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SUBJECT: Space Force Guidance Memorandum Establishing U.S. Space Force (USSF)  
Operational Camouflage Pattern (OCP) Uniform Wear Guidance

By Order of the Secretary of the Air Force, this Space Force Guidance Memorandum immediately establishes USSF OCP uniform wear guidance. Compliance with this Memorandum is mandatory. To the extent its directions are inconsistent with other Air Force publications, the information herein prevails, in accordance with AFI 33-360, *Publications and Forms Management*.

This guidance applies to USSF members at all levels. USSF members are defined as members transferred, or accessed, into the USSF armed force. For Uniform guidance or dress and appearance standards not listed in this SPFGM, please refer to AFI 36-2903, *Dress and Appearance of Air Force Personnel*.

Ensure that all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 33-322, *Management of Records*, and disposed of in accordance with Air Force Records Information Management System Records Disposition Schedule.

This Memorandum becomes void after one year has elapsed from the date of this Memorandum, or upon publishing of a new Instruction/Manual permanently establishing this guidance, whichever is earlier.

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1.1. The Operational Camouflage Pattern (OCP) Uniform, Men's and Women's. The mandatory wear date for all USSF members to wear the USSF OCP configuration is 1 April 2021. **(T-1)**. The Airman Battle Uniform (ABU) mandatory phase-out date is 1 April 2021. **(T-1)**. USSF members will not mix ABU and OCP uniform items (e.g., USSF members are prohibited from wearing the OCP uniform with the ABU Fleece Jacket). **(T-1)**. The OCP may be worn off base for short convenience stops and when eating at restaurants where people wear comparable civilian attire. Do not wear OCPs off base to eat in restaurants where most diners wear business attire or at establishments that operate primarily to serve alcohol. Do not starch or hot press the OCP. Light ironing is authorized, however, repeated hot pressing or heavy ironing will accelerate the overall wear of the fabric. OCPs purchased by USSF members through the Army Air Force Exchange Stores (AAFES) Military Clothing Sales Stores (MCSS), or issued through Individual Equipment Elements or contract equivalent, are certified as fully compliant with all specifications. No other suppliers are approved for organizational/unit purchases, or any appropriated or Overseas Contingency Operation funds expenditures. If personnel choose to use personal funds to purchase from non-AAFES suppliers, the Space Force is not responsible if the uniform is not fully compliant. Additionally, USSF members are not authorized to wear the Two-Piece Flight Duty Uniform (FDU), the Flight Duty Uniform (FDU) or the Desert Flight Duty Uniform (DFDU). **(T-1)**. USAF members assigned to 13S or 1C6 positions within USSF units are not authorized to wear the Two-Piece FDU, FDU, or DFDU. **(Note:** After 1 April 2021, the 50% cotton/50% nylon, non-Fire-Retardant OCP will be the only OCP uniform authorized to be worn by all USSF members.) **(Exception:** USSF members in jobs that have occupational safety and health administration (OSHA) requirements for wear of the 100% cotton Fire-Retardant OCP, Two-Piece FDU, FDU, or DFDU (e.g. deployed USSF members operating in outside the wire mission sets) are authorized to wear this distinctive uniform/equipment item.)

1.1.1. OCP Coat (Shirt). Coats will be 50% nylon and 50% cotton. **(T-1)**. The coat is worn outside the trousers. The coat will not extend below the top of the cargo pocket on the trousers and will not be higher than the bottom of the opening of the side (hip) pocket on the trousers. **(T-1)**. USSF members may roll up sleeves on the OCP coat; however, the cuffs will remain visible and the sleeve will rest at, or within one inch of, the forearm when the arm is bent at a 90-degree angle. When sleeves are not rolled up, cuffs may remain visible or be folded inward once, no further than the width of the cuff **(Note:** Commanders may prohibit members of their unit from rolling up their sleeves). Patches or badges will not be affixed to the front pockets. **(T-1)**. Alterations that affect the functionality of the uniform are not authorized, e.g. sewing down collars, or pockets. 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.

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1.1.2. Accoutrements. USSF members will wear a basic configuration consisting of nametape and USSF tape, U.S. Flag (full-color) and grade insignia. **(T-1)**. When authorized by Higher Headquarters (HHQ) Commanders, non-unit organizational entities (entities not constituted as a unit) as defined in Air Force Instruction 38-101, *Manpower and Organization*, such as Directorates, USSF Elements, Detachments) will develop or convert all patches to the Space Blue color criteria. **(T-1)**. USSF members may sew-on or use velcro backing for nametape, USSF tape, and grade insignia. **(T-1)**. Tape and grade insignia must be either all sewn-on or all velcro; USSF members are not authorized to mix sewn-on and velcro tape or grade insignia. **(T-1)**. **(Note:** Occupational badges may be either sewn-on or velcro, if more than one is worn you must sew or velcro all badges. Only velcro patches are authorized on the left and right sleeves of the OCP coat.) **(T-1)**. **(Note:** When wearing the ABU, all accoutrements will utilize the USAF color scheme until the ABU phase out date.) **(T-1)**.

