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Summary. This regulation provides command policy and procedural guidance for the standardization and execution of the wear and appearance of Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) uniforms and insignia. It outlines USACC policies and procedures and other administrative instructions regarding the wear and appearance of uniforms.

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USACC Regulation 670-1 U.S. Army Cadet Command Uniform Wear and Appearance

 This regulation provides guidance to U.S. Army Cadet Command Cadets regarding the wear and appearance of their uniforms not addressed in Army Regulation 670-1.

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Chapter 1 - Introduction

- **1-1. Purpose.** This regulation provides guidance and procedures for the wear of Cadet uniforms and insignia. It specifies the basic policies concerning the SROTC and JROTC uniform and distinctive insignia for wear on the uniform. AR 670-1 prescribes the policies concerning Army uniforms and insignia. AR-600-8-22 and USACC Regulation 672-5-1 prescribe the policies concerning the wear of decorations and awards. These regulations should be consulted for general policies on subjects not found in this regulation. Personnel subject to similar regulations of other military departments will, while associated with the ROTC program, also conform to Army Regulations.
- **1-2. References.** Required publications are listed in Appendix A.
- **1-3. Explanation of Terms.** Please reference Section I (also referenced in the Right Site (RS) Glossary).
- **1-4. Responsibilities.** The Professor of Military Science (PMS) and Senior Military Instructor (SMI) will be responsible for the ROTC uniform —
- a. Ensure the uniform and items worn on the uniform comply with provisions in this regulation.
 - b. Ensure that the Cadet wears only authorized items on the uniform.
- c. Ensure items are properly worn and are of authorized color, arrangement, size, and description.

The Cadet is responsible for conservation of uniform clothing as prescribed in AR 700-84, Paragraph 9-3.

Chapter 2 - Senior ROTC Program, The Cadet Uniform

2-1. General

Each Cadet or Alien student authorized to participate in the Advanced Courses may be furnished a Cadet-type uniform as determined by the Commander, U.S. Army Cadet Command. Educational institutions which provide Cadet-type uniforms or desire to purchase issue type uniforms from Army or commercial sources may be authorized to draw commutation in lieu of issue of government uniforms. Current policy restricts payment of commutation to institutions hosting Corps of Cadets and qualifying for special rate of commutation as explained in AR 145-1, Paragraph 4-2.

a. ROTC Students. ROTC students are individuals that attend the ROTC program classes offered as part of the course of military instruction that has been adopted by the institution as part of its curriculum. There are two types of ROTC students:

- b. Auditing Students. Auditing students attend an ROTC class, subject to the approval of the instructor, but do not receive a grade in the class, do not receive credit for taking the class, are not formally enrolled in the ROTC program and pursuant to the participating institution's policy, may or may not be registered in the class.
- c. Participating Students. Participating students attend an ROTC class, are registered in the class, receive a grade in the class that is reflected on their student transcript, and receive credit for having taken the class, but are not formally enrolled in the ROTC program.
- (1) Cadets and Midshipmen. Cadets and midshipmen are participating students that have formally enrolled with a Military Service as members of the ROTC program. There are three types of cadets and midshipmen:
- (a) Designated Applicant or Non-Contract Cadets and Midshipmen. Designated applicant *or* non-contract cadets and midshipmen are allowed to wear a Service uniform, attend physical training events, attend basic program summer training, and participate in local exercises and other miscellaneous training events. They have not signed a military contract and have no obligation for active or Reserve duty service.
- (b) Contract Cadets and Midshipmen. Contract Cadets and midshipmen have signed a contract with a Military Service, incurring a military service obligation or an obligation to reimburse the United States for educational costs. They are allowed to wear a Service uniform, attend physical training events, participate in local exercises and other miscellaneous training events, attend basic program summer training, and attend advanced training and, if offered a commission, will be commissioned as an officer in the Military Service concerned on completion of the program.
- (c) Foreign Student Program Cadets and Midshipmen. IAW Sections 2111b and 2103 of Title 10, U.S.C., Foreign Student Program Cadets and Midshipmen are allowed to wear a Service uniform, attend physical training events, participate in local exercises and other miscellaneous training events, attend basic program summer training, and attend advanced training. They do not sign a contract with a Military Service, do not incur an active duty service obligation (ADSO), and cannot be commissioned as an officer in any of the Military Services. Participation does not constitute any form of Military Service.
- (2) An alien student may voluntarily enroll in the basic course or attend basic camp and may participate in the advanced course. The army does not actively recruit nonimmigrant aliens for ROTC.
- (a) Nonimmigrant: An alien who has been granted the right by the USCIS to reside temporarily in the United States.

- (b) Immigrant: An alien who has been granted the right by the USCIS to reside permanently in the United States.
- (3) The operating policies and procedures concerning the supply of issue uniforms to institutions are set forth in AR 700-84, chapters 9 and 10.
- (4) At the discretion of the Brigade Commander, uniforms (Cadet and issue type) purchased with commutation funds may become the property of the Cadet once commissioned, except in the case of alien students whose uniforms will be retained by the detachment. Cadet-type uniforms may, at the discretion of the Brigade Commander, become the property of the Cadet who is not commissioned; however, settlement and reimbursement to the Government will be IAW AR 700-84.
- (5) Uniform items issued to the detachment (issue type) are the property of the Government and may not be given to the Cadet. If the Cadet wishes to retain the issued uniform, it may be purchased IAW procedures outlined in AR 700-84, paragraph 9-10.
- (6) The Patrol Cap, Beret, and Service Cap are the only headgear authorized for wear by Cadets (CTA 50-900). It will be worn IAW DA PAM 670-1, dated 25 May 2017.
- (7) The boots are laced diagonally with coyote laces, with the excess lace tucked into the top of the boot under the bloused trousers or wrapped around the top of the boot. Personnel will keep shoes and coyote boots cleaned.

2-2. Uniforms Authorized.

The following uniforms are authorized for wear by ROTC Cadets. The Army Service Uniform (ASU).

- a. Cadet-type uniform. Detachments authorized commutation in lieu of uniform may adopt a military uniform of any type or color they desire, provided there is no conflict with any provision of law or regulation.
- b. Issue type uniform. The issue type uniform is identical to that issued to the enlisted personnel of the U.S. Army, or so similar in design and fabric that one cannot be distinguished from the other. The CTA 50-900 furnishes basis of issue and AR 700-84 prescribes the procedure for requisitioning.
- c. The regulation button prescribed for the uniform of Army personnel in AR 670-1 will be worn on the issue type ROTC uniform. The Corps of Engineers button is not authorized.
 - d. Issue type uniforms worn by ROTC Cadets will include distinctive unit insignia.

- e. The Operational Camouflage Pattern (OCP) field uniforms will have as a minimum a U.S. Army tape, nametape, unit patch and a U.S. Flag. All ROTC Cadets are authorized to wear to OCP until otherwise directed by the Commander, U.S. Army Cadet Command.
- f. No braid or stripes of any color will be worn on the coat or trousers of the Class A or ASU Uniform when worn as an ROTC uniform. During the George C. Marshall Seminar Cadets will wear the authorized issued ASU. The chin strap of the service cap will be black.

2-3. Wearing of the Uniform.

- a. The Army ROTC issue uniform will not be worn outside of the Continental United States (CONUS) and its possessions, except by specific authority.
- b. ROTC Cadets may wear the issue uniform within CONUS and its possessions when:
 - (1) Assembling for the purpose of military instruction.
 - (2) Engaging in the military instruction of a Cadet Corps or similar organization.
 - (3) Traveling to and from the institution in which enrolled.
 - (4) Visiting a military station for participation in military drills or exercises.
- (5) Attending other functions as authorized by the Brigade Commander for such mixing military with civilian attire is not authorized.
- (6) OCPs may only be worn on duty when prescribed by the Professor of Military Science (PMS). These uniforms are issued as utility, field, or training uniforms and are not intended to be worn as all-purpose uniforms when other uniforms are more appropriate. For exceptions to this policy, see AR 670-1, Paragraph 2-6c.
- (7) The United States Army is the most trusted organization to the American public. To keep the dedicated efforts of our Cadets visible to the American public, the OCP uniform is authorized for wear during commercial travel in CONUS. Commanders and leaders will ensure Cadets present a professional appearance and reflect positively on the Army at all times.

2-4. Wearing of Headgear.

- a. Patrol cap.
- (1) General. The patrol cap is standard headgear worn with the combat uniform in the garrison environment. The patrol cap has a visor, circular top crown, side crown

with an outside crown band, and a hook-and-loop pad on the back of the patrol cap (see figure below).



Figure 2-1. Patrol Cap wear

(2) Wear. Personnel wear the 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 bulging or distortion from the intended shape of the headgear and without excessive gaps. No rolling of, blocking, or alterations to the cap are authorized. The cap is worn so that no hair is visible on the forehead beneath the cap. The nametape will be worn centered on the hook-and-loop pads on the back of the patrol cap. Subdued pin-on or sew-on grade insignia, is worn centered on the front of the headgear left to right, and top to bottom. Cadets may sew on the nametape and/or grade insignia as an option. Hook-and-loop fasteners for the nametape may be left on or removed when sewing it on to the patrol cap. If Cadets choose to sew on the name tape or grade insignia, it will be at their own expense.

b. Beret. The black beret is not the standard headgear for wear with the combat uniform. However, PMS may authorize the wear of the black beret for special events such as parades, authorized school functions or as directed.

