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UNIFORM AND INSIGNIA  
Issue and Wear of Berets

Issue of supplements to this regulation by subordinate commanders is prohibited, unless specifically approved by U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School (AMEDDC&S) and Fort Sam Houston (FSH). This Regulation implements HQDA Ltr 670-01-1.

**HISTORY.** This is the first printing of this publication

**2. PURPOSE.** This policy provides guidance for the issue of the black beret and for the wear of the black, tan, green, and maroon berets, and for wear of headgear that the black beret replaces.

**3. REFERENCES.**

- a. HQDA Ltr 670-01-1, 14 Jun 01, Beret Wear Policy.
- b. AR 70-1, Army Acquisition Policy.
- c. AR 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia.
- d. AR 700-84, Issue and Sale of Personal Clothing
- e. DA Pam 710-2-1, Using Unit Supply System (Manual Procedures)
- f. CTA 50-900, Clothing and Individual Equipment

**4. APPLICABILITY.** This regulation is applicable to all individual units, which are authorized the issue of berets and support by the Central Issue Facility, Property Management Branch (PMB), Supply and Services Division, Readiness and Logistics Business Center (RLBC).

**5. RESPONSIBILITIES**

- a. Chief, PMB will:

- (1) Annually review and update any changes to the publication.
- (2) Establish policies and procedures IAW Army regulations, directives, pamphlets, and local policies.

- b. Central Issue Facility (CIF) will:

- (1) Maintain, secure, control, and store black berets
- (2) Process the authorized quantity of black berets to individual units by using a DA Form 3161, Request for Issue or Turn-in (bulk) issue as required.

(3) Ensure the gaining organization signs the lateral transfer in block 15 of the DA Form 3161, accepting responsibility for items issued.

(4) Using DAISM, CIF will initiate Temporary Loans reflecting quantities of Berets issued to individual units. Upon return of the form 3645 clothing records, CIF will clear Temp/Loans by using the returned 3645's to carry forward the beret on each soldier's clothing records. Department of the Army Installation Support Module (DAISM).

(5) Procure headgear as required for issue to individual units.

(6) Manage the quality control of items on-hand.

(7) CIF will issue the beret to incoming PCS personnel. Beret will be added to the soldier's handreceipt after verification that individual was not issued the beret at his/her last unit of assignment. Beret will normally be issued at the time the incoming soldier receives the Organizational Clothing and Individual Equipment (OCIE) issue from CIF during inprocessing.

c. Individual units will:

(1) Comply with regulation.

(2) Submit a roster to CIF identifying the hat sizes of each soldier assigned to unit.

(3) Ensure individual receiving items signs block 15 of the DA Form 3161, accepting responsibility for items issued.

(4) Upon receipt of the black berets, the Supply Sergeant or S-4 will issue authorized headgear to each soldier assigned to the unit by using a DA Form 3645, OCIE Record.

**6. Wear of the Beret and Other Headgear.** Information provided below identifies the requirements for wear of the beret and other headgear.

a. Implementation Date. On 14 June 2001, the Army transitioned to the beret as the standard Army headgear. Permanent Party Soldiers (officers, warrant officers, and enlisted) who are not authorized to wear the tan, green, or maroon berets will wear the black beret. Soldiers in units on installations that receive the black beret after the implementation date will begin wearing the beret at the direction of their installation commander. Soldiers who have been issued the black beret, who are subsequently reassigned to installations where the beret has not been issued, will comply with the installation commander's wear policy regarding the black beret.

b. General

(1) The beret is the basic headgear for utility and service (Class A and B) uniforms in Garrison environments. It is a retainable, nonrecoverable organizational issue item. DA Pam 710-2-1 governs procedures for the turn-in and re-issue of the beret. Soldiers will not wear the beret in field or in field training environments, or on deployments, unless authorized by the commander. Additionally, if the commander determines other environments are unsuitable for wear of the beret, such as on work details, the commander may

direct soldiers to wear other appropriate headgear. Personnel being transferred from one organization to another may continue to wear the beret and flash of the former unit until reporting for duty at the new organization. Only those personnel authorized to wear the tan, green, and maroon berets, military police, or personnel assigned to Air Assault coded positions, are authorized to wear bloused boots with the Class A and B uniforms.

(2) Unless otherwise indicated below, soldiers who are not authorized to wear the tan, green, or maroon berets will wear the black beret, including Senior and Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) instructors. Soldiers will be issued the black beret upon assignment to their first permanent duty assignment after completion of the initial entry training or officer/warrant officer basic courses. Cadets and officer/warrant officer candidates will not wear the black beret. Soldiers not issued the black beret will wear headgear as indicated in paragraphs (3) and (4) below. Soldiers will wear the Army flash until 14 June 2002. Thereafter, soldiers will wear the approved flash for the Major Army Command (MACOM) to which they are assigned. If the MACOM does not have an approved flash, soldiers will continue to wear the Army flash.

(3) Patrol Cap. The patrol cap is worn with Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) in field environments, on deployments when the Kevlar helmet is not worn, on work details, or when the commander determines conditions are unsuitable for wear of the beret. Additionally, personnel in initial training categories who are not issued or who do not wear the black beret (see para 6b (1) above) will wear the patrol cap with the BDU. The patrol cap is available in both hot weather and temperate fabrics.

(4) Garrison Cap. Soldiers in initial training categories who have not been issued or who do not wear the black beret (see para 6b (2) above) will wear the Garrison cap with the Class A and B uniforms. The Garrison cap and associated insignia are worn as currently described in AR 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia.

