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Summary of Changes

- Para 2-1. Possession of the ASU, for officers and enlisted personnel is optional for wear. Delete mandatory for grades E-7 and above.
- Para 2-2.1c. Patrol cap rank insignia: Add, pin or sew-on.
- Para 2-2.1c The black knit cap is authorized for extended periods of outdoor activity in a field environment as authorized by the commander.
- Para 2-2.1d All authorized insignia will be worn in accordance with AR 670-1, dated 10 April 2015.
- Para 2-2.1i The ACU (Woodland Pattern) will be worn with Army Combat Boots, Coyote (brown 498) in color, desert tan is authorized until wear out date 1OCT19. Socks are to be green, brown or black in color. Commercial versions of this boot that are AR 670-1 compliant, are authorized, to include the following regulations: be at least 8 inches in height; be made of rough side out cattle hide leather (coyote or desert tan colored) with a plain toe and rubber outsoles matching the boot; and be without zippers, metal cleats, or side tabs.
- Para 2-2.1j The ACU (Woodland Pattern) will be worn with a tan 499 or desert tan rigger's belt. The black colored webbed fabric belt with black tip and black open face buckle is authorized.
- Para 3-3.3 a. and b. O.D fabric tapes on the ECWCS Generation 3 Polar Fleece, Black.
- Para 3-4.a. The black beret is authorized for optional wear with the ASU only and has a wear out date of 1 January 2017. The black knit cap is optional headgear that may be worn when directed by the commander in an outside field environment.
- Para 3-5.a.(1) Service Cap, Army Blue, Commissioned and warrant officers. The insignia is the partial seal of Virginia with VDF above, in gold-colored metal.
- Para 3-5.a.(2) Enlisted personnel. The insignia is the partial seal of Virginia with VDF above, in silver (satin) colored metal.
- Para 3-12 VDF Special skill tabs may be authorized for wear on the hook-and-loop-faced pocket flap provided on the left sleeve of the uniform.

Appendix B, Clothing List (Officer and Enlisted) B-1. Required **Clothing Items**

Officer and Enlisted service members are required to possess the minimum clothing items listed in table B-1, in the quantities shown. Officer and Enlisted service members may purchase and wear optional items authorized by this regulation.

Table B-1 Clothing List

1-Marching pack or duffle bag, OD

1-Riggers or web belt

1-boots, combat

1-Patrol Cap

1-Field Jacket, M-65, woodland camo

1-Gloves, black, plain 1-Poncho, Woodland Camo or OD. 2-Shirt, VDF Utility

2-Pants, VDF Utility

2-Undershirt, Army brown

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Applicability. This regulation applies to all components of the VDF.

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CHAPTER 1 Introduction

1-1. Purpose

This regulation prescribes the authorization for wear, composition, and classification of uniforms of the Virginia Defense Force (VDF). It also prescribes the wear of the awards, uniform accessories, badges, insignias and accounterments authorized on VDF uniforms. This regulation is not intended to be all inclusive and should be viewed only as a supplement to AR 670-1 for the purpose of identifying specific distinctions as approved for the VDF.

1-2. References

Required and related publications are listed in appendix A.

1-3. Explanation of abbreviations and terms

Abbreviations and special terms used in this regulation are explained in the glossary.

1-4. General

- a. The Code of Virginia, Section 44-1, states "The militia shall be divided into four classes, the National Guard, which includes the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard, the Virginia State Defense Force, the naval militia, and the unorganized militia."
- b. United States Code Title 32, Chapter 1, Section 109 authorizes states to maintain a defense force in addition to its National Guard. The Virginia Defense Force (VDF) is Virginia's State Defense Force (SDF).
- c. Army Regulation AR 670-1 prescribes the Department of the Army (DA) policies and procedures for the wearing of the Army Uniform. AR 670-1 Paragraph 30-8c states: "State defense forces (SDF) may adopt the Army service and BDU uniforms, provided all service uniform buttons, cap devices, and other insignia differ significantly from that prescribed for wear by members of the U.S. Army. State insignia will not include "United States," "U.S.," "U.S. Army," or the Great Seal of the United States. Personnel of the SDF may wear a State-designed SDF distinguishing badge or insignia centered on the left pocket flap. The red nametape or nameplate will include the full title of the SDF (for example, "Texas State Guard"). The utility uniforms will contain a State SDF tape in lieu of "U.S. Army" over the left breast pocket. States wishing to adopt the Army service and utility uniforms will register with the Chief, National Guard Bureau."

