Chapter 11
Uniforms and Insignia

11–1. Scope

a. This chapter provides guidelines and parameters for the wearing of uniforms for Army JROTC Instructors and Cadets. The guidelines and parameters are in accordance with policies outlined in Title 10; USC, Title 18, USC; AR 670-1; and AR 145-2.

b. HQDA provides uniforms and associated items for JROTC Cadets. Uniforms and associated items for NDCC Cadets are procured at no expense to the government. The Institute of Heraldry (TIOH) will help design items not furnished by the government. The schools that host NDCC Programs pay for the design, procurement, and manufacture of these items.

c. USACC will provide information concerning provisions of statutes and regulations. TIOH, U.S. Army, 9325 Gunston Road, Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060–5579, provides guidance regarding designs and procurement of heraldic items. TIOH grants final approval regarding uniforms and insignia associated with JROTC.

d. Statutory provisions of Title 10, USC, Section 773; Title 18, USC, Section 703; and Title 18, USC, Section 704 outline the policies on distinctive insignia, medals, and decorations.

11–2. Instructor Uniforms

a. Army JROTC Instructors will wear Army uniforms IAW AR 670-1 and AR 145-2.

b. The authorized rank during all instruction and training is the retired rank or the pay grade for which Instructors are reimbursed. The key document used to determine the retired rank or pay grade is DD Form 214.

c. Authority. Army JROTC Instructors (including DAIs and their staffs, SAIs, AIs, and cost-shared MPSs) will wear the currently approved Army uniform with authorized insignia and rank at all times while performing JROTC duties and training and at other appropriate times as directed by CG, USACC. **Instructors will not wear the Cadet black jacket with a JROTC patch sewn on it or make any modifications that are not authorized by regulatory guidance**. The current Army Service Uniform (ASU) is the standard for the classroom and campus, and regardless of approved occasional deviations, will be the uniform worn the majority of the school year. Instructors may wear the Army Green Uniform (AGU) until its wear-out date of September 30 2015.

(1) Instructors are authorized to wear the Army PT uniform on days when Cadet Challenge or other physical training takes place (this uniform will be purchased at no expense to the government).

(2) An appropriate collared shirt (e.g. with the JROTC or school emblem) or coat and tie with dress pants may be worn on designated (by the principal) school spirit days (no more than one time per week).

(3) Under no circumstances will jeans or similar clothes be worn during the school day.

(4) Likewise, the Army Combat Uniform (ACU) is to be worn **only** on an exceptional basis for adventure training, Raider Challenge, Air Rifle training and competitions, and JCLC, but not on campus during the school day. An exception may be obtained for the wear of the ACU uniform for exceptional circumstances.

(5) All JROTC Instructors (including DAIs and their staffs, SAIs, AIs, and cost-shared MPSs) authorized to wear the Army uniform will wear the Class A or B uniform when accompanying Cadets to command-sponsored events (i.e., national and regional competitions, unless otherwise directed).

(6) The hosting organization establishes the uniform for competitions IAW paragraph 10-2 for Instructors and 10-4 for Cadets. The ACU will be worn during national and regional marksmanship safety training to include competitive events. Instructors who violate the uniform policy will be placed on probation.

(7) JROTC Instructors are authorized to wear the black Army beret.

d. Prohibited wear of uniforms. Wearing Army uniforms is prohibited in the following situations:

(1) In connection with the furtherance of any political or commercial interests.

(2) When engaged in off-duty civilian employment.

(3) When participating in public speeches, interviews, picket lines, marches, rallies, or public demonstrations, except as authorized by the CG, USACC.

(4) When attending any meeting or event that is a function of, or is sponsored by, an extremist organization.

(5) When wearing the uniform would bring discredit upon the U.S. and/or the Army.

(6) When specifically prohibited by Army regulations.

(7) During services not a part of JROTC duties for which payments or benefits are received that would tend to demean the uniform, the wearer, or JROTC.

(8) When performing environmental services.

(9) When selling tickets at events in violation of this regulation.

(10) JROTC Instructors are not authorized to wear maroon or tan berets or similar items as part of their uniforms while conducting JROTC duties. However, Instructors who upon retirement were branched as Special Forces (18 series MOS) are authorized to wear the Green Beret.

e. Distinctive unit insignia (DUI).

(1) JROTC Instructors will wear the Cadet Command shoulder sleeve insignia on the left sleeve of the AGU. Insignia of former wartime units may be worn on the right sleeve, IAW AR 670-1.

(2) School DUI insignia may be worn on the flash of the beret if the design has been approved by TIOH. When worn, it will be as prescribed in AR 670-1. USACC insignia will be worn if the school does not have an approved DUI insignia.

f. Instructors are authorized to wear the Army ACU instead of Class A/B Uniforms when actively engaged in conducting Cadet Challenge, and other activities not appropriate for the dress uniform.

g. JROTC Instructors are authorized to wear the full color US flag insignia on the ACU uniform. It will be worn 1/2 inch below the right shoulder seam of the uniform.

11–3. Cadet Uniforms

a. Authority. Each Cadet authorized to participate in JROTC may be furnished, at government expense, in-kind uniforms. The authority for issuing in-kind uniforms to Cadets is CTA 50–900. Schools that provide a Cadet-type uniform or desire to purchase issue-type uniforms from the Army or commercial sources may be authorized to do so in place of receiving Army-issued uniforms at no cost to the Government. The operating policies and procedures concerning the supply of issue uniforms to schools are outlined in AR 700-84.

b. Types of uniforms. This section outlines the basic policies on and types of uniforms authorized for JROTC Cadets. The Army JROTC Cadet uniform (the JROTC Army Service Uniform or ASU) and the ACU are authorized for wear by JROTC Cadets. Until the transition to ASUs is complete, JROTC Cadets are still authorized to wear the Army Green Uniform (AGU) until its wear-out date of October 2015.The Class A or B uniform is the standard for the classroom and campus. The ACU is to be worn only as an exception during adventure training, JCLC, or special team activities such as Raider Challenge events, but not on campus during the school day. Cadre may request to wear the ACU as an exception. The request must be signed by either the principal or superintendent and be sent through brigade to USACC.

