



TATTOO POLICY

- ❑ Unauthorized tattoo locations:
 - ❑ On the head, face, & neck, (anything above the T-shirt line to include on/inside the eyelids, mouth, & ears)
 - ❑ On the hands, fingers, wrists (below the wrist bone)
 - ❑ Each visible tattoo below the elbow or below the knee must be smaller than the size of the wearer's hand (with fingers extended & joined with the thumb touching the base of the index finger)
 - ❑ Soldiers may have no more than 4 total visible tattoos (smaller than the size of the wearer's hand) below the elbow or below the knee



(AR 670-1, para 3-3)





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- ❑ Defines small tattoos within a 5 inch diameter as one tattoo
- ❑ Visible band tattoos may be no more than 2” in width; Each band tattoo counts as one tattoo & Soldiers may have no more than one visible band tattoo
- ❑ Sleeve tattoos on arms or legs are unauthorized
- ❑ Enlisted Soldiers with grandfathered tattoos may request commissioning or appointment, if otherwise recommended by the Commander

(AR 670-1, para 3-3)





CATEGORIES OF UNAUTHORIZED OF TATTOOS

- ❑ Extremist tattoos or brands are those affiliated with, depicting, or symbolizing extremist philosophies, organizations, or activities.
- ❑ Indecent tattoos or brands are those that are grossly offensive to modesty, decency, propriety or professionalism.
- ❑ Sexist tattoos or brands are those that advocate a philosophy that degrades or demeans a person based on gender but may not meet the same definition of “indecent.”
- ❑ Racist tattoos or brands are those that advocate a philosophy that degrades or demeans a person based on race, ethnicity, or national origin.

(AR 670-1, para 3-3)





TATTOO POLICY: VALIDATION

- ❑ Commanders were required to validate all Soldiers' grandfathered or waived (upon entry) tattoos located above the neckline, below the elbows, or below the knees with a description of the shape and color on an official memorandum. Each tattoo will be a photo attachment.
- ❑ Commanders and Soldiers must ensure the documents are now filed into the Soldier's Army Military Human Resource Record (AMHRR)
- ❑ Commanders will perform an annual check for new tattoos or brands in prohibited locations
- ❑ Soldier is given a copy for his/her records

(AR 670-1, para 3-3)



PHOTOGRAPH AND UPLOAD REQUIREMENTS

- ❑ Commanders use same local process to upload documents (such as award certificates) to a Soldier's Army Military Human Resource Record (AMHRR)
- ❑ File must be in multi-page black and white Tagged Image File Format (TIFF) in 300 dpi for upload
- ❑ No requirements for specific camera settings; photo must be clear and visible
- ❑ Use nylon black and white ruler (available in supply system) to help identify tattoo size
- ❑ Photograph entire area (below arm or below leg) to help identify location

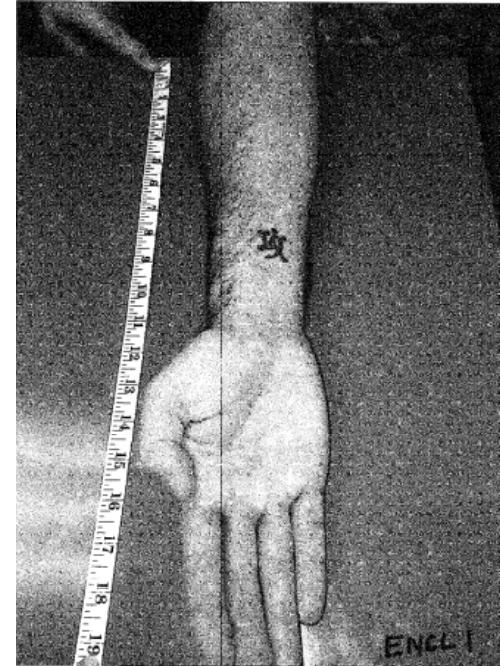
(AR 670-1, para 3-3)



EXAMPLE TATTOO PHOTO FOR AMHRR



Photos must be taken using a ruler, the tattoo(s) must be clear and visible and described on the memorandum - sample available on G-1 web page



Photos are then scanned to Tagged Image File Format (TIFF), Black and White, 300 DPI, and updated with memo to AMHRR – Tattoos must still be observable



ANNUAL CHECK

- ❑ Commanders will also conduct an annual check for extremist, indecent, sexist, and racist tattoos
- ❑ Tattoos in locations not above the T-shirt neckline, not on the arms (below the elbow), or not on the legs (below the knees) will not be documented on the memo for filing into the Soldier's record
- ❑ Check is done by the Commander in physical fitness uniform (without shoes or socks)
- ❑ If found, Soldier must be processed in accordance with AR 670-1

(AR 670-1 and DA Pam 670-1, para 3-3)



BODY MUTILATION

- ❑ Soldiers are prohibited from any form of body mutilation, which is the willful mutilation of the body or any body parts in any manner.
- ❑ Does not include authorized medical alterations performed at a medical treatment facility or cosmetic, reconstructive, or plastic surgery procedures normally approved by the Commander
- ❑ Soldiers who entered the Army with approved body mutilation prior to 31 March 2014 may request an exception to policy from HQDA, G-1

(AR 670-1 and DA Pam 670-1, para 3-3)



BODY MUTILATION

- ❑ Examples of body mutilation include, but are not limited to:
 - ❑ Tongue bifurcation (splitting of the tongue)
 - ❑ Ear gauging (enlarged holes in the lobe of the ear, which are beyond the post hole size for conservative earring wearer, no more than 1.6mm)
 - ❑ Unnatural shaping of the teeth
 - ❑ Ear pointing (or elfing)
 - ❑ Scarification (cutting to create intentional scarring)
 - ❑ Body modifications for the purpose of suspension (hanging by body hooks)

(AR 670-1 and DA Pam 670-1, para 3-3)