

Uniforms

The uniforms of the Lafayette Escadrille were French and resembled the colorful attire of the cavalry more than the regular fighting units.

Members often mixed and matched tunics with riding breeches and high lace-up or riding boots. Officers generally purchased their uniforms from a tailor, whereas an enlisted man's was government issue.

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Aviator insignia

Wool tunic

Sam Browne belt

Lieutenant stripes

Cadets were awarded the wings and star and corporal stripes upon completing pilot training

Side cap

Aviation Militaire badge

Riding breeches (cavalry)

Leather riding gaiters

Riding boots

Leather flying helmet

Antisplinter tinted goggles

Black leather jacket

Fire brigade trousers

FLIGHT SUIT

Cloth puttees

Some pilots stuffed their flight suits with newspapers for warmth.

