

## CHAPTER-9, UNIFORM WEAR AND GROOMING STANDARDS

### 9.1 Introduction

Each enrolled cadet will be given the privilege of wearing the SFJROTC uniform, which must be worn properly. All cadets will be issued items for various combinations which they will be *required to maintain and wear* on our unit's designated uniform days. The only exceptions to this policy are for religious, cultural, or medical reasons. These exceptions are granted by SASI. The proper wear of the uniform cannot be over-emphasized since it is nearly the same uniform worn by active-duty Space Force personnel. It is not a costume and items such as insignia and other devices that are worn, other than for their intended purpose, is not only a violation, it is in poor taste. The uniform represents one of the most respected traditions of our country and should rightly be reserved for wear in a manner to honor the heritage for which it represents. Remember, the uniform you will wear is a symbol of the Armed Forces, SFJROTC, NV-941, CCSD and Durango High School.

For every instance where a cadet fails to wear the issued SFJROTC uniform and/or fails to comply with appropriate grooming standards on the prescribed uniform wear days, a cadet will receive a Non-Uniform Wear Day (NUD) mark and a deduction in their overall citizenship grade by one overall category as described in Paragraph 8.6 and loss of uniform grade points which are part of their Leadership Education grade. Cadets will also lose Merit points used in the calculation for promotions (See Chapter 5). **Multiple NUD violations during a given semester grading period may lead to a cadet's removal from the JROTC program** as described in Paragraph 1.6. Final decisions and waiver authority to this policy rests solely with Instructor Staff.

Cadets are not allowed to let anyone wear/use any of the uniforms, or uniform items, that are issued to them. This includes their Blues uniform, ABUs, Corps hoodie, PT shirt, PT shorts, cold weather Space Force PT sweatshirt, and cold weather Space Force PT sweatpants. There is a certain set of expectations that comes with wearing these items, and anyone outside of our Corps is unaware of those and cannot be held accountable for violating them.

Because cadets wear the official United States Space Force uniform, objectionable behavior in public can create an unfavorable reaction of the public toward the JROTC program and the U.S. Space Force. As a JROTC

cadet, you must constantly strive to present a neat and well-groomed appearance in and out of uniform.

The regular wear of the uniform is a Space Force program and course requirement of JROTC, and all cadets are expected to wear their issued military uniform at least once a week, with normal uniform wear day **Every Wednesday** (unless specified otherwise). Wearing the uniform is not a selective option for cadets. The cadets must wear the uniform that is specified by the NV-941 Commanders and shown on the Uniform of the Day (UOD) board located in front of the classroom. Cadets must also comply with the *personal grooming standards* as found in the Cadet Guide. If a cadet does not wear the uniform on the designated day, they must still meet all grooming/appearance standards as if they were wearing the prescribed combination or they will receive a reduction in citizenship grade. If a cadet receives a NUD during the semester for failure to wear the uniform, the cadet may wear the uniform the following day, at the discretion of the instructors, and have the NUD removed from their record. Cadets should check the UOD board regularly and ensure they know what is required prior to leaving school the day before uniform day.

For Uniform Wear Day, **CADETS MUST WEAR THE APPROPRIATE COMBINATION FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL DAY AND DURING ANY OFFICIAL MEETINGS AFTER SCHOOL**. No cadet will change out of uniform unless given permission to do so by the SASI/ASI. Exceptions can be granted for Drill/Fitness teams at the discretion of the team commanders.

If a cadet is a member of a team that is requested to wear a school uniform or the cadet wants to participate in a school spirit day, with instructor permission they may wear their cadet uniform the **following school day**. If a cadet is absent on uniform wear day, they are required to wear their uniform the **NEXT DAY THEY ARE AT SCHOOL**. Exceptions may be given by the instructors based on circumstances.

NUDs will be tracked on a semester basis. Any cadet with a NUD during 1<sup>st</sup> Semester will have their count restart at the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester. PT NUDs will be tracked separately from regular uniform NUDs during the

weekly PT. Every two PT NUDs will count as one uniform NUD on a cadet's semester count. PT NUD counts will also restart each semester.