1-5. Policy

- a. The VDF uniforms will be worn in accordance with AR 670-1 including all provisions of those regulations, changes, supplements, or interim-implementing instructions pending the next update to those regulations; except for the changes listed in this regulation that provides a distinctive appearance between VDF and Virginia Army National Guard personnel.
- b. The VDF will follow a 36-month time line for implementation of the Army Combat Uniform (Woodland Pattern), blue Army Service Uniforms (ASU), and Army Blue Mess Uniforms (ABMU); inclusive of VDF distinctive insignia as detailed in Chapter 3.
- c. All authorized federal, state, VDF and foreign decorations; service medals, awards, and ribbons; unit awards and citations; marksmanship badges and tabs; combat and special skill badges and tabs; identification badges; foreign badges; aeronautical and space badges; duty badges; miscellaneous badges; occupational badges; chaplain badges and insignias; other qualification badges; other uniform devices; and appurtenances that an individual is authorized to wear will be worn in accordance with the AR 670-1.
- d. Other than the distinctive modifications listed in Chapters 2 and 3, there will be no other modifications, deletions, or additions made to any uniform.

1-6. Appearance

VDF personnel will follow the appearance and grooming standards in AR 670-1.

CHAPTER 2 VDF Uniforms

2-1. Authorization for Wear

The uniforms for the VDF will be the Army Combat Uniform (ACU, Woodland Pattern), Army Service Uniform (ASU) and Army Blue Mess Uniform (ABMU). VDF uniforms will be worn in accordance with AR 670-1 and have the insignia specified below that provides a distinctive appearance between VDF and Virginia Army National Guard personnel. Mandatory possession of the ACU (Woodland Pattern) and wear out date for the BDU (Woodland Pattern) is

30 September 2016. Possession of the ASU, for officers and enlisted personnel is optional and the wear out date for the green Class A uniform is 30 September 2016. ABMU is considered an optional uniform for all officers and enlisted personnel.

2-2. Army Utility Uniforms

2-2.1 Army Combat Uniform (ACU, Woodland Pattern)

- a. The "U.S. ARMY" nametape over the left breast pocket will be replaced with a nametape which will read "VIRGINIA". (Para 3-11)
- b. The U.S. Flag will be replaced by a non-subdued representation of the Commonwealth of Virginia flag made to the same specifications and dimensions as the U.S. Flag worn on the U.S. Army Combat Uniform. (Para 3-8)
- c. The standard headgear of the ACU (Woodland Pattern) is the patrol cap (Woodland Pattern) with non-subdued rank insignia for officers and subdued rank insignia for enlisted personnel, pin or sew-on. Commanders may authorize, for extended periods of outdoor activity in a field environment, the wear of the boonie hat (Woodland Pattern) and the black knit cap.
- d. All authorized insignia will be worn in accordance with AR 670-1, dated 10 April 2015, and subdued. The wear of non-subdued insignia on the ACU (Woodland Pattern) is not authorized, except for the Commonwealth of Virginia flag which will remain non-subdued.
- e. Shoulder sleeve insignia will be affixed to the ACU (Woodland Pattern) using hook and loop fastener material only. Name tapes and rank insignia (i.e., OD green webbed fabric with black thread) can be sewn on or affixed using hook and loop fastener material, a combination of both is not authorized.
- f. Subdued badges and insignia worn on the ACU (Woodland Pattern) will consist of sew-on (i.e., OD green webbed fabric with black thread) or pin-on versions (dull, flat black colored metal), a combination of both is not authorized.
- g. The wear of VDF Distinctive Unit Insignia (DUI) is not authorized for wear on the ACU (Woodland Pattern).
- h. The ACU (Woodland Pattern) will be worn with an Army Brown colored crew neck T-shirt.
- i. The ACU (Woodland Pattern) will be worn with Army Combat Boots, Coyote (brown 498) in color, desert tan is authorized until wear out 1OCT19. Socks are to be green, brown or black in color. Commercial versions of this boot that are AR 670-1 compliant, are authorized, to include the following regulations: be at least 8 inches in height; be made of rough side out cattle hide leather (coyote or desert tan colored) with a plain toe and rubber outsoles matching the boot; and be without zippers, metal cleats, or side tabs.
- j. The ACU (Woodland Pattern) will be worn with a tan 499 or desert tan rigger's belt. The black colored webbed fabric belt with black tip and black open face buckle is authorized.

