

The PROPER WEAR of AIR FORCE-STYLE CADET UNIFORMS



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 the UNIFORM:

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CADET UNIFORMS & INSIGNIA

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Some squadrons keep these items on hand and the garments (but not insignia) may be available at the nearest Air Force installation, so check with your local leaders before making any purchases.

Air Force "Blues" Uniform

Flight cap (male)	CAP0994k
Flight cap (female)	CAP1015J
Cadet flight cap device	CAP0748A
Light blue, s/sleeve shirt (male)	CAP1001A
Light blue, s/sleeve blouse (female)	CAP1017
Blue 3-Line nameplate (last name)	CAP0599M
Blue trousers (male)	CAP0993K
Blue trousers (female)	CAP3500A
Blue skirt (female)	CAP3600A
Blue belt (with silver buckle)	2500500
Shoes or pumps	na
Undershirt: plain white, v-neck	na

Camouflage "ABU" Replacing the BDU

ABU cap	CAP0991U
ABU shirt	CAP0991F
ABU pants	CAP0991O
"Civil Air Patrol" cloth tape	CAP6403
Cloth nametape (last name)	CAP6402
ABU tan rigger belt	2510700
Combat boots	
Male	CAP2900A
Female	CAP3300
Boot blousers	2650175
Undershirt (desert tan)	CAP0991Z

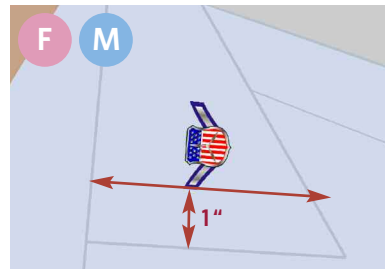
Camouflage "BDU" Phasing out June 2021

"Civil Air Patrol" cloth tape	CAP6403
Cloth nametape (last name)	CAP6402
BDU belt (with black buckle)	2500510
Combat boots	
Male	CAP2900A
Female	CAP3300
Boot blousers	2650175
Undershirt: plain black	na

YOUR UNIFORM is a visual representation of a your commitment to the Core Values. Because uniforms are unique — only CAP cadets wear the CAP cadet uniform — they are a source of pride. Wearing the uniform is part of your leadership training. The uniform helps you develop self-discipline, personal responsibility, and self-respect. Whenever you wear the uniform, you represent not just yourself but also all of CAP and the U.S. Air Force, so wear the uniform with pride.



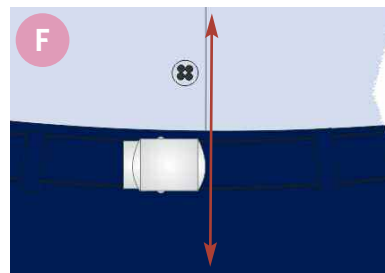
Flight cap device is centered on left side, 1 1/2" from edge. Male and female flight caps are slightly different in style but prescribe the same rule for placing the device.



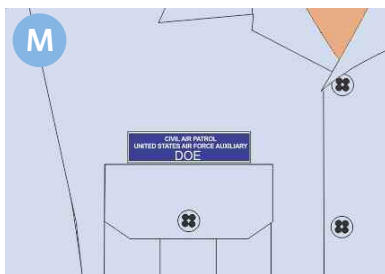
Chevrons rest 1-inch from the collar edge, parallel to that edge and centered. Chevrons are worn on both collars and in the same manner on BDUs and Blues alike. Until you earn your first stripe, you won't wear anything on your collar.



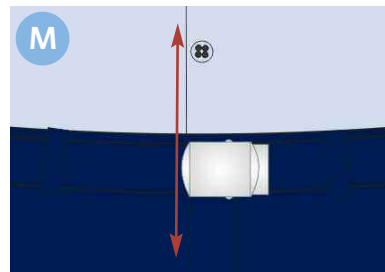
Blue nametag (females) is centered on right breast, even with or up to 1 1/2 inches higher or lower than the first exposed button, parallel to the ground.



