



**AFROTC 850TH CADET WING
UNIVERSITY OF UTAH**

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MEMORANDUM FOR 850TH AFROTC CADET WING

FROM: AFROTC DET 850/CC

SUBJECT: 850th AFROTC Cadet Wing Uniform Policy

1. This document outlines the uniform policy implemented at the 850th AFROTC Cadet Wing by Lt Col Trek C. Potter, Detachment Commander. This adds Detachment 850-specific uniform requirements to the existing Air Force regulations outlined in [DAFI 36-2903](#) or [DAFI 36-2903 AFROTCSUP](#). This policy does not override these overarching regulations which should ultimately be followed if any contradictions are found herein.

2. Duty Uniform

a. The Operational Combat Pattern (OCP) Duty Uniform is issued by the NCO's with the help of the Uniform Officer (RF/UO). Cadets are eligible to be issued OCP's when the following criteria has been satisfied: (1) after being Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DoDMERB) qualified as well as (2) earning a "passing" grade on the Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA). If active cadets complete one academic year in AFROTC Detachment 850 and pass the official PFA, they are eligible to be issued OCP's without the aforementioned clause of DoDMERB qualification. As soon as they are eligible to be issued uniforms, cadets should contact the RF/UO (no later than two weeks). Cadets must wear OCPs in their Field Training Prep Spring semester.

b. Before cadets are issued their Duty Uniform, the Interim Uniform is worn. This uniform consists of a Detachment 850 morale T-Shirt, jeans, conservative colored athletic shoes or boots, black socks, and a black belt. If Detachment 850 morale T-Shirts are not available at the time, a black T-Shirt with minimal logos will be worn in its place. The Detachment 850 morale T-Shirt or supplemental T-Shirt must be tucked into the jeans. Jeans must be a conservative color of blue, must not be torn, ripped, adorned or embroidered, and must fit properly. Jeans must end at or near the tops of the shoes, and will not be cuffed. For males, the left edge of the belt buckle should be aligned with the zipper of the jeans. For females, the right edge of the belt buckle should be aligned with the zipper of the jeans. Shoes are not required to have laces, but all laces must be tucked inside of the shoe in a neat fashion. All items of the Interim Uniform must be clean and presentable whenever the uniform is worn. Optional, authorized cold weather gear includes: black jacket with minimal logos, black beanie, and black gloves. The Detachment 850 morale T-Shirt is available for purchase from the Cadet Uniform Officer (RF/UO). If cadets are financially unable to purchase the Detachment 850 morale T-Shirt or other Interim Uniform items, they should reach out to the RF/UO to submit a request for Interim Uniform items to be paid for with MSG/cadet sourced funds. Cadets wearing the Interim Uniform may not mix and match uniform items with non-uniform items.

c. Uniform Adjustments - POC cadets are authorized to roll their sleeves in the Duty Uniform. Ball caps are authorized for wear with the Duty Uniform, IAW [DAFI 36-2903](#). Ball Caps will be worn with the POC rank displayed on the front of the cap. POC are authorized to wear sunglasses IAW [DAFI 36-2903](#). Ball caps and sunglasses are not issued items, and will be procured at the cadets expense. During Reveille and Retreat, all sunglasses must be removed. GMC cadets are not authorized to roll sleeves, wear

ball caps or wear sunglasses. GMC recovering from LASIK or other vision correction procedures may be authorized by the Cadet Wing Commander on a case-by-case basis to wear sunglasses.

d. Badges - Cadets who have attended a Professional Development Training (PDT) or Officer Development Training (ODT) at the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) are authorized, but not required, to wear such badges on their Duty Uniform. Such badges are outlined in [AFCWI-36-3501](#), Figure 6.20. The parachutist badge earned from the AM-490 course at USAFA is the only badge that will be available for wear once on active duty. Thus, cadets who decide to get the other earned badges sewn onto their duty uniform must do so on a pair of OCP uniform/flight suit name patch that is not owned by AFROTC Detachment 850. Upon commissioning, USAFA PDT/ODT badges become ineligible for wear. Purchase and application of the badge are at the cadet's own expense. Prior enlisted cadets are authorized to wear occupational badges IAW [DAFI 36-2903](#).

