



SAMOPS Service Uniform Guide

This document is to provide general guidance and instruction for HPSP student officers on how to properly wear their respective branch service uniform. Each service branch will most likely provide this instruction during the branch officer course, this guide will serve as a quick reference tool and specifically help medical schools ***prepare HPSP officers for their promotion ceremony upon graduation.***

This guide is not a replacement for official regulation.

Dated: February 2025



Originally prepared by:
Kevin T. Stoll, ICOM, Army
William Lawson, ICOM, Air Force
Spencer Sawyer, ICOM, Navy

Table of Contents

| | |
|--|----|
| Intro and Table of Contents | 2 |
| Quick Links | 3 |
| Reference Material | 4 |
| The Service (Dress) Uniform | 5 |
| Insignia, Accouterments, Decorations, Awards | 7 |
| Example Uniforms and Images | 14 |

Introduction:

Each branch of service has their own unique military customs and courtesies, but a common component between these branches is the uniform inspection. The uniform inspection is exactly what it sounds like, a method to identify deficiencies in the individual uniform prior to formal events. These inspections would normally be carried out by the officer in charge, their accompanying non-commissioned officer, and the responsible team or squad leader within the unit. The feedback is given immediately to the individual and their leader and appropriate corrections are made to bring the uniform to standard. This is expected when assigned to any military unit.

However, medical schools are not military units and not all schools have the benefit of an institution ROTC program or service member to assist in these situations. Even if they have military experience, they may not be familiar with your specific branch regulation. We created this guide to help junior officers prepare their service uniform and serve as an indirect uniform inspection. The goal is to provide an easily understandable guide with all relevant military references in one location to support the proper wear of the military service uniform. If you feel that some instruction is unclear, the references linked will make it quick to access relevant information directly from the source.

To any of our prior service students, note that this document is not all encompassing for any of the awards, badges, and accoutrements you earned during your service. We encourage connecting with other officers and service members to share that experience and foster that professional development.

Ultimately, we hope that this guide is a helpful tool in preparing your uniform for your promotion ceremony upon graduating medical school. Take pride in your achievement and your decision to serve, and lead others with confidence in your military and medical career.

Quick Links

TL;DR: Quick links without explanations - continue reading below for more information.

| Topic | Weblink |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Regulations | Army: AR 670-1 ; DA PAM 670-1 Navy: MyNavy Uniform Regulations ; MyNavy Uniforms App Air Force: DAFI 36-2903 ; AFPC Dress & Appearance ; Decorations & Ribbons Smart Guides: Army Uniform Bundle ; Navy Uniform Bundle ; Air Force Uniform Bundle All Service Uniform Guide: Uniform Guide |
| Dress Uniforms | Army/Air Force: AAFES Exchange Navy: Navy Exchange Army/Navy: Marlow White |
| Uniform Awards, Ribbons, Ranks | Army/Air Force: AAFES Exchange Navy: Navy Exchange All: Marlow White Ribbon Builder ; EZ Rack Builder ; SnapRack (Rack System) |

Quick Uniform Checklist:

1. Service Cap
2. Uniform Coat
3. Uniform Trousers / Slacks / Skirt
4. Uniform Oxfords / Dress Shoes
5. Uniform Long-Sleeve Shirt
6. Uniform Short-Sleeve Shirt
7. Neck Tie / Neck Tab
8. Dress Socks
9. Service Belt
10. Name Plate / Name Tag
11. Service Insignia
12. Coat Ranks (O-1/O-3)
13. Shirt Ranks (O-1/O-3)
14. Ribbon(s)
15. Ribbon Rack

Reference Materials

Army Uniform References:

1. Army Regulation [AR 670-1](#) (2021), *Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia*. This AR provides the rules of a type of uniform and how commanders exercise their authority on uniform use.
2. Department of the Army Pamphlet [DA PAM 670-1](#) (2021), *Guide to the Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia*. This pamphlet provides the specific instruction on how to build your uniform properly based on the uniform type and occasion.

Navy Uniform References:

1. Navy Uniform Regulations NAVPERS 15665J:
 - a. [MyNavy HR](#): Uniform Regulations. Contains every regulation and component of Navy uniforms, how to wear, occasional to wear, ribbons, medals, warfare devices, and etc.
 - b. [MyNavy Uniforms App](#): Downloadable app available which shows all uniform components broken down into basic, prescribed and optional components.

