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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: 1 ACB Policy for Flight Uniforms, Unit Flight Patches, Headgear, and EFBs.

1. The purpose is to provide guidance on the wear and use of the aforementioned items in the subject line. If 1 ACB Soldiers participate in this program, this memorandum serves as the official counseling. **This program is a privilege and will be enforced by all 1 ACB leaders (i.e. pilots in command).** This policy will remain in effect until adopted in the 1 ACB Supplement to the Aviation Branch SOP.

Flight Uniforms

2. Flight uniforms, to include Army Combat Shirts, will be worn IAW AR 670-1, DA PAM 670-1, and the 1 CD Yellow Book. Flight uniforms will not appear to be soiled or have holes; if soiled with petroleum or has holes, the flight uniform will not be worn and be turned in for direct exchange.

3. A2CU coat sleeves will not be cuffed unless in a field environment IAW the 1 CD Yellow Book. A2CU trousers will be bloused above the third eyelet on the boot when not performing flight operations. **For the purpose of this memorandum, flight operations are defined as aircrew brief complete to aircraft tied down and secure.**

4. Aircrew members and aircraft maintainers may wear A2CUs for daily use. They will not be worn in during brigade or division formations unless specifically authorized by the BDE commander.

5. Shoulder sleeve "pen pocket" patches worn under the shoulder sleeve insignia are not authorized **due to risk of FOD.**

6. **Army combat shirt (ACS).** In accordance with DA PAM 670-1, "Army combat shirts will be worn as a system with body armor"; to clarify, if the ACS is worn, then the Air Warrior "plate carrier" will be worn during flight operations, except for preflight and securing the aircraft. Ballistic plates do not need to be worn, except for live fire training. DA PAM 670-1 dictates the authorized patches that will be worn on the ACS. When not in a field environment, **Army combat shirts will be replaced with the A2CU coat at the earliest opportunity when flight operations are complete.** MEDEVAC crews may wear the ACS while on duty when in the command post. ACS may be worn for daily use in a field environment IAW the 1 CD Yellow Book. **Pens will not be worn in the forearm pen pocket due to risk of FOD.**

a. **WARNING:** IAW ALARACT 207-2008, the “trunk” has less flame protection than the sleeves to permit breathability under the IBA or Air Warrior body armor. ACMs who do not wear the body armor with the ACS are at increased risk to burns in a post-crash fire.

7. **Flight gloves.** Altered flight gloves for EFB use (fingertips cut) is not authorized. IAW AR 95-1, approval is retained at the Army Command level (i.e. FORSCOM or USAEUR-AF). ACMs will use a stylus or may purchase touch capacitive gloves, or temporarily remove their glove for EFB use. ALSE technicians may purchase the touch capacitive flight gloves for aircrew member use. NINs are included in the enclosure.

8. **Air warrior body armor** with “plates” will be worn during live fire exercises and gunneries. Air Warrior body armor may be worn in lieu of “FIRST TEAM HEAVY”. ACH and a water source are still required; the med kit in the Air Warrior can be used in lieu of the IFAK.

9. **Flight helmets.** The flight helmet is not a billboard. Flight helmet shells will only be altered by trained ALSE personnel. ACMs are not authorized to affix Velcro to the helmet shell unless as required for NVG battery pack mounting. Velcro may be affixed to the visor cover. Patches, if affixed to the helmet visor, must be professional (unit patch, callsign name tag, et cetera).

a. **Visors.** Only the ALSE issued visors are authorized.

b. **Maxofacial shields.** May be painted if the paint is not petroleum-based, and colors are subdued.

Use of electronic devices

10. **Use of personal electronic devices (cell phones, tablets, and EFBs).** Personal electronics will be secured during flight operations and will only be used (texting only) when every other method of communication has been exhausted. In this case, temporary use is authorized however crew coordination will be employed and PCs are responsible to limit use while flying (ground use preferred). Tablets and EFBs will be secured in map pocket/case or pilot kneeboard. Unless authorized by AWR, suction cup or “hard point” mounting is not authorized.

a. **WARNING.** Cell phones will be secured either in a pocket, pilots kneeboard, or map case, et cetera, to prevent FOD. At no time will the cell phone be stowed on the dash/console during flight operations.

