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SUBJECT: WEAR OF ARMY UNIFORM AT NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND LOCAL EVENTS ALARACT MESSAGE

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO CLARIFY THE WEAR POLICY OF THE ARMY UNIFORM AT NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND LOCAL EVENTS.
2. THE ARMY IS A PROFESSION. INDIVIDUAL APPEARANCE IS A REFLECTION OF PROFESSIONALISM AND ESPIRIT DE CORPS. COMMANDERS, SUPPORTED BY THE NCO CORPS AND THE INDIVIDUAL SOLDIER, ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THE PROFESSIONAL APPEARANCE OF ALL SOLDIERS.
3. PROTOCOL STANDARDS GENERALLY DICTATE STANDARDS OF DRESS. FOR INSTANCE, THE APPROPRIATE ARMY ATTIRE IS THE ARMY SERVICE UNIFORM OR ARMY GREEN UNIFORM, WHEN AN INVITATION CALLS FOR BUSINESS ATTIRE.
4. HOWEVER, STANDARDS OF DRESS ARE LESS OBVIOUS IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS. IN SUCH CASES, COMMANDERS SHOULD USE THEIR DISCRETION AND CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING WHEN DETERMINING THE APPROPRIATE UNIFORM FOR THE EVENT: THE NATURE AND LOCATION OF THE EVENT (E.G., ON OR OFF POST), WHETHER THE EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC OR NOT, THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EVENT, WHO IS BEING RECOGNIZED AT OR BY THE EVENT (I.E., IS THE EVENT RECOGNIZING CURRENT SOLDIERS OR VETERANS), WHO IS THE HOST OF THE EVENT, WHO ARE THE ATTENDEES AND AUDIENCE OF THE EVENT, AND WILL THE MEDIA BE PRESENT.
5. WHEN ATTIRE IS LISTED AS "DUTY UNIFORM," THE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN DRIVE THE APPROPRIATE UNIFORM." DUTY UNIFORM" DOES NOT INDICATE ACU WEAR. WHEN "DUTY" IS LISTED AS THE UNIFORM FOR AN EVENT, COMMANDERS NEED TO EXERCISE GOOD JUDGEMENT FOR PARTICIPANTS AND ATTENDEES.
6. IF AN EVENT RECOGNIZES THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF SOLDIERS FOR OPERATION NEW DAWN OR OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, THEN THE ARMY COMBAT UNIFORM MAY BE APPROPRIATE. IF THE EVENT RECOGNIZES THE SHARED SACRIFICE OF OUR VETERANS ON VETERAN'S DAY, THEN THE ARMY SERVICE UNIFORM OR ARMY GREEN UNIFORM IS APPROPRIATE. IN ALL CASES THE ARMY IS ON DISPLAY. COMMANDERS ARE EXPECTED TO RECOGNIZE THE DIFFERENCE AND PRESCRIBE A UNIFORM APPROPRIATE FOR THE EVENT.

7. WHEN COMMANDERS ARE IN DOUBT REGARDING THE APPROPRIATE UNIFORM, THEY SHOULD SEEK GUIDANCE FROM THEIR HIGHER HEADQUARTERS AND/OR THE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OR PROTOCOL OFFICE.

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