2-2.2 Battle Dress Uniform (BDU, Woodland Pattern)

- a. The "U.S. ARMY" nametape over the left breast pocket will be replaced with a nametape that will read "VIRGINIA." The current "VA DEF FORCE" branch tapes may continue to be worn until supplies are exhausted. (Para 3-11)
- b. The U.S. Flag is replaced by a non-subdued representation of the Commonwealth of Virginia flag made to the same specifications and dimensions as the U.S. Flag worn on the Army Combat Uniform. (Para 3-8)
- c. The standard headgear of the BDU uniform is the patrol cap (Woodland Pattern) with non-subdued rank insignia for officers and subdued rank insignia for enlisted personnel. Commanders may authorize, for special and ceremonial occasions, the wear of the black beret. (Para 3-5). Commanders may also authorize, for extended periods of outdoor activity in a field environment, the wear of the boonie hat (Woodland Pattern).
- d. After 10 November 2013, badges and insignia worn on the BDU (Woodland Pattern) will be subdued or non-subdued; a combination of both is not authorized; except for the Commonwealth of Virginia flag which will remain non-subdued.
- e. After 10 November 2013, badges and other insignia worn on the BDU (Woodland Pattern) will consist of sew-on or pin-on versions, a combination of both is not authorized. Name tapes (i.e., OD webbed fabric with black thread) must be sewn on
- f. The BDU (Woodland Pattern) will be worn with an army brown colored crew neck T-shirt.
- g. The BDU (Woodland Pattern) will be worn with Army Combat Boots and green, brown or black colored socks. Commercial versions of this boot are authorized, complying with the following regulations: be at least 8 inches in height; be made of black smooth side out, or desert tan or Army coyote rough side out cattle hide leather and matching regulation outsoles; and be without zippers, metal cleats, or side tabs.
- h. The BDU (Woodland Pattern) will be worn with a black colored webbed fabric belt.
- *i.* After 10 November 2013, the George Washington Division (GWD) DUI is authorized for wear on the BDU (Woodland Pattern). All other DUIs are not authorized. The GWD GUI can be subdued or non-subdued, but must match the other badges and insignia worn.

2-3. Army Service Uniform

- a. The "U.S." insignia will be replaced with a "VA" insignia. (Para 3-6)
- b. All authorized "U.S. Army buttons" will be replaced with Virginia State "Seal of Virginia" buttons. (Para 3-1)
- c. The black nameplate will be replaced with a red nameplate and white letters as detailed in Paragraph 3-11.
- d. The service cap is the primary headgear for wear with the blue uniform. The beret is optional for wear until the wear out date 1 January 2017. VDF headgear insignia is worn on the service cap and beret.
- e. The VDF's George Washington Division Distinctive Unit Insignia (DUI) will be worn in the same manner as U.S. Army unit insignia in accordance with AR 670-1. (Para 3-10)
- f. VDF officers and enlisted personnel will replace U.S. Army branch insignia with the standard SDF Branch insignia (Para 3-7 thru Para 3-9). VDF officers and enlisted service members assigned to a specialty branch (i.e., Chaplain and Medical only), will wear the corresponding U.S. Army insignia.
- g. ASU sleeve braid, service cap braid and shoulder straps worn by VDF officers will correspond to the U.S. Army Engineer Corps (EC). The EC branch was chosen primarily because it will maintain uniformity with traditional SDF colors (red and white) and to maintain consistency with the approved service uniform established for the unorganized militia officers of the Virginia Military Institute. ASU sleeve braid, service cap braid and shoulder straps worn by VDF officers assigned to a specialty branch (i.e., Chaplain and Medical only) will wear the corresponding U.S. Army insignia.