Reference the following table for prescribed uniform combination (combo) number and subsequent uniform requirement. This table is organized Male-Female (i.e. Shirt references Male Uniform while Blouse references Female Uniform):

Combo #	DESCRIPTION
1	Service Dress
2	Short Sleeve Shirt/Blouse without tie/tie tab
3	Short Sleeve/Long Sleeve Shirt/Blouse with tie/tie tab
4	Short Sleeve Shirt/Blouse w/o tie/tie tab and Lightweight Blues Jacket
5	Short Sleeve/Long Sleeve Shirt/Blouse with tie tab and Lightweight Blues Jacket
6	Airman Battle Uniform (ABU) with sage (or substituted brown) boots
7	Semi-Formal Dress (white-collared dress shirt or substituted Blues Shirt)
8	Fitness (PT) Gear shirt issued by unit, with or without hoodie
9	Professional Citizen Attire (polo shirt, slacks/skirt, dress shoes/low-quarters)
10	Urban Camouflage

All cadets are responsible to research and know **ALL** uniform requirements, regardless of gender.

After the initial issue, any alterations to the uniform must be approved by the instructors. Altering the waist of the trousers is prohibited, only altering the length of the trousers is permitted.

Engaging in any sporting activities in uniform is prohibited.

At the end of the school year, when leaving ROTC, or when leaving Durango High School all uniform items must be **dry cleaned and turned in** so they can be accounted for.

Whenever a case arises that is not covered in this guide, the SFJROTC Ops Supplement and AFI 36-2903 will prevail. Reference Attachments 1-23 and the following Paragraphs for further details.

## 9.2 Appearance Standards

It is the responsibility of each cadet to practice good hygiene. They must shower every day, wash their hair, use deodorant, brush their teeth, and use mouthwash frequently.

### Appearance standards, all genders (while in uniform)

**Book bags:** Briefcases, book bags, gym bags, books and other items are authorized but must be carried in the **left hand** to free up the right hand for saluting.

**Earpiece:** Wear/use of an earpiece, any Bluetooth technology, or headphones, are NOT authorized to be used/worn while in uniform. Cell phones may be used if the cadet is stopped, but all customs and courtesies must be given and take priority over cell phone usage.

**Wristwatches:** Members may wear wristwatches if they are conservative in nature.

**Eyewear/glasses:** Glasses will be worn in the manner for which they are made. Eyeglasses and sunglasses will not be worn around the neck or on top/back of head or exposed hanging on the uniform. Eyeglasses and sunglasses may have conservative ornamentation on non-prescription sunglasses or eyeglasses, frames may be black or brown material or gold or silver wire. Brand name glasses may be worn with small logos on frames or lenses. Logo may contrast with frame color or lenses (conservative colors/small logos; black, brown, matte silver/gold). Conservative wrap-around sunglasses may be worn. Conservative, clear, slightly tinted, mirrored or photosensitive lenses are authorized.

**Sunglasses:** Sunglasses (to include darkened photosensitive lenses) are not authorized in military formation unless for medical reasons, e.g., PRK/Lasik surgery and when authorized by a commander or commandant on the advice of a medical official. Any exceptions must be approved by the instructor staff. Only conservative, clear, slightly tinted or photosensitive (not extremely dark) may be worn in military formations. Conservative sunglasses and photosensitive type sunglasses may be worn while outdoors when not in formation. A faddish style sunglass lens, to include mirrored lens, is not authorized.

**Body Piercings:** Cadets in uniform are not allowed to attach or display objects, articles, jewelry, or ornamentation to or through the ear, nose, tongue, or any

exposed body part (including anything that might be visible through the uniform). Cadets may not cover any of these articles with make-up or band-aids. Cadets are allowed to wear **transparent spacers (no larger than 6mm) while in uniform.**

**Jewelry.** While in uniform will be plain and conservative (moderate, being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme) as determined by the SASI.

**Rings:** Cadets may wear a total of no more than three rings; wedding sets count as one ring when worn as a set. Rings will be worn at the base of the finger and may be worn on the thumb.

