

Army Service Uniform (ASU) Wear Policy Message (Dress, Class A, and Class B Transition)

THE GASDF ENCOURAGES SOLDIERS AND LEADERS, WHO OWN THE CURRENT (OLD) ASU, WHEN APPROPRIATE, TO WEAR AS THEIR DRESS BLUE, CLASS A OR CLASS B UNIFORM. THIS MESSAGE ESTABLISHES A CLASS B UNIFORM CATEGORY FOR THE CURRENT BLUE ASU AS PART OF OUR BRIDGING STRATEGY. THE CLASS B UNIFORM CATEGORY DEFINES THOSE ASU ITEMS WORN WITHOUT THE SERVICE COAT.

1. DRESS BLUE ASU: THE DRESS BLUE ASU INCLUDES THE ARMY BLUE COAT AND TROUSERS, A LONG-SLEEVED WHITE SHIRT AND BLACK BOW TIE FOR MALES. THE ARMY DRESS BLUE ASU FOR FEMALES INCLUDES THE ARMY BLUE COAT, SKIRT, AND A LONG-SLEEVED WHITE SHIRT WITH BLACK NECK TAB. CURRENTLY, FEMALES IN ARMY BANDS, HONOR GUARDS, AND FEMALE CHAPLAINS ARE AUTHORIZED TO WEAR ARMY BLUE SLACKS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES. THE BLACK BERET AND SERVICE CAP ARE AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR WITH THIS UNIFORM. WHEN THE DRESS BLUE ASU IS WORN FOR EVENING SOCIAL OCCASIONS (AFTER RETREAT) COMMANDERS CAN DIRECT NO HEADGEAR REQUIRED. COMBAT BOOTS AND ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS, SUCH AS BRASSARDS, AND DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA (DUI) ARE NOT AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR WITH THE DRESS BLUE ASU. ALL OTHER ACCESSORIES AND INSIGNIA AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR WITH THE CLASS A SERVICE UNIFORM ARE AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR ON THE DRESS BLUE ASU.

2. CLASS A ASU: THE CLASS A ASU INCLUDES THE ARMY BLUE COAT AND TROUSERS/SKIRT/SLACKS, A SHORT OR LONG SLEEVE WHITE SHIRT AND FOUR-IN-HAND NECKTIE (MALE)/NECK TAB (FEMALE). (FOR ACCESSORIES AND OTHER ITEMS AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR ON THE CLASS A ASU SEE INSIGNIAS, AWARDS, BADGES AND ACCOUTERMENTS WORN WITH THE DRESS BLUE, CLASS A, AND CLASS B ASU PARAGRAPH BELOW.)

3. CLASS B ASU: THE CLASS B ASU INCLUDES THE ARMY BLUE TROUSERS/SKIRT/SLACKS, A SHORT OR LONG SLEEVE WHITE SHIRT. SOLDIERS WILL WEAR THE FOUR-IN-HAND NECKTIE WITH THE LONG SLEEVE WHITE SHIRT WHEN IT IS WORN WITHOUT THE CLASS A COAT. (FOR ACCESSORIES AND OTHER ITEMS AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR ON THE CLASS B ASU SEE INSIGNIAS, AWARDS, BADGES AND ACCOUTERMENTS WORN WITH THE DRESS BLUE, CLASS A, AND CLASS B ASU PARAGRAPH BELOW). UNTIL THE NEW ASU ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE, SOLDIERS WHO HAVE THE LOW WAIST TROUSERS WITH BELT LOOPS, OR SLACKS, HAVE THE OPTION OF WEARING A COMMERCIAL SHORT SLEEVE WHITE SHIRT WITH SHOULDER LOOPS IN THE OPEN COLLAR CONFIGURATION OR WITH A FOUR-IN-HAND NECKTIE (BLACK NECK TAB FOR FEMALE SOLDIERS). SOLDIERS HAVE THE OPTION OF WEARING A COMMERCIAL LONG SLEEVE WHITE SHIRT WITH SHOULDER LOOPS AND A FOUR-IN-HAND NECKTIE (BLACK NECK TAB FOR FEMALE SOLDIERS). SOLDIERS WHO HAVE THE CURRENT COMMERCIAL WHITE SHIRT WITHOUT SHOULDER LOOPS MUST WEAR AS APPROPRIATE, THE BLACK WIND BREAKER, BLACK PULLOVER OR BLACK CARDIGAN SWEATERS WITH THIS UNIFORM.

4. SOLDIERS WHO HAVE THE HIGH WAIST BLUE TROUSERS WORN WITH SUSPENDERS (DESIGNED TO WEAR WITH THE BLUE MESS UNIFORM) MAY WEAR THESE TROUSERS WITH THE CURRENT ASU DURING THIS TRANSITION PERIOD. THESE HIGH WAIST TROUSERS MUST BE WORN WITH THE SERVICE COAT, BLACK WIND BREAKER, BLACK PULLOVER OR BLACK CARDIGAN SWEATERS.

