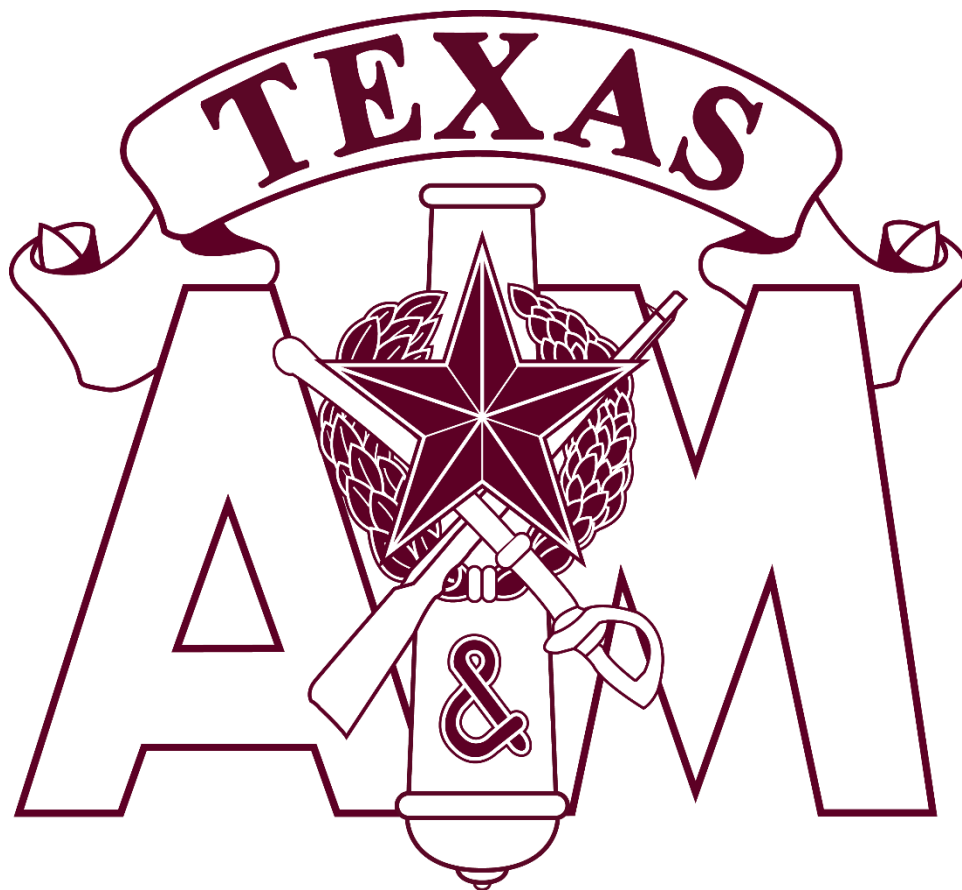
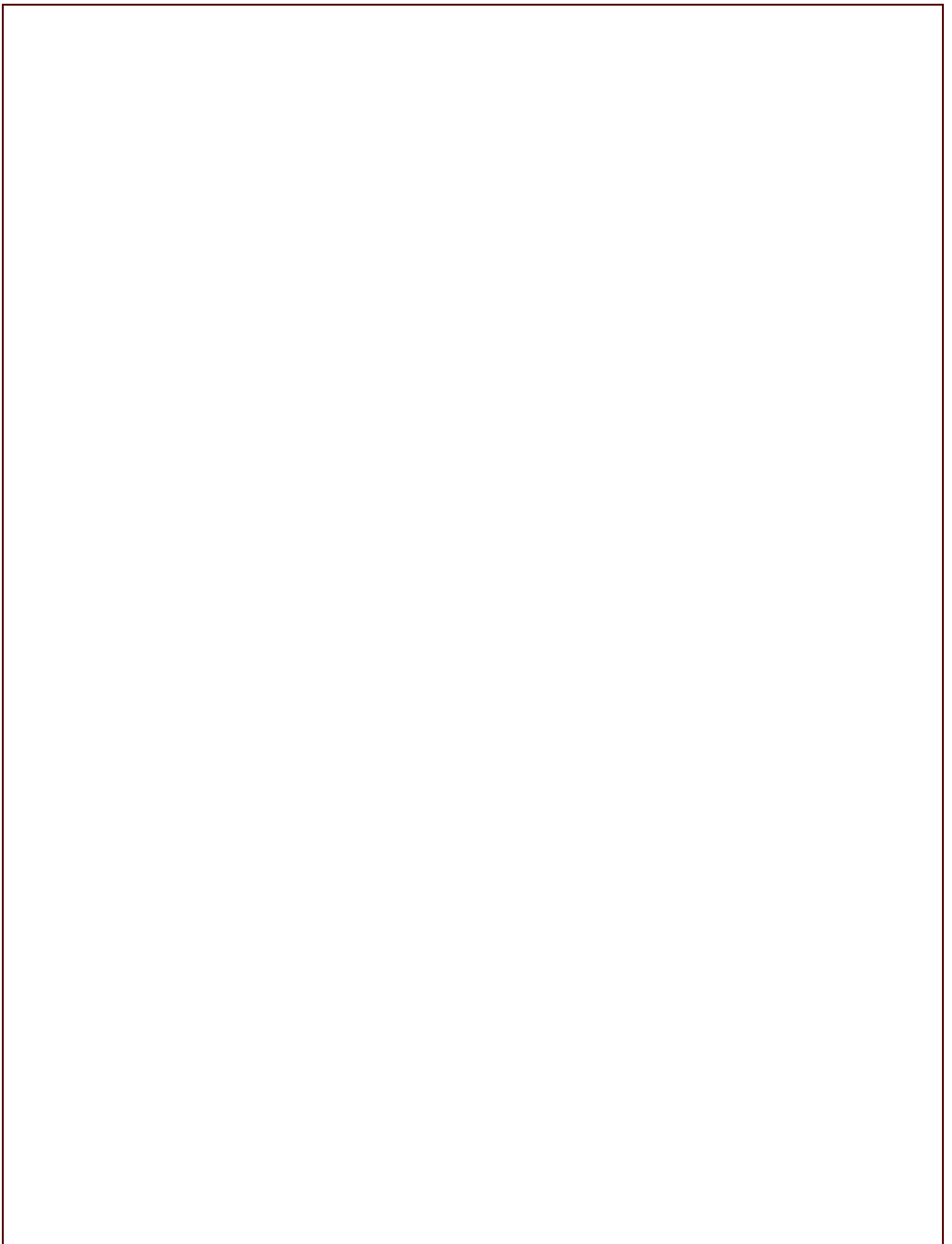


# **STANDARD ORDER 1.3**

## **Uniforms and Grooming Standards**



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## CHAPTER 1 – GENERAL UNIFORM POLICY

### 1. Intent

- A. The Texas A&M Corps of Cadets Uniform Policy (detailed herein) provides guidance for the proper wear of the cadet uniform. The wearing of the uniform by the members of the Corps of Cadets is a vital part of our proud history and tradition, as well as a visual reminder of who we are and what we represent on this campus.
- B. Recommendations concerning the content of this Standard Order are invited and may be submitted to the Corps Commander via the Inspector General chain. Requests will include a cover letter explaining the recommended change and supporting documentation that includes history, traditions, depictions, diagrams, or photographs, as applicable. The Corps Commander will consolidate recommendations for changes and submit them to the Commandant for consideration via the Assistant Commandant for Operations and Training.
- C. Wearing the uniform is a matter of personal pride. Cadets must maintain their uniforms in a neat and serviceable condition. By their appearance, cadets set an example of pride through strict conformity with this regulation. It is incumbent upon all cadets to wear the uniform correctly, and ensure peers and subordinates alike do the same.

### 2. General Guidelines

- A. These guidelines are not all encompassing. Cadets must familiarize themselves with all uniform regulations, abide by them, and seek guidance or clarification from appropriate authority when necessary.
- B. Uniforms must be properly fitted, clean, and pressed at all times. Uniform shoes and Senior Boots must be highly shined. The term “properly fitted” indicates a sharp military appearance with shirt, blouse and trousers properly fitted to the body size and shape (missing buttons, too small shirt, and incorrect trouser length and/or a waist band are common problems). Shirt tucks are required when wearing the Class B uniform.
  - (1) The Corps Commander prescribes the Uniform of the Day (UOD). The Class B Uniform is the default UOD.
  - (2) Members of the Corps of Cadets are authorized to wear only uniforms, insignia, and awards and decorations outlined herein. Unit symbols/shirts of non-active units will not be worn at University/Corps activities (e.g., deactivated outfit T-shirts at March to The Brazos, Yell Practice, etc.).
  - (3) Cadets are required to wear all ribbons/medals they earn as a cadet. Cadets are not allowed to decide which ribbon(s) are worn. Ribbons will be worn with the Class B uniform and the Midnight uniform. Medals are worn when wearing the Class A uniform. The Corps Commander may authorize medals be worn on Midnight uniform for a special event. All cadets at the event wearing the Midnight uniform must be the same (all medal or all ribbons).
  - (4) All cadets will wear a TAMU patch in lieu of the ROTC patch upon joining the Corps. When a cadet receives an ROTC scholarship or contracts for a commission with an ROTC branch (Military Science, Naval Science, or Aerospace Studies), the

- Uniform Distribution Center will exchange/issue a uniform shirt with a patch that identifies their ROTC program. Cadets enrolled in the Platoon Leaders Course (PLC) program will wear the PLC patch. Cadets enrolled in the Navy Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate Program and the Navy Civil Engineering Corps Program will provide appropriate patches to the UDC for sewing on the uniform.
- (5) Mixing the uniform with civilian clothing is not authorized, except for low quarter shoes, combat boots, and the raincoat because they are generic clothing items. Senior boots will not be worn with civilian clothing as they are a distinct cadet uniform item. See the guidance regarding “class pullout pictures.”
  - (6) Cadets will use common sense regarding the wear of the uniform when outside their rooms in the dorm. Do not loiter in the hallway in partial uniform.
  - (7) All cadets are authorized to maintain their uniform with brass and other accessories ‘wired’ for wear. No cadet will be made to ‘de-wire’ his/her uniform as a standard practice upon returning to the dorm, while in their hole during a break in classes, or in the evening after daily/evening activities.
  - (8) Females are required to wear trousers at football march-ins, Corps Reviews, and Military Proficiency Inspections. In all other cases, all females (regardless of class) may wear trousers or skirts.
  - (9) Cadets will adhere by the hair and grooming standards outlined in this document. Shorter or more restrictive requirements are prohibited.
  - (10) Cadets in uniform are authorized to carry black backpacks or book/shoulder bags in their left hand, on their left or right shoulder, or on both shoulders. Bags and briefcases must not interfere with rendering a salute or whipping out.
  - (11) All cadets are authorized to wear conservative sunglasses in uniform when outside. Lenses or frames with conspicuous initials, designs, or colors, as well as reflective lenses, are prohibited. Sunglasses will not be worn inside or in formation. Cadets will not hang glasses or glass cases on their uniform, let the glasses hang on a restraint around the neck, or wear the glasses on the top of the head when in uniform. As a courtesy, cadets will remove their sunglasses when meeting or talking with someone.
  - (12) All headgear should fit naturally on the head and remain in place during normal activities. The leather visor of the Service Cap will be highly polished to take on a marbled appearance but not to the degree that the brim is no longer brown in color. The edges of the Service Cap will not bent over/crushed to take on an ‘Old Army’ appearance. Campaign hats, other than those worn by PMC cadets, must have a crisp flat brim, and the crown will not be deformed.
  - (13) Cadets will not place their hands in their pockets for an extended period of time. Pocket fasteners (buttons) must be fastened at all times. Seniors need to pay close attention to the pockets of their boot pants. Wallets and other items may be carried in uniform pockets but nothing is allowed to stick out of the pocket. Large rectangular leather wallets that protrude from pockets are not authorized for uniform wear.
  - (14) Cold Weather. Cold weather uniform items include a black jacket and gloves for the class B uniform and combinations of sweatshirt, sweatpants, black watch cap, and



black gloves for physical training. As the temperature approaches 55 degrees Fahrenheit or colder, the Corps Commander, in consultation with Operations & Training, will determine the appropriate cold weather uniform items for various formations and activities. Cadets must check [cadets.tamu.edu](http://cadets.tamu.edu) to ensure they wear the correct uniform.

- (15) Raingear. The raincoat may be worn with any uniform. The campaign hat or garrison cap will be worn with the raincoat. The OCP cap will be worn when wearing raingear with the Class C uniform. Cadets may carry / use an umbrella during inclement weather when wearing the uniform. The umbrella must be black, plain, and absent of logos or designs. Umbrellas are not authorized for formation.
- (16) Bathrobes. All cadets will wear a bathrobe when going to/from the shower/restroom. As a minimum, PT shorts (and bra for females) and shower shoes will be worn. No additional items will be required to be worn when going to/from the shower or restroom. Robes must be kept closed with the sash secured around the waist when in the hallway. Robes must extend at least past the mid-thigh. Robes may be any color other than burnt orange.
- (17) Cadets shall not operate a bicycle, scooter, or skateboard when in uniform.
- (18) Cadets are responsible for maintenance and dry cleaning of their assigned uniforms.
- (19) No article of the Texas A&M cadet uniform will be worn by anyone other than a current cadet in the Corps. This includes dates and former cadets.
- (20) The use of chewing gum, any tobacco product or tobacco substitute while in uniform, or the consumption of food or beverage while walking in uniform or standing in formation are prohibited. These activities detract from an appropriate military presence.
- (21) Cadets will not use a cell phone or other electronic device when walking in uniform (includes texting, talking or surfing the net). The use of earbuds or headphones to listen to an electronic device are not authorized when wearing a uniform except when seated and studying. Cell phones and electronic devices will not hang on the uniform or belt.
- (22) Alcohol may not be consumed while in uniform without prior approval of the Commandant.

