

CHAPTER 1

UNIFORM WEAR AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE - GENERAL

A. POLICY:

This handout contains policy and procedural guidance compiled from Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Air Force JROTC Instruction 36-2010 and the Consolidated Operational Supplement dated 15 June 2020. The material contained herein is directive in nature; however, it cannot provide rules for every imaginable situation. Therefore, pride, professionalism and common sense must sometimes prevail. Palo Verde High School AirForce Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) cadets will comply with our uniform wear and personal appearance standards or risk course failure and removal from the program.

B. PROCEDURES:

Palo Verde AFJROTC cadets wear the prescribed Air Force dress uniform at 1 day per week. The Senior Aerospace Science Instructor (SASI) specifies the appropriate uniform and the day to wear it. This information is posted on the bulletin board in the classroom and in the Canvas Weekly Instructional Schedule.

To ensure compliance with established uniform wear and personal appearance standards, cadet “open ranks” inspections (ORI) will be conducted on uniform wear days. All students enrolled in Military Science I, II, & III will participate in these inspections (this also applies to cadets who have not been issued a uniform). During ORI, an instructor or designated cadet will check each cadet’s uniform and personal appearance.

On designated uniform wear days, cadets will wear all accessories (ranks, insignia, nametag, badges & ribbons). The Wing Staff will wear their designated shoulder cords. ABUs worn by staff officers/NCOs may be worn as directed by the SASI.

C. STANDARDS:

It is very important for cadets to maintain high standards of personal appearance, especially while dressed in the Air Force Junior ROTC uniform. How you look, favorably or unfavorably, directly reflects how people view you, your school, or JROTC unit and the United States Air Force. The uniform projects neatness, cleanliness, safety, uniformity and military image. Wear the uniform with pride. The uniform represents a long and honorable tradition of devotion to duty in service of one’s country. Not only should it be worn proudly, but also properly.

D. GENERAL GUIDELINES:

Keep the uniform neat and clean.

Wear the flight/service cap when outdoors, remove it when indoors.

Keep your hands out of your pockets.

Keep all pockets buttoned.

Do not fill pockets with bulky items.

Keep shoes shined, use edge dressing on the heels and edge of the soles.

Keep all metal devices, buckles and badges clean and free of scratches.

Check your personal appearance in a mirror.

E. RESTRICTIONS:

Unless specifically authorized by the SASI, cadets will only wear the uniform while traveling to and from school to participate in Junior ROTC approved programs, or while participating in official JROTC activities.

The uniform will not be mixed or worn with any other civilian type clothing.

Cadets will not lend their uniform to anyone.

Distinctive items of the JROTC uniform (ranks, badges, nametags, etc.) will not be worn on civilian clothing.

No soliciting (fundraising etc.) is allowed while in uniform.

Cadets will not wear the uniform while participating in student demonstrations, or crowd control, or in any other inappropriate activity where wear of the uniform may give the appearance that the Air Force is advocating some political or religious issue over another.

While in uniform, cadets will not exhibit public display of affection (PDA). This includes, but is not limited to holding hands, hugging, etc.

F. ISSUE AND MAINTENANCE:

New cadets will be issued a uniform at the beginning of their first year at no cost to the cadet. If required, it will be sent to alterations at no cost. Each cadet will be issued the following uniform items:

- 1-Belt, Cotton, Web Blue
- 1-Buckle, Belt
- 1-Cap, Garrison, Wool, Blue
- 1-Tie
- 1-Tab (Female only)
- 1-Short Sleeve Shirt, Blue
- 1-Pants
- 1-Slacks (Female only)
- 1 Jacket, Light Weight, Blue
- 1 Pair-Shoes, Black
- 1 Pair-Socks, Black

Once issued, it is the cadet's responsibility to maintain all items in a clean/shined and orderly condition throughout the school year. Each cadet will read and sign the "NV- 20011 Uniform Issue Form." Do not alter the uniform. See an instructor if you have a problem with the uniform. MS II and IIIs will be reissued their uniform at the beginning of the new school year. Should they outgrow their uniform, they will be issued a replacement uniform.

The service dress coat, lightweight blue jacket, slacks or pants, tie/tab and headgear will be **PROFESSIONALLY DRY CLEANED ONLY**. The short sleeve light blue shirt/ blouse and socks are the only washable items. Iron the short sleeve light blue shirt prior to ORI day after being washed and dried.

If any uniform item does not fit properly or is damaged, see an instructor. Do not wait until someone else calls attention to it.

All uniform items must be turned in at the end of the school year or when a cadet "drops" from the AFJROTC program. Uniform will be dry cleaned by a commercial laundry. If a uniform item becomes lost/missing, the cadet is responsible for the cost of that item. If a uniform is returned without commercial dry cleaning, the cadet will incur the costs. All charges will be entered into the cadet's student account and will be paid prior to leaving/graduating from PVHS.

DO NOT ASK FOR UNIFORM ITEMS ON ORI DAY.