

CHAPTER 4: THE MILITARY UNIFORM

UNIFORMS

GENERAL. A sharp looking uniform is an indication of self-respect, pride, alertness and positive attitude. When you wear your uniform, you represent both the US Army and ROTC to all on campus that see you. When the uniform is worn, it should always be clean, neat and complete. Headgear will be worn while outdoors, during LAB in the well deck or Cook Pavilion, or when under arms. No observable item of civilian clothing will be worn with the uniform. The wear of the ACU and accessories is the same for female and male soldiers and cadets.

CLASSIFICATION OF UTILITY AND SERVICE UNIFORMS

- **Army Combat Uniform(ACU).** The ACU is the primary cadet uniform for training and is classified as a utility uniform. See the following figures representing proper wear of the ACU and complimenting attire.

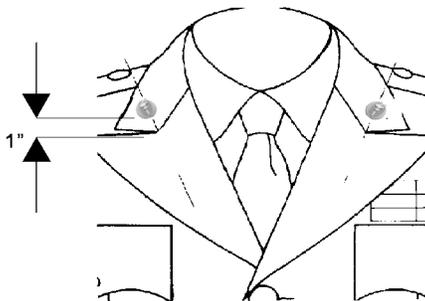


Men's Green Uniform.

- **Class A.** The Class A uniform for men consists of the Army green coat and trousers, a short or long sleeve shirt, black four-in-hand tie, and other authorized accessories.
- **Class B.** The Class B uniform is the same as the Class A, except the coat is not worn. The black four-in-hand tie is mandatory with the long sleeve shirt and optional with the short sleeve. The black sweater may also be included with this uniform with or without the tie.

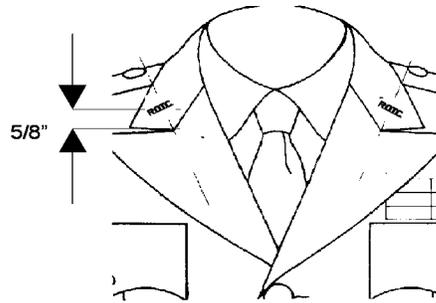
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MS I&II Class A Jacket



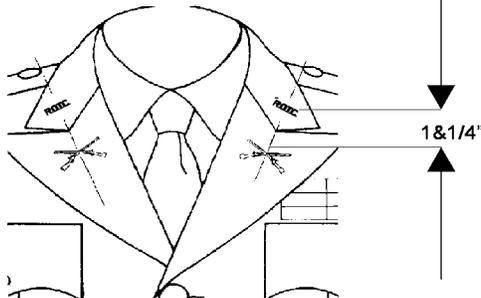
The Brass is placed 1 inch up from the notch and centered left to right It is canted so an imaginary line runs through the brass and parallel to the lapel of the collar.

MS III&IV Non-Branched Class A Jacket



The R.O.T.C. insignia is placed 5/8 inch up from the notch and centered left to right It is canted so an imaginary line runs through the brass and parallel to the lapel of the collar.

MSIV Branched Class A Jacket



The R.O.T.C. insignia is placed as above. The Branch insignia is placed 1 & 1/4 inch below the ROTC insignia and centered on the lapel of the collar. The same imaginary line will bisect the branch insignia and run parallel to the lapel of the collar.

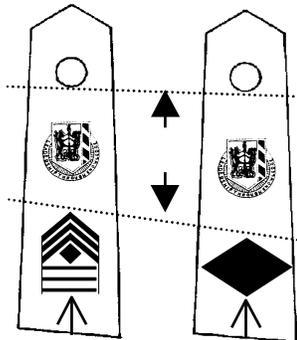
Right Sleeve

Left Sleeve



The Tabs are placed 1/2 inch below the shoulder seam and centered on the **Class A Jacket**. Unit Patches are worn 1/4 inch below the applicable Tab and centered.
NOTE: When Tabs are not present, the Unit Patches are placed 1/2 inch below the shoulder seam and centered.

