



## NJROTC UNIFORM CARE INSTRUCTIONS



### Uniform Care

Uniforms are required to fit properly, be kept clean and well pressed, and worn according to regulations. The following information is provided to assist you in maintaining your uniforms.

#### Shirt, Khaki NJROTC (Short Sleeve)

Preferred cleaning instructions: Remove all devices from shirt. Dry clean, request military creases only from dry cleaners with experience with military creases.

Alternate cleaning instructions: Remove all devices before laundering. Machine wash warm on Permanent Press Cycle. Please do not wash with towels or jeans. Remove immediately from washer to dryer. Tumble dry on permanent press medium heat. Place it on a hanger immediately after drying. Ironing is not required if cared for properly. If the shirt is wrinkled at all, ironing is REQUIRED. Extra sharpness may also be obtained by ironing. Military creases should be ironed on the crease, not flat. NOTE: The military creases are permanent creases. **Take care not to iron a second crease. It is VERY difficult to remove.**

After every use, place it on a hanger.

#### Trousers, Black

Preferred cleaning instructions: Dry clean, request military creases only from dry cleaners with experience with military creases.

Alternate cleaning instructions: Remove all items before washing. Machine wash warm, Permanent Press Cycle. Please do not wash with towels or jeans. Remove immediately from washer to dryer. Tumble dry on permanent press medium heat. Place it on a hanger immediately after drying. After every use, place it on a hanger.

#### Ironing Trousers, Black (Very Important)

Trousers may be ironed on a polyester setting with light steam ONLY if a press cloth is used between the iron and the trousers. The pants must be pressed with a press cloth in order to avoid a permanent shine. A press cloth is a lint-free cloth that is placed between the garment and the iron. **DO NOT iron trousers directly. Direct ironing produces a shine that cannot be removed. This will be considered damaged and paid for by the cadet.**

#### Flat Black Garrison Cap (cover, black hat)

Remove all devices before laundering. **Dry Clean only.** Place it on a flat surface when not in use. Washing the garrison cap in the washing machine will damage the integrity of the garrison cap. **This damage cannot be reversed and will have to be replaced and paid for by the cadet.**



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### Coat, Service Dress Blue

This item must be professionally dry cleaned only. After every use, the item must be placed on a hanger. Do not fold the coat when storing.

### Black Relax Fit Jacket

**Professionally dry cleaned only.** Washing the jacket in the washing machine will damage the jacket. **This damage cannot be reversed and will have to be replaced and paid for by the cadet.** Place on a hanger and store in the closet.

### Shirt, White Long Sleeve

It is very important to wash this shirt as soon as possible **after EVERY use. - DO NOT USE CHLORINE BLEACH!** It will give the shirt a pink hue. It is ok to use a non-chlorine bleach like Clorox II. Wash on Permanent Press Cycle, medium temperature. Remove immediately to the dryer. Tumble dry medium heat on Permanent Press Cycle. Remove immediately and hang. Before use, iron on cotton blend setting, steam should be used. Military creases are not used on the white shirt.

Alternate cleaning instructions. Dry clean. After every use, place it on a hanger.

### Hat, combination frame and cover

The white and khaki cover may be removed from the frame. Wash only the white and khaki covers, not the entire frame or any accessories. **DO NOT USE CHLORINE BLEACH!** It will give the white cover a pink hue or destroy the cover. Wash on Permanent Press Cycle, medium temperature. Remove from the washer and place on a flat surface to dry. Do not put it in the dryer.

### Shoes

The ENTIRE black uniform shoes must be shined to a high gloss, using kiwi black shoe polish. Do not use liquid shoe polish as it will eventually crack and you will then be required to remove it completely. The polish normally comes in a small tin and is applied with an applicator or, better, a soft cloth such as an old white T-shirt. A small amount of polish is rubbed into the leather and then buffed lightly. This must be repeated many times on new shoes. After the shoe is polished, you should take an old tooth brush dipped lightly in shoe polish and go around the exposed part (edge) of the shoe sole to blacken it and to get rid of dust in the indentations.



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### Brass

Only solid brass items such as the belt buckle should be polished. **Do not polish NJROTC bars, rank insignia, or uniform buttons, etc.; these are plated and will be ruined by metal polish.**

Clean them with soap and water if necessary. The brass belt buckle must be polished every week and when it becomes scratched or corroded. **Only Mothers mag & aluminum polish or blue magic metal polish products will be used to shine the belt buckle.** This is done after a clear coating has been removed. Removing of the coating will be done by using a 0000 fine steel wool.