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# MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Green Service Uniform (AGSU) Implementation and Transition Strategy

#### 1. References:

- a. Army Regulation (AR) 670-1, (Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia), 25 May 2017.
- b. Department of Army Pamphlet (DA PAM) 670-1 (Guide to the Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia), 25 May 2017.
- c. Principal Official Guidance Memorandum (POG) Army Green Service Uniform (AGSU) Approval Announcement and Wear Guidance, dated 16 September 2019.
- 2. Per reference 1c above, this message announces the implementation and bridging strategy for the Army's transition to the Army Green Service Uniform (AGSU). This message also articulates guidance regarding wear of the AGSU during our transition period. The AGSU has ties to veterans from multiple generations including the World War II era of Great Soldiers. Soldiers deserve a uniform that provides functionality and reflects their service traditions and pride. This wear guidance and bridging strategy are a culmination of Soldier's efforts and feedback provided throughout the Army.
- a. Uniform modernization effort: The Army Service Uniform (ASU) is overly formal for daily wear and never intended as our daily service uniform. The Army is currently the only service that does not have a uniform for everyday business environments. The Army's modernization efforts are driven by the professionalism of our Soldiers; the AGSU reflects that professionalism.
- b. The AGSU distribution timeline: Soldiers who currently possess the AGSU may immediately begin wearing AGSU as their service uniform, in accordance with (IAW) the implementing instructions detailed in this message. The AGSU will be available for purchase at the Army/Air Force Exchange late third quarter Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 for currently serving Soldiers. Initial entry Soldiers may expect to receive the uniform late fourth quarter FY 2020. The mandatory wear-in date, for all three Army components, is 1 October 2027 (FY 2028). The ASU wear-out date, for all three Army components, is 30 September 2027, Effective 1 October 2027 the ASU will be known as the Army Blue Uniform (ABU).

- c. Transition wear guidance: Soldiers are authorized to wear the AGSU and follow the wear guidance in accordance with AR 670-1 and DA PAM 670-1.
- 3. The AGSU consists of the following items:
  - a. Heritage Green 564 Belted Coat with Bi-Swing Back
  - b. Heritage Tan 566 Long Sleeve Shirt
  - c. Heritage Tan 566 Short Sleeve Shirt
  - d. Heritage Taupe 565 Trousers (Male) / Slacks (Female)
  - e. Heritage Green Necktie
  - f. Heritage Walnut 567 Web Belt And Open Face Buckle
  - g. Heritage Green 564 Garrison Cap
  - h. Heritage Walnut 567 Walnut 567 Oxford Leather Shoes
  - i. Heritage Walnut 567 Socks
  - j. Heritage Green 564 All-Weather Coat
  - k. Heritage Walnut 567 Leather Gloves
- 4. The new coat and mid-waist trousers/slacks for male and female Soldiers have a similar appearance. The new fabric for the AGSU coat is heavier and more durable. The AGSU coat will have a tailored, athletic cut, to improve uniform fit and appearance. The coat is fitted slightly at the waist, conforming to body shape without tightness and with no prominent flare. The AGSU will include a new improved lighter and wrinkle resistant short and long-sleeved Heritage Tan 566 Shirt with shoulder loops for officers, and plain for the enlisted.
- 5. The AGSU Class A includes the Heritage 564 Green Coat, the Heritage Taupe 565 Trousers/Slacks, a Heritage Tan 566 Short or Long Sleeve Shirt, and Heritage Green Four-In-Hand Necktie for both male and female Soldiers, the Heritage Green Garrison Cap, a Heritage Walnut 567 Web Belt, with brass oxidized tip/brass buckle, Heritage Walnut Socks, and the Heritage Walnut 567 Oxford Leather Shoes. Accessories and other items authorized for wear on the AGSU Class A will be worn IAW this guidance, reference *c*, and DA PAM 670-1.
- a. Due to the new pocket flap design on the female service coat, female Soldiers will utilize the same dimensions for insignia and accoutrements as male Soldiers with exception of the identification badges as described below.

