BASIC GROOMING STANDARDS

Males. Except in field conditions, cadets are expected to have a clean appearance free of dirt and grime. Anti-perspirant / deodorant will be used and toothpaste and mouthwash as well. Hair must appear tapered and be trimmed to not touch the ears, collar, or eyebrows. Bangs cannot be visible when wearing headgear. Extreme or fad styles are prohibited. In general, the face must be clean shaven. Sideburns must be neatly trimmed and end before the bottom of the ear. A neatly trimmed mustache may also be worn. Earrings are prohibited. Necklaces cannot be visible.
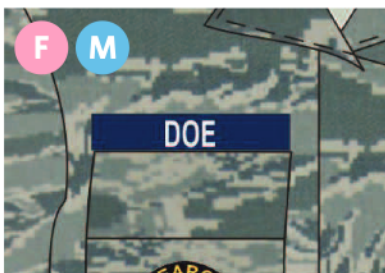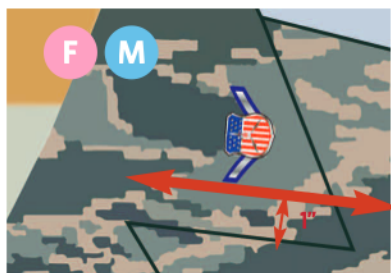
Females. Except in field conditions, cadets are expected to have a clean appearance free of dirt and grime. Anti-perspirant / deodorant will be used and toothpaste and mouthwash as well. Hair must be neatly arranged to present a conservative, feminine appearance, and may touch but not fall below the bottom edge of the collar. Only inconspicuous pins and combs may be worn in the hair. Extreme and fad styles are prohibited. Cosmetics are permitted if conservative and in good taste. Hair must not fall below the front band of the ABU/BDU cap, but may be visible in front of the flight cap. One small spherical earring per ear is permitted. Necklaces cannot be visible.

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

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

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

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

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

ABU pants must be bloused over combat boots