



TATTOO & BRANDING

- ❑ Policy is equal for accessions and current Soldiers; Current Soldiers may keep previously authorized tattoos (grandfathered)
- ❑ Redefined indecent tattoos
- ❑ Added restrictions for locations for unauthorized tattoos
- ❑ Soldiers' current tattoos will be documented in online records to protect Soldiers with grandfathered tattoos and aid with implementing this policy





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





TATTOO POLICY

- ❑ 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
- ❑ Officers and Warrant Officers are also restricted to this same policy; Enlisted Soldiers exceeding the limit of four or in authorized locations cannot request commissioning/appointment (not grandfathered)





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.





TATTOO POLICY: VALIDATION

- ❑ Commanders must validate all Soldiers' current 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.
- ❑ Commander ensures it is submitted for filing 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



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



SELF-IDENTIFICATION MEMO



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
COMMAND'S FULL NAME
MAILING ADDRESS
CITY, STATE ZIP

OFFICE SYMBOL

DATE

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, UNIT, CITY, STATE, ZIP

SUBJECT: Self Identification of Existing Tattoos for RANK Last Name, First Name, MI.,
###-##-#### (SSN)

1. I, RANK LAST NAME, self identify the following existing tattoos located on my head, neck (above the t-shirt line), face, below the elbow on the arms, hands, and below the knees IAW AR 670-1, paragraph 1-9g(3). I further understand I am prohibited from obtaining new tattoos which are prohibited IAW AR 670-1, paragraph 1-9.

- (a) Head. None.
- (b) Neck (above the T-shirt line). None.
- (c) Face. None.
- (d) Below the elbow (on the arms).

(1) 1" x 1" Black Chinese symbol on Soldier's right forearm (Encl 1).

(2) 2" x 1" Black Chinese symbol on Soldier's left forearm (Encl 2).

- (e) Below the knee. None

2. I understand this memo will be posted in my Army Military Human Resource Record.

3. Point of contact for this action is RANK Last Name (unit Commander) at (###) ###-#### or e-mail address.

Encl:

- 1. Photo of Right Arm Tattoo
- 2. Photo of Left Arm Tattoo

FIRST NAME MI. LAST NAME (Soldier)
SPC, USA

Validated by: FIRST NAME MI. LAST NAME (Commander)
CPT, FA
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Encl 1



Encl 2



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(a) Head. None.

(b) Neck (above the T-shirt line). None.

(c) Face. None.

(d) Below the elbow (on the arms). Black and gray scroll tattoo on left forearm, 6" x 2.5" (see Enclosure 1).

(e) Below the knee.

(1) Black tribal scroll tattoo on right calf, 9" x 4" (see Enclosure 2).

(2) Purple and black dragon tattoo on right ankle, 6" x 2" (see Enclosure 3).

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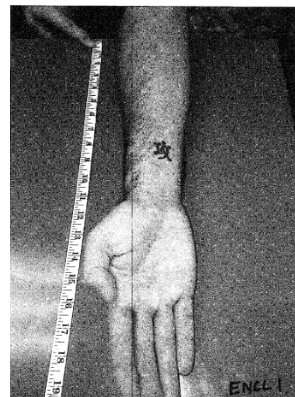
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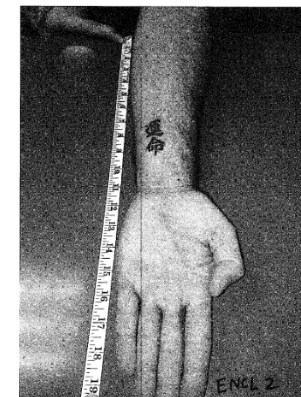
1. Photo of Arm Tattoo
2. Photo of Leg Tattoo
3. Photo of Leg Tattoo

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SPC, USA

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Encl 1



Encl 2

Photos must be in Tagged Image File Format (TIFF), Black and White, 300 DPI



ANNUAL CHECK

- ❑ Commanders will also conduct an annual check for extremist, indecent, sexist, and racist tattoos
- ❑ Tattoos not above the T-shirt neckline, on the arms, or legs will not be documented on the memo
- ❑ Check is done by the Commander in physical fitness uniform
- ❑ If found, Soldier must be processed in accordance with AR 670-1



OTHER

- ❑ Soldiers are prohibited from willful mutilation of the body or any body parts in any manner.
- ❑ Examples include, but are not limited to, tongue bifurcation (splitting of the tongue) or 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).