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Lest there be any confusion over dress requirements for the wing conference, I offer the following for your consideration and compliance.

Friday evening: Neat casual is the guideline. Of course you can wear a uniform as long as it's not BDUs, flightsuits, utility, or some such. Casual can be a neat pair of slacks and a shirt, a sport coat over a dress T or something else. The best guidance we can give the ladies is to dress as if you were going to a cocktail party and didn't want anybody to talk about you.

Saturday conference: Uniforms are preferred; appropriate civilian attire will be accepted. Uniform options may include just about any corporate uniform such as blues, aviator shirt/gray slacks. If all else fails, a neat golf shirt/gray slacks combination may be worn however let me make it perfectly clear that the other uniform options are preferred. Your best bet is the aviator shirt/gray slacks combination, for it is both comfortable and quite spiffy looking. Folks often run into finger pointing situations over the slacks. Refer to CAPR 39-1 for the specifications for gray slacks. Note that it does not include gray chinos, jeans, parachute pants, or anything other than the specified gray slacks. Shoes present another point of contention. Your black high-tops may look good on the basketball court but not at the wing conference. Shoes, black, leather, dress or casual but not sports shoes of any kind.

If you don't have or cannot squeeze into any of the acceptable uniform combinations, appropriate civilian attire is acceptable. Appropriate in this case means fitting to be seen in public at a conference or business meeting. See the guideline for Friday evening for further guidance.

And...If you plan to be a presenter, or just want to go that extra step, the blazer combination is a perfect choice for the general assembly. Many folks wear the blazer combination for the assembly and then revert to the aviator shirt/slacks for the afternoon seminars.

Banquet: Time to dust off your manners and your dressy stuff. Black tie is preferred. Mess dress, service dress, or blazer combination with black bow tie for the seniors or appropriate civilian attire. Blues with tie/tab or appropriate civilian attire are suitable options for cadets. In this case appropriate civilian attire means a business suit and tie. In other words, dress like you would for any semi-formal affair. Ladies should dress appropriately for a formal function.

There are a couple of other things to consider. Ensure that the uniform you choose is appropriate for your age, weight and grooming. If you don't meet the standards, or you look like the last Confederate veteran in the Air Force style uniform, plan on wearing an appropriate corporate uniform or civilian apparel. Murphy has a way of flinging coffee cups at the most inopportune times so it is advisable to have an alternate uniform with you just in case.

How we present ourselves at the wing conference tends to imply a lot about the pride we take in CAP and most assuredly leaves a lasting impression on both our guests from other CAP organizations and the other folks we encounter in the hotel environs.

If you have any questions, please discuss the matter with your unit commander.