AFI 36-2903 Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel

6.3. Jewelry, Eyewear, Electronic Devices, Bags, Backpacks, Cold Weather and Other Accessories. Personal accessories not listed in this instruction are not authorized for wear.

6.3.1. Jewelry. Jewelry will be plain and conservative (moderate, being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme) as determined by the local commander.

6.3.1.1. Earrings. Male Airmen are not authorized to wear earrings on a military installation, or while in uniform or in civilian attire for official duty. Female Airmen may wear small (not exceeding 6 mm in diameter) spherical, conservative (moderate, being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme) round white diamond, gold, white pearl, or silver earrings as a set with any uniform combination. If member has multiple holes, only one set of earrings are authorized to be worn in uniform and will be worn in the lower earlobes. Earrings will match and fit tightly without extending below the earlobe unless the piece extending is the connecting band on clip earrings.

6.3.1.2. Bracelets. Ankle bracelets are not authorized. Airmen may wear one bracelet around their wrist. If worn, the bracelet will be conservative (moderate, being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme) (which is defined as plain, not drawing attention or faddish) in design, no wider than ½ inch, gold or silver in color, and will not have any inappropriate pictures or writing. Medical alert/identification bracelets are authorized; however, if worn, they will be conservative (moderate, being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme) (which is defined as plain, not drawing inappropriate attention or faddish). Gemstones/tennis bracelets may only be worn with the mess dress uniform. Bracelets espousing support for cause, philosophy, individual or group are not authorized (Exception: Traditional metal POW/MIA/KIA bracelets, which come in colors besides silver, bronze, or gold, remain authorized).

6.3.1.3. Watches. Must be conservative and only one can be worn around the wrist while in uniform, PTU, or civilian attire in an official capacity. Conservative examples (not all inclusive) are solid color black, brown, silver or gold. Prohibited examples are diamond covered, neon, bright colors, and bands that exceed 1-inch width.

6.3.1.4. Rings. Airmen may wear a total of no more than three rings; wedding sets count as one ring when worn as a set. Rings will be worn at the base of the finger, and will not be worn on the thumb.

6.3.1.5. Necklaces. Will not be visible at any time. If worn, will be concealed under a collar or undershirt.

6.3.2. Eyeglasses/Sunglasses/Contact Lenses. Will be worn in the manner for which they are made. Eyeglasses and sunglasses will not be worn around the neck or on top/back of head or exposed hanging on the uniform. 6.3.2.1. Eyeglasses and sunglasses may have conservative ornamentation on nonprescription sunglasses or eyeglasses, frames may be black or brown material or gold or silver wire. Brand name glasses may be worn with small logo on frames or lenses. Logo must be same color as frames or lenses. Conservative wrap-around sunglasses may be worn. Conservative, clear, slightly tinted or photosensitive lenses are authorized. Faddish styles and mirrored lenses are prohibited. Sunglasses (to include darkened photosensitive lenses) are not authorized in formation. Exception: Sunglasses are not authorized in formation, unless for medical reasons, e.g., PRK/lsak surgery and when authorized by a commander or commandant on the advice of a medical official. 6.3.2.2. Contact Lenses. Contact lenses will be natural looking in shape and design. They will be clear in color and not change the color of the Airman’s natural eye color.
6.3.3. **Electronic Devices.** Electronic devices are small electronic equipment such as cellular phones (personal or official), MP3 or similar players, radio, or hands-free devices (e.g. Bluetooth®), pedometers, Fitbits™ and other small, conservative size fitness trackers. Handheld electronic devices, if worn on the belt/waistband, or clipped to a purse will be plain black, silver, dark blue, or gray. Handheld electronic devices that are not worn on the belt/waistband/or clipped to a purse can be any color. Holster and other storage devices used to attach handheld electronic devices to the uniform or purse will be plain black, silver, dark blue, or gray. One handheld electronic device may be attached to a belt/waistband on either side or clipped to a purse. Pedometers are allowed to be worn on boots/shoes with uniform but must be dark blue or black in color and can attach without interfering with the work area or cause a safety hazard. Fitbits™ and other small conservative fitness trackers may be worn on the wrist in uniform but must be dark blue or black in color and bands may not exceed 1-inch width. Exception: Color and band width (may be up to 1 ½ inch width in physical fitness uniforms) restrictions for Fitbits™, pedometers and other small, conservative size fitness trackers do not apply when worn with physical fitness uniforms. 6.3.3.1. Wear/use of an earpiece, any blue tooth technology or headphones, while in uniform, indoors or outdoors, is prohibited, unless specifically authorized for the execution of official duties. (Exception: Headphones and earphones (IPods, MP3 type players, etc.) are authorized during air travel and/or while wearing the physical training uniform (PTU) during individual or personal PT in the fitness center or on designated running areas unless prohibited by the installation commander). Use of a hands-free device is authorized while in uniform operating a motor vehicle if local policy permits. 6.3.3.2. While walking in uniform use of personal electronic media devices, including ear pieces, speaker phones or text messaging is limited to emergencies or when official notifications are necessary. Military customs and courtesies take precedence.

