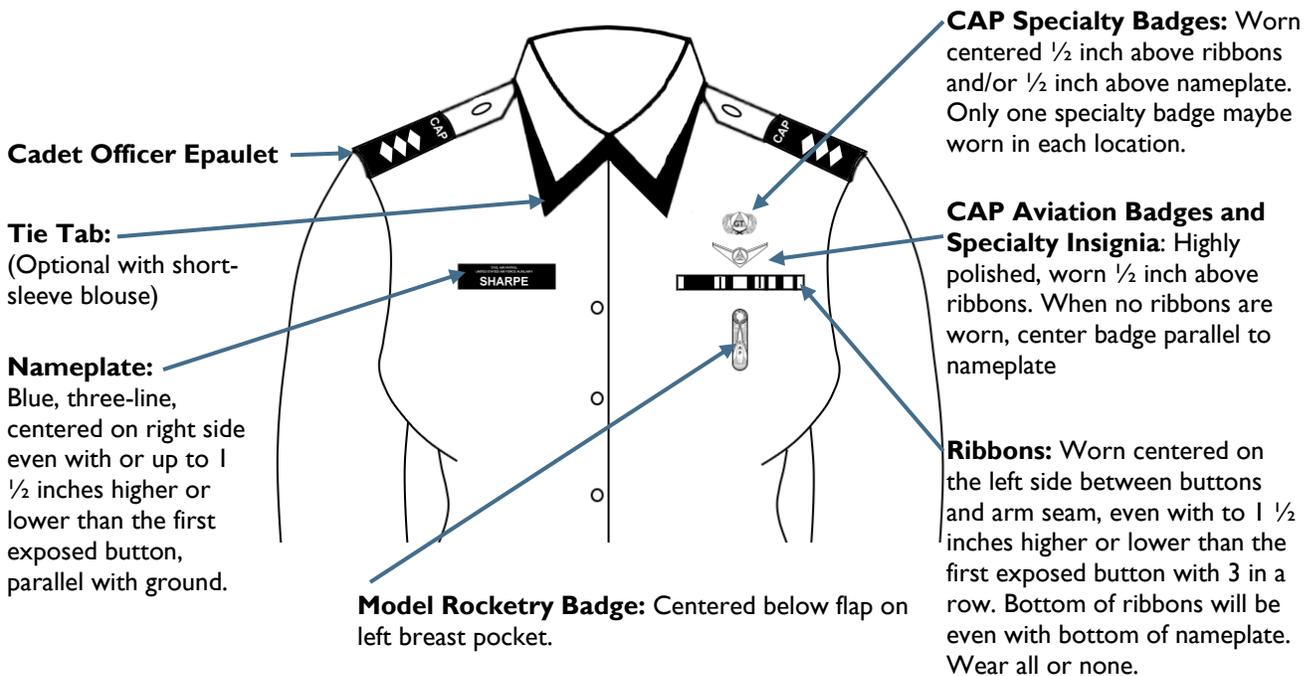
FEMALE AIR FORCE SERVICE DRESS OFFICERS AND FLIGHT OFFICERS



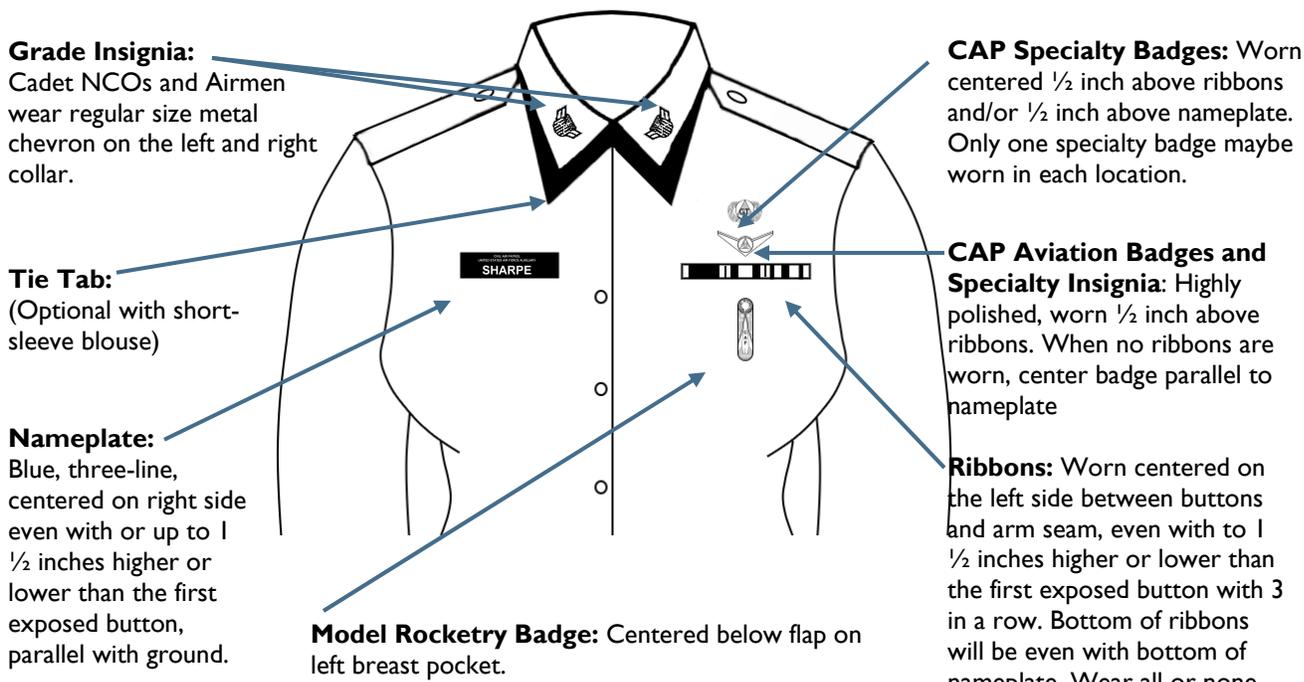
NON COMMISSIONED OFFICERS & SENIOR AIRMEN



CADET OFFICERS



CADET NCOs AND AIRMAN



MALE & FEMALE BATTLE DRESS UNIFORM OFFICERS AND FLIGHT OFFICERS

Grade Insignia:
Officers wear embroidered grade insignia on ultramarine blue background on

US Flag:
Reverse Flag worn 1/2 inch centered below shoulder seam

Nametape:
Ultramarine blue with white letters, worn centered immediately above the right breast pocket (only last name will be used). Tape will be the width of the pocket with raw ends folded under.

Unit Patch:
If authorized, are worn on right breast pocket between left and right edges and bottom of flap and pocket.



CAP Aviation Badges and Specialty Insignia:
Embroidered, worn 1/2 inch above the cloth "US Civil Air Patrol" tape worn over the left breast pocket. If both devices are worn, aviation badges should be 1/2 inch above specialty insignia.

Wing/Region/National Shoulder Patch: if required, Worn centered 1/2 inch below shoulder seam on left sleeve.

"US Civil Air Patrol" Tape: Ultramarine blue with white letters worn centered immediately above the left breast pocket. Tape will be the width of the pocket with raw ends folded under.

CAP Specialty Patches: Embroidered, worn on the lower portion of the left breast pocket between left and right edges and bottom of flap and pocket.

