

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?!!



Ladies and gentlemen, this picture was posted on an encampment Facebook page for all to see. This is a violation of both our uniform manual and cadet program regulation. By the way this encampment was held on a military installation. It is this sort of gross violation that creates bad relationships with the Air Force. This issue with encampments has been addressed many times and we thought it had been resolved. We can not and will not allow this to continue to happen within our cadet program. You should also know that this picture was sent to Curt LaFond and me from a member of the BOG who saw it on facebook.

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1-1. Policy. CAP members are authorized to wear CAP distinctive uniforms as well as uniforms similar to the U.S. Air Force. Civil Air Patrol uses distinctive emblems, insignia, and badges to identify individuals wearing the AF-style uniforms as CAP members. Wear of the AF-style uniforms, as well as the insignia, badges, and devices worn on these uniforms are as prescribed by the Commander, CAP-USAF, with the approval of Headquarters USAF. See Tables 1-1 through 1-3 for information on wearing the uniform, dress and appearance, where to purchase uniform items, and grooming standards. Civil Air Patrol prescribes wear policy and the use of CAP emblems, insignia, and badges on the CAP distinctive uniforms. Table 1-3

describes items that may be authorized by wing/region commanders. **COMPLIANCE WITH THIS PUBLICATION IS MANDATORY.** Any variation from this publication is not authorized. Items not listed in this publication are not authorized for wear. NOTE: CAPMart may sell items that are not authorized for wear with the USAF-style or CAP distinctive uniforms. This publication is the sole source for wear instructions and authorized items for various uniform combinations as prescribed within.

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Table 1-3. Additional Items That May Be Authorized by the Wing/Region Commander

LINE Item Information

1 General Wing/region commanders may authorize certain items to be worn for specific purposes within their respective wing/region or within specific units of their wing/region. **Commanders will not use this authority to circumvent National polices.** Examples of purposes of these items are to identify members of special CAP groups such as drill teams, bands, color guards, and members participating in emergency services' missions.

2 Where and When Worn

In all cases, these items will have no national significance or recognition as a part of the CAP uniform. **They will not be worn at summer encampments or national events (cadet exchange, special activities, etc.), unless specifically authorized by National Headquarters.** They may be worn only while performing the duty for which the use of the items was authorized. Wing/region approved items will be worn only within the boundaries of the authorizing commander.

3 Items That May Be Authorized

The wing/region commander has authority to approve the following items for wear within his/her wing: (a) Shoulder cords. Not more than one shoulder cord will be worn at one time, and it will be worn on the left shoulder (see Figure 5-2). Color to be determined by the wing commander, EXCEPT all primary members of Cadet Advisory Councils will wear gold at the National level, blue at region level, and red at wing level. (See CAPR 52-16, *CAP Cadet Program Management*.) National Cadet Competition teams will wear white shoulder cords. Honor Guardsmen will wear silver shoulder cords; (b) scarves; (c) white gloves; (d) white and black belts; (e) helmet liners. Color to be determined by wing commander except that helmet liners authorized for wear by members participating in emergency services missions will be white and will be worn with the decal depicted in Figure 6-20.

4 Berets Only blue berets may be authorized for special purpose wear. Berets provided at special activities may be worn at the activity ONLY.

NOTES:

1. Service dress trousers/slacks should not be bloused at any time.
2. Only items and colors listed in this table may be authorized.
3. Region commanders must

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g. Temporary & Discretionary Grades. There are no temporary promotions or demotions, including temporary or “field” promotions or demotions at encampments and other activities. There are no discretionary grades. Cadets will wear their earned grade on their uniform at every CAP activity. The only grades authorized are those shown in CAPVA 52-100.