**Bracelets:** Cadets may wear one bracelet around their wrist. If worn, the bracelet will be conservative (moderate, being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme) (which is defined as plain, not drawing attention or faddish) in design, no wider than ½ inch, gold or silver in color, and will not have any inappropriate pictures or writing. Medical alert/identification bracelets are authorized; however, if worn, they will be conservative (moderate, being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme) (which is defined as plain, not drawing inappropriate attention or faddish). Bracelets espousing support for cause, philosophy, individual or group are not authorized (Exception: Traditional metal POW/MIA/KIA bracelets, which come in colors besides silver, bronze, or gold, remain authorized). Colored/rubber bracelets that support a cause are not allowed to be worn in uniform. No rubber or fabric type bracelets are allowed.

**Ankle Bracelets:** Ankle bracelets are not authorized.

**Tattoos or Brands:** Tattoos on the hands, neck, face, or head are not allowed. Whether you are in or out of uniform, tattoos or brands anywhere on the body are not allowed if they are obscene or if they advocate sexual, racial, ethnic, or religious discrimination. Tattoos or brands that might harm good order and discipline or bring discredit upon the Space Force are also barred, whether you are in or out of uniform. The SASI may exercise discretion if a new cadet arrives with a tattoo that may not be in full compliance with the above guidance.

**Cosmetic tattooing:** Tattooing for cosmetic purposes is authorized when directed by licensed, qualified medical personnel to correct a medical condition, illness or injury

for both men and women. When not medically directed, cosmetic tattooing is permitted for women if done to apply permanent facial makeup (i.e. eyebrows, eye liner); the cosmetic tattooing must have a natural appearance and be conservative, moderate, within reasonable limits, not excessive or extreme, and in good taste.

**Wigs/Hairpieces/Extensions.** Are authorized and will meet the same standard required for natural hair, be of good quality, fit properly, and comply with safety, functionality, and professionalism. (**Note:** Extensions are still prohibited for males). Wigs/Hairpieces/Extensions will *not* be used to cover unauthorized hairstyles.

### **Appearance Standards – Male (while in uniform)**

#### **Hair (Reference Attachment 1 for examples):**

Hair will be clean, well-groomed, present a professional appearance, allow proper wear of headgear, and conform to safety requirements. Will not contain excessive amounts of grooming aids (e.g., gel, mousse, pomade, or moisturizer), appear lopsided, touch either eyebrow, or end below an imaginary line across the forehead at the top of the eyebrows that is parallel to the ground. If applied, dyes, tints, bleaches and frostings must result in natural hair colors. Examples of natural hair colors are brown, blonde, brunette, natural red, black or gray. All cadets are authorized to wear hair in a natural color regardless of their natural born hair color. Prohibited hair color examples (not all inclusive) are burgundy, purple, orange, fluorescent or neon colors. SASIs may temporarily authorize cancer patients to wear approved caps (black/tan) due to a temporary medical condition (i.e., radiation/chemotherapy).

Cadets maintain a Space Force standard haircut. Tapered appearance on both sides and the back of the head, both with and without headgear. A tapered appearance is one that when viewed from any angle outlines the member's hair so that it conforms to the shape of the head, curving inward to the natural termination point without eccentric directional flow, twists, or spiking. A block-cut is permitted with tapered appearance. Hair will not exceed **2.5 inch in bulk**, regardless of length and ¼ inch at natural termination point, allowing only closely cut or shaved hair on the back of the neck to touch the collar. Hair will not touch the ears or protrude under the front band of headgear. Cleanly shaven heads, military high-and-tight or flat-top cuts are authorized. Prohibited examples (not an all-inclusive list) are Mohawk, mullet, cornrows, dreadlocks, or etched design. Men are not

authorized to have hair extensions. Hair must be one natural color. Cadets must have an acceptable military haircut before being issued the uniform.

**Sideburns:** If worn, sideburns will be straight and even width (not flared) and will not extend below the bottom of the orifice of the ear opening. Sideburns will end in a clean-shaven horizontal line.

**Mustaches:** Cadets may have mustaches; however, they will be conservative (moderate, being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme) and will not extend downward beyond the lip line of the upper lip or extend sideways beyond a vertical line drawn upward from both corners of the mouth.