Air Force Uniform References:

1. [Department of the Air Force Instruction \(DAFI\) 36-2903](#) (2024), *Dress and Personal Appearance of Department of the Air Force Personnel*. This instruction implements Department of the Air Force Policy Directive (DAFPD) 36-29, Military Standards. It provides responsibilities and standards for dress and personal appearance of all Department of the Air Force personnel.
2. [Air Force Personnel Center \(AFPC\) Decorations and Ribbons](#). This provides a listing of Decorations and Awards to include V,C and R Devices.

Commercial “Smart” Guides:

These guidelines are commercially available to assist with building your dress uniform. These are generic instructions and do not always account for minor adjustments on special occasions outlined in regulation but provide enough guidance to ensure your uniform looks proper for promotion or formal events. The measurement tool provided is often helpful in making your uniform measurements easy when building your dress uniform. Keep in mind that commercial guides are not always accurate based on publishing date and it is always important to refer back to your service regulation.

1. Army “Wear It Right”: [Army Uniform Bundle](#)
2. Navy “Wear It Right”: [Navy Uniform Bundle](#)
3. Air Force “Wear It Right”: [Air Force Uniform Bundle](#)
4. All Services Uniform Guide: [Uniform Guide](#)

This is not an all inclusive list, but these books and tools can be commonly found at the AAFES/NEX store on base.

The Service (Dress) Uniform

Purchasing the Service Uniform:

The easiest way to purchase your uniform is to go in person to the Military Clothing Store on base. If you are lucky to be near an Active Duty installation, this process will be simple. If you aren't as lucky, you can try to find a National Guard Base that may have these uniforms (typically will be Army or Air Force). However, if you aren't near one or don't have the time to pick it up yourself, you can purchase the uniform online as long as you have your appropriate measurements. Keep in mind that you will need to tailor them, so order them with enough time to make adjustments.

You will need to create an account for these websites to be able to purchase your uniforms.

1. Standard Uniforms:
 - a. Army/Air Force: [AAFES Exchange](#)
 - b. Navy: [Navy Exchange](#)
2. Premium Uniforms: [Marlow White](#) (only Army and Navy dress uniforms as of 2024)
3. You can typically buy all uniform items at the local Base Military Clothing Store or online. Make sure you are getting the right ribbon for your respective branch, there are similar insignia/awards/ribbons but have branch specific designs:
 - a. AAFES Exchange: [AAFES Exchange](#)
 - b. Navy Exchange: [Navy Exchange](#)
 - c. Marlow White: [Marlow White Ribbon Builder](#)
 - d. USAMM Ribbons: [EZ Rack Builder](#)
 - e. Vanguard Ribbons: [EZ Rack Builder CAP – Vanguard Industries](#)
 - f. SnapRack: [SnapRack](#) - This is a good set to buy as a starting ribbon rack. It allows you to grow your stack without buying a new ribbon rack each time you receive a new ribbon. This is a great investment for your dress uniform while early in your military career.

Tailoring the Service Uniform:

Each service branch has their rules on how the dress uniform fits. This requires your uniform to be tailored to your body. If you buy your uniform at a military base, you will have an easier time with getting your uniform tailored to the right lengths. Most base uniform stores will have a tailor inside or nearby and they already know the appropriate measurements. However, if you buy your uniform online, you will need to take this to a tailor and provide specific instructions to get it right. Below are summarized instructions for tailoring the uniform by each branch of service. Refer to the references of your respective branch for more detailed instructions.

