



Looking Sharp in CAP Uniforms

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CAP Uniforms

- **CAPM 39-1 covers uniform wear policy**
 - **New regulation published 23 March 2005**
 - **Working Change 1 now**

- **Air Force retains control over the grade insignia and any devices on the AF-style uniforms**



CAP Uniforms

- **How Changes come about**
 - **Member submits thru chain of command**
 - **Staffed at National Headquarters (Development Committee)**
 - **NB considers once a year**

- **Changes to CAP distinguishing differences go thru AF chain to AU & AETC**



Uniforms

Most Common Infractions

- ❑ **Weight, Weight, Weight!**
 - ❑ CAP weight standards are AF standards plus 10%
 - ❑ 10% is 10%
 - ❑ There is no body fat equivalent for CAP
 - ❑ Members who do not meet standards must not wear AF style uniforms
 - ❑ Cadets over 18 must meet weight standards
- ❑ **Hair and Grooming**
 - ❑ No waivers for beards
 - ❑ Jewelry
- ❑ **Extremely critical to relationship with Air Force**



Service Uniforms

- **Fit is especially important**
- **Service Coat**
 - **Fit easily over chest and shoulders**
 - **Bottom edge extends 3 to 3 ½ inches below top of thigh**
 - **Should not pull or bunch in back above waist**
 - **Sleeves end ¼ inch from heel of thumb**
 - **Collar shows at least ¼ to ½ inch above coat collar and center back**





Uniform Fit

☐ Trousers/Slacks

- ☐ **Worn at natural waist - no bunching at waist or sagging in seat**
 - ☐ **Horizontal wrinkles at waist, tightness in crotch and bulging in side pockets indicate too small**
- ☐ **Rest on front of shoe or boot with slight break in crease**
- ☐ **Back edge approximately 7/8 inch longer than front**





Uniform Fit

□ Skirts

- Hang naturally over hips
 - Horizontal wrinkles at waist or bulging in side pockets indicate too small

- No shorter than top of kneecap nor longer than bottom of kneecap





Accouterments

- **Proper placement is key**
 - **U.S. and C.A.P. Cutouts**

 - **Grade insignia**
 - **No metal grade for senior members**





Placement

- **Wing/region patch**
 - 1/2 inch from shoulder seam
 - Centered on epaulet
 - To crease or not to crease



- **Nametag**

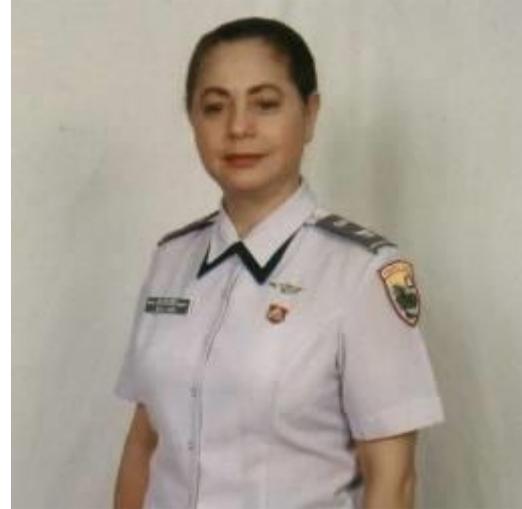
- **Shirts**
 - Females even with to 1/2 higher or lower than first button
- **Service coat**
 - Cadets - blue
 - Seniors - silver





Placement

- **Aviation Badges**
 - 1/2 inch above ribbons
- **Specialty Insignia**
 - 1/2 inch above ribbons, below aviation badge
- **Specialty Badges**
 - **Men – Pocket**
 - **Women**
 - **Service Coat**
 - **Blouse**
- **Command Badge**
 - **Sitting Unit and Group commanders**
 - 1/2 above nametag





Ribbons

- **Mandatory on Service Coat**

- **Military and CAP**

- **Seniors – all badges/ribbons must not exceed notch of collar**

- **Optional on blue AF-shirt**

- **Military and CAP**



- **Excellent tool for order of precedence**

<http://www.dafab.us/CAPCode/CAPRibbons.htm>

- **Link on Member Services and Cadet Programs web page**



Battle Dress Uniform

- **Only woodland green authorized**
 - **Grade now worn on both sides of collar – effective ~~30 Sep 05~~
1 Apr 06**
- **Must meet weight and grooming standards**
- **1/8 inch of blue shows around embroidered devices**
- **Headgear**
 - **Boonie hats not authorized!**