5. THE ASU CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- ASU COAT
- ASU TROUSERS, LOW WAIST WITH BELT LOOPS (MALE SOLDIERS)

- ASU SLACKS, LOW WAIST (FEMALE SOLDIERS)
- ASU SKIRT (FEMALE SOLDIERS)

6. ASU ACCESSORY ITEMS AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR IAW AR AND GASDF 670-1, WEAR AND APPEARANCE OF ARMY UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIA. (PARA REF REFER TO AR 670-1)

- BELT WITH GOLD BUCKLE
- BOW TIE, BLACK (WORN AFTER RETREAT) (PARA 27-19A)
- BUTTONS (PARA 27-4)
- CAPE, BLACK (OFFICER ONLY) (PARA 27-6A)
- CAPE, BLUE (OFFICER ONLY) (PARA 27-6B)
- CHAPLAIN'S APPAREL (PARA 27-7)
- CUFF LINKS AND STUDS, GOLD (PARA 27-10)
- COAT, BLACK, ALL WEATHER (PARA 27-8)
- GLOVES, BLACK, LEATHER, UNISEX, DRESS (WORN WITH BLACK ALL WEATHER COAT OR BLACK WIND BREAKER) (PARA 27-12B)
- GLOVES, WHITE, DRESS (PARA 27-12C)
- HANDBAG, BLACK, FABRIC OR LEATHER (PARA 27-13B)
- HANDBAG, BLACK, SHOULDER (PARA 27-13D)
- HANDBAG, BLACK, CLUTCH TYPE, OPTIONAL PURCHASE (PARA 27-13A)
- NECKTIE, BLACK, FOUR-IN-HAND (WORN ON DUTY) (PARA 27-19C)
- NECK TABS (PARA 27-18)
- SCARF, BLACK (ONLY WITH BLACK ALL WEATHER COAT OR BLACK WINDBREAKER) (PARA 27-21A)
- SHIRT, WHITE, LONG SLEEVE (PARA 27-22C)
- SHIRT, WHITE, SHORT SLEEVE (PARA 27-22A)
- SHOES, OXFORD, BLACK (PARA 27-23A)
- SHOES, PUMPS, BLACK (PARA 27-23F AND 23G)
- SOCKS, BLACK, CUSHION SOLE (WORN WITH BOOTS ONLY) (PARA 27-24A)
- SOCKS, BLACK, DRESS (WORN WITH TROUSERS/SLACKS) (PARA 27-24B)
- STOCKINGS, SHEER (PARA 27-24D)
- SWEATER, PULLOVER, BLACK (PARA 27-27)
- SWEATER, UNISEX CARDIGAN, BLACK (PARA 27-26A)
- UNDERGARMENTS, WHITE (PARA 27-28)
- UMBRELLA, BLACK (FEMALES MAY CARRY AND USE AN UMBRELLA, ONLY DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER, WHEN WEARING THE DRESS BLUE ASU. UMBRELLAS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED IN FORMATIONS OR WHEN WEARING FIELD OR UTILITY UNIFORMS)
- WINDBREAKER, BLACK (ONLY WITH CLASS B UNIFORM) (PARA 27-30)

7. INSIGNIAS, AWARDS, BADGES AND ACCOUTERMENTS WORN WITH THE DRESS BLUE, CLASS A AND CLASS B ASU: NOTE EXCEPTION:

- AIGUILLETES, SERVICE (OFFICERS ONLY) (NOT AUTHORIZED ON THE CLASS B ASU) (PARA 28-25) AND (28-26)
- AIRBORNE BACKGROUND TRIMMING (PARA 28-31B)
- BRANCH OF SERVICE SCARVES (NOT AUTHORIZED ON THE ENLISTED FORMAL CLASS A SERVICE UNIFORM) (PARA 28-20)
- BRANCH INSIGNIA (NOT AUTHORIZED ON THE CLASS B ASU) (PARA 28-10 AND 28-12A)
- BRASSARDS (NOT AUTHORIZED ON THE DRESS BLUE ASU) (PARA 28-29)
- COMBAT SERVICE IDENTIFICATION BADGE (CSIB) (NEW ITEM TO BE WORN WHEN AVAILABLE) THE CSIB WILL BE WORN WHEN AVAILABLE IN PLACE OF THE SSI-FWTS ON THE ASU. THE CSIB WILL

BE WORN CENTER ON THE WEARER'S RIGHT BREAST POCKET OF THE ASU COAT FOR MALE SOLDIERS; FEMALE SOLDIERS WEAR THE CSIB ON THE RIGHT SIDE PARALLEL TO THE WAISTLINE ON THE ASU COAT. THE CSIB IS RANKED FIFTH IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE BELOW THE PRESIDENTIAL, VICE-PRESIDENTIAL, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF IDENTIFICATION BADGES. THE CSIB CAN ALSO BE WORN ON THE SHIRT WHEN WEARING THE CLASS B VERSIONS OF THE ASU (PARA 29-18)