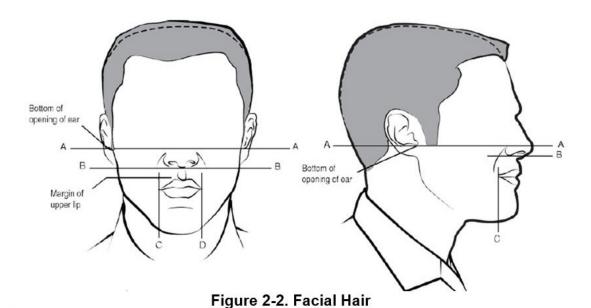
2-5. Hair, Cosmetic, Fingernail, Hygiene/Grooming, and Tattoo Policies (Male/Female)

a. Hair.

- (1) General. The requirement for hair grooming standards is necessary to maintain uniformity within a military population. Many hairstyles are acceptable, as long as they are neat and conservative. Therefore, it is the responsibility of leaders at all levels to exercise good judgment in the enforcement of Army policy. All Cadets will comply with the hair, fingernail, and grooming policies while in any military uniform or while in civilian clothes on duty.
- (2) Leaders will judge the appropriateness of a particular hairstyle by the guidance in this chapter and by the ability to wear all types of headgear (such as beret, patrol cap, or service cap/hat) and any protective equipment (such as protective mask or combat helmet) properly. Hairstyles (including bulk and length of hair) that do not allow Cadets to wear any headgear properly, or that interfere with the proper wear of any protective equipment, are prohibited. Headgear will fit snugly and comfortably, without bulging or distortion from the intended shape of the headgear and without excessive gaps between the headgear and the head. Hairstyles that pose a health or safety hazard are not authorized.
- (3) Extreme, eccentric, or faddish haircuts or hairstyles are not authorized. If Cadets use dyes, tints, or bleaches, they must choose a natural hair color. Colors that detract from a professional military appearance are prohibited. Therefore, Cadets must avoid using colors that result in an extreme appearance. Applied hair colors that are prohibited include, but are not limited to, purple, blue, pink, green, orange, bright (fireengine) red, and fluorescent or neon colors. It is the responsibility of leaders to use good judgment in determining if applied colors are acceptable, based upon the over-all effect on a Cadet's appearance.
- (4) Cadets who have a texture of hair that does not part naturally may cut a part into the hair. The part will be one straight line, not slanted or curved, and will fall in the area where the Cadet would normally part the hair. Cadets will not shape or cut designs into their hair or scalp.
- b. Male haircuts. The hair on top of the head must be neatly groomed. The length and bulk of the hair may not be excessive and must present a neat and conservative appearance. The hair must present a tapered appearance. A tapered appearance is one where the outline of the Cadet's hair conforms to the shape of the head, curving inward to the natural termination point at the base of the neck. When hair is combed, it will not fall over the ears or eyebrows. It will not touch the collar, except for the closely

cut hair at the back of the neck. The block-cut fullness in the back is permitted to a moderate degree, as long as the tapered look is maintained. Males are not authorized to wear braids, cornrows, twists, dreadlocks, or locks while in uniform or in civilian clothes on duty. Hair that is clipped closely or shaved to the scalp is authorized. Haircuts with a single, untapered patch of hair on the top of the head (not consistent with natural hair loss) are considered eccentric and are not authorized. Examples include, but are not limited to, when the head is shaved around a strip of hair down the center of the head (mohawk), around a u-shaped hair area (horseshoe), or around a patch of hair on the front top of the head (tear drop). Hair that is completely shaved or trimmed closely to the scalp is authorized.

- (1) Sideburns. Sideburns are hair grown in front of the ear and below the point where the top portion of the ear at-taches to the head. Sideburns will not extend below the bottom of the opening of the ear. Side-burns will not be styled to taper, flair, or come to a point. The length of the individual hairs of the sideburn will not exceed 1/8 inch when fully extended.
- (2) Facial hair. Males will keep their face clean-shaven when in uniform, or in civilian clothes on duty. Mustaches are permitted. If worn, males will keep mustaches neatly trimmed, tapered, and tidy. Mustaches will not present a chopped off or bushy appearance, and no portion of the mustache will cover the upper lip line, extend sideways beyond a vertical line drawn upward from the corners of the mouth, or extend above a parallel line at the lowest portion of the nose. Handlebar mustaches, goatees, and beards are not authorized. If appropriate medical authority allows beard growth, the maximum length authorized for medical treatment must be specific. For example, "The length of the beard cannot exceed 1/4 inch" (see TB Med 287). Cadets will keep the growth trimmed to the level specified by the appropriate medical authority, but are not authorized to shape the hair growth (examples include, but are not limited to, goatees, "Fu Manchu," or handlebar mustaches).



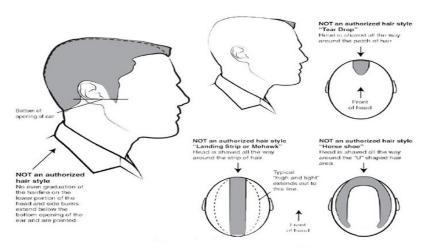


Figure 2-3. Prohibited Male Haircuts

- (3) Wigs and hairpieces. Males are prohibited from wearing wigs or hairpieces while in uniform or in civilian clothes on duty, except to cover natural baldness or physical disfiguration caused by an accident or medical procedure. When worn, wigs or hairpieces will conform to the standard haircut criteria as stated in within this regulation.
- c. Female haircuts and hairstyles. The illustrations (Figures 2-4 & 2-5) below are intended only to clarify language regarding authorized hair lengths and bulks. The requirements for hair regulations are to maintain uniformity within a military population for female Cadets while in uniform, or in civilian clothes on duty, unless otherwise specified. Female hairstyles may not be eccentric or faddish and will present a conservative, professional appearance. For the purpose of these regulations, female hairstyles are organized into three basic categories: short length, medium length, and long length hair. (See AR 670-1 for full descriptions).



Figure 2-4. Female Hairstyle

- (1) Additional hairstyle guidelines. Faddish and exaggerated styles, to include shaved portions of the scalp other than the neckline, designs cut in the hair, unsecured ponytails (except during physical training), and unbalanced or lop-sided hairstyles are prohibited. Hair will be styled so as not to interfere with the proper wear of all uniform headgear. All headgear will fit snugly and comfortably around the largest part of the head without bulging or distortion from the intended shape of the headgear and without excessive gaps. When headgear is worn, hair should not protrude at distinct angles from under the edges. Hairstyles that do not allow the headgear to be worn in this manner are prohibited. Examples of hairstyles considered to be faddish or exaggerated and thus not authorized for wear while in uniform or in civilian clothes on duty include, but are not limited to hair sculpting (eccentric texture or directional flow of any hairstyle to include spiking); buns with loose hair extending at the end; hair styles with severe angles or designs; and loose unsecured hair (not to include bangs) when medium and long hair are worn up.
- (2) Devices. Hair holding devices are authorized only for the purpose of securing the hair. Cadets will not place hair holding devices in the hair for decorative purposes. All hair holding devices must be plain and of a color as close to the Cadet's hair as is possible or clear. Authorized devices include, but are not limited to, small plain scrunchies (elastic hair bands covered with material), barrettes, combs, pins, clips, rubber bands, and hair/head bands. Such devices should conform to the natural shape of the head. Devices that are conspicuous, excessive, or decorative are prohibited. Some examples of prohibited devices include, but are not limited to: large, lacy scrunchies; beads, bows, or claw or alligator clips; clips, pins, or barrettes with butterflies, flowers, sparkles, gems, or scalloped edges; and bows made from hair-pieces. Foreign material (for example, beads and decorative items) will not be used in the hair. Cadets may not wear hairnets unless they are required for health or safety reasons, or in the performance of duties (such as those in a dining facility). No other type of hair covering is authorized in lieu of the hairnet. The Brigade Headquarters will provide the hairnet at no cost to the Cadet.
- (3) Braids, cornrows, twists, and locks. Medium and long hair may be styled with braids, cornrows, twists, or locks (see glossary for definitions). Each braid, cornrow, twist, or lock will be of uniform dimension, have a diameter no greater than 1/2 inch, and present a neat, professional, and well-groomed appearance. Each must have the same approximate size of spacing between the braids, cornrows, twists, or locks. Each hairstyle may be worn against the scalp or loose (free-hanging). When worn loose, such hairstyles must be worn per medium hair length guidelines or secured to the head in the same manner as described for medium or long length hair styles. Ends must be secured inconspicuously. When multiple loose braids, twists or locks are worn, they must encompass the whole head. When braids, cornrows, twists, or locks are not worn loosely and instead worn close to the scalp, they must stop at one consistent location of the head and must follow the natural direction of the hair when worn back, which is either in general straight lines following the shape of the head or flowing with the natural direction of the hair when worn back with one primary part in the hair. Hairstyles may

not be styled with designs, sharply curved lines, or zigzag lines. Only one distinctive style (braided, rolled, twisted, or locked) may be worn at one time. Braids, cornrows, twists, or locks that distinctly protrude (up or out) from the head are not authorized. The bulk of the hair may not be such that it impairs the ability to wear the advanced combat helmet (ACH) or other protective equipment or impedes the ability to operate one's assigned weapon, military equipment, or machinery. A fully serviceable ACH including all of its component parts must be worn IAW its technical manual to ensure a proper fit for safety.

