

#### VDF 104: Uniform Wear and Inspection



#### **VDF 104 Purpose**

<u>Action</u>: Discuss Virginia Defense Force (VDF) uniform appearance and wear for basic and formal activities

**<u>Conditions</u>: Interactive classroom** 

<u>Standard</u>: Be able to explain the Virginia Defense Force uniform appearance

- \*SILENCE CELLPHONES
- \*50/10 TIMEKEEPER
- \*SIGN IN FOR CREDIT
- \*TESTABLE
- \*SAFETY BRIEF







#### Course Objectives

At the completion of this period of instruction, you should be familiar with the following:

- Describe the grooming standards for male and female soldiers
- Understand and be able to inspect VDF uniform appearance
- Define the regulation of accoutrements, and describe placement of all insignia and patches





## Section I: Grooming Standards







- Project a *military image*
  - Uniforms will be fitted, cleaned, and pressed
    - No dangling threads
  - Articles do not protrude from pockets
    - Consider pens
  - $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$  No items attached to belt or beltloops
    - Includes cell phones, knives, etc.
  - Uniforms kept buttoned as designed
  - Boots will be cleaned and brushed







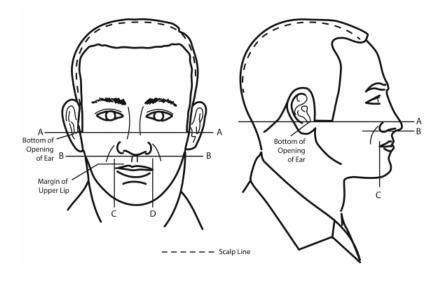
- Men's hair:
  - Neatly trimmed on top of the head
  - No hair hanging over ears, down past eyebrows, or touching the collar
  - Hair does not interfere with headgear or PSE masks
  - No braids, cornrows, or dreadlocks



### **Men's Hair**



- Men's sideburns:
  - Neatly trimmed and not flared
  - Base is cleanshaven, horizontal line
  - Not below exterior ear opening
  - The face will be clean-shaven

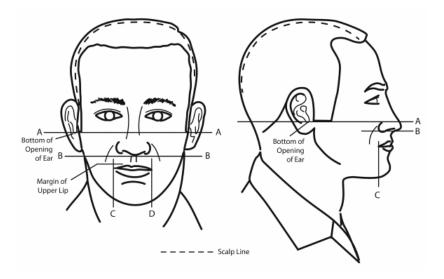




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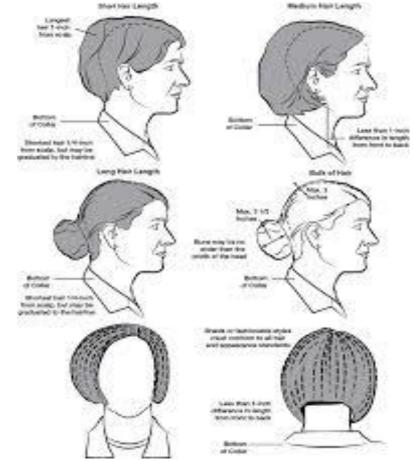
- Men's mustache:
  - Trimmed, tapered and tidy
  - Not cover the upper lip or beyond corner of the mouth
  - No goatees or beards, unless approved by medical authority
  - If medical, not exceed <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>inch





### **Women's Hair**





- Authorized:
  - Wigs or hairpieces must be natural color and conform to appearance standards.
  - Holding devices (barrettes, pins, etc.) must be unadorned and same as hair color
  - No beads, bows, or ornamental item



#### **Unauthorized Women's Hair**

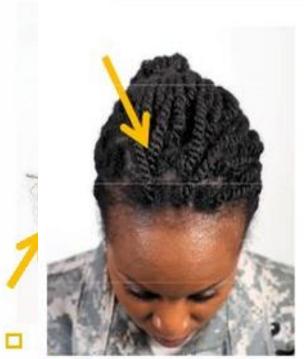






#### **Unauthorized Women's Hair**





Twists are not authorized



Multiple braiding (more than 2 braids) must be small (~1/4") in diameter

Bulk of hair exceeds more than 2" from scalp



#### **Unauthorized Women's Hair**



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More than 1" difference in length from front to back