(1). The JROTC Army Service Uniform (ASU) is the primary uniform for all Army JROTC units. The Army Service Uniform (ASU) for JROTC Cadets will be composed of an Enlisted Army Blue 450 Coat without stripes on the edge of the sleeves; Army Blue 451 Trousers without the yellow braid (males); Army Blue 451 Slacks (females) without the yellow braid; Army Blue 450 Skirt (females); a gray long sleeve or short sleeve Shirt; necktie; the Gray Beret (wool); and the authorized belt w/buckle, black dress shoes, and dress socks. This uniform is nearly identical to that issued to enlisted members of the Army Active Duty, Reserves, and National Guard, with the exception of the gray beret, gray shirt, trousers and slacks without stripes, and the wear of awards and decorations which is outlined in greater detail at Appendix 3. Components of the JROTC Army Service Uniform are:

(a) Coat. This refers to the enlisted coat with epaulet**.** The coat is a four-button, single-breasted coat with peak lapels, front and underarm darts, two-piece back with vent, two top-pleated patch pockets with flaps and two lower inside hanging pockets with flaps. The shoulder loops for the coat shall be buttoned down and have rounded edges at the edge nearest the collar. The inside of the coat shall be 3/8 lined with yoke back, fully lined sleeves, and one inside breast pocket. It is designed to fit slightly at the waist to conform to the individual's figure. For the JROTC uniform, no braids or stripes will be on the sleeves.

(b). Shirt (Short or Long Sleeve). The shirt shall be a dress style with a standup collar, collar stand and yoke. The collar shall contain collar stays. The shirt shall have two plain chest pockets with button through flaps. It shall also have a pen pocket inside the left breast pocket, approximately 1-1/4 inches wide, hemmed at the top and open at the bottom. The shirt shall have tapered shoulder loops and cuffs (Type I). Each shirt shall have permanent creases; three creases on the back and one on each front of shirt positioned in accordance with the marks on the pattern. The creases shall have a continuous appearance on the front through the shirt, front of each pocket and pocket flap. The shirt is available in both long and short sleeves. The long sleeve shirt has two button interlined cuffs

and is designed to be worn strictly with a tie. There is one extra button on the bottom front of shirt.

(c) Trouser. The men's trousers are a dress type with a sewn-on waistband with hook and eye closure, a French fly tab with slide fastener, straight-on seam side pockets, double cord hip pockets and cut back darts. The left hip pocket has a buttonhole tab and button. The inside of the waistband has a rubberized non-slip tape. The leg front and back creases are treated with a permanent silicone adhesive bead. They are designed to fit smoothly, but not tightly, around hips, seat, and waist, with a slight fullness for comfort. The rise is automatically built into the trousers and varies with different lengths.

(d) Skirt. The skirt is a dress type with a one-piece set-on waistband, a waistband extension piece on left side of waistband closure, a rubberized non-slip tape on inside of the waistband, a back-slide fastener, two front and two back darts, an on-seam waistband pocket on right front (with pocket opening on outside of skirt), and a back open pleat finishing right over left. The lining shall be a free hanging full lining, attached to the skirt at the waistband with a closed inverted pleat in the lining. It is designed to fit smoothly, but not tightly around hips, seat and waist, with a slight fullness for comfort.

(e) Slacks. The slacks for female Cadets are a dress type with a sewn-on two-piece waistband with centerback outlet for alterability, five (5) belt loops, a hook and eye waistband closure, two front and two back darts, a French fly with slide fastener, straight on seam pockets and straight legs. The inside of the waistband shall have a rubberized non-slip tape. The leg front and back creases are treated with a permanent silicone adhesive bead.

(f) Necktie/Neck Tab. The Necktie is a four-in-hand type for males and the Neck Tab for females.

(g) Belt w/ Buckle. Black web, 1-inch, with brass tip and brass buckle.

(h) Socks/Stockings. Black, dress (authorized only with the slacks). Stockings, sheer (authorized only with the skirt)

(i) Shoes. Oxford, black and black service pumps are authorized for females.

(j) Gray Beret. The beret is a one piece Gray knitted wool shell bound with leather and a draw cord through the binding. The beret has a Gold trim black center flash sewn onto the badge stay.

***(k)*. Instructions for wear of the ASU:** The wearing of the ASU will follow the standards/regulations outlined in AR 670-1and CCR 670-1. Detailed instructions for proper fit and wear of the ASU are at Enclosure 3**.**

(2) Army Green Uniform (AGU). This uniform is nearly identical to that issued to enlisted members of the Army Active, Reserves, and National Guard. JROTC units electing to wear the Army issue uniform must comply with the following guidelines.

(a) Uniform wear and display of ribbons and accouterments must comply with this regulation.

(b) Army issued uniforms must include insignia which distinguish them from standard active duty Active Army uniforms.

(c) Braids and stripes are not an authorized part of the uniform.

(3) Distinctive uniform. This uniform must be so distinctive in design and/or fabric that it cannot be confused with an Army uniform. Units electing to wear distinctive uniforms must request and receive approval from USACC for uniform design, style, and material.

c. The mix of civilian attire with the Army uniform, such as school jacket, sweater, etc, is not authorized at any time**.**

d. Institutions are encouraged to support drill teams, raider teams, air rifle marksmanship teams, drum and bugle corps, bands, color guards, and other appropriate integrated-curricular activity teams. Modification of the Army uniform for these activities is not authorized. However, special uniform accessories such as chrome helmets, and colored webbing are acceptable if obtained at no cost to the government.

11-4. Wear of the JROTC Uniform by Cadets

a. Cadets will wear Class A or B uniforms at least once a week.

(1) Class A Uniform. The Class A uniform is generally worn for inspections in the winter. The Class A uniform is also worn during ceremonies, social functions, and formal inspections. The tie or neck tab must be worn with this uniform and all buttons must be buttoned. Underneath the jacket, the Cadet will wear the AG 344 or the AG 415 shirts.

