

**DIRECTIVE FOR NYG WEAR OF BADGES, TABS, AND ACCOUTREMENTS ON NYG UNIFORM**

PREFACE

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FOR THE COMMANDER



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**1. Purpose.** This directive supplements NYG Directive 1334 on the proper wear of the NYG uniform including the utility uniform (ACU) and service uniform (ASU).

**2. Application.**

a. Format and procedures established in this publication apply to all members of the New York Guard.

b. This publication is directive in nature. These formats and procedures will be followed, except when, in the judgment of the commander, exceptional circumstances dictate otherwise.

**3. Scope.** This directive provides policies and procedures for wear of NYG uniforms by commissioned officers, warrant officers, and enlisted personnel of the New York Guard.

**4. Basis in law.** NYG soldiers are authorized to wear the army utility/combat uniform and the army service uniform as set forth in AR-670-1. The authorization is subject to the provisions of AR-670-1, including the required modifications to the army utility/combat uniform and the army service uniform and the provisions of NYG Directive 1334 as amended and supplemented.

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## 1 DIRECTIVE FOR NYG WEAR OF BADGES, TABS, AND ACCOUTREMENTS ON NYG UNIFORM

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### General Guidelines:

- A. As the NYG utilizes the Army Combat Uniform (ACU) and the Army Service Uniform (ASU), AR 670-1 is the default regulation for the wear and placement of badges, tabs, and accoutrements on the ACU and ASU if not specifically covered in this policy.
- B. Only badges, tabs, and accoutrements issued by US military branches (USA, USN, USMC, USAF and USCG), components of the NYS organized militia, foreign militaries (See Section 6), and those specifically mentioned in this policy are authorized for wear.
- C. Badges, tabs, and accoutrements are considered individual awards. Unit level or occupational badges, tabs, brassards, or other accoutrements are not authorized unless required for a specific mission or duty; these are to be removed once the mission or duty is complete.
- D. This policy refers to the NYG service uniform (ACU) and the Army Service Uniform (ASU). Wear authorization applies to all uniforms worn by NYG service members.
- E. In no instance may either uniform be worn without command approval. In no instance will either uniform be worn on a federal installation without approval of the NYG CDR or Headquarters NYG.
- F. Unauthorized wear of these uniforms and the uniform items mentioned below will subject the Service Member (SM) to disciplinary procedures to include discharge or dismissal from the New York Guard.

## 2 MARKSMANSHIP BADGES AND TAB

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- A. Marksmanship badges from any US branch of service are not authorized for wear on the NYG ACU or the ASU uniforms.
- B. The President's Hundred Tab is authorized for wear on NYG ACU uniforms. However, the President's Hundred bronze metallic brassard is not authorized for wear on either the ACU or the ASU uniforms.

### 3 COMBAT AND SPECIAL SKILL BADGES AND TABS

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#### 3.1 Authorized Badges

- A. Listed below in order of group precedence are combat and special skill badges authorized for wear on the NYG uniform. Proof (DD Form 214, etc.) of the award of the badges must be provided to and be on record with the NYG G1 for wear.
- B. Group 1. Badges awarded by the US Army, USN, USMC, USAF and USCG for combat service; Army Expert Infantryman's Badge; Army Expert Field Medical Badge.
- C. Group 2. All other badges awarded by the US Army, USN, USMC, USAF and USCG. Wear of multiple badges awarded will mirror the wear guidance of the issuing service branch.
- D. Group 3. Skill identification badges in precedence as follows:
  - a. NYG Radiological Badge (three levels) (obsolete), not authorized for wear on the ACU. May be worn on the ASU if there is a permanent order awarding the device to the individual Service Member (SM).
  - b. NYG Communications Badge (three levels), not authorized for wear on the ACU. May be worn on ASU if there is a permanent order awarding the device to the individual SM.
  - c. Other badges issued by DMNA agencies
  - d. State Guard Association of the United States (SGAUS) MEMS badge (three levels)
- E. Group 4. SGAUS Specialty Designation badges, as approved by the NYG CDR.
- F. Group 5. US Army Driver and Mechanic badges (NYG ASU uniform only).
- G. US Army Physical Fitness badge. The Physical Fitness badge is NOT authorized for wear on the NYG ACU or ASU uniform.

#### 3.2 Wear of combat and special skill badges.

- A. Wear of commercial, mirror-like finish combat and special skill badges is authorized. However, Soldiers may not mix these badges with combat and special skill badges that do not have the mirror-like finish.
- B. A maximum of five combat and special skill badges are authorized for wear at one time. Personnel may wear only one badge from Group 1, as listed in paragraph A, above. Personnel also may wear three badges from Group 2, two badges from Groups 3 and 4, as listed in paragraph A above, and two from Group 5, but the total number of badges cannot exceed five. The NYG Radiological and Communications Badges may not be worn on the ACU. There is no precedence for special skill badges within the same group for the same issuing service branch (with the exception of Groups 3 and 4), however if badges from multiple service branches are worn, they will follow the group precedence first, then will be worn by service branch within

each group in the following precedence: USA, USN, USMC, USAF, USCG. The above policies apply to the wear of both non-subdued and subdued badges.

