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Subject: Wear of Non-Uniform Clothing Among the SC Corps of Cadets

Esteemed Ladies and Gentlemen,

Please allow me to express my concern with what I have seen and read about the young woman seeking authorization to wear a hijab as part of her Cadet uniform.

As I have been led to understand, her request is not borne out of a religious requirement, but a preference for an ethnic tradition.

Were it a religious requirement, there might be grounds for a federal religious freedom mandate, leaving little or no room for discussion.

If it is, in fact, an ethnic tradition, her request should hold no more validity than any other Cadet who subscribes to a tradition of virtually anything; imagine, if you will, every conceivable clothing 'style' seen on any other school campus - College of Charleston, USC, Clemson, Furman, etc., etc., etc.

I have always been proud of our Corps since my days as a Cadet - '62-'64 - continuing to today.

I believe the traditions observed from 1842 until today are adequate for the future;

I do not see a need to change a basic uniform tradition, simply because of one person's request.

I sincerely hope you will inform the young woman that our traditions outweigh her desires.

Respectfully,

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