Unit Crests are spaced evenly between the rank and the shoulder loop button and centered left to right on the **Class A Jacket**.



Rank is placed 5/8 inch from edge of shoulder loop and centered from left to right.

- Rank: Cadet Officer and NCO rank insignia will be worn on the Class A Uniform. It will be worn on the epaulet, 5/8" from the seam of shoulder and centered. NCO Rank Chevrons will face the wearer's neck.

- Unit Crest: The DUI (Distinctive Unit Insignia) will be worn on the epaulet centered and midway between the edge of the rank and the button.

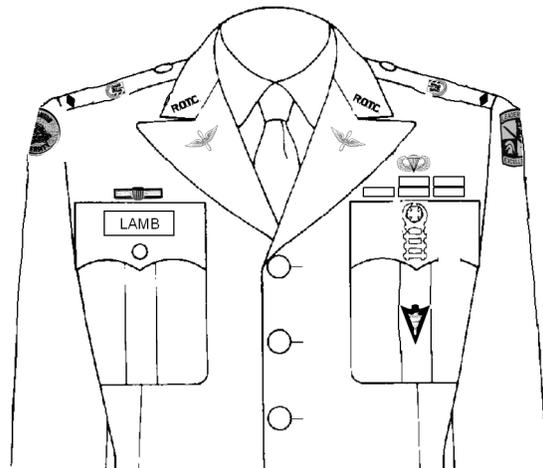
- Unit Patches: The leadership Patch and school Patch are sewed on the sleeve 1/2 inch below the shoulder seam and centered. When worn below the Ranger Challenge or Color Guard Tabs, they will be placed 1/4 inch below the tab and centered.

- Ranger Challenge/Color Guard Tabs: These tabs are worn 1/2 below the shoulder seam and centered. The Ranger Tab goes on the left sleeve and the Color Guard Tab goes on the right sleeve.

- Ribbons: Ribbons are worn 1/8 of an inch above and centered (or flush) on the top of the pocket and worn in order of precedence with highest award closest to heart.. Subsequent rows will be flush with each other and centered. (Up to four ribbons may accompany each row)

- Marksmanship Badge: Worn 1/8 inch below the top of the left pocket. If combined with another type badge, at least one-inch space must be between badges and all are 1/8 inch below top of pocket.

- Special Skill Badges (Airborne/Air Assault) Worn on pocket like marksmanship badge or centered and 1/4 inch above the top row of ribbons.

