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SUBJECT: ARMY COMBAT UNIFORM (ACU)

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO ANNOUNCE WEAR POLICY CHANGES MADE TO THE ACU. POLICY CONTAINED IN THIS MESSAGE IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, EXCEPT AS NOTED.

2. THE FOLLOWING CHANGES HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CSA:

- A. RANK AND GRADE INSIGNIA WILL BE BLACK EMBROIDERY ON THE DIGITIZED FABRIC WITH HOOK FASTENER, EXCEPT MAJOR AND 2<sup>ND</sup> LIEUTENANT WHICH WILL BE BRONZE EMBROIDERY WITH HOOK FASTENER.
- B. BRANCH INSIGNIA WILL ONLY BE WORN FOR CHAPLAINS (PIN ON OR BLACK EMBROIDERY ON THE DIGITIZED FABRIC WITH HOOK AND LOOP (VELCROED) BRANCH INSIGNIA).
- C. EMBROIDERED BADGES **WILL NOT** BE WORN ON THE ACU.
- D. THE OLIVE DRAB AREAS OF THE WARRANT OFFICER RANK WILL BE FOLIAGE GREEN WITH HOOK FASTENER.
- E. THE U.S. ARMY TAPE WILL BE BLACK EMBROIDERY ON THE DIGITIZED FABRIC WITH HOOK FASTENER. THE FINISHED LENGTH WILL BE 5 INCHES.
- F. THE LAST NAME TAPE WILL BE BLACK EMBROIDERY ON THE DIGITIZED FABRIC WITH HOOK FASTENER.
- G. THE OLIVE DRAB AREAS OF THE SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA (SSI) HAVE CHANGED TO FOLIAGE GREEN. BLACK WILL REMAIN BLACK AND BROWN WILL REMAIN BROWN. ALL SSI WILL HAVE THE HOOK FASTENER.
- H. THE RANK INSIGNIA PRIVATE (E-2) THROUGH COLONEL (O6) WILL BE 2 INCHES BY 2 INCHES WITH HOOK FASTENER.
- I. GENERAL OFFICER INSIGNIA WILL BE 3/4 INCH STARS POINT TO VERTEX 1/8 INCH APART.
- J. BRIGADIER GENERAL AND MAJOR GENERAL WILL BE 2 INCHES BY 2 INCHES OVERALL WITH HOOK FASTENER.

- K. LIEUTENANT GENERAL AND GENERAL WILL BE 2 INCHES BY 3-1/4 INCHES AND WILL HAVE BOTH HOOK AND LOOP FASTENER ATTACHED.
  - L. THE RANK TAB INSIGNIA FOR THE PARKA, COLD WEATHER (GORTEX JACKET ACU UNIVERSAL CAMOUFLAGE PATTERN) HAS CHANGED TO THE DIGITIZED FABRIC (THE WEAR DATE FOR THIS INSIGNIA HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED). **NOTE:** THE ACU PATTERN PARKA, COLD WEATHER HAS NOT BEEN PHASED INTO THE SUPPLY SYSTEM.
  - M. THE NAME TAPE FOR THE PARKA, COLD WEATHER HAS CHANGED TO THE DIGITIZED FABRIC WITH HOOK FASTENER (DIGITIZED FABRIC NAME TAPE WILL NOT BE WORN WITH THE WOODLAND CAMOUFLAGE COLD WEATHER PARKA).
  - N. THE SUBDUED (PIN ON) DRILL SERGEANT AND RECRUITER BADGES MAY BE WORN ON THE ACU COAT POCKET CENTERED BOTH VERTICALLY AND HORIZONTALLY ON EACH BREAST POCKET IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE IAW AR 670-1.
  - O. THE ACU DIGITIZED PATTERN FABRIC COVERS WITH OR WITHOUT SSI, SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA-FORMER WARTIME SERVICE (SSI-FWTS), AND U.S. FLAG INSIGNIA (FULL COLOR OR SUBDUED) **ARE NOT** AUTHORIZED TO BE WORN OVER THE ACU HOOK AND LOOP-FACED PADS ALREADY PROVIDED ON THE ACU COAT.
  - P. THE BLACK OR FOLIAGE GREEN ACU FLEECE CAN BE WORN AS AN OUTER GARMENT WITH THE ACU, BATTLE DRESS UNIFORM, AND DESERT BATTLE DRESS UNIFORM, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMANDER.
3. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE ARMY G-1.
  4. HQDA POC FOR UNIFORM WEAR POLICY IS SGM KATRINA EASLEY, [KATRINA.EASLEY@HQDA.ARMY.MIL](mailto:KATRINA.EASLEY@HQDA.ARMY.MIL), DSN 426-5129, COMMERCIAL (703)-696-5129.
  5. THIS MESSAGE EXPIRES UPON PUBLICATION OF THE NEXT AR 670-1 UPDATE.