2-4. Army Blue Mess Uniforms

- a. All authorized "U.S. Army buttons" will be replaced with Virginia State "Seal of Virginia" buttons. (Para 3-1)
- b. The VDF Distinctive Unit Insignia (DUI) will be worn on the right breast centered one inch below the notch in the lapel. (Para 3-10)
- c. Branch insignia regulations for the ABMU will be the same as prescribed above for the ASU.

2-5. Special Duty Uniforms

VDF personnel performing an assigned special duty (i.e., aircrew member, medical and food service) will wear the applicable uniforms and insignia as directed by AR 670-1, while performing those duties. When not performing an assigned special duty, VDF personnel will wear the approved utility uniform and insignia as directed in this regulation.

CHAPTER 3 Virginia Defense Force Uniform Accessories, Insignia, and Accouterments 3-1. ASU Buttons

VDF buttons (Waterbury Button Company, Pattern 09514, in Mirra Bright Gold finish) with the seal of Virginia superimposed will be available in two different sizes for uniform placement as described in AR 670-1 (see fig 3-1).



Figure 3-1, VDF Seal of Virginia Buttons

3-2. Coats, Black, All Weather (Male and Female) and Windbreaker, Black

Enlisted personnel will wear a VA insignia on the all-weather coat and windbreak, centered on the shoulder loops an equal distance from the outside shoulder seam to the outside edge of the button, with the base of the VA insignia toward the outside shoulder seam. Enlisted personnel will wear non-subdued rank insignia on each collar. Officers will wear a VA insignia centered on the shoulder loops, an equal distance from the inside edge of their rank insignia to the outside edge of the button, with the base of the insignia toward the outside shoulder seam (see fig 3-2). (Para 3-6)

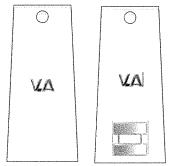


Figure 3-2, Enlisted and Officer Wear of VA Insignia on Shoulder Loops VDFR 670-1, 10NOV13 Change 2, 1FEB16

3-3. Coats, ECWCS (Gortex) Parka, Woodland Pattern; M-65 Field Jacket, Woodland Pattern; and ECWCS Fleece, Black

3-3.1 ECWCS parka (Woodland Pattern)

- a. Subdued pin-on rank insignia with subdued pin-on VA insignia will be worn above the rank insignia. The rank insignia and the VA insignia are worn centered on the front tab of the parka, an equal distance from the bottom point of the front tab, top seam of the front tab, and equal distance between the rank insignia and the VA insignia, with the base of the VA insignia toward the bottom of the front tab (See figure 3-3). (Para 3-6).
- b. Subdued name tape (1/2 inch in height) with last name will be sewn to the pocket flap on the left sleeve.



Figure 3-3, Wear of Grade Insignia and VA Insignia on ECWCS Parka Front Tab

3-3.2 M-65 Field Jacket (Woodland Pattern)

- a. The "U.S. ARMY" nametape over the left breast pocket will be replaced with a nametape that will read "VIRGINIA." The currently worn "VA DEF FORCE" branch tapes may continue to be worn until supplies are exhausted. (Para 3-11) b. The U.S. Flag is replaced by a non-subdued representation of the Commonwealth of Virginia flag made to the same specifications and dimensions as the U.S. Flag worn on the Army Combat Uniform. (Para 3-8)
- c. All authorized insignia will be worn in accordance with AR 670-1, dated 10 April 2015, and subdued (i.e., olive drab and black). After 10 November 2013, the wear of non-subdued insignia is no longer authorized, except for the Commonwealth of Virginia flag which will remain non-subdued.
- d. After 10 November 2013, badges and other insignia will consist of sew-on or pin-on versions, a combination of both is not authorized.
- e. After 10 November 2013, the George Washington Division DUI is authorized for wear on the M-65 field jacket (Woodland Pattern). All other DUIs are not authorized.

