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MEMORANDUM FOR: ALL NYG Soldiers

SUBJECT: NYG Transition of Utility Uniform from ACU to OCP

1. I am pleased to be able to announce that the Adjutant General has authorized the NYG to transition to the US Army OCP (Scorpion 2) utility uniform with certain modifications. The effective date for this authorization is 23 FEB 2019. There will be a three-year transition period during which our current uniform is fully authorized to be worn. No soldier is required to obtain the OCP uniform until the end of the transition period in February 2022.
2. Attached to this notice are two documents containing the specifications for the wear of the NYG OCP (Scorpion 2) uniform and the transition rules. The revised NYG Directive 1334-2 Utility Uniform, dated 23 February 2019, which supersedes the prior version dated 13 Apr 2010, and the New York Guard – OCP Uniform Requirements and Resources Reference Sheet, dated 23 February 2019, which summarizes the new OCP uniform requirements and provides suggested commercial vendors where uniform items may be available for purchase. This is not intended to be recommendation or endorsement of these commercial vendors.
3. The NYG transition rules align with the US Army transition rules and allow the wear of most ACU uniform items with the OCP blouse and pants. ACU outerwear is fully authorized. Please note that what is not authorized is MultiCam uniform patterned items. These are similar to OCP and are sometimes marketed as OCP MultiCam. Included in the New York Guard – OCP Uniform Requirements and Resources Reference Sheet is a list of vendors that are currently or will be shortly selling OCP (Scorpion 2) uniform items. There is no need to rush as the ACU is acceptable for all purposes until February 2022.
4. The NYG is one of the first State Defense Forces to be authorized to wear the OCP uniform. This proactive plan by DMNA is due to DMNA's recognition of the importance of the NYG to be integrated into the other NY Military Forces, based upon the outstanding work done by NYG soldiers who have been deployed on SAD missions over the last few years. We have shown the importance and the need for a fully integrated NYG. With the Army changing to the OCP the NY National Guard is limited in its ability to provide replacement uniforms to NYG deployed soldiers if we are not also wearing the same uniform.
5. While the NYG is an integrated component of the NY Military Forces within DMNA, the NYG is a separate service and as a State Defense Force is required to have certain modification to the US Army combat uniform. The NYG made a number of recommendations for the modifications of the NYG OCP uniform. The Adjutant General and DMNA leadership considered the various options presented and the Adjutant General has directed that the NYG continue to wear the black patrol cap and that for the OCP blouse and outerwear, the "Name" tape and "NY Guard" tape be on black fabric with silver letters. This is the same color pattern that the NYG was already being implemented on the back of the NYG black patrol cap. These changes to the OCP uniform show that we are part of the team by wearing the same uniform as the Army Guard and Air Guard, but we also distinguish ourselves for the unique role that we play with our patrol cap and name tapes. I expect that we will embrace these distinctions as a matter of pride. We are NYG soldiers who are "Fully Trained and Ready to Serve". Our recent deployments have created a very positive reputation for the special skills and tremendous dedication that we bring to the fight.
6. If you have any questions on the proper wear of the NYG Utility Uniform speak to your chain of command.

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