

Subject: ALARACT 082/2014 - EFFECTIVE DATES TO COINCIDE WITH RELEASE OF  
UPDATED AR 670-1 AND NEW DA PAM 670-1

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1. REFERENCES:

A. AR 670-1, WEAR AND APPEARANCE OF ARMY UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIA, DATED XX  
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2. THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES CLARIFYING GUIDANCE FOR EFFECTIVE DATES OF  
SIGNIFICANT CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN AR 670-1 AND DA PAM 670-1.

3. SOLDIERS MUST ADHERE TO NEW GROOMING STANDARDS, AS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH  
3-2 OF AR 670-1, NO LATER THAN 7 DAYS FROM THE RELEASE OF AR 670-1.

4. SOLDIERS MUST INITIATE REMOVAL OF UNAUTHORIZED DENTAL ORNAMENTATION IAW  
PARAGRAPH 3-4F NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS FROM THE RELEASE OF AR 670-1.

5. SOLDIERS MUST ADHERE TO ALL OTHER JEWELRY STANDARDS AS OUTLINED IN  
PARAGRAPHS 3-4A THROUGH 3-4E UPON RELEASE OF AR 670-1.

6. CURRENTLY SERVING SOLDIERS ARE PROHIBITED FROM OBTAINING NEW TATTOOS  
THAT DO NOT MEET THE CRITERIA OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 3-3 OF AR 670-1 UPON  
RELEASE OF AR 670-1. SOLDIERS NOT GRANDFATHERED (FOR EXAMPLE, A SOLDIER  
WITH A HEAD OR FACE TATTOO OR A TATTOO WHICH IS EXTREMIST, INDECENT, SEXIST  
OR RACIST) AND THEREFORE NOT IN COMPLIANCE MUST BE PROCESSED IAW PARAGRAPH  
3-3H. COMMANDERS MUST INITIATE THIS PROCESS NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS FROM THE  
RELEASE OF AR 670-1.

7. APPLICANTS CONTRACTED FOR SERVICE IN ANY U.S. ARMY COMPONENT OR ENROLLED  
IN ANY ACCESSION PROGRAM BEFORE OR CONTRACTED/ENROLLED WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER  
THE DATE OF RELEASE OF AR 670-1 ARE GRANDFATHERED TO THE PREVIOUSLY  
PUBLISHED TATTOO/BRANDING POLICY. AFTER 30 DAYS, APPLICANTS MUST ADHERE TO  
THE STANDARDS PUBLISHED PARAGRAPH 3-3 OF AR 670-1.

8. ENLISTED SOLDIERS SELECTED BEFORE 1 JULY 2014 BY SELECTION BOARDS OR  
OTHER SELECTION PROCESSES FOR OFFICER ACCESSION PROGRAMS ARE ALSO  
GRANDFATHERED TO THE PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED TATTOO/BRANDING POLICY.

9. COMMANDERS OF ACTIVE DUTY SOLDIERS MUST COMPLETE TATTOO VALIDATION MEMOS  
(WITH PHOTOS AS ENCLOSURES) FOR ALL ASSIGNED SOLDIERS AS OUTLINED IN  
PARAGRAPH 3-3E OF AR 670-1 WITHIN 30 DAYS UPON RELEASE OF AR 670-1.  
MEMORANDUMS WITH PHOTOS MUST BE WEB UPLOADED TO IPERMS BY RECORDS MANAGERS  
FOR FILING INTO SOLDIERS' ARMY MILITARY HUMAN RESOURCE RECORD WITHIN 60 DAYS  
UPON RELEASE OF AR 670-1.

10. COMMANDERS OF RESERVE COMPONENT UNITS MUST COMPLETE TATTOO VALIDATION  
MEMOS (WITH PHOTOS AS ENCLOSURES) FOR ALL ASSIGNED SOLDIERS AS OUTLINED IN

PARAGRAPH 3-3E OF AR 670-1 WITHIN 120 DAYS UPON RELEASE OF AR 670-1. MEMORANDUMS WITH PHOTOS MUST BE WEB UPLOADED TO IPERMS BY RECORDS MANAGERS FOR FILING INTO SOLDIERS' ARMY MILITARY HUMAN RESOURCE RECORD WITHIN 150 DAYS UPON RELEASE OF AR 670-1.

