

# **APOLLO HS AFJROTC KY-071**

## **Wear of the Uniform**

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### **1. General Information**

The wear of the Service Dress uniform is a core component and a requirement of the Air Force Junior ROTC program (AFJROTC). It is essential that all cadets and their parents understand and accept The Uniform Wear Policy of our AFJROTC unit. This policy includes the wear of the Air Force Service Dress uniform, the Airman's Battle Uniform (ABU), the AFJROTC T-Shirt, and the Air Force Physical Training (PT) uniform. A major portion of the AFJROTC course grade is determined by the wear of the uniform. In addition, repeated failure to wear the uniform will result in removal from the AFJROTC program. It is important to understand that AFJROTC cadets wear the same uniform as worn by the active duty members of the U.S. Air Force. When the public sees an AFJROTC cadet in uniform, they will automatically think of you as an Air Force member. This means that when you wear the uniform you are representing the U.S. Air Force and every past and present member of an organization that has helped preserve the freedom of the United States for over 71 years. Some of these members made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in freedom's fight. Proudly wear the Service Dress uniform and keep in mind all that it represents. The AFJROTC Instructors insure that you are issued a complete and serviceable uniform that meets the same standards of quality as the uniforms issued to active duty Air Force members. Additionally, the Instructors provide extensive training to each cadet on the proper wear of the uniform.

a. Wear of the uniform serves the following purposes:

(1) By wearing the uniform, you show everyone who sees you that you are an AFJROTC cadet and a member of a proud and unique organization.

(2) The wearing of the uniform through the display of your, rank, ribbons, shoulder cords, and badges, shows your accomplishments as a cadet.

(3) The wear of the uniform provides valuable training for each cadet by developing; self-reliance; planning skills; and an understanding of the importance of attention to detail.

### **2. Basic Requirement to wear the Service Dress Service Dress uniform.**

The United States Congress, in the law authorizing the establishment of the JROTC programs for the various military services, stipulated that JROTC cadets will wear the appropriate service uniform one day each week. This law is the overriding requirement for the wear of the uniform. Each of the military services was given some latitude in prescribing how this requirement is met.

a. Each new cadet enrolled in KY-071 AFJROTC must earn the right to wear the Service Dress uniform:

(1) Cadets are required to follow acceptable standards of behavior during AFJROTC classes, AFJROTC co-curricular activities, non-AFJROTC classes and other school co-curricular activities.

(2) Willingness to follow the instructions of both the AFJROTC Instructors and the cadet leaders.

(3) Willingness to accept responsibility for their actions.

(4) Timeliness and completion of AFJROTC classroom and homework assignments.

b. Initially, the cadet will not be issued a Service Dress uniform, but will be issued an AFJROTC T-Shirt. The AFJROTC T-Shirt will be worn on Uniform Days until the Service Dress uniform is issued. During this period, the "Uniform Wear" grade will be based on the wear of the AFJROTC T-Shirt.

### 3. Detailed Requirements for the wear of the Service Dress uniform.

It is your responsibility to make sure that your uniform is properly maintained and prepared to be worn on Uniform Day. This means that you must ensure that the uniform is clean, pressed and that your name tag, rank, insignia, badges, cords, and ribbons, are properly placed on the uniform. Keep in mind that uniform items are not issued on Uniform Day, so it is your responsibility to replace any missing or unserviceable items prior to Uniform Day. These items may be obtained from the cadet Flight Commander during your regular class period.

### 4. Terms Explained:

a. **Uniform Day** – the day of the week the SASI has designated as Uniform Day. Uniform Day is Thursday.

b. **Uniform Make-Up Day** – the designated day of the week a cadet may use to make-up their failure to wear the uniform on Uniform Day. A Uniform Make-Up day may be used one-time each semester. **The first time** a cadet is present in school on Uniform Day and fails to wear the uniform, the cadet is allowed to wear the uniform on Uniform Make-Up Day. **Uniform Make-Up Day is Wednesday.** If the cadet has an excused absence on Tuesday, the cadet should wear the uniform the next day they are in school. If the cadet fails to wear the uniform on Uniform Make-Up Day, the cadet has accrued a Uniform Violation.

c. **Uniform Violation**- failure to wear the uniform on any Uniform Day. If a cadet accrues three (3) Uniform Violations, they will be removed from the AFJROTC program

a. The Service Dress uniform will be worn for the entire school day each week on "Uniform Day." Uniform Day is Thursday, or as designated by the Senior Aerospace Science Instructor (SASI). If school is not in session on Uniform Day or if you have an excused absence on Uniform Day, you will wear the Service Dress uniform on the first day school is back in session.

b. As an option to wearing the Service uniform, a complete Airman Battle Uniform (ABU) may be worn in lieu of the Service uniform on Uniform Day during the 4th week of the month. ABU's are issued only to Cadet Officers.

c. If a complete uniform is not available because an AFJROTC Instructor has sent an item of the uniform for alterations, and you do not have a complete uniform you must wear the AFJROTC T-Shirt on Uniform Day until your uniform is complete. If you are

only missing the Service Dress coat, you must wear the Air Force uniform except the Service Dress coat until the Service Dress coat is returned.

