Subject: ALARACT 177/2010 - ARMY AIRCREW COMBAT UNIFORM (A2CU) WEAR POLICY

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO ANNOUNCE IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS ON THE CARE AND WEAR OF THE NEW WRINKLE-FREE, UNIVERSAL CAMOUFLAGE PATTERN ARMY AIRCREW COMBAT UNIFORM. POLICY CONTAINED IN THIS MESSAGE IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

2. THE ARMY AIRCREW COMBAT UNIFORM (A2CU) IS AUTHORIZED FOR YEAR ROUND WEAR BY AIRCREW MEMBERS, AS SPECIFIED IN CTA 50-900, WHEN PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMANDER.

3. A2CU ENSEMBLE COMPOSITION:

3A. THE A2CU ENSEMBLE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

A2CU COAT
A2CU TROUSERS

3B. MATERIAL COMPOSITION: THE A2CU FABRIC IS MADE OF FLAME RESISTANT MATERIALS PRINTED WITH THE UNIVERSAL CAMOUFLAGE PATTERN (UCP).


4. A2CU ACCESSORIES. THE FOLLOWING ACCESSORIES MAY BE WORN WITH THE A2CU:

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BERET WITH ORGANIZATIONAL FLASH
ACU PATROL CAP
ARMY COMBAT SHIRT (ACS)
COAT, AIRCREW, UCP
ARMY COMBAT BOOTS - HOT WEATHER FLYERS (TAN)
ARMY COMBAT BOOTS - TEMPERATE WEATHER (TAN)
BOOT SOCKS (GREEN, TAN, OR BLACK)
TWO-INCH RIGGER BELT (MUST MEET FLASH/FLAME CRITERIA FOR AIRCREW MEMBERS PERFORMING AIRCREW DUTIES)
T-SHIRT (GREEN OR SAND)- COTTON ONLY
UNDERGARMENTS
ELBOW PADS
KNEE PADS
HOOK AND LOOP (VELCRO) FULL COLOR U.S. FLAG INSIGNIA
HOOK AND LOOP (VELCRO) IR SUBDUED U.S. FLAG INSIGNIA
HOOK AND LOOP SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA
HOOK AND LOOP EMBROIDERED GRADE INSIGNIA
HOOK AND LOOP SUBDUED NAME TAPE
HOOK AND LOOP SUBDUED U.S. ARMY TAPE
MAX GRIP NT (NOMEX), FRICTION FIGHTER
NOMEX GLOVES, OR SUMMER WEIGHT FLIGHT GLOVES (GREEN/BLACK OR GREEN/SAND)

5. OCCASIONS FOR WEAR OF THE A2CU:

5A. SOLDIERS MAY WEAR THE A2CU ON DUTY WHEN PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMANDER FOR FLIGHT OPERATIONS. SOLDIERS MAY WEAR THE A2CU OFF POST, UNLESS PROHIBITED BY THE COMMANDER. THE A2CU IS AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR DURING COMMERCIAL TRAVEL BOTH CONUS AND OCONUS. IN OCONUS AREAS, COMMANDERS WILL LIMIT TRAVEL IN UNIFORM TO MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND FLIGHTS OR AMERICAN FLAGGED CARRIERS. COMMANDERS AND LEADERS WILL ENSURE SOLDIERS PRESENT A PROFESSIONAL APPEARANCE AND REFLECT POSITIVELY ON THE ARMY AT ALL TIMES. THE REST AND RECIPERATION (R&R) PROGRAM HAS BEEN AND STILL IS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS AND THE POLICY REGARDING WEAR OF THE UTILITY UNIFORMS DURING THIS PROGRAM REMAINS IN EFFECT. PERSONNEL MAY NOT WEAR THE A2CU IN ESTABLISHMENTS THAT PRIMARILY SELL ALCOHOL. IF THE ESTABLISHMENT SAILS ALCOHOL AND FOOD, SOLDIERS MAY NOT WEAR UTILITY UNIFORMS IF THEIR ACTIVATES IN THE ESTABLISHMENT CENTER ON DRINKING ALCOHOL ONLY.

5B. UTILITY UNIFORMS ARE NOT NORMALLY CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE FOR SOCIAL OR OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS OFF THE INSTALLATION, SUCH AS MEMORIAL SERVICES AND FUNERALS. THESE UNIFORMS ARE ISSUED AS UTILITY UNIFORMS AND ARE NOT INTENDED FOR WEAR AS ALL PURPOSE UNIFORMS WHEN OTHER UNIFORMS ARE MORE APPROPRIATE.

