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(ILNG)

5 April 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: US Flag Insignia for Illinois Army National Guard  
(ILARNG) Personnel and Wear of the Battle Dress uniform (BDU)

1. References:

a. Message, DAPE-HR-IRP, Subject: Wear of the Reverse-Side Full-Color US Flag Cloth, dated 140114Z Feb 04. (Enclosure 1)

b. Memorandum, NGB-ARL, Subject: Interim Guidance for Wearing of US Flag Insignia for the Army National Guard, dated 5 March 2004. (Enclosure 2)

c. Email message/memorandum NGB-ARZ-DS, Subject: Wear of battle Dress Uniform (BDU) dated 21 March 2003. (Enclosure 3)

2. The nation is currently at war and the Army is conducting combat operations around the world. As an expeditionary Army, our soldiers' commitment to fight and win our nation's war is best exemplified by the wearing of our uniform.

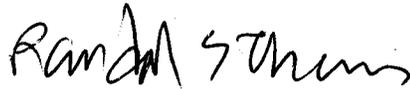
3. Thus, all soldiers of the ILARNG are authorized to wear the US flag insignia on the right shoulder of their BDU as a reminder that the Army is engaged in a war on terrorism at home and abroad. Reference 1(a) outlines the appropriate criteria.

4. To this effect, the Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) (with identification tags/dog tags) will be considered the daily duty uniform for all ILARNG personnel until further notice. Exceptions will be when the business environment necessitates the use of an alternate military uniform (Class A or B). The Staff Directors and Brigade/Battalion Officers-in-Charge (OIC)/Supervisors will make the decision.

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5. Wearing of the identification tags/dog tags may require a risk assessment when performing certain duties. Appropriate safety considerations should be reviewed when working on or around vehicles and other equipment.
6. Deadline for compliance is 1 October 2005. The Director of Logistics/J4, in coordination with the USPFO for Illinois, has requisitioned the flag insignia. Implementation instructions for issue and attachment of flags to the uniforms will follow.
7. Wearing of the US flag can begin immediately for those willing to purchase and have them sewn on at their expense, without reimbursement. Wearing of the BDU with dog tags as the duty uniform will begin immediately.
8. POC is CSM Bingse Young, 217-761-3743



RANDAL E. THOMAS  
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The Adjutant General

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Here is the actual message about wearing the Reverse US Flag and how it will be worn.

CSM Young

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UNCLAS ALARACT 018/2004

SUBJ: WEAR OF THE REVERSE-SIDE FULL-COLOR U.S. FLAG CLOTH

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FROM: DA WASHINGTON DC//DAPE-HR-IRP//

SUBJECT: WEAR OF THE REVERSE-SIDE FULL-COLOR U.S. FLAG CLOTH

REPLICA

A. AR 670-1, 5 SEP 03, WEAR AND APPEARANCE OF ARMY UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIA.

1. THE NATION IS AT WAR AND WILL BE FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. AS AN EXPEDITIONARY ARMY, OUR SOLDIERS' COMMITMENT TO FIGHT AND WIN OUR NATION'S WAR, AT HOME AND ABROAD, IS BEST EXEMPLIFIED BY PERMANENTLY WEARING THE U.S. FLAG INSIGNIA ON THE UTILITY UNIFORMS. ADDITIONALLY, WEARING THE U.S. FLAG PERMANENTLY ALSO REDUCES THE IMPACT OF SEWING AND REMOVING THE U.S. FLAG INSIGNIA ON UNIFORMS.

2. TO THIS EFFECT, THE CURRENT POLICY OF DEPLOYED SOLDIERS WEARING THE U.S. FLAG ON UTILITY UNIFORMS IS EXPANDED TO INCLUDE ALL SOLDIERS THROUGHOUT THE FORCE REGARDLESS OF DEPLOYMENT STATUS. THIS MESSAGE SERVES AS IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS TO A CHANGE TO AR 670-1 ON THE PERMANENT WEAR OF THE U.S. FLAG INSIGNIA.

3. THE INTENT OF THIS POLICY IS FOR ALL SOLDIERS TO PROUDLY WEAR THE U.S. FLAG INSIGNIA ON UTILITY UNIFORMS: (BDUS, DESERT BDUS, THE MATERNITY BDU, THE COLD WEATHER COAT (FIELD JACKET), AIRCREW BATTLE DRESS UNIFORM, AND THE COMBAT VEHICLE CREWMAN UNIFORM AND JACKET (COLD WEATHER).

4. LEADERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING POLICY CHANGE:

A. PERMANENTLY WEAR THE U.S. FLAG INSIGNIA ON THE BDUS, DBDUS, MATERNITY BDU, THE COLD WEATHER COAT, AIRCREW BATTLE DRESS UNIFORM, AND THE COMBAT VEHICLE CREWMAN UNIFORM, AND JACKET (COLD WEATHER).