- C. Only three badges can be worn on the pocket flap of the NYG ASU uniform at one time. Personnel will wear the Driver and Mechanic badges only on the left pocket flap of their ASU uniforms, or in a similar location on uniforms without pockets. Personnel may attach no more than three clasps to the Driver and Mechanic badges. The Driver and Mechanic badges are not authorized for wear on the ACU.
- D. Subdued pin-on and embroidered sew-on combat and special skill badges. Personnel may wear no more than five subdued combat and special skill badges on the ACU uniform. Badges are worn one above the other, centered above the N.Y. Guard tape, in order of group precedence. Pin-on and embroidered badges are authorized. Embroidered badges must be in ACU pattern. Mixing of embroidered and pin-on badges is not authorized.

#### 4 WEAR OF SPECIAL SKILL TABS.

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- A. US Army special skill tabs are worn in the following precedence: Ranger, Special Forces, Sapper, and President's Hundred.
- B. NYG special skill tabs are not worn on the ACU. Engineer, CERF, Honor Guard and Color Guard tabs are not authorized for wear on the ACU or ASU. If there is an order issued to the individual SM, the metal tab for SAR is authorized for wear on the left pocket flap of the ASU only.
- C. The state Military Emergency Management Specialist (MEMS) coordinator and deputy MEMS coordinator are authorized to wear the SGAUS MEMS Academy tab while appointed by the Commander, NYG in those roles. The tab will be removed once the appointment ends. The MEMS Academy tab will be worn in precedence below any authorized federal tabs.
- D. No more than three tabs can be worn at one time.
- E. Tabs worn on the ACU will be Velcro-backed and foliage green in color. They will be worn centered on the left shoulder pocket flap. Wear of tabs directly above the NYG insignia patch on the pocket itself is not authorized.
- F. For purposes of classification and wear policy, tab metal replicas are classified as Group 2 badges when worn on the NYG ASU uniform.
- G. If a SM wears the dress miniature versions of the tabs, the SM cannot mix them with other sizes of combat and special skill badges on their uniforms. When personnel wear metal tab replicas on the pocket flap of the NYG ASU, the tab is placed approximately 1/8 inch below the top of the pocket. If no badges are worn from groups 1 to 4, personnel may wear the metal tab replica above the ribbons.

## 5 US AND NYG IDENTIFICATION BADGES

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- A. The following is the order of precedence of U.S. military and NYG identification (ID) badges authorized for wear on the NYG service uniform:
1. Presidential Service Identification Badge.
  2. Vice-Presidential Service Identification Badge.
  3. Secretary of Defense Identification Badge.
  4. Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge.
  5. Army Staff Identification Badge.
  6. Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Identification Badge.
  7. Drill Sergeant Identification Badge.
  8. U.S. Army Recruiter Identification Badge (Active Army/Army Reserve).
  9. Army Career Counselor Identification Badge.
  10. Recruiting and Retention Identification Badge, Master (ARNG).
  11. NYG Joint Staff Identification Badge (obsolete).
  12. NYG General Staff Identification Badge.
  13. NYG Recruiting and Retention Identification Badge.
- B. Wear of identification badges. Personnel may wear no more than two identification badges on one pocket or side of the coat of the uniforms prescribed below. When two identification badges are worn on the same side or pocket, the precedence of the badges is from the wearer's right (highest) to left (lowest), as listed in A, above. When more than two badges are awarded that are worn on the same side, the individual may determine which two badges are worn on the uniform.
- C. Identification Badges will be worn on the NYG ACU uniform in accordance with AR 670-1.
- D. Accoutrements: the NYG has no authorized everyday wear brassards or unit mission designation tabs. Brassards or other duty signifying patches or uniform accoutrements may be issued on a per mission basis if required and authorized by the NYG or higher command; however, any items of this type will be worn only during the mission for which it was authorized and removed at mission completion. (The NYG CERF brassard is no longer authorized for wear on the NYG uniform.) Cords and fourragères, including Army Infantry cords, are not authorized on NYG uniforms.

## 6 WEAR OF FOREIGN BADGES

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- A. Unless specifically authorized in this policy, all badges not issued by the USA, USN, USMC, USAF, USCG, NYG or SGAUS are considered a foreign badge. Soldiers must obtain approval from HQ NYG to wear a foreign badge.
- B. Foreign badges are not authorized for wear on the ACU. They will be worn centered above the right uniform pocket of the NYG ASU.

- C. Personnel may not wear more than one foreign badge at a time. Only those badges awarded in recognition of military activities by the military department of the host country are authorized for acceptance and permanent wear on the ASU. The only South Vietnamese badges authorized for wear are the Parachute, Ranger, and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Badges.
- D. The German Marksmanship Award (Schuetzenschnur) is authorized for wear only by enlisted personnel. Officers may accept, but may not wear, the Schuetzenschnur. If authorized, personnel wear the award on the right side of the uniform coat with the upper portion attached under the center of the shoulder loop, and the bottom portion attached under the lapel to a button mounted specifically for wear of this award.