- (4) Hair extensions. Hair extensions are authorized. Extensions must have the same general appearance as the individual's natural hair and otherwise conform to this regulation.
- (5) Wigs. Wigs, if worn in uniform or in civilian clothes on duty, must look natural and conform to this regulation. Wigs are not authorized to cover up unauthorized hairstyles.
- (6) Physical training. Long length hair, as defined in AR 670-1, may be worn in a single pony-tail during physical training. A single ponytail centered on the back of the head is authorized in physical fitness uniforms only when within the scope of physical training, except when considered a safety hazard. The ponytail is not required to be worn above the collar. When hair securing devices are worn, they will comply with the guidelines set in AR 670-1. Hairstyles otherwise authorized in this chapter (such as braids, twists, and locks) may also be worn in a ponytail during physical training.

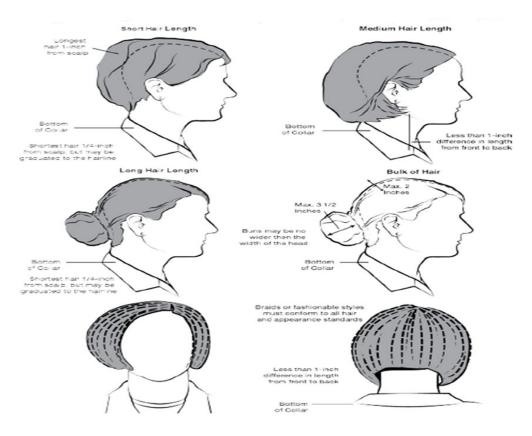


Figure 2-5. Female Hairstyles

d. Cosmetics.

- (1) Standards regarding cosmetics are necessary to maintain uniformity and to avoid an extreme or unprofessional appearance. Males are prohibited from wearing cosmetics, except when medically prescribed. Females are authorized to wear cosmetics with all uniforms, provided they are applied modestly and conservatively, and that they complement both the Cadet's complexion and the uniform. Leaders at all levels must exercise good judgment when interpreting and enforcing this policy.
- (2) Eccentric, exaggerated, or faddish cosmetic styles and colors, to include makeup designed to cover tattoos, are inappropriate with the uniform and are prohibited. Permanent makeup, such as eyebrow or eyeliner, is authorized as long as the makeup conforms to the standards outlined above. Eyelash extensions are not authorized unless medically prescribed.
- (3) Females will not wear shades of lipstick that distinctly contrast with the natural color of their lips, that detract from the uniform, or that are faddish, eccentric, or exaggerated.
 - (4) Females will comply with the cosmetics policy while in any military uniform.

- e. Fingernails. All personnel will keep fingernails clean and neatly trimmed. Males will keep nails trimmed so as not to extend beyond the fingertip unless medically required and are not authorized to wear nail polish. Females will not exceed a nail length of ¼ inch as measured from the tip of the finger. Females will trim nails shorter if the PMS determines that the longer length detracts from a professional appearance, presents a safety concern, or interferes with the performance of duties. Females may only wear clear polish when in uniform or while in civilian clothes on duty. Females may wear clear acrylic nails, provided they have a natural appearance and conform to Army standards.
- f. Hygiene and body grooming. Cadet will maintain good personal hygiene and grooming on a daily basis and wear the uniform so as not to detract from their overall military appearance.
- g. Tattoos, branding and body mutilation policy. Tattoos and brands are permanent markings that are difficult to reverse (in terms of financial cost, discomfort, and effectiveness of removal techniques). Before obtaining either a tattoo or a brand, Cadets should consider talking to unit leaders to ensure that they understand the Army tattoo and brand policy. The words tattoo and brand are interchange in regards to this policy. Tattoos or brands, regardless of subject matter, are prohibited on the head, face (except for permanent makeup), neck (anything above the t-shirt neckline to include on/inside the eyelids, mouth, and ears), (below the wrist bone), and hands, except Cadets may have one ring tattoo on each hand, below the joint of the bottom segment (portion closest to the palm) of the finger. 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 units. PMS (O–5 or above) will make determinations for ROTC Cadets, prior to contracting and prior to commissioning, that tattoos or brands comply with this policy. This authority will not be delegated further. (See AR 670-1, para 3-3 for further guidance.)

2-6. Jewelry

- a. Cadets may wear a wristwatch, a wrist identification bracelet, and two rings (a wedding set is considered one ring) with Army uniforms, unless prohibited by the PMS or SMSI for safety or health reasons. Any jewelry worn Cadets in uniform must be conservative and in good taste. Identification bracelets are limited to medical alert bracelets and MIA/POW identification bracelets. Cadets may wear only one item on each wrist.
- b. No jewelry, other than that described in paragraph (a) above, can appear exposed while in uniform, or in civilian clothes on duty. Pens and/or pencils worn in the pen/pencil slots on the combat uniform coat may be exposed. There are no stipulations on the colors of pens and/or pencils worn in the slots on the combat uniform coat while wearing the uniform. Watch chains or similar items cannot appear exposed. The only authorized exceptions are religious items described in paragraph (c) below; a

conservative tie tack or tie clasp which male Cadets may wear with the black four-inhand necktie and a pen or pencil that may appear exposed on OCPs.

- c. When on any Army installation or other place under Army control, Cadets may not attach, affix, or display objects, articles, jewelry, or ornamentation to or through the skin while they are in uniform, in civilian clothes on duty, or in civilian clothes off duty (this includes earrings for male Cadets). The only exception is for female Cadets, as indicated in Paragraph 2-5d, below. (The term "skin" is not confined to external skin, but includes the tongue, lips, inside the mouth, and other surfaces of the body not readily visible).
- d. Female Cadets are authorized to wear earrings with the Army Service Uniform (ASU) only. Earrings may be screw-on, clip-on, or post-type earrings in gold, silver, white pearl, or diamond. The earrings will not exceed 6 mm or 1/4 inch in diameter, and they must be unadorned and spherical. When worn, the earrings will fit snugly against the ear. Females may wear earrings only as a matched pair, with only one earring per ear lobe. Earrings will not be worn with the OCP or the Army Physical Fitness Uniform.
- e. When in civilian clothes on duty, female Cadets must comply with the specifications listed above, when wearing earrings, unless otherwise authorized by the Brigade Commander. Male Cadets may not wear earrings when in civilian clothes on duty.
- f. When male and female Cadets are not in uniform and off duty, earring wear is not restricted as long as the earrings do not create or support ear gauging (enlarged holes in the lobe of the ear, greater than 1.6mm).
- g. Ankle bracelets, necklaces (other than those described in Paragraph 2–7b), faddish (trendy) devices, medallions, amulets, and personal talismans or icons are not authorized for wear in any military uniform, or in civilian clothes on duty.
- h. The use of gold caps, platinum caps, or caps of any unnatural color or texture (permanent or removable) for purposes of dental ornamentation is prohibited. Teeth, whether natural, capped, or veneered, will not be decorated with designs, jewels, initials, or similar ornamentation when in uniform. Unnatural shaping of teeth for nonmedical reasons is strictly prohibited for contracted Cadets. The PMS or SMSI will make appropriate decisions in regards to uniformity and detraction from the uniform on all other status Cadets.

2-7. Eyeglasses, Sunglasses, and Contact Lenses

- a. Eyeglasses, sunglasses and contact lenses.
- (1) Conservative civilian prescription eyeglasses are authorized for wear with all uniforms.

- (2) Conservative prescription and nonprescription sunglasses are authorized for wear when in a garrison environment, except while indoors. Individuals who are required by medical authority to wear sunglasses for medical reasons other than refractive error may wear them, except when health or safety considerations apply. Cadets may wear sunglasses in the field environment, when required by the PMS for safety reasons or during high glare field environments. Safety glasses will be worn in all training environments as dictated by the PMS.
- (3) Eyeglasses or sunglasses that are trendy, or have lenses or frames with initials, designs, or other adornments are not authorized for wear. Cadets may not wear lenses with extreme or trendy colors, which include, but are not limited to, red, yellow, blue, purple, bright green, and orange. Lens colors must be traditional gray, brown or dark green shades. Personnel will not wear lenses or frames that are so large or small that they detract from the appearance of the uniform. Personnel will not attach chains, bands, or ribbons to eyeglasses. Eyeglass restraints (to include bands) are authorized only when required for safety purposes. Personnel will not hang eyeglasses or eyeglass cases on the uniform, and may not let glasses hang from eyeglass restraints down the front of the uniform. Glasses may not be worn on top of the head at any time.
- (4) Tinted or colored contact lenses are not authorized for wear with the uniform. The only exception is opaque lenses that are prescribed medically for eye injuries. Clear lenses that have designs on them that change the contour of the iris are not authorized for wear with the uniform. Contact lenses my restricted by the PMS for safety considerations.

2-8. Wearing of Religious Apparel, Articles and Jewelry

Note: As provided by AR 600–20, Para 5-6 (Accommodating religious practices) and subject to temporary revocation because of health, safety, or mission requirements, the following applies to the wear of religious apparel, articles, or jewelry.

