



VIRGINIA DEFENSE FORCE

VDF 104: Uniform Wear and Inspection



VDF 104 Purpose

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

Conditions: Interactive classroom

Standard: 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



Image



- Project a **military image**
 - Uniforms will be fitted, cleaned, and pressed
 - No dangling threads
 - Articles do not protrude from pockets
 - Consider pens
 - 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



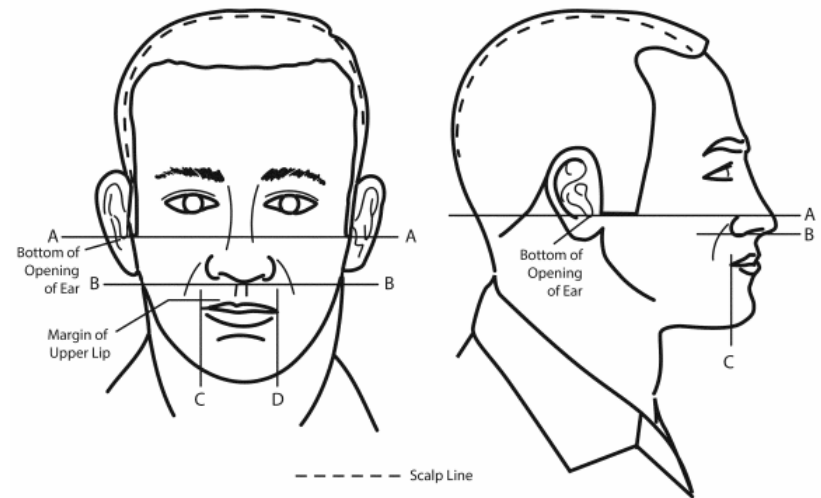
- **Men's hair:**
 - **Neatly trimmed on top of the head**
 - **No hair hanging over ears, down past eyebrows, or touching the collar**
 - **Hair does not interfere with headgear or PSE masks**
 - **No braids, cornrows, or dreadlocks**



Men's Hair



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

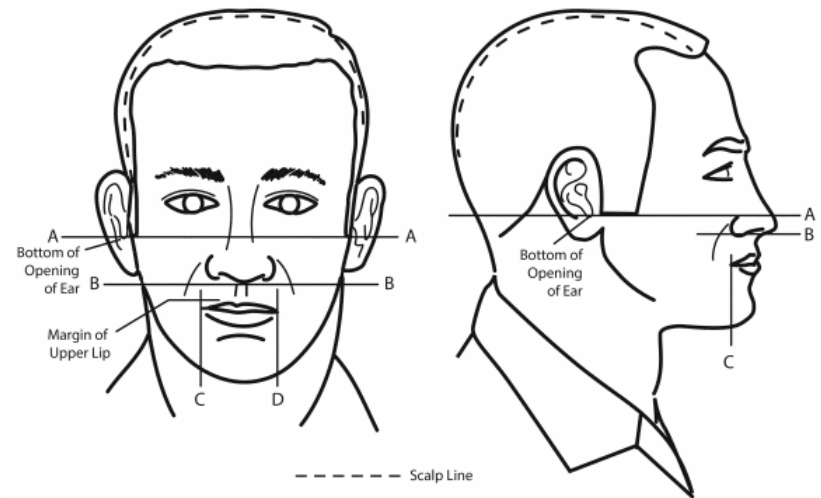




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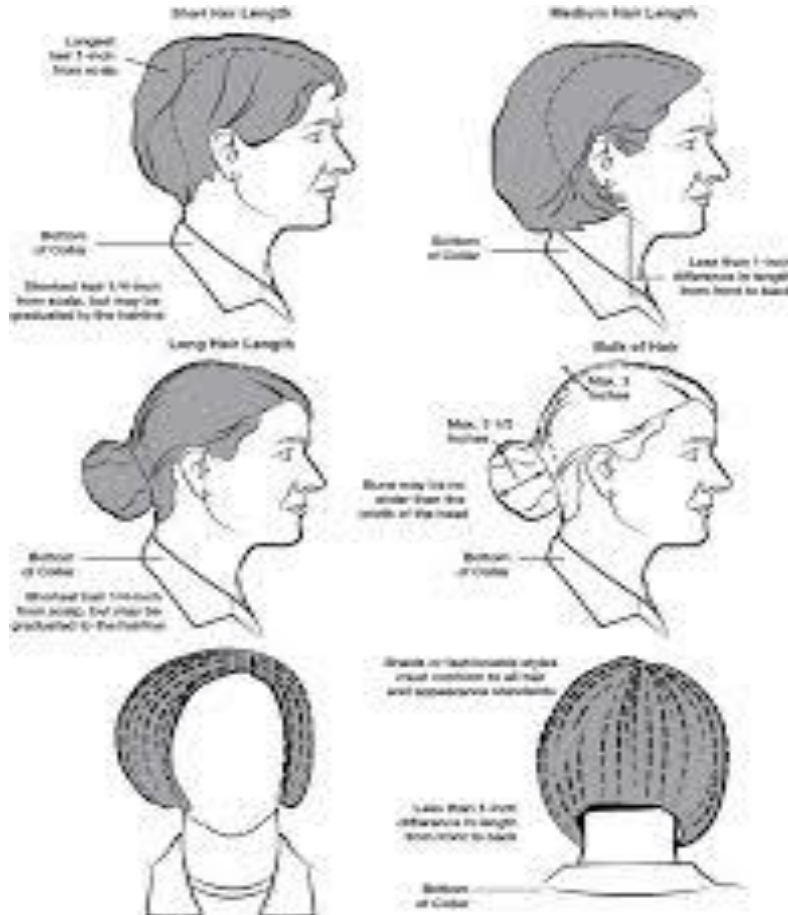