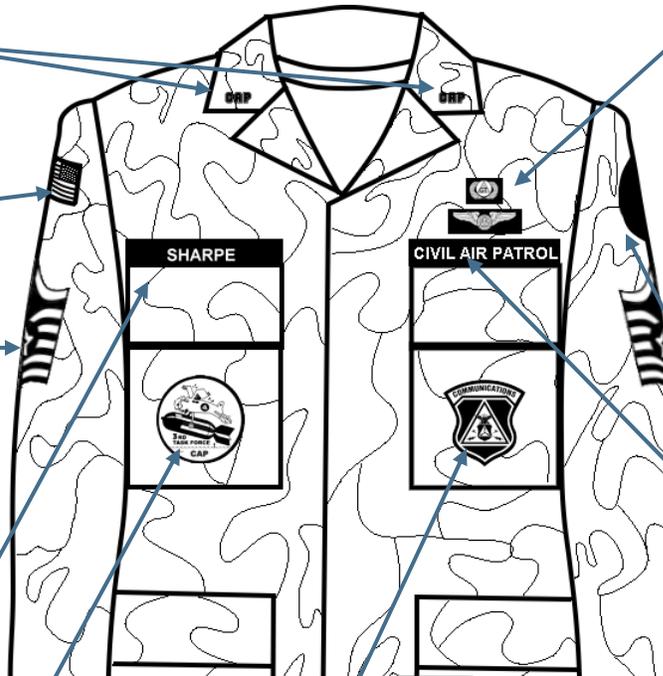
NON COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND SENIOR AIRMEN

CAP Lapel/Collar Insignia: NCOs and Airmen as well as senior members without grade wear this device on both sides of the collar.

US Flag:
Reverse Flag worn 1/2 inch centered below shoulder seam

Grade Insignia:
NCOs and Airmen wear the 3-, 3 1/2-, or 4-inch (women) or 4-inch (men) sleeve chevrons centered halfway between shoulder seam and elbow when bent at 90-degree angle on the sleeve.

Nametape:
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Unit Patch: If authorized, are worn on right breast pocket between left and right edges and bottom of flap and pocket.

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CADET OFFICERS

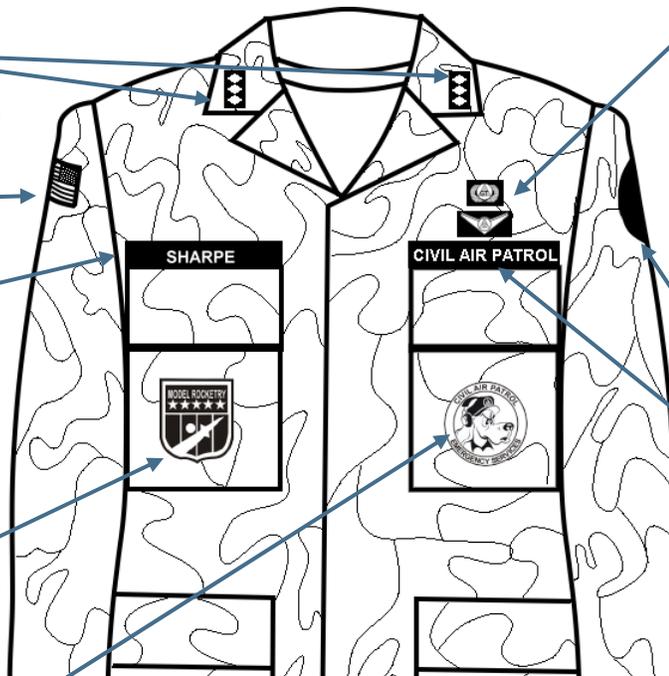
Grade Insignia:
Cadet Officers wear embroidered grade insignia on ultramarine blue background

US Flag:
Reverse Flag worn 1/2 inch centered below shoulder seam

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Unit Patch:
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OR