**Beards:** Beards are not authorized unless for medical reasons, when authorized by a medical official, or as authorized pursuant to a request for a religious accommodation. Beard wear authorized for religious reasons are governed by AFJROTCI 36-2001. **When authorized for medical reasons, members will keep all facial hair trimmed not to exceed ¼ inch in length.** Individuals granted a shaving profile may shave or trim their facial hair to present a neat, clean, professional image.

**Earrings/Cosmetics:** Males cannot wear earrings or body piercings in uniform (with the exception of the spacers as described above), nor can they wear any makeup/cosmetics, to include nail polish.

**Dental ornamentation:** Teeth, whether natural, capped, or veneered, will not be ornamented with designs, jewels, initials, etc. The use of yellow gold, white gold, or platinum caps (permanent or temporary) merely to add ornamentation to the teeth and not required by dental/medical necessity is prohibited.

#### **Appearance Standards – Female (while in uniform)**

##### **Hair (Reference Attachment 2 for examples):**

Will be clean, well-groomed, present a professional appearance, and allow proper wear of headgear. Will *not* contain excessive amounts of grooming aids (e.g., gel, mousse, pomade, or moisturizer), appear lopsided, touch either eyebrow (Exception: female bangs), or end below an imaginary line across the forehead at the top of the eyebrows that is parallel to the ground. If applied, dyes, tints, bleaches, and frostings must result in natural hair colors. **Examples of natural hair colors are brown,**

**blonde, brunette, natural red or black. All Cadets are authorized to wear natural color hair regardless of their natural born hair color, but when combined or frosted, the colors must blend to not present an unnatural appearance between colors. For example, hair colors may be displayed as a “salt-and-pepper” look as this presents a naturally blended hair color and is, therefore, authorized. In contrast, ombre (blending of one color to another with dyes, tints, bleaches, and frostings) or black hair with blonde highlights and/or streaks and blonde hair with black highlights and/or streaks do not present a natural appearance as they display vastly different shades of natural hair colors and are, therefore, unauthorized for wear. Prohibited hair color examples (not all inclusive) are burgundy, purple, orange, fluorescent or neon colors. SASI may temporarily authorize cancer patients to wear approved caps (black/tan) due to temporary medical conditions (i.e., radiation/chemotherapy).**

Female cadets have no minimum hair length, to a **maximum bulk of 4 inches** from scalp that allows proper wear of headgear. Hair will end above the bottom edge of the collar and will not extend below an invisible line drawn parallel to the ground, both front to back and side to side unless pulled back and secured or worn in an authorized ponytail or equivalent or long braid(s). If hair is pulled back and secured behind the head, radius will not exceed 6 inches from the point where the hair is gathered (i.e., no more than 6 inches to the left and 6 inches to the right, 12 inches total width; and 6 inches protruding from where hair is gathered) and must allow for proper wear of headgear. One or two braids or a single ponytail or equivalent may be worn down the member’s back with length not extending below a horizontal line running between the top of each sleeve inseam at the under arm through the shoulder blades. The braid(s) or ponytail or equivalent cannot be worn over the shoulder or pulled in front of the body. They shall extend down the member’s back. Bangs, or side-swiped hair, may touch eyebrows but will not touch or cover eyes. When in doubt, assess correct length of hair with the cadet standing in the position of attention. Exception: While wearing the Physical Training Gear (PTG), long hair will be secured but may have loose ends and may extend below a horizontal line running between the top of each sleeve inseam at the under arm through the shoulder blades.

Pinned-up hair should be styled in a manner that prevents loose ends from extending upward on the head. When hair is in a bun, the bun must be a single bun; all loose ends must be tucked in and secured. When hair is in a ponytail or equivalent, it must be a single ponytail or equivalent that does not extend below a horizontal line running between the top of each sleeve inseam at the under arm through the shoulder blades (See Attachments 3-4).

Locs, braids, twists, micro-braids, French braids, Dutch braids, and cornrows are authorized. Locs are defined as portions of hair that have been intentionally or unintentionally fused together to form a loc or locs. A braid or twist is two or more portions of interwoven hair. If adding additional hair, it must be a natural-looking color (similar to the individual's hair color) and conservative (moderate, being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme). Multiple locs, braids, twists or cornrows may come together down the back in one or two braids or a single ponytail. Hair must not exceed length and bulk standard and headgear must fit properly.