#### C. On-Campus Wear

- (1) All members of the Corps of Cadets will wear the cadet uniform on campus as indicated below. Cadets will wear the uniform they are authorized based on their cadet status. (For example, fish will not wear an upperclass uniform as a means of reward of privileges).
- (2) Cadets in any Corps uniform are subject to inspection at all times and will comply with all provisions. Cadets in general, and especially cadet leaders, will inspect and correct other cadets who fail to shave or look presentable when going to class or wearing the uniform. This includes on-the-spot corrections as long as the cadet is not caused to be late to class.

- (3) Appropriate headgear will be worn with the uniform at all times when outside.
- (4) Uniforms will be worn in accordance with the following:
- a. Campus Buildings. The uniform of the day will be worn in ALL campus buildings (excluding dormitories) to include the Military Science Building (Trigon), the Sam Houston Sanders Corps Center, the Leadership Learning Centers (when attending class), the Memorial Student Center (MSC), the Association of Former Students Alumni Center, and the Hagler Foundation Center.
  - b. The following guidance is provided regarding the wear of the cadet uniform at student organization meetings and functions.
    - i. Cadets may join any student organization. If the organization conducts their meetings in a building on campus requiring the wear of the cadet uniform, the cadet must wear the uniform of the day.
    - ii. If the organization is controversial or political in nature, cadets will neither appear in uniform at a public function for the organization nor appear in uniform in organizational pictures/social media nor be identified as a member of the Corps of Cadets. Attending functions conducted outside of campus buildings in civilian clothing where the cadet is acting as a student at Texas A&M is authorized.
    - iii. In general the cadet is prohibited from doing anything which might give the appearance of the Corps of Cadets supporting or promoting the political/controversial organization. This guidance is similar to what the military services follow for service members.
    - iv. Cadets in a contract or scholarship status with a ROTC program may have further restrictions placed on their involvement in specific student organizations. ROTC guidance will not counter the uniform guidance provided above.
  - c. Cadets employed as student workers on the Texas A&M University campus will wear the uniform of the day unless otherwise dictated by their employer.
  - d. Cadets required to wear “Business Attire” for a class will wear the seasonal Class A uniform or midnights for whitebelt cadets.
  - e. Wear of the Physical Training uniform is authorized in the following locations:
    - 1) Beutel Student Health Center, when in need of medical services.
    - 2) Any kinesiology class meeting outside. PT gear will not be worn to an academic class prior to or after a kinesiology class.
    - 3) Kinesiology Building (PEAB) on west campus and Student Recreational Sports Center (REC) while engaged in health fitness, sporting, or recreational class.
    - 4) Military Science Building for height/weight measurement or work details.
  - f. Duncan Dining Hall. The uniform for chow is the uniform of the day unless modified by the Corps Commander.

- 1) Corps and ROTC special unit uniforms will be established by the respective unit commander as authorized by the Deputy Corps Commander.
  - 2) The Corps/Unit athletic uniform is acceptable for lunch and free flow chow. The Corps athletic uniform is defined as Corps/unit sweats (as required), the Corps PT uniform provided by the Corps of Cadets Association, or the official unit PT uniform and athletic shoes and socks. The PT uniform must be clean and serviceable. The t-shirt will be tucked in. If sweatpants are worn (cold weather), a corresponding sweat shirt or unit-issued hoodie must also be worn. Nicknames on shirts will not be vulgar, obscene, or otherwise uncouth.
  - 3) Cadets engaged in a scheduled intramural activity or unit physical fitness training immediately before chow may wear their unit PT uniform for breakfast or evening meals.
  - 4) Cadets in excessively wet or soiled uniforms or PT gear will not enter Duncan Dining Hall. Cadets not in an appropriate uniform for Duncan Dining Hall will be directed to leave. Dining Services employees will normally coordinate this direction through the appropriate cadet commander.
- g. Wear of Non-Regs. Appropriate civilian attire is authorized in the following locations by all cadets regardless of class year:
- 1) Corps dorms, the Leadership Learning Centers (for study purposes and Academic Support offered during EST), and all civilian residence halls.
  - 2) Sbisa / Sbisa Underground on Friday nights and weekends. Non-Regs are also authorized for the Sbisa Underground on weekday evenings during the hours of EST, beginning at 1930 (1800 on Wednesdays).
  - 3) Uniform Distribution Center (UDC)
  - 4) All Faiths Chapel on campus. Civilian clothing is also authorized for religious gathering held on campus.
  - 5) Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) when engaged in personal counseling sessions. Uniform of the Day is required for any other business with the Offices of Student Life including sessions with the Student Conduct Office.
  - 6) Campus Libraries, the Student Computing Center, designated Engineering/Architecture workspaces (see below) and the Trigon during Evening Study Time only. The UOD must be worn to academic classes in these buildings no matter the time of day.
    - Biomedical Engineering (ETB) and Civil Engineering Buildings
    - Chemical Engineering and Computer/Electrical Engineering Buildings
    - Mechanical Engineering (Engineering Physics Building)
    - Aerospace Engineering and Architecture Buildings
    - Zachary Engineering Education Complex

- West Campus Computer Lab and Wehner Building
- 7) The Student Recreation Center, at any time during the day and when approved by the CO during training times.
- h. Attendance at Varsity Athletic Events
- 1) The Uniform of the Day is worn to all varsity athletic contests in Kyle Field.
  - 2) Cadets may attend other varsity athletic contests (basketball, baseball, soccer, volleyball, track and field, women's softball, tennis, etc.) in appropriate civilian attire unless a uniform is specified by the Corps / Major Unit Commander.
- i. Wear of Class C Uniform. Class Cs are approved for wear in certain locations under certain approved conditions and purposes. The Class C is not a replacement for the Uniform of the Day.
- 1) Class C uniform is authorized for specific academic wet labs (see below). A cadet must submit a Military Letter and receive approval to wear the Class C uniform to the 'wet' lab. Cadets must have an approved Military Letter, and a copy of their schedule on their person (Electronic verification is acceptable) when wearing the Class C uniform to class. For courses not listed below, cadets will submit a request to their CTO via military letter with a copy of their syllabus explaining the requirement to wear the Class C uniform.
    - ANSC 108/320/447 & AGSM 315 (Animal Science / Meat & Food Tech)
    - BIOL 107/113/206/318/319/320/351 (Zoology & Essentials/Micro/Chordate Anatomy & Physiology)
    - CHEM 111/112/117/237/318/433 (Fundamental/Organic/Quantitative/Advanced Organic Chemistry)
    - COSC 301 (Construction Surveying)
    - CVEN 342 & 303 (Materials of Construction) & (Survey-Practical App)
    - ECEN 325/438/441/472 (Electronics/Power/Motor/Circuits)
    - ESSM 301 & FSTC 313 (Mechanical Tools & Food Chemistry)
    - GEOL 203 & OGNE 252 (Mineralogy/Oceanography Labs)
    - IDIS 303/400/403 (Mechanical/Industrial/Fluid)
    - MMET 181/281/206/207/313/303/418 (Welding Industrial/Manufacturing/ Metallic & Non-Metallic, Medical Manufacturing)
    - MEEN 361 / 345 (Materials & Manufacturing / Fluid Mechanics Lab)
    - PETE 224/RENR 215 (Intro to Drilling Systems/Fundamentals of Ecology)
    - VTPB 405 / WFSC 303/311/335 (Microbiology Lab / Vertebrae/Ichthyology)

- 2) The Corps Commander will announce any uniform changes based on weather conditions. Units/Individuals are not authorized to make their own uniform determination based on the weather condition.
- 3) Class Cs are authorized for individual ROTC leadership labs. ROTC scholarship/contracted cadets may wear their ROTC utility uniform with ROTC rank/insignia to leadership labs as directed by the ROTC instructor. Cadets will not wear the ROTC uniform to an academic class prior to or after the lead lab.
- 4) With the exception for ROTC lead lab as indicated above, the Class C uniform will be worn with cadet rank, name tag, and "Texas A&M" chest pocket tag. The Class C cover will be worn with the cadet rank only (e.g., The Rudders Diamond, Chaplain cross, or ROTC rank is not authorized).
- 5) When wearing the Class C uniform, the sleeves will remain down (not rolled or cuffed). AROTC cadets may be directed to roll their sleeves up when attending AROTC lead lab. Rolled sleeves are only authorized for the duration of the AROTC class/event.

NOTE: Class Cs will not be worn in the Memorial Student Center/Rudder Tower complex, at any time, for any reason.

#### D. Off-Campus wear

- (1) When worn off campus, cadets will wear the uniform in such a manner as to be a credit to self, the Corps of Cadets, and Texas A&M University.
- (2) The following guidelines apply to the wear of the uniform off campus:
  - (a) Corps Trips - cadets may wear the cadet uniform while in transit to/from the designated assembly location for a Corps trip.
  - (b) Service Projects - a uniform appropriate for outfit/Corps service projects may be requested to the CTO.
  - (c) Away Football Games - cadets will wear the appropriate uniform of the day for football games not played at Texas A&M when the entire Corps is present (Corps Trip). Cadets simply attending an away game, as an individuals and not part of a Corps Trip or as a Corps/University representative, and remaining in the stands need not wear the cadet uniform. Cadets in the Band, Officers of the Day, and Reveille handlers on the field will always wear the designated uniform.
  - (d) Other Activities Off Campus - if desired, cadets may wear the Class B uniform or higher off campus.

## CHAPTER 2 – UNIFORM INSPECTION GUIDELINES

### 1. Covers

All hats/covers/caps will be free of cables, clean, pressed and properly sized. Any brass on the cover will be properly placed, polished, and free of excessive oxidation.

### 2. Brass

- A. Brass and rank insignia will be shined, smudge free, and free of metal polish buildup. All collar brass will be in accordance with the guidelines set forth herein. Chromed brass is only authorized for Drum Majors. Subdued, shaved, or bent brass is not authorized. Skeleton and subdued cadet rank as well as Navy/MC buckles and rank are prohibited.
- B. All shields are kept smudge-free and placed on the uniform in accordance with guidelines herein. No unauthorized shields will be worn.
- C. Corps Brass will be worn with the knight's head facing in (Class A Blouse) or facing forward (uniform shirts). Cadets will not grind or polish Corps Brass to the point the knight's head disappears or the images on the brass are unrecognizable. Band cadets will not grind or polish the Band Lyre to the point that the details of the band lyre are unrecognizable. Worn brass must be replaced.
- D. Engraved brass is authorized for seniors. The engraving must pertain to the individual's outfit or position and be free of any offensive material. The engraving must be approved by the MU CTO through the MU Commander.

### 3. T-shirts

T-shirts will be cable-free, clean, pulled straight and even across the neckline, and will not hang out of the uniform sleeve. There should be no undershirt visible across the neck or under the sleeves when wearing the female Class B blouse. All female cadets are required to wear a v-neck t-shirt under the female Class B blouse.

### 4. Shirt

The shirt will be free of cables, wrinkles, holes, and spots or stains. Shirts will have all fasteners (off-color fasteners are not authorized). The shirt will be worn with proper fit\*, a neat tuck, proper patches, all appropriate fasteners fastened, with sharp military creases and the gig line centered. Only UDC issued shirts are authorized.

\* Proper fit is defined as having a straight button placket down the front of the shirt. Button gaping indicates the shirt is too tight and does not fit properly. Shoulder seams will rest on the point of the shoulder.

### 5. Name Tag

- A. The name tag is centered on the right pocket flap. The top of the name tag is aligned below the seam at the top of the pocket. Only the cadet's own name tag will be worn.
- B. The name tag will be shined and free of scratches and dirt and polish build-up in the letters. Name tags turning white or with letters no longer distinct will not be worn.

## **6. Badges, Pins, and Ribbons.**

- A. All badges, pins, and ribbons will be placed on the uniform in strict accordance with the guidelines set forth herein.
- B. Ribbons will be worn in the correct order as specified herein. All badges, pins, and ribbons authorized for an individual cadet will be worn.
- C. Unauthorized badges, pins, ribbons, or cords will not be worn; such violations may be deemed honor violations and dealt with accordingly.
- D. All cords will be kept clean. Frayed, faded or unauthorized cords will not be worn.
- E. No commemorative or symbolic loops of ribbon, cloth, or wristbands (cancer, AIDS, etc..) will be worn while in uniform unless directed by the Commandant.

## **7. Belts and Buckles**

- A. Belts will be free of dirt and stains. Belt length that extends past the buckle will be cut off.
- B. Align buckles with the belt. Freshman belt tips will be aligned with the edge of the buckle.
- C. Curved, engraved, or otherwise deformed buckles will not be worn.
- D. Buckles will be shined, scratch-free, and free from polish buildup.
- E. Cadets will wear the belt and buckle appropriate for their class. Delta Company will wear a tan belt with their appropriate class belt buckle.

