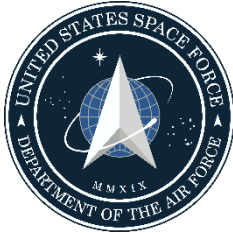


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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Changes to include tenant organization specific items due to requirements needing installation commander authority IAW DAFI 36-2903.

1.2.9. The installation commander designates the areas/buildings (Bldg) listed in [Table 1.1](#), and [Table 1.2](#), as No hat – No salute areas:

Table 1.1. (Added) 377 Air Wing Base (ABW), No Hat–No Salute Areas.

Location:	Description:
Bldg 47, 377th Medical Group	Ambulance Bay
Bldg 20676, The Department of Defense (DoD) Nuclear Information Analysis Center/Computer Network	Compound common areas within the fence
Bldgs 37506-37509 and 37513, Advanced Systems and Development Directorate (SMC/AD), buildings	Manzano Mountain deployable common area inside the fence
Bldg 413, SMC/AD	Outdoor dining area adjacent to cantina and nearby shaded picnic area south of the building
Bldg 415A-419, SMC/AD	Gazebo between buildings
Bldgs 937/939/941/943/945/19088 and 19100; Detachment 1, 342d Training Squadron, (TRS)	Student training areas
Bldg 975, Detachment 16, 373d TRS	Student training areas
Bldg 24499, Headquarters Air Force Inspection Agency (HQ AFIA) & Headquarters Air Force Safety Center (HQ AFSC),	"Mary Lou Hernandez Pavilion," located on the north side
	West side open/walled patio
Bldg 62866, AFSC Crash Lab 62866	Inside the fence
Bldgs 20338, 20348, 20341, 20344, 20345, and 20349; 377th Logistics Readiness Squadron (LRS)	Vehicle maintenance compound and areas in boundaries of vehicle maintenance compound
Bldgs 07777 and 485 377 LRS	Refueling maintenance compound, including areas in the compound fence. In addition, the Cargo Deployment Function (CDF) area (flight line) located in the fence line
Bldgs 20234, 1914, and 20160, Kirtland CDCs and Youth Center	Parking lot area
Bldgs 20362, 20363, and 20364 The Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA)	Compound common area within the fence
Sandia Base Elementary School	Parking lot area

Pararescue/Combat Rescue Officer Compound, 351 Special Warfare Training Squadron (SWTS)	Compound within wall line
All flight lines areas	Designated IAW DAFMAN 91-203, <i>Department of the Air Force Occupational Safety Fire And Health Standards</i> , paragraph 24.4.1. All areas inside the fenced boundary.

Table 1.2. (Added) 58th Special Operations Wing Campus (SOW), No Hat–No Salute Areas.

All flight lines areas	Designated IAW DAFMAN 91-203, <i>Department of The Air Force Occupational Safety Fire And Health Standards</i> , paragraph 24.4.1. All areas inside the fenced boundary.
Bldgs 381 and 376, 58 th SOW	All flight line areas inside the fence, the Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) yard access to the flight line.
Test Cell, 3550 Cell Drive, 58 th Maintenance Squadron (MXS)/Propulsion Flight	All areas within the Test Cell compound fenced boundaries

2.12. Appropriate protective equipment (and/or reflective garments during night). Is required when operating bicycles, motorcycles, or all-terrain vehicles (ATV), and performing duties requiring safety considerations. Personnel must adhere to proper dress and appearance standards when no longer operating a two-wheeled vehicle, ATVs, or performing duties that require safety equipment.

5.1.1. OCP Coat. The OCP coat may be removed in the immediate work area as determined appropriate by local leadership. However, the OCP coat will be worn while interacting with customers/clients.

5.1.7. Friday Morale Undershirt. Morale Undershirts are authorized for wear on Friday, as established by the unit commander under the guidelines of their respective wing commander.

5.1.12. Flightline/Maintenance Cold-Weather Outerwear. Commercial cold-weather outerwear that does not comply with the standards outlined in DAFI 36-2903 are not permitted, even if issued by prior commanders. Unauthorized items will not be worn unless a waiver has been granted or approved by the Installation Commander.

7.2.7. The installation commander authorizes watch caps for wear when worn with outer garments, service dress, Physical Training Gear (PTG), and may be worn on the flightline IAW DAFI36-2903, Paragraphs 7.2.7 through 7.2.7.3. However, watch caps may only be worn between 1 October and 31 March.

7.3.6. Authorized Flightline Badges and Passes. All personnel must wear lanyards, access passes, identification badges, and Common Access Cards in accordance with DAFI 36-2903, Paragraph 7.3.6. This guidance requires passes to be worn only as needed in designated areas, positioned on the front of the body between the neck and waist and pose no safety hazard. Lanyards should have a conservative design (dark colors, small silver chains, or clear plastic).

7.3.6.1. (Added) For flightline use, strict control is required to prevent FOD hazards: all personnel (including aircrew, maintenance, and security force, etc.) must secure badges and passes using a non-metallic breakaway lanyard/armband or a non-metallic clip. All personnel will adhere to both DAFI36-2903, Paragraph 7.3.6. and DAFI 21-101, Paragraph 11.8.3.6, badge and pass display requirements and uniformed members must also comply with the specific color and design requirements.

7.3.6.2. (Added) Wear of the Department of Veteran Affairs/United States Air Force (VA/USAF) Health Care System Identification badge is authorized for wear anywhere on the medical campus, both indoors and outdoors.

8.1.2. PTG Heritage Morale Shirts. PTG Heritage Morale Shirts are authorized for wear on Friday, as established by the unit commander under the guidelines of their respective wing commander.

