

## HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER

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Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel*

# OPERATIONAL CAMOUFLAGE PATTERN (OCP) UNIFORM GUIDANCE

## OFFICER/ENLISTED

### **Implementation Dates.**

Airmen who own previously issued **serviceable** OCPs are authorized to wear the uniform starting **Oct. 1, 2018**.

Air Force sales of the OCP will begin on **Oct. 1, 2018** in AAFES locations at Aviano, Charleston, Shaw and MacDill **(with other AAFES locations added monthly)**. AAFES on-line sales are expected to begin **on/about October 2019**.

Mandatory wear date for all Airmen is **April 1, 2021**.

Airmen will not mix ABU and OCP uniform items.

Airmen will wear a basic configuration until organizational and unit patches are designed and fielded.

Basic configuration and wear guidance is listed below:



## CONFIGURATION

### **Coat (Shirt)**

Sleeves may be cuffed up or tucked under at the wrist (**Exception:** Sleeves must be rolled down to the wrists at all times during flight operations).

### **Rank Insignia is mandatory for all personnel**

Effective 1 Oct 18, Officer rank will be spice brown (exception: 1Lt and Lt Col will be black).

Enlisted rank will be spice brown.

### **Name and USAF Tapes are mandatory for all personnel**

Name and USAF tape embroidery will be spice brown thread. Backing may be Velcro or sew-on.

**NOTE: Name, USAF tapes, and rank will be either all Velcro or sewn-on. Authorized patches on both left and right sleeves will always be Velcro.**

### **Badges and Commander's Insignia Pin**

Occupational badges may be worn centered ½ inch above the USAF tape with Spice Brown embroidery on the OCP background. A maximum of two badges may be worn.

#### **Chaplain Badge (mandatory)**

Wear ½ inch above aeronautical, space or cyberspace badge (if authorized) or ½ inch above the "USAF" tape.

#### **Air Force Aeronautical, Space and Cyberspace (optional)**

If authorized to wear more than one aeronautical, space or cyberspace badge, wear the badge that reflects current job in the highest position.

No badges or other accoutrements will be affixed to coat (shirt) pockets.

Commanders Insignia Pin may be worn by officers in the rank of Colonel (O-6)

and below when currently serving in command, as authorized by AFI 36-2101.

The pin will be Spice Brown and centered ½ inch above the name tape, on 1 inch x 1 inch subdued OCP pattern cloth.

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Commanders will remove the pin on completion of their command tours.

### **Organizational and Unit Patches.**

Procedures to create organizational and unit patches can be found in AFI 36-2903, Paragraph 10.8. All patches will be subdued cloth and will have an OCP background with black embroidery.

#### ***Right Sleeve (maximum of 2 Velcro patches)***

Subdued U.S. Flags are mandatory and will be centered at the top of Velcro.

For home station in-garrison wear, the following patches are approved to be worn on the right sleeve under the subdued US Flag.

Higher headquarters (HHQ) subdued cloth patch (e.g., Wing, Group, AFSOC, USSOCOM) will be worn on the right sleeve unless any of the below approved patch is worn in place of the HHQ patch.

Directorate subdued cloth patch.

Inspector General (IG) identification subdued cloth patch.

Subdued cloth patches/badges of awarded campaigns/combat while assigned to the awarding unit (SOJTF-A, SOJTF-OIR, etc.).

No other types of patches are authorized on the right sleeve.

#### ***Left Sleeve (maximum of 2 Velcro patches)***

Organizational unit of assignment subdued cloth will be centered at the top of the Velcro area. Unless one of the following patches are worn:

While performing their duties, certain AFSCs may wear functional patches. Subdued cloth duty identifier tabs will be centered at the top of Velcro area above the unit patch.

If earned and awarded, subdued cloth joint qualification tabs may be worn, (e.g., Army Ranger, Sapper, Airborne, Air Commando, SERE, EOD) above the unit patch.

No other types of patches are authorized on the left sleeve.

#### ***Right or Left Sleeve.***

The following patches will be worn on either sleeve in place of either the HHQ or organizational unit patch:

Weapons Instructor Course (WIC) patch (graduate or instructor), USAF Test Pilot School and School of Advanced Air patch, Space Studies (SAASS) patch, Critical Care Air Transport Team patch, Test Pilot School graduate patches, and other completed equivalent schools.

#### ***T-Shirt.***

T-Shirt may be Desert Sand or Tan, and will be tucked into trousers. However, effective 1 April 2019, T-Shirt will be Tan.

#### ***Trousers***

Will be bloused or tucked into the boots with a bloused appearance.

#### ***Belt.***

A one piece, Tan 499, rigger-style, nylon, web belt will be worn with OCP trousers.

#### ***Boots.***

Both the Tan or Coyote Brown boots are authorized for initial wear. However, effective **June 1, 2020**, all personnel will wear Coyote Brown boots.

#### ***Undergarments are mandatory at all times.***

For flight operations, cotton, wool, flame resistant material, or flame resistant blends will be worn. Undergarments and spandex made of 100% nylon or 100% polyester are not flame resistant and, therefore, are not authorized for flight operations.

Socks may be Desert Sand, Tan or Green. However, effective **June 1, 2020**, socks will be the DLA issued Green.

#### ***Headgear.***

Patrol caps will be worn with nametapes placed on the back using Velcro or sew-on. Officer rank will be sewn on the front of the hat and centered ½ inch above visor.

Chaplains wear chaplain functional badge sewn with Spice Brown thread and centered ½ inch above visor.

Headgear will not be rolled, tucked or otherwise formed. Hats will be worn in their natural form and will not be hung around the neck.

Berets, when authorized, will be worn by designated personnel instead of the patrol cap.

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Designated personnel conducting safety responsibilities are authorized to wear baseball-type caps (e.g., CATM, Range Operations, etc.). However, Airmen must wear Patrol Caps outside of specified duty locations.

### ***Cold Weather Items.***

Coyote Brown or black scarves, earmuffs, watch caps and gloves are authorized.

Coyote Brown fleece may be worn.

The Extended Cold Weather Clothing System (ECWCS) jackets (fleece, wind, soft shell, wet weather or extreme cold weather) may be worn without the pants; however, the pants must not be worn without the jacket.

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