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SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

This document has been substantially revised and must be completely reviewed. It updates guidance on the wear of the uniform throughout the publication, to include guidance for the survival, evasion, resistance, and escape (SERE) uniform (Table 3.10 [Added][AETC]).

Table 1.1, Major Command Commanders, Authorize wear of functional clothing with service uniforms. This authority is delegated to the installation commanders who will provide wear instructions in the base supplement.

Table 1.1, Installation Commanders, Process requests for approval of distinctive clothing items. Process requests to the Air Force Uniform Board (AFUB) through command channels. Slide-on, subdued cloth grade insignia must be worn on the tab of the Gortex parka.

Table 1.1. Note 1. All Services military personnel working in fitness centers and food service facilities wear the Air Force Services-prescribed uniforms. Services members working in the fitness centers wearing the Air Force Services-prescribed fitness uniform will wear the blue cap with the Services logo embroidered in white on the front of the cap when no approved squadron cap exists.

Table 1.3. All AETC military personnel are required to wear the blue service uniform (light blue shirt, short- or long-sleeved shirt with tie or tie tab), with the option to wear the lightweight blue or leather

jacket while traveling TDY on a commercial contract flight, at government expense in the continental United States (CONUS). (**EXCEPTIONS:** Military members with confirmed flight upgrade under the frequent traveler benefits and relinquishing promotional items program. If travel conditions, such as long trips with extended layovers, would result in a less than professional appearance, the traveler is authorized to wear civilian attire. The military uniform is not required to be worn during periods of heightened force protection condition [FPCON] Charlie. If FPCON Charlie or higher, this requirement will be reconsidered based on the continuing threat. Military members supporting missions or operations where higher headquarters direct specific clothing wear; such as presidential support will wear clothing specified for that mission.)

Table 1.4. Line 4. The first haircut for male students in Basic Military Training (BMT) must be a full haircut (not to exceed 1/4 inch in length) using the clippers over the entire head. Subsequent haircuts during BMT will be neatly trimmed and tapered and allow for the gradual growth of hair and sideburns within Air Force standards. Officer Training School (OTS) male students are not authorized a block cut at the back of the neck; instead, hair at the back of the neck will be tapered.

Table 1.4. Line 5. Back of the neck will not exceed 3 inches in bulk (to include accouterments) or prevent proper wear of headgear.

Table 1.4. Line 7. BMT students will not wear mustaches.

Figure 2.1. Note 4. When worn, the Professional Military Education (PME) badge or AETC Instructor badge is worn on the right side centered between arm seam and lapel, with bottom edge of badge parallel to top of welt pocket. Personnel assigned to PME will wear the PME badge in lieu of the AETC Instructor badge.

Figure 2.2. Note 4. When worn, the PME badge or AETC Instructor badge is worn on the right side centered between arm seam and lapel, with bottom edge of badge parallel to top of welt pocket. Personnel assigned to PME will wear the PME badge in lieu of the AETC Instructor badge.

Figure 2.4. Note 3. When worn, the PME badge or AETC Instructor badge is worn on the right pocket between left and right edges and bottom of flap and pocket. Personnel assigned to PME will wear the PME badge in lieu of the AETC Instructor badge.

Figure 2.5. Note 3. When worn, the PME badge or AETC Instructor badge is worn on the right pocket between left and right edges and bottom of flap and pocket. Personnel assigned to PME will wear the PME badge in lieu of the AETC Instructor badge.

Figure 2.6. Note 3. When worn, the PME badge or AETC Instructor badge is worn on the top right side in same relative position as those badges worn on left. Personnel assigned to PME will wear the PME badge in lieu of the AETC Instructor badge.

Figure 2.7. Note 4. When worn, the PME badge or AETC Instructor badge is worn on the right side centered between arm seam and lapel, with bottom edge of badge parallel to top of welt pocket. Personnel assigned to PME will wear the PME badge in lieu of the AETC Instructor badge.

Figure 2.9. Note 4. Command and unit emblems will not be worn.

Figure 2.10. Note 2. Installation commanders may authorize the wear of the bright or nonsubdued grade insignia by officers on battle dress uniform (BDU) caps while in garrison.

Figure 2.11. Note 3. Subdued, sewn-on AETC command emblem will be worn on the right breast pocket, centered between the left and right edges and the bottom of the flap and the bottom of the pocket. Subdued, sewn-on wing emblem will be worn on the left breast pocket, centered between the left and right edges, and the bottom of the flap and the bottom of the pocket. (**EXCEPTION:** If the member

is authorized to wear the Air Force Recruiter badge, Security Forces shield, Fire Protection shield, or Missile badge, it will be worn on the left breast pocket [in place of the wing emblem].) Installation commanders may authorize subdued sewn-on unit emblems for wear centered 1/2 inch above the name tape (over the right breast pocket). Emblem worn in this location must be subordinate to emblem worn on the left pocket. Include a list of authorized unit emblems in the installation supplement. **EXCEPTION:** If the member is authorized to wear the PME badge or AETC Instructor badge, it may be worn 1/2 inch above the right pocket. Personnel assigned to PME will wear the PME badge in lieu of the AETC Instructor badge.