(5) Service Cap/Hat. Green service caps/hats will no longer be worn. Soldiers not issued the black beret will wear the Garrison cap as outlined in paragraph (2) above. Blue and White Service caps/hats will remain the prescribed headgear for the blue and white dress and mess uniforms.

c. Wear. The beret is worn so that the headband (edge binding) is straight across the forehead, 1 inch above the eyebrows. No hair may be visible on the forehead beneath the headband. The flash is positioned over the left eye and the excess material is draped over to the right ear, to at least the top of the ear, and no lower than the middle of the ear. Personnel will cut off the ends of the adjusting ribbon and secure the ribbon knot inside the edge binding at the back of the beret. When worn properly, the beret is form fitting to the head; therefore, soldiers may not wear hairstyles that cause distortion of the beret. (See Figure 1)

d. Beret Insignia. Officers and warrant officers wear non-subdued grade insignia centered on the beret flash and chaplains will wear their branch insignia. Enlisted personnel will wear their distinctive unit

insignia centered on the beret flash. (See Figure 1) General officers may wear full, medium, or miniature-size stars on the beret. Stars are worn point-to-point and may be mounted on a bar as an option.

e. Ranger Tan Beret. Soldiers currently assigned to the following units are authorized wear of the Ranger tan beret. Personnel will wear the approved flash of the unit to which they are assigned.

(1) 75th Ranger Regiment

(2) Ranger Training Brigade.

(3) Ranger-qualified soldiers in the following units or positions if they previously served in the 75th Ranger Regiment: U.S. Special Operations Command, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, U.S. Special Operations Command Joint Task Force, and Theater Special Operations Command. The 75th Ranger Regiment is the sole authority for validation of service in the Ranger Regiment.

f Green Beret

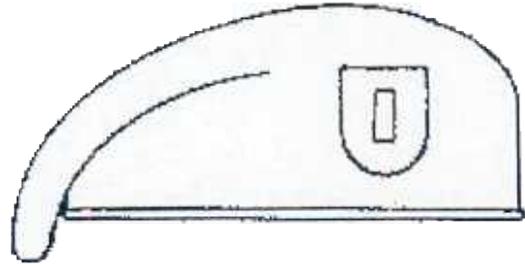
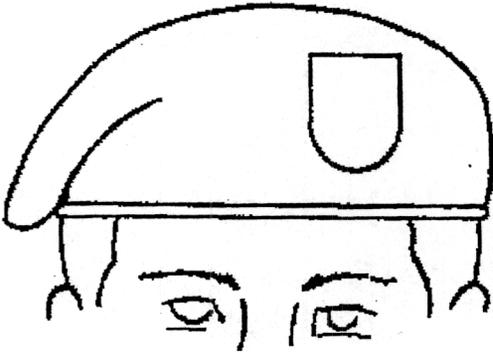
(1) If approved by local commanders, all Special Forces (SF) qualified personnel (those carrying the SF military occupational specialties of 18A or 180A, career management field 18, and command sergeants major reclassified from 18Z to 00Z) are authorized to wear the green beret. This includes those attending training at an Army service school in a student status (e.g., at the Command and General Staff College, the Defense Language Institute, or the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy).

(2) Special Forces personnel will wear the approved flash of the unit to which they are assigned. Personnel assigned to an organization without an approved flash will wear the generic SF flash (the flash approved for personnel assigned to SF positions but not assigned to SF units).

g. Maroon Beret. All personnel assigned to airborne units that have a primary mission of airborne operations wear the maroon berets. Personnel will wear the approved flash of the unit to which they are assigned.

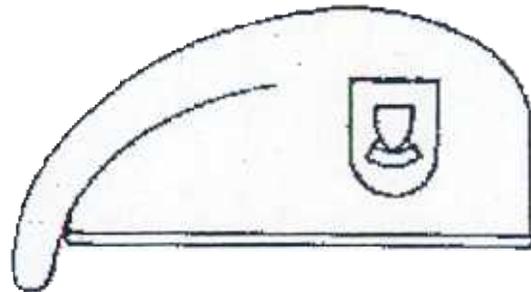
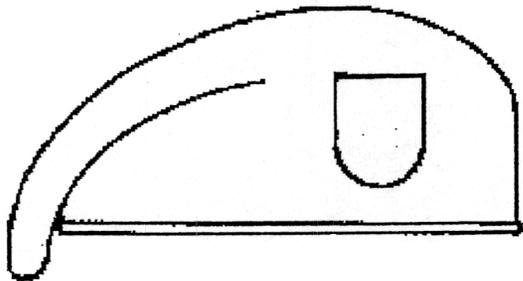
7. Requests for exception to policy will be addressed to Commanding General U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School, 2250 Stanley Road, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78243-6100.

Beret, organizational,  
black/green/maroon/tan



d. Beret, organizational, tan/  
black/green/maroon. The following insignia,  
centered on the stiffener are worn on  
organizational berets.

(2) Officers will wear their nonsubdued  
insignia of grade centered on the flash.



(1) The organizational flash will be sewn  
centered on the stiffener of the beret with  
noncontrasting thread.

(3) Enlisted personnel will wear their DUI  
centered on the flash.

Figure 1.

The proponent of this policy is Central Issue Facility, Property Management Branch, Supply and Services Division, RLBC. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) to Commander, U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School and Fort Sam Houston, 2250 Stanley Road, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-6100.

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