Army Tailoring

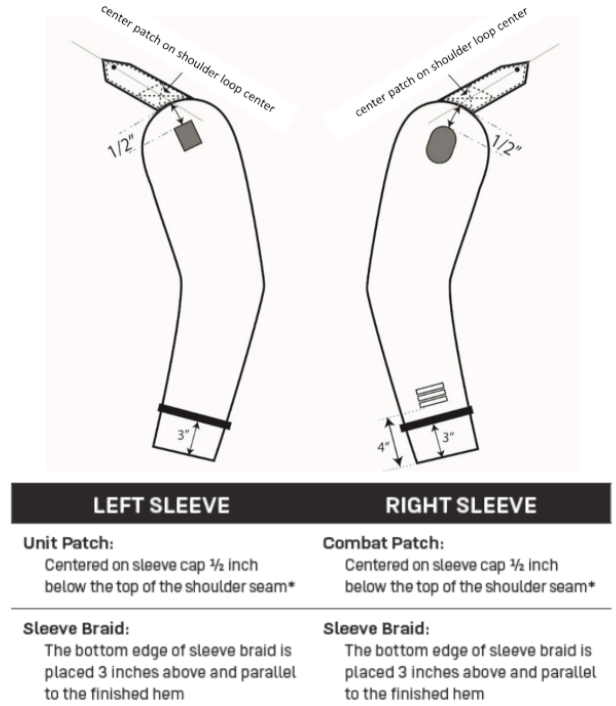
1. The Army has multiple service and dress uniforms. The Army Green Service Uniform (AGSU) is recommended as your first service uniform as it will become the required uniform for all Soldiers by 2027. Optional uniforms include the Army Service Uniform (ASU) and the formal Mess Dress uniform.

2. Male Army Tailoring:

- a. Army Coat: The sleeves are 1 inch below the bottom of the wrist bone, covering the long shirt. The coat bottom is 1 inch below the crotch near the tip of the thumb when standing.
 - i. Coat sleeve officer braid is parallel to and 3 inches above the bottom of each sleeve.
 - ii. The Unit Patch or Shoulder Sleeve Insignia (SSI) is $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from top of the left shoulder seam.
- b. Army Trousers: The back hem of the trousers lays between the top of the heel and the top of the dress shoe. The front crease of the trousers should reach the top of the instep. The trousers should be full enough around the hips to prevent the side pockets from spreading.

OFFICER INSIGNIA PLACEMENT

How to properly add patches, braids, and bars to the coat sleeves.



3. Female Army Tailoring:

- a. Army Coat: The coat should fit smoothly across shoulders and across bust without strain. The bottom button is approximately 1 inch below the natural waistline, fitting easily over the hips and conforming to the waistline curve. The sleeves are 1 inch below the bottom of the wrist bone, covering the long shirt. The coat front presents a straight line from the top button to the coat hem. The back vent must also overlap without pulling or gaping.
 - i. Coat sleeve officer braid is parallel to and 3 inches above the bottom of each sleeve.
 - ii. The shoulder sleeve insignia (Unit Patch) is $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from top of the left shoulder seam.
- b. Army Slacks: The slacks should fit easily over the hips and snugly at the waist where the side pockets lay flat without bulging. The center of the waistband should be at the natural waistline. The bottom of the slacks will reach the top of the instep in the front and reach a point approximately midway between the top of the heel and the top of the oxford shoe in the back.
- c. Army Skirt: The skirt should fall between 1 inch above and 2 inches below the midpoint of the knee, and the length of back vent will not be less than 5 inches long. The skirt viewed from the front and back should continue the slender lines of the coat, tapered slightly at the sides.

Navy Tailoring

1. The Navy has the most variation of uniforms. For the purpose of graduation and promotion, we recommend focusing on the Service Dress White variation. This will simplify the promotion activities and minimize tailoring costs that usually accompany the Dress Blue variation. (Note: having uniforms tailored is part of ODS; you can get one of each uniform that you need plus one more set of khakis).
2. The NAVPER states that uniforms may be tailored to provide a well-fitting, professional military bearing. They shall not be altered to the extent of detracting from a military appearance, nor shall they be tailored to the point of presenting a tight form fit.

3. Coat: Worn squarely on the shoulders. Button all buttons and fasten the collar. **Officers wear hard shoulder boards on the dress white uniform.**

- a. Male Coats: A single-breasted, standing collar coat made of authorized plain white, lightweight fabric, **two breast patch pockets with pointed button down flaps** fastened by detachable 22-1/2-line navy eagle gilt buttons, and five detachable 35-line navy eagle gilt buttons on right front and form fitting (figure 3501.17-1). The coat has a sword slit over the left hip and loops for shoulder boards for officers only.