Figure 2.11. Note 4. **EXCEPTION:** Maintenance Group personnel will wear a subdued command emblem centered on the right breast pocket and a subdued wing emblem on the left breast pocket when an approved badge (security police, fire protection, missile, etc.) is not worn on this pocket. Aircraft maintenance unit (AMU) personnel will center their dedicated flying squadron emblem 1/2 inch above the name tape. All other Maintenance Group personnel will center their assigned squadron emblem 1/2 inch above the name tape. Command and unit emblems will be subdued and approximately 3 inches in diameter. Morale patches have not been authorized for wear. Morale patches include, but are not limited to, specialty patches such as PRIME BEEF, PRIME RIB, Response Force, etc., or competition patches such as Gunsmoke, William Tell, Giant Sword, etc. In addition, recognition patches such as the Hennessy, Daedalian, Journeyman, or various technician awards are unauthorized.

Figure 2.13. Note 4. When worn, the PME badge or AETC Instructor badge is worn on the right side centered between arm seam and lapel, with bottom edge of badge parallel to top of welt pocket. Personnel assigned to PME will wear the PME badge in lieu of the AETC Instructor badge.

Figure 2.14. Note 4. When worn, the PME badge or AETC Instructor badge is worn on the right side centered between arm seam and lapel, with bottom edge of badge parallel to top of welt pocket. Personnel assigned to PME will wear the PME badge in lieu of the AETC Instructor badge.

Figure 2.16. Note 3. When worn, the PME badge or AETC Instructor badge is worn on the right side with bottom edge of badge parallel to bottom edge of ribbons. Personnel assigned to PME will wear the PME badge in lieu of the AETC Instructor badge.

Figure 2.17. Note 4. When worn, the PME badge or AETC Instructor badge is worn on the right side, 1/2 inch above name tag. Personnel assigned to PME will wear the PME badge in lieu of the AETC Instructor badge.

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Figure 2.22. Note 5. When worn, the PME badge or AETC Instructor badge is worn on the top right side

in the same relative position as those badges worn on the left. Personnel assigned to PME will wear the PME badge in lieu of the AETC Instructor badge.

Figure 2.23. Note 3. When worn, the PME badge or AETC Instructor badge is worn on the right side with bottom edge of badge parallel to top of medals or comparable position when medals are not worn. Personnel assigned to PME will wear the PME badge in lieu of the AETC Instructor badge.

Figure 2.24. Note 4. When worn, the PME badge or AETC Instructor badge is worn on the right side centered between arm seam and lapel, with bottom edge of badge parallel with top of welt pocket. Personnel assigned to PME will wear the PME badge in lieu of the AETC Instructor badge.

Figure 2.26. Note 3. When worn, the PME badge or AETC Instructor badge is worn on the right side with bottom edge of badge parallel to bottom edge of ribbons. Personnel assigned to PME will wear the PME badge in lieu of the AETC Instructor badge.

Figure 2.27. Note 4. Command and unit emblems will not be worn.

Table 2.2. Line 6, Organizational Baseball Cap. Woodland pattern (BDU) baseball-style caps, with or without meshed back, are authorized for wear in addition to the issue BDU cap for all AETC wings and organizations. Organizations may be identified by a combination of black numbers and/or letters, a maximum of 2 inches high, designating organizations at squadron level and above (for example, 12 CES, 14 LG, 64 MSS). Lightning bolts, clouds, dart designs, badges, emblems, or colored baseball caps are not authorized. (**NOTE:** Personnel assigned to the headquarters are only authorized to wear the issue BDU cap with BDUs. The issue BDU cap is the only headgear authorized for wear with BDUs during exercises, contingencies, or deployments.) **EXCEPTIONS:** (1) **HQ AETC/IG Team personnel** may wear the organizational baseball cap for the period of the inspection TDY. Cap is dark blue with “IG” embossed on the front, using maximum 2-inch high white lettering. (2) **Combat Arms personnel** may wear the red baseball cap with the defensor fortis flash sewn (centered) on the front of the hat, while on the range only. (3) **Services personnel** may wear the blue cap with Services logo embroidered in white on front of the cap when no approved squadron cap exists. (4) **Maintenance Group organizations** will wear a solid black cap with the squadron emblem of the parent organization (for example, 27 EMS, 27 AMXS) centered on the front with vertical lettering on both sides. Squadron emblems will match that worn above the name tape on the BDU. Designate the unit number on the wearer’s right and the unit on the wearer’s left (for example, “27” on the right and “EMS” on the left). The unit designation letters will be the color of the parent organization (for example, 27 EMS in white). Use appropriate abbreviations (such as “1st” or “3d”) if the unit number is less than 10. Unit designation letters for **AMU personnel** will match the dedicated flying squadron color with the flying squadron number on the right and the letters “AMU” on the left (for example, “71” on the right and “AMU” on the left in red). Unit designation letters for **dedicated inspection section and combat aerospace ground equipment (AGE) team personnel** will match the dedicated flying squadron color and identify the supported flying squadron (for example, “509” on the right and “BS” on the left in blue).