- **Men's mustache:**
 - **Trimmed, tapered and tidy**
 - **Not cover the upper lip or beyond corner of the mouth**
 - **No goatees or beards, unless approved by medical authority**
 - **If medical, not exceed $\frac{1}{4}$ inch**





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**



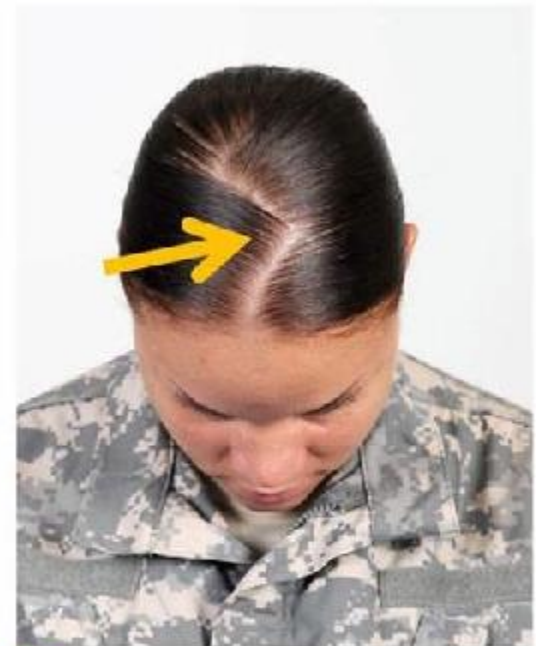
Unauthorized Women's Hair



- ❑ Hair not properly secured



- ❑ Unbalanced or lopsided hairstyle



- ❑ Part is not one straight line



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



- ❑ 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**





Cosmetics



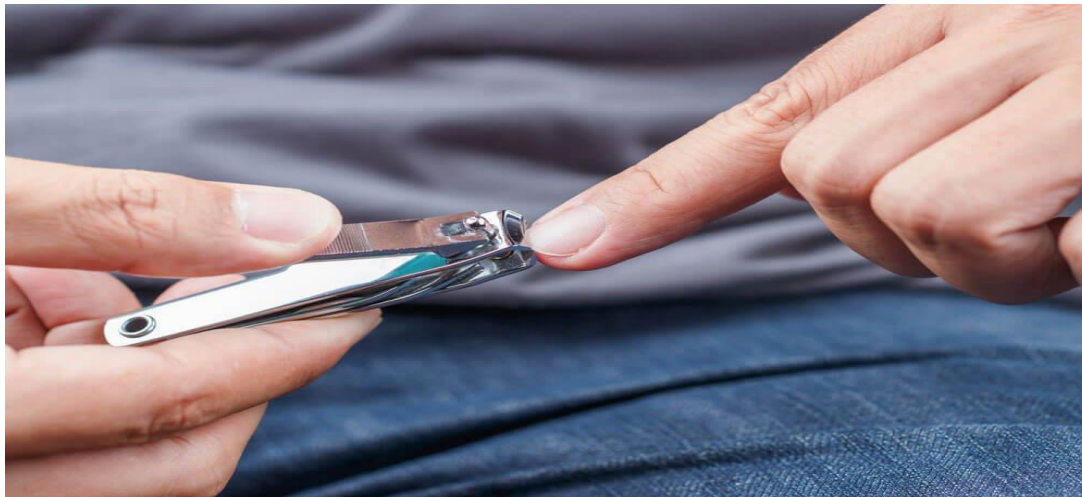
- **Females wear simple cosmetics (as determined by commander)**
- **Color of lipstick and nail polish conservative and natural color**
- **No multi-colors or designs on nails**
- **No lipstick or nail polish for males**



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**



Wearing of Jewelry



- **Females allowed earrings with service, dress and mess uniform**
- **Not to exceed $\frac{1}{4}$ inch spherical; gold, silver, white pearl, or diamond**
- **Fit snugly against the ear**
- **Matched pair, one per earlobe**

