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BDU Uniform Information for New Cadets

To newly joined cadet,

This letter contains some basic rules and procedures as to the wear of the BDU and Dress blue uniform, a more detailed version of everything expressed here is known as CAPM 39-1 and can be found at this web address <http://www.thehock.com/CAPM%2039-1.pdf>. I strongly suggest you look at this manual as well as the tips I will include below.

BDU UNIFORM

To get started you will first need a BDU uniform, all parts must match in shade, and so the blouse cannot be lighter or darker than the pants and vice versa. All BDU uniforms must be serviceable, no tears or glue from other patches and be relatively dark/ unworn. You must also have a cover, also known as a fatigue hat; if the squadron does not have one you will have to buy one from thehock.com (links to specific uniform parts will be shown at the end)

All cadets must have a blue BDU belt with the proper buckle cut to the correct length, about 4-5 inches of overhang is acceptable.

Ironing: All uniform parts must be ironed and unwrinkled, pants should have a crease going down the front and back of the legs, and the two cargo pockets should be ironed so they are relatively straight and free of wrinkles. The blouse should be free of wrinkles and have creases going down the upper part of the arms. If you have any questions look at your flight sergeants and officers, their uniforms are the best example.

Boots: all cadets and senior members should have well fitting combat boots that you can shine. Timberland suede type boots don't fit the bill. Black Paratrooper boots are correct. Ideally ones with a side zip are good but a lace up is also acceptable. Some example boots will be shown in the attachments section.

Patches: there are several patches you will be required to wear on your BDU uniform.

The first is the American flag patch, that is to be worn on your right shoulder ½ inch from the top seam (again look at your officers or NCO's) the same goes for the MA wing patch, both patches should be centered on the crease. (This is where 39-1 comes in as well) the squadron patch provided from the unit is to be worn on the right breast pocket centered on the pocket. Finally the nametape and CIVIL AIR PATROL TAPE. Both need to be purchased and must be in the "ultramarine blue" color, your last name goes on your right side centered above the breast pocket. Both ends need to be folded over. Also both tapes need to be touching the top of the pocket. The CIVIL AIR PATROL tape is to be on the left side. Once again look at your NCO's or officers if you have questions or 39-1.

That just about covers the BDU uniform; if you have any questions about anything consult your flight sergeant or uniform officer.

ATTACHMENTS:

Where to buy necessary uniform parts,
Please note some of the addresses are from the hockshop.com and some are from vanguard

BDU UNIFORM PARTS:

Bdu cover:

http://www.vanguardmil.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=6_440_445&products_id=13643

Bdu belt:

http://www.vanguardmil.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=6_2218_2229&products_id=7429

American flag patch (reversed):

http://www.vanguardmil.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&products_id=14967

MA wing patch:

http://www.vanguardmil.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=6_390_402_404&products_id=7146

Name tape:

http://www.vanguardmil.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&products_id=7087

CIVIL AIR PATROL TAPE:

http://www.vanguardmil.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=6_390_400_2074&products_id=7084

BOOTS: strongly suggest shopping around if the unit cannot get you any of your size.

Suggest the following link:

<http://www.militaryboots.com/bates-mens-11-paratrooper-side-zip-boots.html>

Or any other kind of high top, black, combat boots, not suede or unshinable

That covers the BDU uniform.

One last note:

Only brown t-shirts are approved for wear under the BDU Blouse, if you have underarmor on cold nights wear it under the t shirt. Also wear long underwear under the pants on cold nights. Any jacket is approved for wear but check with the uniform officer; we may have extra field jackets to give out. Military style watch caps are approved as well on cold nights; they must be black with no logos on them. Gloves are also allowed as long as they are black with no logos, or “puke” green nomex gloves.

BDU/DRESS UNIFORM REQUEST FORM
This form is for the purpose of the uniform NCOIC to
equip you with properly fitting BDU and/or blue dress
uniform parts

Name of cadet: _____

CHEST SIZE: inches

WAIST SIZE: inches

LEG LENGTH: inches

HEAD SIZE: inches (around top just above ears)

SHOE SIZE: US standard

T SHIRT SIZE: s/m/l

HEIGHT Inches:

PLEASE RETURN TO UNIFORM NCOIC AT THE NEXT MEETING.