Table 2.2. Line 13. Installation commanders will prescribe other functional clothing authorized by Allowance Standard (AS) 016 in their base supplements.

Table 2.4. Line 9, Organizational Baseball Cap. Woodland pattern (BDU) baseball-style caps, with or without meshed back, are authorized for wear in addition to the issue BDU cap for all AETC wings and organizations. Organizations may be identified by a combination of black numbers and/or letters, a maximum of 2 inches high, designating organizations at squadron level and above (for example, 12 CES, 14 LG, 64 MSS). Lightning bolts, clouds, dart designs, badges, emblems, or colored baseball caps are not authorized. (**NOTE:** Personnel assigned to the headquarters are only authorized to wear the issue BDU cap with BDUs. The issue BDU cap is the only headgear authorized for wear with BDUs during

exercises, contingencies, or deployments.) **EXCEPTIONS:** (1) **HQ AETC/IG Team personnel** may wear the organizational baseball cap for the period of the inspection TDY. Cap is dark blue with “IG” embossed on the front, using maximum 2-inch high white lettering. (2) **Combat Arms personnel** may wear the red baseball cap with the defensor fortis flash sewn (centered) on the front of the hat, while on the range only. (3) **Services personnel** may wear blue cap with Services logo embroidered in white on front of the cap when no approved squadron cap exists. (4) **Maintenance Group organizations** will wear a solid black cap, with the squadron emblem of the parent organization (for example, 27 EMS, 27 AMXS) centered on the front with vertical lettering on both sides. Squadron emblems will match that worn above the name tape on the BDU. Designate the unit number on the wearer’s right and the unit on the wearer’s left (for example, “27” on the right and “EMS” on the left). The unit designation letters will be the color of the parent organization (for example, 27 EMS in white). Use appropriate abbreviations (such as “1st” or “3d”) if the unit number is less than 10. Unit designation letters for **AMU personnel** will match the dedicated flying squadron color with the flying squadron number on the right and the letters “AMU” on the left (for example, “71” on the right and “AMU” on the left in red). Unit designation letters for **dedicated inspection section and combat AGE team personnel** will match the dedicated flying squadron color and identify the supported flying squadron (for example, “509” on the right and “BS” on the left in blue).

Table 2.4. Line 14, (Undershirt). Maternity BDU and standard BDU: Black, crew-neck undershirts, long-sleeved black or brown turtlenecks, dickies, or thermal undershirts without pockets are optional for wear. Members may wear white thermal undershirts even if exposed at neck. Installation commanders may allow an optional unit emblem on the left breast of the black T-shirt under the BDU or flight suit. Emblems may be any color, will not exceed 5 inches in diameter, may be silk screened or ironed on. All AETC personnel (permanent party, students, and personnel TDY to AETC) are authorized to wear the black undershirts with the 5-inch “AEROSPACE POWER!” or “No One Comes Close” logos. Approved unit emblems will be listed in the installation supplement (limited to optional black T-shirt).

Table 2.4. Line 16. Installation commanders will prescribe other functional clothing authorized by AS 016 in their base supplements.

Table 2.6. Line 18. (Added)(AETC) Campaign Pins/Ribbons. Installation commanders may authorize Air Force-wide campaign ornaments for the period of the campaign (such as Combined Federal Campaign [CFC], Red Ribbon Campaign). Specific period of wear will be determined and published locally by the installation commander in conjunction with each campaign. When authorized, the ornament will be worn centered 1/2 inch above the name tag. If a badge is worn above the name tag, the ornament will be worn centered 1/2 inch above the badge.

Table 2.6. Line 19. (Added) (AETC) Exercise Badges. Installation commanders may authorize a badge with the letters “EET” on it for base exercise evaluation team members to wear during exercise periods only.

Table 2.7. The Commander, 882d Training Group (TRG), may authorize the hospital white uniform to be worn by medical instructors when phases of the curriculum dictate the functional uniform is more appropriate. The Commander, 37th TRG, may authorize the food service and fitness uniform to be worn by Services instructors when phases of the curriculum dictate the functional uniform is more appropriate.

Table 2.8. Installation commanders will designate no-hat areas in their installation supplement. No-hat areas should be held to a minimum and authorized only when they enhance mission accomplishment.

3.1.1. Military training leaders are authorized to wear the blue aiguillette with all uniform combinations upon successful completion of the prescribed formal training course. Airmen leaders will wear the

single braided red, yellow, or green aiguillette with all uniform combinations; chapel assistants will wear the white aiguillette; drum and bugle or fife and drum will wear the silver or white and navy blue aiguillette; and drill team members and special activity teams will wear the black aiguillette. **NOTE:** The ceremonial aiguillette is optional with mess dress, semiformal, and service dress. If worn, the aiguillette will be grounded on the left shoulder seam.