All locs, braids and twists, when worn will be of uniform dimension, no wider than one inch, with natural spacing between the locs, braids, and twists and must be tightly interwoven to present a neat, professional, and well-groomed appearance. When worn, multiple locs, braids, or twists shall be of uniform dimension, small in diameter (approximately ¼ inches), show no more than ¼ inch of scalp between the locs, braids, or twists and must be tightly interwoven to present a neat, professional appearance.

A braid/twist must continue to the end of the hair without design and following the contour of the head and may be worn loose or in a secured style within hair standards.

**Exception:** Micro-braids or twists are not required to continue to the end of the hair.

**Unauthorized hairstyles:** Prohibited examples (not all-inclusive) are Mohawk, mullet, cornrows, dreadlocks, or etched shapes and/or design.

**Hair accessories:** If worn, hair accessories (e.g., fabric scrunches, hairpins, combs, clips, headbands, elastic bands, barrettes, etc.) must match hair color. Black hair accessories are authorized regardless of hair color. Invisible hairnets are authorized; hairnet must match hair color. Hair must still comply with bulk and appearance standards. Headgear must fit properly. Headbands or fabric scrunches will not exceed two inches in width.

Ornaments are *not* authorized (i.e., ribbons, beads, jeweled pins).

**Earrings:** Female cadets may wear small (not exceeding six mm in diameter) conservative (moderate, being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme) round or square white diamond, gold, white pearl, or silver earrings as a set with any uniform combination. **If a cadet has multiple holes, only one set of earrings are authorized to be worn in uniform and will be worn in the lower earlobes.** Earrings will match and fit tightly without extending below the earlobe unless the piece extending is the connecting band on clip earrings. When not wearing earrings, male and female cadets **are authorized to wear transparent piercing spacer(s).** **Transparent spacers are not allowed in ear holes outside of the lower earlobes or any other piercing holes visible in uniform (nose, lip, eyebrow etc.).** Piercing holes will not be large enough to permit light to shine through.

**Fingernails:** If worn by females, nail polish will be a single color that does not detract from the uniform, nor can the nail polish be extreme in color. Some examples of extreme colors include, but are not limited to, purple, gold, blue, black, bright (fire engine) red and florescent colors. Do not apply designs to nails or apply two-tone or multi-tone colors; however, white-tip French manicures are authorized. Fingernails must not exceed **¼ inch in length beyond the tip of the finger** and must be clean and well groomed. Fingernails must not interfere with the performance of assigned duties. Fingernails must not hinder proper fit of prescribed safety equipment or uniform items.

**Cosmetics.** Female cadets may wear cosmetics; however, if worn, they will be conservative (moderate, being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme) and in good taste. Female Cadets will not wear shades of lipstick that detract from the uniform, or that are extreme colors. **Some examples of extreme colors include but are not limited to, purple, gold, blue, black, bright (fire-engine) red, and fluorescent colors.** When not medically directed, cosmetic tattooing is permitted for women if done to apply permanent facial makeup (i.e., eyebrows, eye liner); the cosmetic tattooing must have a natural appearance and be conservative, moderate, within reasonable limits, not excessive or extreme, and in good taste.

**Body piercings/ornamentation:** In uniform with the exception of earrings for women, all members **are**

**prohibited from attaching, affixing, or displaying** objects, articles, jewelry, or ornamentation to or **through the ear, nose, tongue, eyebrows, lips, or any exposed body part** (includes visible through the uniform). Plugs for gauge holes in the ear lobes are not authorized (regardless of color, i.e., flesh colored).

### 9.3 Uniform Wear (All Genders)

Reference Attachments 1-23 for further guidance.

There are **five (5) items of clothing that must be worn with all Blues uniform combinations: flight cap, belt, black shoes, black socks, and white V-neck undershirt.**

Unless otherwise specified, the short sleeve/long sleeve shirt/blouse combination will be worn for uniform wear day. Except on special occasions, the specific uniform combination will be based on forecasted weather.

Ribbons will not be worn with medals. Medals may be worn while attending Military Ball and Dining-Out.