3-3.3 ECWCS Generation 3 Polar Fleece, Black

- a. Subdued (i.e., O.D. fabric and black thread) "VIRGINIA" tape, as worn on the ACU (Woodland Pattern), will be worn over the left breast and a subdued nametape will be worn on the right breast. (Para 3-11) b. Subdued (i.e. O.D. fabric and black thread) rank insignia, as worn on the ACU (Woodland Pattern), will be worn on the fleece above the nametape.
- c. Name tapes and rank insignia will be sew-on or affixed using hook and loop fastener, a combination of both is not authorized.

3-4. Headgear

- a. The black beret is authorized for optional wear with the ASU only and has a wear out date of 1 January 2017. The universal State Defense Force flash will be the authorized insignia worn; red with white stars circling its border (see fig 3-4).
- b. The patrol cap (Woodland Camo Pattern) is the standard headgear of the VDF utility uniform. The boonie hat (Woodland Camo Pattern) and black knit cap is optional headgear that may be worn when directed by the Commander.
- c. The service cap is the primary headgear for wear with the Army Service Uniform, for all ranks.



Figure 3-4, VDF Beret Flash (example for officer and enlisted)

3-5. Headgear Insignia, Army Service Cap, Beret

a. Service Cap, Army Blue

(1) Officers and Warrant Officers, the insignia is the partial seal of Virginia with VDF above, in gold-colored metal



Figure 3-5, VDF Army Service Cap Insignia

- (2) Enlisted personnel, the insignia is the partial seal of Virginia with VDF above, in silver (satin) colored metal.
- b. Beret black. Personnel will wear the following insignia on berets:
- (1) All service members wear the VDF (universal SDF) flash on the black beret (see Para 3-4).
- (2) Officers wear non-subdued grade insignia centered on the flash; chaplains wear their branch insignia.
- (3) Enlisted personnel wear the VDF George Washington Division DUI centered on the flash.

3-6. VA Insignia

- a. All officers. The VA insignia consists of the block letters, "VA" in gold-colored metal, 7/16 inch in height, without periods following the letters (see fig 3-7).
- b. Enlisted personnel. The enlisted VA insignia consists of the block letters "VA" in gold-colored metal, 7/16 inch in height, without periods following each letter. The "VA" is placed on a 1-inch diameter disk in gold-colored metal (see fig 3-8).
- c. The subdued VA insignia is identical to the non-subdued officers VA insignia described above, except the insignia has a dull, flat black finish.



Figure 3-7. VA Insignia, Officer



Figure 3-8. VA Insignia, Enlisted

3-7. VDF Branch Insignia

a. VDF officer and enlisted personnel will replace U.S. Army branch insignia with the standard SDF Branch insignia (i.e.; crossed musket and sabre) in gold-colored metal (ASU) or dull, flat black-colored metal or thread (BDU). SDF branch insignia is not authorized for wear on the ACU (Woodland Pattern).

b. VDF officer and enlisted service members assigned to a specialty branch (i.e., Chaplain and Medical only), will wear the corresponding U.S. Army insignia.

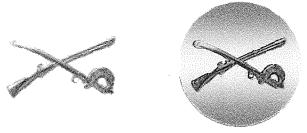


Figure 3-9. VDF Branch Insignia, Officer and Enlisted

3-8. Virginia Flag

The patch representing the flag of the Commonwealth of Virginia shall be worn on the pocket flap on the right shoulder of the ACU (Woodland Pattern). The patch shall consist of the Seal of Virginia on a navy blue background and shall be 2"x3" (see figure 3-10). The patch for the BDU (Woodland Pattern) will remain the same size as prior to this regulation revision and worn on the right sleeve in accordance with AR 670-1.