3.1.2. The desert BDU will not be worn as a day-to-day uniform. Installation commanders will prescribe other functional clothing in installation supplements. **NOTE:** Functional clothing is issued and worn for specific duties. A change-of-duty assignment may indicate the member is no longer authorized to wear these clothing items.

3.1.2.1. (Added)(AETC) Flight Dress Uniform (FDU). The FDU is configured as prescribed in Table 3.7 (Added)(AETC). Requirements are as follows:

3.1.2.1.1. (Added)(AETC) FDUs may be worn off base under the same restrictions as the BDU (see Table 2.7 of the basic instruction). Installation commanders may prescribe further limits in the interest of health and welfare of their personnel.

3.1.2.1.2. (Added)(AETC) The front zipper of the FDU will be closed to approximately 3 inches from the neckline. All other zippers will be completely closed. (**EXCEPTION:** When the flight cap is placed in a bottom pocket of the flight suit, that zipper is not required to be zipped.) The sleeves of the FDU may not be pushed or rolled up.

3.1.2.2. (Added)(AETC) Pararescue/Combat Control Uniform. This uniform is worn as prescribed in Table 3.8 (Added)(AETC).

3.1.2.3. (Added)(AETC) Pararescue/Combat Control Instructor Cadre Uniform. This uniform is worn as prescribed in Table 3.9 (Added)(AETC).

3.1.2.4. (Added)(AETC) Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (SERE) Uniform. This uniform is worn as prescribed in Table A3.10 (Added)(AETC).

3.1.2.5. (Added)(AETC) Wear of Insignia for Students in Physician Assistant Training:

3.1.2.5.1. (Added)(AETC) Air Force students enrolled in Phase I and Phase II of DoD-sponsored physician assistant training will wear Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC)/Officer Training School (OTS)-style rank insignia on the BDU. Phase I students will wear one silver bar on a black background while Phase II students will wear two silver bars on a black background.

3.1.2.5.2. (Added)(AETC) OTS-style board insignia similar to that worn by candidates at OTS will be worn on the service uniform. Phase I students will wear black shoulder boards with a 1/2-inch silver braid attached 1/4 inch from the board's lateral edge. Phase II student boards will have a second silver braid spaced 1/4 inch from the first braid. The change to Phase II insignia occurs upon graduation from Phase I. Soft shoulder boards are worn with long- and short-sleeved blue shirts. Hard shoulder boards are worn with the service dress, lightweight blue jacket, and raincoat. The officer cap is worn without insignia.

Table 3.4. The following items are also prescribed for wear by Security Forces members:

Item	Description/Wear Provisions
BDU Cap	The woodland pattern will be worn when performing field duty.
Bike Patrol Uniform	Worn only when performing bike patrol duties.
<i>Helmet</i>	Black or white ANSI or Snell approved bicycle helmet. Worn at all times while operating the bicycle (see note).
<i>Shorts</i>	Dark blue cycling shorts with chamois and Velcro keepers. Worn as a set with the bike patrol shirt.
<i>Shirt</i>	White golf-style shirt with embossed silver and black security forces badge (4 inches in size) on front left chest. SECURITY (3-inch blue letters) centered on back. Worn as a set with bike patrol shorts or pants.
<i>Pants</i>	Dark blue cycling pants with Velcro keepers.
<i>Vest/Bolero</i>	Dark blue and yellow in color with SECURITY (3-inch letters) FORCES (4-inch letters) in reflective material on front chest of vest and bolero. Vest will be equipped with zip on-off bolero. Both will have a Velcro name tag holder on front right chest. An aircrew-style name patch with appropriate functional badge, name, grade, and USAF worn on the vest or bolero.
<i>Belt</i>	Black nylon belt without MAJCOM crest with matching duty gear.
<i>Shoes/Socks</i>	Black low-cut athletic shoes with soft rubber soles. Socks will be white.

NOTE: The beret will be worn when the helmet is not being worn.

Table 3.4. Gloves. White gloves are not worn in AETC.

Table 3.4. Note 6. Security Forces uniform of the day requirements are inherently an installation commander responsibility and are to be established at each installation.

Table 3.4. Note 6, Bullet 2. Elite gate guards stationed at Randolph AFB are the only personnel authorized to wear the AETC command flash centered on the white ascot (BDU-style ascot for the BDU).

Table 3.6. BMT Military Training Instructors (MTIs) and OTS Drill and Ceremonies Instructors (DCIs) (Added)(AETC). The campaign (bush) hat is authorized for wear by BMT MTIs and OTS DCIs. OTS DCIs must have completed BMT MTI training, served a tour as a BMT MTI, and be assigned DCI duties. Master MTIs at BMT and OTS wear a blue braid around the crown of the hat. No other braid color is worn. The hat is not worn off base (**except** while in transit to and from quarters, during essential stops while in transit, and during officially sponsored off-base activities specifically authorized by the BMT or OTS commander).

Table 3.7. (Added)(AETC) Flight Dress Uniform (FDU).