(2) Class B Uniform. The Class B uniform is generally worn for inspections in the summer months and in the late spring. The Class B uniform is always worn under the Class A uniform. You do not have to wear a tie or a neck tab with this

uniform unless it has long sleeves or with the Class A uniform coat. The placement of awards and ornamentation in the pocket areas is the same as on the Class A uniform.

b. Unless specifically authorized, uniforms will not be worn outside the United States and its territories. The local installation commander will establish guidelines for the wear of uniforms in the DODDS schools.

c. The DAI/SAI publishes guidelines for wearing the uniform in units. However, a DAI/SAI may not publish guidelines which counter this regulation or that support any activity other than those specifically related to JROTC. The following are considered appropriate occasions for Cadets to wear the Army uniform:

(1) Leadership laboratory.

(2) When visiting a military installation to participate in military drill or exercises.

(3) Military social functions.

(4) Parades and similar ceremonies.

d. JROTC Cadets are prohibited from wearing the ASU and AGU uniform in the following situations:

(1) In connection with the furtherance of any political or commercial interests, or when engaged in off-duty civilian employment.

(2) When participating in public speeches, interviews, picket lines, marches, rallies, or public demonstrations, except as authorized by the CG, USACC.

(3) When attending any meeting or event that is a function of, or is sponsored by, an extremist organization.

(4) When wearing the uniform would bring discredit upon the Army.

(5) When specifically prohibited by Army regulations.

(6) In connection with any activity that would be considered offensive for the JROTC Program.

e. Instructors who fail to inform Cadets of this regulatory guidance or permit Cadets to participate in such activities in uniform will be immediately probated

and/or decertified. Cadets who knowingly violate this regulation will be disenrolled from JROTC.

f. School administrators are not authorized to ask Instructors to authorize wear of the uniform when supporting any activity other than those specifically related to the JROTC Program.

g. The Army Green Uniform will continue to be in the JROTC inventory for the next few years. As mentioned in Para 3a above, the wear-out date for the Army Green Uniform is 30 September 2015.

h. LET 1 Cadets will continue to wear the Army Green Uniform (Class A and Class B) IAW current uniform regulations and policies. Senior ROTC programs have been authorized to assist in providing Army JROTC programs with the Army Green Uniform items during FY13 – FY15 to assist in meeting LET 1 Cadet uniform requirements. Coordination for this process should be executed within each brigade's area of operations.

i. The Army JROTC Black Jacket Windbreaker with JROTC emblem will continue to be a critical part of the JROTC inventory. Cadets are authorized to wear the windbreakers as necessitated by the weather. Although all Cadets are authorized to wear the jackets, LET 2 and LET 1 Cadets may wear the jacket as a replacement item for the ASU and Army Green coats. Brigades may only requisition the black windbreaker jackets IAW the allocation matrix.

j. Army JROTC Cadets are authorized to wear the ASU and Army Green Uniform at Army JROTC events and school classes and events. If Cadets are competing as a team, every member should be dressed the same, i.e. authorized ASU with the Gray Beret. **No other berets are authorized to be worn with the approved JROTC Cadet ASU.** At no time will the Army JROTC Uniform be modified for exhibition teams.

11-5. Uniform Appearance

a. Uniforms must present a neat and clean appearance. Loose strings will be cut from the uniform. No jewelry, watch chains, combs, checkbooks, pens, pencils or similar items will appear exposed on uniforms. The Army uniform will not be mixed with civilian clothing. Bulky items in pockets distract from the uniform. While in uniform, Cadets will not place their hands in their pockets except momentarily to place or retrieve items.

b. Headgear is part of the uniform. Cadets are required to wear the authorized gray berets while outdoors or when carrying air/drill rifles or a saber. The gray beret with a distinctive flash is the only beret authorized to be worn with all Cadet Class A/B Uniforms.

c. Cadets are approved to wear the following religious headgear with the JROTC uniform: turban, hijab and yarmulke. Headgear will be conservative and subdued in color (black, brown, green, dark or navy blue or a combination of these colors). The headgear cannot bear any writing, symbols or pictures. Cadets may wear approved religious headgear in place of military headgear (e.g., turban and hijab). Standard JROTC headgear will be worn when it can completely cover the religious headgear (e.g., yarmulke). Approved headgear are authorized for wear during all JROTC activities (i.e., drill team, color guard, parades, speaking engagements, etc) that do not pose a risk to the safety of the Cadet, Cadre or others. For example, a Cadet wearing religious headgear can be exempted from certain "Special Hazardous" Training events that may result in injury to the Cadet or support personnel such as obstacle courses / repelling etc. During mandatory "Special Hazardous" training events, religious headgear should be removed to prevent injury.

d. To ensure consistency across the JROTC program, exceptions to Cadet uniform policies will be forwarded to and approved by the Commander, USACC on a case-by-case basis. To ensure appropriate compliance with current laws and regulations, the Commander, USACC will forward recommendations for disapproval to the Army G-1 within 30 days of the initial request for final adjudication.

11-6. Personal Appearance. JROTC is a uniformed organization which is judged, in part, by how a Cadet wears a prescribed uniform and maintains his/her personal appearance. Therefore, a neat and well-groomed appearance by all Cadets is fundamental to JROTC and contributes to building the pride and esprit essential to an effective Corps of Cadets.

a. Hair Styles. Many hairstyles are acceptable, as long as they are neat and conservative. Hair will be neatly groomed. The length and bulk of hair will not be excessive or present a ragged, unkempt, or extreme appearance. Hair will not fall over the eyebrows or extend below the bottom edge of the collar. Lines or designs will not be cut into the hair or scalp. If dyes, tints, or bleaches are used, colors used must be natural to human hair and not present an extreme appearance. Applied hair colors which are prohibited include, but are not limited to, purple, blue, and pink, green, orange, bright (fire-engine) red, and fluorescent or neon colors. It is the responsibility of Instructors to use good judgment in determining if applied colors are acceptable, based upon the overall effect on Cadets' appearance.