- b. Either mirror polished or silver oxidized combat and special skill/marksmanship badges are authorized for wear on the AGSU coat. Soldiers will not mix and match.
- c. The Heritage Walnut 567 Web Belt, with brass oxidized tip and brass buckle is worn so that the tipped end passes through the buckle to the wearer's left for males, and to the wearer's right for females. The brass oxidized tip will not extend more than 1 inch beyond the first trouser/slack belt loop.
- d. There will be no nameplate worn on either the Heritage Green 564 Coat or long/short sleeve shirts.
- e. The Soldier Sleeve Insignia (SSI) will be sewn on the wearer's left sleeve, centered 1/2 inch below the top of the shoulder seam on the Army Heritage 564 Green Coat for all Soldiers.
- f. The Shoulder Sleeve Insignia for Former Wartime Service (SSI-FWTS) will be sewn on the wearer's right sleeve centered 1/2 inch below the top of the shoulder seam on the Army Heritage 564 Green Coat for all Soldiers. The combat service identification badge is not authorized on the AGSU coat.
- g. No more than two special skill tabs are authorized for wear on the AGSU. Special skill tab(s) will be in full-color and sewn on the wearer's left sleeve. The tab will be placed 1/2 inch below the top of the shoulder seam. The SSI will be worn 1/4 inch below the special skill tabs.
- h. Temporary tabs are considered an integral part of the SSI, and Soldiers are only authorized to wear them while assigned to the organization that prescribed wearing the SSI with the tab. Temporary tab examples include: *Airborne, Honor Guard, Mountain, Advisor, and Pershing*. Temporary tabs will be worn directly above the SSI and SSI-FWTS with no space between insignia and tab. Temporary tabs can be worn with no more than two special skill tabs.
- i. Either permanently awarded unit awards or temporary awarded unit awards may be worn. They will not be mixed.
- j. Regimental Distinctive Insignia (RDI) is authorized for wear on the AGSU coat. On the AGSU coat, Soldiers wear the RDI centered 1/8 inch above the top of the pocket flap or 1/4 inch above any unit awards or foreign badges that are worn. When the coat lapel obscures the RDI, Soldiers may wear the RDI aligned to the right edge of the unit awards. Wearing the RDI on the AGSU shirt is not authorized.
- k. Soldiers (except general officers) wear the Distinctive unit insignia (DUI) on the AGSU coat, centered on the shoulder loops an equal distance from the outside shoulder seam to the outside edge of the button, with the base of the insignia toward the outside shoulder seam, when insignia of grade is not worn on the should loops. If insignia of grade is worn on the shoulder loops, the distance is measured from the base of the DUI

to the outside shoulder seam. Soldiers are not authorized to wear the DUI on the dress variation or AGSU shirt.

- I. Foreign badges are authorized but no more than one will be worn on the AGSU coat. Wear the foreign badge centered and 1/8 inch above the right pocket flap, or 1/2 inch above any unit awards. Wearing foreign badges on the AGSU shirt is not authorized.
- m. No more than four combat and special skill/marksmanship badges are authorized for wear at one time on the wearer's left side of the AGSU Coat. Soldiers will not wear more than three marksmanship badges at one time. Soldiers may wear badges 1/4 inch above the ribbons or above the top of the pocket flap. Badges may also be worn below the ribbons on the pocket flap 1/4 inch below the top of the pocket flap.

## n. Grade insignia:

- (1) Enlisted: The non-subdued embroidered heritage tan with a heritage green background grade insignia will be sewn on each sleeve of the AGSU coat and shirt. The insignia will be worn centered between the shoulder seam and the elbow. When the SSI will not allow the insignia of grade to be worn as stated above on the AGSU coat, the insignia of grade will be placed 1/2 inch below the SSI on the left side of the coat and the same corresponding distance on the right side.
- (2) Warrant Officers: The non-subdued grade insignia bar is 3/8 inches in width and 1 1/8 inches in length. All warrant officers will pin on the non-subdued grade insignia on the shoulder loops parallel and 5/8 inches from the outside shoulder seam of the AGSU coat.
- (3) Officers: The non-subdued grade insignia will pin on the shoulder loops 5/8 inches from the outside shoulder seam of the AGSU coat.

# o. Identification badges:

- (1) No more than one identification badge per side of the coat is authorized for wear.
- (2) Male Soldiers will wear the badge centered between the bottom of the pocket flap and the bottom of the pocket, and centered from left to right.
- (3) Female Soldiers will wear the badge centered two inches below the pocket flaps on the AGSU coat.
- p. The black, green, tan, maroon, and brown beret will be worn in accordance with DA PAM 670-1 para 18-3. The Unisex Heritage Green Service Cap, with brown leather trim worn "crusher" style, is optional headgear authorized for wear with this uniform.