8.1.7. Headgear. Installation Commander authorizes wear of an optional solid black, white, or dark blue baseball/sport cap and/or sweatband with the Air Force symbol or U.S. Air Force printed/embroidered on the front during organized PT. This is also authorized during individual PT, caps will be worn outdoors only.

9.1.1. The wear of organizational gear, such as cold weather items, is authorized when issued IAW prescribed allowance standard (AS) codes, DAFI 36-2903, and are authorized for wear during cold weather and on the flightline. Cold weather wear items in **Table 9.1** are authorized for wear while performing official duties:

Table 9.1. (Added) Authorized Cold Weather Wear.

Description:	Wear Times:
Cold Weather Coveralls (General Services Administration (GSA) Approved Black or OCP)	1 October - 30 April
Authorized Parkas, Massif, or Extended Cold Weather Clothing System (ECWCS)	1 October - 30 April
Protective hair/head coverings (these coverings are authorized only when work is being performed which requires the protection from the elements of work, (e.g., paint, oil, grease, sprays))	All year
Reflective tape, jackets, arm bands	All year
Note: Trips to the Base Exchange (BX), Commissary, Military Personnel Section (MPS), clinic, as well as trips in transit to and from place of residence and going to and from vehicles in parking lots, are not considered "in performance of official prescribed duties."	

9.6. Head Gear / Hot Weather Flightline Headgear . Personnel are permitted to wear the OCP boonie hat as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for sun protection exclusively on the flightline and within the 377 MXS Munitions Storage Area (MSA). To comply with uniform standards IAW DAFI 36-2903, Paragraph 9.6., the boonie must not be worn outside these immediate work zones. The hat must be worn level on the head, with the brim and band forming a straight line parallel to the ground and should fit snugly without bulging or distorting. No hair should be visible on the forehead beneath the brim. Its chin strap must be secured under the chin—not behind the head—and tightened during windy conditions to mitigate loss and potential FOD hazards. While the hat may rest on the back of the neck/upper-back when outdoors or inside hangars, and the boonie hat must be removed when indoors/non-industrial areas. There is no requirement for officer rank insignia on the boonie hat.

9.7. Friday Morale Undershirt. Morale Undershirts are authorized for wear on Friday, as established by the unit commander under the guidelines of their respective wing commander.

10.7.12. 2X-Series AFSCs Shorts . Airmen designated under these AFSCs are ***not authorized*** to wear the dark blue shorts specified in DAFI 36-2903 and must instead utilize OCP trousers, Maintenance Duty Uniforms (MDUs) (both on and off the flightline) or locally issued or GSA-purchased coveralls (Strictly flightline use only).

10.7.13. Flight Line/Maintenance Local Coveralls . All active-duty maintenance personnel assigned, to include those attached to the 150 SOW, are permitted to wear locally issued, GSA-purchased coveralls as a substitute for the MDU when their duties may result in significant soiling or wear. Maintenance personnel may only wear coveralls within designated immediate work areas, which are defined as industrial zones (within the specified flight line areas, such as hangars, back shops, maintenance yards and dock areas). Beyond these immediate areas, personnel are required to wear the uniform of the day (either OCPs or MDUs) and must report for duty dressed accordingly in compliance with DAFI 36-2903. Local commanders may distribute unit-issued coveralls, which must adhere to a dark blue color scheme, maintaining uniformity in terms of material and appearance throughout all maintenance activities. Exception: Unit-issued and GSA approved cold-weather OCP or black coveralls only, may worn between 1 October and 30 April.

10.7.13.1. Coveralls must not be tied or wrapped around the waist, nor hung from the body outside of immediate work areas. The centerline zipper should be fastened up to at least the level of the nametag or the upper stitch line of a chest pocket when not engaged in active work, including while in offices and breakrooms. Blousing of coveralls is not mandatory, and alterations including cutting of sleeves and legs of unit-issued coveralls are not authorized.

JUSTIN D. SECREST, Colonel, USAF
Installation Commander

Attachment 1**GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION*****References***

DAFI 21-101, *Aircraft and Equipment Maintenance Management*, 20 December 2023

AFI 33-322, *Records Management and Information Governance Program*, 22 March 2020

DAFI 36-2903, *Dress And Personal Appearance Of Department Of The Air Force Personnel*, 28 Feb 2024

DAFMAN 91-203, *Department Of The Air Force Occupational Safety Fire And Health Standards*, 23 February 2026

Prescribed Forms

None

Adopted Forms

AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*

Acronyms and Abbreviations

ABW—Air Base Wing

AFI—Air Force Instruction

AFRC—Air Force Reserve Command

AFRIMS—Air Force Records Information Management System

AFSC—Air Force Safety Center

AGE—Aerospace Ground Equipment

ANG—Air National Guard

AS—Allowance Standard

ATV—All Terrain Vehicles

Bldg—Building

BX—Base Exchange

CDF—Cargo Deployment Function

DAFI—Department of the Air Force Instruction

DoD—Department of Defense

DTRA—Defense Threat Reduction Agency

ECWCS—Extended Cold Weather Clothing System

FOD—Foreign Object Damage

HQ AFIA—Headquarters Air Force Inspection Agency

IAW—In Accordance With

KAFB—Kirtland Air Force Base

LRS—Logistics Readiness Squadron

MPS—Military Personnel Section

MSA—Munitions Storage Area

MXS—Maintenance Squadron

OPR—Office of Primary Responsibility

PTG—Physical Training Gear

RDS—Records Disposition Schedule

SMC/AD—Advanced Systems and Development Directorate

SOW—Special Operations Wing

SWTS—Special Warfare Training Squadron

TRS—Training Squadron

USAF—United States Air Force

VA—Veterans Affairs