- b. Female Coats: A single-breasted, fully lined coat with a standing collar and six sewn on 35-line navy eagle gilt buttons on left front with princess seams to allow for form fitting as well as alterations (Figure 3501.17-2). The coat has a sword slit over the left hip and loops for officer shoulder boards only. **The female Service Dress White coat does not include front breast pockets or pocket flaps with buttons.**



4. Trousers / Slacks: Both shall hang approximately 2 inches from the floor at the back of the shoe.
 - a. Male Trousers: May be straight legged or slightly flared. Trousers shall hang approximately 2 inches from the floor at the back of the shoe. Trousers should be tailored to include a 2 inch hem to provide material for adjustments.
 - b. Female Slacks: The slacks come in two configurations: Standard Waist and Low Waist. Slacks shall hang approximately 2 inches from the floor at the back of the shoe. Slacks should be tailored to include a 2-inch hem to provide material for adjustments.
5. Female Skirt - The white skirt comes in two configurations: A-line and Straight-line openings. Either may be worn. Length may range from 1-1/2 inches above to 1-1/2 inches below the crease behind the knee. Dress pumps or flats are the footwear of choice when wearing a skirt. Hosiery is optional and must be flesh tone when worn.

Air Force Tailoring

1. General Tailoring Guide:

- a. Coat: The sleeves end 1/4 to 1/2 inches below the bottom of the wrist bone, covering the long shirt. The bottom of the coat will end 3 to 3-1/2 inches below the bottom of the thigh.
- b. Trousers/Slacks: The trousers should fit easily over the hips and snugly at the waist where the side pockets lay flat without bulging. The front of the trouser legs will rest on the front of the shoe or boot with a slight break in the crease. The back of the trouser legs will be 7/8th inch longer than the front.
- c. Long-sleeved Shirt/Blouse: The sleeves end 1/4 to 1/2 inches below the bottom of the wrist bone, but will not be seen underneath the coat sleeve, when worn.
 - i. A tie (male) or tie-tab (female) is required when worn.

2. Male Air Force Tailoring:

- a. Trousers: The trousers should fit easily over the hips and snugly at the waist where the side pockets lay flat without bulging. The front of the trouser legs will rest on the front of the shoe or boot with a slight break in the crease. The back of the trouser legs will be 7/8- inch longer than the front.
- b. Blue Shirt: The sleeves end 1/4 to 1/2 inches below the bottom of the wrist bone, but will not be seen underneath the coat sleeve, when worn.
 - i. A tie is required to be worn with the long-sleeve blue shirt, however, it is optional with the shortsleeve blue shirt unless worn with service dress.
 1. Note: A short sleeve Blue Shirt is not normally worn when wearing the Service Coat. Normally only worn when defined uniform is "Blues"

3. Female Air Force Tailoring:

- a. Slacks: The trousers should fit easily over the hips and snugly at the waist where the side pockets lay flat without bulging. The front of the trouser legs will rest on the front of the shoe or boot with a slight break in the crease. The back of the trouser legs will be 7/8- inch longer than the front.
- b. Female Blouse: The sleeves end 1/4 to 1/2 inches below the bottom of the wrist bone, but will not be seen underneath the coat sleeve, when worn.
 - i. Tuck-In Style: The blue blouse will have a tapered fit and will be tucked into the slacks or skirt.
 - ii. Semi-Form Fitting: The blue blouse will be a semi-form fitting princess line.
 - iii. Tie Tab: An inverted-V tie tab will be worn with the service dress uniform and/or long-sleeve blue shirt.
- c. Female Skirt: The skirt will be no shorter than the top of the kneecap and no longer than the bottom of the kneecap when standing at attention.

Insignia, Accoutrements, Decorations, Awards

Instructions of Wear and Placement of Uniform Items

1. Army Regulation: Refer to DA PAM 670-1, Chapters 21 and 22; these provide specific instructions on how to place your pins, nametags, rank, and ribbons on your uniform.
2. USN Regulation: Refer to NAVPERS 15665J, Chapters 4 and 5, on [MyNavy Uniform Regulations](#)
3. USAF Regulation: Refer to DAFI 36-2903, Chapter 4.5; this chapter provides specific guidelines on how to place your pins, nametags, ranks, and ribbons on your uniform.

