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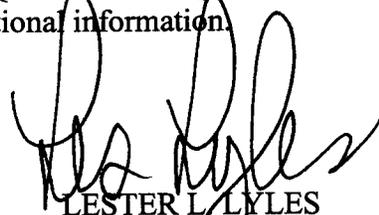
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MEMORANDUM FOR ALHQCTR/CC
ALHQSTAFF

FROM: AFMC/CC
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SUBJECT: AFMC Uniform Wear Policy

1. There have been a number of concerns voiced over extensive wear of the utility uniform. Many of you have gone exclusively to the utility uniform as the uniform of the day while we are engaged in combat. While I fully condone "warfighters showing support for warfighters," there are times when the utility uniform is not the proper uniform to be worn.
2. For example, if you have high-level visitors or a formal function, a blue uniform combination should be appropriate for that function. Change of commands and dining-ins are examples of formal events that should be held in the appropriate uniform. I realize the popularity of the "combat dining-in" has grown. I ask that you stay involved and ensure these events are properly conducted and supervised.
3. We need to ensure our people do not go for extended periods of time without wearing a blue combination of some type. I will leave the ultimate decision of extensive wear of the utility uniform up to you. However, when it is worn, it must adhere to the standards of neatness (e.g., not appear as it was balled-up in a corner before wear), cleanliness, safety, and, most importantly, portray a proper military image. Our uniform represents us and the United States Air Force to the American public; we should wear our uniform with pride!
4. My point of contact, SSgt Tammy Berry, HQ AFMC/DPMQM, DSN 787-4496, stands ready to assist if you have any questions or need additional information.


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