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REPLY TO
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Command Policy 18, Wear and Appearance of Uniforms

1. REFERENCES:

- a. AR 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia, 3 February 2005.
- b. TRADOC Reg 350-6, Enlisted Initial Entry Training Policies and Administration, 28 January 2011.
- c. FLW Reg 190-5, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision on Fort Leonard Wood, 15 March 2012.
- d. FLW Reg 385-5, Composite Risk Management, 2 May 2007.

2. GENERAL:

a. This memorandum establishes policy and procedures for the U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence (MSCoE) regarding the wear and appearance of Army uniforms. It is meant to supplement Army regulations currently in place.

b. The Army is a service where discipline is judged, in part, by the manner in which a Soldier wears a prescribed uniform as well as the individual's personal conduct. Soldiers must project a military image that leaves no doubt that they live by a common set of military values and are guided through military order and discipline. All military uniforms will be worn in accordance with (IAW) AR 670-1. The Interservice Training Review Organization (ITRO) personnel (Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine, and Navy) as well as International Military Personnel will wear their uniforms according to their Services' uniform policies. Army personnel are reminded that other Services' uniforms and policies are unique and will become familiar with those policies. Clarification on the wear of military uniforms, as well as initial entry training (IET) uniform policies, is outlined in the following paragraphs.

c. We all have the general military authority to make corrections on military Service members improperly wearing the uniform, regardless of the rank or duty position of the

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Service member in question. Use the proper military courtesy; identify yourself and state the deficiency and how to correct the deficiency. Note the time and day of the incident, and report it to their chain of command if additional action is necessary to resolve the issue.

3. POLICY AND PROCEDURES:

a. Army Combat Uniform (ACU).

(1) The ACU is the standard duty uniform for all U.S. Army Soldiers, and the patrol cap is the primary headgear for the ACU. Subdued pin-on or sewn on rank will be worn on the patrol cap. The Velcro backing on the name tape will not be removed, nor will the name tape be sewn onto the patrol cap.

(2) The black beret may be worn with the ACU for special occasions at the commander's discretion. The black beret will be retained and worn with U.S. Army dress uniforms. Soldiers authorized to wear the maroon, tan, or green beret will do so IAW AR 670-1.

(3) The foliage green fleece cap may be worn as the primary headgear from the end of Daylight Saving Time (the 1st Sunday in November) to the beginning of Daylight Saving Time (the 2d Sunday in March). **NOTE: The fleece cap may be worn with cold weather gear (fleece/field/gortex jacket and gloves) but will not be worn as part of a uniform ensemble off the installation.**

(4) IAW AR 670-1, conservative sunglasses may be worn in garrison; they will not be worn in the field. Mitigating the risk of eye injuries in a field environment requires protective eyewear listed in the U.S. Army's Authorized Product Eyewear List (APEL).

(5) The dark brown or tan neck gator is authorized for optional wear with appropriate headgear during cold weather conditions and may be worn as a neck warmer/hood with cold weather outer garments.

(6) Black or green leather shell gloves as well as similar colored fire resistant gloves may be worn without cold weather outer garments.

(7) Soldiers may sew on the U.S. Army tape, name tape, rank insignia, and all authorized special skill and identification badges onto their ACU blouse at their own expense. The Velcro backings may be removed when sewing on the U.S. Army tape, name tape, and rank insignia.

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(8) Identification badges are normally used to gain entrance into sensitive areas, such as secure-access offices or hospital wards, or to gain access to CAC-enabled equipment and will be worn in the performance of your duties. The badges will not be worn outside the sensitive-site area nor worn throughout Fort Leonard Wood's cantonment area or off base. The badge will be secured on your person. To do otherwise is an operations security (OPSEC) violation and alerts potential threats that you are in possession of such a badge.

(9) Soldiers will not remove their ACU top when operating military or privately owned vehicles.

(10) Camouflage, foliage, black, or green personal hydration systems may be worn in cantonment and field training locations, at the discretion of the commander, but not off the installation.

(11) The earplug case, with earplugs, will be worn under the ACU blouse on the front, right belt loop of the trousers with the opening facing to the left.

(12) At the discretion of the unit commander and when required in the performance of duties, one electronic device can be worn on the belt, belt loops, or waistband of the ACU or Class A or Class B uniform. The device and the carrying case must be black; no other colors are authorized for wear.

(13) Headphones or earpieces (including hands-free devices such as a Bluetooth) are not authorized while wearing the ACU, Army Service Uniform (ASU), or Class A or Class B uniform, unless it is a component piece of military equipment (for example, the headset for a mine detector or a VIC3-style communications headset).