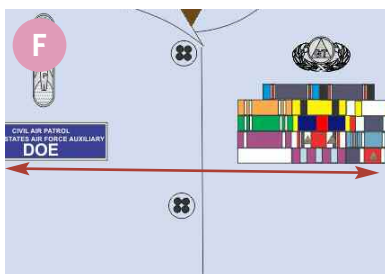
Belt & buckle tip of buckle extends to wearer's left (**males**) or right (**females**). No belt fabric should show. The edge of the shirt's button placket, the edge of the buckle, and edge of the trouser fly must align. This alignment is called the "gig line."



Blue nametag (males) rests on but not over the right breast pocket, centered.



Wear the silver tipped belt and buckle with Blues, the tan rigger belt with ABUs, and the black tipped belt and buckle with BDUs.



Ribbons (females) rest centered on left breast, parallel to ground. The bottom of the set of ribbons is even with the bottom of the nametag. Wear of ribbons is optional on the light blue shirt.



Blues pants front of pant leg should rest on front of shoe, with a slight break in crease and 1/8" longer on back



Ribbons (males) rest centered on, but not over, the left breast pocket. Wear of ribbons is optional on the light blue shirt.



Blues skirt (females) skirt length will be no longer than bottom of kneecap or shorter than top of kneecap.

BASIC GROOMING STANDARDS

Males. Except in field conditions, cadets are expected to have a clean appearance free of dirt and grime. Anti-perspirant / deodorant will be used and toothpaste and mouthwash as well. Hair must appear tapered and be trimmed to not touch the ears, collar, or eyebrows. Bangs cannot be visible when wearing headgear. Extreme or fad styles are prohibited. In general, the face must be clean shaven. Sideburns must be neatly trimmed and end before the bottom of the ear. A neatly trimmed mustache may also be worn. Earrings are prohibited. Necklaces cannot be visible.

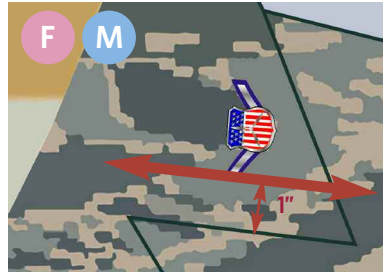
Females. Except in field conditions, cadets are expected to have a clean appearance free of dirt and grime. Anti-perspirant / deodorant will be used and toothpaste and mouthwash as well. Hair must be neatly arranged to present a conservative, feminine appearance, and may touch but not fall below the bottom edge of the collar. Only inconspicuous pins and combs may be worn in the hair. Extreme and fad styles are prohibited. Cosmetics are permitted if conservative and in good taste. Hair must not fall below the front band of the ABU/BDU cap, but may be visible in front of the flight cap. One small spherical earring per ear is permitted. Necklaces cannot be visible.

Note: These few pages on the wear of the uniform cover only the most common matters. For full details, see CAPM 39-1 at GoCivilAirPatrol.com > Members > Publications

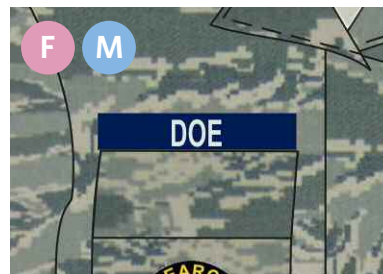
Airman Battle Uniform (ABUs)

Replacing BDUs

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Chevrons rest 1-inch from the collar edge, parallel to that edge and centered. Chevrons are worn on both collars and in the same manner on BDUs and Blues alike. Until you earn your first stripe, you won't wear anything on your collar.



Cloth nametape rests on but not over the right breast pocket of the BDUs. Do not cut the excess fabric but fold it under to prevent fraying.

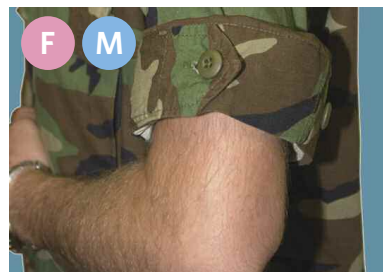


Cloth CAP tape rests on but not over the left breast pocket of the BDUs. Do not cut the excess fabric but fold it under to prevent fraying.

Battle Dress Utility (BDUs)

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ABU & BDU Sleeves when rolled up must touch or come within 1" of forearm, when bent at 90° angle.



ABU & BDU pants must be bloused over combat boots