B. WEAR THE U.S. FLAG SEWN 1/2 INCH BELOW THE RIGHT SHOULDER SEAM OF THE UTILITY UNIFORM. WHEN THE SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA-FORMER WARTIME SERVICE (SSI-FWTS) IS WORN ON THE RIGHT SHOULDER OF THE UTILITY UNIFORM, THE U.S. FLAG INSIGNIA IS PLACED 1/8 INCH BELOW THE SSI-FWTS.

5. HOW TO OBTAIN:

A. THE U.S. FLAG PROCUREMENT AND ATTACHMENT ON BDUS AND COLD WEATHER COAT FOR ENLISTED SOLDIERS WILL BE AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE, USING OMA FUNDS.

B. THE U.S. FLAG PROCUREMENT AND ATTACHMENT ON BDUS AND COLD WEATHER COAT FOR OFFICER SOLDIERS WILL BE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

C. THE U.S. FLAG PROCUREMENT AND ATTACHMENT ON DBDU, MATERNITY BDU, AIRCREW BATTLE DRESS UNIFORM, AND THE COMBAT VEHICLE CREWMAN UNIFORM AND JACKET, COLD WEATHER FOR ENLISTED AND OFFICER SOLDIERS WILL BE AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE, USING OMA FUNDS BASED ON CTA-50-900 ALLOCATIONS.

6. THE NEW POLICY IS IN EFFECT UPON THE COMMANDERS' ABILITY TO PROCURE THE INSIGNIAS AND ALLOCATE FUNDS, AND THE OPERATIONAL TEMPO DUE TO UPCOMING DEPLOYMENTS/RE-DEPLOYMENTS; HOWEVER, MANDATORY WEAR DATE OF THE U.S. FLAG INSIGNIA ON THE UNIFORMS LISTED ABOVE IS NLT 1 OCT 05.

7. ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF AR 670-1, PARAGRAPH 28-18(B), AND C(2) (WEAR OF FULL-COLOR U.S. FLAG CLOTH REPLICA) WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

8. THE ABOVE STATED CHANGES WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT REVISION TO AR 670-1.
9. POC FOR UNIFORM POLICY IS SGM WALTER MORALES, DSN 426-5129; COMM.(703) 696-5129. E-MAIL IS WALTER.MORALES@HQDA.ARMY.MIL.
10. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE CHIEF OF STAFF, ARMY.
11. EXPIRATION DATE CANNOT BE DETERMINED.

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5 March 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Interim Guidance for Wearing of US Flag Insignia for the Army National Guard

1. All soldiers of the Army National Guard are authorized to wear the US flag insignia on the right shoulder of their utility uniform as a reminder that the Army is engaged in a war at home and abroad.
2. The Army Chief of Staff General Peter Schoomaker approved the uniform change. Soldiers deadline for compliance is 1 October 2005. The flag should be sewn one half inch below the shoulder seam. If a combat patch is also placed on the right shoulder, the flag is sewn one eighth inch below the combat patch. Enlisted soldiers will be issued five flag patches (4-BDUs, 1-Field Jacket). Officers will have to purchase their flags.
3. All States and Territories should begin submitting requisitions using NGP2 account (OPTEMPO funds) for the patches through National Guard Material Management Center, Lexington, KY or from the Central Clothing Distribution Facility in Philadelphia, PA website. Requisitions will be placed on backorder status until final contracts are met and deliveries are confirmed.
4. Point of contact is Ms. Peaks, Logistics Management Specialist, Supply and Services Branch, Logistics Division, at DSN 327-7420 or 703-607-7420.

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Treviño, Jose LTC  
**Sent:** Friday, March 21, 2003 11:15 AM  
**To:** #ALL Local Users-NGB; #JP1 Army Personnel  
**Subject:** Wear of Battle Dress Uniform (BDU)  
**Importance:** High

NGB-ARZ-DS

21 March 2003

MEMORANDUM FOR Military Personnel, Army National Guard Directorate

SUBJECT: Wear of Battle Dress Uniform (BDU)

1. Reference e-mail message, Director of the Army Staff, DACS-ZD, 21 0639 Mar 03, subj: Change in Uniform.
2. Personnel assigned to the Department of the Army (DA) and DA Field Operating Agencies will be required to wear the BDU until further announcement. Exceptions are where the business environment inside and outside the Pentagon necessitates the use of civilian attire and/or alternate military uniform (Classes A or B); the principal of the affected agency will make the decision.
3. This requirement pertains to the ARNG directorate and is effective immediately. Personnel are not required to change if they do not have the BDU in their possession today. The required uniform will be worn on the next duty day.
4. Point of contact is the undersigned at 607-7021.

/s/

JOSE M. TREVIÑO

LTC, NGB

Secretary of the General Staff