Figure 3-10, Full-Color Patch Representation of the Commonwealth of Virginia Flag

3-9. Shoulder Sleeve Insignia-Virginia Defense Force

Shoulder sleeve insignia (SSI) authorized for wear on service and utility uniforms is the Virginia Defense Force SSI. The non-subdued VDF SSI is authorized for wear on the green Class A uniform and the subdued (black and OD green) VDF SSI is authorized for wear on the ACU (Woodland Pattern) and BDU (Woodland Pattern) (see fig 3-11). The VDF SSI is not authorized for wear on the blue ASU.





Figure 3-11, VDF Shoulder Sleeve Insignia (full color and OD green subdued)

3-10. Distinctive Unit Insignia

Distinctive unit insignia (DUI) authorized for wear on the VDF BDU, beret flash, service and dress uniform is the George Washington VDF DUI (see fig 3-12). DUI must be worn in accordance with AR 670-1.



3-11. Virginia Defense Force Nameplate

The nameplate is a red, laminated plastic plate, 1 inch by 3 inches, 1/16 inch thick, with a white border not to exceed 1/32 inch in width. Lettering is block type, indented white lettering, and centered on the plate. It will have two lines. The 1st line will be the individual's last name in all capital block letters, 5/16 inch in height; the 2nd line will read "Virginia Defense Force" in upper/lower case block letters, 3/16 inch in height. Textured non-gloss finish is the only authorized finish on the nameplate (see fig 3-13).



Figure 3-13, VDF ASU Nameplate

3-12. VDF Issued Special Skill Tabs, Badges and Insignia

VDF Special skill tabs may be authorized for wear on the hook-and-loop-faced pocket flap provided on the left sleeve of the uniform. Unless replaced by a special skill tab, VDF personnel who have already been awarded the following special skill badges will continue to wear such as directed by this regulation, subdued on the ACU (Woodland Pattern) and subdued or non-subdued on the BDU (Woodland Pattern).

- a. VDF Radio Communications badge, VDF Aviator and Aircrew Member badges, VDF NCO Academy Instructor badge and VDF Recruiter badge.
- b. The MEMS badge and MEMS Academy tab issued by the State Guard Association of the United States is authorized for wear on VDF uniforms as directed by this regulation and AR 670-1.
- c. The VDF has not been assigned a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) mission and uniform accessories and insignia related to such is not authorized for wear on VDF uniforms.
- d. The VDF has not been assigned a Military Police (MP) mission and uniform accessories and insignia related to such (i.e., brassard, etc.) is not authorized for wear on VDF uniforms. VDF personnel previously awarded the MP badge will be authorized to wear such as directed by this regulation and AR 670-1.

CHAPTER 4 Minimum Uniform Requirements

4-1. Officer Uniform Requirements Minimum Uniform Requirements

Officers are responsible for procuring and maintaining uniforms appropriate to their assigned duties. Officers will procure and maintain sufficient quantities of personal items necessary to ensure acceptable standards of personal hygiene and appearance. It is mandatory that all officers dress in accordance with their position as an officer of the Virginia Defense Force. The minimum uniform requirements for VDF officers are contained in Appendix B.

4-2. Enlisted Minimum Uniform Requirements

The minimum uniform requirements for VDF enlisted personnel are contained in the clothing bag at Appendix B.

Appendix A References

Section I Required Publications

AR 600-8-22

Military Awards.

AR 600-9

The Army Weight Control Program

VDFR 600-9

Virginia Defense Force Height and Weight Standards

AR 670-1

Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia

VDFR 672-5, C-4, 16 NOV 2010

Awards and Decorations

VDFR 600-10

Virginia Defense Force

Section II Related Publications

A related publication is a source of additional information. The user does not have to read a related publication to understand this regulation.