Model Rocketry Patch



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CADET NCOs AND AIRMEN

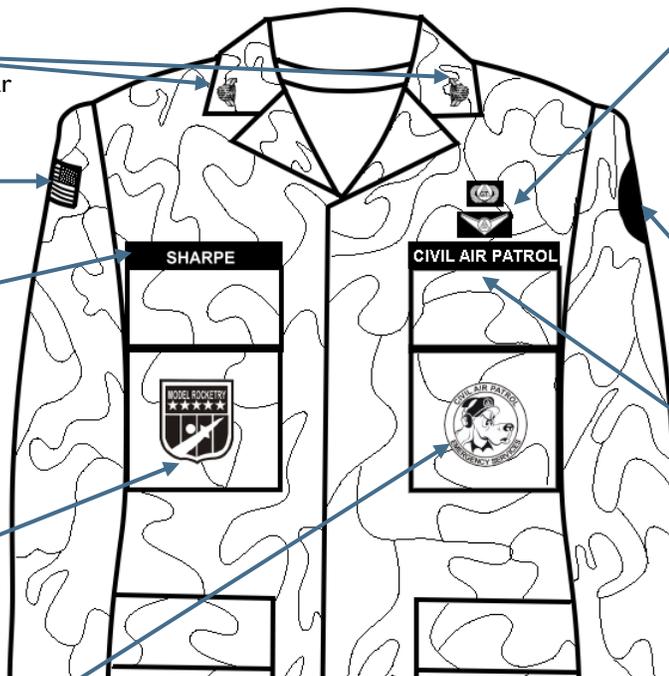
Grade Insignia:
Cadet NCOs and Airmen wear metal chevrons on collar.

US Flag:
Reverse Flag worn 1/2 inch centered below shoulder seam

Nametape:
Ultramarine blue with white letters, worn centered immediately above the right breast pocket (only last name will be used). Tape will be the width of the pocket with raw ends folded under.

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Model Rocketry Patch



CAP Aviation Badges and Specialty Insignia:

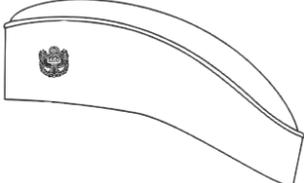
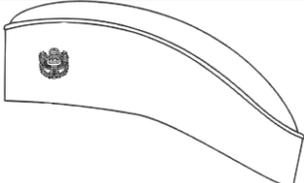
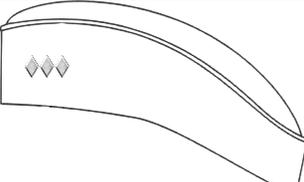
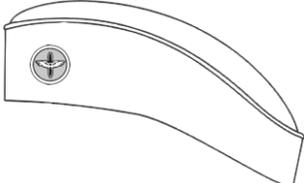
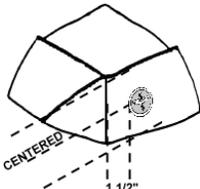
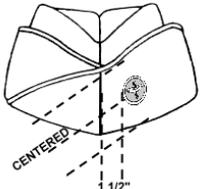
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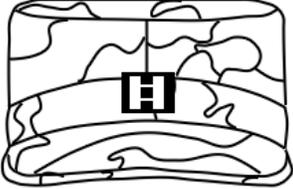
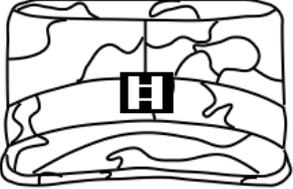
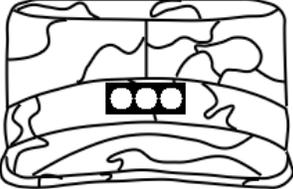
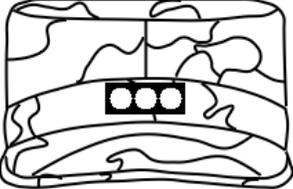
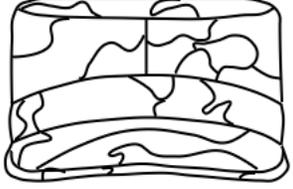