6.3.4. **Attaché Cases/Gym Bags/Back Packs/Handbags/Clutch-Style Purses.**

6.3.4.1. **Attaché Cases.** Attaché cases will be solid-black in color and carried in the left hand. Small logos are authorized; however the logo must be the same color. 6.3.4.2. Gym Bags. Gym bags will be solid dark-blue or black in color with matching stitching and carried in the left hand. When wearing ABUs, Airmen can also use olive drab, Air Force sage green or ABU patterned gym bags. Small logos are authorized. 6.3.4.3. Back Packs. Black back packs may be worn with any uniform combination. Only solid-color black backpacks will be worn with blue uniform combinations. ABU patterned back packs, olive drab and Air Force sage green may be worn with the ABU. Small logos are authorized. Airmen may wear a back pack on the left shoulder or both shoulders (not to interfere with rendering the proper salute). Back packs will not have ornamentation, a high-gloss, designs, or hanging/dangling objects. Small gold or silver clasp authorized, but chains are not authorized. 6.3.4.4. Handbags. Handbags for all uniform combinations will be solid black leather or vinyl without ornamentation, with or without plain fold-over flap, with or without single placed silver or gold-colored clasp, with black stitching only. Handbags may have up to two adjustable shoulder straps with or without buckles on the straps. Handbags will not exceed 13(W) x 9(H) x 4 ½ in bulk.

6.3.4.5. **Clutch-Style Purses.** Clutch-style purses for all uniform combinations will be plain black smooth or scotch-grain leather, patent leather, high-gloss or manmade material without ornamentation, with black stitching only. Fabric, suede, and patent leather may be carried with the mess dress, formal dress and ceremonial dress uniforms. Clutch-style purses will be no larger than 6 ½ (H) x 11(W) inches or no smaller than 5(H) x 9(W) inches. Clutch-style purses will have a concealed closure and may have a wrist strap. Exception: Do not use patent leather purse when wearing semi-formal dress.
6.3.5. **Lanyards/Access Passes/Identification Badges/Common Access Cards (CAC).** Lanyards will be conservative in nature, dark colors, silver small conservative chains, or clear plastic. Green lanyards are also authorized with the ABU. Access passes, identification badges, and common access cards are only authorized for wear when required within the confines of the location for which they were issued. When worn, they will be worn on the front of the body above the waist and below the neck and must not present a safety hazard.

6.3.6. **Umbrella.** Umbrellas will be plain, solid colored black and carried in the left hand.

6.3.7. **Religious Apparel.** “Religious apparel” is defined as apparel worn as part of the observance of a religious faith practiced by an Airman. Religious items and apparel, other than head covering, may only be worn visibly during religious services. Plain, dark blue or black religious head coverings may be worn, indoors if approved by the installation commander. Plain, dark blue, or black religious head coverings may be worn, concealed under the uniform/headgear, outdoors if approved by installation commander. Approval from an installation commander or equivalent is only applicable within the installation. In joint organizations, the director of personnel will serve as the approval authority with concurrence from the senior Air Force officer. Religious apparel will not be worn during parades, ceremonial details, ceremonial functions, or in official photos. See paragraph 9.12 to request religious accommodation.

6.3.8. **Cold Weather Accessories.** Cold weather accessories will only be worn when wearing authorized outer garments (Exception: gloves may be worn solely with the service dress uniform, ABUs and BDUs). With the exception of functional items, cold weather accessories are only worn while outdoors.

6.3.8.1. **Gloves (black or sage green).** Gloves may be worn with all authorized outer garments. They will be all one color, leather, knitted, tricot or suede, or a combination of leather, knitted, tricot, and suede. Black or sage green gloves may be worn with the ABU, FDU and all authorized outer garments to the ABU or FDU. Only black gloves may be worn with the service dress uniform and all approved outer garments worn with the blue service and service dress uniforms.

6.3.8.2. **Scarf (black).** A scarf may be worn with all authorized outer garments except the pullover and cardigan sweaters (when worn solely as an outer garment). The scarf must be tucked in and will only be worn with an outer garment. The scarf will not exceed 10 inches in width and can be knit, all wool or cotton simplex, with or without a napped surface. 6.3.8.3. **Earmuffs (black).** Earmuffs may be worn with all authorized outer garments and may wrap around either the top or rear of the head. Earmuffs may be made of any material and will only be worn with an outer garment.