

## **Chapter 8**

### **COLOR GUARD, HONOR GUARD, AND DRILL TEAM UNIFORM WEAR INSTRUCTIONS**

**8.1. Definitions.** In order to ensure all detachments have the same understanding of what constitutes these organizations, the following definitions are provided.

**8.1.1. Color Guard.** Color Guards are small (typically 3-8 person) teams that form to carry the flags/colors and present them at such activities as sporting events, parades, and other formal ceremonies, such as military balls. These teams may also participate in Color Guard competitions at drill meets.

**8.1.2. Honor Guard.** Honor Guards are small (typically 3-8 person) teams that are very similar to Color Guards, except they may or may not carry flags. They are formed to honor something or someone, such as at funerals, veterans' ceremonies, etc. This may include flag raising/lowering details.

**8.1.3. Drill Team.** Drill Teams are normally larger teams (though sometimes as small as a color/honor guard) that do not carry flags, except possibly a flight guidon. They may drill with or without weapons. They are formed to perform for events such as parades or exhibitions, or to compete in Drill Team competitions at drill meets.

**8.2. Cadets and Events Authorized for Uniform Wear.** Cadets participating in detachment sanctioned Color Guards, Honor Guards, and Drill Teams may wear their uniforms while preparing for, performing, or coming from performing Color/Honor Guard or Drill Team duties. Military institutions retain the same exception to uniform wear as in paragraph 3.1.5.

#### **8.3. Additional Instructions.**

**8.3.1.** Color/Honor Guard members and Drill Team members will wear the following items as part of the Color/Honor Guard and Drill Team uniform. If funding is available, purchase the following special items using commutation funds (see AFOATSI 65-102) or IIK funds. Detachments are not specifically funded for Color/Honor Guards or Drill Teams. Funding must come from available commutation or IIK funds, personal expense, or other legal sources of funding. See AFOATSI 65-102 for guidance on commutation funds. IIK units must request approval from AFROTC/DOS prior to purchasing new uniform items under this

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paragraph. Variations to this uniform are not authorized unless approved by AFROTC/DOS. Color/Honor Guard and Drill Team uniforms will consist of the following:

**8.3.1.1.** The service dress uniform is worn by all members of the Color/Honor Guard or Drill Team.

**8.3.1.2.** USAF ceremonial service (wheel) cap with silver rimmed visor, silver front chin strap, and black rear chin strap. Wear the USAF Honor Guard “Wing and Star” service cap insignia.

**8.3.1.3.** Single strand white shoulder cord.

**8.3.1.4.** USAF ceremonial web belt (blue with silver trim) with chrome buckle emblazoned with “Wing and Star” insignia.

**8.3.1.5.** White gloves. (Detachments may purchase white gloves with grip face for better hold of weapons and flags.)

**8.3.1.6.** Purchase white flag holders as needed.

**8.3.1.7.** No ascots, berets, or any other item not specified in this paragraph will be worn.

**8.3.1.8.** Female cadets participating in Color/Honor Guards or Drill Teams will wear the male service cap.

**8.3.1.9.** If desired, Drill Teams may alter the service dress uniform to remove ribbons and badges to present a standardized appearance by all drill team members during competition. All other insignia must be worn. Color/Honor Guards will not alter the uniform in this manner.

**8.3.2.** Color/Honor Guard uniform items will be issued out on AF Form 538, **Personal Clothing and Equipment Record**, to the individual cadet and should be turned in when the cadet no longer participates as an active member of the Color/Honor Guard or Drill Team.