(1) Males. Sideburns will be neatly trimmed. The base will not be flared and will be a clean-shaven, horizontal line. Sideburns will not extend below the lowest part of the exterior ear opening. The face will be clean-shaven, except for permitted mustaches. Males are not authorized to wear braids, cornrows, or

dreadlocks (unkempt, twisted, matted, individual parts of hair) while in uniform. Hair that is clipped closely or shaved to the scalp is authorized.

(2) Females. Hairstyles will not interfere with proper wearing of military headgear. Hair holding ornaments (barrettes, pins, clips), if used, must be transparent or similar in color to hair, and will be inconspicuously placed. Beads or similar ornamental items are not authorized. Females may wear braids and cornrows as long as the braided style is conservative and the braids and cornrows lie snugly on the head. Hair will not fall over the eyebrows or extend below the bottom edge of the collar at any time during normal activity or when standing in formation. Long hair that falls naturally below the bottom edge of the collar, to include braids, will be neatly and inconspicuously fastened or pinned, so that no free-hanging hair is visible.

b. Fingernails. Cadets will keep fingernails clean and neatly trimmed so as not to interfere with performance of duty. Females may wear polish that is not exaggerated, faddish, or of extreme coloring (such as purple, gold, blue or white) while in uniform. It is the responsibility of Instructors to use good judgment in determining if applied colors are acceptable, based upon the overall effect on Cadets' appearance.

c. Hygiene and Tattoos. Cadets are expected to maintain good hygiene while in uniform. Tattoos are authorized except in areas of the body which would cause the tattoo to be exposed while in Class A uniform. Tattoos or brands that are extremist, indecent, sexist, or racist are prohibited, regardless of location on the body, as they are prejudicial to good order and discipline within the unit, the school, and the community.

d. Religious wear.

(1) The term "religious apparel" is defined as articles of clothing worn as part of the observance of the religious faith practiced by the Cadet. Religious articles include, but are not limited to, medallions, small booklets, pictures, or copies of religious symbols or writing carried by the individual in wallets or pockets. Except as noted below, Cadets may not wear religious items if they do not meet the standards of this regulation. Requests for accommodation will not be entertained.

(2) Cadets may wear religious apparel, articles, or jewelry with the uniform, if they are neat, conservative, and discreet. "Neat, conservative, and discreet" is defined as meeting the uniform criteria of this regulation. In other words, when religious jewelry is worn, the uniform must meet the same standards of wear as if the religious jewelry were not worn. For example, a religious item worn on a chain may not be visible when worn with uniforms. The width of chains worn

with religious items should be approximately the same size as the width of the ID tag chain.

(3) Refer to 11-5c. Uniform Appearance for Religious Headgear

11-7. Purchase of Uniforms and Insignia

a. Eligible Cadets (not participating students) may wear the issue-type uniform while attending JROTC courses of instruction. These Cadet /students may be issued a uniform at government expense.

b. Schools hosting NDCC units will procure and maintain uniforms at no expense to the government.

c. The government purchases JROTC distinctive insignia and accouterments for issue to Cadets.

11-8. Authorized Uniforms and Insignia

a. The insignia and accouterments prescribed in this regulation will be worn on the issue-type uniforms.

b. Insignia other than that prescribed for wear with the issue-type uniform may be worn with the Cadet-type uniform at the discretion of the institutional officials. However, the distinctive JROTC shoulder sleeve insignia is mandatory only on the AGU. TIOH approves school distinctive insignia and accouterments.

11–9. Unauthorized Uniforms and Insignia The following are not authorized for wear with JROTC uniforms or by persons associated with JROTC:

a. Designs of medals, badges, ribbons, and shoulder cords which conflict with those authorized for wear by the federal or any foreign government.

b. Insignia consisting of the letters “U.S.”

c. Badges or insignia, other than JROTC Marksmanship qualification badges, which resemble badges of other services.

d. Oak leaf clusters, palms, stars, or similar items that resemble federal designs.

e. JROTC Cadets are not authorized to wear similar colors of the following Total Army units: Special Forces (green); Ranger (tan); Airborne (maroon); and other Soldiers (black) berets. The wear of the above berets is reserved exclusively for units of the Total Army. **The gray beret is the only one authorized for wear with the JROTC ASU or AGU.**

f. Cadets are not authorized to wear the full color US flag insignia.

11-10. Cap Insignia The JROTC cap insignia for the garrison cap is a wreath 1 3/16 inches in height containing the letters “ROTC” on a panel inside the wreath, with gold color metal. The cap is worn centered on the garrison cap left curtain, 1 inch from the front crease.

11-11. Corps and Collar Insignia The JROTC corps insignia is the Torch of Knowledge (from the Statue of Liberty), radiant with a raised rim on a disc, 5/8 inch diameter, of gold-colored metal. The corps insignia will be worn by all participants on Class A and Cadet-type uniforms, and by all participants except Cadet officers on Class B uniforms.

a. Placement of insignia on Class A uniforms for Cadet Officers.

(1) Male Cadet Officers: the JROTC insignia (letters) will be worn 5/8 inch above the notch on both collars with the center line of the insignia bisecting the notch and parallel to the inside edge of the lapel. The Corps insignia should be positioned so that the center line of the insignia bisects the center line of the ROTC insignia and is parallel to the inside edge of the lapel.

(2) Female Cadet Officer: the JROTC insignia will be worn centered on both collars 5/8 inch up from the collar and lapel seam with the centered line of the insignia parallel to the inside edge of the lapel. The Corps insignia will be worn on both lapels 1 ¼ inches below the JROTC insignia, with the insignia bisecting the JROTC insignia and parallel to the inside edge of the lapel.

b. Placement of insignia on Class A uniforms for enlisted Cadets: The Corps insignia (discs) are worn centered on both lapels of the coat, parallel to the inside edge of each lapel, and placed so the bottom angle is 1 inch above the notch on the male and 5/8 inch above the female lapel.

c. How worn on Class B and ACU.