- a. 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, and copies of religious symbols or writing carried by individuals in wallets or pockets. Except as noted below, personnel may not wear religious items if they do not meet the standards of this regulation (AR 600–20).
- b. Cadets may wear religious apparel, articles, or jewelry with the uniform, to include the physical fitness 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 the utility, service, dress, or mess uniforms. When worn with the physical fitness uniform, the item should be no more visible than identification (ID) tags would be when wearing the same uniform. The

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

- c. Cadets may not wear these items when doing so would interfere with the performance of their duties or present a safety concern.
- d. As provided by AR 670-1, Cadets may wear religious headgear while in uniform if the headgear meets the following criteria:
- (1) It must be subdued in color (black, brown, green, dark or navy blue, or a combination of these colors).
- (2) It must be of a style and size that can be completely covered by standard military headgear, and it cannot interfere with the proper wear or functioning of protective clothing or equipment.
 - (3) The headgear cannot bear any writing, symbols, or pictures.
- e. Personnel will not wear religious headgear in place of military headgear when military headgear is required (outdoors, or indoors when required for duties or ceremonies).

2-9. Religious Accommodations

Note. The following uniform and grooming standards apply only to Cadets with a religious accommodation request approved in accordance with AR 600–20 for one or more of the listed practices.

- a. Hijab (Head Scarf).
- (1) An accommodated Cadet may wear a hijab (head scarf) made of a subdued material in a color that closely resembles the assigned uniform (generally black, brown, green, tan, or navy blue as appropriate). The material will be free of designs or markings, except that a Cadet wearing the OCP-ACU may wear a hijab in a camouflage pattern matching the uniform. When directed by the Brigade Commander, the Cadet may be required to wear a hijab made of fire-resistant material.
- (2) The hijab will be worn in a neat and conservative manner that presents a professional and well-groomed appearance. The hijab must be closely fitted to the contours of the head and neck and may not cover the eyebrows, eyes, cheeks, nose, mouth, or chin. The bottom edges of the hijab will be tucked under the Cadet's uniform top and all required headgear will still be worn.
- (3) Hair underneath the hijab must be worn in a hairstyle authorized for the Cadet as described earlier. The bulk of the Cadet's hair and hijab may not impair the ability to wear required headgear, the Advanced Combat Helmet, or other protective equipment;

impede the ability to operate an assigned weapon, military equipment, or machinery; or interfere with the ability to perform the Cadet's military duties.



Figure 2-6. Wear of the Hijab

b. Beard.

- (1) Beards (which include facial and neck hair) must be maintained to a length not to exceed 2 inches when measured from the bottom of the chin. Beard hair longer than 2 inches must be rolled and/or tied to achieve the required length. Beards must be worn in a neat and conservative manner that presents a professional appearance. Cadets may use styling products to groom or hold the beard in place, but may not use petroleum-based products if wearing a protective mask during training. The bulk of a Cadet's beard may not impair the ability to operate an assigned weapon, military equipment, or machinery.
- (2) A mustache worn with a beard may extend sideways beyond the corners of the mouth to connect with the beard, but must be trimmed or groomed to not cover the upper lip.

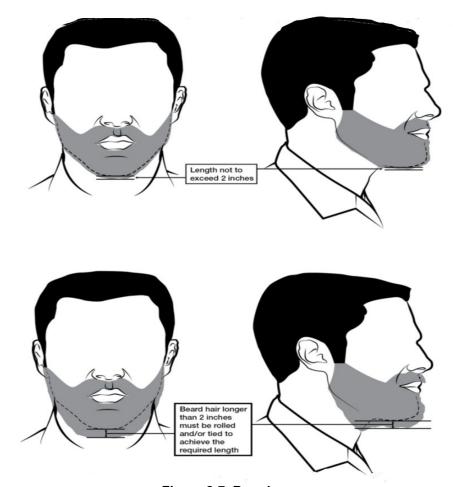


Figure 2-7. Beards

c. Turban and under-turban.

- (1) An accommodated Cadet may wear a turban (or under-turban or patka, as appropriate) made of a subdued material in a color that closely resembles the headgear for an assigned uniform. The PMS may designate conditions where the under-turban will be worn instead of the turban. The turban or under-turban will be worn in a neat and conservative manner that presents a professional and well-groomed appearance. The material will be free of designs or markings, except that a Cadet wearing the OCP-ACU may wear a turban or under-turban in a camouflage pattern matching the uniform.
- (2) Unless duties, position, or assignment require a Cadet to wear the Advanced Combat Helmet or other protective headgear, Cadets granted this accommodation are not required to wear military headgear in addition to the turban or under-turban. Rank will be displayed on the turban or under-turban when worn in circumstances where military headgear is customarily worn and removed in circumstances where military headgear is not customarily worn, such as indoors or in no-hat/no-salute designated areas.

(3) Hair worn under the turban or under-turban is not subject to AR 670–1 standards, but may not fall over the ears or eyebrows or touch the collar while in uniform. When the Soldier is wearing an Advanced Combat Helmet or other protective headgear with the under-turban, the bulk of the hair will be repositioned or adjusted to ensure proper fit.

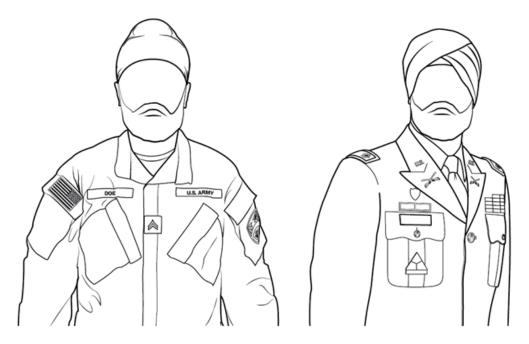


Figure 2-8. Turban or under-turban wear

2-10. Wearing of Identification (ID) Tags

- a. The wear of ID tags is governed by AR 600-8-14.
- (1) Cadets will wear ID tags at all times when in a field environment, while traveling in military and civilian aircraft, or when outside the continental United States.
- (2) Personnel will wear ID tags around the neck, except when safety considerations apply (such as during physical training).

2-11. Wearing of Personal Protective or Reflective Clothing

- a. Protective headgear. Cadets are authorized to wear commercially designed, protective headgear with the uniform when operating motorcycles, bicycles, or other like vehicles, and are required to do so when installation regulations mandate such wear. Personnel will remove protective headgear and don authorized Army headgear upon dismounting from the vehicle.
- b. Protective/reflective clothing. Cadets may wear protective/reflective outer garments with uniforms when safety considerations make it appropriate and when authorized by the commander.

Chapter 3 – Insignia, Ornamentation, and Decoration

3-1. General

- a. Only insignia and other appurtenances prescribed by this regulation, USACC Regulation 672-5-1, or approved by The Institute of Heraldry (TIH) are authorized for wear on the issue type uniform. Wearing of insignia on the uniform will be IAW this regulation and AR 670-1 (see Chapter 21 for female Cadets).
- b. The PMS should direct correspondence through the applicable HQs, to TIH, U.S. Army, Cadet Command, Commander ATTN: ATCC-ZA, Fort Knox, KY 40121, when requesting approval or information concerning distinctive insignia (including wearing of) or other uniform appurtenances. At least 90 days should be allowed for reply. Correspondence from TIH approving designs, insignia, and related items for wear on the ROTC uniform will be an item of interest in the Biennial Command Inspection.
- c. Insignia and other uniform accoutrements purchased by the institution or the Cadet must be purchased from sources, which sell items made IAW specifications. TIH will supply a list of certified manufacturers (AR 672-8).
- d. Prior service Active Duty awards will not be worn along with Cadet Awards. Cadets are authorized to wear either prior service Active Duty awards or Cadet Awards when participating in ROTC activities.
- e. The following are the only items authorized for wear on the ROTC uniform. They will be affixed for the OCP uniform. Nothing will be sewn on the ASU.
 - (1) Distinctive Cadet Command shoulder loops insignia pinned on ASU.
 - (2) Velcro Distinctive Cadet Command shoulder sleeve insignia (OCP).
 - (3) Distinctive institutional shoulder sleeve insignia (ASU).
 - (4) Velcro Distinctive institutional shoulder sleeve insignia (OCP).
 - (5) Velcro branch insignia (after branching) (OCP).
 - (6) Nameplate, tabs, and badges (ASU).
 - (7) Velcro or sewn nametape, U.S. Army tape, tabs, and badges (OCP).
 - (8) Velcro full color U.S. flag insignia.

- f. Insignia prescribed for wear with issue type uniforms may be worn with Cadet-type uniforms at the discretion of the Brigade Commander.
- g. The expense of maintaining decorations such as medals, badges, and ribbons will be borne by the Cadet.
- h. A distinctive shoulder sleeve and distinctive unit insignia (DUI) (metal and enamel type) will be designed by TIH upon request. Information about the battalion, including historical background, school colors, motto, mascot, and similar information must accompany the request. Brigades without institutional DUI will wear Cadet Command DUIs.

3-2. Unauthorized Items

- a. Awards, decorations, medals, badges, ribbons, patches, tabs, shoulder cords, insignia, and any other appurtenances not prescribed by this regulation. USACC Regulation 672-5-1 or approved by TIH are unauthorized for wear on the ROTC uniform. The following are examples of items not authorized for wear on the ROTC uniform:
- b. Medals, badges, ribbons, and shoulder cords; designs that conflict with those authorized for wear by the federal or foreign governments.
 - c. Badges or insignia similar to Army, Navy, and Air Force badges.
 - d. Oak leaf clusters, palms, stars, etc. similar to federal design.
- e. Cap insignia similar to the cap insignia of any Armed Forces, including trimming or ornamentation in gold on the visor.
 - f. State National Guard and Army Reserve awards/decorations.
- g. Headphones while in any uniform other than the APFU. Only authorized while conducting physical training inside gym facilities.

