

HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER

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

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ENLISTED: 3 1/2 or 4 inch sleeve chevrons; ABU cloth badges will be worn.

OFFICERS: The Air Force Command Insignia is worn on wearer's right side. Current commanders wear the cloth insignia centered, a half inch above the name tag when in ABUs. If authorized, graduated commanders wear the cloth insignia centered, half an inch below the name tag on the upper ABU pocket flap. The Air Force Command Insignia is mandatory. Wear either subdued solid colored cloth or subdued metal pin-on grade insignia. If authorized, subdued chaplain, aeronautical and space badges are mandatory and will always be worn in the highest position.



Squadron commanders may authorize Airmen to wear a standardized color undershirt on Friday or during special events (only one color per squadron; individual purchase only, not unit-funded). Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard personnel commanders may authorize wear during weekend drills on Friday, Saturday or Sunday during special events. If displayed, organization emblems will be worn on the left side of the chest of both the desert sand and squadron commander-prescribed Friday morale undershirts not to exceed 5 inches in diameter, in cloth or silk screen.

The morale undershirts may also display the organizational emblem on the back of the undershirt in a larger diameter as authorized by commanders. In-theater commanders will determine if Airmen are authorized to wear standardized color undershirts with or without organization emblems.

Third and/or fourth qualification badges may be worn on the right pocket or above the nametape (as appropriate). The Weapon Instructor Course Graduate Patch (graduate or instructor) and/or U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School Patch (graduate or instructor) may only be worn on the left breast pocket of ABUs.

Subdued Security Forces, Fire Protection, and Office of Special Investigations duty shields are authorized for wear on the left pocket of the ABU. If authorized, chaplain, aeronautical and space, cyberspace and missile operations badges are mandatory and will always be worn in the highest position.

The top button of the ABU coat will not be fastened; however, all other buttons will be secured at all times. ABU coat consist of rank insignia, digitized tiger stripe printed Air Force service and name tag tape and solid colored occupational badge(s). The bottom of the ABU coat will rest at the hips. Pockets will be secured and items stowed in pockets will not be visible except pens stowed in the pen pocket. Commanders may authorize sleeves to be rolled up on the ABU coat; however, the cuffs will remain visible and the sleeve will rest at, or within 1 inch of, the forearm when the arm is bent at a 90-degree angle. The ABU coat may be removed in immediate work area as

determined appropriate by local leadership. When ABU coat is removed, t-shirt will be worn. Do not starch or hot press the ABU. Light ironing and center creasing of enlisted chevrons is authorized.

A desert sand t-shirt will be worn under the ABU coat and tucked into the trousers. Tucking the ABU trousers into the boots is optional. When tucked in or bloused, the trouser must be evenly bloused (gathered in and draped over loosely) over the combat boot and must present a bloused appearance. A tan one piece nylon web belt will be worn with ABU trousers. Tucking of the t-shirt or turtleneck is not required if wearing maternity ABUs. Maternity trousers are not required to be bloused during advanced stages of pregnancy.

Boots will be suede sage green. Tan boots may be worn in-theater if authorized by theater commander. Excess boot lace will wrap around the top of the boot and tucked in. Individuals may sew down pockets, but no local policy will be established to make it mandatory.

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