1.1.3. Grade Insignia is mandatory for all personnel.

1.1.3.1. INTERIM Officer grade insignia will be Space Blue embroidery on the three-color OCP background, approximately 2" tall by 2" wide and affixed to the center chest velcro fastener location. **(T-1)**. **(Exception:** Second Lieutenant and Major grade insignia will be Spice Brown.) **(T-1)**. **(Note:** When wearing the ABU, wear the USAF grade insignia and color scheme until the ABU phase out date.) **(T-1)**.

1.1.3.2. INTERIM Enlisted grade insignia will be Space Blue embroidery on the three-color OCP background, approximately 2" tall by 2" wide and affixed to the center chest velcro fastener location. **(T-1)**. **(Note:** When wearing the ABU, wear the USAF grade insignia and color scheme until the ABU phase out date.) **(T-1)**.

1.1.4. Nametape and USSF tapes are mandatory for all personnel and will be Space Blue embroidery on the three-color OCP background. **(T-1)**. **(Note:** When wearing the ABU, nametape and USSF tapes will use the USAF color scheme until the ABU phase out date.) **(T-1)**.

1.1.5. Badges and Commander's Insignia Pin.

1.1.5.1. When worn all occupational badges may be worn centered ½ inch above the USSF tape using Space Blue embroidery on the OCP background. A maximum of two badges may be worn (second badge will be centered ½ inch above the first badge). **(Note:** When wearing the ABU, the member will continue to wear USAF badges and Commander's Insignia Pin in USAF color scheme until the ABU phase out date.) **(T-1)**.

1.1.5.2. Space Force occupational badges are mandatory. **(T-1)**. When more than one USSF occupational badge is authorized, the badge representing the current position will be worn and the second and subsequent badges become optional. **(T-1)**. All other occupational and qualification badges and patches, to include sister service, are optional. When USAF occupational and qualification badges and patches are worn on the USSF OCP, they will use the Space Blue color scheme in accordance with USSF guidance. **(T-1)**. Metal pin-on type qualification badges are not authorized for wear on the OCP uniform. **(T-1)**. **(Note:** When wearing the ABU, the member will continue to wear USAF badges in USAF color scheme until the ABU phase out date.) **(T-1)**.

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1.1.5.3. Commander's Badge Insignia may be worn for officers in the grade of Colonel (O-6) and below when currently in command. **(T-1)**. The badge will be centered ½ inch above the name tape, on 1 inch x 1 inch subdued cloth patch using the Space Blue color criteria on the OCP 3-color pattern background. **(T-1)**. Graduated Commander's badge may be worn on a small velcro patch on top of the right sleeve centered horizontally and ½ inch from the top of the velcro area. The unit level patch will be centered vertically and horizontally in any remaining velcro area to present a balanced appearance. **(Note:** When wearing the ABU, the member will continue to wear USAF Commander's badge in USAF color scheme until the ABU phase out date.)

1.1.6. Patches. Patches will not extend past the boundary of the velcro. **(T-1)**. (Morale patches are not authorized on the OCP uniform). **(T-1)**. Organizations are required to contact the base historian for assistance on development or reconfiguration of organizational emblems. **(T-1)**. Sister service total force personnel assigned, attached, detailed, or activated in support of USSF units are authorized to wear the USSF patch, next higher-level command patch, or organizational patch in accordance with their service's uniform guidance.

1.1.6.1. Left Sleeve. A maximum of two patches may be worn. **(T-1)**.

1.1.6.1.1. The U.S. flag patch is mandatory and will be full-color (cloth) centered at the top of Velcro, unless deployed to a contingency operation that aligns under separate/independent OCP wear guidance. **(T-1)**.

1.1.6.1.2. The USSF patch or the next higher-level command patch (either Field Command or Delta) patch is mandatory upon availability. **(T-1)**. The USSF patch or the next higher-level command patch will be centered below the U.S. flag patch. **(T-1)**. While participating in a Space Mission Force combat rotation, operational crew duty in support of United States Space Command (USSPACECOM), or operational USSPACECOM exercise/wargame/event, USSF members will wear the USSPACECOM patch centered below the U.S. flag. **(T-1)**. **(Note:** Current subdued version of specific level headquarters patch may be worn until the patch color conversion has been completed or until 1 April 2021, whichever is sooner.) **(Note:** For accessions, USSF members in training (e.g. United States Air Force Academy (USAF), Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), Officer Training School (OTS), Basic Military Training (BMT) the specific level headquarters patch may be worn as directed by applicable commanders.)