3-3. Cap Insignia and Ornamentation

ROTC cap insignia described in A and B below will be furnished at Government expense for wear by all Cadets on caps as specified.

- a. ROTC Insignia, Basic Course.
- b. Description. A wreath 1-3/8 inches in height, containing the letters ROTC on a panel inside the wreath, all metal in gold color.
 - c. How worn.

(1) On the service cap (Figure 3-1.), centered over the eyelet.



Figure 3-1 Cap insignia, Service Cap

(2) On the Beret (Figure 3-2.), 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.



Figure 3-2. Beret centered with rank/insignia in horizontal position.

- (3) On the Cadet-type cape, as prescribed by the institution.
- d. ROTC Insignia, Advanced Course.
- (1) Description. A gold-plated metal device, 2-1/4 inches in height and 2-5/8 inches in width, consisting of an eagle with wings displayed, bearing on its breast a shield charged with a rayed torch of knowledge, and standing on an open wreath formed of two branches of laurel, the tips of the branches extending and terminating under the wings, with ROTC arched between the wings above the eagle's head (Fig. 3-3).



Figure 3-3 Cap insignia, Service Cap

(2) Cap insignia is not worn on the Beret. Cadet Officer rank, insignia or DUI for enlisted Cadet will be worn as shown in Figures 3-4 and 3-5 below.

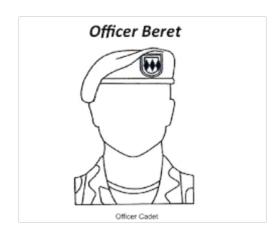


Figure 3-4. Cadet Officer Rank, Beret

Enlisted Beret

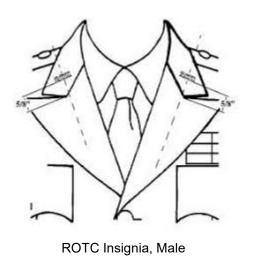


Fig 3-5. Cadet enlisted DUI, Beret

- (3) On the Cadet-type cap, if cap is similar in design to service cap.
- (4) Institutional cap insignia. Insignia will be procured without expense to the government, for wear by all Cadets on issue or Cadet-type caps.
 - (5) Description. A metal item of a design that has been approved by TIH.
 - (6) How worn. Same as described in 2(a) above.

3-4. ROTC and School Initials Collar Design

- a. ROTC initials. Insignia will be furnished at government expense for wear by Advanced Course Cadets on issue or Cadet-type uniforms. Insignia will not be worn if school initials described in below are worn.
- (1) Description. The letters ROTC, 3/8 inches in height in cutout form of metal in gold color.
- (2) How worn. Coat (Figure 3-6.) This insignia is worn by Advanced Course cadets centered on both lapels of the coat, parallel to the inside edge of each lapel. The lower edge of the insignia is positioned 1 inch above the notch of the lapel. (ASU). Females: ROTC letters worn on both collars, are lined horizontally, centered 1 inch from the lower edge of the collar and parallel to the floor



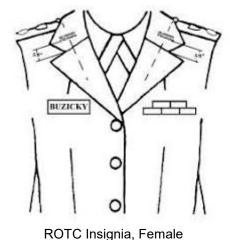


Figure 3-6. ROTC insignia on lapel, ASU

(3) Shirt (Fig. 3-7). ROTC insignia will not be worn on the Shirt (Class B uniform). Insignia of rank will be worn IAW AR 670-1.



Figure 3-7. ROTC insignia not worn on shirt

- (4) ASU Coat. ROTC insignia will only be worn in lieu of rank on the OCP by Cadets in the CTLT program. Insignia will be worn on ASUs centered on the lapel of the left collar, parallel to the inside edge of the lapel, the lower edge of the insignia 1 inch above the notch of the lapel. Insignia of rank will be worn IAW AR 670-1, by all other Cadets.
- (5) School initials. Insignia will be procured without expense to the government for wear by Advanced Course Cadets on all uniforms.
- (6) Description. Letters which comprise initials of the school will be 3/8 inch in height in cutout form of metal in gold color. Letters of school initials will be IAW the manufacturer's drawing prepared by TIH for the development of the school's initials.
- (7) How worn. As prescribed in Figure 3-7 above, when worn in lieu of the ROTC insignia.

3-5. Torch of Knowledge Collar Insignia

- a. Torch of Knowledge Collar Insignia. This insignia will be furnished at government expense for wear by Basic Course Cadets on issue or Cadet-type uniforms.
- (1) Description. The Torch of Knowledge radiant within a raised rim on a disk 1 inch in diameter of metal gold in color.
- (2) How worn. This insignia is worn by Basic Course cadets centered on both collars parallel to the inside edge of each lapel with the outside edge of the insignia positioned 1 inch above the notch of the lapel. (ASU) (Figures 3-8&9). Females: Centered on lapel, 1 inch from the lower edge of the collar and perpendicular to the floor.

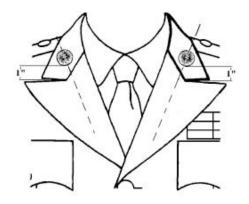




Figure 3-8 Torch of Knowledge (Male)

Figure 3-9 Torch of Knowledge (Female)

(3) On standing collar coat, centered on both ends of the collar with the outside edge of the insignia 1 inch from each end, or for Advance course Cadets, centered on the right side only if the insignia of branch is worn (Figure 3-10).

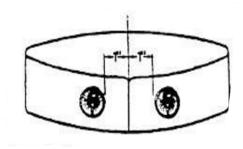


Figure 3-10 Torch of Knowledge on Standing Collar

(4) Centered on the collar with the outside edge of the insignia 1 inch from the bottom of the collar, or centered on the right collar only in branch material units (Figure 3-11). Torch of Knowledge insignia will not be worn on the shirt (Class B uniform). Insignia of rank will be worn IAW AR 670-1.

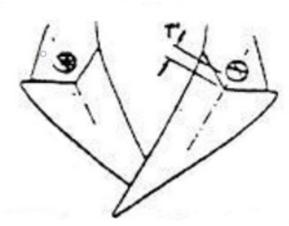


Figure 3-11 Torch of Knowledge insignia/branch insignia on collar (Basic Course Cadet)

- **3-6. Insignia of Branch.** Insignia of branch will be furnished at government expense for wear by Cadets on issue or Cadet-type uniforms. It will be worn as follows.
- a. Advanced Course Cadets. Second semester MSIV's may wear branch insignia centered on both lapels, 1 1/4 inches below the ROTC initials, with the insignia bisecting the ROTC initials and parallel to the inside edge of the lapel. IAW AR 670-1. Branch insignia is not authorized on Class B shirts.
 - b. Basic Course Cadets. Do not have an affiliated branch.

3-7. Cadet Command Insignia.

- a. Cadet Command Insignia. Cadet Command shoulder sleeve insignia will be worn on the left sleeve by all personnel IAW AR 670-1. The IR or subdued flag insignia may only be worn in a tactical environment. The U.S. flag insignia will be procured at Cadet Command expense. Combat Service Identification Badge (CSIB) will be worn when available in place of the SSI-FWTS on the ASU. The CSIB will be worn center on the wearer's right breast pocket of the ASU coat for male Cadets; female Cadets will wear the CSIB on the right side parallel to the waistline on the ASU coat. (Figure 3-12a) Wear of the CSIB is not authorized for wear on the Class B shirt.
- b. SSI-FWTS, institutional shoulder sleeve insignia or CSIB will be procured at no expense to the government for wear by Cadets on issue type uniforms. Exceptions to the above are military institutions which require Cadet-type uniforms for everyday wear.
 - (1) Description. Designs, which have been approved by TIH.
- (2) How worn. The Cadet Command SSI-FWTS is worn centered on the right breast pocket for males or right side centered for females on the Army Service Uniform.
- (3) The Cadet Command sleeve insignia is worn centered on the hook and loop-faced pad already provided on the left sleeve of the OCP coat (Fig. 3-12b).





Figure 3-12a CSIB worn on male and female ASU IAW AR 670-1



Figure 3-12b Cadet Command and Institutional shoulder sleeve insignia

(4) Either a SSI-FWTS, or institutional sleeve insignia (Figure 3-12c) is worn centered on the hook and loop-faced pad already provided on the right sleeve of the OCP coat.



Figure 3-12c SSI-FWTS and U.S. flag insignia

(5) Full color U.S. flag insignia is worn on the right sleeve centered on the right sleeve pocket flap (Figure 3-12c).

3-8. Distinctive Unit Insignia (DUI)

- a. Distinctive Unit Insignia. DUI will be worn by Cadre and Cadets. Institutional DUI, which have been approved by the TIH, will be worn. If the institution does not have an approved DUI by the TIH, the Cadet Command DUI will be worn.
- b. Cadets will wear the DUI on the ASU coat, centered on the shoulder loops an equal distance from the outside shoulder seam to the outside edge of the button, with the base of the insignia toward the outside shoulder seam.
- c. Cadets are not authorized to wear the DUI on the Army Service uniform (worn with white shirt and necktie/neck tab). Officers wear the DUI centered on the shoulder loops, an equal distance from the inside edge of their grade insignia to the outside edge of the button, with the base of the insignia toward the outside shoulder seam.





