

SUBJECT: IMPROVED PHYSICAL FITNESS UNIFORM (IPFU)

A. AR 670-1, 1 SEP 92, WEAR AND APPEARANCE OF ARMY UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIA.

1. THIS MESSAGE ANNOUNCES THE INTRODUCTION OF THE IPFU, WHICH REPLACES THE PHYSICAL FITNESS UNIFORM (PFU) AS A CLOTHING BAG ITEM.

2. EFFECTIVE 15 AUGUST 2000, THE IPFU WILL BE ISSUED FROM THE CLOTHING INITIAL ISSUE POINTS (CIIPS) TO SOLDIERS UNDERGOING INITIAL ENTRY TRAINING (IET), AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN ALL ARMY MILITARY CLOTHING SALES STORES BY ALL OTHER ACTIVE DUTY SOLDIERS. THE ARNG AND USAR WILL BEGIN ISSUE-IN-KIND IN OCTOBER 2000; ARNG AND USAR SOLDIERS UNDERGOING IET WILL RECEIVE THE IPFU THROUGH THE CIIPS.

3. THE IPFU ENSEMBLE CONSISTS OF A GRAY AND BLACK JACKET; BLACK PANTS; BLACK, MOISTURE-WICKING TRUNKS; A GRAY, MOISTURE-WICKING, SHORT-SLEEVED T-SHIRT; AND A GRAY, MOISTURE-WICKING, LONG-SLEEVED T-SHIRT.

4. INITIAL ENTRY SOLDIERS WILL RECEIVE FROM THE CIIPS THREE PAIRS OF TRUNKS; TWO LONG-SLEEVED T-SHIRTS; THREE SHORT-SLEEVED T-SHIRTS; TWO GRAY SWEATPANTS AND TWO GRAY SWEATSHIRTS (THESE ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE CURRENT PFU SWEATSHIRTS AND SWEATPANTS). THE SWEATPANTS AND SWEATSHIRTS WILL BE ISSUED AT THE CIIPS, ONLY, AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE. INITIAL ENTRY SOLDIERS WILL RECEIVE THE IPFU JACKET AND PANTS FROM THE CIIPS DURING PHASE II OF BASIC COMBAT TRAINING.

5. MANDATORY POSSESSION DATE. SOLDIERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE ONE JACKET; ONE PAIR OF PANTS; TWO PAIRS OF TRUNKS; TWO SHORT-SLEEVED T-SHIRTS; AND ONE LONG-SLEEVED T-SHIRT BY 1 OCTOBER 2003. THE WEAROUT DATE FOR THE CURRENT PFU IS 30 SEPTEMBER 2003.

6. EACH ITEM OF THE IPFU ENSEMBLE IS IDENTIFIED WITH A NATIONAL STOCK NUMBER (NSN) AND A DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY (DLA) CONTRACT NUMBER PRINTED ON A LABEL AND SEWN INTO THE GARMENT. IF THE LABEL DOES NOT CONTAIN THIS INFORMATION, THE GARMENT IS NOT THE AUTHORIZED GARMENT.

7. WEAR POLICY.

A. AUTHORIZED ACCESSORIES.

(1) CAP, KNIT, BLACK.

(2) COMMANDERS MAY AUTHORIZE THE WEAR OF COMMERCIAL RUNNING SHOES; CALF-LENGTH OR ANKLE-LENGTH PLAIN WHITE SOCKS WITH NO LOGOS; GLOVES; REFLECTIVE BELTS OR VESTS; LONG UNDERWEAR; AND OTHER ITEMS APPROPRIATE TO THE WEATHER CONDITIONS AND TYPE OF ACTIVITY. IF SOLDIERS WEAR LONG UNDERWEAR OR OTHER SIMILAR ITEMS, THEY MUST CONCEAL THEM FROM VIEW WITH THE JACKET AND PANTS.

B. WEAR OF THE IPFU. SOLDIERS MAY NOT MIX OR MATCH IPFU AND PFU ITEMS. WHEN WEARING THE IPFU AS A COMPLETE UNIFORM, SOLDIERS WILL KEEP THE SLEEVES DOWN ON THE JACKET, THE LEGS DOWN ON THE PANTS, AND THEY WILL TUCK THE SHIRT INSIDE THE TRUNKS. STANDARDS WEAR AND APPEARANCE SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPHS 1-7 AND 1-8 OF AR 670-1 APPLY AT ALL TIMES WHEN WEARING THE IPFU AS A COMPLETE UNIFORM.

C. OCCASIONS FOR WEAR.

(1) THE IPFU IS AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR ON AND OFF DUTY, ON AND OFF THE INSTALLATION, WHEN AUTHORIZED BY THE COMMANDER.

(2) THE IPFU IS AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR IN TRANSIT BETWEEN AN INDIVIDUAL'S QUARTERS AND DUTY STATION.

(3) SOLDIERS MAY WEAR ALL OR PARTS OF THE IPFU, ON OR OFF THE INSTALLATION, WHEN AUTHORIZED BY THE COMMANDER.

D. THE ONLY INSIGNIA AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR ON THE IPFU IS THE PHYSICAL FITNESS BADGE. WHEN THE PHYSICAL FITNESS BADGE IS WORN, IT IS SEWN ON THE UPPER LEFT FRONT SIDE OF THE IPFU T-SHIRT AND JACKET. SEE AR 600-8-22 FOR CRITERIA FOR WEAR OF THE PHYSICAL FITNESS BADGE.

E. COMMANDERS SHOULD EXPECT BOTH UNIFORMS (THE PFU AND THE IPFU) IN THEIR FORMATIONS UNTIL ALL SOLDIERS ACQUIRE THE IPFU BY THE MANDATORY POSSESSION DATE OF 1 OCTOBER 2003 (FY 04).

7. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO THE REVISION OF AR670-1.

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9. EXPIRATION DATE CANNOT BE DETERMINED. BT