

ABU WEAR ON COMMERCIAL TRAVEL MESSAGE (03 APR 08)

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SUBJECT: ABU Wear on Commercial Travel

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1. IN JANUARY 2006, AF/CVA SIGNED A POLICY THAT STATED,"WEARING OUR BDUS AND FLIGHT SUITS AS OUR DUTY UNIFORM EVERY DAY SERVES AS A CONSTANT REMINDER TO US, TO THOSE WE COME IN CONTACT WITH, THAT OUR JOB IS TO SUPPORT OUR WINGMEN WHO ARE ON THE SCENE GLOBALLY, CONDUCTING DIFFICULT AND DANGEROUS MISSIONS". APPLYING SIMILAR LOGIC, CSAF RECENTLY APPROVED EXPANSION OF EXISTING WEAR POLICY TO ALLOW AIRMEN THE DISCRETION TO WEAR AIRMEN BATTLE UNIFORM, BATTLE DRESS UNIFORM, OR DESERT CAMOUFLAGE UNIFORM (AS APPROPRIATE) WHILE TRAVELING IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY ON COMMERCIAL TRAVEL IN CONUS.

2. MEMBERS ARE STILL AUTHORIZED AND ENCOURAGED TO WEAR BLUES. CIVILIAN CLOTHES ARE ALSO STILL AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR WHILE ON COMMERCIAL TRAVEL. COMMANDERS HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO BE MORE RESTRICTIVE WHEN CONDITIONS WARRANT. THIS POLICY DOES NOT EXTEND TO OTHER UTILITY UNIFORMS SUCH AS THE FLIGHT SUIT.

3. AIRMEN ARE REMINDED THAT PROFESSIONAL APPEARANCE AND DISCIPLINE ARE PARAMOUNT TO PUBLIC OPINION AND CONFIDENCE IN THE WORLD'S GREATEST AIR FORCE.

4. THIS POLICY IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND WILL BE INCORPORATED IN THE NEXT ITERATION OF AFI 36-2903, DRESS AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF AIR FORCE PERSONNEL.

5. QUESTIONS REGARDING UNIFORM POLICY SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE AFPC CALLCENTER AT DSN 665-5000, COMMERCIAL (210) 565-5000 OR TOLL FREE 1-800-616-3775, SELECT OPTIONS 1, 1, 1. REQUESTS FOR EXCEPTION TO THIS POLICY SHOULD BE ROUTED THROUGH MAJCOM A1S TO THE AIR FORCE UNIFORM POLICY BRANCH AT AFA1DOU.WORKFLOW@PENTAGON.AF.MIL