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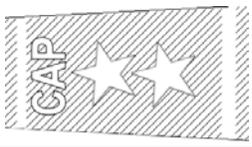
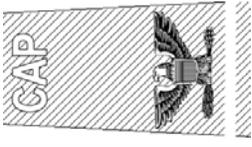
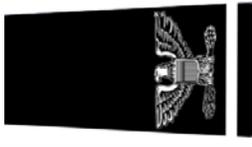
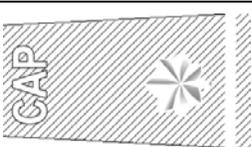
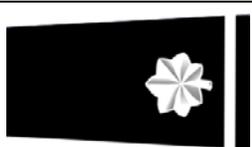
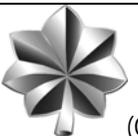
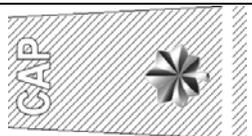
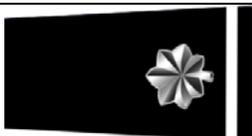
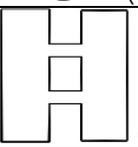
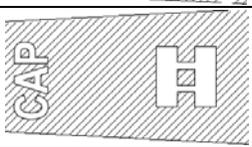
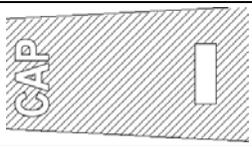
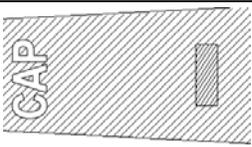
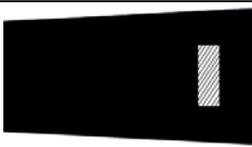
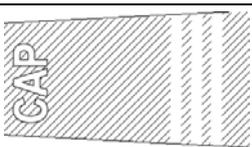
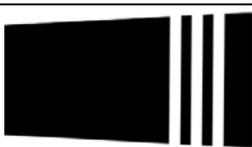
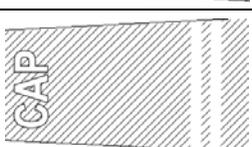
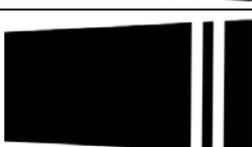
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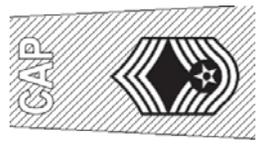
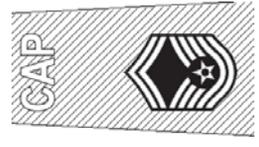
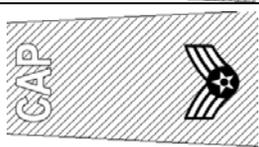
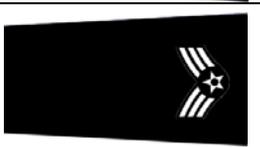
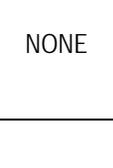
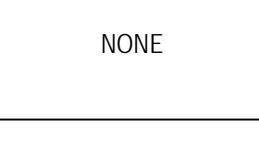
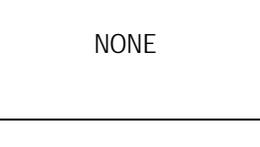
Headgear