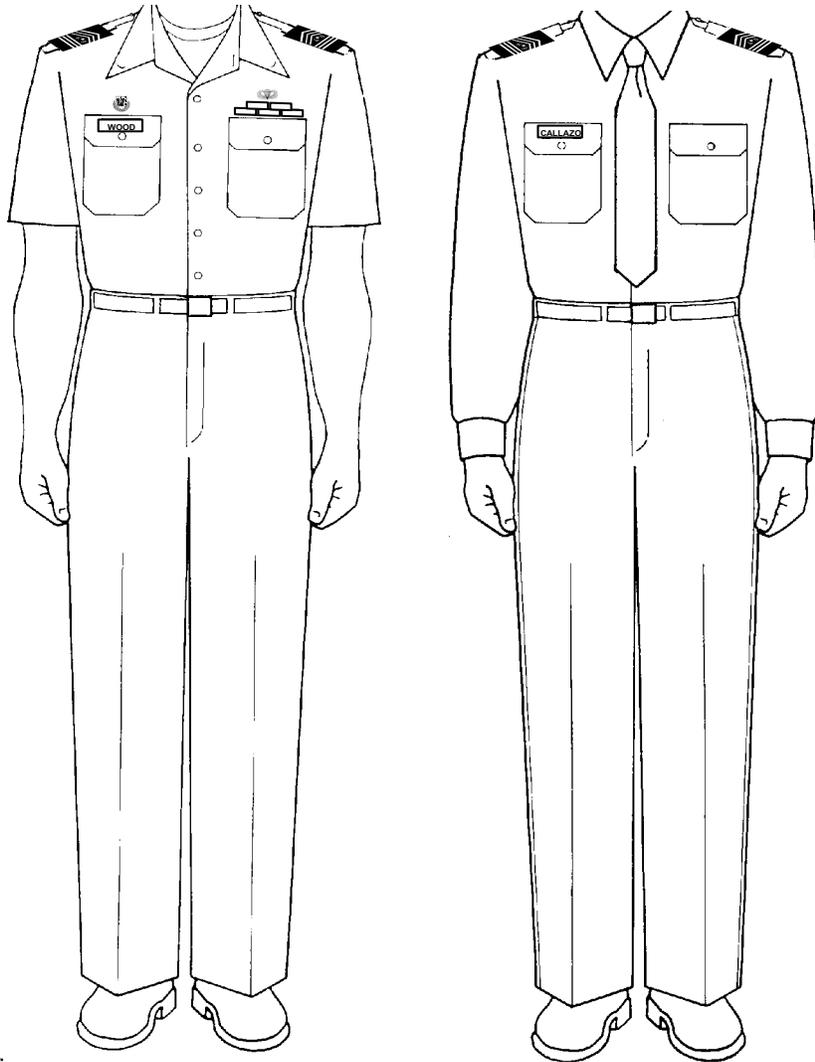


- Recondo Badge (Other Pocket Badges) Worn on the appropriate pocket and centered left to right and bottom of pocket to bottom of pocket flap.

- Name Tag: Worn centered on the pocket flap and equally spaced between the top of the pocket and the top of the button.

- DMS (Distinguished Military Student): Takes precedence over all other insignia worn over right pocket, i.e., Nursing badge/Academic Achievement. It is worn 1/8 inch above pocket and centered or 1/4 inch and centered over ribbons.

- The skirt will be hemmed so that the bottom edge is no more than 1 inch above or 2 inches below the knee.



