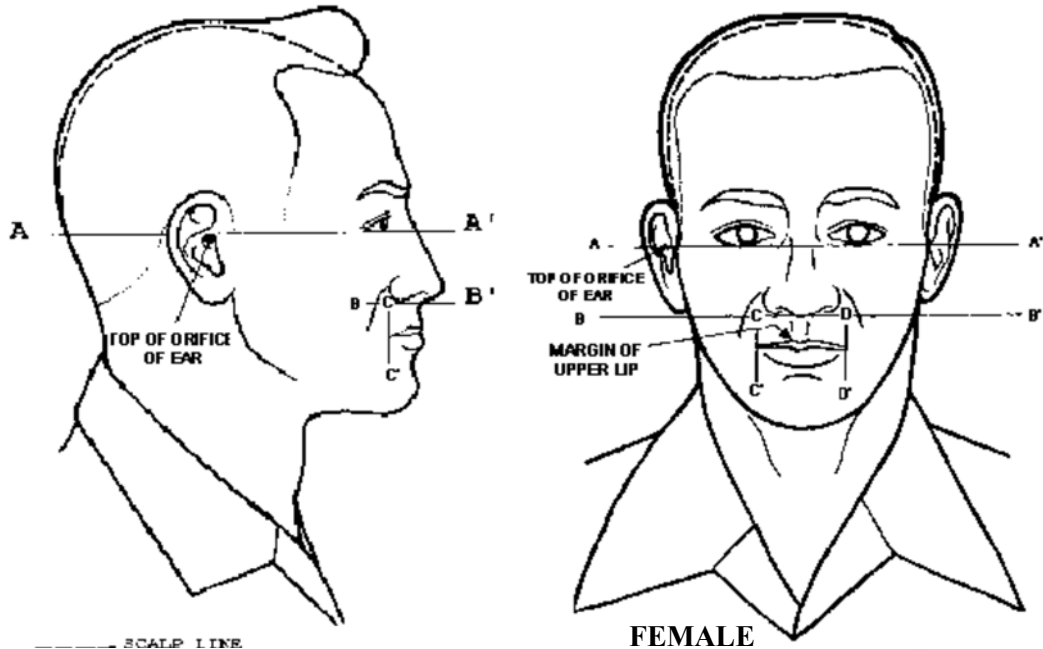


ATTACHMENT 3 – CAP GROOMING STANDARDS MALE



FEMALE

----- SCALP LINE
 Longest hair - 1-inch
 from scalp

Shortest hair
 1/4-inch from scalp,
 but may be graduated
 to the hair line

Bottom edge of collar -----

Short Hair Length

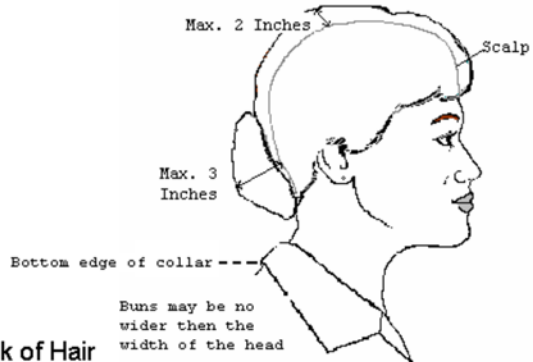


Bottom edge of collar -----
 Less than 1-inch
 difference in length
 from front to back

Medium Hair Length



Long Hair Length



Bulk of Hair

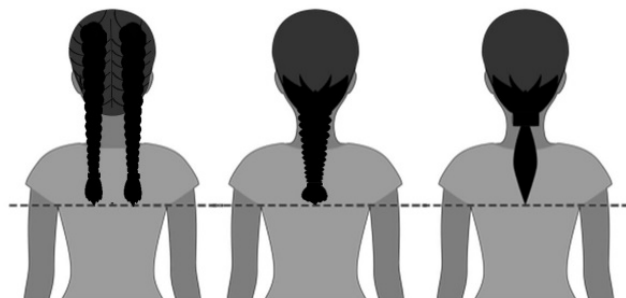
Note, the male image above notes the top of the ear orifice. However, the standard is that sideburns may not extend below the bottom of the ear orifice per paragraph 3.2.1.2.1.

Paragraph 3.2.1 changed to read: General Requirements for Hair. Will be clean, well-groomed, present a professional appearance and allow proper wear of headgear and conform to safety requirements. Will not contain excessive amounts of grooming aids (e.g. gel, mousse, pomade, or moisturizer), or appear lopsided. If applied, dyes, tints, bleaches and frostings must result in natural hair colors. Examples of natural hair colors are brown, blonde, brunette, natural red, black or grey. All members are authorized to wear hair in a natural color regardless of their natural born hair color. Prohibited examples (not all-inclusive) are burgundy, purple, orange, fluorescent or neon colors.

