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SUBJECT: Update to DAFI 36-2903, Dress and Appearance of Department of the Air Force Personnel –
Applicable to Air Force Only

Effective 1 February 2025, the following standards in DAFI 36-2903 are updated for Air Force personnel only. This memorandum is not applicable to USSF members. This policy will remain in effect until further official guidance is published in the next update of DAFI 36-2903.

- Duty Identifier Patches (i.e. Career Field Identifier patches) are no longer authorized for wear. Duty Identifier Tabs, as identified in paragraph 12.8.1, commander insignia, and USAF Graduate patches, as identified in paragraph 5.1.6.2.4 are still authorized for wear.
- Nail polish: When in uniform, nail polish will be clear or French or American Manicure.
- Clarification on male facial hair (beards): Unless male Airmen have a current medical waiver or religious accommodation IAW paragraphs 3.1.2.2. and 3.1.2.3, at the start of each duty day, male Airmen must be clean-shaven.
- Clarification on male hair standards: Addition to paragraph 3.1.2: Hair will not touch the ears.
- Addition of definition for “Gig Line” for use in wear of Dress Uniforms: “When members wear shirt tucked into trousers or slacks with front fly opening, the button front edge of the shirt, the outside of the belt buckle (when required) and the edge of the fly will align. This alignment creates a gig line. The gig line should be straight and neat.”

I expect compliance with these updates as the military duty of the total Air Force. My point of contact for these changes to DAFI 36-2903 is the Air Force Military Compensation Policy Division, AF/A1PA, email: af.a1pa.workflow@us.af.mil.

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