

#### **8-4. Cadet Wear of the JROTC Uniform**

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 long or short sleeve gray shirt. All Cadets may wear a white crewneck T-shirt underneath the Class A Shirt and a pair of black dress socks with the Class A uniform. Female Cadets may wear appropriate undergarments under the gray shirt if they deem it necessary when wearing the Class “A” uniform.

(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 jacket. Cadets 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. All Cadets will wear a white crewneck T-shirt underneath the Class B Shirt and a pair of black dress socks with the Class B uniform. Female Cadets may wear appropriate undergarments under the gray shirt if they deem it necessary when wearing the Class “B” uniform.

(3) Cadet Dress Uniform: This is an optional uniform, generally worn for military balls or formal events. The Cadet Dress Uniform consists of the C/ASU with the plain white shirt with oxford collar worn in place of the gray shirt. The black bow tie is worn in lieu of the black tie for males. Females will wear the neck tab. The white shirt and black bowtie will not be purchased with government funds. Headgear is not worn for formal events.

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 DoDEA schools.

c. The DAI/SAI establishes guidelines for wearing the uniform. However, a DAI/SAI may not establish guidelines that counter this regulation or that support any activity other than those specifically related to JROTC. The following are considered appropriate occasions 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.
- (5) Competitive events.
- (6) Prom or other school approved events.

d. JROTC Cadets are prohibited from wearing the Army 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.

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 dis-enrolled from JROTC.

f. School administrators may not authorize or ask instructors to authorize wear of the uniform when supporting any activity other than those specifically related to the JROTC Program.

g. Army JROTC Cadets are authorized to wear the C/ASU 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 C/ASU with the gray beret. No other berets are authorized to be worn with the approved JROTC C/ASU. At no time will the Army JROTC Uniforms be altered (i.e. sewing or cutting the uniform so that it changes the original design) for exhibition teams.

h. Exhibition drill is non-regulation precision drill performed as part of a drill competition, or for entertainment purposes (i.e. pep rally or community performances), and which maintains a military decorum. The Cadet uniform may be modified (i.e. school color shirt with C/ASU trousers or school color helmets or berets) for exhibition drill as long as it maintains a military type appearance. If organizational berets are worn, they must comply with this regulation. No part of the Army Camouflage Uniform is authorized as part of an exhibition drill uniform. However, special uniform accessories such as chrome helmets, and anything not listed above for exhibition drill only are acceptable if obtained at no cost to the government.

i. Color Guards will wear the C/ASU or Army Camouflage Uniform to include the gray beret. Exception for gray beret will be the chrome helmet. Chrome helmet must be one solid color, may be natural silver color or school color (only one school color may be used). Color Guards may wear the following accessories: belts, spats, ascots, and gloves.

j. Decisions on how to treat students regarding their gender identity is the responsibility of the school district. For example, If the school district identifies you as a male student, you are only authorized to wear the authorized male Cadet uniforms. School officials, parents, and Cadets must agree that the Cadet will maintain the appropriate grooming standards for their gender, and that other than for privacy issues, will be treated according to their gender identity. As a participating student, there is no requirement to wear the Army JROTC uniform. For schools without policy, USACC recommends defaulting to the male Cadet uniform as a gender-neutral option.