(1) Class B by Cadet Officers: the collar insignia (letters) are worn on the left collar of the outer garment shirt when insignia of grade is worn on the right collar. Grade and collar insignia are centered between the inside and outside edge of the collar and one inch above the lower edge of the collar, with the centerline of the insignia parallel to the lower edge of the collar, bottom of the insignia to the outside. When insignia of grade (shoulder marks) are worn on shoulder epaulets, no insignia is worn on the shirt collar.

(2) Class B uniform for all other Cadets, Corps insignia (discs) are not worn on Class B when pin-on insignia of grade are worn on shirt collars or shoulder marks are worn on shoulder epaulets.

(3) ACU by all Cadets: no Corps collar insignia on ACU.

11-12. Insignia of Grade for Cadet Officers

a. Description. The insignia for Cadet Officers consists of silver (white) color on black background, cloth epaulet sleeve with lozenges and discs. The sleeve is 4 inches in length for males and 3 inches in length for females. Cadets may wear disc insignia at the discretion of JROTC Instructors.

b. Grade insignia will be indicated on the shoulder epaulet sleeve as follows.

(1) Cadet Colonel: three lozenges.

(2) Cadet Lieutenant Colonel: two lozenges.

(3) Cadet Major: one lozenge.

(4) Cadet Captain: three discs.

(5) Cadet First Lieutenant: two discs.

(6) Cadet Second Lieutenant: one disc.

c. How worn.

(1) Grade insignia are worn on both shoulder epaulets of the ASU jacket, AG 344, and the Army Shade 415 gray-green shirt.

(2) Pin-on grade insignia are worn only on the epaulets of the ASU jacket and AG344. Multiple-disc grades are worn vertically on the ACU coat 5/8 inch from the outside shoulder seam.

(3) When wearing grade disc insignia, the disc will be centered between the bottom of the button hole and the top of the shoulder seam of the garment.

(4) Shoulder mark grade insignia are authorized for wear only on the Army Shade 415 gray-green shirt.

(5) Shoulder marks are worn by all personnel in the rank of corporal and above on the shoulder loops of the AG 415 shirt.

(6) On the ACU: embroidered grade is centered on the hook and loop-face pad of the ACU coat. Multiple-disc grades are worn vertically on the ASU jacket.

11-13. Insignia of Grade for Cadet Noncommissioned Officers and Enlisted Members

a. Description: insignia are of silver (white) color on black background, cloth shoulder epaulet sleeve with chevrons, bars, and diamond, star or star within wreath, indicating noncommissioned officer grades. The shoulder epaulet sleeve is four inches long for males and three inches long for females.

b. Grades will be indicated on the shoulder epaulet sleeve as follows.

(1) Cadet Sergeant Major: three chevrons above three bars with a star within a wreath between the chevrons and bars.

(2) Cadet Staff Sergeant Major: three chevrons above three bars with a star between the chevrons and bars.

(3) Cadet First Sergeant: three chevrons above three bars with a diamond between the chevrons and bars.

(4) Cadet Master Sergeant: three chevrons above three bars.

(5) Cadet Sergeant First Class: three chevrons above two bars.

(6) Cadet Staff Sergeant: three chevrons above one bar.

(7) Cadet Sergeant: three chevrons.

(8) Cadet Corporal: two chevrons.

(9) Cadet Private First Class: one chevron above one bar.

(10) Cadet Private: one chevron.

(11) Cadet Basic: no insignia of grade.

c. How worn: Pin-on grade insignia are worn only on the epaulets of the ASU jacket and AG344. Multiple-disc grades are worn vertically on the ACU coat 5/8 inch from the outside shoulder seam. On the ACU, the embroidered grade is centered on the front hook and loop-face pad of the ACU coat, with chevrons pointed up.

11–14. JROTC and School Shoulder Sleeve Insignia

a. The JROTC shoulder sleeve insignia.

(1) Description: the shoulder sleeve insignia (Patch) is a rectangular device 3 5/8 inches in height and 2 1/2 inches in width, consisting of a gray center edged with a 1/8 inch scarlet border at the top and bottom. This patch has a yellow olive wreath in the vertical center by a yellow flaming torch. Above the center is a white horizontal scroll inscribed "U.S. Army" and below the center is a white scroll inscribed "JROTC" all in scarlet letters 5/16 inch in height. The entire patch is within a 1/8 inch scarlet border. JROTC subdued shoulder sleeve insignia is worn on the ACU uniform jacket.

(2) How worn: it is worn on the upper part of the outer half of the left sleeve of only the AGU coat and ACU uniform jacket. The top of the insignia will be worn 1/2 inch below the top of the shoulder seam.

(3) JROTC subdued shoulder sleeve insignia. The subdued shoulder sleeve insignia will be worn when wearing the ACU.

b. School shoulder sleeve insignia may be procured at government expense.

(1) Description: approved designs that have been submitted to and approved by TIOH, USA.

(2) How worn: on right sleeve in the corresponding position to the shoulder sleeve of the AGU coat and ACU. The top of the insignia will be worn 1/2 inch below the top of the shoulder seam.

11–15. Academic Achievement Wreath: Cadets with at least a B average in all subjects and an A average in JROTC are authorized to wear the Academic Achievement Wreath and receive the Academic Achievement, (N-1-3) ribbon. It will be worn on the issue or Cadet-type uniform only during the academic term following the term when the Cadet earned it.

a. Description. This insignia is a gold colored metal wreath 7/8 inch high.

b. How worn. It is worn centered immediately above the right breast pocket on the coat or shirt when worn as an outer garment. If the MU/HU/HUD insignia is worn, the wreath will be pinned so that the star will be worn with the wreath.

c. Subsequent awards. Receipts of subsequent awards are indicated by the appropriate color Lamp Accoutrement affixed to the Academic Achievement, (N-1-3).

11–16. Merit Unit, Honor Unit, and Honor Unit with Distinction

a. Description.

(1) Merit Unit insignia; a five-pointed star of white enamel on gold-colored metal, 9/16 inches wide.