Figure 3-13a Officer and Enlisted DUI worn on shoulder loops of ASU

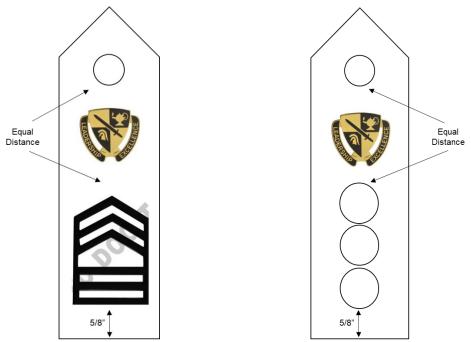


Figure 3-13b, Enlisted and Officer DUI worn on shoulder loops of Class A Uniform

- (1) Description. Design must be approved by TIH.
- (2) How worn (Figures 3-13 a&b). Centered on the shoulder loops of the coat or midway between the insignia of grade and the outer edge of the button. Cadet Noncommissioned officers will wear the distinctive insignia centered on the chevrons.
- (3) On standing collar uniform (Figure 3-14), 3/4 inch in the rear of the prescribed branch insignia.

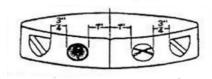


Figure 3-14 Institutional Distictive Unit Insignia, standing collar

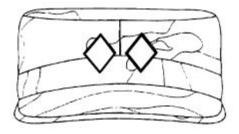
- (4) Enlisted: Distinctive unit insignia worn on the Beret, and ASU centered on shoulder loops. Wear of DUI on the Class B Uniform shirt and ASU shirt is 1/4 inches above nameplate.
- (5) Officers: Distinctive unit insignia will not be worn on the Beret. Wear of the DUI centered on the shoulder loops of the ASU. On the Class B shirt and ASU shirt, DUI is worn 1/4 inches above nameplate.
- **3-9.** Insignia of Grade for Cadet Officers. Only the metal insignia described below is authorized. It will be furnished at government expense for wear by all Cadets on issue or Cadet-type uniforms.
- a. Description. The insignia of grade for Cadet Field grade officers consists of flat lozenges, 3/4 inch wide by 1-1/4 inches long, and insignia for Cadet Company grade officers consists of flat disks, 3/4 inch in diameter.
- b. All Cadet Officer insignia will be of silver metal, except that silver cloth insignia may be worn in lieu of the metal insignia at class military college and class military junior college institutions where distinctive Cadet-Type uniforms are worn. Insignia of grade worn on OCPs will be locally purchased or manufactured. The embroidered rank insignia is 2 inches high and 1-3/4 inches wide, hook and looped and worn centered on the front hook and loop-face pad of the OCP coat. The background of the rank insignia can be the universal digital pattern. The rank insignia background will match the background of the name and U.S. Army tapes. (see Figure 3-15a)
 - (1) Officer grades will be limited to the grades specified below:
 - (a) Cadet Colonel. Three lozenges.

- (b) Cadet Lieutenant Colonel. Two lozenges.
- (c) Cadet Major. One lozenge.
- (d) Cadet Captain. Three discs.
- (e) Cadet First Lieutenant. Two disks.
- (f) Cadet Second Lieutenant. One disc.
- c. How worn. On both shoulder loops of the coat, sweater, and windbreaker.
- d. Wear of Cadet officer grade insignia on the Class B uniforms and OCPs will be IAW AR 670-1.



Figure 3-15a Cadet Officer rank

- e. Wear of Cadet Officer rank with multiple lozenges or discs will be worn vertically on the OCP hook and loop face pad.
- f. Wear of Cadet Officer rank with multiple lozenges or discs will be worn horizontally and centered on the patrol cap. (Figure 3-15b)



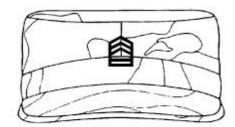


Figure 3-15b Cadet Officer/Noncommissioned Officer rank on Patrol Cap

- g. Cloth shoulder boards, with embroidered Cadet rank, are authorized to wear on the black sweater and Class B uniform shirt for officer and enlisted Cadets.
- **3-10. Insignia of Grade for Cadet Noncommissioned Officers.** Insignia will be furnished at government expense for wear by Cadet Noncommissioned Officers on issue or Cadet-type uniforms.
- a. Description. Insignia are a gold color, metal pin-on with chevrons, bars, and a diamond (or star), indicating Noncommissioned Officer grades. Insignia of grade vary in length from 3/8 of an inch to 1-3/16 inches and are 3/16 of an inch wide with two clasp type clutches on the back.
- b. Insignia of grade worn on OCPs uniform will be locally purchased or manufactured. The embroidered rank insignia are 2 inches high and 1-3/4 inches wide, hook and looped, and worn vertically centered on the front hook and loop- face pad of the OCP coat. The background of the rank insignia can be the universal digital pattern. The rank insignia background will match the background of the name and U.S. Army tapes. Grades will be indicated as follows:
- (1) Cadet Command Sergeant Major. Three chevrons above three bars with a star encircled in a wreath between the chevrons and bars. (Item 1, Fig. 3-16)
- (2) Cadet Sergeant Major. Three chevrons above three bards with a star encircled in a wreath between the chevrons and bars. (Item 2, Fig. 3-16)
- (3) Cadet First Sergeant. Three chevrons above three bars with a diamond between the chevrons and bars. (Item 3, Fig. 3-16)
 - (4) Cadet Master Sergeant. Three chevrons above three bars. (Item 4, Fig. 3-16)
 - (5) Cadet Sergeant First Class. Three chevrons above two bars. (Item 5, Fig. 3-16)
 - (6) Cadet Staff Sergeant. Three chevrons above one bar. (Item 6, Fig. 3-16)
 - (7) Cadet Sergeant. Three chevrons. (Item 7, Fig. 3-16)

- (8) Cadet Corporal. Two chevrons. (Item 8, Fig. 3-16)
- (9) Cadet Private First Class. One chevron above one bar. (Item 9, Fig. 3-16)
- (10) Cadet Private. One chevron. (Item 10, Fig. 3-16)
- (11) Cadet Basic. No insignia of grade are worn.

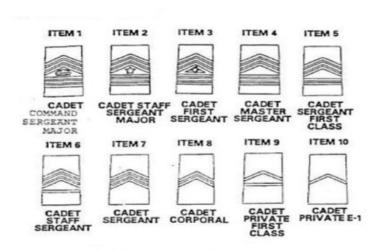


Figure 3-16 Insignia of Grade, Cadet Noncomissioned Officers

c. How worn. The brass insignia are centered on the shoulder loops of the ASU with the top of the insignia pointing toward the individual's neck.

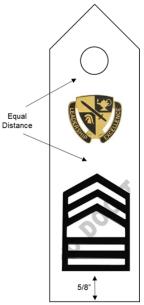


Fig. 3-17 Cadet brass insignia, shoulder tab

- **3-11. Insignia of Grade for CTLT Cadets.** Cadets participating in the CTLT program will wear one disk on the right lapel of the collar. Disk will be of the same design as in Paragraph 3-9 and will be worn IAW Paragraph 3-9.
- **3-12. Academic Achievement Insignia.** Insignia will be furnished at government expense for wear by Cadets in the top ten percent of each ROTC class based on grades earned in ROTC subjects as determined by the Battalion Commander. The insignia will be worn on issue or Cadet-type uniforms during the academic term following that in which the grades were earned.
 - a. Description (Figure 3-18). A wreath all metal, in gold color, 7/8 inch in height.



Figure 3-18 Academic Achievement insignia

- b. How worn. Centered immediately above the right breast pocket on the coat and shirt when worn as an outer garment.
- c. Subsequent award. Receipt of subsequent awards is indicated by a felt pad center background worn beneath the wreath, so as not to protrude beyond its edges.
 - (1) Second award: a red (scarlet) pad.
 - (2) Third award: a silver-gray pad.
 - (3) Fourth award: a gold pad.
- **3-13. ROTC Service Insignia.** ROTC service stripes may be worn in Army Service Uniform Military Colleges (MC) and Military Junior Colleges (MJC) on the Cadet-type uniform by Cadets enrolled in MS-I through MS-IV, or their equivalent. Stripes will be procured without expense to the government and will be worn on the Cadet-type uniform only.
 - a. Description. Designs, which have been approved by TIH.
 - b. How worn. As specified by the institution.
- **3-14. Parachutist Badge.** Authorized for wear by ROTC Cadets. The initial badge will be furnished at government expense for Cadets who have successfully completed the United States Airborne School as a Cadet, or during service with an Active Duty, U.S. Army Reserve, or Army National Guard unit.