11. **Action cameras.** Helmets will not have action cameras (i.e. GoPro) mounted to the helmet shell, unless it is utilizing the NVG mount and approved by the FMAA. Action cameras will be mounted IAW the specific AWR, and its use will be briefed to the FMAA. Videos and pictures will not be posted to social media unless reviewed by the BN commander, SWOA, BN standardization team (SP, ASO, AMSO, or AMO) and the 1 ACB PAO/unit UPAR.

Unit Flight Patches

12. The Flight Patch or sometimes referred to as a Mission Patch is worn on the right side above the name tape on the A2CU. The origin of the patch can be traced back to the days of the Army Air Corps in World War II and saw a rebirth during the Vietnam War with crew members assigned to Aviation Units. **It is designed to build unit pride, display the legacy of the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, and display aircrew member and maintainer readiness.** They were used by commanders not familiar with crewmembers to understand who a mission crewmember was and who wasn't. Legend has it during pilot's call in Vietnam, aviators who had consumed alcohol would turn that patches upside down as a sign they were unable to fly.

13. **RL1 ACMs**, fit for flight duty (FFD), aircrew members (ACMs) are authorized to wear full color or OCP (subdued) unit patches. No other color scheme is authorized.

- a. The lowest level flight patch authorized for wear is company/troop level.
- b. Patch material may be fabric, leather, or PVC.
- c. If worn, subdued/OCP/"blackout" patches will be worn during field exercises.
- d. **Safe flying hour pins, Sikorsky rescue pins, or combat hour pins** may be worn on the flight patch but will be removed prior to flight operations and secured to prevent FOD.
- e. **Pilot in commands, UAS aircraft commanders, SOs, SIs, and FEs** may wear a "blackened out" patch. "Glow in the dark" color scheme is not authorized.

14. **ML-2 trained maintainers.** Aircraft maintenance Soldiers are authorized to wear the unit patch IAW paragraph 10, a-e, above as long as the aircraft maintainer is ML-2.

15. **Technical inspectors** may wear a "blackened out" patch IAW paragraph 10.e.

16. Removal of patches is at the discretion of the unit commander. For example, if the ACM does not perform as part of the team or the ACM is permanently grounded, the commander is authorized to restrict wearing of the patch for that ACM.

17. Unit patch design will be approved by the battalion/squadron commander, CSM, and SWOA. HHC, 1 ACB patches will be approved by the ACB commander, CSM, and CCWO. **Units will preserve their unit history; the patches will be submitted to the U.S. Army Institute of Heraldry upon ACB/BN/SQDN commander approval.**

Unique headgear

18. **Unit baseball caps** are authorized in 1 ACB company areas. **Caps will not be worn on the flight line.**

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a. Baseball caps will either be black, OCP pattern, or brown and uniform across the company. Cap design will be approved by the battalion/squadron commander, CSM, and SWOA. HHC, 1 ACB caps will be approved by the ACB commander, CSM, and CCWO.

b. C/2-227th MEDEVAC Company are authorized maroon hats as it has direct lineage and historical significance to the 571st Medical Detachment – Helicopter Ambulance.

c. Baseball caps will not be worn in lieu of the Stetson when the wear of the Stetson is encouraged (ceremonies and “pilots’/stable call”). Baseball caps will not be worn in brigade or division formations.

d. Removal of the wear of baseball caps is at the discretion of the commander. For example, if the ACM does not perform as part of the team the commander is authorized to restrict wearing of the cap for that ACM.

19. **Boonie Hats.** Boonie hats are authorized for wear when conducting maintenance operations on the flight line for sun protection when environmental conditions are sunny. Boonie hats are not authorized in other areas. **Chin strap must be worn under the chin to prevent FOD.** Uniform coat must still be worn.

20. The point of contact for this memorandum is the 1st ACB CCWO at tobias.b.long.mil@army.mil or 1st ACB CSM at cass.d.long.mil@army.mil.

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1. Flight glove NINs

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GLOVES, FLYERS TOUCHSCREEN			
SIZE	FSC	NIIN	
		KHAKI CLOTH AND COYOTE LEATHER	SAGE GREEN
4	8415	016570325	016570520
5	8415	016570328	016570533
6	8415	016570334	016570534
7	8415	016570336	016570535
8	8415	016570347	016570536
9	8415	016570351	016570539
10	8415	016570356	016570545
11	8415	016570361	016570549
12	8415	016570364	016570552
13	8415	016894950	016894962
14	8415	016894953	016894963