When worn, the lightweight jacket will be zipped at least halfway up. It may be removed in the classroom. When it is put back on, it must be zipped halfway.

All missing buttons must be replaced immediately on all clothing items. If needed, see instructors for additional buttons.

Undergarments such as the tee shirt must be white, V-necked, and clean. Tee shirts with any kind of graphic art on it are prohibited.

One set of name tags (blue and silver) will be purchased by SFJROTC for each cadet. Replacement name tags will be purchased by the cadet through the instructors. Orders will be placed but the name tag will not be issued until paid for. Name Tags become the property of the cadet.

The pullover or cardigan sweater may be purchased and worn by cadet officers. When wearing the sweater the rank insignia must be worn. The tie/tie tab is mandatory with the sweater.

Staff Officers and NCOs may wear a cord only on his/her left shoulder while in the Blues Uniform; the cord is not authorized on ABUs.

- Delta Commanders will wear a gold cord.
- Staff officers will wear silver cords.
- Staff NCOs will wear navy blue cords.

All cadets will wear appropriate earned rank insignia with uniform combinations. It is the responsibility of individual cadets to know when they are promoted and obtain ranks from the cadet logistics officer or superintendent, or an instructor.

### Flight Caps:

When the flight cap is not worn, it may be tucked into the belt, carried under the left arm, or in the left hand. If tucked under the belt, **it must be on the wearer's left side**, between the first and second belt loops, and the opening of the cap is to the rear. Officer rank should be outward.

The flight cap will be worn slightly to the wearer's right with vertical creases of the cap in line with the center of the forehead and in a straight line with the nose. The cap extends approximately 1 inch from the eyebrows in the front. Female hair may protrude from the front of the cap, but males may not.

Place and wear ranks and/or SFJROTC insignias properly and wear only the insignia that is authorized.

### Blue Shirt:

**'Military Creases' are not permitted.** Ensure the dry cleaners DO NOT put military creases in the uniform.

The shirt should be tucked in at all times, and the **"Gigline"** (Formed by the shirt/blouse opening, belt buckle, and the fly of the trousers/slacks) should stay in line at all times. It should be checked frequently throughout the day.

### Shoes:

Shoes will be laced to the top with the laces tucked in and must be polished to a high gloss at all times with approved shoe polish.

Corfam shoes are authorized for cadet officers only and must be purchased by that cadet. Female officers may purchase pumps. Corfam shoes/pumps WILL NOT be worn by any member of a drill team during competition.

Socks must be black in color and must be of normal length (ankle-length socks are prohibited). Other dark colors are not authorized. Females must wear pantyhose (flesh tone, medium to dark blue, black, or brown). White socks are not authorized to be worn with the Blues uniform.

### **Physical Training Gear (PTG)**

All cadets will be issued a unit PTG. The current year's PTG will be the mandatory uniform for physical training days. Failure to wear the unit PTG will result in a PT/NUD and will have an impact on your overall grade and award/promotion eligibility. See Paragraph 9.1.

The PTG shorts waistband will rest at or within two inches of the natural waistline

Cadets **must meet** personal grooming standards while in PTG (except for female hair). Female long hair will be secured in a ponytail but may have loose ends and may extend below a horizontal line running between the top of each sleeve inseam at the underarm through the shoulder blades.

Cadets will be issued PTG sweatshirts and pants to be worn during inclement/cold weather.

Appropriate closed-toed athletic footwear (sneakers) will be worn. **NO CROCKS/SANDALS/FLIP-FLOPS.** There are no restrictions on the color of athletic shoes.

Socks are mandatory and will be white or black and may have small trademark logos.

Short and long-sleeved solid color form fitting undershirts, (i.e., Spandex, Lycra™ or elastic material) may be worn and visible under the short-sleeved PTG shirt. Undershirts must be tucked in, and must be white, black, or light gray in color. Undershirts may have a visible small trademark logo.

Bandanas and other similar headscarves/headgear are not authorized with PTG.

### **Airman Battle Uniforms (ABU) Male and Female**

ABUs will not take the place of the Blues Uniform; they are intended to enhance the uniform options and serve as a motivational and recruitment tool.

ABUs, when worn, will be worn in its entirety.