MALE	LEVEL	FEMALE
	GENERAL GRADE AND FIELD GRADE OFFICERS SERVICE CAP	
	COMPANY GRADE OFFICERS, FLIGHT OFFICERS, NCOs & SENIOR AIRMEN SERVICE CAP	
	CADET OFFICER SERVICE CAP	
	OFFICER FLIGHT CAP (Note: Edge has silver braid) Senior Member Insignia is worn 1 1/2" from front edge and centered between top of flap and bottom edge.	
	NCOs & SENIOR AIRMEN (Note: There is NO silver braid on the edge) Senior Member Insignia is worn 1 1/2" from front edge and centered between top of flap and bottom edge.	
	CADET OFFICERS Grade Insignia is worn 1 1/2" from front edge and centered between top of flap and bottom edge.	
	CADET NCOs & CADET AIRMEN Cadet Insignia is worn 1 1/2" from front edge and centered between top of flap and bottom edge.	
FRONT VIEW AND INSIGNIA PLACEMENT 	PLACEMENT ON UNIFORM WHEN NOT ON HEAD 	FRONT VIEW AND INSIGNIA PLACEMENT 

MALE	LEVEL	FEMALE
	<p align="center">OFFICER BATTLE DRESS UNIFORM CAP</p> <p>Ultramarine cloth insignia Worn centered ½ inch above the brim</p>	
	<p align="center">NCOs & SENIOR AIRMEN BATTLE DRESS UNIFORM CAP</p>	
	<p align="center">CADET OFFICER BATTLE DRESS UNIFORM CAP</p> <p>Ultramarine cloth insignia Worn centered ½ inch above the brim</p>	
	<p align="center">CADET NCOs & CADET AIRMEN BATTLE DRESS UNIFORM CAP</p>	
	<p align="center">UNIT HEADGEAR WORN WITH BATTLE DRESS UNIFORM</p> <p>(Whereas 104 is the unit's charter number; ex: SER-FL-104 would be 104; Other variation have been noted from wing to wing)</p>	
	<p align="center">CAP HEADGEAR WORN WITH BATTLE DRESS UNIFORM</p>	

Grade Insignia

	GRADE	INSIGNIA	EPAULET (USAF UNIFORM)	EPAULET (CAP DISTINCTIVE UNIFORM)
GENERAL OFFICER	MAJOR GENERAL	 (Silver)		
	BRIGADER GENERAL	 (Silver)		
FIELD GRADE OFFICER	COLONEL	 (Silver)		
	LIEUTENANT COLONEL	 (Silver)		
	MAJOR	 (Gold)		
COMPANY GRADE OFFICER	CAPTAIN	 (Silver)		
	1 ST LIEUTENANT	 (Silver)		
	2 ^D LIEUTENANT	 (Gold)		
FLIGHT OFFICER	SENIOR FLIGHT OFFICER	 (Blue)		
	TECHNICAL FLIGHT OFFICER	 (Blue)		
	FLIGHT OFFICER	 (Blue)		

	GRADE	INSIGNIA	EPAULET (USAF UNIFORM)	EPAULET (CAP DISTINCTIVE UNIFORM)
SENIOR NCO	CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT			
	SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT			
	MASTER SERGEANT			
JUNIOR NCO	TECHNICAL SERGEANT			
	STAFF SERGEANT			
AIRMAN	SENIOR AIRMAN			
	SENIOR MEMBER (New member with no grade)	NONE	NONE	NONE

Tip: The senior will never think of the difference in grade, the junior will never forget it!

Badges

SPECIALTY BADGES

<p>AEROSPACE EDUCATION</p> 	<p>ADMINISTRATION</p> 	<p>CADET PROGRAMS</p> 	<p>DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION</p> 	<p>COMMUNICATION</p> 
<p>EMERGENCY SERVICES</p> 	<p>FINANCE</p> 	<p>HISTORIAN</p> 	<p>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</p> 	<p>INSPECTOR GENERAL</p> 
<p>LOGISTICS</p> 	<p>MODEL ROCKETRY</p> 	<p>MORAL LEADERSHIP</p> 	<p>OPERATIONS</p> 	<p>PERSONNEL</p> 
<p>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</p> 	<p>PUBLIC AFFAIRS</p> 	<p>RECRUITING</p> 	<p>SAFETY</p> 	

All service specialty badges (except for the model rocketry badge) use a system stars and wreaths to denote the level the individual has accomplished within the specialty. The aerospace education and cadet programs badge use a system of colored stars. The aerospace education badge stars are: bronze for basic, silver for senior, and gold for master. The cadet programs badge stars are: blue for basic, bronze for senior, and silver for master.

The remaining specialty badges use a simpler system of level identification. The basic rating has no stars or wreath. They look just like the specialty badges in the above table. The senior and master ratings have a star or star/wreath combination that is placed on the top of the badge noting the higher levels.