L I N E	A	B	C
	Item	Description	Wear Instructions
1	Velcro fasteners	Green, dark blue, or black.	Center a 2- by 4-inch rectangular piece of Velcro on the left breast of the FDU for placement of the name tag. Center a silhouette shape of the AETC emblem on the right breast of the FDU. Velcro for shoulder patches will be a 3 1/2-inches square.
2	Grade insignia	Subdued cloth. (note 1)	Officers: Sewn on, centered 5/8-inch from the shoulder seam. Placement and size of general officer stars will be according to Figure 2.12, basic publication. Enlisted personnel: Sewn on, centered over left breast pocket.
3	Name tags and badges (Officer)	2 by 4 inches in size. (note 2) First and last name (in block letters) centered on tag. A nickname may be used in lieu of the first name, but must be in good taste.	Centered over left breast pocket. The appropriate aeronautical badge may be centered over the name. Missile badges will be approximately 1 3/4 by 3/4 inches in size. Limited to two authorized badges. EXCEPTION: Individuals authorized to wear either the missile badge or missile badge with operations designator (must be worn to the wearer's right) are authorized to wear up to three badges. Of the displayed badges, one must be the space/missile badge. Any other badge may be worn either above or below the space/missile badge (based on order of precedence). (note 3) FDU: Installation commanders may authorize a small design or emblem, such as a logo or aircraft.

L I N E	A	B	C
	Item	Description	Wear Instructions
	(Enlisted)	Grade and first and last name centered on tag. Name will be in block letters. A nickname or initial may be used in lieu of the first name, but must be in good taste.	
4	AETC emblem	Vivid 3- by 3-inch AETC patch.	Wear on right breast, centered and even with the name patch on the left breast of the uniform. (note 4)
5	US flag emblem, special patches	Vivid color US flag emblem (approximately 2 by 3 1/2 inches). Approved vivid color parent unit or installation commander approved special patches. (note 5)	Position no lower than 1 inch from the shoulder seam on the left sleeve.
6	Organizational emblems	Vivid color squadron patch, flight patch, wing montage, or class patch, approximately 3 by 3 1/2 inches. Personnel assigned to an echelon above wing level may wear the patch of the headquarters organization to which assigned; for example, NAF or AU emblem, directorate patch (DO, SE, IG, or DP). (note 5)	Position no lower than 1-inch from the shoulder seam on the right sleeve. Center stan/eval emblems below the shoulder seam and attach to the squadron patch. Installation commanders may authorize variations for personnel deployed or on special assignment with other commands. Style must be standardized throughout the organization. Graduates of the USAF Weapons School are authorized the graduate weapons school patch.

L I N E	A	B	C
	Item	Description	Wear Instructions
7	Neckwear	Unit commanders may prescribe an appropriate, distinctive unit scarf or neckwear in unit colors. If prescribed, wear is mandatory for all members in the unit.	Wear around the neck tucked into the FDU. Do not wear while performing flight duties.
8	Headgear	Flight cap	The only headgear authorized except when performing aircrew duty or as authorized for safety reasons. Squadron baseball caps are not authorized.
9		Blue winter cap	During extreme cold weather, installation commanders may authorize the wear of blue commercial design knit stocking caps. Grade insignia is not worn.
10	Undergarments		Required. The unit commander will prescribe type.
11		White T-shirt	V-neck only. If worn, must not be visible under the FDU.
12		Brown T-shirt	U-neck, V-neck, crew neck (without pocket), or athletic style.
13		Black T-shirt (optional)	Crew neck, without pocket, with or without commander-authorized unit emblem on left breast area. Approved emblems will be listed in the installation supplement. See AFI 36-2903, Table 2.2, Line 11, for optional emblem criteria.
14		Colored T-shirt (optional)	Installation commander may authorize unit-colored T-shirts for wear on Fridays. (EXCEPTION: Not authorized while flying cross-country.) Commanders must maintain close control over style and uniformity. Approved T-shirts will be listed in the installation supplement.
15		Black, brown, or Nomex turtlenecks	Authorized from 1 November to 31 March.
16	Jackets		Jackets must be zipped at least halfway. Sleeves will be worn full-length (not pushed up).
17		Leather A-2	See AFI 36-2903, Table 3.6, for additional wear instructions.
18		Nomex	Configuration will mirror FDU. Nomex flight jackets may be worn with service uniforms.

L I N E	A	B	C
	Item	Description	Wear Instructions
19	Footwear	Air Force-approved black leather boots (laced or belted) as authorized in AS 016. May have zipper inserts.	For aircrews: See AFI 11-301 and AETCI 11-301 for wear instructions.