Mess Dress Uniform

- **Authorized for Senior Member Officers and NCOs**
 - **Must meet weight and grooming standards**
 - **Shoulder boards**
 - **CAP Seal**
 - **Enamel or bullion**
 - **Buttons**
 - **Miniature medals**
 - **Badges**





CAP Distinctive Uniforms

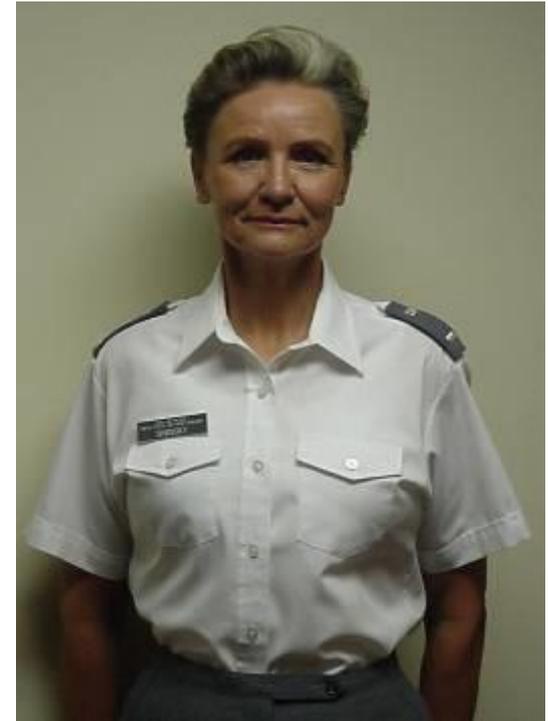
- **Blazer uniform or aviator shirt equivalent to AF-style blue uniform**
- **Blazer uniform with regimental tie/floppy bow**
 - **Blue CAP tie/bow still authorized but regimental preferred**
 - **Grade on black nametag**
 - **CAP crest**
 - **Gray slacks**
 - **Commercial dress slacks, not casual slacks/skirts**
- **Semi-formal blazer combination**
 - **Remove nametag**
 - **One miniature medal**
 - **Bow tie**





Aviator Shirt

- **Aviator shirt – Senior Members only**
 - **Worn with gray epaulets**
 - **Black nametag option phased out Feb 01**
 - **CAP aviation badge, one additional CAP badge**
 - **No military badges**
 - **CAP ribbons optional**
 - **No military ribbons**
 - **Long sleeves = tie/floppy bow (blue AF or blue CAP)**





CAP Field Uniform

- ❑ **Worn same as AF BDUs**
 - ❑ **CAP tape and nametape**
 - ❑ **No military badges/patches**
 - ❑ **Trousers may be bloused**
 - ❑ **Headgear not required**
 - ❑ **Blue flight jacket authorized**
 - ❑ **If worn same devices as shirt**
 - ❑ **Blue BDU hat**
 - ❑ **Civilian outergarments**





CAP Utility Uniform

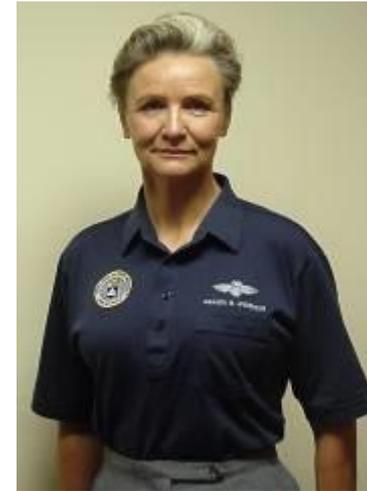
- **One-piece, flightsuit style**
 - **Replaces CAP jumpsuit**
 - **Phase out 31 Dec 03**
 - **Worn as CAP or AF-style flightsuit**
 - **No military patches**
 - **No headgear required**
 - **Any civilian outergarment**
 - **Not nomex!**





CAP Summer Uniform/ Golf Shirt

- **Three shirts currently authorized**
 - **All are dark blue**
 - **White golf shirt phased out 1 Jan 02**
 - **Ultramarine blue golf shirt phased out 1 Jan 03**
 - **Two have embroidered seal**
 - **One has name and aviation badge**
 - **One has white screen printed seal**