- DECORATIONS AND SERVICE MEDAL RIBBONS (PARA 29-7, 29-8 AND 29-9)
- DISTINCTIVE ITEMS AUTHORIZED FOR INFANTRY PERSONNEL (PARA 28-30)
- DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA (ENLISTED ONLY) AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR ON THE CLASS A AND CLASS B UNIFORMS ONLY) (PARA 28-22)
- FOREIGN BADGES (PARA 29-19)
- FOURRAGERE/LANYARDS (PARA 28-11)
- GOLD STAR LAPEL PIN (PARA 29-7)
- HEADGEAR INSIGNIA (PARA 28-3)
- INSIGNIA OF GRADE (PARA 28-5, 28-6, 28-7 AND 28-8)
- OCS/WOC INSIGNIA (PARA 28-14 AND 28-15)
- NAMEPLATE (PARA 28-24C)
- ORGANIZATIONAL FLASH (PARA 28-31A)
- OVERSEAS SERVICE BARS (OPTIONAL)(PARA 28-28)
- REGIMENTAL DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (OPTIONAL) (PARA 28-23)
- SERVICE STRIPES (ENLISTED PERSONNEL ONLY) (PARA 28-27)
- UNIT AWARDS (PARA 29-11)
- U.S. BADGES (IDENTIFICATION, MARKSMANSHIP, COMBAT AND SPECIAL SKILL) (PARA 29-13, 29-16, 29-17 AND 29-18)
- U.S. INSIGNIA (NOT AUTHORIZED ON THE CLASS B ASU) (PARA 28-4)

8. THE LEADER'S IDENTIFICATION INSIGNIA (GREEN TAB) IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO BE WORN ON THE ASU.

9. HEADGEAR AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR WITH THE ASU:

- BERET (BLACK)
- SERVICE CAP (MALE/FEMALE; CORPORALS AND ABOVE)

10. THE BERET IS THE PRIMARY HEADGEAR WORN WITH THE ASU BY ALL SOLDIERS UNLESS THE COMMANDER DIRECTS WEAR OF THE SERVICE CAP (FOR CPLS AND ABOVE).

11. OFFICER AND ENLISTED SOLDIERS IN THE GRADE OF CORPORAL AND ABOVE WILL WEAR TROUSERS WITH A GOLD BRAID SEWN ON THE OUTSIDE OF SEAM OF EACH TROUSER LEG OF THE NEW BLUE ASU. THE BRAID WILL BE SEWN FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE WAISTBAND TO THE BOTTOM OF THE TROUSER LEG (SOLDIERS ASSIGNED TO THE OLD GUARD ARE AUTHORIZED THE GOLD BRAID REGARDLESS OF GRADE). ON THE NEW ASU, SERVICE STRIPES ARE AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR ON THE LEFT SLEEVE FOR ENLISTED SOLDIERS AND OVERSEAS SERVICE BAR(S) ON THE RIGHT SLEEVE FOR BOTH OFFICERS AND ENLISTED SOLDIERS. THE SERVICE STRIPES AND OVERSEAS SERVICE BARS ARE SIMILAR IN SIZE TO THE ONES CURRENTLY WORN ON THE ARMY GREEN UNIFORM. THE NEW SERVICE STRIPES AND OVERSEAS SERVICE BARS WILL BE GOLD IN COLOR AND TRIMMED IN BLUE TO MATCH THE ASU. AS WE TRANSITION TO THE NEW ASU, WE MAINTAIN OUR TRADITIONAL LARGER SERVICE STRIPES ON THE OPTIONAL WHITE AND BLUE (SHORT JACKET) MESS DRESS UNIFORM.

12. FOR THOSE SOLDIERS WHO HAVE PURCHASED THE CURRENT (OLD) BLUE UNIFORM, THIS UNIFORM WILL REMAIN AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR UNTIL THE MANDATORY POSSESSION DATE FOR THE NEW ASU, 4TH QUARTER OF FY 2014. SOLDIERS WHO HAVE THE CURRENT (OLD) BLUE UNIFORM ARE NOT REQUIRED TO REMOVE THE EXISTING LARGE SERVICE STRIPES. PRIVATES THROUGH SPECIALISTS WHO NOW OWN THE CURRENT BLUE TROUSERS' ARE NOT REQUIRED TO REMOVE THE EXISTING GOLD BRAID ON THEIR

TROUSER LEGS. SOLDIERS WHO PURCHASE THE NEW ASU ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH ALL WEAR POLICIES OUTLINED IN THIS MESSAGE. THE INTENT OF THIS BRIDGING STRATEGY IS TO ALLOW FOR MAXIMUM WEAR OF THE EXISTING UNIFORMS AND ESTABLISH POLICY FOR THEIR REPLACEMENT. DURING THIS TRANSFORMATION PERIOD WE WILL HAVE SOLDIERS IN MIXED UNIFORMS.

13. THE WEAR OUT DATE FOR THE ARMY GREEN SERVICE UNIFORM WITH ACCESSORIES IS THE 4TH QUARTER OF FY 2014.