

Interim Space Badge Wear Guidance

AFI 36-2903, *Dress and Appearance*, is in the final stages of coordination and should be published by 1 March 06, in time for the new space badge's mandatory wear date. This instruction is going through a major revision to combine AFI 36-2923 (*Aeronautical, Duty and Occupational Badges*) and AFI 36-2903 into one instruction for uniform wear. In the mean time, use the following guidelines for wear, extracted from the *draft* AFI 36-2903. Space Professional Development Program (SPDP) certification is the key for eligibility for wear of the new space badge. Personnel may verify their SPDP certification level with the Space Professional Management Office at commercial 719-554-3236/7762 or DSN 692-3236/7762.

11. Guidelines for wear of the Space Badge.

- a. The Space Badge is worn by officers and enlisted personnel designated as USAF Credentialed Space Professionals (CSPs).
- b. Order of Precedence – The Space Badge is equal in precedence to aeronautical badges and worn above all other occupational badges and the parachutist badge. When awarded both Aeronautical and Space Badges, wear the Space Badge above the Aeronautical Badge only when occupying a space billet.
- c. The criteria to earn the basic, senior and command space badges, respectively, are directly linked to the 3-level Space Professional Certification Program. For enlisted personnel, badge award is not solely linked to skill level attainment. Officer and enlisted personnel may verify their Credentialed Space Professional certification level by contacting the Space Professional Management Office, AFSPC/A1FX, 150 Vandenberg St Suite 1105, Peterson AFB, CO 80914-4450. Call them at DSN 692-3494 or visit their website at: <http://www.peterson.af.mil/spacepro>
- d. Basic Space Badge – Certification Level 1 – Completion of Space 100, maintain currency with all acquisition or operational position-specific training requirements, 1 year satisfactory performance in a space-coded billet culminating with Space Professional Certification briefing to Wing CC/CV or equivalent. Additionally, enlisted CSPs must attain the 5 skill level to earn the Basic Space Badge.
- e. Senior Space Badge – Certification Level 2 – Completion of Space 200, maintain currency with all position-specific requirements, 6 years satisfactory performance in space-coded billets.
- f. Command Space Badge – Certification Level 3 – Completion of Space 300, maintain currency with all position-specific requirements, 9 years satisfactory performance in space-coded billets. Additionally, enlisted CSPs must complete requirements for CCAF degree in space operations to earn the Command Badge.
- g. CDRUSSTRATCOM and AFSPC/CC are authorized wear of the command Space Badge upon assumption of their position. Not authorized for wear when no longer holding these positions unless it was previously earned.
- h. For General Officers not previously awarded the badge, award the basic Space Badge 1 year after assumption of position and completion of the National Security Space Institute's Space Operations Executive Level Course. Award senior and command badges at one year increments.
- i. AFSPC/CC, as the Space Professional Functional Authority approves qualifying space specialties and award criteria for allied and other US service members. Once the award criteria are approved, allied and other US services will control badge awarding for their respective service members.

There has also been some confusion regarding wear of the previous space/missile badge and the missile badge with operations designator. Personnel who were awarded these badges but who are NOT certified under the SPDP may still wear those badges per the following *draft* guidance, also outlined in the proposed AFI 36-2903.

★3. The old Space/Missile Badge is authorized for former space-experienced officers and enlisted space personnel who earned the badge, but permanently retrained to a new AFSC prior to 1 Nov 05. This includes a variety of AFSCs (e.g. 18XX, 20XX, 27XX, 28XX, 277XX, 207XX, 13SXX, 6XXXX, 1C6XX, 1NXXX, etc.) that were awarded the old Space/Missile Badge via AF Form 117. This badge is authorized for wear until the individuals separate or retire. These personnel are not entitled to wear the Space Badge instituted on 1 Nov 05.

★4. The Missile Badge with Operations Designator is authorized for former 13SXX officers who served in missile operations, but permanently retrained to a new core AFSC prior to 1 Nov 05. This badge is authorized for wear until personnel separate or retire. These personnel are not authorized to wear the Space Badge instituted on 1 Nov 05.