## **8. Trousers**

Trousers will be worn by all personnel (including females) for inspections, Corps Reviews, and football march-ins. Trousers will be free of cables, holes, wrinkles, stains, spots, and/or heel and sole marks. The trousers will be neatly pressed and will fit properly.\* All trousers will have proper fasteners.

\*Proper fit: Trousers are worn at the natural waist and will hang from the cadet's hips. Trousers will not pull across the seat, and pockets will lay reasonably flat. Trousers will have a slight break at the ankle along the front trouser crease when the cadet stands at attention.

## **9. Footwear**

- A. Freshman, sophomore, and junior cadets will only wear low quarters issued from the UDC. Seniors must wear Senior Boots, unless exempt via military letter in specific and extenuating circumstances.
- B. Footwear will be highly shined and in serviceable condition.
- C. Freshman and sophomore cadets will have taps on their low quarters, seniors will have taps on their boots. Juniors are not required to wear taps. If a Junior selects to do so, the taps must be serviceable. Taps will be in good condition, i.e. not chipped, and must fully cover the edge of the shoe.

## **10. General Appearance**

Cuts will be assessed for wearing two-toned shirts or pants, and for any evidence of poor personal hygiene (e.g.; dirty hands or fingernails, body odor, breath odor, dirty ears, etc.).





## CHAPTER 3 – MALE UNIFORMS AND OCCASIONS FOR WEAR

### 1. Class AA Uniform – Males

- A. The Class AA uniform is an optional uniform worn for formal occasions where a tuxedo would be appropriate civilian attire. It is not to be substituted for Corps events for which the Class A uniform is prescribed.
- B. The components of the Class AA Uniform are:
  - (1) Green Dress Blouse
  - (2) Pink Trousers or Pink Boot Pants
  - (3) White Dress Shirt (Not Issued)
  - (4) Black Bow Tie (Not Issued)
  - (5) Service Cap
  - (6) Senior Belt/Buckle
  - (7) Black Low Quarter Shoes with Black Socks or Senior Boots
  - (8) Only medals are worn with the Class AA uniform

**\* NOTE – Do not wear the issued black necktie or the Pink Garrison Cap**



For brass placement details see Appendix 1.

The right edge of the blouse belt buckle should be aligned with the right edge of the blouse flap.

- Figure 1 -

## 2. Class A Uniform – Males

A. The Class A uniform is worn for formal Corps events and special occasions.

B. The components of the Class A uniform are:

- (1) Green Dress Blouse
- (2) Pink Trousers or Pink Boot Pants
- (3) Poplin Shirt
- (4) Black Necktie
- (5) Service Cap or Pink Garrison Cap
- (6) Appropriate Class Belt/Buckle
- (7) Black Low Quarter Shoes with Black Socks or Senior Boots
- (8) Medals are authorized for the Class A Uniform

**\* NOTE – Do not wear the issued the Pink Garrison Cap or Ribbons**



For brass placement details see Appendix 1. The right edge of the blouse belt buckle should be aligned with the right edge of the blouse flap.

- Figure 2 -

### 3. Class B Winter Uniform – Males

- A. The Class B Winter Uniform can be prescribed as the uniform of the day or for special events at the direction of the Corps Commander.
- B. The components of the Class B Winter uniform are:
  - (1) Pink Trousers or Pink Boot Pants
  - (2) Short Sleeve Gabardine Shirt (Long Sleeve Gabardine Shirt with Black Tie for specified activities)
  - (3) Pink Garrison Cap
  - (4) Appropriate Class Belt/Buckle
  - (5) Black Low-Quarter shoes with black socks or Senior Boots
  - (6) Cadets will wear all of their authorized ribbons



For brass placement details see Appendix 1.

Align left edge of the shirt placket with the left edge of the trouser fly.

Senior, junior and sophomore belt buckles will be centered on the fly/placket.

Align the left edge of the fish belt buckle with the left edge of the fly/placket.

The black neck tie will be worn knotted tightly in a Windsor or Overhand and tucked in between the second and third shirt buttons.

- Figure 3 -

#### 4. Class B Summer Uniform – Males

- A. The Class B Summer Uniform is the prescribed standard Uniform of the Day.
- B. The components of the Class B Summer Uniform are:
  - (1) Gabardine Trousers or Gabardine Boot Pants
  - (2) Short Sleeve Gabardine Shirt (Long Sleeve Gabardine Shirt with Black Tie for specified activities)
  - (3) Gabardine Garrison Cap
  - (4) Appropriate Class Belt/Buckle
  - (5) Black Low-Quarter shoes with black socks or Senior Boots
  - (6) Cadets will wear all of their authorized ribbons



For brass placement details see Appendix 1.

Align left edge of the shirt placket with the left edge of the trouser fly.

Senior, junior and sophomore belt buckles will be centered on the fly/placket.

Align the left edge of the fish belt buckle with the left edge of the fly/placket.

- Figure 4 -

## 5. Midnight Uniform – Males

- A. The Midnight Uniform is worn as desired for special occasions and civilian casual events when a specific uniform has not been prescribed.
- B. The components of the Midnight Uniform are:
  - (1) Pink Trousers or Pink Boot Pants
  - (2) Long Sleeve Midnight Shirt
  - (3) Khaki Tie
  - (4) Service Cap or Pink Garrison Cap
  - (5) Appropriate Class Belt/Buckle
  - (6) Black Low-Quarter shoes with black socks or Senior Boots
  - (7) Ribbons are authorized. Medals and ribbons will not be worn together



For brass placement details see Appendix 1.

Align left edge of the shirt placket with the left edge of the trouser fly.

Senior, junior and sophomore belt buckles will be centered on the fly/placket.

Align the left edge of the fish belt buckle with the left edge of the fly/placket.

The khaki neck tie will be worn knotted tightly in a Windsor or Overhand knot and tucked in between the second and third shirt buttons.

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## CHAPTER 4 – FEMALE UNIFORMS AND OCCASIONS FOR WEAR

### 1. Class AA Uniform – Females

- A. The Class AA uniform is an optional uniform worn for formal occasions where a tuxedo or formal gown would be appropriate civilian attire. It is not to be substituted for Corps events for which the Class A uniform is prescribed.
- B. The components of the Class AA Uniform are:
  - (1) Green Dress Blouse
  - (2) Pink Trousers/Skirt or Pink Boot Pants/Skirt
  - (3) White Dress Shirt (Not Issued)
  - (4) Black Bow Tie (Not issued)
  - (5) Service Cap
  - (6) Appropriate Class Belt/Buckle
  - (7) Pumps with hose if the skirt is worn –or- Senior Boots –or-
  - (8) Black socks with Oxford shoes if slacks are worn
  - (9) Only medals are worn with the Class AA uniform

**\* NOTE – Do not wear the issued black necktie or the Pink Garrison Cap**



For brass placement  
details see Appendix  
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- Figure 1 –

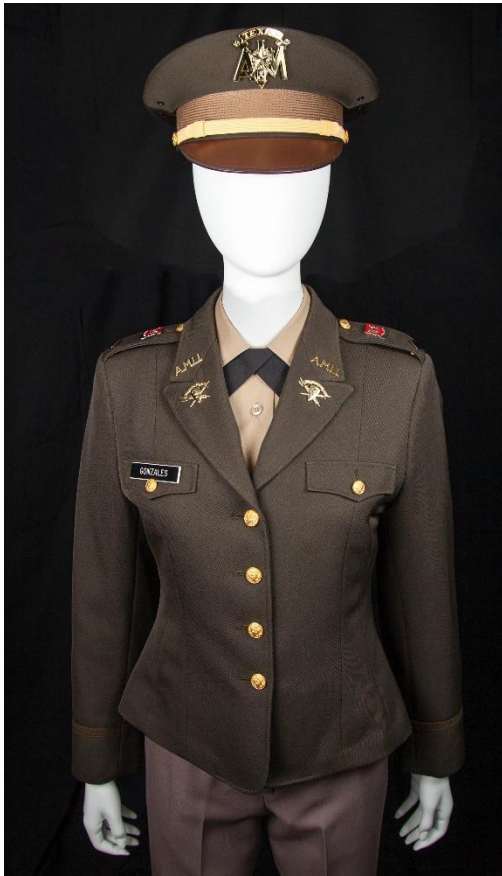
## 2. Class A Uniform - Females

A. The Class A uniform is worn for formal Corps events and special occasions.

B. The components of the Class A uniform are:

- (1) Black Dress Jacket
- (2) Pink Trousers/Skirt or Pink Boot Pants/Skirt
- (3) Poplin Shirt
- (4) Black Tabtie
- (5) Service Cap or Pink Garrison Cap
- (6) Appropriate Class Belt/Buckle
- (7) Pumps with hose if the skirt is worn –or- Senior Boots –or-
- (8) Black socks with Oxford shoes if slacks are worn
- (9) Medals are authorized for the Class A Uniform

**\* NOTE – Do not wear the Pink Garrison Cap or Ribbons**



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- Figure 2 -



### 3. Class B Winter Uniform – Females

A. The Class B Winter Uniform can be prescribed as the uniform of the day or for special events at the direction of the Corps Commander.

B. The components of the Class B Winter uniform are:

- i. Pink Trousers/Skirt or Pink Boot Pants/Skirt
- ii. Short Sleeve Gabardine Shirt (Long Sleeve Gabardine Shirt with Black Tie for specified activities)
- iii. Pink Garrison Cap
- iv. Appropriate Class Belt/Buckle
- v. Pumps with hose if the skirt is worn –or- Senior Boots –or-
- vi. Black socks with Oxford shoes if slacks are worn
- vii. Cadets will wear all of their authorized ribbons



For brass placement details see Appendix 1.

Align left edge of the shirt placket with the left edge of the trouser fly.

Senior, junior and sophomore belt buckles will be centered on the fly/placket.

Align the left edge of the fish belt buckle with the left edge of the fly/placket.

The black neck tie will be worn knotted tightly in a Windsor or Overhand knot and tucked in between the second and third shirt buttons.

- Figure 3 -

#### 4. Class B Summer Uniform - Females

- A. The Class B Summer Uniform is the prescribed standard uniform of the day.
- B. The components of the Class B Summer Uniform are:
  - (1) Gabardine Trousers/Skirt or Gabardine Boot Pants/Skirt
  - (2) Short Sleeve Gabardine Shirt (Long Sleeve Gabardine Shirt with Black Tie for specified activities)
  - (3) Gabardine Garrison Cap
  - (4) Appropriate Class Belt/Buckle
  - (5) Pumps with hose if the skirt is worn –or- Senior Boots –or-
  - (6) Black socks with Oxford shoes if slacks are worn
  - (7) Cadets will wear all of their authorized ribbons



For brass placement details see Appendix 1.

Align left edge of the shirt placket with the left edge of the trouser fly.

Senior, junior and sophomore belt buckles will be centered on the fly/placket.

Align the left edge of the fish belt buckle with the left edge of the fly/placket.

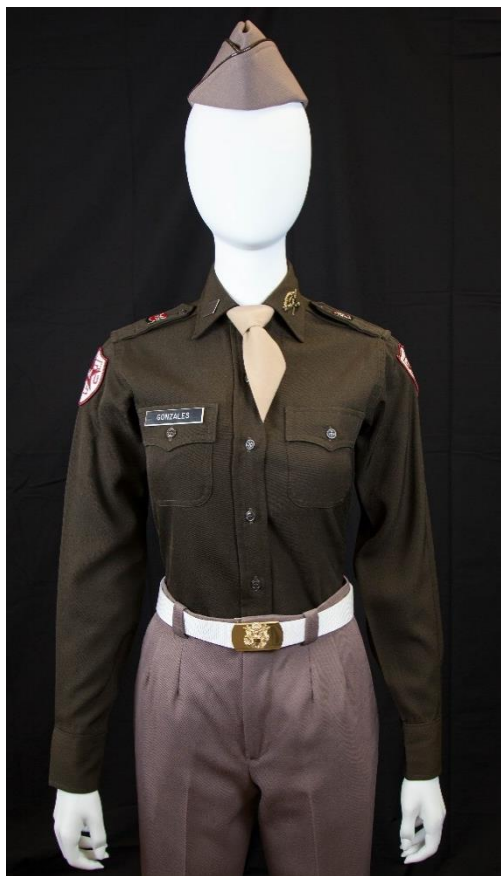
- Figure 4 -

**\* All classes may wear skirts at all times. This excludes march ins and reviews where ALL cadets will wear trousers.**



## 5. Midnight Uniform - Females

- A. The Midnight Uniform is worn as desired for special occasions and civilian casual events when a specific uniform has not been prescribed.
- B. The components of the Midnight Uniform are:
- (1) Pink Trousers/Skirt or Pink Boot Pants/Skirt
  - (2) Long Sleeve Midnight Shirt
  - (3) Khaki Tie
  - (4) Service Cap or Pink Garrison Cap
  - (5) Appropriate Class Belt/Buckle
  - (6) Pumps with hose if the skirt is worn –or- Senior Boots –or-
  - (7) Black socks with Oxford shoes if slacks are worn
  - (8) Ribbons are authorized. Medals and ribbons will not be worn together



- Figure 5 –

For brass placement details see Appendix 1.