- q. The Heritage Green Garrison Cap will be worn with the front vertical crease of the cap centered on the forehead in a straight line with the nose, with the front lower portion of the cap approximately 1 inch above the eyebrows (approximately the width of the first two fingers). The cap is placed on the head in such a manner that the front and rear vertical creases and the top edge of the crown form unbroken lines in silhouette, and the ridge of the cap is parallel to the ground while standing at attention. Personnel will not crush or shape the crown of the cap to form peaks at the top front or top rear of the cap.
- (1) Enlisted personnel will wear their DUI on the Heritage Green Garrison Cap on the left curtain 1 inch from the front crease.
- (2) Officers will wear non-subdued insignia of grade on the Heritage Green Garrison Cap centered on the left curtain 1 inch from the front crease.
- 6. The AGSU Class B is comprised of Heritage Taupe 565 Trousers/Slacks, a Heritage Tan 566 Short or Long Sleeve Shirt, a Heritage Green Four-in-Hand Necktie for both male and female Soldiers (for wear with the Heritage Tan 566 long sleeve shirt only), the Heritage Green Garrison Cap, the Heritage Walnut 567 Web Belt, with brass oxidized tip/brass buckle, Heritage Walnut Socks, and the Heritage Walnut 567 Oxford Leather Shoes.
  - a. No badges or accouterments are authorized for wear on the Class B AGSU.
- b. All officers will wear the green shoulder mark grade insignia on the shoulder loops of the short and long sleeve Heritage Tan 566 Shirt. For enlisted Soldiers, the Heritage Tan non-subdued embroidered grade insignia will be sewn on and will be worn centered between the shoulder seam on both short and long sleeve Heritage Tan 566 Shirts.
- c. The short sleeve shirt will be worn without the necktie. Soldiers have the option of wearing a tie when they wear the short or long-sleeved shirts with the pullover sweater, cardigan sweaters, windbreaker, or Eisenhower jacket. If no tie is worn with the pullover sweater, the collar will be worn outside the sweater.
- 7. The Dress AGSU is composed of the Heritage green 564 Coat, short or long-sleeved Heritage Tan 566 Shirt, Heritage Green Four-in-Hand Necktie, and Heritage Taupe 565 Trousers/Slacks. Female Soldiers have the option to wear either slacks or a skirt. When the dress AGSU is worn for evening social occasions (after retreat) commanders may authorize no headgear. Combat boots and organizational items, such as brassards, Military Police accessories and DUIs are not authorized for wear with the dress AGSU. All other accessories and insignia authorized for wear with the Class A AGSU are authorized for wear on the Dress AGSU.
- 8. Optional components of the AGSU that are authorized for wear include:
  - a. AGSU coat in optional fabrics (serge, gabardine, and tropical)

- b. Heritage Green Windbreaker
- c. Heritage Green Sweaters
- d. AGSU-Maternity (AGSU-M)
- e. Heritage Green Cold Weather Cap
- f. Tuck-in shirt, female
- g. Heritage Green Eisenhower "Ike" Jacket (worn like the AGSU coat)
- h. Bomber Jacket (leather)
- i. Handbag, Brown, Fabric or Leather (only carry on either shoulder)
- j. Handbag, Brown, Clutch Type
- k. Scarf, Heritage Green 564 (only with Heritage Green 564 All-Weather Coat or Windbreaker)
- 9. Additionally, please note the following special instructions for other items of the AGSU:
  - a. Pumps are an optional item for females to wear with slacks and skirts.
  - b. Heritage Walnut dress socks only will be worn with trousers/slacks.
  - c. Stockings will be sheer when worn with skirt.
  - d. Visible undergarments such as T-shirts will be white in color.
- e. All Soldiers may carry and use an umbrella, only during inclement weather, when wearing the AGSU. Umbrellas are not authorized in formations or when wearing field or utility uniforms. Umbrellas will be solid black or brown in color, containing no logos or designs.
- f. Service aiguillettes (worn by officers only) are not authorized on the class B AGSU.
- g. Airborne background trimming remains in accordance with DA PAM 670-1, para 19-31b.
  - h. U.S. and branch insignia are not authorized on the AGSU Class B shirt.

- i. Brassards are not authorized on the AGSU coat; only awards and decorations are authorized on the AGSU coat.
  - j. Fourragere/lanyards are authorized for wear on only the AGSU coat.
  - k. Gold star lapel button is not authorized on the Class B shirt.
  - I. Leaders identification insignia (green tab) is not authorized for wear on the AGSU.
- 10. Other items to include the organizational flash (worn on beret), overseas service bars, and enlisted service stripes will all continue to be worn IAW AR 670-1 and DA PAM 670-1.
- 11. During this transition period, until 30 September 2027, official DA Photos may be taken in either the AGSU or the ASU.
- 12. The HQDA, DCS G-1 point of contact is SGM Brian Sanders, Uniform Policy Branch SGM at usarmy.pentagon.hqda-dcs-g-1.mbx.uniform-policy@mail.mil.
- 13. This message expires upon the next publication of Army Regulation 670-1 and Department of the Army Pamphlet 670-1.

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