1.1.6.1.3. USAF Weapons School Graduate Patch (graduate or instructor), USAF (or joint/international) Test Pilot School graduate patches and School of Advanced Air and Space Studies (SAASS) patch, and other equivalent school patches are authorized on the left sleeve using subdued Spice Brown color criteria if Space Blue version is not available. These patches may be worn in-lieu of the specific level headquarters patch.

1.1.6.2. Right Sleeve. A maximum of one patch may be worn. **(T-1)**.

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1.1.6.2.1. Organizational unit of assignment patches are mandatory upon availability (non-unit entities such as Directorates, AF Elements are optional) and will be centered in the middle of the velcro area. **(T-1)**. **(Exception:** For accessions, (e.g. USAFA, ROTC, OTS, BMT) the unit patch may be worn as directed by applicable commanders.) **(Note:** Current subdued version of unit patch may be worn until the new unit patch is available.)

1.1.6.2.2. Wear of USAF qualification badges/patches, if earned and awarded, is authorized and must be in Space Blue. Award criteria for other services' qualification badges will be in accordance with awarding Service's directives. Temporary qualification badges are not authorized for wear on the uniform.

1.1.6.2.3. No other types of patches are authorized on the right sleeve. **(T-1)**.

1.1.7. T-Shirt. T-Shirt will be Coyote Brown (Tan 499) and will be tucked into OCP trousers.

1.1.8. OCP Trouser. The OCP trousers are worn buttoned and with a belt. The trouser waistband will rest on the member's waist. Pockets will be secured and items stowed in pockets will not be visible. **(Exception:** OCP patrol cap may extend outside when placed in the OCP trouser cargo pocket.) USSF members may wear the trousers tucked into the top of the boots or bloused using the draw strings at the bottom of the trousers, or commercial blousing devices if the trousers are not tucked into the boots. USSF members will not wrap the trouser leg around the leg tightly enough to present a pegged appearance or insert any items inside the trouser leg to create a round appearance at the bottom of the trouser leg. **(T-1)**. When bloused, the trousers will not extend below the third eyelet from the top of the boot. **(T-1)**.

1.1.9. Belt. A one piece Tan 499 rigger style, nylon, web belt will be worn with OCP trousers **(Exception:** maternity trousers). **(T-1)**. Belt may extend past buckle.

1.1.10. OCP Patrol Cap. The patrol cap will be worn outdoors at all times, unless in a designated "no hat" area. **(T-1)**. USSF members will wear the patrol cap straight on the head so that the cap band creates a straight line around the head, parallel to the ground. **(T-1)**. The patrol cap will fit snugly and comfortably around the largest part of the head without bulging or distortion from the intended shape of the headgear and without excessive gaps. **(T-1)**. USSF members are authorized to block the patrol cap. The cap is worn so that no hair is visible on the forehead beneath the cap. **(T-1)**. The velcro or sew-on Space Blue nametape will be worn centered on the back of the patrol cap. **(T-1)**. Officers will wear sewn-on Space Blue grade insignia **(Exception:** Second Lieutenant and Majors will wear Spice Brown) on OCP background. **(T-1)**. Enlisted will not wear grade insignia on the patrol cap. **(T-1)**.

1.1.11. Socks. Socks may be Green or Coyote Brown.

1.1.12. Coyote Brown Boots. Coyote Brown boots will be worn with the OCP. **(T-1)**. **(Exception:** Athletic shoes may be worn if medically necessary, as determined by competent medical authorities at a civilian or military treatment facility and approved by the commander). The soling material will not exceed 2 inches in height. **(T-1)**. Boots will be laced up with plain rounded toe or rounded capped toe with or without a perforated seam. **(T-1)**. A zipper or elastic inserts may be worn; however, if worn, they will be without design. **(T-1)**. Boots can be either with or without a safety toe.

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1.1.13. Cold Weather Accessories. Cold weather accessories will only be worn when wearing authorized outer garments. **(T-1)**. **(Exception:** gloves may be worn solely with the service dress uniform, ABUs, or OCPs.) With the exception of functional items, cold weather accessories are only worn while outdoors. Authorized cold weather accessories for the OCP are:

1.1.13.1. Coyote Brown or black scarves, earmuffs, watch caps and black or coyote brown gloves.

1.1.13.2. Coyote Brown fleece may be worn.

1.1.13.3. The Extended Cold Weather Clothing System (ECWCS) jackets (fleece, wind, soft shell, wet weather, or extreme cold weather) may be worn without the ECWCS pants; however, the pants must not be worn without the jacket.