Insignia, Nameplates, Ranks

1. All services will require the wear of your rank on your uniform and some service specific insignia, but the nameplate or name tag may be optional based on the level of formality (i.e. attending a ball or gala may omit wearing the name tag as a part of your formal attire). We highly recommend Navy officers wear the Dress White for the promotion ceremonies in the summer to allow the change of the shoulder boards for promotion.
 - a. Navy: If a graduation promotion ceremony is off-cycle and occurs outside of the summer, promotion should occur in the Dress Blue uniform by replacing the **soft** shoulder boards on the white shirt. You will remove the Dress Blue jacket to do this. Reference the Navy Uniform Shift Guidance (dates change yearly, must search for guidance released by the Navy).
2. Nameplates and Name Tags. For the sake of simplicity and uniformity we *recommend* each class unify their appearance within their respective branch (i.e. Navy officers *omitting* nameplates, Army officers *wearing* nameplates, Air Force officers *wearing* name plates).
 - a. Army: Required per [ALARACT 055/2024](#). The nameplate is worn centered on the flap of the wearer's right breast pocket, and centered between the top of the button and top of the pocket.
 - b. Navy: Optional. Center nametags 1/4 inch above the right breast pocket. On uniforms without a right breast pocket, place name tags on the right front in a position corresponding to ribbons on the left. Nametags are rectangular not exceeding dimensions of 1 inch by 3-1/2 inches, and may be of any color and design as long as the name tag is standard throughout the command.
 - c. Air Force: Optional. The name tag is metal brushed satin silver finish with the last name engraved in blue lettering. It is centered on the wearer's right between the sleeve seam and top of the lapel. The bottom of the name tag will be parallel with the bottom of ribbons.
3. Service Insignias. Each branch will have their respective service insignia unique in color, size, or shape. If you are prior service, you may have additional authorized insignia that are not covered in this guide. Refer to your branch regulation for clarifying instructions.

a. Army. The following items are required to complete the Army Green Service Uniform (AGSU) as Army HPSP Officers. These items include parts from commissioning as a 2LT through graduation and promotion to CPT. These changes happen at key milestone events and will require time and preparation to be correctly placed on the uniform.

i. The U.S. Insignia (x2). Gold-colored metal, 7/16 inch in height. The U.S. insignia is 5/8 inch above the notch on both collars with the centerline of the insignia bisecting the notch and parallel to the inside edge of the lapel.



ii. The Medical Service Corp Branch Insignia (x2). Worn as 2LT. A silver-colored caduceus, 1 inch in height, with a 3/8-inch monogram of the letters "M" and "S" in black enamel superimposed upon the caduceus. The branch insignia is positioned so that the centerline of the insignia bisects the centerline of the U.S. insignia and is parallel to the inside edge of the lapel.



iii. The Medical Corp Branch Insignia (x2). Worn for promotion to CPT. A gold-colored caduceus, 1 inch in height. The branch insignia is centered on both lapels approximately 1-1/4 inches below the U.S. insignia. The branch insignia is positioned so that the centerline of the insignia bisects the centerline of the U.S. insignia and is parallel to the inside edge of the lapel.



iv. The Regimental Distinctive Insignia (RDI) (x1). This represents successful ascension into the Army Medical Department. Worn after completing BOLC. The RDI is centered 1/8 inch above the top of the right pocket flap. When the coat lapel obscures the RDI, Soldiers may wear the RDI aligned to the right edge of the unit awards. The RDI is not worn on the AGSU shirt.



v. The Distinctive Unit Insignia* (DUI) (x2). The DUI will be worn on the service uniform coat is centered on the shoulder loops an equal distance measured between the inside edge of the grade insignia to the outside edge of the button. The DUI is based on unit assignment. Not worn on the AGSU shirt.



HRC DUI (2LT)



MEDCOM DUI (CPT)

vi. The Shoulder Sleeve Insignia* (SSI) (x1). Nonsubdued SSI of an individual's current organization will be worn centered on the left sleeve, 1/2 inch below the top of the shoulder seam on the coats of the AGSU for all personnel. The SSI is based on unit assignment. Not worn on the AGSU shirt.



HRC SSI (2LT)



MEDCOM SSI (CPT)

*The DUI and SSI are based on the unit assignment order. Army HPSP officers commission as 2LT into the US Army Reserve (USAR), and are assigned to the USAR Control Group managed by US Army Human Resources Command (HRC) while in medical school. Thus, HPSP 2LTs will wear the HRC DUI and SSI on their uniforms. The subdued SSI is authorized to also wear on the Army Combat Uniform (ACU). Promoted CPTs will wear the DUI and SSI of their new unit based on orders for residency medical training, most likely being US Army Medical Command (MEDCOM).