Align left edge of the shirt placket with the left edge of the trouser fly.

Senior, junior and sophomore belt buckles will be centered on the fly/placket.

Align the left edge of the fish belt buckle with the left edge of the fly/placket.

The khaki neck tie will be worn knotted tightly in a Windsor or Overhand knot and tucked in between the second and third shirt buttons.



## CHAPTER 5 – ALL OTHER CADET UNIFORMS

### 1. Class C Uniform

- A. The Class C Uniform is worn for inclement weather, field training, and to “wet” labs when designated by the Commandant’s Staff or the Corps Commander.
- B. The components of the Class C Uniform are:
  - (1) OCP Blouse (with sleeves rolled fully down and fastened, no  $\frac{3}{4}$  roll), Trousers (bloused at all times while on the Campus proper), and Patrol Cap
  - (2) Utility belt
  - (3) Service authorized boots w/ green or black socks

\*Service specific Camouflage/Combat Uniforms will be worn to ROTC leadership labs only and not as a substitute for the Class C uniform. \*’US Army’ name tape and ROTC/midshipmen rank are worn only to ROTC classes. Cadet rank and the ‘Texas A&M’ name tape are worn on the Class C cadet uniform.

### 2. Cs & Ts Uniform

- A. The Cs & Ts uniform is worn to midnight yell by the junior class and for other occasions or training as designated by the Corps Commander. Cs & Ts are authorized for certain physical training evolutions to include: Obstacle Course, Leadership Reaction Course, Stamina Course, Individual Movement Course, and other training evolutions when warranted and approved by the Cadet Training Officer.
- B. The components of the Cs & Ts uniform are:
  - (1) OCP Trousers. Trousers will be bloused for all evolutions on the Campus proper. Trousers may be un-bloused upon arrival at the Obstacle Course area and when heat conditions warrant the requirement to un-blouse, but trousers must be re-bloused prior to returning to Campus proper.
  - (2) Approved Outfit Physical Training t-shirt or Corps PT uniform t-shirt
  - (3) OCP Cap (or Midnight Yell pots when authorized). When Cs & Ts are worn for training, the OCP patrol cap will be worn at all times when not actually performing on the Obstacle Course, Stamina Course, Leadership Reaction Course, or Individual Movement Course.
  - (4) Appropriate class belt with buckle, or utility belt (determined by Commander for the intended activity/event)
  - (5) Service authorized boots w/ green or black socks

### 3. Physical Training Uniform

- A. The Physical Training uniform is worn while doing Physical Training exercises.
- B. The components of the Physical Training uniform are:
  - (1) Approved outfit PT shorts and top or the issued Corps PT shirt and shorts

(2) Athletic socks

(3) Appropriate athletic shoes i.e. cross training or running shoes

(4) All females cadets can wear their hair in a ponytail as part of the PT uniform

(5) Females will not wear earrings when in the PT uniform

C. When wearing sweat pants (cold weather), the sweat top or unit issued hoodie must be worn.

#### **4. Civilian Attire**

A. Appropriate civilian attire can be worn off campus at any time and on campus as detailed earlier. No cadet class shall be prohibited from wearing civilian attire of their choosing when civilian attire is authorized.

B. No class of cadets shall be required to wear civilian attire not of their choosing or in any particular manner or style.

C. Appropriate civilian attire (Collared shirt, trousers, socks and shoes) is authorized for class on campus and other activities when a cadet has a military letter excusing the wear of the uniform.

## **CHAPTER 6 – UNIFORM ITEMS, ACCESSORIES AND REGULATIONS FOR THEIR WEAR**

### **1. Senior Boots**

Boots will be plain-toed and without laces. Tan Imported French Calf and Turf Tan are the only authorized colors for Senior Boots. Taps are required. Authorized military spurs are required to be worn. These spurs have a very small or no rowel, buckles will face out. If wearing western style spurs, the rowel will face pointing up. For the Hollick's spurs with the rowel, they will be facing down. If wearing the military nub and no rowel, the nub will be facing down. Only appropriate Boot Butterflies are authorized. Boots will be cleaned and highly polished at all times. Seniors must wear senior boots, unless they have an approved military letter exempting them in specific and extenuating circumstances.

### **2. Saber and Sam Browne**

- A. Cadets may purchase authorized TAMU sabers from various vendors. Only TAMU and service sabers / swords will be carried. Swords will not be sharpened.
- B. The Sam Browne Belt may be worn by Cadet Officers. The belt may be worn with the Class "A" or Class "B" Uniform or the Midnight Uniform. The Sam Browne Belt and Sabre may be worn during unit drill practice, Skeleton Review, and during individual sword manual practice with either C's and T's or in the complete Class "C" uniform. These regulations apply to both male and female cadets.
- C. The belt is worn over the Class "A" or over the Bravo trouser covering the web belt/buckle around the natural waist (between the navel and hip bones). The shoulder strap is worn over the right shoulder tightened/sized to lay flat and stable but not restricting movement with the buckle centered in front. The sword carrier attachment is attached to the belt at a point over the highest portion of the hipbone, generally along the seam of the left side of the coat. The belt and shoulder strap shall be clean, and showing no scuff marks or discoloration. If required, the belts and strap should be brush-polished with medium brown leather crème or polish. The buckle and catch shall be highly polished and showing no tarnish.
- D. The Sam Browne Belts are only loaned, as needed, to commanders by the Corps Center. The belts will be added to the commander's inventory and must be returned to the Corps Center when the cadet leaves the Corps. The issued belts are not pass downs and should not be treated as such. Staff officers must individually purchase or borrow this item from other sources.

### **3. Mourning Bands**

When authorized by the Commandant, cadets may wear a black felt band on their left shoulder around the Major Unit Shield (on top of the epaulet) while in mourning for the loss of a cadet buddy or family member. The mourning band will be worn no more than 30 days after the individual's death, or until SilverTaps, whichever is later. Neither a mourning medal nor ribbon (black in color) are authorized.



#### 4. Footwear

Men's black low-quarter shoes and women's black oxford and pumps will be clean, neat and highly polished at all times. Corfram low quarters are not authorized. See Chapter 2.9.C regarding the requirement for taps.

#### 5. Headgear

All headgear should fit naturally on the head and remain in place during normal activities. Headgear should be fitted while wearing a regulation haircut. Headgear must be worn outdoors at all times when in uniform. Headgear will not be worn in any building on campus including dormitories. All headgear will be worn straight and not cocked.

- A. Service Cap. Can be worn with Class A and AA uniform and midnights. The front visor may be marbled with black polish but will not be excessive to the point where one cannot tell the visor was originally brown. Seniors wear a gold officer's braid on the front of the hat. The inside mesh netting will not be replaced by any items nor will anything be added to the Service Cap in order to cause the edges of the cover to bend.
- B. Campaign Hat. Will be worn by all cadets when their unit is assigned Duty Company. The Campaign Hat can be worn as rain gear with class B or C uniforms and as directed by the Corps Commander. The campaign hat may also be worn with the midnight uniform (e.g.; O.D.s at football games). The campaign hat will have a distinctive braid according to the following class designations:

Green            2022, 2026, 2030

Royal Blue    2023, 2027, 2031

Red             2024, 2028, 2032

Infantry Blue 2025, 2029, 2033

Seniors wear a gold officer's cord. PMC members may wear a yellow cord and chin strap when in Cavalry Uniform for Cavalry operations. Campaign hats, other than those worn by PMC cadets, must have a crisp flat brim, and the crown will not be deformed.

- C. Garrison Cap. Is worn with the Class B uniform (Gabardine) and may be worn with the Class A uniform or Midnights (pink). Service insignia (e.g.; an anchor; an eagle, globe and anchor; or prop & wings) may be worn to signify contract status. A glider patch may be worn by qualified Airborne cadets. Only Seniors may wear the garrison cap un-peaked. All males from the other classes must maintain a peaked garrison cap with a depth of two fingers. Female cadets will close the crease on the top of their Garrison Cap. The braid on the garrison cap is as follows:

Senior – gold and black

Junior – white

Sophomore – black

Freshman – no braid

- D. OCP Cap. Is worn as part of Class C Uniform and with Cs & Ts. Cadet rank is worn centered on the front and is the only item authorized to be worn on the cover.

E. Midnight Yell Pot. Is worn to midnight yell by the junior class members who are on the track of Kyle Field. The outside may be painted but will NOT include:

- (1) Unapproved or inappropriate nicknames.
- (2) Offensive designs, drawings or symbols.

F. Religious Items and the Cadet Uniform.










(1) Head Gear. Religious headgear may be worn at all times while in uniform as long as the headgear meets the following criteria:

- a. The headgear is subdued in color (generally black, brown, green, dark or navy blue or a combination of these colors) and bears no writing, symbols or pictures.
- b. Headgear that meets these criteria is authorized irrespective of the faith group from which it originates.
- c. Religious headgear will not be worn in place of uniform headgear when uniform headgear is required.








(2) All other religious items (if worn) must be covered by the uniform. When a specified uniform is designated for a Corps event (march-in, review, parade, inspection, etc.), an individual cadet cannot modify the uniform because of the need to wear a religious article.

## **6. Unit and Rank Insignia**

The following tables show the ranks of cadets in the Corps of Cadets

<b>Sophomores: Chevron(s)</b>		
	 Private First Class (PFC)	 Corporal (CPL)
<b>Juniors: Chevrons with rockers and diamond, star, or star with wreath</b>		
 Sergeant (SGT)	 Staff Sergeant (SSG)	 Sergeant First Class (SFC)
 Master Sgt (MSG)	 1 <sup>st</sup> Sgt	
	 Sergeant Major (SGM)	 Sgt. Major of the Corps (SMC)

(modified from <http://www.military-quotes.com/ranks/army-rank-insignia.htm>)

<b>Seniors: Moons and diamonds</b>	
	Cadet 2nd Lieutenant
	Cadet 1st Lieutenant
	Cadet Captain
	Cadet Major
	Cadet Lieutenant Colonel
	Cadet Colonel
	Cadet Colonel of the Corps

(modified from <http://uts.cc.utexas.edu/~afivobpg/additionalknowledge/additionalknowledge11.html>)

## 7. Accolades

- A. The awards below are the only Corps awards authorized for wear on the cadet uniform. Military service awards may be worn on the cadet uniform by eligible cadets. These awards must be worn according to armed forces' regulations. The wearing of an award not authorized by the issuing authority is considered an honor violation. Combat patches are authorized.
- B. Levels of Accolades. Currently, cadets wear four different types of accolades (cords, medals, ribbons and pins/badges) on their uniform to symbolize involvement in a corps organization, involvement in a Corps special unit, or an individual award based upon merit. These accolades are differentiated based upon the following criteria (in descending level):





- (1) Award Citation Cords. Wearing a cord is the most visible way a cadet or unit has to demonstrate proven excellence in the Corps of Cadets. Cords are authorized for Unit Awards and for cadets involved in specific Corps Special Units. Military service cords, when awarded, are authorized for wear. The following Unit Awards are awarded a citation cord and may be worn by all members of that unit during the academic year following the awarding of the Unit Award. For units that earned more than one cord for an academic year, it is the Commander's responsibility to standardize the cord worn by the outfit members for Corps events (i.e., March-ins and Reviews).
  - a. The General George F. Moore Award for the Outstanding Unit
  - b. The Taylor Gillespie Award for the Most Improved Unit
  - c. The George P. F. Jouine Award for Scholastic Achievement
  - d. The Major General Bruno A. Hochmuth Award for Military Achievement.
  - e. The J.J. Sanchez Award for Recruiting and Retention
  - f. The Commandant's Award for University Activity
  - g. The Robert M. Gates Public Service Award
- (2) Organizational Cords. In the same manner, a citation cord may be worn to designate
  - a. A senior commander (Corps Commander, Deputy Corps Commander, Corps Chief of Staff, and Major Unit Commander)
  - b. Cadet's participation in the Ross Volunteer Company, Fish Drill Team, Parsons Mounted Cavalry, and the O. R. Simpson Honor Society. Once earned, the RV and FDT cords are worn by cadets until they leave the Corps. Only current and active members of Parsons Mounted Cavalry and O. R. Simpson Honor Society are authorized to wear their cord.
  - c. These units are distinguishable from other Corps and ROTC organizations and from various off-the-quad organizations based on the unit's commitment to demonstrating the best aspects of the Corps of Cadets while also upholding our Corps Values of Honor, Integrity, Discipline, Courage, Respect and Selfless Service. Cadets who are dismissed from an organization (whether for grades or disciplinary reasons) will turn in their cord, medal and ribbon.
- (3) Outstanding Achievement Medals. Military medals are symbols of an individual's own personal achievements. Within the Corps of Cadets, medals are authorized for past and present participation in the Ross Volunteer Company, Parsons Mounted Cavalry, the Fish Drill Team and the O. R. Simpson Honor Society. Medals are also awarded and authorized for wear by cadets for individual awards.
- (4) Ribbons and Pins. Ribbons and pins may be used to demonstrate a cadet's specific involvement in an on or off-the-Quad organization. The Unit and Individual Award cords and medals can also have an accompanying ribbon.





## **8. Medals and Ribbons**







- A. Medals or ribbons (not both at the same time) will be worn using an order of precedence. Ribbons are normally worn for all occasions. Medals are only worn on the Class A uniform for formal occasions. Ribbons are worn above the left pocket and medals are

worn over the left pocket. For all decorations and awards, the place of honor is on the wearer's right and at the top. The order of precedence then is from the wearer's right to left and from top to bottom.