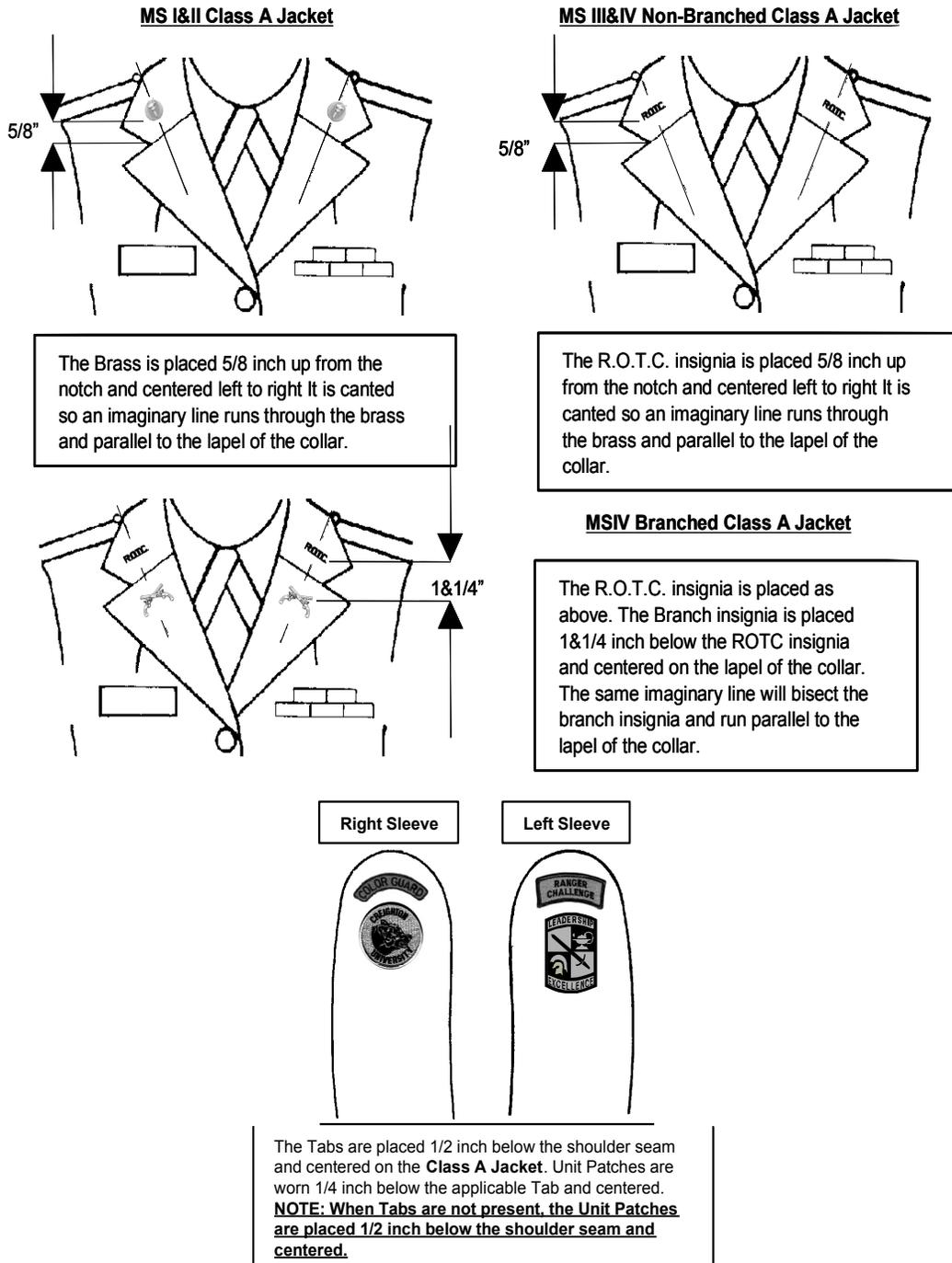
The Class B Uniform above is shown with long and short sleeve shirts and in two of the more common configurations.

- The name tag is worn the same as the Dress Green Jacket and **must be worn** in either configuration.
- Ribbons are worn the same as the Dress Green Jacket.
- Special Skill Badges are worn the same as the Dress Green Jacket.
- Distinctive Unit Insignia (Unit Crest) is worn the same as the Dress Green Jacket.
- Rank is placed over the shoulder loops and **must be worn** in either configuration.
- The tie is optional with the short sleeve shirt and must be worn with the long sleeve shirt.

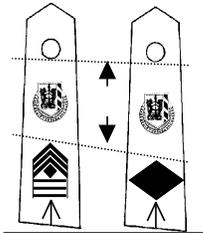
Women's Green Uniform.

- **Class A.** The Class A uniform for women consists of the Army green classic coat and skirt; a short or long sleeve AG 415 shirt; a black neck tab; and other accessories.
- **Class B.** The Class B uniform for female cadets is the same as the Class A except the service coat is not worn. The black neck tab is required when wearing the long sleeve shirt. It is optional with the short sleeve shirt.

(See the following Figures for detailed information)