NOTE: The only exception is using a hands-free device while operating a motorized vehicle or the use of headphones during an indoor individual fitness training session within the confines of a weight/workout room. The device must be immediately removed once the Service member exits the vehicle or leaves the room.

(14) The ACU will not be worn at off-post establishments after 1900 hours (excluding gas stations for fuel and convenience items). This restriction applies to off-post restaurants and includes all other off-post establishments after 1900 hours.

(15) The ACU will never be worn in off-post establishments where selling alcohol is the principle business (for example, bars, clubs, and lounges).

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(16) The ACU, ASU, Class A uniform or clean civilian clothing may be worn for commercial air travel in the continental United States (CONUS). Temporary duty (TDY) travel is considered an on-duty status whether in uniform or civilian clothing. Traveling in uniform will be limited to Military Airlift Command (MAC) flights or American flagged air carriers when conducting official business. The ACU or ASU/Class A uniform will be clean, neat, serviceable, and complete when worn during travel. Men will be clean shaven. Service members wearing civilian clothing and traveling in a TDY status will wear conservative clothing that is in good taste (collared shirt, pressed slacks or dress jeans, closed toe shoes or dress sandals with socks), and abide by regulations dictating on-duty appearance standards found in AR 670-1.

(17) IET Soldiers will wear the ASU, Class A, or Class B uniform when off post unless the commander authorizes neat, civilian attire during a weekend off-post pass.

(18) The ACU may be worn in lieu of the improved physical fitness uniform (IPFU). Modifications to the ensemble (running shoes vs boots and without blouse) are at the Commander's discretion.

b. IPFU.

(1) The IPFU is the standard uniform that will be worn during unit physical training (PT) sessions, normally conducted between 0500 and 0830 hours and while travelling to and from PT sessions. Proper wear is governed by AR 670-1.

(2) Wearing the IPFU to visit on-post or off-post establishments is not authorized. The only exception is that Service members may visit gas stations for fuel and convenience items between 0500-0830 hours. Service members will wear their Service's fitness uniform during designated PT hours unless they are in an off-duty status, such as leave or pass. Components of the IPFU may be worn off duty with civilian attire IAW AR 670-1.

(3) PT shoes that enclose all five toes in one compartment are the only authorized shoe for wear with the IPFU or a unit designated PT uniform.

(4) No electronic devices are authorized for wear with the IPFU. The **only authorized exceptions** are hands-free devices while operating a motor vehicle (once a Soldier exits the vehicle, the device must be immediately removed) and stereo headphones during individual PT sessions while exercising in gymnasiums in the IPFU or ACU. Stereo headphones will be removed prior to departing the workout area. No such devices will be worn with the IPFU or any other fitness outfit while standing, walking, jogging, or running on roadways IAW FLW Reg 190-5, paragraph 2-10c.

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(5) A clean, unsoiled IPFU is authorized for wear in military dining facilities at the commander's discretion. Commanders may authorize the IPFU to be worn in gymnasiums or their unit areas during field training exercise (FTX) recovery operations.

(6) All formations, whether marching or running, will have appropriate road guards (front and back) with the necessary safety equipment (reflective vests and flashlights) according to size of formation. Anyone outside the base formation (for example, leaders on the side of the formation) will wear a reflective vest or reflective belt IAW the composite risk management process specified in FLW Reg 385-5.

(7) Commanders may authorize the wear of distinctive unit PT shirts for specific unit events, such as company esprit de corps runs.

(8) All military personnel will wear a high-visibility shirt/reflective belt/reflective vest when conducting an outdoor fitness session (walking, hiking, running, biking, etc) on any road (paved or unpaved) on Fort Leonard Wood.

c. General areas of interest.

(1) Use of an electronic device in uniform (for example, using a cell phone to talk, text, email, record audio or video) while walking is prohibited.

(2) The ACU, or appropriate service's utility uniform, will not be worn when appearing before, on behalf of, or accompanying someone to civilian criminal or civil court.

(3) Rapid fielding initiative (RFI) gear is authorized for wear.

(4) Regardless of the uniform, appropriate protective helmet and safety gear will be worn when operating a bicycle or motorcycle.

(5) Soldiers conducting duties as a stationary road guard or a grader of some type of fitness session or test will not smoke during the designated fitness session. Creating a cloud of secondary smoke at the fitness area not only shows a lack of discipline and professionalism and is hazardous to individuals exercising in the affected area.

4. SUPERSESSION: This policy supersedes Command Policy 18, 9 December 2010. Uniform standards will continue to change as the Army transforms. As changes in uniform policy occur, the MSCoE Commanding General will make implementation decisions based upon recommendations by the MSCoE Command Sergeant Major (CSM).

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5. PROPONENT: The proponent for this policy letter is the MSCoE CSM at 563-6151/6149.



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