WEARING OF BADGES - SERVICE DRESS SHIRT

1. The following diagrams have been prepared to assist members understand the correct method of wearing insignia and other accoutrements on the Service Dress shirt. This document is to be distributed regularly to all members and posted on notice boards. References: AAP5135.003 Manual of Dress, Chapter 2 and AAP5110.001 AAFC Policy Manual, Chapter 9.

Pocket Insignia

2. The above diagrams show a maximum amount of insignia generally available to cadets (upper diagram) and staff (lower diagram). Refer to points below for detailed instructions on the wearing of insignia. These instructions also apply (with certain amendments as noted) to Ceremonial Dress, Tropical Dress, and Mess Dress Tropical (Red Sea Rig) and the Service Dress Jacket. These instructions do not apply to Mess Dress Jackets), Disruptive Pattern Combat Uniform (DPCU), or jumpers.

- Point 1 – Duke of Edinburgh Badge (DEA). Worn by entitled cadets and staff. When worn by itself, it is positioned 5mm above the name badge and centrally over the right pocket (In the position of No. 2 (Commendation) on the upper diagram). When worn with other insignia, the area is divided into equal ‘sections’ and each insignia is positioned 5mm above top of the name badge, in the centre of the ‘section’, in the order as shown.

- Point 2 – Commendation. Worn by entitled cadets and staff. Positioned in the same manner as the DEAS badge.

- Point 3 – Army Adventure Training Award (ATA). Worn by entitled cadets only – not to be worn by staff. Positioned in the same manner as the DEA badge.

- Point 4 – Name badge. The Name Badge is to be worn centrally with the lower edge along the top of the right pocket. The name badge is not worn on Ceremonial Dress or Red Sea Rig.

- Point 5 – AAFC Firearms Qualification Insignia. Worn by entitled cadets and staff. When a single pocket flap insignia is worn, it is worn centrally on the right pocket flap. If more than one pocket flap insignia is worn the pocket flap is divided into ‘sections’ of equal width and each insignia is positioned, in the centre of the ‘section’, in the order as shown.
• Point 6 – AAFC Flying Brevets. Worn by entitled cadets and staff. Brevets are worn centrally above the left pocket flap, with the bottom of the brevet in line with the top of the pocket. With the staff insignia, the metal version is worn on shirts, the cloth version on utility jackets, and the gold bullion version on the SD Jacket.

• Point 7 – This shows the correct procedure when 2 insignias are worn.

• Point 8 – When Unit citations are worn, the name badge is positioned 5mm above the citation(s).

• Point 9 – Unit Citations (or other authorized awards). Worn by staff if entitled. Worn centrally above the right pocket, the bottom of the badge in line with the top of the pocket.

• Point 10 – Operationally Ready Badge (ORB). Worn by entitled RAAF and RAAF Reserve members only. When a single pocket flap insignia is worn, it is worn centrally on the right pocket flap. If more than one pocket flap insignia is worn the pocket flap is divided into ‘sections’ of equal width and each insignia is positioned, in the centre of the ‘section’.

• Point 11 – Military Skills Instructor Badge (MSI). Worn by RAAF MSIs. Worn as per ORB.

• Point 12 – When a Flying Brevet is worn with ribbons, it is placed 5mm above the top row of ribbons.

• Point 13 – Medal Ribbons. Worn by entitled members. Ribbons are worn in line with the top of the left pocket. They are placed in rows of 4 (males) and 3 (females). Additional rows are placed directly above, with no gap. Incomplete rows are to appear at the top. Ribbons must be worn in the correct order, starting with the highest award on the top left (from the observers view) down to the bottom right. Ribbons are not to be covered in plastic, and are to be replaced if they become soiled. Further detail on the wearing of honours and awards may be obtained from the WGWOFF. On Ceremonial Dress, the full size actual medals are worn.

Parachute Badge
3. The parachute badge is worn on the upper right sleeve, 80mm from the shoulder seam to the top of the parachute canopy.

Stage Qualification Insignia
4. The stage qualification insignia are worn centrally with the outer edge 0.5cm from the top of the slide. On CFSGT and CWOFF Rank slides, stage qualification insignia are worn centrally between the highest point of the rank insignia and the top of the slide. Propeller blades are positioned as follows:

- Proficiency Stage qualification insignia – blades should point to the 12, 4 and 8 o’clock positions. A small protrusion on the underside of the insignia denotes which blade points to the 12 o’clock position.

- Advanced Stage qualification insignia – blades should point to the 12, 3, 6 and 9 o’clock positions.

5. Induction ‘two bladed’ insignia should not be worn as they are no longer an awarded stage qualification insignia. Cadets passing the Recruit stage of training should be presented with a certificate, and cadets should be re-classified to LCDT on completion of the basic stage of home training.