(2) Honor Unit insignia; a five-pointed star of blue enamel on gold-colored metal, 9/16 inches wide.

(3) Honor Unit with Distinction insignia; a five-pointed star of yellow enamel on gold-colored metal, 9/16 inch wide.

b. How worn. These insignia are worn centered 1/4 inch above the right breast pocket on the male Army coat and 1/4 inch above the nameplate on the female Army coat. One point of the star is up on the coat or on the shirt when it is worn as an outer garment.

11-17. Placement of Nameplate and Distinguish Unit Insignia Nameplates must conform to the description below and will be worn on issue uniforms.

a. Description. Nameplates will indicate the last name only and will be 1 by 3 inches (may be longer in case of lengthy names) with white block type lettering 1/4 to 3/8 inch high on a jet-black background. (It may have a white edge or border not exceeding 1/32 inch in width).

b. How worn on male Class A uniform.

(1) The male name plate will be worn on the flap of the right breast pocket. The name plate will be vertically centered between the top of the button and the top of the pocket. Center the name plate horizontally above the button. The pocket area on the Class B uniform is the same as the pocket area on the Class A uniform.

(2) The MU/HU/HUD insignia is worn centered and 1/4 inch above the right pocket. It can be worn by itself or with the Academic Achievement Wreath, in which case the star is still positioned 1/4 inch above the seam. The distinguished unit insignia will be worn centered on the pocket and centered vertically from the bottom of the pocket flap to the bottom seam of the pocket.

(3) Ribbons are placed 1/8 inch from the top of the pocket. Medals of any kind are to be worn centered on the pocket flap 1/8 inch from the top of the pocket seam.

c. How worn on female Class A uniform.

(1) The nameplate should be placed 1 to 2 inches above the top button of the coat and centered horizontally on the wearer's right side. The nameplate will be worn in a comparable position on the Class B uniform.

(2) The MU/HU/HUD insignia should be centered on the plate 1/4 inch above it. It can be worn by itself or joined by the Academic Achievement Wreath, in which case the star is still positioned 1/4 inch above the nameplate. A ruler or straight edge is a valuable tool when placing these items on the uniform.

(3) Ribbons are to be aligned to the top of the first button spaced 1/8 inch between each row. Badges and medals are placed 1/8 inch below the ribbons.

11-18. Nametape The JROTC nametape will be:

a. Woven tape of olive green cloth, one inch wide, with the inscription "JROTC" in black block letters 3/4 inch high.

b. The nametape is worn immediately above, and parallel to the top edge of the left breast pocket of temperate, hot-weather, ACU coat; ACU field jackets; and on organizational clothing when required and prescribed by the commander issuing the organizational clothing.

11–19. Optional Items Distinctive Unit Insignia (DUI), shoulder cords, shoulder sleeve insignia (unit patches), and color trimmings described in this paragraph are optional items.

a. These items may be procured (subject to funding availability) at government expense for schools electing to prescribe their wear or by individuals who are voluntary members of authorized JROTC military organizations. DUI, shoulder cords, shoulder sleeve insignia, and color trimmings will be worn only after specific design, materials, and quality associated with their manufacture have been approved by TIOH.

b. School officials may prescribe the wear of approved DUI. Procurement will be as stated in paragraph (a) above.

c. Insignia of national or local military honor societies, at the option of the SAI, may:

(1) Be substituted for school insignia and worn in accordance with paragraph (b) above.

(2) Approved DUIs will be worn 1/4 inch above the right coat pocket on the male uniform and 1/4 inch above the nameplate on the female uniform. When wearing the Academic Achievement Wreath in place of the DUI, the later will be

1/8 inch higher. All JROTC and school insignias will be worn on the left coat pocket in similar fashion.

d. DUI will not be worn on insignia of grade shoulder epaulet sleeves or on the ACU.

e. If worn on the Class B uniform, the DUI will be worn 1/4 inch above the right chest pocket or 1/8" above the unit rating insignia or academic wreath. The location is above the right chest pocket on the male and 1/8 inch above the nameplate on the female uniform in the same fashion.

f. Shoulder cords. Shoulder cords may be procured at Government expense (subject to funding availability). Solid, single color, or multi-colored shoulder cords may be designed and authorized to designate a host institution, unit, activity or Cadet position. Shoulder cords must be approved by USACC. No more than one cord may be worn on each shoulder. Shoulder cords will be worn only by Cadets who are authorized to wear them.

(1) Shoulder cords will be used to designate participation in integrated-curricular activities including but not limited to:

(a) Color guard: white (Cable #65005).

(b) Drill activity: red (Cable #65006).

(c) Musical activity: blue (Cable #70147).

(d) Marksmanship activity: tan (Cable #65015).

(e) Honor organizations, such as national and local honor societies: gold (Cable #70157).

(f) Orienteering activity: green (Cable #70063).

(g) Adventure-type activity: black (Cable #65018).

(h) Honor guard: orange (Cable #65004).

(i) JLAB: Cable pending

(2) Shoulder cords will be awarded only to an established team, squad, or other group members, not Cadets participating in training.

(3) The above cords may be designated for other purposes at the discretion of the DAI/SAI if a cord is not needed for the designated activity.

g. Color trimming made of discs of suitable material, when approved for wear, may be worn beneath Corps insignia. The disc will not exceed a diameter of 1 1/4 inches.

h. Special JROTC team pins (arcs) designating various JROTC teams may be worn on the right chest pocket with DAI/SAI approval. If team pins are worn, place the DUI 1/8 inch above the MU/HU/HUD insignia or Academic Achievement Wreath. Team pins approved for wear are color guard, flag detail, drill team, JROTC bands, drum and bugle, academic, rifle team, honor guard, Cadet Challenge, raider team, JCLC, orienteering, and physical training excellence.