- a. Qualifications. Parachutist badges will be awarded IAW AR-600-8-22.
- b. How worn. Parachutist badges will be worn IAW AR 670-1.
- **3-15. Marksmanship Qualification Badge.** The basic qualification badges for marksmanship will be furnished at government expense for wear by eligible Cadets.
- a. Description. The marksmanship badges will be as prescribed in USACC Regulation 672-5-1.
 - b. How worn. Marksmanship badges will be worn IAW AR 670-1.
- **3-16. Air Assault Badge.** Authorized for wear by ROTC Cadets. The initial badge will be furnished at government expense for Cadets who have successfully completed a qualifying Air Assault Core Program of Instruction as a Cadet or during service with an Active Duty, Army Reserve, or Army National Guard unit.
 - a. Qualifications. Air Assault badges will be awarded IAW AR-600-8-22.
 - b. How worn. Air Assault badges will be worn IAW AR 670-1.
- **3-17. Ranger Tab.** Authorized for wear by ROTC Cadets. The initial tab will be furnished at government expense to Cadets who have successfully completed the USAIS Ranger course during service with an Active Duty, U.S. Army Reserve, or Army National Guard unit.
 - a. Qualification. Ranger tabs will be awarded IAW AR-600-8-22.
 - b. How worn. Ranger tabs will be worn IAW AR 670-1.
- **3-18. Ranger Challenge Tab.** The Ranger Challenge tab will be issued at government expense to Cadets who successfully complete the Ranger Challenge competition at battalion level as determined by the Brigade Commander and will be worn on the Army Service Uniform only.

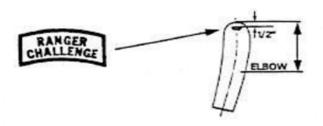


Figure 3-19 Ranger Challenge tab

- **3-19. ROTC Redondo Badge.** The Recondo Badge will be issued at government expense to Cadets who successful complete Recondo training at Leader Development and Assessment Course.
 - a. Description. The Recondo Badge has been approved by TIH (Fig. 3-20).



Figure 3-20 ROTC Recondo Badge

- b. How worn:
 - (1) Male. Centered on the left breast pocket of the ASU. (Figure 3-21)
- (2) Female. Centered on the left side of the ASU and parallel to the waistline on the coat, in a comparable position on the coat. Placement of the badge may be adjusted to conform to individual figure differences (Figure 3-21).





Female Recondo Badge

Figure 3-21 Wear of Recondo Badge

- **3-20. Distinguished Military Student (DMS) Badge.** This badge will be furnished at government expense for wear by an Advanced Course Cadet designated a DMS.
- a. Description. A shield of the Coat of Arms of the United States, 1/2 inch in height, enameled in proper colors, superimposed on a silver rectangle bordered in red, 3/8 inches in height and 1-3/4 inches in length (Fig. 3-22).
- b. How worn. 1/8 inch above the right breast pocket on the coat and shirt when worn as an outer garment. The DMS badge will take precedence over other insignia worn over right pocket. See below:
- **3-21. Distinguished Military Student (DMS) Lapel Button.** The DMS lapel button may be worn by an Advanced Course Cadet who has been designated a DMS as an identification device if desired by the Cadet. The badge will be procured at no expense to the government.
- a. Description. Of same design as the DMS badge, in silver and enamel, 21/32 inches in maximum dimension.
 - b. How worn. Lapel button on the coat of civilian attire.

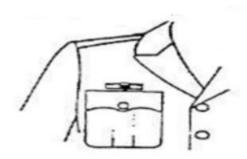


Figure 22 Distinguished Military Student (DMS) Badge

- **3-22. ROTC Label Button.** Cadets may wear the lapel button as an identification device. It will be procured at no expense to the government.
- a. Description. A torch 3/4 inches in height in front of a panel 3/32 inches in height and 1/2 inch in length with irregular ends, bearing the letters ROTC, all metal in gold color (Fig. 3-23).
 - b. How worn. Lapel button on the coat of civilian attire.



Figure 23 ROTC Lapel Button

- **3-23. Nameplate.** One nameplate per Cadet may be furnished at government expense (only nameplates conforming to description below will be worn by Cadets on issue or Cadet-type uniforms).
- a. Description. Nameplates will indicate the last name only and will be 1 inch by 3 inches (may be longer for a long name) with white block type lettering 1/4 to 3/8 inches high. A white edge or border is authorized provided it does not exceed 1/32 inches in width (Fig. 3-24). The finish may be either gloss or non-gloss IAW AR 670-1.



Figure 3-24 Nameplate

- b. How worn. Male Cadets. The nameplate will be worn on the flap of the right breast pocket, centered between the top of the button and the top of the pocket on the Army Service Uniform, ASU/white, 415 shirt/Class A and B shirt. The nameplate will be worn centered on the black patch of the black pullover sweater when not wearing the DUI. When wearing a DUI, the nameplate will be worn 1/2 inch above the bottom seam of the black patch with the DUI centered left to right, top to bottom above the nameplate (see Chapter 5 for wear by female Cadets.).
- **3-24. Nurse Cadet Badge.** This badge will be furnished at government expense for wear by Advanced Course Cadets majoring in Nursing.
- a. Description. An enameled white Maltese cross, with gilt edge, 7/8 inches in height, superimposed on cross and a gold caduceus with a centered black enameled "N" (Fig. 3-25).
- b. How worn. 1/8 inches above the right breast pocket on the coat and shirt when worn as an outer garment.



Figure 3-25. Nurse Cadet Badge

- **3-25. Combat Skill Badges.** Combat Skill Badges reflect the dedicated service of Cadets while serving with units during combat operations. Combat Skill Badges are authorized for wear by ROTC Cadets who have earned them during service with an Active Duty, U.S. Army Reserve, or Army National Guard unit.
 - a. Qualifications. Combat Skill Badges will be awarded IAW AR-600-8-22.
 - b. How worn. Combat Skill Badges will be worn IAW AR 670-1
- c. Combat Skill Badges and Tabs will not be worn on the Cadet uniform during the Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) IAW Warrior Forge Standard Operating Procedures.

Chapter 4 - Miscellaneous Medals, Badges, Awards, Decorations and Ribbons

- 4-1. Miscellaneous Medals, Badges, Awards, Decorations and Ribbons.
- a. Description. The following medals, badges, awards, decorations, and ribbons are authorized for wear by eligible Cadets on issue or Cadet-type uniforms:
- b. Medals, badges, awards, and decorations, including ribbons of the United States and foreign nations authorized by USACC Regulation 672-5-1 and AR-600-8-22.
- c. Medals, badges, awards, and ribbons awarded by the institution, and procured without expense to the government. Medals, badges, awards, and ribbons awarded by MJC to ROTC Cadets while Cadets are enrolled in JROTC or SROTC at the awarding MJC. Awards will be worn only when selected designs have been approved by TIH. Awards for academic, athletic, or military merit should be given only for achievement above that normally expected of a Cadet.
- d. Precedence for wear of Cadet Ribbons will be IAW USACC Regulation 672-5-1. Precedence for prior service active ribbons will be IAW AR 670-1.
- e. Ribbons and shoulder cords authorized for membership, citation, or special recognition by the following military societies, subject to approval of the Brigade Commander.

- (1) The National Society of Scabbard and Blade.
- (2) The National Society of Pershing Rifles.
- (3) The Association of the United States Army (AUSA).
- (4) The Reserve Officer Association (ROA).
- (5) DUI for SMP Cadets.
- (6) DUI of the Cadet Troop Leader Training (CTLT) unit to which the Cadet was assigned upon successful completion of the training.
- (7) DUI of the Northern Warfare Training Center (NWTC) may be worn by Cadets who have successfully completed the training.

4-2. How Worn

- a. Medals, badges, awards, and decorations, including ribbons of the United States and foreign nations will be worn IAW AR 670-1 as authorized by USACC Regulation 672-5-1. (Cadets will not wear more than four rows of ribbons, three ribbons per row.)
- b. Approved medals, badges, Cadet awards, and ribbons awarded by the institution and other agencies will be worn IAW USACC Regulation 672-5-1.
- c. Shoulder cords (similar to fourragére). The number of cords worn at any one time is limited to one; shoulder cords will be worn on the left shoulder as prescribed by the Battalion Commander and are limited to the following groups and colors within an ROTC unit:
 - (1) Musical Units Teal Blue.
 - (2) Color Guards White.
 - (3) Cannon Crew Orange.
 - (4) AUSA Black/Gold/White.
 - (5) Pershing Rifles Purple/White.
 - (6) Scabbard and Blade Blue/Red.
 - (7) Honor organizations, including national or local military societies Old Gold.
 - (8) Rifle teams Buff.

- d. Medals and ribbons with metal pendants awarded by the National Rifle Association and the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice may be worn on the ROTC uniform only for special ceremonies and official functions as directed by the Battalion Commander. They are not to be authorized for general wear.
- e. Cadet Command Flash. The Cadet Command Flash is authorized for wear by Cadets at government expense. It will be worn IAW AR 670-1.
- f. School DUI or unit assignment DUI will be worn centered on the right pocket of the shirt or coat and centered on beret (enlisted only), centered on the right pocket of the shirt or coat with rank worn on beret (officers only), below the pocket flap. School DUI or unit assignment DUI will not be worn above the name tape on the OCP uniform.
- g. Rigger belt will be worn by Cadet on the OCP. Rigger belt will be worn IAW FM 3-21.5.
- h. White web belt with brass buckle will not be worn by Cadet Officers on the Army Service Uniform for drill and ceremony. Military colleges/junior colleges may wear white web belts if it is a part of the institutional uniform. This does not restrict color/honor guards from wearing distinctive webbing which may include the white web belt. Enlisted Cadets will wear pistol belt. Web belt will be worn IAW AR 670-1.
- i. Army Service Uniform trousers will not be bloused for drill and ceremony (except members of the Honor Guard).
 - j. Low quarter shoes will be worn (except members of the Honor Guard).

