

HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER

*For official policy guidance, refer to AFI 36-2903,
Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel*

BATTLEFIELD AIRMEN UNIFORMS

ARMY COMBAT UNIFORMS – OPERATIONAL CAMOUFLAGE PATTERN WEAR

1. The following uniforms are authorized as an option as the uniform of the day for Battlefield Airmen and Airmen assigned to support Battlefield Airmen units: The Army Combat Uniform in the Operational Camouflage Pattern and the Fire Resistant-Army Combat Uniform in the Operational Camouflage Pattern. The uniforms will be provided to the Airmen as organizational clothing and/or equipment at no cost to the Airmen.

1.1. Army Combat Uniform Coat:

1.1.1. Coat will be zipped and/or fastened at all time. Pockets will be zipped and/or fastened. Coat will not be tucked into the trousers unless prescribed by safety or duty requirements. Do not add any unauthorized patches or morale tabs/patches to the uniform.

1.2. Accoutrements.

1.2.1. Last name nametape (worn on wearer's right) and "U.S. AIR FORCE" nametape (worn on wearer's left) embroidery will be Spice Brown. No Aircrew style name patch is authorized.

1.2.2. **Officer rank.** Rank will be Black except 2d Lt and Maj, which will be Spice Brown.

1.2.3. **Enlisted rank.** Rank will be Spice Brown with Khaki borders.

1.2.4. **Occupational Badges.** Badges may be worn centered ½ inch above the "U.S. AIR FORCE" nametape with Spice Brown embroidery on operational camouflage pattern background. A maximum of two occupational badges may be worn. Chaplain Badge (mandatory). Wear ½ inch above aeronautical, space or cyberspace badge (if authorized) or ½ inch above the "U.S. AIR FORCE" nametape. Air Force Aeronautical, Space, and Cyberspace (mandatory). If authorized to wear more than one aeronautical, space, or cyberspace badge, wear the badge that reflects current job in the highest position.

1.2.5. **Commanders Insignia Pin.** Pin may be worn for officers in the rank of Colonel (O-6) and below when currently in command, as authorized by Air Force instruction 36-2903 Paragraph 10.3.24. The pin will be Spice Brown and centered ½ inch above the name tape, on 1 inch x 1 inch subdued operational camouflage pattern cloth. Graduated commanders are not authorized to wear the pin.

1.2.6. Name and "U.S. AIR FORCE" nametapes, Rank, Occupational Badges, Commanders Insignia Pin and nametape on hats will be attached with Velcro but may be optionally sewn directly to the uniform. All items will either be attached with Velcro or sewn directly to the uniform with no combination of the two on the same shirt.

1.2.7. No badges or other accoutrements will be affixed to shirt pockets.

1.3. **Sleeves.** Sleeves may be cuffed up or tucked under at the wrist (Exception: sleeves must be rolled down to the wrists at all times during flight operations).

1.3.1. **Right Sleeve.** U.S. Flags will be cloth or infra-red and centered at the top of Velcro. Higher headquarters or other approved patches may be worn on the right sleeve under the U.S. Flag.

1.3.1.1. Patches will be worn centered in the Velcro area remaining beneath the flag and must be based on official unit heraldry approved in accordance with Air Force instruction 84-105, Organizational Lineage, Honors, and Heraldry. Procure patches only from a manufacturer certified by the Institute of Heraldry in accordance with 32 United States Code 507, using the patch manufacturing specification drawing provided by the Institute of Heraldry.

1.3.1.2. Sleeve patches will be affixed via Velcro and will not be sewn directly on the uniform.

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1.3.2. Left Sleeve.

1.3.2.1. While performing their duties, certain AFSCs may wear Duty Identifier Tabs. Subdued cloth or subdued infra-red Duty Identifier Tab will be centered at the top of Velcro area. Authorized Duty Identifier Tabs are included in Table 1.3

Current Duty	Approved Tab
Combat Aviation Advisor	CAA
Combat Controller	CCT
Combat Rescue Officer	CRO
Combat Mission Support Team	CMS
Explosive Ordinance Disposal	EOD
First Sergeant	1SG
Medical (qualified medical personnel)	MED
Military Training Leader	MTL
Pararescue	PJ
Special Operations Weather Team	SOWT
Special Tactics Officer	STO
Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape	SERE
Tactical Air Control Party	TACP
Tactical Call Sign	A01

1.3.2.2. If earned and awarded, subdued cloth joint qualification tabs may be worn, (e.g., Army Ranger, Sapper, Air Commando, SERE, etc.) above the Duty Identifier Tab patch.

1.4. Trousers. The trouser waistband will rest on the Airman's waist. Pockets will be secured and items stowed in pockets with the exception of hats may not be visible. Trousers will be bloused or tucked into the boots with a bloused appearance. Undergarments are mandatory at all times.

1.5. Socks. Socks will be Desert Sand, tan, Coyote Brown or Sage Green.

1.6. T-Shirt. T-Shirt will be Desert Sand, tan, or Coyote Brown and will be tucked into trousers.

1.7. Belt. Belt will be Desert Sand, tan or Coyote Brown.

1.8. Boots. Boots will be Coyote Brown, olive drab, or Tan.

1.9. Headgear. The beret or Patrol Cap (consistent with ABU patrol cap) will be worn IAW AFI 36-2903. Patrol caps will be worn with nametapes placed on the back using Velcro or sewn down. Officer rank will be sewn to the front of the hat.

1.9.1. Chaplains wear chaplain functional badge sewn with Spice Brown thread and centered ½ inch above visor.

1.9.2. Headgear will not be rolled, tucked or otherwise formed. Hats will be worn in their natural form and will not be hung around the neck. Brim will have naturally curved appearance

1.9.3. The floppy hat without nametape is only authorized for field wear (i.e. Field Training Exercises, Contingency Exercises or Deployments).

1.10. Operational Training Army Combat Uniform- Operational Camouflage Pattern. Operational Training or, "Field" Army Combat Uniform will only be worn during tactical/field training or operations. Includes combat trousers with or without knee pads, hot weather combat shirt with or without elbow pads, tactical accessories such as body armor, and functional boots appropriate for the mission and environment. Trousers are not required to be bloused in the operational configuration of the OCP uniform. Patches and flags are authorized with the operational configuration following the same guidelines as in-garrison wear.

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1.11. Cold Weather Items

1.11.1. Sleep shirt or thermal underwear will be Desert Sand, tan, Sage Green, or Coyote Brown and not visible, except at the neck. The sleep shirt and thermal underwear will be tucked into the trousers.

1.11.2. Coyote Brown or black scarves, earmuffs, watch caps, and gloves are authorized.

1.11.3. Coyote Brown fleece may be worn.

1.11.4. The Extended Cold Weather Clothing System (ECWCS) jackets (fleece, wind, soft shell, wet weather, or extreme cold weather) may be worn without the pants; however, the pants must not be worn without the jacket.

1.11.5. Major Command and/or Wing commanders may authorize wear of Massif (fleece lined) Elements Jacket and Pants as needed.

1.12. Maternity Uniforms. Maternity uniform will remain the Airman Battle Uniform and will be worn in accordance with Air Force instruction 36-2903, *Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel*.

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