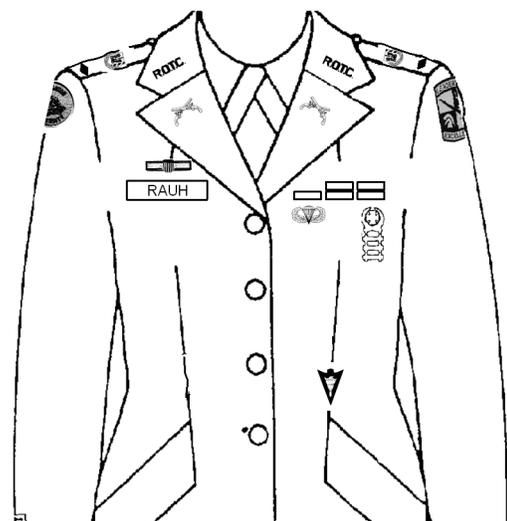


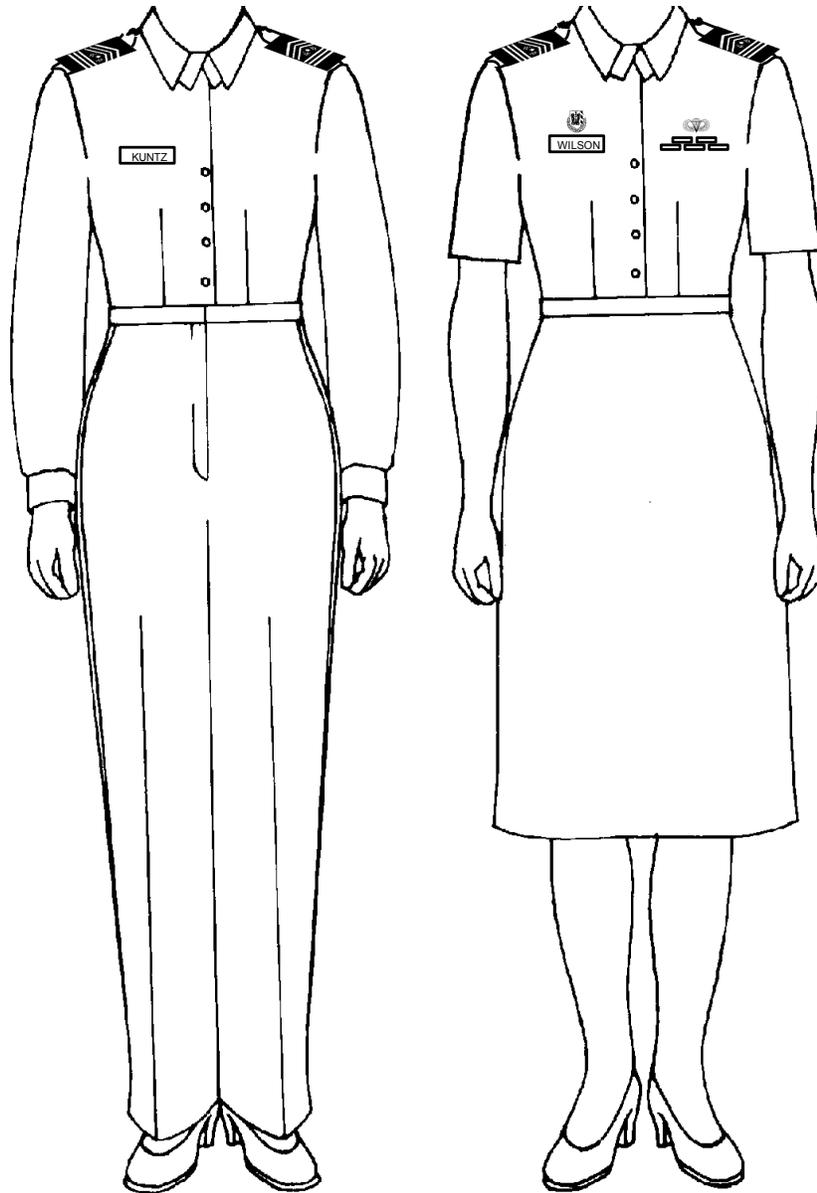
Unit Crests are spaced evenly between the rank and the shoulder loop button and centered left to right on the Class A Jacket.



Rank is placed 5/8 inch from edge of shoulder loop and centered from left to right.