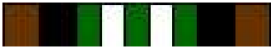


- B. The top row of awards will be the only row that may have less than three awards. Only three rows of ribbons and two rows of medals may be worn. The top of the second row of medals will be placed at the bottom of the drapes of the first (top) row.
- C. Stars will be placed on the award to designate the cadet has earned the award more than once (e.g.; one star for 2<sup>nd</sup> award, two stars 3<sup>rd</sup> award, etc.). No more than four stars will be placed on any single award. The star placed on the ribbon will be gold in color, unless specifically approved /authorized to wear a different color star. An additional ribbon with stars to indicate a 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> award is not authorized.
- D. Some awards have ribbons and medals, others have only ribbons. Military awards (ribbons and/or medals) will not be worn at the same time as a cadet award is worn. ROTC awards are authorized to be worn with other cadet awards. Ribbons that have accompanying medals are denoted below. No other medals are authorized, even if drapes are available for purchase.
- E. The following chart contains the description and requirements for ribbons, in order of precedence. Ribbons with authorized accompanying medals are denoted with an asterisk.







Rank	Ribbon / Award	Description and Requirements	Appearance
1	Aggie Lifesaving Award	<p>This ribbon and medal recognizes selfless service in acts of life saving and will be presented to qualifying cadets. The approval authority for this individual award is the Commandant.</p>	
2	Corps Meritorious Service Award	<p>This ribbon and medal is awarded to a cadet who goes above and beyond and is deserving of recognition for being an exemplary member of the Corps of Cadets.</p> <p>The cadet must display an overwhelming desire to pursue the Corps Values of Honor, Integrity Discipline, Courage, Respect and Selfless Service. A cadet must be recommended for this award by their Commanding Officer and Major Unit Commander.</p> <p>A citation and description of their prior and current displays of outstanding leadership must be presented to the Corps Commander for consideration.</p> <p>Only one member of the Senior and Junior class are eligible for this award each year.</p> <p>Minimum Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minimal discipline record/no current sanctions</li> <li>- 3.5 Cumulative GPA or higher</li> <li>- 285 PFT or higher</li> <li>- 75 Community Service hrs or more for the year</li> <li>- 50 Career Readiness Points or more for the year</li> <li>- 1 Faculty/Professor Character Reference</li> <li>- 1 Commandant's Staff/CTO Reference</li> </ul>	
3	Bruce Dean Goodrich Award*	<p>Named for former Cadet Bruce Dean Goodrich who died while a cadet in 1984. A ribbon, medal, and a bronze plaque are presented to a sophomore cadet who demonstrates high leadership potential and dedication to his/her fellow cadets. Presented annually on Family Weekend.</p>	
4	Outstanding / Scholastic/ Best Drill Cadet in the Corps Award*	<p>Freshman or Sophomore cadets may earn this award (ribbon and medal) by being selected as the Most Outstanding, Most Scholastic, or Best Drilled Cadet within the Corps of Cadets as determined by Corps Staff, the Chief of Staff, and the Corps Commander.</p>	







5	Distinguished Humanitarian Service Award	<p>The recipient of this award (ribbon and medal) is a cadet who, through their life and actions, has provided a model example of what it means to serve selflessly. A cadet has engaged in major activities to give back to their community at the local and global level. This cadet has sought out engagements to improve society as a whole, and has shown leadership in service by creating opportunities that enable others to serve as well. A cadet who receives this award realizes what it means to serve selflessly and therefore may not apply for this award, but must be recommended by current or former Aggies.</p> <p>Minimum Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 125 hours of individually logged Community Service</li> <li>- Organized 2 or more Community Service events involving more than 10 volunteers</li> <li>- Organized 1 or more Community Service event involving more than 25 volunteers</li> <li>- Involved in 1 or more Community Service event outside of Bryan/College Station</li> <li>- Involved in 1 or more Community Service event outside of the State of Texas</li> <li>- 3 recommendations for award by others.</li> </ul>	
6	President's Medal*	This ribbon and medal is awarded to the Corps Commander for their dedication to the Corps and the University.	
7	Distinguished Student Award*	To earn this ribbon and medal, a cadet must achieve a 3.25 or higher in an academic semester, while taking at least 12 credit hours or more. Subsequent awards are recognized by a gold star on the ribbon / medal drape.	
8	Commandant's Key Award*	This ribbon and medal is awarded to Corps Staff officers as well as senior key leaders, including Outfit Commanding Officers, Major Unit Commanding Officers, Chief of Staff, Deputy Corps Commander, and the Corps Commander.	

9	Lt. General Ormond R. Simpson Honor Society Award*	<p>To earn this ribbon and medal, a cadet must complete one semester of all OR Simpson membership requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sophomores - 3.4 CGPA</li> <li>- Juniors - 3.3 CGPA</li> <li>- Seniors - 3.2 CGPA</li> <li>- Turn in 5 tests to the test bank per semester</li> <li>- New members must complete 15 hrs of tutoring</li> <li>- Active members must complete 10 hrs of tutoring</li> <li>- Any additional requirements set by organization leadership</li> </ul> <p>The cord that accompanies this ribbon may only be worn by cadets that are in good standing with the organization and fulfill their requirements.</p>	
10	Ross Volunteer Company*	<p>To earn this ribbon, medal, and the accompanying cord, a cadet must meet the membership requirements of the Ross Volunteer Company. All active members of the RV Company are permitted to wear the awards, as long as they remain in good standing.</p> <p>Drilling Seniors are permitted to wear one silver star on both the medal drape and ribbon.</p>	
11	Parsons Mounted Cavalry*	<p>This ribbon, medal and accompanying cord designate active and current membership in Parsons Mounted Cavalry. These awards are presented to cadets-in-training upon successful completion of required training. Only seniors may wear a star on their ribbon / medal.</p>	
12	Fish Drill Team*	<p>To earn this ribbon, medal and accompanying cord, a cadet must participate with the Fish Drill Team for the two full semesters of their freshman year. Cadets can place a gold star on their ribbon/medal for subsequent years they serve as an advisor.</p>	
13	Outstanding / Scholastic/ Best Drilled Cadet in the MU Award*	<p>Freshman or Sophomore cadets may earn this ribbon and medal by being selected as the Most Outstanding, Most Scholastic, or Best Drilled Cadet within their major unit as determined by major unit leadership.</p>	
14	Class Council Officer/ MSC/SGA Committee President Ribbon	<p>To earn this ribbon, a cadet must be an elected member of the class council officers or holding a current president position of a MSC Committee or Student Government Committee.</p>	



15	Varsity Team/Yell Leader Ribbon	<p>Cadets who earn a letter in a NCAA varsity sport are authorized to wear this ribbon. (University and Corps Club sports are recognized as NCAA Varsity sports.)</p> <p>Yell Leaders are authorized to wear the same ribbon. Large gold stars are authorized for subsequent letter awards or reselection for Yell Leader.</p>	
16	Corps Outstanding Recruiting Ribbon*	<p>In order to earn this ribbon, a cadet must log 75 recruiting points and have them confirmed by Corps Staff. The Cadet must submit an application to Corps Staff to be rewarded the ribbon and/or medal.</p>	
17	Community Service Ribbon	<p>Cadet must have 75 approved community service hours or more in one recorded year.</p>	
18	Career Readiness Ribbon	<p>Cadet must have 100 approved career readiness points or more in one recorded year. The cadet must also be in good standing with the Corps to earn the ribbon.</p>	
19	Max Physical Fitness Test Ribbon	<p>Register a maximum PFT score on the Corps For Record PFT. Awarded only once, gold stars are not worn for subsequent max PFT scores.</p>	
20	CPRB Member / MPI Team Member / Remedial and/or Return to Duty Trainer Ribbon	<p>A cadet may earn this ribbon for participating in one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CPRB: Must be appointed to CPRB by Corps Discipline Officer and serve on at least two panels</li> <li>- MPI: Must apply, qualify, and be accepted onto the MPI team, and complete at least 5 inspections as a judge</li> <li>- Remedial/Return to Duty Trainer: Must apply and be selected as a trainer, awarded at the completion of a semester as a trainer.</li> </ul> <p>Stars can be worn if participating in more than one area of the award. Stars are not worn for additional semesters serving in a position.</p>	
21	Darling Recruiting Company / Summer Recruiting Company Award*	<p>Awarded to a DRC member who earns 75 recruiting points. To earn the ribbon and medal as a member of Summer Recruiting Company, a Cadet must attend recruitment events for at least 8 NSC/Transfer Conferences.</p>	

22	Corps Center Guard Award	To earn this ribbon and medal a cadet must be an active member of Corps Center Guard, be tour certified, and complete the CCG test with a passing score.	
23	Cultural Awareness and Diversity Expansion Team Ribbon*	This ribbon is earned by being a member of the C.A.D.E.T. organization and meeting the following requirements (calculated per semester): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pay dues</li> <li>- Attend 50% of weekly meetings</li> <li>- Attend a leadership conference and fill out the accompanying form</li> <li>- Attend one major C.A.D.E.T. event</li> </ul>	
24	Outstanding / Scholastic/ Best Drilled Cadet in the Outfit Award*	Freshman or Sophomore cadets may earn this ribbon and medal by being selected as the Most Outstanding, Most Scholastic, or Best Drilled Cadet within their outfit as determined by outfit leadership.	
25	Corps Bugler Ribbon	The Corps Bugler is a sophomore in the Aggie Band who is charged with playing at formations and reviews, as well as Taps each evening; the Bugler also plays for funerals of former students and certain ceremonies on campus. Due to the highly public and time-demanding nature of this job, it is a University-recognized position.	
26	Color Guard Award*	To earn this ribbon, a cadet must be an active member of the Corps of Cadets Color Guard, be in good standing with the unit, have completed a minimum of 3 postings, and continuously participate in unit activities.  A star device may be worn for each additional year spent serving in the Corps Color Guard.  The medal associated with this ribbon is awarded to cadets who have served a full year as a color sergeant.	
27	Athletic Championship (Team/Individual) Varsity Club, Corps, or Intramurals Ribbon	Cadets who are team/club sports winners (i.e., they compete against other colleges/universities at the club level), or are intramural athletic champions in team or individual sports, are authorized to wear Athletic Championship ribbon. Intramural champions can be at Corps-level or All-University level.	

28	Corps Athletic Team/ Club Team Ribbon	To earn this ribbon, a cadet must participate in a Corps Athletic Team, or a Club Team for a minimum of one season, and meet all the membership requirements of the athletic team. In addition to the ribbon, the Block T medal is only authorized for wear by a cadet who is currently participating in a Corps Athletic Team.	
29	MSC / SGA Committee Ribbon	To earn this ribbon, a cadet must be a member of a recognized MSC organization, or SGA for a minimum of one semester and must be able to provide proof of membership to command chain or IG chain, if necessary. To wear the ribbon, a cadet must have organization involvement listed on CMS. Members that are officers within the organization or SGA may place a single <i>silver</i> star on their ribbon.	
30	Professional Society Ribbon	To earn this ribbon, a cadet must be a member of a nationally or university recognized professional society. Members that serve as officers within the professional society are authorized to wear a single <i>silver</i> star on their ribbon	
31	Concert Band Ribbon*	Any cadet enrolled in one of the University Bands (Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Symphonic Winds, Wind Symphony, or Jazz Band) qualifies for the Concert Band ribbon. <i>This does not include Hullabaloo Band or Aggieland Orchestra.</i>	
32	Fish Band Ribbon*	This award symbolizes the hours spent on perfecting precision drills and executing them during a cadet's freshman fall semester. After completing their entire fish year in the Aggie Band, freshmen receive the Fish Band Ribbon on Family Weekend.	
34	Other University Awards	Awarded strictly by the University. Details for these awards may be requested through the Corps Commander or a member of the Commandant's Staff.	
35	Other ROTC Awards	Awarded strictly by a cadet's specific ROTC. Details for these awards may be requested through the applicable ROTC.	
36	Eagle Scout (Worn on Right Side)*		

## **9. Pocket Badges**

The following badges and pins are authorized for wear centered on the pocket of a cadet's uniform. Pocket awards are worn by active members of the organization the award represents (with the exception of the Rudder's Rangers' Pin, which can be worn by former members). Cadets can choose any two of the authorized pocket awards they have earned, however they must be worn in order of precedence with the more prestigious award on the left pocket and the other on the right pocket. The order of precedence is as follows:

- A. Rudder's Rangers' Pin
- B. Cavalry – Crossed Sabers Pin (PMC)
- C. DRC Recruiting Badge
- D. Corps Center Guard Badge
- E. Color Guard Badge
- F. Corps Athletic Team Badge
- G. Other pins as authorized by the Commandant

## **10. Pins and other Uniform items**

The following pins and accolades are authorized for wear. Cadets can choose any three of the authorized awards they have earned, however they must be worn in order of precedence with the more prestigious awards above the less award. The three (3) award maximum includes the Academic Star.