The JROTC Army Green Uniform (AGU)

The Army Combat Uniform

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WEAR OF THE ACU COAT / TROUSERS

- The coat is worn hook and looped, and zipped.
- The coat has hook and loop fasteners for wearing shoulder sleeve insignia, rank, JROTC patch, and school name tape.
- The mandarin collar will be normally worn in the down position.
- Cadets are authorized to wear the mandarin collar in the up position when weather conditions dictate the wear as prescribed by the SAI / AI.
- The coat is normally worn outside the trousers, and the trousers are worn with a belt. The coat may also be worn inside the trousers when directed by the SAI / AI. The coat will not extend below the top of the cargo pocket on the trousers and will not be higher than the bottom of the side pocket on the trousers.
- The elbow pouch with hook and loop closure for internal elbow pad inserts must be closed at all times.
- Sleeves will be worn down at all times, and not rolled or cuffed.
- The moisture wicking tan t-shirt or cotton t-shirt is worn underneath the coat and is tucked inside the trousers at all times.
- Cadets will wear the trousers tucked into the top of the boots or bloused using the drawstrings at the bottom of the trousers. When bloused, the trousers should not extend below the third eyelet from the top of the boot.
- The ACU is meant to fit loosely and comfortably. Alterations to hinder this are not authorized.
- Cadets will wear the ACU in accordance with CCR 145-2.
- Cadets will not wrap the trouser leg around the leg tightly enough to present a pegged appearance or insert any items inside the trouser leg to create a round appearance at the bottom of the trouser leg.

WEAR OF THE ACU HEADGEAR

- The ACU Patrol Cap will be the only headgear worn with the uniform.
- Cadets will wear the ACU Patrol Cap straight on the head so that the cap band creates a straight line around the head, parallel to the ground.
- The Patrol Cap will fit snugly and comfortably around the largest part of the head without distortion or excessive gaps. The cap is worn so that no hair is visible on the forehead beneath the cap. Sew-on or pin-on rank is worn on the ACU Patrol Cap.
- It is recommended that name tags be allowed on the back of the Patrol Cap.

WEAR OF THE DESERT / OPTIONAL BOOTS

- Black boots are NOT authorized for wear with the ACU.
- Army Combat Boots (hot-weather or temperate-weather) are made of tan, rough side out, cattle hide leather, with a plain toe and tan rubber outsoles.
- The boots are laced diagonally with tan laces, with excess lace tucked into the top of the boot under the bloused trousers, or wrapped around the top side of the boot.
- Only boots with tan rubber outsoles are authorized for wear.

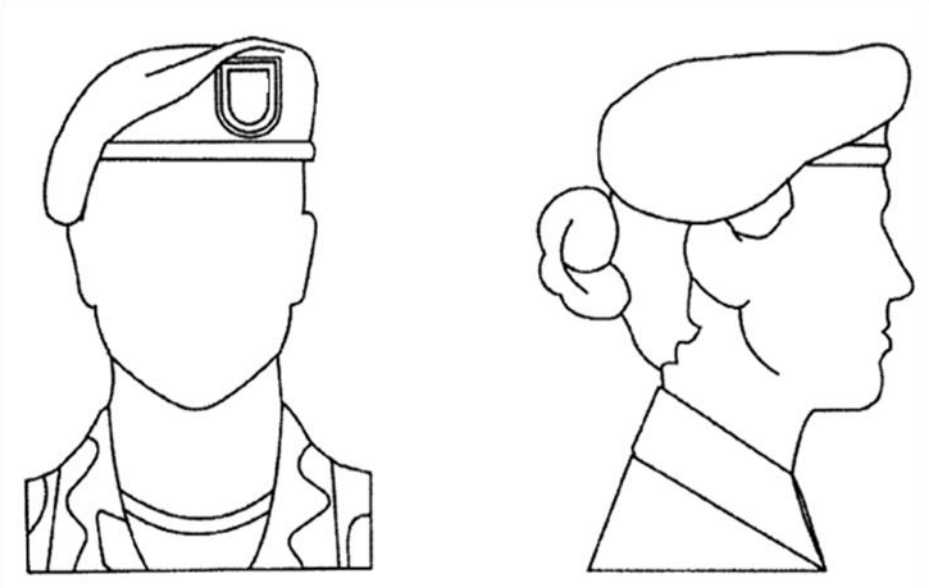
THE ACU CARE POLICY

- Wash in cold water and mild detergent, containing no optical brighteners or bleach. Tumble dry at low heat (not to exceed 130 degrees Fahrenheit).
- Remove immediately from the dryer or fold flat or place on a rustproof hanger to ensure heat from the dryer does not set wrinkles.
- To drip dry, remove from the washer/water and place on a rustproof hanger. Do not wring or twist.

NOTE: DO NOT STARCH THE ARMY COMBAT UNIFORM UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. THE USE OF STARCH, SIZING, AND ANY PROCESS THAT INVOLVES DRY-CLEANING OR A STEAM PRESS WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT THE TREATMENTS AND DURABILITY OF THE UNIFORM, AND IS NOT AUTHORIZED.