Senior Rating

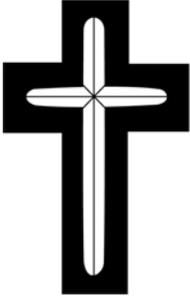
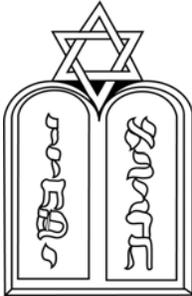
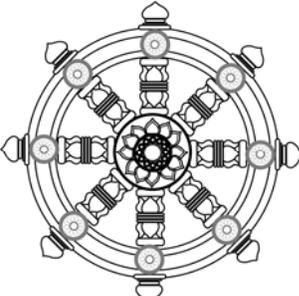


Master Rating



Examples

SPECIALTY INSIGNIAS

<p>CHAPLAIN – CHRISTIAN</p> 	<p>CHAPLAIN - JEWISH</p> 	<p>CHAPLAIN – MUSLIM</p> 	<p>CHAPLAIN – BUDDHIST</p> 
<p>LEGAL</p> 	<p>NURSE</p> 	<p>MEDICAL DOCTOR</p> 	
<p>INCIDENT COMMANDER</p> 	<p>GROUND TEAM MEMEBER</p> 	<p>EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN</p> 	

COMMAND BADGES

<p>CORPORATE OFFICER*</p> 	<p>SQUADRON COMMANDER</p> 	<p>GROUP COMMANDER</p> 
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*Corporate Officer consists of all Wing Commanders, Region Commanders, various national staff members and the national command staff.

Wings

Wings in the Civil Air Patrol signify some form of airmanship accomplishment. They not only include pilots, but also include highly trained aircrew members called mission observers. Wearing any wings in the Civil Air Patrol should be done with pride and professionalism. The wing insignia is worn on the Air Force services uniform, corporate uniform, battle dress uniforms, and flight uniforms.

Placement on the Air Force Service Uniform

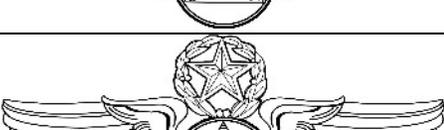
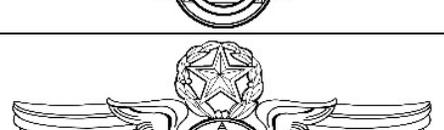
Men

Centered 1/2 inch above the left breast pocket; or 1/2 inch above the ribbons.

Women

Centered 1/2 inch above top row of ribbons; when no ribbons are worn, the badges are positioned on the left side of the shirt/blouse or coat, parallel with the nameplate. If specialty insignia is worn, the aviation badge will be centered 1/2 inch above the specialty insignia. Either miniature or regular size badges may be worn on service coats, shirts, blouses, or mess dress but all must match.

WINGS

INSIGNIA	TITLE	INSIGNIA	TITLE
	PILOT		OBSERVER
	SENIOR PILOT		SENIOR OBSERVER
	COMMAND PILOT		MASTER OBSERVER
	SOLO WINGS		BALLOON PILOT
	PRE-SOLO WINGS		GLIDER PILOT

Leather Patch worn on flight suit



SUMMARY EXERCISE

1. In what manual can you find detailed and up-to-date information of the types and wear of Civil Air Patrol uniforms?

- a. CAPM 20-1, Organization of the Civil Air Patrol
- b. CAPM 39-1, Civil Air Patrol Uniform Manual
- c. CAPP 50-1, Introduction to the Civil Air Patrol

2. Men in uniform will not have articles such as wallets, pencils, pens, watch chains, fobs, pins, jewelry, handkerchiefs, combs, cigars, cigarettes, pipes, and sunglass cases exposed on the uniform.

- a. True
- b. False

3. It is acceptable for women to wear visible ornaments around the neck or on the head, ornamentation on eyeglass lenses, and ankle bracelets.

- a. True
- b. False

4. Name two sources for uniforms.

a. _____ b. _____

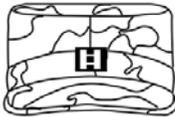
5. All uniforms can be washed and iron without the need to review any care instruction labels.

- a. True
- b. False

6. It is acceptable to wear the uniform to political function and family events.

- a. True
- b. False

7. This cap would be worn with what type of uniform and by whom?



8. Name the level rating for each of the badges below.



9. If you are a 5 foot 7 inch tall male, what is the maximum CAP allowable weight?

NOTES
