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COMMAND POLICY
CSM-01

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Uniform and Appearance Policy

1. REFERENCE. AR 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia, 1 July 2002.

2. APPLICABILITY. This policy is applicable to every Soldier assigned to, attached to, or training at Fort Hood, and Partners in Excellence organizations/activities.

3. POLICY.

a. Duty Uniform.

(1) Wear of the appropriate duty uniform will be in accordance with AR 670-1 and this policy. For the purposes of this policy letter, the duty uniform is defined as the Battle Dress Uniform (BDU), Aircrew Battle Dress Uniform (ABDU), Food Service Uniform, or Hospital Duty Uniform.

(2) Soldiers will remain in complete uniform at all times. Soldiers may remove their headgear while in or on a privately owned or commercial vehicle; this provision does not include any other part of the uniform. The t-shirt is only acceptable as an outer garment when commanders specifically authorize it due to extreme heat.

(3) Unit commanders will prescribe the wear of sleeves up or sleeves down for unit formations based on weather, mission, and environmental factors. When in a field environment or during ceremonies, sleeves will be down.

(4) So leaders may actively account for the presence of hearing protection, all Soldiers assigned to Fort Hood will wear the earplug case with earplugs from the right buttonhole of the left pocket on their BDU coat as a part of the prescribed duty uniform.

(5) The duty uniform may be worn in the commissary, post exchange, shoppette, or any other on-post retail facility without restriction.

(6) When wearing the duty uniform off-post, it must be clean serviceable, and the Soldier must be in complete uniform at all times.

(a) The duty uniform is authorized for short term activities such as paying bills, grocery shopping, and picking up necessary items.

(b) Soldiers may wear the duty uniform while visiting off-post eating establishments, but will not consume alcohol while in uniform.

(c) Soldiers will not visit off-post drinking establishments (defined as a business whose primary source of income is the sale of alcoholic beverages, i.e. bars or clubs) while in duty uniform.

(d) Wearing the duty uniform off-post is prohibited when wearing the uniform would bring discredit upon the Army or is inappropriate, such as loitering in video arcades, attending movie theaters, doing extended shopping in malls or other retail stores, and for any other recreational or leisure pursuits. Civilian clothing is the proper attire for leisure activities.

b. Improved Physical Fitness Uniform (IPFU).

(1) The IPFU is authorized for wear in-transit between an individual's home and duty station and while conducting physical training or participating in sports events on or off of the installation. The IPFU can be worn in Shoppettes from 0530-0830 only to get gasoline or a quick breakfast item.

(2) It is not appropriate for off-post social activities or commercial travel (plane, bus).

(3) The IPFU is not authorized for wear in AAFES facilities, commissaries, the Copeland Center, or the Soldier Development Center. The IPFU can be worn in DFACs when authorized by a division commander or higher.

(4) The PFU/IPFU is not a duty uniform. It will not be the prescribed dress for work or details.

c. Combat Vehicle Crewman (CVC) Uniform and Coveralls. Wear of the CVC uniform is authorized while crewmen are performing actual tasks associated with their vehicle. The CVC uniform is not authorized for wear at off-post establishments. Coveralls will be worn only while performing duties in designated maintenance work areas and sites, and will be removed prior to departing the maintenance area.

d. Wear of the Nametape on the Gortex Parka. Wear of the nametape on the Gortex Parka is mandatory. The nametape is 3.5 inches long, .5 inches wide, with .25 inch block letters. The nametape will accommodate 14 letters. The nametape will be sewn on the left sleeve pocket flap, .25 inches up from the bottom of the flap, and centered left to right.

e. Civilian Dress and Grooming on Post. Good grooming is a matter of pride within the military community and the wearing of appropriate civilian attire is a personal responsibility within the parameters of good taste and social acceptability. In keeping with this principle, the following dress code is implemented:

(1) Soldiers using post facilities, public buildings, public areas, or work areas will not wear shorts, skirts, cut-off jeans, or cut-off slacks, which expose any part of the buttocks.

(2) Garments which contain, depict, or display any obscene, pornographic, lewd, or lascivious words, characters, pictures, or symbols are prohibited. No tank tops or halter tops will be worn in AAFES facilities or Commissary.

(3) Male soldiers will be clean-shaven in public places regardless of duty status, except for those with a valid shaving profile. Soldiers with shaving profiles will not style the beard. Beards, goatees, and unauthorized moustaches are not permitted. Male Soldiers will not wear earrings on post.

4. EXPIRATION. This Fort Hood Command Policy Memorandum supersedes the 1 April 2003 policy and will remain in effect until superseded or rescinded.

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