Flight suits

□ AF-style flight suit

- Must meet weight and grooming standards
- White, black or brown t-shirts
- Leather namepatch
- Optional Right shoulder patches
- Flight cap or CAP baseball cap



□ CAP flight suit

- White t-shirt
- Leather namepatch
- Optional right shoulder patches
- No military badges
- Flight cap or CAP baseball cap





New Items

□ Three-level EMT Badge



EMT- Basic



EMT-Intermediate



EMT-Paramedic

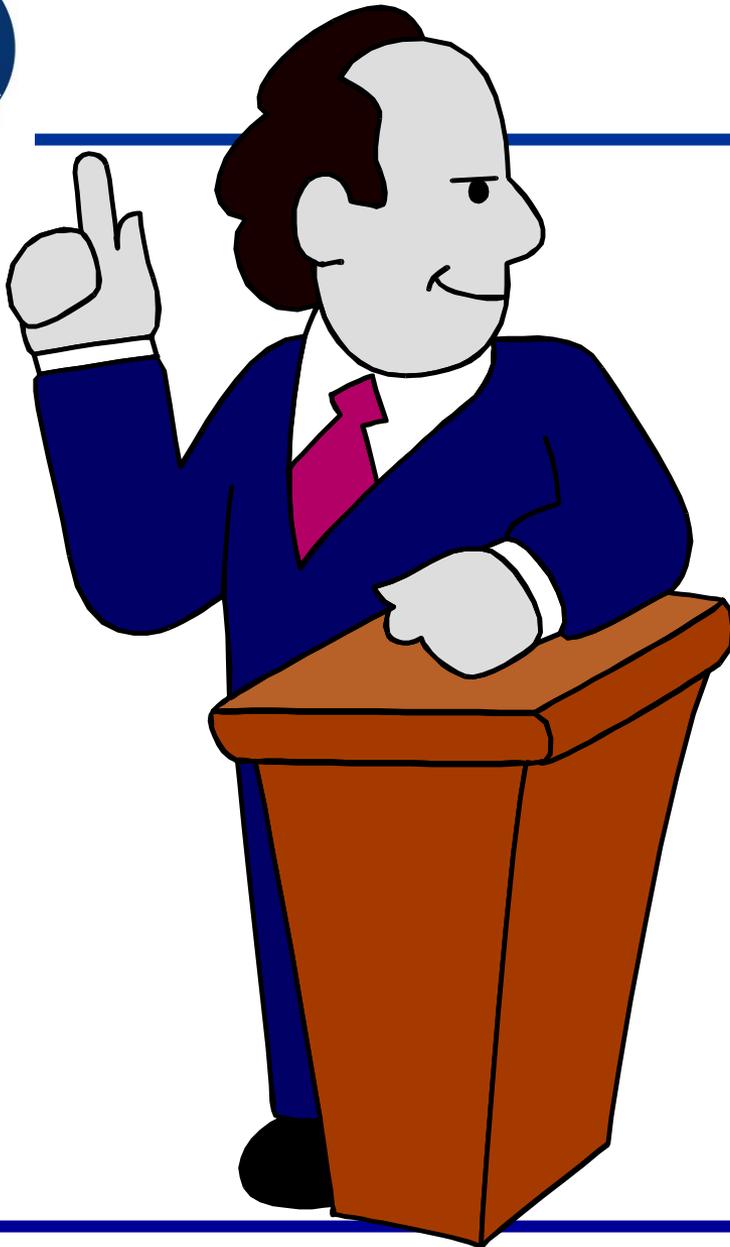
□ Working

- **Gortex Parka**
- **Overblouse for Aviator Shirt**
- **Jacket for CAP Distinctive Uniforms**



Uniform Phase Out Dates

- **Aviator shirt w/blazer nametag – Feb 01**
- **White golf shirt – 1 Jan 02**
- **Ultramarine blue golf shirt – 1 Jan 03**
- **BDUs and Flight suits without grade insignia – 1 Jan 2003**
- **Jumpsuit –31 Dec 03**
- **CAP seal patch on flightsuits and utility uniform – 31 March 2004**
- **CAP cutout on BDUs - ~~30 September 05~~ 1 April 2006**



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