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FROM: HAF/A1

SUBJECT: New Men's Mustache Wear Policy and Sister Service/Joint Unit Patch Clarification -
-Update to DAFI 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of United States Air Force
and United States Space Force Personnel Paragraphs 3.1.2.2 and 5.2.6

Effective immediately, men may wear a mustache in accordance with guidance contained in this memorandum. This mustache policy will remain in effect until guidance is published in DAFI 36-2903.

Mustache guidance for men is as follows: No portion of the mustache will extend below the lip line of the upper lip. The mustache will not go beyond a horizontal line extending across the corners of the mouth and no more than 1/4 inch beyond a vertical line drawn from the corner of the mouth (figure 3.1).

In addition, effective immediately, Airmen assigned, attached, detailed, or activated in support of sister service units or joint organizations are authorized to wear the sister service's or joint organization's organizational patches in accordance with the sister service or joint organization's wear instructions. Sister Service and Joint organization badges/patches can be worn in their current color configuration and will not be converted to the spice brown color criteria. Additionally, Airmen assigned to Department of Air Force organizations that support both Air and Space Force are permitted to wear both Air Force spice brown and Space Force full color organization patches.

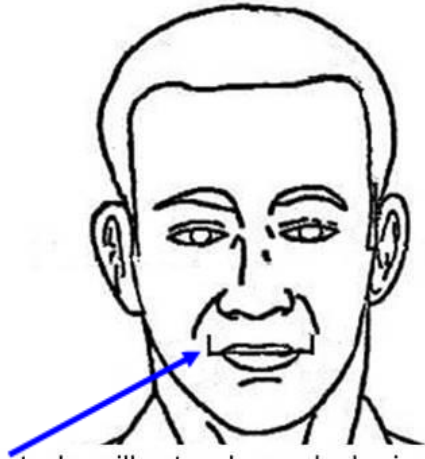
DAFI 36-2903 will take precedence if joint or sister service wear instructions will cause a conflict in Air Force patch configuration guidance (i.e., changes the location of the U.S. flag or Duty Identifier patch, switches a patch designated as a "left sleeve" patch to the right sleeve, etc.). Airmen will comply with the shoulder patch placement configuration found in paragraphs 5.2.6.1.1 through 5.2.6.1.2 and paragraphs 5.2.6.2.1 through 5.2.6.2.6 of this instruction. This policy clarification will remain in effect until guidance is published in DAFI 36-2903.

My point of contact for this exception is Mr. Cortney L. Teasley, DSN 612-4060 or commercial, (240)-612-4060.

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Attachment:
Mustache Figure 3.1

Figure 3.1. Mustache Sizing



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