## **5. Uniform Grades.**

You will receive a uniform grade each Uniform Day. This grade will reflect how well you have complied with Air Force and unit guidance on the wear of the uniform. On Uniform Day, you will be inspected during your AFJROTC class. This inspection may be conducted by one of the instructors, your cadet Flight Commander or another cadet who is authorized by the instructors to conduct uniform inspections. Typically, the cadets are inspected in an Open-Ranks formation with the other cadets in the class. However, on some occasions you may be inspected as an individual or with one or two other cadets. The individual conducting the inspection will use the Uniform Inspection Checklist. You will start the inspection with 100 points. Uniform discrepancies such as needing a haircut, shoes needing polish, etc. are assigned point values. These point values are deducted from your 100 points to arrive at a uniform grade.

## **6. Failure to Wear the Uniform**

As stated earlier, the wear of the uniform is a requirement of AFJROTC. It is your responsibility to properly wear the uniform on Uniform Day. The failure to wear the uniform is a failure to comply with the rules and policies of the AFJROTC program. You are expected to be prepared for all your classes, and AFJROTC is no exception. Failure to wear the uniform on Uniform Day is a serious offense with serious consequences. **Ultimately, repeated failure to wear the uniform will result in removal from the AFJROTC program! If the cadet fails to wear the uniform three times during a term, the cadet will be removed from the AFJROTC program.**

a. If the cadet is absent from school with an Excused Absence on Uniform Day, and wears the uniform on the first day back in school, there is no penalty and the cadet has met the Uniform Wear requirements.

b. In addition there is a one-time provision available to cadets the first time they fail to wear the uniform while present in school on Uniform Day. This is called **Uniform Make-up Day** and may only be used one time during the the semester.

### **(1) Cadet Officers**

Serious consequences occur when a cadet officer accrues a Uniform Violation:

**One Uniform Violation** – A grade of zero will be received for uniform wear and the cadets Parent/Guardian will be contacted.

**Two Uniform Violations** – A grade of zero will be received for uniform wear and the cadet officer will be reduced one level in rank.

Parent/Guardian will be contacted and advised that any additional failure to wear the uniform will result in removal from the AFJROTC program.

**Three Uniform Violations** – Parent/Guardian will be contacted and the cadet will be removed from the AFJROTC program.

### **(2) Enlisted Cadets**

As with the cadet officers, serious consequences occur when an enlisted accrues accrues a Uniform Violation:

**One Uniform Violation** –The enlisted cadet will receive a zero grade for uniform wear and, Parent/Guardian contacted.

**Two Uniform Violations** – A grade of zero will be received and the enlisted cadet will be reduced one level in rank. Parent/Guardian will be contacted and advised that any additional failure to wear the uniform will result in removal from the AFJROTC program.

**Three Uniform Violations** – Parent/Guardian will be contacted and the cadet will be removed from the AFJROTC program.

### **7. General information on the PT Uniform**

The PT uniform is worn during Physical Training while in the AFJROTC program. Wear of the complete uniform is required on PT Day to insure the cadets can safely and effectively perform PT activities. The PT Uniform (except athletic shoes) is issued to all AFJROTC cadets and wear of the complete PT Uniform is a major component of the AFJROTC grade. Repeated failure to wear the PT uniform could result in a failing AFJROTC grade.

### **8. Detailed Instructions for wear of the Air Force PT (Utility) Uniform**

- a. The Pt Uniform is worn during the class period on weekly PT days, and as designated by the Senior Aerospace Science Instructor (SASI).
- b. Failure to wear PT Uniform on PT day will result in a PT grade of 50% for that day.
- c. The PT Uniform consists of the issued AFJROTC T-Shirt, the issued AFJROTC PT Shorts, and the cadet supplied athletic shoes. To receive credit for wearing the PT Uniform, you must be wearing all the components of the PT Uniform.
- d. PT day is Friday.

It is an honor to wear the Air Force uniform, and your responsibility to wear it properly. It is also a privilege to participate in the AFJROTC program. This Uniform Wear Policy is designed to clearly outline the uniform wear requirements. If you have any questions or concerns, please discuss them with one of the AFJROTC Instructors.

Please proceed to the next page to certify that you understand and accept the Uniform Wear Requirements as outlined in this policy.



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**Complete and sign the form below and return to Command Chief Master Sergeant Frank Smith, Apollo High School AFJROTC. Failure to return the signed form below will result in the removal of the student from the AFJROTC program.**

**My signature below certifies that I have read, understand, and accept the requirements of the attached Wear of the Uniform Policy (Revised September 2018).**

**Parent/Guardian**

**Printed Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cadet**

**Printed Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_