- Rank: Cadet Officer and NCO rank insignia will be worn on the Class A Uniform. It will be worn on the epaulet, 5/8" from the seam of shoulder and centered. NCO Rank Chevrons will face the wearer's neck.
- Unit Crest: The DUI (Distinctive Unit Insignia) will be worn on the epaulet centered and midway between the edge of the rank and the button.
- Unit Patches: The leadership Patch and school Patch are sewed on the sleeve 1/2 inch below the shoulder seam and centered. When worn below the Ranger Challenge or Color Guard Tabs, they will be placed 1/4 inch below the tab and centered.
- Ranger Challenge/Color Guard Tabs: These tabs are worn 1/2 below the shoulder seam and centered. The Ranger Tab goes on the left sleeve and the Color Guard Tab goes on the right sleeve.
- Ribbons: Ribbons are worn centered on the left side with the bottom row positioned parallel with the bottom edge of the nameplate and worn in order of precedence with highest award closest to heart. Subsequent rows will be flush or no more than 1/8 inch from each other and centered. (Up to four ribbons may accompany each row.)
- Marksmanship Badge: Worn on the left side 1/4 inch below the bottom ribbon row or in a similar location if ribbons are not worn. Placement may be adjusted to conform to individual figure differences. If combined with another type badge, at least one-inch space must be between badges.
- Special Skill Badges (Airborne/Air Assault) Worn to the wearer's right of the marksmanship badges the same distance as marksmanship badges.
- Recondo Badge: Worn parallel to the waistline on the left side of the jacket and centered.
- Name Tag: Worn 1 to 2 inches above the top button and centered horizontally on the wearer's right side.
- DMS(Distinguished Military Student): Takes precedence over all other insignia, i.e., Nursing badge/ Academic Achievement. It is worn 1/2 inch above the name tag and centered or 1/4 inch and centered over ribbons.
- The skirt will be hemmed so that the bottom edge is no more than 1 inch above or 2 inches below the knee.



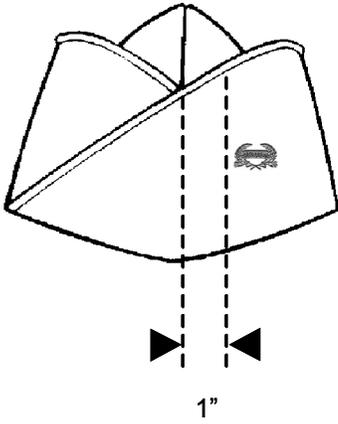


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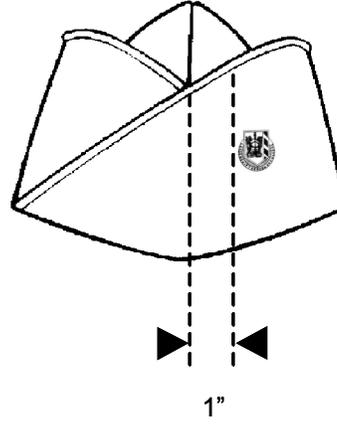
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- Distinctive Unit Insignia (Unit Crest) is worn the same as the Dress Green Jacket.
- Rank is placed over the shoulder loops and **must be worn** in either configuration.
- The tie is optional with the short sleeve shirt and must be worn with the long sleeve shirt.

FOR BOTH MALE AND FEMALE CADETS

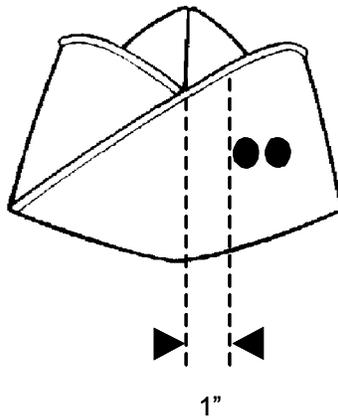
All Garrison Cap Insignia is worn centered on the left curtain, 1 inch from the front crease.



