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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF :

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Support Activity - Dix Command Policy Memorandum #2 - Uniform Wear

1. This policy memorandum supersedes Installation Command Policy Memorandum #2 – Uniform Wear Policy, dated 22 July 2009.

2. APPLICABILITY: This policy applies to all Soldiers assigned or attached to Army Support Activity (ASA) - Dix for training or processing through ASA - Dix, and Devens Reserve Forces Training Area.

3. REFERENCES:

a. AR 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia, dated 3 February 2005.

b. Message ALARACT 004/2008 Military Uniforms and Accessories Wear Out Dates DTG 082321Z JAN 08.

4. Wear of Military Clothing on and Off-Post Areas:

a. Battle Dress Uniforms (BDUs) will no longer be authorized for wear after 30 April 2008.

b. Army Combat Uniforms (ACUs) are authorized for wear on and off post.

c. ACUs are authorized for air travel for TDY or as part of unit move and the mode of transportation are for the exclusive use of the military.

d. ACUs are not authorized for wear in establishments that primarily sell alcohol.

5. Wear of the Beret and other Headgear.

a. The black beret is the basic headgear for utility and service, (Class A, B and C) Uniforms in the Garrison environments.

b. While in the Garrison environment, all Active Duty, Active Guard Reserve, (AGR), Temporary Change of Station (TCS), instructors or trainers not assigned to units or positions authorized wear of the tan, green, or maroon berets will wear the black beret.

c. Soldiers will not wear the beret in the field, in training environments, or on deployments; but can have stored or packed with them. Additionally, if the ASA - Dix Commander determines other environments are unsuitable for wear of the beret, such as on work details, the Installation Commander may direct Soldiers to appropriate headgear.

d. The patrol cap (formerly called the "Battle Dress Uniform" cap) is worn with the ACU in the field environments, on work details, or when the ASA - Dix Commander determines conditions are unsuitable for wear of the black beret.

e. The hat, drill sergeant for male or female is worn with the service and utility uniforms by male or female drill sergeants assigned to valid drill sergeant positions.

f. The gray/green synthetic micro fleece cap will not be worn in the place of the beret or patrol cap in the Garrison environments unless it is worn with the IPFUs.

6. Improved Physical Fitness Uniform (IPFU): The Army Physical Fitness Uniform may be worn on or off duty when engaged in physical training both on and off the military Installation. This uniform may be worn in transit between the individual's quarters and place of duty. Soldiers may wear all or part of the Army Physical Fitness Uniform off the military installation. The shirt will be worn inside the trunks or pants. Black or gray spandex biking shorts with no "logo" may be worn under the Army PT shorts. Service members may wear a clean physical fitness uniform from their appropriate service in the dining facility for the breakfast meal only up until 0800 hours, as long as it is not badly soiled, dirty or wet. After 0800 hours the Physical Fitness Uniform will only be allowed in dining facilities to obtain a "take out" meal only. Service members may not consume meals in the dining facility premises while wearing any physical fitness clothing either military or civilian after 0800 hours.

7. Tattoos: Tattoos or brands on the face, neck or head are prohibited. Tattoos on other areas of the body that are prejudicial to good order and discipline are prohibited. Additionally, any type of tattoo or brand visible while wearing a Class "A" uniform that detracts from a soldierly appearance is prohibited.

8. Backpacks or Shoulder Bags. ACU or commercial rucksacks, gym bags or like articles may be worn over the shoulder while in uniform. Backpacks may also be worn while riding a bicycle or motorcycle. All items must be ACU or black with no logos. Logos include agency organizational seals or crests.

9. Hair: No dreadlocks; no ponytails, pigtails or braids not secured to the head (allowing hair to hand freely) are prohibited. Hair will not fall over the eyebrows or extend below the bottom edge of the collar at any time. Hair dyes include purple, blue, pink, green, orange, bright fire engine red, neon colors are prohibited. Females are authorized to wear braids and cornrows as long as the braided style is conservative, the braids and cornrows lie snugly on the head; no beads, bows or claw clips for holding hair. Baldness is authorized for males only, either natural or shaved.

10. Nails: Males - no nail polish; nails must be trimmed no longer than the tip of the finger. Females – nails trimmed no longer than ¼" inch, as measured from the fingertip; no two tone or multi-tone manicures; on nail designs; prohibited nail polish includes bright fire engine red; khaki or camouflage; purple; gold, blue, black, white and neon colors.

11. Body Piercing: No attaching, affixing, displaying objects, articles, jewelry or ornamentation to or through the skin while in uniform, in civilian clothes while on duty, or in civilian clothes while off duty on any military installation or other places under military control except for earrings for females (IAW AR670-1). Males cannot wear earrings at any time.

12. Reflective Safety Belt: When worn, it will be worn around your waist; and not draped across your chest and back.

13. ASA - Dix Crest: The Unit Crest (Distinctive Unit Insignia) for personnel mobilized, attached or assigned to the Installation will wear the unit crest in the following manner.

a. When worn on the beret, Soldier will be facing to the wearers right.

b. Worn on the black pull-over sweater, Soldier will be facing to the wearers left.

c. When worn on the Class "A" Jacket, Soldier will be facing forward with lettering facing to the outside of the shoulder.

d. All Active Guard Reserve (AGR) personnel who PCS and are assigned to the ASA – Dix TDA will wear the Garrison Unit Crest.

14. Hydration System: Unit Commanders can authorize use of an ACU hydration system (i.e., "camelback"), for field duty or work details; Soldiers will not use them in Garrison, unless authorized by the Installation Commander.

15. Cell Phones, Blackberries and Pagers: One electronic device is authorized for wear on the uniform; for official duties, may be either a cell phone, pager or blackberry – not all three. It must be black in color and may not exceed 4x2x1 inches; other devices that do not comply must be carried, not worn.

16. Cell Phone Use: Talking on cell phones or blackberries while driving is prohibited at all times, and subject to ticketing by DOD Police.

17. ID (Identification) tags will be worn by all Soldiers attached, training, assigned or processing through ASA - Dix at all times while on and off the Installation.

18. This policy will be adhered to at all times; exceptions given only by the ASA - Dix Commander.

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