

# HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER

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

## FLIGHT DUTY UNIFORMS

### DESERT FLIGHT DUTY UNIFORM

Rated officers assigned to an API-0 positions that are on active aeronautical orders, or those personnel identified as Operations

Support/Non-interference flyers currently on active aeronautical orders to perform inflight aircrew or parachutist duties IAW AFI 11-401, Aviation Management, Atch 3, or as authorized in AS016

Authorized for wear by personnel in the following Space/Missile Crew AFSCs 13SXA, 13SXB, 13SXC, 13SXD, 13SXE and 1C6XX



Authorized functional clothing for those authorized individuals performing flying, parachutist, space and missile crew duties: Flight duty includes preparation, preflight, in-flight, post-flight, and other flight-related duties associated with aircraft operations

Space operations duties will be defined by MAJCOM supplement to AFI 36-2903

The DFDU will not be worn as a day-to-day uniform

MAJCOM or Theater Commanders may authorize DFDU to be worn during contingencies, exercises, deployments and tactical training requiring desert camouflage as appropriate for climatic conditions

Sleeves may be rolled under if not performing in-flight duties. If rolled, sleeves will not end above the natural bend of the wrist when the wearer's arms are hanging naturally to their side

The front zipper will be closed to approximately 3 inches from the neckline

All other zippers will be completely closed

The flight cap may be stored in either lower leg pocket without that pocket being fully zipped. A small portion of the cap may be exposed while in the pocket. However, when the cap is removed, the pocket must be fully zipped

Officers will wear subdued cloth grade insignia on each shoulder of the DFDU and Nomex style flight jackets (Plastic covered grade insignia is not authorized)

Cell phone/pager/personal digital assistant will be worn IAW AFI 36-2903, Table 2.6. (Item 10) Clothing/Accessory Standards

The pen pocket flap located on the left sleeve may be removed unless prohibited by MAJCOM Supplement or restricted due to safety of flight concerns

Velcro fasteners should normally be green in color with a 2X4 inch rectangular piece of Velcro on the left breast for placement of the nametag

As a minimum, the Aeronautical badge, Space, Cyberspace or missile operations badges (if awarded) are mandatory and nametags will contain individual's name and rank (rank is mandatory for enlisted personnel)

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Right Breast Pocket. MAJCOM or equivalent emblem will be centered above the right breast pocket. Center a Velcro silhouette of the MAJCOM or equivalent emblem on the right side above the right breast pocket

Velcro for shoulder patches will be 3 1/2 inches square

Left Sleeve. Normally the US flag, emblem of appropriate wing, group, or center, positioned no lower than 1 inch from shoulder seam in accordance with MAJCOM supplements to AFI 36-2903

When wearing the US flag, it will be red, white, and blue in color portraying a straight flag, not a waving flag. The flag will be approximately 2X3 inches, with the union to the front and stripes trailing. Subdued flag replicas are not authorized for wear on the FDU/DFDU

Right Sleeve. The unit emblem (squadron patch) will be worn as authorized through MAJCOM supplement to AFI 36-2903. When authorized to fly with another unit, individuals may wear the emblem of the unit they are assigned to for flight duties

Morale patches are not authorized for wear. Morale patches include, but are not limited to specialty, competition, or recognition patches

MAJCOMs will publish guidance on wear of add-on patches (i.e., flying hour milestone, instructor, flight examiner scroll, etc)

Campaign/exercise patches are not authorized

MAJCOM commanders must approve all emblems/patches not specifically addressed in AFI 36-2903

Scarves will be addressed by MAJCOM supplements. When authorized, scarves will be worn around the neck and tucked in

Undershirts will be crewneck style and black, brown or tan in color

The desert tan/sand colored boot is the only color authorized with the DFDU

Knit Watch Cap is authorized for wear by aircrew personnel subject to prolonged exposure to adverse weather only. Color is restricted to solid black, dark blue or sage green. When worn, a jacket must also be worn

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