- A. Awards authorized for above the right pocket in order of precedence.
  - (1) Outstanding (Silver Star) or Superior (Gold Star) Academic Performance
  - (2) Corps Staff Pin
  - (3) Distinguished Military Graduate Pin
  - (4) Army Branch Insignia
  - (5) German Military Proficiency Award
  - (6) Chaplain Cross
  - (7) The Student Regent Pin
  - (8) Eagle Scout Ribbon
  - (9) Others only with approval of the Commandant
- B. Awards authorized for above the left pocket in order of precedence.
  - (1) Air Assault, Airborne, Pilot/Navy wings, Tri-warfare Specialist
  - (2) AFROTC / AROTC / NROTC / PLC Contract Pins
  - (3) SEAL Platoon, Recon Company
  - (4) The Hollingsworth Center for Ethical Leadership (HCEL) Leadership Certificate Program Pin (only cadets enrolled in SOMS 482 and in good standing); also known as 'Danger 79 Pin'

(5) University Rifle / Pistol Team

- C. Marksmanship Unit Tab – will be worn on the left sleeve above the ROTC or D&C patch. The bottom of the tab will touch the top of ROTC or D&C Patch.
- D. Any other authorized pins not mentioned here will be worn centered on the left pocket.
- E. Carnations
  - (1) Carnations will be worn above the front right chest pocket, ½ inch above the pocket seam or highest award or pin in the Class A and B uniform.
  - (2) Carnations will be worn ½ inch above the nametape in Class C Uniform.
- F. Obtaining an organizational Ribbon or pin. To obtain ribbon status:
  - (1) Corps organizations must first be registered with the SOFC (Student Organization Finance Center) in the Office of Student Activities (Koldus Building) in order to be recognized as an approved University organization.
  - (2) Once SOFC approval is achieved, documentation will be submitted to the Corps Commander via the Inspector General chain. Requests will include a cover letter explaining the reason for the proposed ribbon/pin and supporting documentation that includes history, traditions, and design of the proposed ribbon/pin. This material, if endorsed by the Corps Commander, will be submitted to the Commandant for final approval via the Assistant Commandant for Operations and Training.
  - (3) A Corps organization must choose between having a ribbon, badge, or pin to represent its organization.

## CHAPTER 7 – MALE GROOMING STANDARDS

### 1. Hair

- A. Hair will be neat and closely trimmed. No faddish or eccentric wearing of head, facial, or body hair will be permitted. The hair may be clipped at the edges of the side and back but must be evenly graduated all the way around the head (blended or faded and not edged as an outline) from zero length at the hairline in the lower portion of the head to the upper portion of the head. The hairline will be tapered from “0” for all cadets regardless of class and will not be blocked or rounded. The back and sides of the head below the hairline may be shaved to remove body hair. (See figures 1 and 2 below)
- (1) Freshman. First Semester freshmen will have a maximum of  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch on top with five-finger whitewalls. Second Semester freshmen are allowed a maximum of  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch with five-finger whitewalls. Hair must be tapered from “0” (not blocked or rounded).
  - (2) Sophomore. First Semester Sophomores will have a maximum of  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch on top with four-finger whitewalls. Second Semester Sophomores are allowed a maximum of  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch with four-finger whitewalls. Hair must be tapered from “0” (not blocked or rounded).
  - (3) Junior. The top will be a maximum of 1 inch with 3 finger whitewalls. Hair must be tapered from “0” (not blocked or rounded).
  - (4) Seniors. The top will be a maximum of 2 inches with 2 finger graywalls. Hair must be tapered from “0” (not blocked or rounded).
  - (5) Shaved heads or other extreme styles are prohibited, although exceptions are allowed when approved by the Cadet Training Officer via a military letter.
- B. Hair will be styled so as not to interfere with the proper wear of uniform headgear. Hair which protrudes from beneath properly worn headgear in an unpleasant or offensive manner is considered excessive, regardless of length. Male hair styles will conform to the natural shape of the head without eccentric directional flow, twists or spiking. One (cut, clipped or shaved)  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch wide or smaller, natural, narrow, fore and aft off centered part (placed no further than the outer corner of the eye and stopping before extending down the back of the head) is authorized. The following hair style types are considered eccentric and are not authorized (this list is not all inclusive):
- (1) Hair styling which include single patches of hair on the top of the head (not consistent with natural hair loss)
  - (2) Hair styled to run as a strip down the center of the scalp (i.e. “Mohawk” fashion)
  - (3) Hair styled to leave an unusually large open (bald) area on the top of the head (not consistent with natural hair loss)
  - (4) Hair styles that are asymmetrical (unbalanced or lopsided) or have etchings of letters, signs or figures, are not considered natural in appearance.

Braiding of the hair is not authorized for male cadets. Cadets are prohibited from wearing locks and twists in uniform. When used, hair gel/mousse should provide a conservative,

natural appearance. If applied, dyes, tints, bleaches and frostings, which result in natural colors, are authorized. The hair color must complement the cadet's complexion tone. Color changes that detract from a professional image are prohibited.

- C. Sideburns will not extend below the top of the orifice of the ear, as indicated by the line A-A' in Figure 1. Sideburns will not be styled to taper, flare or come to a point. The length of an individual hair of the sideburn will not exceed 1/8 inch when fully extended.
- D. Facial Hair. The face will be clean-shaven, except for eyebrows, and eyelashes. A clean shave is required for the Academic Day, and for every outfit function and anytime outside the Academic Day while in uniform or serving an official capacity. Cadets will be clean-shaven at all times during the school year, to include weekends and while in civilian clothes (excluding Semester Break and Spring Break). Exception: Cadets in receipt of a documented medical chit directing no shaving due to a skin condition or other medical reason are allowed beard growth not to exceed 1/4 inch. Cadets will keep the growth trimmed to the level specified and are not authorized to shape the hair growth (examples include, but are not limited to goatees, "Fu Manchu," or handlebar mustaches).

Male Grooming Standards  
(Front/Side View).  
Figure 1

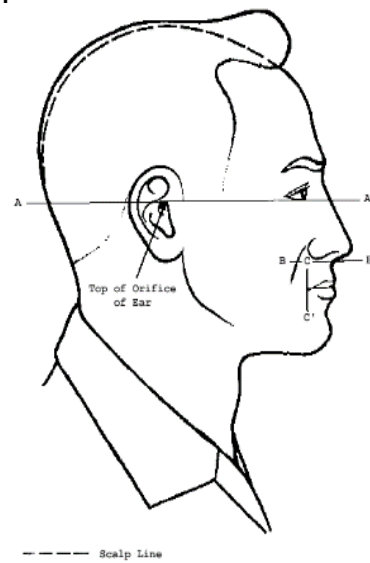
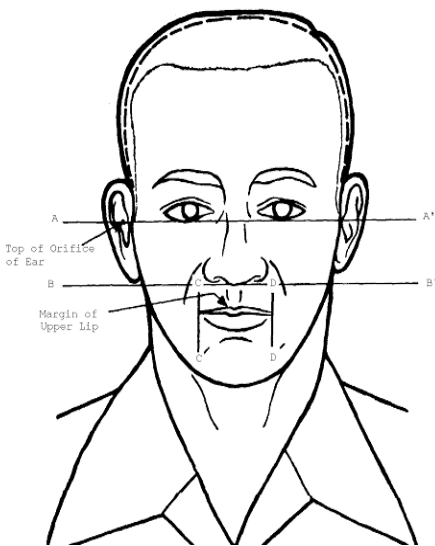


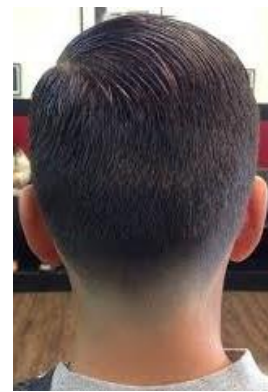
Figure 2



Blocked



Rounded



Tapered

## **2. Other**

- A. Fingernails will be kept clean and neatly trimmed so as not to interfere with performance of duty, detract from military image or present a safety hazard. Fingernails shall not extend past the fingertips.
- B. Earrings will not be worn while in uniform or while attending any Corps-related function.
- C. Rings: One ring is permitted per hand. Rings will not be worn during band or physical training activities. If wearing gloves, cadets will not cut a hole in the glove to display the Aggie Ring.
- D. Necklaces may be worn with a cadet uniform (including the PT uniform) only if they are not visible (i.e., underneath the shirt neckline). Wristwatches and Fitness Band of a style consistent with a military appearance as well as a POW/MIA or medical alert bracelets are authorized for wear with the uniform. Wristbands, friendships bracelets, and other multicolored special purpose / worthy cause bands are not authorized in uniform.





## CHAPTER 8 – FEMALE GROOMING STANDARDS

### 1. Cosmetics and Jewelry.

Female cadets are authorized to wear cosmetics and jewelry in Class Bravos or higher. Cadets will not be denied this privilege, nor will these standards be modified or restricted to imply class distinctions.

- A. Cosmetics. If worn, will be applied conservatively and will be in good taste. Lipstick and/or nail polish is authorized in all uniforms, provided it is conservative. Exaggerated or faddish cosmetic styles are inappropriate with the uniform and will not be worn. Only black or brown mascara is permitted. No lip liner or lip frosts is authorized.
- B. Fingernails. Will be no longer than ¼ inch beyond the tip of the finger. Nail polish must complement skin tone and be conservative. Manicures that imitate natural nails are authorized for wear in all uniforms (i.e., French manicures and American manicures are authorized).
- C. Earrings. One set of gold, silver, pearl, or diamond earrings (posts) is permitted with Class AA, A, or B uniform. These earrings (one per ear) will not exceed ¼-inch in diameter, will fit snugly, and will not extend below the earlobe. Earrings are not authorized in the Class C uniform, physical training gear, or Cs & Ts uniform.
- D. Rings. One ring or ring set is permitted per hand. Rings will not be worn during band or physical training activities. If wearing gloves, cadets will not cut a hole in the glove to display the Aggie Ring.
- E. Necklaces may be worn with a cadet uniform (including the PT uniform) only if they are not visible (i.e., underneath the shirt neckline). Only wristwatches of a style consistent with a military appearance and POW/MIA or medical alert bracelets are authorized for wear with the uniform.

### 2. Hair

Hair will be clean and neat. A female military hair style (see Figures 3 through 7) is required when in uniform. All cadets are permitted to wear their hair in the following fashion regardless of class year.

- A. Hair must extend at least 1 inch from scalp.
- B. Hair must be styled so as to prevent loose ends from extending away from the head.
- C. Hairstyles will not contain excessive amounts of grooming aid (i.e., gel or hair spray).
- D. Hair nets may be used but should be similar to hair color and texture and must be able to support and control hair.
- E. In no case shall the bulk of the hair interfere with the proper wear of Corps uniform headgear.
- F. Plaited or braided hair may be worn. Bangs may be worn if they are neat and do not touch either eyebrow.

- G. Braids and singular ponytails may be worn down the center of the back in all uniforms, but length will not extend past the bottom of the shoulder blades when standing at the position of attention. The only exception for singular ponytail/braid length is while conducting tactical or physical training in the Class C or PT uniform. Ponytail/braid length will not hinder performance or create a safety risk. There is no minimum length for the wear of a ponytail or braid.
- H. In all uniforms ponytail/braids will be worn centered in the back of the head (placement of ponytail/braid will not be on the side or top of the head), be wider than the width of the head, and will not interfere with proper wear of Corps uniform headgear.
- I. Multiple braiding of the hair is authorized (Figure 3). When worn, multiple braids shall be of uniform dimension, small in diameter (approx. ¼ inch), show no more 1/8 inch of scalp between the braids and must be tightly interwoven to present a neat, professional, well-groomed appearance.
- J. Conspicuous hair ornaments, such as ribbons, will not be worn. Pins, combs, and barrettes, similar in color to the individual's hair color, may be worn while in uniform. Scrunchies are not authorized in uniform.
- K. If the hair is dyed, it must look natural and complement the individual.
- L. No Cadet will be restricted on their hairstyle while in appropriate civilian attire.

### **Multi-Braided Hairstyle**



Figure 3

### **Twist Bun**

1. Pull hair into a low pony tail.
2. Twist the ponytail.
3. Wrap the twisted ponytail in the same direction around itself to form the bun.

4. Secure hair in place with bobby pins or a hairband that matches your hair color. Apply hairspray.



Figure 4

### **French Braid**

1. Beginning from the crown of the head, French braid hair to the very end and secure with a hairband. For best results, use small sections of hair.
2. Tuck the tail back up the underside of the braid.
3. Secure hair in place with several bobby pins. Pin any bumps or irregularities down with bobby pins. Apply hairspray.



Figure 5

### **Sock Bun**

1. Cut the toe off of a tube sock and roll into a donut. Pull hair back into a low ponytail and pull through the donut.
2. Lean forward and comb ponytail over the donut. Secure with a hairband.
3. Wrap excess hair around the base of the donut. Make sure the hairband is covered.