3. Dress Uniform

a. The Dress Uniform is issued by the NCO's with the help of the RF/VO. Cadets are eligible to be issued the Dress Uniform when the following criteria has been satisfied: (1) the cadet is in the AS200 class level or above, (2) the cadet has passed the official PFA, and (3) the cadet is DoDMERB qualified (EXCEPTION: Cadets who participate on the Detachment 850 Honor Guard Team may be issued the dress uniform to participate). As soon as they are eligible to be issued uniforms, cadets should contact the RF/VO (no later than two weeks).

b. Interim Uniform - Before cadets are issued their Service Dress Uniform, the Interim Service Dress Uniform is worn. This uniform consists of a blue Detachment 850 polo, white undershirt/t-shirt, khaki pants, black dress shoes, black socks, and a black belt. If Detachment 850 polos are not available at the time, a dark blue colored polo with minimal logos will be worn in its place. Khaki pants will be conservatively colored, will not be torn, ripped, adorned or embroidered, and must fit properly. Pants must end at or near the tops of the shoes, and will not be cuffed. The Detachment 850 polo or supplemental polo must be tucked into the pants. For males, the left edge of the belt buckle should be aligned with the zipper of the pants. For females, the right edge of the belt buckle should be aligned with the zipper of the pants. Shoes are not required to have laces, but all laces must be tucked inside the shoes in a neat fashion. All items of the Interim Service Dress Uniform must be clean and presentable whenever the uniform is worn. Optional, authorized cold weather gear includes: a black jacket with minimal logos, a black beanie, and black gloves. Earned badges will not be worn on this uniform. The Detachment 850 polo is available for purchase from the Cadet Uniform Officer (RF/VO). If cadets are financially unable to purchase the Detachment 850 polo or other Interim Uniform items, they should reach out to the RF/VO to submit a request for Interim Uniform items to be paid for with MSG/cadet sourced funds. Cadets wearing the Interim Uniform may not mix and match uniform items with non-uniform items.

c. Badges - Cadets who have attended a PDT at the USAFA are authorized, but not required, to wear such badges as outlined in para 2.d on their Service Dress and Short Sleeve Blues uniform. All regulations forementioned there apply to wearing the USAFA PDT Badges on the Dress Uniforms. Prior enlisted cadets are authorized to wear occupational badges IAW [DAFI 36-2903](#).

4. Physical Training Gear (PTG)

a. AFROTC Detachment 850 Physical Training Gear is issued by the NCO's with the help of the RF/VO. Cadets are eligible to be issued PTG's after earning a passing grade on the official PFA. As soon as they are eligible to be issued uniforms, cadets should contact the RF/VO (no later than two weeks).

b. Interim Physical Training Gear - The Interim Physical Training Gear consists of a gray shirt with minimal logos, black shorts, black or white socks, athletic shoes, and a full water bottle. The shirt will be tucked into the shorts. The laces of shoes will be tucked in if applicable. Optional, authorized cold weather items include: black sweatpants, black sweatshirt, black gloves, or black beanie. While in the Interim PTG uniform, all grooming and wear standards as outlined in [DAFI 36-2903](#) apply. This uniform is not issued by Detachment 850. If cadets are financially unable to purchase Interim Physical Training Gear they should reach out to the RF/VO to submit a request for Interim Uniform items to be paid for with MSG/cadet sourced funds

c. Letterman Jacket - The AFROTC Detachment 850 Letterman Jacket is authorized for wear in place of the standard PTG jacket. The Letterman Jacket is gifted to cadets that are contracted for completion of a qualifying achievement. The achievements that grant access to the Letterman Jacket are: scoring a max FA, getting a 4.0 GPA, completing 25 hours of Detachment sponsored service events, or exceptional leadership as determined by Detachment 850 Cadre. Cadets need to achieve the earning criteria once to earn and wear the Letterman Jacket for the rest of their time at AFROTC Detachment 850. The Letterman Jackets are purchased using Detachment funds and are not charged to the cadet.

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