11. ACCESSION DETERMINATION AUTHORITIES, AS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 3-3I OF AR 670-1, WILL ENSURE ALL CURRENT APPLICANTS WHO ARE CONTRACTED/ENROLLED FOR SERVICE HAVE THEIR TATTOOS/BRANDS VALIDATED WITHIN 30 DAYS UPON RELEASE OF AR 670-1.

12. SOLDIERS MUST COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT (OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 4-8E OF DA PAM 670-1) TO SEW ON THE NAME TAPE, U.S. ARMY TAPE, AND GRADE INSIGNIA WHEN BADGES ARE SEWN ON (THE COMBAT UNIFORM) NO LATER THAN 7 DAYS UPON RELEASE OF DA PAM 670-1. ADDITIONALLY, IF A NAMETAPE, U.S. ARMY TAPE OR GRADE INSIGNIA IS SEWN ON THE COMBAT UNIFORM, THEN PERSONNEL MUST SEW ALL THREE OF THESE ITEMS ON THE UNIFORM COAT. THIS ALSO APPLIES TO OTHER UNIFORM ALTERATIONS, WHICH REQUIRE SEWING.

13. APPLICABLE PERSONNEL MUST WEAR NOMINATIVE SENIOR ENLISTED LEADER COLLAR INSIGNIA (PREVIOUSLY REFERRED TO AS CSM INSIGNIA) IAW PARAGRAPH 21-9I OF DA PAM 670-1 NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS FROM RELEASE OF AR 670-1. COMMAND SERGEANTS MAJOR AND SERGEANTS MAJOR REQUIRED TO CHANGE THEIR COLLAR INSIGNIA MUST UPDATE THEIR DA PHOTO NO LATER THAN 12 MONTHS FROM RELEASE OF DA PAM 670-1. THIS ALSO APPLIES TO CSMS WORKING FOR O-6 AND BELOW WHO WILL NOW WEAR DESIGNATED BRANCH INSIGNIA.

14. NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS MUST WEAR SHOULDER MARKS (GRADE INSIGNIA) ON THE SHOULDER LOOPS OF THE BLACK ALL-WEATHER COAT AND WINDBREAKER IAW PARAGRAPHS 20-7 AND 20-30 OF DA PAM 670-1 NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS FROM RELEASE OF AR 670-1.

15. APPLICABLE PERSONNEL MUST WEAR COMBAT AND SPECIAL SKILL BADGES AND SPECIAL SKILL METAL TAB REPLICAS ON COMBAT, SERVICE, AND DRESS UNIFORMS IAW PARAGRAPH 22-16 OF DA PAM 670-1 NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS FROM RELEASE OF AR 670-1. SOLDIERS REQUIRED TO CHANGE THE PLACEMENT OF SUCH ITEMS ON THEIR SERVICE UNIFORM MUST UPDATE THEIR DA PHOTO NO LATER THAN 12 MONTHS FROM RELEASE OF DA PAM 670-1.

16. ALL OTHER CHANGES CONTAINED IN AR 670-1 AND DA PAM 670-1 AND NOT OTHERWISE ADDRESSED IN THIS MESSAGE MUST BE ADHERED TO UPON RELEASE OF THESE PUBLICATIONS.

17. LEADERS AT ALL LEVELS WILL PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN EDUCATING SUBORDINATES AND ENFORCING STANDARDS SET FORTH IN THESE PUBLICATIONS. EVERY LEADER SHOULD TAKE A COMMON SENSE APPROACH TO THE NEW POLICIES AND ENSURE SOLDIERS UNDERSTAND AND ADHERE TO THE POLICIES IN A TIMELY MANNER.

18. A TRAINING PACKAGE WITH OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD AT [HTTP://WWW.ARMYG1.ARMY.MIL/HR/UNIFORM/DEFAULT.ASP](http://www.armyg1.army.mil/hr/uniform/default.asp).

19. SOLDIERS SHOULD DIRECT ALL QUESTIONS TO THEIR CHAIN OF COMMAND. SENIOR LEADERS OR ARMY COMMAND G-1S WITH QUESTIONS MAY CONTACT THE ARMY G-1 UNIFORM POLICY SERGEANT MAJOR, SGM CONNER, AT [USARMY.PENTAGON.HQDA-DCS-G-1.MBX.UNIFORM@MAIL.MIL](mailto:USARMY.PENTAGON.HQDA-DCS-G-1.MBX.UNIFORM@MAIL.MIL).

19. THIS MESSAGE EXPIRES 12 MONTHS FROM DATE OF RELEASE.