Paragraph 3.2.1.2 changed to read: Hair (Male). Tapered appearance on both sides and the back of the head, both with and without headgear. A tapered appearance is one that when viewed from any angle outlines the member's hair so that it conforms to the shape of the head, curving inward to the natural termination point without eccentric directional flow, twists or spiking. A block-cut is permitted with tapered appearance. Hair will not exceed 2 inches in bulk, regardless of length and ¼ inch at natural termination point; allowing only closely cut or shaved hair on the back of the neck to touch the collar. Hair will not touch the ears or protrude under the front band of headgear. Cleanly shaven heads, military high-and-tight or flat-top cuts are authorized. Prohibited examples (not all inclusive) are mohawk, mullet, cornrows, dreadlocks or etched design. Men may have one (cut, clipped or shaved) front to back, straight-line part, not slanted or curved, on either side of their head, above the temple. Part will not exceed 4 inches length or ¼ inch width. Men are not authorized hair extensions. See Attachment 3 for sideburns, mustache, and graphic examples of male hair standards.

Paragraph 3.2.1.2.3 changed to read: Beards. Beards are not authorized with USAF-Style Uniforms unless a waiver outlined in paragraph 1.5 has been obtained. When authorized for medical reasons, members will keep all facial hair trimmed not to exceed ¼ inch in length. Individuals granted a shaving waiver may shave or trim their facial hair to present a neat, clean, professional image but will not shave or trim in such a manner as to give a lined/shaped appearance.

Paragraph 3.2.1.3 changed to read: Hair (Female). No minimum length to a maximum bulk of 4 inches from scalp and allows for proper wear of headgear. If worn loose, hair will end above the bottom edge of collar and will not extend below an invisible line drawn parallel to the ground, both front to back and side to side. If hair is pulled back and secured behind the head, radius will not exceed 6 inches from the point where the hair is gathered (i.e., no more than 6 inches to the left and 6 inches to the right, 12 inches total width; and 6 inches protruding from where hair is gathered) and must allow for proper wear of headgear. One or two braids or a single ponytail may be worn with length not extending below a horizontal line running between the top of each sleeve inseam at the under arm through the shoulder blades. The braid(s) or ponytail/equivalent cannot be worn over the shoulder or pulled in front of the body. They shall extend down the member's back. Bangs, or side-swiped hair, may touch eyebrows but will not touch or cover eyes. When in doubt, assess correct length of hair with the member standing in the position of attention.



Paragraph 3.2.1.3.1 changed to read: The intent is for pinned-up hair to be styled in a manner that prevents loose ends from extending upward on the head. For example, when using a clip or hairpins, hair will not present the appearance of a “rooster tail”. When hair is in a bun, the bun must be a single bun no wider than the width of the head and all loose ends must be tucked in and secured. When hairstyle is in a ponytail, it must be a single ponytail that does not extend below a horizontal line running between the top of each sleeve inseam at the under arm through the shoulder blades. As with all hairstyles, a neat and professional image is essential.

Paragraph 3.2.1.3.3 changed to read: Locs, braids, twists, micro-braids, French braids, Dutch braids and cornrows are authorized. Locs are defined as portions of hair that have been intentionally or unintentionally fused together to form a loc or locs. A braid or twist is two or more portions of interwoven hair. If adding additional hair, it must be a natural looking color, similar to the individual’s hair color. It must be conservative (moderate, being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme) and not present a faddish appearance. Multiple locs, braids, twists or cornrows may come together down the back in one or two braids or a single ponytail as described in paragraph 3.2.1.3. Hair must not exceed bulk and length standards. Headgear must fit properly.

Paragraph 3.2.2 changed to read: Fingernails. Male members are not authorized to wear nail polish. If worn by females, nail polish will be a single color that does not distract from the uniform, nor can the nail polish be extreme in color. Some examples of extreme colors include, but are not limited to, purple, gold, blue, black, bright (fire engine) red and florescent colors. Do not apply designs to nails or apply two-tone or multi-tone colors; however, white-tip French manicures are authorized. Fingernails must not exceed ¼ inch in length beyond the tip of the finger and must be clean and well groomed. Fingernails must not interfere with the performance of assigned duties. Fingernails must not hinder proper fit of prescribed safety equipment or uniform items.

Paragraph 3.2.3 changed to read: Cosmetics. Male members are not authorized to wear cosmetics. Female members may wear cosmetics; however, if worn, they will be conservative (moderate, being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme) and in good taste. Female members will not wear shades of lipstick that detract from the uniform, or that are extreme colors. Some examples of extreme colors include but are not limited to, purple, gold, blue, black, bright (fire-engine) red, and fluorescent colors.