AR 310-25

Dictionary of United States Army Terms

TM 10-227

Fitting of Army Uniforms and Footwear

Appendix B Clothing List (Officer and Enlisted) B-1. Required Clothing Items

Officer and Enlisted service members are required to possess the minimum clothing items listed in table B–1, in the quantities shown. Officer and Enlisted service members may purchase and wear optional items authorized by this regulation.

Table B–1 Clothing List
1-Marching pack or duffle bag, OD
1-Riggers or web belt
1-boots, combat
1-Patrol Cap
1-Field Jacket, M-65, woodland camo
1-Gloves, black, plain
1-Poncho, Woodland Camo or OD.
2-Shirt, VDF Utility
2-Pants, VDF Utility
2-Undershirt, Army brown

Glossary

Section I Abbreviations

BDU

battle dress uniform

ocs

officer candidate school

SDF

State Defense Force

SSI

shoulder sleeve insignia

USC

United States Code

WO

warrant officer

WOC

warrant officer candidate

Section II Terms

Accouterment

Items such as medals, ribbons, insignia, badges, emblems, tabs, and tapes authorized for wear on uniforms.

Appurtenances

Devices such as stars, letters, numerals, or clasps worn on the suspension ribbon of the medal, or on the ribbon bar that indicate additional awards, participation in specific events, or other distinguishing characteristics of the award.

Awards

An all-inclusive term that consists of any decoration, medal, badge, ribbon, or appurtenance bestowed on an individual or unit.

Badge

An award given to an individual for identification purposes, or that is awarded for attaining a special skill or proficiency. Certain badges are available in full, miniature, and dress miniature sizes.

Clothing Bag

Uniform items and personal clothing issued to initial entry service members, and which all service members are required to maintain throughout their military career.

Decoration

An award given to an individual as a distinctively designed mark of honor denoting heroism, or meritorious or outstanding service or achievement.

Dress Uniforms

Uniforms worn as formal duty attire or that are worn at formal or informal social functions, before or after retreat. They include the enlisted Army green dress uniform, the Army blue uniform, and the Air Force service dress.

Gold Color/Colored

Includes gold plated, gold bullion, and synthetic metallic gold.

Medal

An award issued to an individual for the performance of certain duties, acts or services, consisting of a suspension ribbon made in distinctive colors and from which hangs a medallion. AR 670–1 • 3 February 2005 331

Mess Uniforms

Uniforms worn for formal social occasions, when prescribed by the host. They include the Army blue and evening mess uniforms for males and females.

Miniature Medal

A replica of a regular size medal, made to a scale 1/2 that of the original. The Medal of Honor is not worn in miniature.

Optional Clothing

A uniform or clothing item which the individual is not required to own or wear, but may be worn at the individual's option, as prescribed in this regulation.

Ribbon or Ribbon Bar

A portion of the suspension ribbon of a medal, worn in lieu of the medal and made in the form of a bar, 1 3/8 inches long by 3/8 inch wide.

Service Medal

An award made to personnel who participated in designated wars, campaigns, or expeditions; or who have fulfilled specified service requirements in a creditable manner.

Service Uniform

Worn in garrison environments when the wear of utility or dress uniforms is not required or appropriate. Service uniforms consist of the blue Army Service Uniform.

Silver Color/Colored

Silver color includes silver-filled, silver-plated, sterling silver, silver bullion, and anodized aluminum.

Unit Award

An award made to an operating unit, which is worn by members of that unit who participated in the cited action (permanent unit award).

Section III Special Abbreviations and Terms

This publication uses the following special abbreviations, brevity codes and acronyms not contained in AR 310–50.

AG

Army green

ACU

Army Combat Uniform

ASU

Army Service Uniform

CW

cold weather

DA

Department of the Army

DUI

distinctive unit insignia

HQVDF

Headquarters, Virginia Defense Force

ODG

olive drab green

TAG

The Adjutant General, Virginia

VDF

Virginia Defense Force