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COMMANDANT OF CADETS
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Memorandum for: Corps of Cadets

Subject: Standard Operating Procedures for the Wear of Civilian Clothes and Costumes on Post.

1. **Purpose.** This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) details the rules for the wear of civilian clothes and costumes while on Post to include special events and Cadet Dances.
2. **Applicability.** This SOP is effective 9 October 2018, applies to the Corps of Cadets and will expire at the discretion of the Commandant of Cadets.
3. **Scope.** This SOP identifies the rules for the wear of civilian clothes and costumes while on Post to include special events and Cadet Dances.
4. **Responsibilities.**
 - a. Each cadet will make sure that proper procedures are followed.
 - b. The Cadet Chain of Command will enforce this policy. Troop Commanders/1SGs will assume responsibility for those who violate these guidelines.
5. **Procedures.**
 - a. **General Guidelines:**
 - 1) All cadets will carry their school identification card at all times.
 - 2) PT clothes will not be worn at any time to dances or special events.
 - 3) Cadet will wear proper shoes. No flip flops.
 - 4) There will be no vulgarity, sexist or racial overtones/innuendos indicated by or on any part of any clothing.
 - 5) Revealing clothing is unauthorized. Clothing that shows midriff skin will not be allowed. A good guideline is no more exposure than when the summer PT uniform is worn.
 - 6) Civilian Guests will be expected to adhere to the Cadet Dance Dress Code. It is the responsibility of the cadet host to inform their guests about these regulations.
 - 7) No mixing of uniform and civilian clothes.
 - 8) For dances, shorts will not be allowed.
 - 9) For dances held as fundraisers, cadets who wish to wear civilian clothes will pay \$2.00 to the sponsoring cadet activity at the entrance.
 - 10) For dances, cadets who wear the prescribed cadet uniform A, or B with Brass will be admitted at no charge.
 - 11) No headgear of any type (baseball, constabulary, do-rags, etc.) will be worn by any cadet.

- b. **Male Cadets will follow these guidelines:**
- 1) Male cadets can wear casual slacks or jeans.
 - 2) Male cadets can wear either polo or casual dress shirts. All shirts will have sleeves and collars. No t-shirts, muscle shirts or tank tops allowed.
 - 3) No earrings or any body piercing, oversized necklaces (more than 22”), gaudy jewelry or grills. No makeup or hair dye except as part of a costume.
 - 4) Proper shave and haircut.
 - 5) All clothes will be clean and have no holes.
 - 6) No writing of any type on any of the clothes except for costumes.
- c. **Female Cadets will follow these guidelines:**
- 1) Female cadets may wear semi-casual attire.
 - 2) Shirts will be clean, have sleeves, be long enough to go below the waist, and have no holes. No halter tops or tube tops.
 - 3) Hair may be worn down, but must be neat and clean.
 - 4) Females will wear only one pair of earrings and will not have any other body piercing.
 - 5) Tops that are plunging or have revealing necklines will not be allowed. Mesh, lace, fringe or other see-through materials attempting to conceal the necklines will not be allowed.
 - 6) Proper undergarments, brassier and panties will be worn under all clothing.
 - 7) Dresses will not have exposing slits up to the hip, midriffs showing, or revealing necklines. Two piece outfits that show midriff will not be allowed.
 - 8) Skirt/dress lengths will be no shorter than the top of the knee. Dress slits will be no higher than the knee. Mesh, lace, fringe or other see-through materials will not apply for length.
- d. **Fall Festival Costume Guidelines:**
- 1) All Male and Female Guidelines listed above apply.
- e. **Homecoming and Final Ball Dress Guidelines:**
- 1) Female:
 - a) Dresses with cutouts revealing the neckline, midriff, hips or thighs will not be allowed.
 - b) All dresses will be at least knee length.
 - c) Gloves may be worn.
 - 2) Male:
 - a) Military Dress, Suits and Tuxedos are authorized for wear for civilians. All cadets will wear the prescribed uniform for the event.

Arthur C. Houghtby II
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