NOTES:

1. Grade insignia on flight suits will be converted from nonmetallic encased in plastic by attrition (for example, promotion, replacement due to unserviceability, initial issue).
2. Installation commanders will specify the type of name tag material—cloth (unit colors) or plastic laminated. Style must be standardized throughout the installation.
3. Installation specifications for name tags will be included in the installation supplement. Aerospace Physiology personnel (4M0X1) are authorized to wear the enlisted medical badge and/or aerospace badges on the name tag.
4. Flying hour tab is not authorized above the AETC command patch.
5. Foreign nationals training with AETC units are authorized to wear a vivid color national flag, 2 by 3 1/2-inches, in lieu of the US flag.

Table 3.8. (Added)(AETC) Pararescue/Combat Control Uniforms.

L I N E	A	B	C
	Item	Description	Wear Instructions
1	Desert camouflage BDU	Includes daytime hat, daytime coat, night parka and liner, and daytime trousers. Items described in AS 016.	May be worn during contingencies, exercises, deployments, and tactical training requiring desert camouflage. (note 1)
2	Snow camouflage ensemble	Includes helmet cover, parka, trousers, and pack cover. Items described in AS 016.	May be worn over other ensembles when required for maximum cover and concealment in hostile snow environments or during tactical training. Not authorized for garrison wear. (note 1)
3	Extreme cold weather (ECW) ensemble	Includes down/polyester-insulated hood, mittens, jacket (parka), jacket liner, trousers, trousers liner, undershirt, and drawers. Items described in AS 016.	May be worn when required for maximum protection in adverse environments or during tactical training. Not authorized for garrison wear. (note 1)

LINE	A	B	C
	Item	Description	Wear Instructions
4	Tree suit ensemble (pararescue only)	Includes pararescue jackets (type CWU-14/P) and pararescue trousers (type CWU-15P). Items described in AS 016.	Worn over other ensembles with appropriate helmet and boots for maximum protection in rough terrain or forest environments during parachuting operations. Not authorized for garrison wear. (note 1)
5	Jump suit	Coveralls, cotton duck, black or silver color, designed for free-fall parachutists. Described in AS 016.	Worn while performing military free-fall parachute jumps. ASNP is authorized. Not authorized for garrison wear.
6	Swimmer/scuba ensemble	Includes swimsuit, hood, gloves, mittens, booties, coral boots, wet suit (or dry suit in place of wet suit) as described in AS 016.	Worn with swimmer/scuba accessories for protection in water environment. Not authorized for garrison wear. (note 2)
7	Trunks, swimmer's	Boxer shorts, trunk, tan color, 50 percent cotton/50 percent polyester. Items described in AS 016.	Worn with military T-shirt, running shoes with solid white socks, or boots with black socks while performing physical training (PT), parachuting, boating, swimming, and scuba diving activities, and while in transit or preparing for these activities. Speedo swimsuit, navy blue or black, or athletic supporter will be worn under swimmer's trunks. (note 2) Authorized headgear is unit baseball cap (not authorized for garrison wear outside duty section). (note 3)
8	PT ensemble (Warmup suit, track shirt, running shorts, running shoes, socks)	Nylon, acrylic, and cotton materials. Silver gray warmup suit, black shorts, and silver gray shirt. A contrasting 4-inch PJ/CCT crest will be on the left chest of the jacket, track shirt, and on the left leg of the shorts. Socks will be solid white. Items described in AS 016.	May be worn while participating in PT, scuba diving, or parachuting activities, and during transit to or from these activities. Running shoes are only authorized for PT. Not authorized for wear outside the duty section.
9	Mountain boots	Subdued color, safety boots designed for mountain operations. LP item.	Worn with ensembles suited for same conditions. Not authorized for garrison wear.
10	Field boots	Subdued color, safety boots designed for field operations; for example, Herman survivors, Chippewas, or Danners. LP item.	Worn, as appropriate, for climatic/geographic conditions, with ensembles suited for same conditions. Authorized for garrison wear.

L I N E	A	B	C
	Item	Description	Wear Instructions
11	Parachutist's boots	Men's 9-inch boots, (soft) rubber heel and sole, leather upper, elastic front lacing, hinged, foam-cushioned, and sole air pockets, color black. Described in AS 016.	May be worn while performing land parachute jumps. Not authorized for garrison wear.
12	Jump boots	Men's 10-inch boots, hard rubber heel and sole, leather upper, with front lacing. LP item.	May be worn with ensembles suited for same conditions. Authorized for garrison wear.
13	Specialized clothing (climbing knickers, gaiters, storm gear)	Safety clothing designed for specific training and operations. LP items.	May be worn as appropriate for training, operations, and climatic or geographic conditions. Not authorized for garrison wear.
14	Specialized clothing (gloves, mittens, watch cap, pile cap, helmet with liner)	Safety clothing designed for specific training and operations. Items are described in AS 016.	
15	Beret (note 4)	Maroon (pararescue); scarlet (combat control).	May be worn with items in line 1, 7, and 8 of this table.