6. INSIGNIAS AND ACCOUTERMENTS: THE FOLLOWING INSIGNIAS AND ACCOUTERMENTS ARE AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR WITH THE A2CU:

BERET WITH ORGANIZATIONAL FLASH
ACU SUN (BOONIE) HAT
ARMY COMBAT SHIRT (ACS)
SOCKS (GREEN, TAN OR BLACK)
BLACK ALL-WEATHER COAT
COAT, COLD WEATHER, (FIELD JACKET) (ACU UNIVERSAL CAMOUFLAGE PATTERN)
PARKA, COLD WEATHER, CAMOUFLAGE (GORTEX JACKET) (ACU UNIVERSAL CAMOUFLAGE PATTERN)
TROUSERS, COLD WEATHER, CAMOUFLAGE (GORTEX PANTS) (ACU UNIVERSAL CAMOUFLAGE PATTERN)
PARKA, WET WEATHER, CAMOUFLAGE (WET WEATHER JACKET) (ACU UNIVERSAL CAMOUFLAGE PATTERN)
TROUSERS, WET WEATHER, CAMOUFLAGE (ACU UNIVERSAL CAMOUFLAGE PATTERN)
ACU FLEECE BLACK OR GREEN (EXTENDED COLD-WEATHER CLOTHING SYSTEM-ECWCS)
CHAPLAIN'S APPAREL
GLOVES

HANDBAGS (FEMALES ONLY)
NECKGAITER, (OCIE)
SCARVES
T-SHIRT, (GREEN OR SAND) (OR FUTURE FLAME RESISTANT MATERIAL)
COMBAT AND SPECIAL SKILL BADGES (PIN ON SUBDUED) (OPTIONAL) - 5 MAX
HEADGEAR INSIGNIA
SUBDUED PIN-ON RANK INSIGNIA
HOOK AND LOOP, SUBDUED SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA-FORMER WARTIME SERVICE (SSI-FWTS)
"COMBAT PATCH" (OPTIONAL)
HOOK AND LOOP SKILL TABS (OPTIONAL)
ORGANIZATIONAL CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT, AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMANDER
MEDICAL ITEMS IAW CTA 50-900 OR CTA 8-100 (MEDICAL PERSONNEL)
PERSONAL HYDRATION SYSTEMS, AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMANDER
DRILL SERGEANT AND RECRUITER BADGES (PIN ON) (SUBDUED)

7. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE A2CU:


7B. SOLDIERS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR RANK, NAMETAPE, U.S. ARMY TAPE, AND THE CURRENT ORGANIZATIONAL SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA (SSI). HOWEVER, THEY HAVE THE OPTION OF WEARING THE SSI-FWTS, AND BADGES. THE SSI AND BADGES WILL BE REMOVED BY ALL AIRCREW MEMBERS PRIOR TO ENTRY ONTO THE FLIGHT LINE OR WORKING IN AND AROUND AIRCRAFTS. ALL OPTIONAL INSIGNIAS MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE A2CU PRIOR TO RETURNING THE GARMENT TO ORGANIZATIONAL STOCK.
7C. SOLDIERS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO BLOUSE THE TROUSERS INSIDE THE BOOTS DURING THE EXECUTION OF FLIGHT CREW DUTIES. WHEN NOT PERFORMING FLIGHT DUTIES AND THE TROUSERS ARE BLOUSED, SOLDIERS WILL USE THE HOOK PILE BLOUSING STRAPS IF THE TROUSERS ARE NOT TUCKED INTO THE BOOTS. PERSONNEL WILL NOT WRAP THE TROUSER LEGS AROUND THE LEG TIGHTLY ENOUGH TO PRESENT A PEGGED APPEARANCE. SOLDIERS WILL NOT BLOUSE THE BOOTS SO THAT THE TROUSER LEG EXTENDS DOWN TO THE ANKLE AREA. WHEN BLOUSED, THE TROUSERS SHOULD NOT EXTEND BELOW THE THIRD EYELET FROM THE TOP OF THE BOOT. SOLDIERS WILL NOT PRESS OR STARCH THE A2CU.


7E. THE TAN TEMPERATE WEATHER ARMY COMBAT BOOTS, THE TAN HOT WEATHER FLYERS BOOTS AND THE INSULATED LEATHER FLYERS BOOTS (WHEN AUTHORIZED ACCORDING TO CTA 50-900) ARE AUTHORIZED FOOTWEAR FOR THE A2CU.

7F. SOLDIERS MAY WEAR GLOVES WITH THE A2CU WHEN NOT PERFORMING CREW DUTIES. THEY MAY WEAR THE GLOVES WITHOUT COLD WEATHER OUTER GARMENTS. FEMALE PERSONNEL MAY CARRY HANDBAGS WITH THE A2CU ONLY WHILE IN A GARRISON ENVIRONMENT.

7G. COMMANDERS MAY AUTHORIZE OTHER UNIFORMS FOR WEAR DURING ADMINISTRATIVE FLIGHTS AFTER PERFORMING THE PROPER RISK ASSESSMENT.

8. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE ARMY G-1.

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