Check your assignment order to confirm the unit of assignment.

b. Navy. The Medical Corps insignia: A gold embroidered spread oak leaf, surcharged with a silver embroidered acorn. Navy HPSP officers are only authorized to wear the Medical Corps insignia as shown right.



- i. Dress White: Hard shoulder boards reflect your medical corps insignia and rank. The shoulder boards are pictured under the Ranks section.
- ii. Dress Blue: This is placed on your uniform when you buy it and sewn on your sleeves. The tailor must adjust the rank on your sleeves for promotion.

c. Air Force: You will need the following items to complete your uniform. The Silver U.S. Officer Insignia (x2), the Air Force Medical Service Corps Basic Badge (x1), and the Air Force Medical Corps Basic Badge (x1).

i. Air Force US Lapel Insignia (x2). Silver-colored metal, 7/16 inch in height. The US lapel insignia is each placed halfway up the lapel seam, resting on but not over it. The "US" letters in the insignia are parallel with the ground.



ii. The Air Force Medical Service Corps Badge (x1). The badge is centered on the wearer's left 1/2-inch above the top row of ribbons. If no ribbons, center badge parallel to the name tag. Based on the Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC) Physician Education Team, AF HPSP Officers wear this badge until graduation.



iii. The Air Force Medical Corps Badge (x1). The badge is centered on the wearer's left 1/2-inch above the top row of ribbons. If no ribbons, center badge parallel to the name tag. Awarded to officers who are assigned to the medical career field as physicians. The criteria is graduation from medical school.



4. Ranks: The military generally uses the same pin-on ranks for all branches, except the Navy, which has their own rank representation. You should have two (x2 each or 1x pair) of ranks - one for each shoulder. Most will be sold in pairs.

Army and Air Force 2nd Lieutenant (O-1)

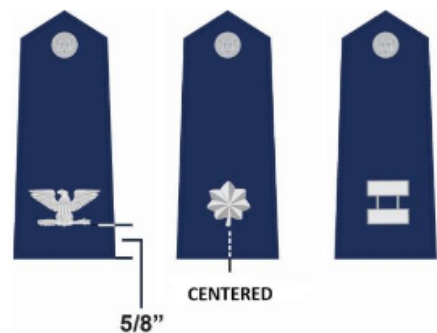


Army and Air Force Captain (O-3)



a. Army: Officer grade insignia is worn on the shoulder loops, 5/8 inch from the outside shoulder seam, and centered front to back. Similar to the Air Force.

b. Air Force: Officers will center regular size rank insignia 5/8 inch from end of the epaulet and parallel with the sleeve seam, when applicable. Similar to the Army.



Navy Medical Corps Ensign (O-1)



Navy Medical Corps Lieutenant (O-3)



- c. Navy: Dress White ranks are gold lace stripes on a black, hard shoulder board. The gold lace stripes are the same width, number, and spacing as seen on the sleeves of the dress blue coat to designate rank. The Medical Corps devices sewn on the outer face of the dress blue sleeve, centered between front and rear creases, 1/4 inch above the uppermost stripe.

Ribbons and Medals

1. The standard ribbon dimension is 1-3/8 inches wide by 3/8 inches high. Ribbon placement is similar to each branch. Personal and service ribbons are centered above the breast pocket on the left side of the dress uniform. You will need a ribbon bar/rack to be able to add your ribbon(s) to your uniform.
 - a. Army: Ribbons centered with the edge of the bottom row 1/8 inch above the left breast pocket.
 - b. Navy: Ribbons centered with the edge of the bottom row 1/4 inch above the left breast pocket. On coats without pockets, ribbons are centered 6-1/4 inches below the shoulder seam.
 - c. Air Force: Ribbons are centered and rest on (but not over) the edge of the left pleated pocket.
2. Basic Ribbons for HPSP Officers. You should have received a certificate or memorandum indicating the completion of your basic officer training program. Only wear awards you have officially earned.
 - a. Army Service Ribbon: Successfully completing Army Basic Training.