NOTES:

1. Pararescue and combat control personnel are authorized to wear BDU ensembles during mission preparation, alert duties, and when performing pararescue airborne and surface tasks. During flight, sleeves will be rolled down. When employment is probable during operational flights, planned during operational or training flights, pararescue personnel are authorized to wear the BDU, snow camouflage, ECW, tree suit, jumpsuit, or swimmer/scuba ensembles. NOMEX flight clothing will be worn when flying cross-country flights as an aircrew member, when employment is not probable, or when practical to afford maximum survivability should an accident occur. Jungle boots are authorized for wear during flying activities.
2. A standard subdued name tape (last name) will be worn centered on the right leg of the swimmer's trunks, 1/2 inch from the bottom edge.
3. The desert camouflage hat may be worn when maximum sun protection is required. Airmen will not wear grade insignia on headgear. Officer grade insignia will be regular size subdued metal, centered vertically above the bill of the cap.
4. Authorization to wear the maroon or scarlet beret requires satisfying the prerequisites for and performing duty as a pararescuer or combat controller. The schools award the beret and respective distinctive Air Force pararescue or combat control badge upon completion of the three-level school. Personnel permanently removed from flying, parachuting, or diving status are not authorized to wear the beret.

Table 3.9. (Added)(AETC) Pararescue/Combat Control Instructor Cadre Uniforms.

L I N E	A	B	C
	Item	Description	Wear Instructions
1	Baseball cap	Polyester and mesh material, adjustable one-size-fits-all, medium crown, large visor, color black. LP item. (note 1)	Worn with all athletic combinations listed in the table. May be worn as part of a work uniform for instructor duties on Lackland AFB TX, Keesler AFB MS, Pope AFB NC, and Kirtland AFB NM. (note 3)
2	Coach's shirt	Men's combination cotton/polyester poplin material, quarter-length sleeves, colors white or black. LP item. (note 2)	
3	Coach's pants	Men's athletic warmup type, elastic waist, with button closure and zipper fly, material optional, color black. LP item. (note 4)	
4	Coach's shorts	Men's athletic warmup type, elastic waist with button closure and zipper fly, material optional, color black. LP item.	
5	Coach's jacket	Men's athletic warmup type, single-breasted; type of neck, material, and method of closure optional; color silver. LP item. (note 5)	
6	Athletic shoes	Men's athletic type, standard lacing; soles, style, and color are optional.	
7	Socks	Athletic type, material optional, color white. LP item.	
8	T-shirt	Cotton/polyester material, color gray, with PJ or CCT logo on left side of chest and the word "Instructor" printed or stenciled across the back over the shoulder blades. LP item. (note 6)	
9	Running shorts	Nylon, with small PJ or CCT logo on left leg, color black, white logo. LP item.	

LINE	A	B	C
	Item	Description	Wear Instructions
10	Sweat suit ensemble	Includes sweat shirt and pants, cotton/polyester material, color black, with grade and name printed or stenciled on front (in white) and "Instructor" printed or stenciled on back. LP item.	Worn when climatic conditions dictate. Not authorized for garrison wear.

NOTES:

1. The baseball cap will have a Pararescue or Combat Control logo in color white, centered on the front.
2. Coach's shirt will be marked with instructor's name over the right breast and "Pararescue Instructor" or "Combat Control Instructor" (as applicable) on the left breast in script stitching in 1-inch letters. Embroidery and stencils will be white on black or black on white.
3. Instructor cadre uniform combinations listed in this table are authorized strictly while performing training and pool duties. Instructor cadre uniform is not authorized for official duties, appointments, or other noninstructional functions.
4. The combination of wear will be consistent with seasonal and climatic conditions.
5. The coach's jacket will have "Pararescue" or "Combat Control" on the back in 4-inch letters. Embroidery and/or stencils will be white on black or black on white.
6. Lettering will be 4 inches in size. Embroidery and/or stencils will be white on black or black on white.

Table 3.10. (Added)(AETC) SERE Uniform.

LINE	A	B	C
	Item	Description	Wear Instructions
1	Desert camouflage BDU	Includes daytime hat, daytime coat, night parka and liner, and daytime trousers. Items described in AS 016.	May be worn during contingencies, exercises, deployments, and tactical training requiring desert camouflage. (note)
2	ECW ensemble	Includes down/polyester insulated hood, mittens, jacket (parka), jacket liner, trousers, trousers liner, undershirt, and drawers. Items described in AS 016.	May be worn when required for maximum protection in adverse environments or during tactical training. Not authorized for garrison wear. (note)
3	Jump suit	Coveralls, cotton duck, color black or silver, designed for free-fall parachutists. Described in AS 016.	Worn while performing military free-fall parachute jumps. ASNP is authorized. Not authorized for garrison wear.

