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MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanders, All Units Reporting Directly to This Headquarters
Directors and Chiefs, Staff Offices/Departments, This Headquarters

SUBJECT: Thunderbolt Six Policy Memo No. 40-21 – Armor Center Uniform Policy

1. Reference: AR 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia, 1 July 2002.
2. Installation uniform standards supplement Army uniform standards. Commanders will ensure that all soldiers comply with the following installation military uniform standards.
 - a. Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) standards.
 - (1) The uniform will be clean and serviceable.
 - (2) Sleeves can be worn up or down year round, in formation and cantonment areas at the discretion of the commander (company level). The beret is the appropriate headgear; the patrol cap is not authorized for details.
 - (3) The brown T-shirt is never the outer garment. Keep the BDU blouse on.
 - (4) Plain earplug case (no insignia or crest) will be attached to the right front belt loop. Instructor fobs will be attached to the left pocket button of the left breast.
 - (5) The BDU may be worn in the commissary, exchange, or shoppette without restriction.
 - (6) The BDU will not be worn in any civilian establishments after 1900. Exceptions are gas stations.
 - (7) Male soldiers are not authorized to wear earrings and/or body piercing while in civilian clothing on installation.

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b. There are three authorized field uniforms:

(1) The standard field uniform is the BDU with sleeves down; brown T-shirt, black boots, Kevlar with camouflage cover and band (chinstrap fastened), and Load Carrying Equipment (LCE) and earplugs. Commanders will designate equipment to be worn on the LCE. Field uniform will be worn as soldiers SP in tactical vehicles or nontactical vehicles (NTV) in order to conduct support or inspect field training. Commanders will prescribe cold weather gear.

(2) Soldiers are authorized to wear the Combat Vehicle Crewman (CVC) uniform while conducting gunnery or maneuver training only. Only the CVC helmet, Kevlar, or patrol cap will be worn with the CVC uniform. All leather boots will be worn with CVC uniform. The CVC uniform is not authorized in the cantonment area or off post (except dining facility only).

(3) Soldiers assigned to the OPFOR unit may wear the OPFOR uniform while performing OPFOR missions in the field. Soldiers will not wear the OPFOR uniform in any civilian or cantonment area (except dining facility only).

(a) Soldiers on flight status may wear Flight NOMEX when their primary duty on a particular day is flying.

(b) Soldiers may wear coveralls only while performing duties in designated maintenance work areas and sites.

(c) Camel backs are not authorized to wear in cantonment area.

c. The Improved Physical Fitness Uniform (IPFU) is the only uniform authorized to wear during unit's established physical training hours. Soldiers are authorized to wear the IPFU only when conducting physical training, or en route to/from physical training. It is not authorized for work or details. Soldiers will not mix military and civilian physical fitness garments.

(1) All personnel will wear a reflective vest or belt during all physical fitness training. The belt is worn diagonally across the body from right shoulder to left hip. Radio Walkmans are not authorized to wear with the IPFU.

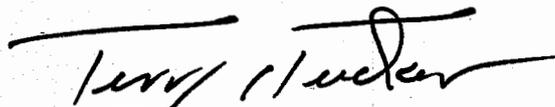
(2) The IPFU is the normal duty uniform for Fitness Training Unit (FTU) cadre. It may be the normal duty uniform during Master Fitness Leader training in the unit training area only.

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(3) Soldiers will not wear the IPFU into civilian establishments (except when purchasing gas to and from physical training).

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