- b. Navy: **There is No Navy Basic Training Ribbon.** You are authorized to wear ribbons earned from prior service. Graduates with no prior military awards will have no ribbons on their uniform.
- c. Air and Space Training Ribbon: Successfully completing Air Force Basic Training.



- d. If you have concerns about your award qualification, contact your service branch office for assistance or wait until you arrive at your first duty station and coordinate with your Human Resources Support Team.

3. Full-sized medals may be worn at formal gatherings such as a military ball or an official ceremony, however, each service may have specific instructions to wear full-sized medals and not all ribbons have accompanying medals. For most professional events it is more appropriate to wear the ribbons.
4. When wearing multiple ribbons, there is an order of precedence with the higher status ribbon positioned closest to the center of the coat. See an example below using the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Ribbon and Army Service Ribbon:



Below are Ribbon Precedence guides*:

- a. Army: [Army Ribbons](#)
- b. Navy: [Navy Awards Precedence](#)
- c. Air Force: [Air Force Decorations and Ribbons](#)

*Some ribbon award websites (EZ Rack, Marlow White) may help build your ribbon rack with their award precedence algorithm. It can be very convenient, helpful, and often accurate to regulation. However, since they are commercial entities, there may be rare occasions that they are not up to date with regulation. When in doubt, refer to your branch organization for the most accurate award precedence list.

Example Uniforms and Images

Army

Army Green Service Uniform (AGSU)



OFFICER

ENLISTED

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. U.S. insignia 2. Regimental distinctive insignia 3. Rank insignia Officer rank insignia is worn on the shoulders. Enlisted rank insignia is worn on the sleeve. 4. Shoulder sleeve insignia (military operations in hostile conditions) 5. Unit awards 6. Name plate (not pictured) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Identification badge 8. Overseas service bars 9. Stripe A brown stripe on the sleeve indicates an officer. 10. Shoulder sleeve insignia 11. Branch insignia 12. Combat and special skill badges 13. Campaign and service medal ribbons | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14. German Marksmanship Award 15. Distinctive unit insignia 16. Special skill and marksmanship badges 17. Service stripes Each diagonal stripe worn on the left sleeve represents three years of service in the Army. 18. Special skills tabs |
|---|--|--|

Additional Guides:

[Official Army AGSU Wear Guide](#)

Navy



Air Force

Figure 12.1. Male Service Dress Duty Badge Configuration Examples



Single Duty Badge Configuration

Figure 12.2. Female Service Dress Duty Badge Configuration Examples



Single Duty Badge Configuration

NAME TAG:
Centered on the wearer's right between the sleeve seam and top of lapel. The bottom of name tag will be parallel with bottom of ribbons.

BADGES:
A max of 4 occupational, qualification or skill badges may be worn. First badge is worn 1/2-inch above top row of medal. Second badge is worn centered 1/2-inch above first badge

US INSIGNIA:
The US lapel insignia is placed halfway up the seam, resting on but not over it. The "US" letters in the insignia are parallel with the ground.

ADD'L BADGES (MALE SPECIFIC):
Command insignia pin (for graduated commanders) worn on right side, centered 1/2-inch below name tag. If second duty badge is worn on right side with command insignia, center duty badge 1/2-inch below command insignia pin for graduated commander.

DUTY BADGES (MALE SPECIFIC)
First duty badge is centered on left, 1 1/2-inches below top pocket of pocket.

DUTY BADGES (FEMALE SPECIFIC):
The first duty badge will be centered on the wearer's right, 1/2-inch above the name tag and centered. The second badge will be worn 1/2-inch above the name tag and centered and spaced 1/2-inch apart from the first badge.

COMMANDER INSIGNIA PIN:
Command insignia pin is worn on the wearer's right side, centered 1/2-inch above the name tag for current commanders.

RIBBONS:
Wear all or some. Ribbons are centered, resting on (but not over) the edge of the pleated pocket on the left.

OCCUPATIONAL BADGES:
Chaplain, aeronautical, space, cyberspace, multi-domain warfare and missile operations badges are mandatory and will always be worn in the highest position. No more than a combined total of two chaplain, aeronautical, space, cyberspace, missile operations, multi-domain warfare or occupational badges will be worn on the wearer's left.