L I N E	A	B	C
	Item	Description	Wear Instructions
4	Wool shirt	Shirt, cold weather, wool-nylon flannel. Described in AS 016.	May be worn as an outer- or middle-layer garment with work ensembles or wool trousers, consistent with requirements for environmental protection and proper cover and concealment. May be worn as an outergarment in garrison with work fatigues. As outergarment, ASNP is required.
5	Wool trousers	Cold weather, wool serge, olive green. Items described in AS 016.	Worn as an outer- or middle-layer garment and with other work ensembles or wool shirt. Not authorized for garrison wear.
6	Mountain boots	Safety boots designed for mountain operations, subdued color. LP item.	Worn with ensembles suited for same conditions. Not authorized for garrison wear.
7	Field boots	Safety boots designed for field operations (for example, Herman survivors, Chippewas, or Danners), subdued color. LP item.	Worn, as appropriate, for climatic or geographic conditions with ensembles suited for same conditions. Authorized for garrison wear.
8	Parachutist boots	Men's 9-inch boots, (soft) rubber heel and sole, leather upper, elastic front lacing, hinged, foam-cushioned, sole air pockets, color black. Described in AS 016.	May be worn while performing land parachute jumps. Not authorized for garrison wear.
9	Specialized clothing (climbing knickers, gaiters, storm gear)	Safety clothing designed for specific training and operations. LP items.	May be worn as appropriate for training, operations, or climatic or geographic conditions. Not authorized for garrison wear.
10	Specialized clothing (gloves, mittens, watch cap, pile cap, helmet with liner)	Safety clothing designed for specific training and operations. Items are described in AS 016.	

NOTE:

SERE personnel are authorized to wear the desert camouflage BDU during training in applicable environments and scenarios.

Table 5.1. Note 10. (Added)(AETC) The PME badge or AETC Instructor badge is worn on the right side with bottom edge of badge parallel to bottom edge of ribbons. Personnel assigned to PME will wear the PME badge in lieu of the AETC Instructor badge.

7.1.2. Contact HQ AETC/DPSM via telephone before forwarding suggestions for consideration. The installation commander must sign suggestions recommended for adoption or suggestions for which appropriate authority cannot provide sufficient justification for disapproval. Do not forward with only an endorsement such as "Recommend Approval" or "Forward for Your Action." Include a coordinated evaluation from interested/affected base activities with recommendations for change.

7.1.2.1. (Added)(AETC) The AETC Uniform Board will consider only those uniform suggestions and proposals from AU/CC, numbered Air Force commanders, wing commanders, functional managers, and members of the board.

7.1.2.2. (Added)(AETC) The board is composed of the following voting members:

7.1.2.2.1. (Added)(AETC) HQ AETC/DPS chairperson.

7.1.2.2.2. (Added)(AETC) AETC/CCC or a CMSgt appointee.

7.1.2.2.3. (Added)(AETC) HQ AETC/DO representative.

7.1.2.2.4. (Added)(AETC) HQ AETC/LG representative.

7.1.2.2.5. (Added)(AETC) HQ AETC/RS representative.

7.1.2.2.6. (Added)(AETC) HQ AETC/SG representative.

7.1.2.3. (Added)(AETC) The following directorates will serve as advisors to the AETC Uniform Board:

7.1.2.3.1. (Added)(AETC) HQ AETC/DPSMP recorder/advisor.

7.1.2.3.2. (Added)(AETC) HQ AETC/FM representative.

7.1.2.3.3. (Added)(AETC) HQ AETC/JA representative.

7.1.2.3.4. (Added)(AETC) HQ AETC/SE representative.

7.1.2.4. (Added)(AETC) The following directorates may participate as nonvoting members and may be called upon to act as voting members as determined appropriate by chairperson:

7.1.2.4.1. (Added)(AETC) HQ AETC/CE representative.

7.1.2.4.2. (Added)(AETC) HQ AETC/ED representative.

7.1.2.4.3. (Added)(AETC) HQ AETC/HC representative.

7.1.2.4.4. (Added)(AETC) HQ AETC/IG representative.

7.1.2.4.5. (Added)(AETC) HQ AETC/PA representative.

7.1.2.4.6. (Added)(AETC) HQ AETC/SC representative.

7.1.2.4.7. (Added)(AETC) HQ AETC/SF representative.

7.1.2.4.8. (Added)(AETC) HQ AETC/SV representative.

7.1.2.4.9. (Added)(AETC) HQ AETC/XP representative.

7.2.2. HQ AETC/DPSM approves base supplements prior to being published. Send drafts with AF Forms 673, **Request to Issue Publication**, to HQ AETC/DPSMP, 1850 First Street West, Suite 1, Randolph AFB TX 78150-4308.

7.3. (Added)(AETC) Form Adopted. AF Form 673.

NOTE: The following are added to Attachment 1:

References (Added)(AETC)

AFI 11-301, Volume 1, *Aircrew Life Support (ALS) Program*

AETCI 11-301, *AETC Aircrew Life Support (ALS) Program*

Abbreviations and Acronyms (Added)(AETC)

AGE—aerospace ground equipment

AMU—aircraft maintenance unit

AS—allowance standard

BMT—basic military training

CFC—Combined Federal Campaign

CONUS—continental United States

DCI—drill and ceremonies instructor

ECW—extreme cold weather

FDU—flight dress uniform

FPCON—force protection condition

MTI—military training instructor

OTS—Officer Training School

PT—physical training

ROTC—Reserve Officer Training Corps

TRG—training group

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