• **Not acceptable →**





Wearing of Jewelry



- **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 eye-glasses 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



Authorized Uniforms





Authorized Uniforms



- **Class A Uniform**
 - **“U.S.” insignia replaced with “VA” insignia**
 - **Black nameplate replaced with red nameplate**
 - **“U.S. Army” buttons replaced with Virginia State “Seal of Virginia” buttons**
 - **Service cap or beret**
 - **Sleeve braids, shoulder boards, etc., correspond to U.S. Army Engineer Corps**





Authorized Uniforms



- **Class A Uniform**
 - **SDF insignia (crossed saber and musket)**
 - **Distinctive Unit Insignia (over right pocket)**
 - **Federal, foreign, state, etc., ribbons and badges on the left side**



Class A is *optional*. It is used for special events.



Authorized Uniforms



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





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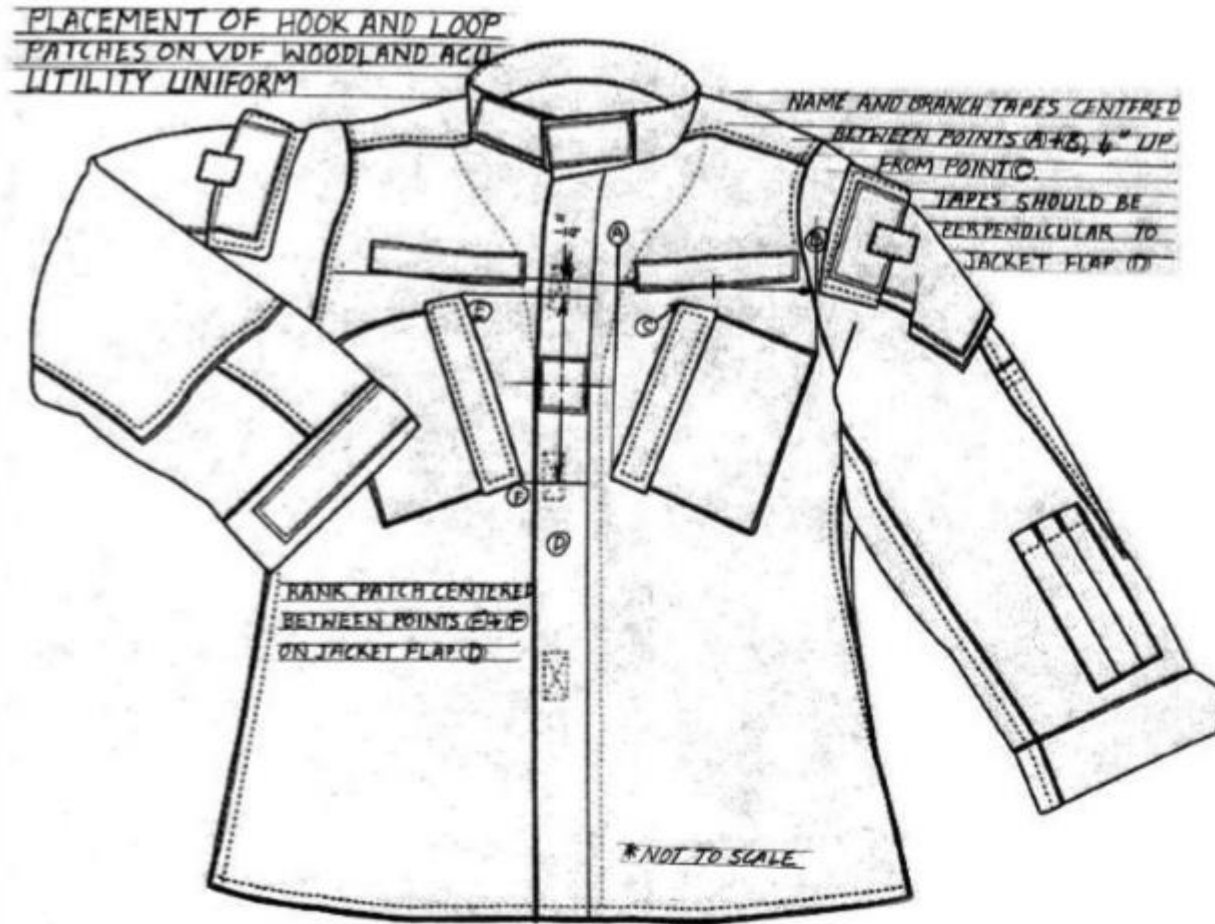
- **Class C Uniform**

- **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**





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- **Class C Uniform**
 - Boots are minimum 8" in height
 - Boots are Coyote brown colored rough side out cattle hide with a plain toe and matching rubber outsoles, no zippers
 - AR 670-1 compliant





Questions?