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SUBJ/ALARACT 027/2019 – IMPROVED HOT WEATHER COMBAT UNIFORM (IHWCU) WEAR GUIDANCE

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1. REFERENCES.

1.A. ARMY REGULATION (AR) 670-1, WEAR AND APPEARANCE OF ARMY UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIA, 25 MAY 2017

1.B. DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PAMPHLET (DA PAM) 670-1, GUIDE TO THE WEAR AND APPEARANCE OF ARMY UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIA, 25 MAY 2017

2. ON 26 OCTOBER 2018 THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY APPROVED THE IMPROVED HOT WEATHER COMBAT UNIFORM (IHWCU) AS AN OPTIONAL PURCHASE ITEM. AFTER 1 JUNE 2019, SOLDIERS CAN PURCHASE THE IHWCU FROM MILITARY CLOTHING SALES STORES FOR WEAR IN LIEU OF THE OPERATIONAL CAMOUFLAGE PATTERN (OCP) ARMY COMBAT UNIFORM.

3. THE IHWCU ENHANCES SOLDIER PERFORMANCE AND SAFETY IN HOT AND WET WEATHER ENVIRONMENTS. THE MATERIAL AND DESIGN PROVIDE FASTER DRYING TIME, IMPROVED COMFORT, AND ENHANCED BREATHABILITY. THE IHWCU IS A UNISEX UNIFORM THAT SHOULD NOT BE DRY CLEANED, STARCHED, OR BLEACHED. A FEMALE VERSION OF THE UNIFORM WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE BY OCTOBER 2019. COMMANDERS WILL NOT REQUIRE SOLDIERS TO PURCHASE OR WEAR THE IHWCU, UNLESS IT IS ISSUED THROUGH THE ORGANIZATIONAL CLOTHING AND INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT (OCIE) SYSTEM.

4. SOLDIERS MAY SEW ON THE U.S. ARMY TAPE, NAME TAPE, RANK, AND ALL AUTHORIZED BADGES AS AN OPTION. HOWEVER, FOREIGN BADGES ARE NOT AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR ON THE IHWCU COAT. WHEN THE NAME TAPE, U.S. ARMY TAPE, AND GRADE INSIGNIA ARE SEWN ON, PERSONNEL MUST SEW ON COMBAT AND SPECIAL SKILL BADGES, AS WELL AS THE AUTHORIZED IDENTIFICATION BADGES ON THE IHWCU COAT. HOOK-AND-LOOP FASTENERS FOR U.S. ARMY TAPE AND NAME TAPE MAY BE LEFT ON OR REMOVED WHEN SEWING ON THE UNIFORM. SOLDIERS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO MIX SEW-ON BADGES WITH PIN-ON BADGES. THIS REQUIREMENT DOES NOT APPLY TO THE PATROL CAP. IF SOLDIERS CHOOSE TO SEW ON U.S. ARMY NAME TAPE, RANK, OR AUTHORIZED SKILL BADGES, IT WILL BE AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE. SOLDIERS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO WEAR PINNED ON BADGES IN A FIELD OR DEPLOYED ENVIRONMENT.

5. FOR ADDITIONAL ITEMS AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR WITH THE IHWCU, SEE DA PAM 670-1, PARAGRAPH 4-2. THERE IS NO CHANGE FROM THE CURRENT OCP UNIFORM GUIDANCE.

6. FOR GUIDANCE ON THE WEAR OF BADGES AND SPECIAL SKILL TABS, SEE DA PAM 670-1. DRILL SERGEANT AND OTHER BADGES NORMALLY WORN ON THE POCKET WILL BE WORN CENTERED 3 1/2

INCHES BELOW THE NAME/U.S. ARMY TAPE ON THE IHWCU. SEE AR 670-1 AND DA PAM 670-1 FOR SLEEVE ROLL UP GUIDANCE.

7. THE POINT OF CONTACT FOR THIS MESSAGE IS SERGEANT MAJOR EDWIN CARRUSINI AT COMMERCIAL: 703-695-5703 OR EMAIL: [EDWIN.CARRUSINI.MIL@MAIL.MIL](mailto:EDWIN.CARRUSINI.MIL@MAIL.MIL).

8. ADDITIONAL UNIFORM GUIDANCE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT REVISION OF AR 670-1 AND DA PAM 670-1.

9. THIS ALARACT MESSAGE EXPIRES ON 2 APRIL 2020.