## 7 SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA, FORMER WARTIME SERVICE (SSI-FWTS)/CSIB

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- A. Soldiers who have served more than 30 days in wartime service (See below) are authorized to wear the shoulder sleeve insignia of the lowest echelon unit they were assigned or attached to.
- B. Wartime service means the units the SM was assigned to must have actively participated in or supported ground combat operations against hostile forces in which they were exposed to the threat of enemy action or fire, either directly or indirectly, or during an act of war declared by US Congress. NYG Soldiers must provide both of the following to be authorized for wear of the SSI-FWTS:
  - a. DD 214 showing service in theater for more than 30 days.
  - b. DD 214 showing the award of one or more of the following Campaign medals:
    - i. Afghanistan Campaign Medal
    - ii. Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal
    - iii. Iraq Campaign Medal
    - iv. Southwest Asia Service Medal
    - v. Vietnam Service Medal

Soldiers may also provide proof of having participated in one or more of the following operations for 30 days or more:

- a. Operation Just Cause
  - b. Operation Restore Hope
  - c. Operation Continue Hope
  - d. Operation United Shield
  - e. Any other service period where SSI-FWTS would be authorized under AR 670-1
- C. SSI-FWTS worn on the ACU will be Velcro-backed and foliage green in color. They will be worn centered on the right shoulder pocket. Colors must be subdued. Full color or partial color (such as a foliage green U.S. Army 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division patch with a red numeral "1") patches are not authorized.

- D. Wear of the SSI-FWTS as a sew-on patch on the NYG ASU uniform is not authorized. Soldiers will wear instead the Combat Service Identification Badge (CSIB) on the right pocket of the NYG ASU.
- E. Only one SSI-FWTS or CSIB is authorized for wear; however, eligible Soldiers may choose to wear any that are authorized in this policy, or none at all.

## 8 Wear of Mission Specific Uniforms

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- A. White Kitchen Smock – Authorized for wear. If the SM is wearing a collared shirt, rank insignia will be displayed on the collar in bright rank. Name tapes and N.Y. Guard tapes shall also be worn. If the SM is wearing a smock garment, it will be set up like the fleece with name tape, N.Y. Guard tape, and rank. Rank insignia shall be centered above the name in subdued color, and name tapes in black lettering with white background.
- B. Medical Smock (ACU patterned scrub top). To be worn similarly to the fleece with name tape and N.Y. Guard in Air Force gray with black lettering, and with subdued rank (ACU style) insignia centered above the name tape.

## 9 Wear of ASU

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- A. The Army Service Uniform may be worn for appropriate functions as authorized by Commander New York Guard and Headquarters NYG. Wear of the ASU will be in compliance as stated in Army Regulation 670-1, and in 670-1 paragraph 30-8(c) Specifically:
  - a. Only New York State buttons
  - b. N.Y. insignia will be worn instead of the U.S., or the US superimposed with NY
  - c. Only red name tag, to include SM's last name and the full name of this organization, "New York Guard."
  - d. If a beret is worn, the beret must have the gray NYG flash on it.
  - e. When wearing the beret, the flash on the beret is positioned over the left eye.
  - f. Saucer caps will be worn only with the NYG hat badge.
  - g. The only branch insignia authorized for wear are as follows:
    - i. JAG – Worn by attorneys admitted to practice in NY State.
    - ii. Medical – Worn by licensed medical professional only (doctors, nurses, dentists, etc.)
    - iii. Chaplains – Worn by ordained chaplains who meet the requirements in NYG regulations.
    - iv. Engineer – Worn by licensed NY State engineers or holders of a duly authorized/awarded SAUGUS engineer badge. Enlisted personnel may wear the engineer disc if they have completed the NYG construction operations program.



- v. All other personnel shall wear the SAUGUS branch insignia, the crossed musket and saber.
  - h. Branch colors. Shoulder board branch colors will be the standard branch colors for the branches designated above. Those personnel who wear the crossed musket and sabre shall wear the Adjutant General shoulder boards (dark blue with red pipping) until a more suitable color is available for the NYG.
- B. Badges on the ASU. Badges will be worn as stated above.
- C. Ribbons and medals:
  - a. Only awarded medals and ribbons are authorized. If the SM does not have an order for it, you cannot wear it.
  - b. Order of precedence is in accordance with Army Regulation 670-1 and DMNA Reg. 672-1. Federal ribbons are worn on top, followed by NY State awards, NYG awards, and finally foreign awards.
  - c. Presidential Unit Citations as a heraldic device of the unit representing lineage and honors are not authorized for wear by the NYG. For example, 102<sup>nd</sup> EN wearing the Presidential Unit Citation is not authorized.