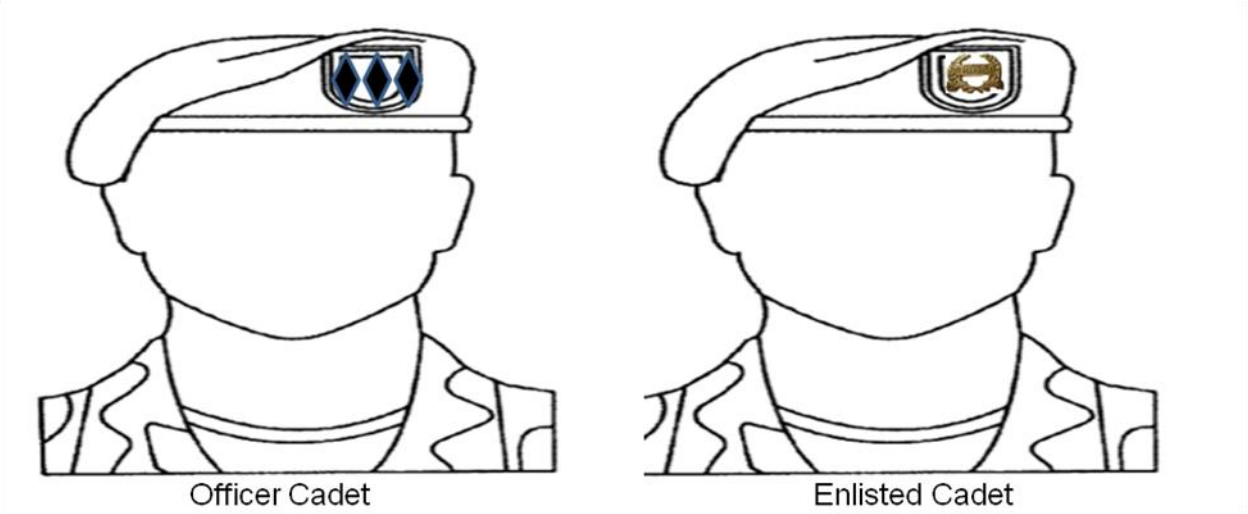
ACU MILPER MESSAGE, AMENDMENT TO AR 670-1

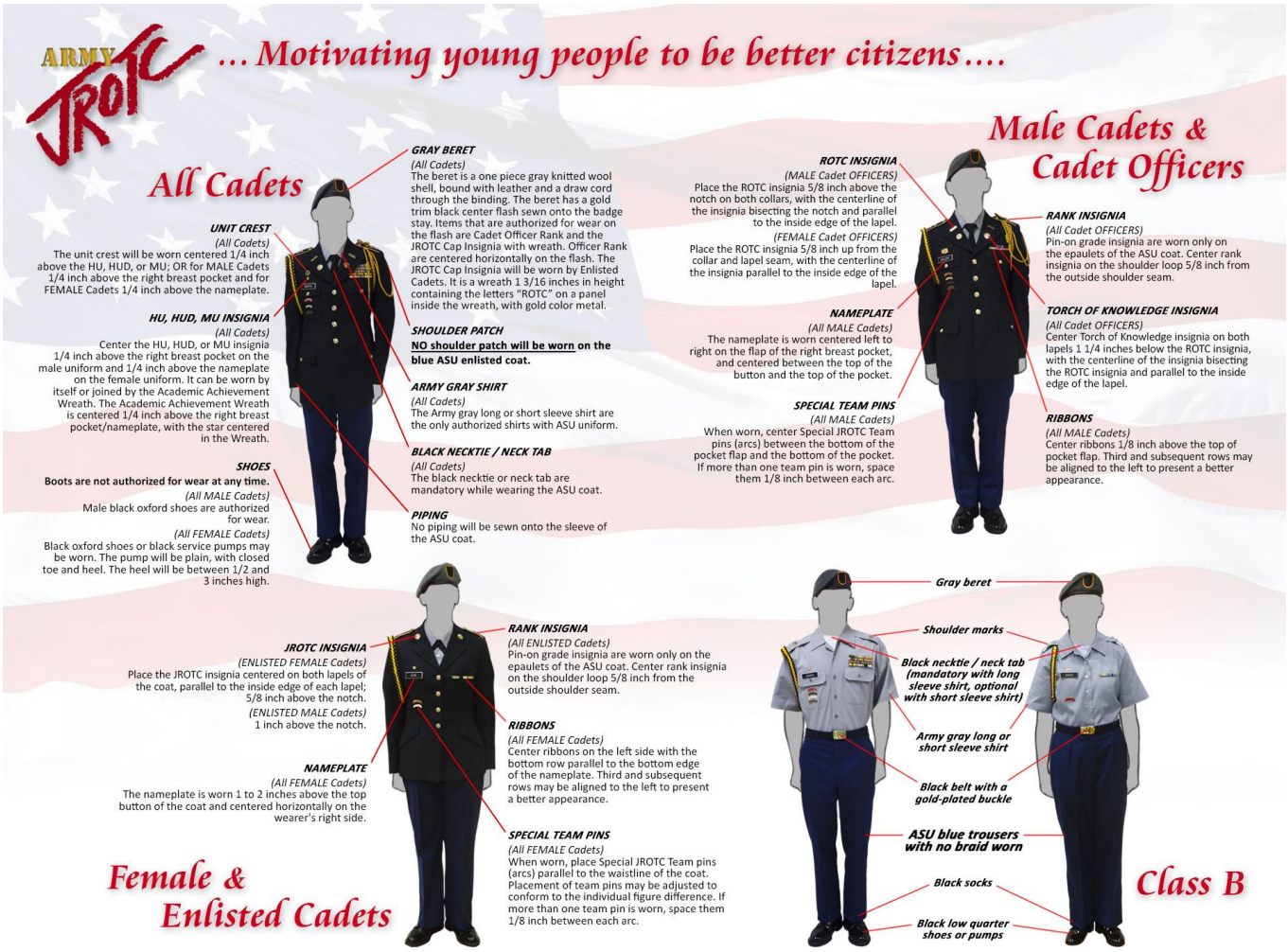
Gray Beret



Wear. The beret is worn so that the headband (edge binding) is straight across the forehead, 1 inch above the eyebrows. The flash is positioned over the left eye, and the excess material is draped over to the right ear, extending to at least the top of the ear, and no lower than the middle of the ear. Personnel will cut off the ends of the adjusting ribbon and secure the ribbon knot inside the edge binding at the back of the beret. When worn properly, the beret is formed to the shape of the head; therefore, cadets may not wear hairstyles that cause distortion of the beret.

Gray Beret



Gray Beret. The beret is a one piece Gray knitted wool shell bound with leather and a draw cord through the binding. The beret has a Gold trim black center flash sewn onto the badge stay. Items that are authorized for wear on the flash are Cadet Officer Rank and the JROTC cap insignia with wreath. Officer Rank will be centered left to right. The JROTC cap insignia will be worn by Enlisted Cadet. It is a wreath 1 3/16 inches in height containing the letters 'ROTC' on a panel inside the wreath, with gold color metal.

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