4. Pin excess hair in place. Apply hairspray.



Figure 6

**Ponytail/Braid**



Figure 7

## CHAPTER 9 – UNIFORM ISSUE, MAINTENANCE/EXCHANGE, AND TURN-IN

### 1. General Rules for Uniform Issue

- A. Cadets new to the Corps have until the end of Freshman Orientation Week (FOW) to report shortages or damaged clothing. Cadets are accountable for their initial issue following the conclusion of FOW. All new cadets receive a second issue of uniform items in September/October, prior to the Corps transitioning to winter uniforms. Summer garrison caps are ineligible for exchange after FOW.
- B. Cadets may exchange uniforms and uniform parts at the UDC. All items presented for exchanged must be dry cleaned and show no wear beyond fair wear and tear. Shoes/boots, hats and other expendable items are not eligible for exchange once worn.
- C. **Uniforms are tagged with RFID chips and issued to a specific cadet. These tags match the clothing record of the cadet responsible for each item. DO NOT remove or deface the RFID tags.**
- D. Cadets may not return items issued to other cadets, nor may they purchase items not issued to them.
- E. The UDC will not accept items with missing or defaced RFID tags.
- F. Do not exchange uniforms with other cadets. Do not loan uniforms to other cadets or non-cadets.
- G. **DO NOT ALTER UNIFORMS.** If there is a question concerning fit, return the item to UDC for alteration or exchange. **Unauthorized alterations will result in billing for the entire cost of replacing the item.**

### 2. Maintenance of Uniforms

- A. Each cadet is solely responsible for maintenance of their uniform.
  - (1) **All issued items must be dry cleaned**, except for barracks bags, sweat suits, bedspreads, and OCP trousers/shirts.
  - (2) The cost of replacing uniforms damaged through negligence or improper care becomes the responsibility of the cadet. **DO NOT WASH** uniforms in the washer and/or dryer. Uniforms **MUST** be dry cleaned.
  - (3) OCPs should be neat in appearance but will not be form fitted.
  - (4) Do not accept clothes other than your own from the cleaners. If the cleaners loses or damages any item, do not accept another item in its place. Instead, request the replacement cost of the item and report to the UDC for a new issue. UDC is not responsible for items lost or damaged by a dry cleaner.
- B. Uniforms requiring alteration or patch changes must be taken to the UDC. **All items must be dry cleaned when brought to the UDC for alterations.** The tailor will examine the garment and determine the alterations required.

- (1) If alteration is not feasible and the garment is not damaged through negligence, the garment will be exchanged at no cost to the cadet.
- (2) Modification or alteration of cadet uniforms in a manner other than prescribed above will be considered unauthorized, and the cadet will be assessed the full cost of replacing the garment.

### 3. Uniform Exchanges

- A. Clothing exchanges to improve the fit of the uniform are scheduled for new cadets during FOW. Exchange is available for upper-class cadets on the last Friday of FOW. Following FOW, exchange is available as required throughout the school year for all cadets.
- B. All uniforms will be cleaned and free of stains prior to exchange.
- C. All items of issue may be exchanged provided they are not damaged.
  - (1) Shoes and boots may be exchanged if they have not been worn, polished, or tapped.
  - (2) Worn headgear cannot be exchanged for another size. No summer headgear will be exchanged after FOW.
  - (3) Socks, polished brass items (including belt buckles), belts, brass bags, and other expendable items cannot be exchanged or returned.
- D. Do not exchange uniform parts within your unit. If the uniform does not fit properly, return to UDC for exchange.

### 4. Uniform Turn-In and Clearance

- A. Upon withdrawal or graduation from the Corps of Cadets, each cadet is responsible for returning issued uniforms to the UDC.
- B. Cadets must turn in their uniforms within five (5) business days of leaving the Corps; Defined as:
  - (1) Cease participation in daily Corps activities with no communication with their unit commander to explain their absence
  - (2) Initiate out-processing by picking up withdrawal paperwork (when quitting) or Leave of Absence paperwork (when departing for a semester or less for an internship).
  - (3) Suspension, Dismissal, or Expulsion from the Corps of Cadets
  - (4) Complete the senior year in the Corps of Cadets.
  - (5) **Items not returned by the fifth day after leaving the Corps will be billed to the student's account. Uniforms returned after billing will incur a 20% late fee. No exceptions without prior coordination with the UDC director.**
- C. The UDC will assess dry cleaning fees on any uniform items not clean when turned in. Charges are billed to the student's account.
- D. Students on Leave of Absence (Study Abroad, Internship, etc.) will retain their uniforms.
- E. In order to clear the Corps, the student must clear with the UDC. Any cadet who leaves the Corps will be billed by the UDC for expendable items that cannot be reissued (e.g.; shoes, boots, hats, brass, OCPs, gloves, etc).

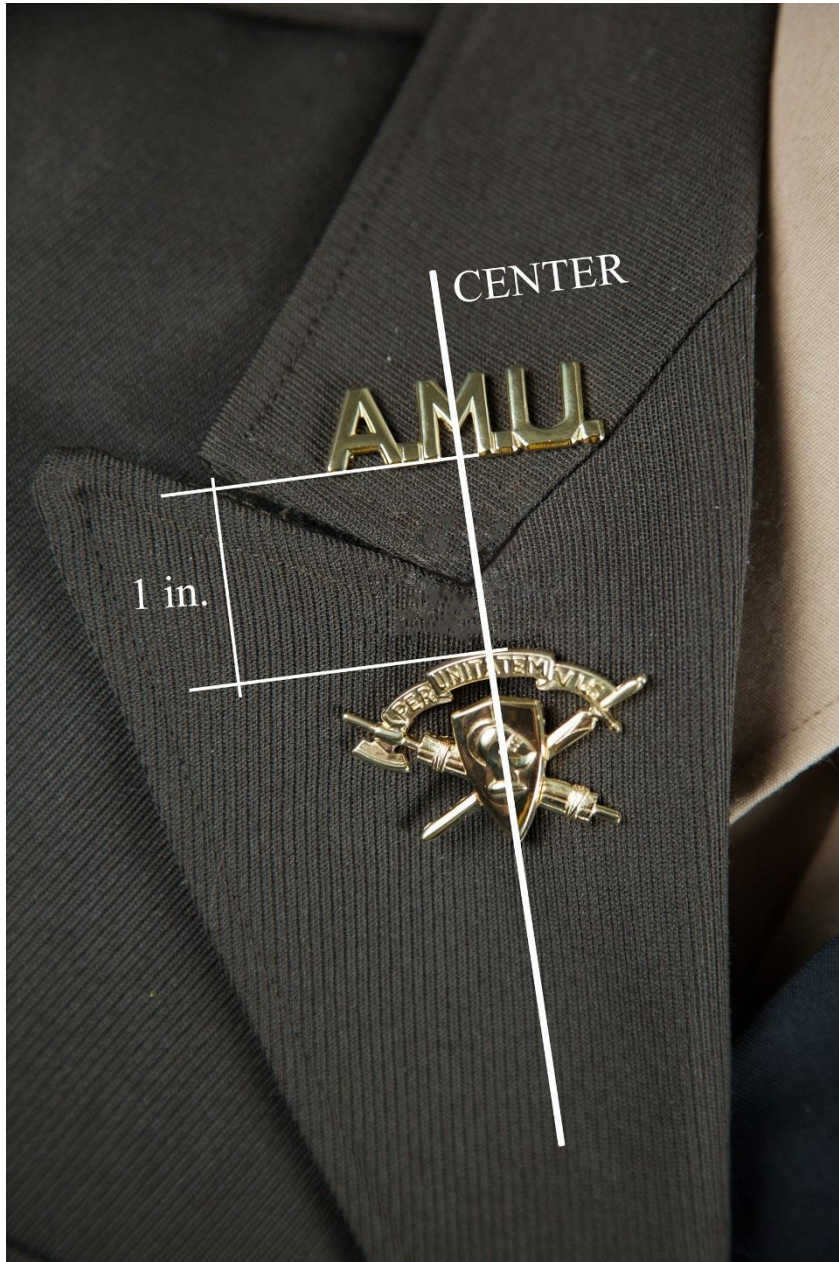
- E. Students withdrawing from the Corps or the University must clear their uniform accounts by either a complete turn in or payment for items that do not meet the exchange requirements. This includes students who intend to return to the Corps in some future semester. Uniforms will be re-issued when the cadet returns to the Corps.
- F. Senior cadets must clear their entire uniform account by turning in all issued uniform items to the UDC. Uniforms must be dry cleaned, serviceable, and turned in no later than noon on the Wednesday preceding Final Review with the following exceptions.
  - (1) Senior Uniform turn-in timelines are published annually through the chain of command. All uniforms must be turned in prior to Final Review with the exception of one pair of gabardine boot pants and one Class B short-sleeved shirt.
  - (2) May graduates may retain their midnight shirt and one pair of pink boot pants for graduation. Major Unit commanders must submit a roster of May graduates to Corps Staff NLT 10 April.
- G. Any uniform items retained beyond the deadlines listed will be billed to the student's account. A 20% late fee will be charged for items returned after billing.





## APPENDIX 1 – INDIVIDUAL UNIFORM COMPONENT ILLUSTRATIONS

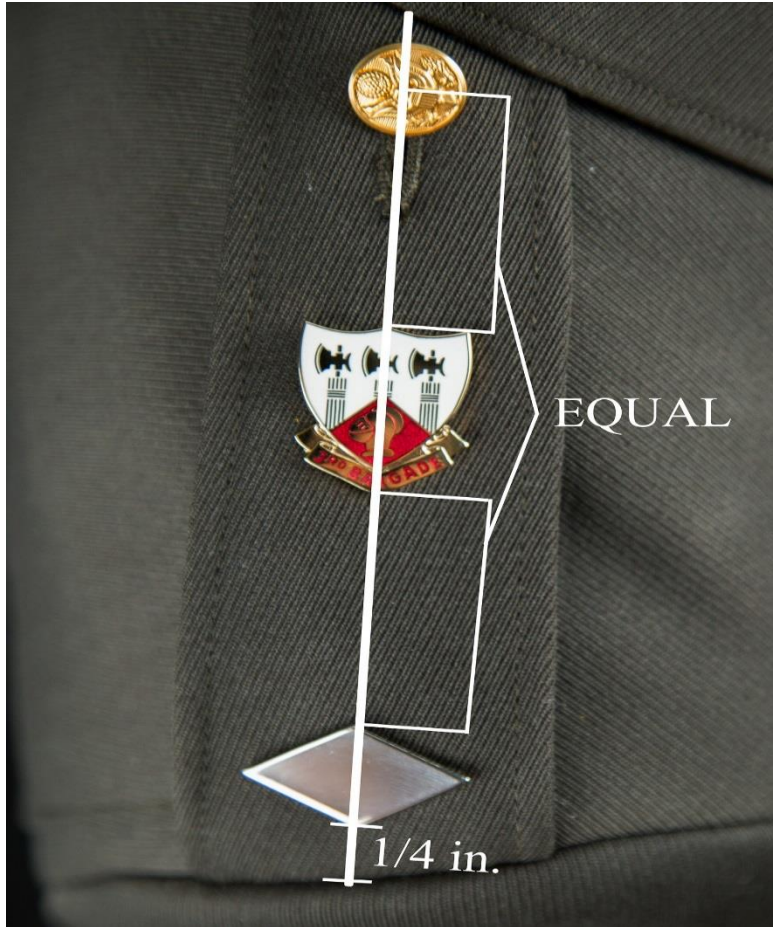
### Class A Blouse



AMU will be placed so that the bottom of the AMU touches the seam where the collar and lapel join, and the AMU is centered on the collar with the “M” aligned on with the v or middle of the collar, lapel, and notch.

Corps Brass will be placed 1” below the AMU, centered on the AMU and parallel to the AMU.

Corps Brass is not worn by Freshmen cadets on Class A Blouse until it is earned.



The outboard edge of the rank insignia will be placed 1/4" from the shoulder seam, centered from front to back and perpendicular to the long axis of the epaulet.

The Major Unit shield will be placed so that the shield is equidistant, or centered, between the in board edge of the rank insignia and the center of the epaulet button.



## Gabardine and Midnight Shirt Brass Placement



### 1) Left Pocket

Awards will be centered 3-3/8 inches below the top of the ribbons on the left hand side (maximum of one pin):

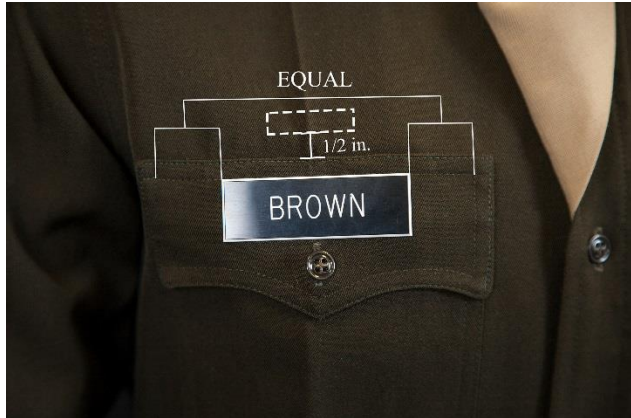
- a. Rudder's Rangers
- b. Cavalry crossed sabers (PMC)

### 2) Above Left Pocket

Awards which are located 1/2-inch above left breast pocket or above the top row of ribbons: If more than one should be 1/2-inch intervals (maximum of two). (See Exhibit 1 and 2). Listed in Order of Precedence:

- a. Air Assault, Airborne, Pilot/Navy wings, Tri-warfare Specialist, SEAL Platoon, Recon Company.
- b. AFROTC / AROTC / NROTC / PLC Contract Pins
- d. University Rifle/Pistol Team

Ribbons will be placed so that the bottom row of ribbons touch the top edge of the left breast pocket, centered over the middle of the pocket button.