Cadets will not wear bits or pieces of their ABU uniform in or out of school. The only exception to this is the Corps/Flag shirt, which may be worn with ABUs and/or civilian clothes. The same respect is to be given to the ABUs as given to the Blues Uniform.

Staff Officer and NCO cords will not be worn with ABUs.

ABUs will be worn only with the garrison ABU cap and sage green or brown boots. ABU pants must always be properly bloused over the boots. NO berets, shoulder cords, ascots or gloves will be worn with the ABU uniform.

### **Semi-Formal uniform wear**

Semi-formal dress uniform is only to be worn for social functions of a semi-formal and/or official nature as prescribed by the SASI. (Dining-Out, Cadet Military Ball, etc.).

A button-up white dress shirt will be worn in lieu of the Blues shirt. The collar must be button-free. Cadets will not place ranks, name tag nor ribbons on the white shirt. Male cadets will wear their issued tie, while females will wear their issued tie tab.

Cadets may choose to wear the regular blue uniform tie, or a blue or black bow tie. Cadets may choose to wear either their ribbons or their medals, but not both.

Contingent upon the instructor's guidance, the silver name tag may be required.

Cadets DO NOT wear their flight caps while in semi-formal dress.

Authorized badges may be worn. See Attachment 19 for more details

### **9.4 Male Uniform Wear**

Uniform items for male cadets will consist of the flight cap, belt, short sleeve blues shirt, trousers, service dress coat, name tag/ribbons, tie, shoes, and socks. See Attachments 1-23 for further details on uniform wear.

#### **Belt:**

The metal tip of the belt should be pushed through the buckle until only the metal tip is flush with the edge of the buckle.

The belt is then threaded through the loops of the pants from **right to left**.

The cloth end of the belt can then be tightened via the adjustment clamp on the back of the buckle.

### **Short and Long Sleeve Blue Shirts**

The short sleeve blue shirt can be worn with or without a tie depending on the uniform combination. The tie is mandatory when wearing the service dress coat.

The optional long sleeve blue shirt (3rd and 4th year officer cadets only) may be worn in lieu of the short sleeve blue shirt. When worn, the tie is mandatory, and its rules apply.

The shirt tail is pulled down tightly into the trousers and tucked to the sides to make it fit neatly. It is recommended that cadets wear shirt garters to help keep the shirt from folding and becoming wrinkled.

Cadets will not place any items in the pockets of the blue shirt.

The blue shirt may be home laundered. If washed at home, it must be ironed, or steam pressed before wearing.

The USSF distinguished lapel insignia is mandatory on both the long-sleeve and short-sleeve blue shirt and will be worn centered ½ inch above the nametag.

### **Trousers**

The bottom of the trouser leg must rest on the shoe with a slight break in the crease. The back of the trouser leg will be **7/8 of an inch longer than the front**. Cuffs are prohibited.

The rear pocket of the trousers must be buttoned at all times. Articles may be carried in the pockets but must not be visible.

The trousers must never be washed. They must be **dry cleaned only**.

### **Service Dress Coat**

The outside pocket of the dress coat is for decorative purposes only. Nothing will be carried in it. There are inside pockets for carrying small items.

The coat may be removed in the classroom (any classroom) when it becomes too uncomfortable or too warm. When the coat is removed it must be draped over the back of the chair.

The coat must be put back on and buttoned before leaving the classroom. The necktie must never be removed or

loosened even when the coat is removed. The coat is not washable; therefore, it **must be dry-cleaned**.

When authorized by the SASI/ASI, cadets may wear their medals. Medals are pinned on the service coat pocket where the ribbons would normally go. You are not allowed to mix ribbons and medals.

The USSF distinguished lapel insignia is mandatory and will be centered on the lapel, parallel with each other and the floor.

### **Name tag and ribbons:**

The blue nametag on the male blue shirt is worn centered above the right breast pocket parallel to and flush with the seam of the pocket.

The name tag on the service dress is metal engraved, brushed satin silver finish with the last name engraved in blue lettering. The name tag will be centered on the wearer's right between the sleeve seam and lapel and the bottom of name tag will be parallel with bottom of ribbons

Earned ribbons are mandatory (unless wearing medals) when wearing the service dress coat. Ribbons will be centered about the left breast pocket parallel to and flush with the seam of the pocket.