Bangs fall below eyebrows

 Scrunchie color is not similar to hair color



### **Religious Attire**



- Soldiers are permitted religious headgear and/or facial hair if their faith requires it
  - Must submit for an accommodation request









- Females wear simple cosmetics (as determined by commander)
- Color of lipstick and nail polish conservative and natural color
- No multi-colors or designs on nails
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$  No lipstick or nail polish for males



## **Fingernails & Hygiene**



- Fingernails clean and trimmed
- Male keep nails trimmed so not beyond the fingertip
- Females not exceed a nail length of 1/4 inch from the tip of the finger
- Good hygiene & grooming on daily basis





#### Body Piercing and Tattoos



- No attaching objects or jewelry to or through skin
- Female soldiers may wear pierced earrings
- No tattoos on areas of the body exposed while in Class A uniform
- No grossly offensive tattoos on any part of the body







#### **Wearing of Jewelry**



- No jewelry, watch chains, pens, etc., will appear exposed on uniforms.
- Wristwatch or a wrist ID bracelet (e.g., MIA/POW) is allowed, one item per wrist



- No more than two conservative rings
- Allowed: tie tack or tie clasp and a pen on food service, CVC, and flight uniform







- Females allowed earrings with service, dress and mess uniform
- Not to exceed ¼ inch spherical; gold, silver, white pearl, or diamond
- Fit snugly against the ear
- Matched pair, one per earlobe

Not acceptable →







- Males not authorized to wear any type of earring when in uniform or when on duty.
- Fad devices, vogue medallions, personal talismans, or amulets are not authorized for wear when in uniform or on duty



# **Wearing of Glasses**



- Conservative eyeglasses are authorized
- Sunglasses are authorized for wear except when in formation and while indoors.
- Not be worn with protective masks
- Clear or natural color contact lenses are authorized, both must be same color







## Section II: Uniform Regulations

















#### Class C Uniform

- Woodland ACU
- Patrol cap (Woodland pattern) with nonsubdued rank insignia for officers and subdued rank insignia for enlisted personnel
- All insignia subdued including rank and branch, except state flag (non-subdued)







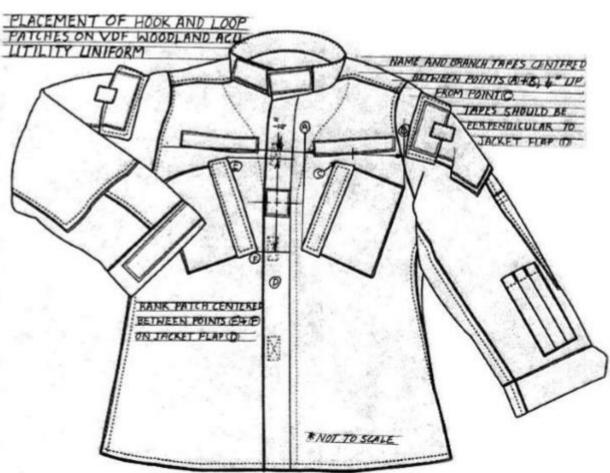
#### Class C Uniform

- Sleeve insignia affixed using Velcro
- Name tapes and rank insignia on OD green, affixed using Velcro
- Army Brown, Crew neck T-shirt
- Socks are green, brown or black
- Coyote riggers belt or black web with black buckle and tip



















#### Class C Uniform

- Boots are minimum 8" in height
- Boots are Coyote brown colored roughside out cattle hide with a plain toe and matching rubber outsoles, no zippers
- AR 670-1 compliant with black buckle and tip







## **Questions?**