Basic Cadet



MS III Cadet



**MS IV Cadet or
MS III Cadet in Officer Position**

TERMINOLOGY and INSTRUCTIONS

- Bloused boots refers to the legs of the uniform trousers being either worn tucked inside the combat boot or using blousing rubbers. Excess bootlaces will be tucked inside the top of the boot and out of sight.
- Brass refers to the metal insignia used to indicate cadet rank and ROTC affiliation (ROTC crest for cap, ROTC letters, and ROTC torch).
- Gig-line refers to the line formed by the uniform shirt opening, the edge of the belt buckle, and the zipper flap on the uniform trousers. A proper gig-line exists when your shirt front opening, the forward edge of the belt buckle and the zipper flat line all line up in a continuous straight line.
- Headgear is the collective term for caps, hats, helmets and other items worn as a covering on your head. Headgear is also referred to as “cover”. When outdoors in uniform, you will wear the prescribed headgear for that uniform.
- Skill badges refers to the badges earned at Army schools such as Airborne and Air Assault Schools. Skill badges earned by prior service personnel as well as those earned while on cadet status are authorized for wear on the cadet uniforms.
- T-shirts, either the white or brown as prescribed, will be “round neck” and are worn with all cadet uniforms. The brown T-shirt will be worn with the ACU uniform.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE POLICY

Uniform Appearance and Fit.

- Uniforms will be properly fitted, clean, serviceable, and pressed as necessary.
- Cadets will ensure that when articles are carried in pockets, i.e., wallets, checkbooks, combs, and keys, these articles do not protrude from the pocket or present a bulky appearance. Fountain/ball point pens and pencils will be carried in the left sleeve pocket of the ACU top.
- Uniforms will be kept buttoned, zipped, and snapped; metallic devices such as metal insignia, belt buckles, and belt tips will be kept highly polished and will be free of scratches and corrosion.
- Medals and ribbons will be clean and not frayed.
- Shoes and boots will be free of excessive dirt and brushed.

Hair and Grooming Policies.

Male:

- The hair on top of the head will be neatly groomed. The length and bulk of the hair will not be excessive or present a ragged, unkempt, or extreme appearance. Hair will present a tapered appearance and when combed will not fall over the ears or eyebrow or touch the collar except for the closely cut hair at the back of the neck.

- Sideburns will be neatly trimmed. The base will not be flared and will be a clean shaven, horizontal line. Sideburns will not extend below the lowest part of the exterior ear opening.
- Cadets will always be clean shaven. Mustaches are permitted, and, if worn, will be kept neatly trimmed, tapered and tidy and will not present a chopped-off appearance. No portion of the mustache will cover the upper lip line or extend sideways beyond the corner of the mouth.

Female:

- Hair will be neatly groomed. The length and bulk of the hair will not be excessive or present a ragged, unkempt or extreme appearance. Hair will not fall over the eyebrows or extend below the bottom edge of the collar.
- Hair holding ornaments (barrettes, pins, clips), if used, must be transparent or similar in color to the hair, and will be inconspicuously placed. Beads of similar ornamental items are not authorized.
- Female cadets are authorized to wear cosmetics applied conservatively and in good taste. Exaggerated or faddish cosmetic styles are inappropriate with the uniform and will not be worn.
- Lipstick and nail polish may be worn with all uniforms as long as the color is conservative and compliments the uniform.

Wearing of Jewelry.

- The wearing of a wrist watch, a wrist identification bracelet, and not more than two rings (wedding set is considered one ring) is authorized.
- No jewelry, watch chains, or similar items, to include pens and pencils, will appear exposed on uniforms. An authorized exception is a conservative tie tack or tie clasp which may be worn with the black four-in-hand necktie.
- Female cadets are authorized optional wear of screw-on, clip-on, or post-type earrings with the service uniforms. Earrings will not be worn with the Battle Dress Uniform. Earrings will not exceed 6 mm or ¼ inch in diameter. They will be of gold, silver, or white pearl; unadorned and spherical. When worn, earrings will fit snugly against the ear and will be worn as a matched pair with only one earring per ear lobe. Male cadets are not authorized to wear any type of earring when in uniform or when wearing civilian clothing at an ROTC function.