### **Tie:**

The tie is required, depending upon the uniform combination. When a tie is worn, the top button of the blue shirt must be buttoned.

The tie will be either blue polyester or silk, herringbone twill. The tip of the tie must cover a portion of the belt buckle but cannot extend below the bottom of the belt buckle. A tie tack or clasp may be worn with the tie. If worn, the tie tack or clasp will be the —wing and star design, Space Force symbol, or rank insignia. The tie tack or clasp will be centered between the bottom edge of the knot and bottom tip of the tie.

### **9.5 Female Uniform Wear**

Uniform items for female cadets will consist of the flight cap, slacks, belt, light blue blouse, dress coat, tie tab and shoes. See Attachments 1-23 for further details on uniform wear.



### **Belt**

The metal tip of the belt should be pushed through the buckle until only the metal tip is flush with the edge of the buckle.

The belt is then threaded through the loops of the pants from **left to right**.

The cloth end of the belt can then be tightened via the adjustment clamp on the back of the buckle.

### **Short and Long Sleeve Blue Blouse**

The short sleeve blue blouse may be worn with or without a tie tab depending on the uniform combination. The tie tab is mandatory when wearing the service dress coat.

The optional long sleeve blue blouse (3rd and 4th year officer cadets only) may be worn in lieu of the short sleeve blue blouse. When worn, the tie is mandatory, and its rules apply.

The shirt tail is pulled down tightly into the slacks and tucked to the sides to make it fit neatly. It is recommended that cadets wear shirt garters to help keep the blouse from folding and becoming wrinkled.

Cadets will not place any items in the pockets of the blue blouse.

The blue blouse may be home laundered. If washed at home, it must be ironed, or steam pressed before wearing.

The USSF distinguished lapel insignia is mandatory on both the long-sleeve and short-sleeve blue blouse and will be worn centered ½ inch above the nametag.

### **Slacks:**

Slacks will be worn in the same manner as the male trousers (see male trousers).

The bottom of the slacks leg must rest on the shoe with a slight break in the crease. The back of the slacks leg will be **7/8 of an inch longer than the front**. Cuffs are prohibited.

After the initial issue any alterations must be approved by the SASI or ASI. Altering the waist of the slacks is prohibited. Only altering the length of the slacks is permitted. Slacks must never be washed. They **must be dry cleaned only**.

### **Service Dress Coat:**

The outside pocket of the dress coat is for decorative purposes only. Nothing will be carried in it. There are inside pockets for carrying small items.

The coat may be removed in the classroom (any classroom) when it becomes too uncomfortable or too warm. When the coat is removed it must be draped over the back of the chair.

The coat must be put back on and buttoned before leaving the classroom. The tie tab must never be removed or loosened even when the coat is removed. The coat is not washable; therefore, it **must be dry-cleaned**.

When authorized by the SASI/ASI, cadets may wear their medals. Medals are pinned on the service coat pocket where the ribbons would normally go. You are not allowed to mix ribbons and medals.

### **Name Tag/Ribbons:**

The blue nametag on the female blouse must be centered on the right side **1 1/2 to 2 1/2 inches higher or lower than the first exposed button**.

The name tag on the service coat is metal engraved, brushed satin silver finish with the last name engraved in blue lettering. The name tag will be centered on the wearer's right between the sleeve seam and lapel and the bottom of the name tag will be **parallel with the bottom of the ribbons**.

Earned ribbons are mandatory (unless wearing medals) when wearing the service dress coat. Ribbons will be centered on the left side **1 1/2 to 2 1/2 inches higher or lower than the first exposed button**.

### **Tie tab:**

The tie tab is required, depending upon the uniform combination. The tie tab must be snug to the collar, with none of the Velcro exposed. When worn, the top blouse button must be buttoned.

### **Skirt:**

The optional skirt may be worn by third- and fourth-year cadet officers only. The length of the skirt may not vary beyond the top and bottom of the kneecap and may not be overly tight. Hosiery is optional. Color can be sheer nylon in a neutral, dark brown, black, off black, or dark blue shade that compliments the uniform and skin tone.