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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DAPM-ACC

POLICY LETTER #15

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Corrections Command (ACC) Policy Letter #15 – Prisoner Uniform Policy

1. Reference AR 190-47, The Army Corrections System, dated 15 June 2006.
2. Prisoner clothing management is prescribed by the ACC. The distinctive prisoner uniform is required to establish uniformity within the Army Corrections System (ACS).
3. All prisoners confined in ACS Facilities will wear a distinctive prisoner uniform as a duty/work uniform. Prisoners housed in maximum custody status will wear an orange jump suit. The uniform for medium and minimum custody post-trial prisoners will consist of a brown shirt and trouser; pretrial prisoners will wear a tan colored shirt and trouser. Trustee custody prisoners will wear a distinctive blue shirt and trouser uniform. A distinctive light blue shirt and trouser uniform will be worn by pretrial and post-trial female prisoners. Headgear, when worn, will be an orange watch cap or an orange ball cap. A white name tag with black lettering spelling the last name and registration number of the prisoner will be worn over the left pocket of the shirt and trouser right hip pocket.

Summary of fitting guidelines.

- Dress and appearance of all prisoners will be maintained at a high standard. Uniforms will fit properly and prisoners must keep uniforms clean and serviceable. Prisoners will keep uniforms buttoned, zipped, and snapped. Prisoners will keep shoes clean.
- Trousers will be the proper length and worn properly (waistband worn at the waist; not on the hips or buttocks). Trousers should not fit tightly and will not be cuffed. A belt and buckle will be worn with the trousers of the duty/work uniform. It will be correctly fastened, with the buckle centered on the front of the trouser waistband.
- Shirt sleeve length will extend to the center of the wrist bone. The outer shirt should be untucked. The T-shirt will be tucked inside the trouser. All buttons, except for the top collar button, must be buttoned (including the cuffs and pockets). The shirt sleeves can be worn up or down; however, if rolled up, the sleeves will be rolled to the outside and approximately two inches above the elbow.

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- If a prisoner's uniform is damaged or does not fit properly, the prisoner must notify a staff member immediately for an exchange. Display of any items outside the uniform pockets is prohibited (e.g., handkerchief, comb, etc). The appropriate prisoner uniform will be worn in accordance with established facility policy.

4. Mutilation or unauthorized alteration of clothing or making unauthorized marking or lettering on any part of the uniform is prohibited. Clothing will be worn in the manner for which it was designed. Additional creases in the uniform and starching are prohibited.

5. The brown colored winter coat will be worn during periods of "cold weather." The facility leadership will determine the appropriate time to wear the winter coat. When worn inside, or upon entry to any building (unless otherwise directed), the winter coat will be unbuttoned/unzipped. When worn outside, the coat will be buttoned/zippered. The cap may only be worn outside either with or without the winter coat. Upon entering any building, the cap must be removed. The cap must be kept on the prisoner's person and may not be visible. Trustees will wear blue colored winter coats.

6. T-shirts will be worn by all prisoners as part of the daily uniform. When worn outside the housing unit with (duty/work) trousers, the T-shirts will be tucked into the waistband; when worn inside the housing unit with trousers or athletic shorts (if not wearing the brown shirt) the T-shirt may be worn outside the shorts. At a minimum, prisoners will be dressed in PT shorts, T-shirt and shower shoes when outside their immediate living area. Thermal undershirts are authorized to be worn as an outer garment during outdoor recreation, in the gymnasium and weight room.

7. Headbands, decorative beads, earrings, symbols, decorative clothing, etc., are not authorized for wear.

8. Religious apparel and insignia will be neat and conservative and approved in advance by the appropriate facility staff. Insignias will be concealed inside the T-shirt at all times. For security and/or safety reasons, the facility may place reasonable limits on the wear of items of religious apparel. Headgear required for religious observances may be worn during the services and in the Chapel area only.

9. All prisoners will maintain the approved pair(s) of boots authorized by the facility. Prisoners not possessing boots where required will have them issued. Boots and shoes are not required to be shined. Prisoners are authorized four pairs of shoes which may consist of one pair of boots, one pair of military style low quarters and two pair of athletic shoes. If the prisoner has no military style low quarters, he may have three pairs of athletic shoes. Shower shoes do not count as shoes and may only be worn inside the housing unit.

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10. Any prisoner who requires prescription sunglasses is authorized a maximum of three pairs of glasses; one pair of prescription sunglasses and two pairs of clear lens prescription glasses. Prisoners who arrive with commercially obtained prescription glasses and sunglasses will be permitted to keep them until their prescription changes or when they require new glasses. When this occurs, the commercially purchased pair of glasses or sunglasses will be replaced with military issue glasses or sunglasses and the prisoner will be given the option to ship or destroy the commercially obtained glasses or sunglasses. Prescription clear lens and/or sunglasses will be ordered through military medical channels. Plain sunglasses are authorized for prisoners not requiring prescription sunglasses. Plain nonprescription sunglasses will not be commercially obtained.

11. The United States Disciplinary Barracks will determine the uniform and frequency of wear for prisoners sentenced to death, due to the uniqueness of this category of prisoner.

12. Facility prisoner uniforms will be purchased IAW with the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR). The goal is to purchase uniforms from vendor[s] capable of providing the same color, shades and types of uniforms to maintain consistency throughout the military prisoner population. Facilities will maintain an adequate supply of serviceable uniforms to clothe the established maximum prisoner capacity of each respective facility. Prisoner uniforms stored for reissuance will be properly sanitized and secured IAW AR 700-84.

13. ACS facilities will implement policy and logistical changes within 45 days after the date of this policy. This policy will be reviewed at least annually and updated as needed.

14. Point of contact for the policy is PP, Corrections Program Specialist, Operations Division, ACC Headquarters, 703-428-7707/DSN 328-7707.

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