Rules for the wear of optional pins and badges are the same for all shirts except the OCP shirt.

**1. Right Pocket:** Awards will be centered no lower than one inch below the name tag on the right hand side (maximum of one pin):

- a. Name tags will be placed on the right breast pocket. The top edge of the name tag should be aligned on the pocket stitching. It will be centered over the pocket button. The button may be overlapped if pocket is small.
- b. DRC Recruiter Badge
- c. Corps Athletic Team Badge
- d. Corps Center Guard Staff Badge
- e. Color Guard Badge

**2. Above Right Pocket:** Awards which are worn above the right pocket flap and are centered over the pocket (maximum of two):

- a. Academic Star
- b. Corps Staff Pin
- c. Distinguished Military Student
- d. Army Branch Insignia (AROTC).
- e. Chaplain Cross
- f. Student Regent Pin
- g. Eagle Scout



**1) Corps Brass:**

- a. The axe head or left edge of the band lyre will be placed 1/2-inch from the leading edge of the collar.
- b. The vertical line through the knight's head will be parallel to the leading edge of the collar.
- c. Brass will be located on left collar.



**2) Band Lyre:**

- a. The left edge of the band lyre will be placed 1/2-inch from the leading edge of the collar.
- b. The vertical line through the lyre will be parallel to the leading edge of the collar.
- c. Brass will be located on left collar.



**1) Rank Insignia:**

- a. All rank will be located 1/2-inch from the leading edge of right collar.
- b. AMU and Senior rank will be parallel to the collar fold.
- c. Sophomores and Junior rank will be parallel to leading edge of the collar.



**1) Major Unit Shield:**

- a. The shield will be centered on the long axis of the epaulette.
- b. The shield will be placed equidistant between the center of the epaulette button and the shoulder seam closest to the bottom of the shield.

## Placement of Medals

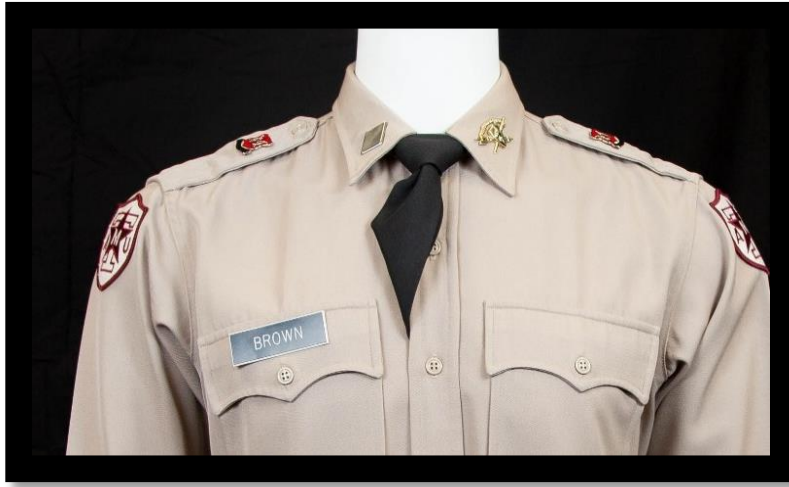


### 1) Medals:

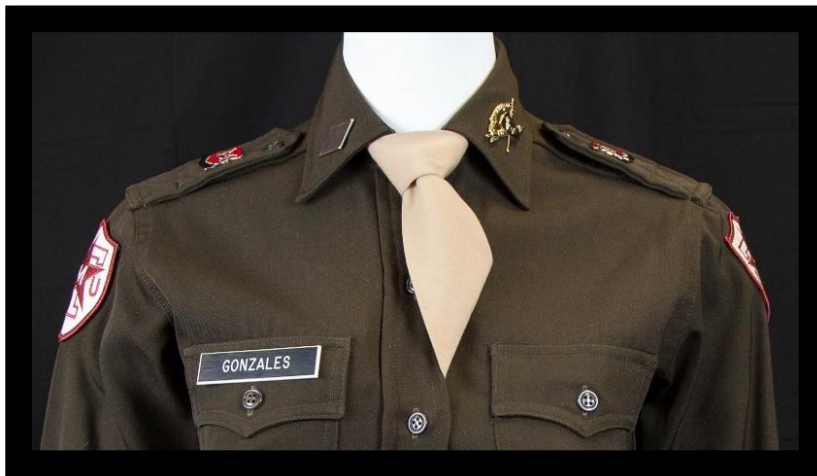
- a. Medals will be worn with the Class A Uniform blouse.
- b. Medals will be worn in rows of three, no more than two rows total.
- c. Medals will be worn in accordance with the Order of Precedence Chart.
- d. The top of the top row of medals will be placed so that it touches/aligns with the bottom stitch line at the top of the pocket of the Class A Blouse.
- e. The second row of Medals will be placed so that the top of the second row is aligned with the bottom of the drape of the top row of medals.
- f. Medals will be placed so that a single medal or the middle medal of a row of three is centered of the pocket button.
- g. Medals will be placed 1/8" between medals.
- h. Rows of two medals will be placed so that they flank the center of the pocket button and are 1/8" apart.
- i. For 5 medals wear a row of 3 on top and a row 2 as the second row.



## Ties and Tab Tie



\*Note: Male uniform shirt pictured.



\*Note: Female uniform shirt pictured

### **TIES:**

1. Black neck ties are worn by male AND female cadets with the Class B Winter uniform.

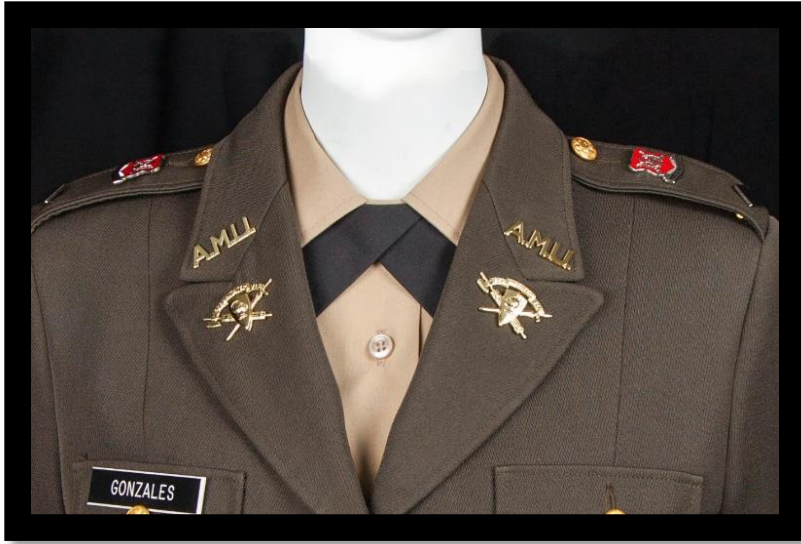
2. Khaki ties are worn by Male and female cadets with the Midnight uniform.

a. The tie is tied to be tight but comfortable around the cadet's neck.

b. The tie will be tied in a tight Windsor or Overhand knot and snugged to the collar so that the collar lays flat.

c. The tie is tucked into the shirt between the second and third buttons.

d. When worn with the Class "A" uniform (males only) the tie lays flat, inside the blouse and not tucked into the shirt.



**Tab Ties:**

1) Female cadets will wear the Black Tab Tie with the Class "A" uniform.

- a. The Tab Tie will lie flat, with no buckle or pucker.



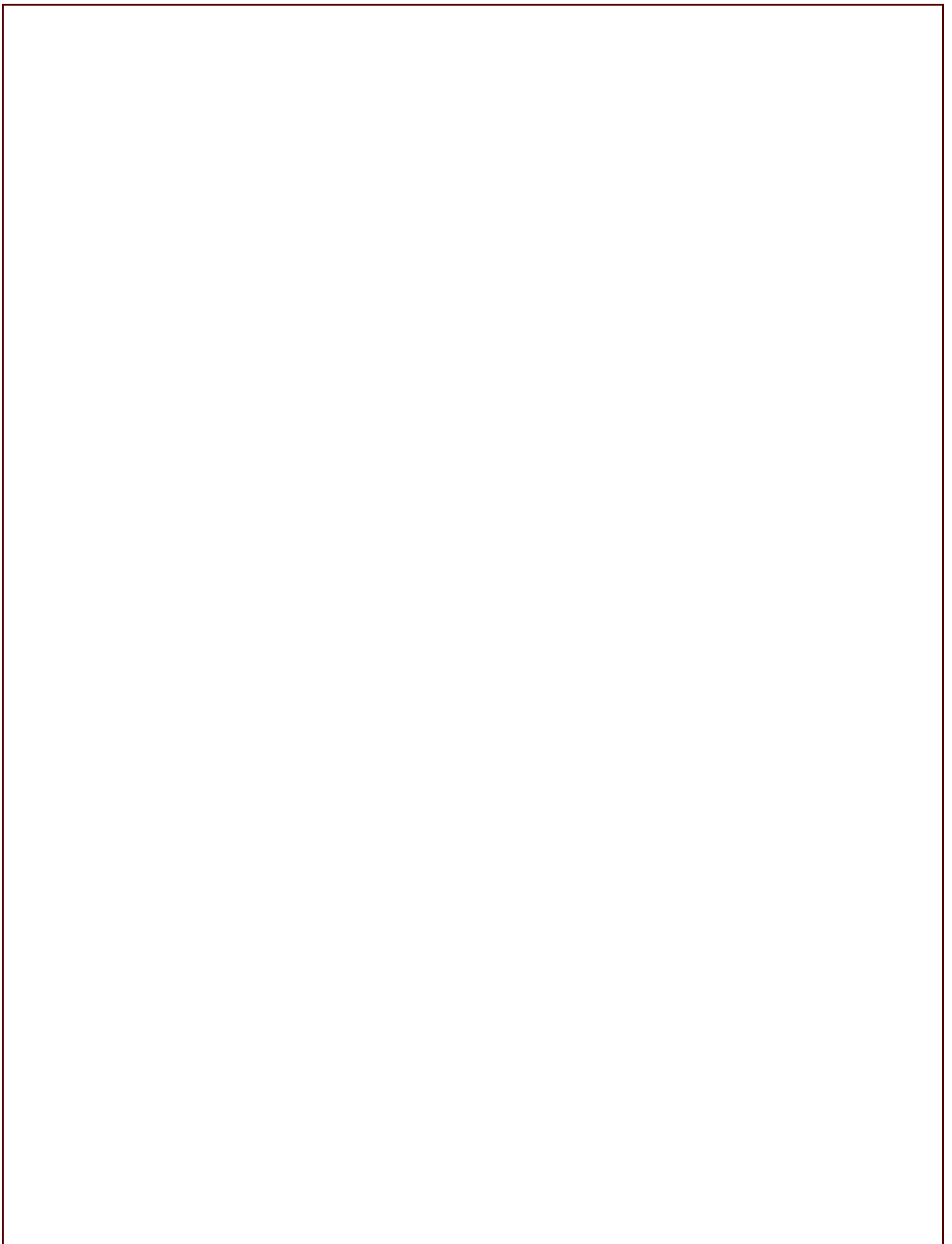
## **APPENDIX 2 – OUTFIT AND PULL-OUT PICTURE GUIDANCE**

### **1. Uniform and Outfit/Staff Picture Guidance**

- A. All outfits and major/minor unit staffs will take outfit pictures in the prescribed uniform. Junior and senior cadets are authorized to wear Midnights, while freshmen and sophomores will wear the Class A Winter uniform. Freshmen cadets will wear their Corps Brass / Band Lyre on their Class A coat even if it has not been officially awarded. Outfit Commanders and Major/Minor Unit Commanders have the discretion to dictate their entire outfit or staff wear the Class A uniform.
- B. In order to standardize the picture, all cadets will wear medals instead of ribbons, including cadets wearing Midnights. All cadets will wear service covers. Commanders and seniors on staff will wear a Sam Browne belt and saber. Outfits will bring their guidon and any unit award flags they have earned. Major unit staffs are authorized to bring their Major Unit colors and any Major Unit award flag they have earned.
- C. Cadets will walk to the picture location in the prescribed uniform (i.e., Midnights and/or Class A Winter uniform).

### **2. Pull-Out Picture Guidance**

- A. After the outfit or major/minor unit staff have taken outfit and class pictures, 'class pull out' pictures are authorized.
  - B. Cadets will not remove pants, coats, or shirts in order to display clothing underneath.
  - C. Props are allowed, but must be authorized by the Outfit and Major Unit Commander. No vulgar, obscene, or inappropriate objects will be brought to pull out pictures.
  - D. Cadets can choose to pose differently for pull out pictures, but no cadets will pose in a compromising, suggestive, or inappropriate manner. Scenes of brutality, murder, execution, or hazing are prohibited. Only current cadets assigned to the unit or staff will pose in the unit/staff and class pictures. Cadets on Leave of Absence (LOA) can appear in the unit and class photo if present. Outfit Commanders will remain present for all pull out pictures and are responsible for holding their subordinates accountable.
  - E. Pull-Out pictures are meant to be good bull; however, cadets still represent Texas A&M University as the Keepers of the Spirit and Guardians of Tradition. Do not violate any Core Values or the values of the Corps of Cadets.
3. Violators of this guidance are subject to Corps and University conduct sanctions.





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