Chapter 5 – Wearing of Uniform Insignia, Female Cadets

- **5-1. General.** Female Cadets will wear the ASU (AR 670-1).
- **5-2. Wearing of Insignia, Female Cadets.** Provisions for the wear of authorized insignia and other items are set forth below, cross-referenced for convenience to related provisions for wear of male Cadet Insignia, and identified in the figure illustrations provided, where applicable. Insignia are worn on the coat and headgear only, not on the shirt (shirt-waist).
 - a. ROTC hat insignia, Basic Course.
 - (1) Description. Same as for male Cadets (Paragraph 3-3a [1]).
 - (2) How worn. On the issue service hat, centered on the hatband (Fig. 5-1).



Figure 5-1 Hat insignia, service hat

- b. ROTC hat insignia, Advanced Course.
- (1) Description. A gold plated metal device, 1-5/8 inches in height and 1-3/4 inches in width, consisting of an eagle with wings displayed bearing on its breast a shield charged with a rayed torch of knowledge, and standing on an open wreath formed of two branches of laurel, the tips of the branches extending and terminating under the wings with ROTC arched between the wings above the eagle's head (Fig. 5-2).
 - (2) How worn. On issue dress hat centered on the hat band (Figure 5-2).



Figure 5-2 Hat Insignia, Advance Course cadet

- (3) Institutional hat insignia. Same as for male Cadets (Paragraph 3-3c).
- c. ROTC coat insignia.
 - (1) Description. Same as for male Cadets (Paragraph 3-4a[1]).
- (2) How worn. ROTC letters, worn on both collars, are lined horizontally, centered 1 inch from the lower edge of the collar, and parallel to the floor (Figure 5-3).



Figure 5-3 ROTC Insignia, coat

- d. School initials (coat).
 - (1) Description. Same as for male Cadets (Paragraph. 3-4b[1]).
 - (2) How worn. Same as ROTC initials, when worn in lieu rank.
- e. Torch of Knowledge collar insignia.
 - (1) Description. Same as for male Cadets (Paragraph 3-5a).
- (2) How worn: Centered on lapel, 1 inch from the lower edge of the collar and perpendicular to the floor.
 - f. Insignia of Branch.
- (1) Description. Basic Course Cadets. The Torch of Knowledge insignia will be worn in the same manner as male Cadets (see Paragraph 3-6b).
- (2) Advanced Course Cadets. The insignia prescribed for female officers in AR 670-1.
- (3) How worn. Torch of Knowledge insignia will be worn centered on the lapel, 1 inch from the lower edge of the collar, and perpendicular to the floor.
- (4) Branch insignia will be worn on the left collar of the coat, centered 1 inch from the lower edge of the collar, and perpendicular to the floor.
- g. Insignia of Grade Cadet Officers. Same as for male Cadets (Paragraph 3-9 and 3-10).

- h. Insignia of Grade Cadet Noncommissioned Officers.
 - (1) Description. Same as for male Cadets (Paragraph 3-10a).
- (2) How worn. Same as for male Cadets. Brass insignia is centered on the shoulder.
 - i. Academic Achievement Insignia.
 - (1) Description. Same as for male Cadets (Paragraph 3-19a).
- (2) How worn. Centered 1/4 inch above any other insignia and /or nameplate worn on right coat front.
- j. Distinguished Military Student lapel button. Same as for male Cadets (Paragraph 3- 20).
 - k. Nameplate.
 - (1) Description. Same as for male Cadets (Paragraph 3-22a).
- (2) How worn. Placed on right coat front, 2 inches from the center of and level with the top of the first button. Placement of the nameplate may be adjusted to conform to individual figure differences.
 - I. Army ROTC Nurse Cadet Badge.
- (1) Description. Same as for male Cadets (Paragraph 4-1), and IAW AR 670-1 and USACC Regulation 672-5-1.
 - (2) How worn. Centered 1/4 inch above the nameplate worn on right coat front.
 - m. Miscellaneous medals, badges, awards, decorations, and ribbons.
- (1) Description. Same as for male Cadets (Paragraph 4-1), and IAW AR 670-1 and USACC Regulation 672-5-1.
 - (2) How worn. Same as for male Cadets (Paragraph 4-2), and IAW AR 670-1.

GLOSSARY

Section I - Acronyms

OCP Army Combat Uniform ASU Army Service Uniform

AUSA Association of the United States Army

BN CDR Battalion Commander

CTLT Cadet Troop Leader Training
CSIB Combat Service Insignia Badge
DAI Directory of Army Instruction
DUI Distinctive Unit Insignia

DMS Distinguished Military Student

HQDA Headquarters, Department of the Army

IAW In Accordance With

JROTC Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps

MC Military College

MJC Military Junior College

NDCC
NWTC
Northern Warfare Training Center
ROTC
Reserve Officers' Training Corps

SAI Senior Army Instructor

SMP Simultaneous Membership Program

SSI-FWTS Shoulder Sleeve Insignia-Former Wartime Service

SROTC Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps

TIH The Institute of Heraldry

USAIS United States Army Infantry School

Section II - Terms

Accouterment

Items such as medals, ribbons, insignia, badges, emblems, tabs, and tapes authorized for wear on uniforms.

Appurtenances

Devices such as stars, letters, numerals, or clasps worn on the suspension ribbon of the medal, or on the ribbon bar that indicate additional awards, participation in specific events, or other distinguishing characteristics of the award.

Awards

An all-inclusive term that consists of any decoration, medal, badge, ribbon, or appurtenance bestowed on an individual or unit.

Badge

An award given to an individual for identification purposes or that is awarded for attaining a special skill or proficiency. Certain badges are available in full, miniature, and dress miniature sizes.

Braids/plaits (hair)

Three or more portions/bunches of interwoven hair. Braids are worn free-hanging (loose) or against the scalp.

Clothing bag

Uniform items and personal clothing issued to initial entry Cadets which all Cadets are required to maintain throughout their military career.

Conservative

Conventional, traditional, and moderate in style and appearance; not extreme, excessive, faddish, or intense.

Cornrows (hair)

Cornrows are defined as hair temporarily rolled, twisted, or braided closely to the scalp producing a continuous, raised row of hair. Cornrows are worn against the scalp.

Decoration

An award given to an individual as a distinctively designed mark of honor denoting heroism, or meritorious or outstanding service or achievement.

Dress uniforms

Uniforms worn as formal duty attire, or that are worn at formal or informal social functions, before or after retreat. They include the Army blue and white uniforms.

Eccentric

Departing from the established or traditional norm.

Exaggerated

To make greater or more noticeable.

Extreme

Exceeding the ordinary, usual, or expected; not moderate.

Fad (dish)

A transitory fashion adopted with wide enthusiasm.

Gold color/gold-colored

Includes gold plated, gold bullion, and synthetic metallic gold.

Lapel button

A miniature enameled replica of an award, which is worn only on civilian clothing.

Dreadlocks/Locks (hair)

Locks are defined as sections of hair that twist from or near the root to the end of the hair, which create a uniform ringlet or cordlike appearance.

Medal

An award issued to an individual for the performance of certain duties, acts, or services, consisting of a suspension ribbon made in distinctive colors and from which hangs a medallion.

Neat

Orderly and tidy in appearance.

Neck

For clarity in regards to grandfathered tattoos, the neck is defined as anything above a crew T-shirt neckline (in a standard uniform T-shirt) and also below the jaw line (in the front of the head) and below a parallel line from the lowest point of where one ear connects to the head to the lowest point of where the other ear connects to the head (in the back of the head).

Optional clothing

A uniform or clothing item, with or without protective properties (for example, flame resistant clothing), prescribed by the Army Uniform Board and approved by the Chief of Staff, Army to be worn at the individual's option; optional clothing items do not include ballistic protective items, except for protective eyewear.

Organizational clothing and individual equipment

The uniforms, clothing, and equipment listed in the CTA, which are issued to an individual on a loan basis and remain the property of the organization. Commanders issue organizational clothing and equipment in accordance with the allowances and directives published in the appropriate CTA. When issued, organizational clothing is worn when prescribed by the commander in accordance with Army regulations, technical manuals, and the CTA. Examples of organizational uniforms are the maternity work uniform, the Army aircrew combat uniform, garrison culinary uniform, the combat vehicle crewman uniform, and cold- weather clothing.

Personal clothing

Military-type clothing, clothing of a personal nature, and component items listed in CTA 50–900 that are provided to enlisted personnel (specifically, the initial clothing bag issue).

Ribbon or ribbon bar

A portion of the suspension ribbon of a medal, worn in lieu of the medal and made in the form of a bar, $\frac{3}{8}$ inches long by $\frac{3}{8}$ inch wide.

Roll press

To remove substantial wrinkles from clothing without creating creases.

Service medal

An award made to personnel who participated in designated wars, campaigns, or expeditions or who have fulfilled specified service requirements in a creditable manner.

Service uniform

Worn in garrison environments when the wear of utility or dress uniforms is not required or appropriate. Service uniforms consist of the Army blue (Class A and Class B) uniforms.

Twists (hair)

Temporarily twisting two distinct strands of hair around one another to create a twisted ropelike appearance. Twists are worn free-hanging (loose) or against the scalp.

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