



Texas Military Department

Instruction

Number 1334.02

NGTX-XHZ

SUBJECT: Texas State Guard Uniform Policy

- References.
- (a) 10 USC 771 Unauthorized Wearing Prohibited
 - (b) 10 USC 772 When Wearing by Persons not on Active Duty Authorized
 - (c) Texas Government Code 437.229, Uniform.
 - (d) Army Regulation 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia, 25 May 2017
 - (e) Department of the Army Pamphlet 670-1, Guide to the Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia, 25 May 2017
 - (f) Chief National Guard Bureau Instruction 5500.01, National Guard Interaction with State Defense Forces, 15 June 2017

1. PURPOSE. This instruction provides specific direction to members of the Texas State Guard (TXSG) regarding authorized wear of the uniform; authorized elements of the uniform; and uniform wear dates and wear-out dates as the TXSG moves into compliance with applicable U.S. Code and Army Regulations.

2. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE. This instruction applies to all TXSG personnel. Any uniform item rules, regulations, or policies not specifically addressed are subject to existing Department of the Army policy as described in References (d) and (e) above.

3. POLICY. This instruction supports the laws and policies outlined in 10 USC 771, 10 USC 772, AR 670-1, and DA PAM 670-1.

a. In accordance with United States Code, Texas Government Code, and U.S. Army Regulations, the Texas State Guard may only wear the Army service uniform (Class A) and the Army utility uniform (ACU/OCP).

(1) 10 USC 771 states no one other than members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps may wear the uniform of that service or a distinctive part of that uniform; or a uniform any part of which is similar to a distinctive part of those uniforms.

(2) Texas Government Code 437.229 specifies the Texas State Guard uniform will be the uniform prescribed for the United States armed forces subject modifications the Governor or Adjutant General deem necessary to distinguish the State Guard from the National Guard.

(3) AR 670-1 para. 21-8.(3).c. makes a specific allowance for the wear of the Army service uniform and utility uniform by a State Defense Force under the following conditions:

- (a) All service uniform buttons, cap devices, and other insignia must differ significantly from that prescribed for wear by members of the U.S. Army.
- (b) State insignia will not include “United States,” “U.S.,” “U.S. Army,” or the Great Seal of the United States.
- (c) The nametape or nameplate will include the full title of the State Defense Force (e.g., “Texas State Guard”).
- (d) Wear of the Army service and utility uniforms by a State Defense Force will be registered with the Chief, National Guard Bureau.

b. Service Uniform.

(1) Current TXSG members in possession of a Class A uniform other than the Army Class A uniform may still wear that Class A uniform until 31 December 2023.

(2) From 01 January 2024 onward, only the Army Class A uniform is authorized for wear by non-retired/non-former federal service members in the TXSG.

(3) The Class A Service Uniform is optional for TXSG members and is not required to be purchased or worn.

(4) New TXSG members who choose to purchase the Class A Service Uniform—and are not retired/former federal service members—will only purchase the Army service uniform.

(5) TXSG members who are not retired/former members of the Army must wear the Army service uniform as follows:

- (a) Must wear current TXSG rank
- (b) Must wear TXSG buttons
- (c) Must wear TX collar insignia
- (d) Must wear TXSG hat brass / insignia
- (e) May combine the wear of TXSG, state, and federal awards, badges, tabs and other authorized accoutrements

(6) TXSG members who are retired/former members of the Army may choose to wear the Army service uniform in accordance with paragraph b(5), above, or in exact accordance with existing Army Regulations (see paragraph (7)(b)).

(7) Retired/former members of the federal services are authorized to wear the Class A uniform of their service to TXSG functions and events as allowed by that service's regulations.

- (a) No TXSG rank, insignia, awards, or other accessories/accoutrements may be worn with a federal service Class A uniform.
- (b) Army. AR 670-1, *Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia*, 25 May 2017 (see regulation for specific guidance and details).
 - i. Retired personnel are authorized to wear the uniform while attending military funerals, memorial services, weddings, inaugurals, and other occasions of ceremony; or while attending parades on national or state holidays, or other patriotic parades or ceremonies in which any Active or Reserve U.S. military unit is taking part.
 - ii. Former members of the Army may wear the uniform under the same conditions as retired personnel only if they served honorably during a declared or undeclared war, and if their most recent service was terminated under honorable conditions.
 - iii. "Occasions of ceremony" is defined as occasions essentially of a military character, at which the uniform is more appropriate than civilian clothing. These functions include, but are not limited to, military balls, military parades, weddings, military funerals, memorial services, meetings, conferences, or similar functions of associations formed for military purposes.
- (c) Navy. NAVPERS 15665I, *United States Navy Uniform Regulations*, 20 January 2017 (see regulation for specific guidance and details).
 - i. Retired personnel may wear uniforms at ceremonies or official functions when the dignity of the occasion and good taste dictate. Wearing a uniform is appropriate for memorial services, weddings, funerals, balls, patriotic or military parades, ceremonies in which any active or reserve United States military unit is participating, and meetings or functions of military associations.
 - ii. Wear of the uniform by former Navy personnel is not addressed in the regulation.
- (d) Air Force. AFI 36-2903, *Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel*, 28 May 2015 (see instruction for specific guidance and details).
 - i. Retirees may wear the uniform at occasions of military ceremonies; military funerals, weddings, memorial services and inaugurals; at

patriotic parades on national holidays, other military parades or ceremonies in which any active or reserve U.S. military unit is taking part.

- ii. Honorably discharged Air Force personnel (other than retirees) may wear the uniform at military funerals, memorial services and inaugurals; at patriotic parades on national holidays, and other military parades or ceremonies in which any active or reserve U.S. military unit is taking part.
- iii. Wear of the uniform by former personnel to an “occasion of military ceremony” is not authorized as it is for retirees.

(e) Marine Corps. MCO P1020.34H, Marine Corps Uniform Regulations, 01 May 2018 (see regulation for specific guidance and details).

- i. Retired officers and enlisted personnel not on active duty are entitled to wear the prescribed uniform of the grade held on the retired list when wear of the uniform is appropriate, and not specifically prohibited under the provisions of subparagraph 11002.1 (refer to MCO P1020.34H for specific details).
- ii. Former members who served honorably during a declared or undeclared war and whose most recent service was terminated under honorable conditions may wear the uniform in the highest grade held during such war service only upon the following occasions and in the course of travel incident thereto: Military funerals, memorial services, weddings, and inaugurals; Parades on national or state holidays; or other parades or ceremonies of a patriotic character in which any active or reserve United States military unit are taking part.
- iii. Wear of the uniform by former members “when the wear of the uniform is appropriate” is not specifically authorized as it is for retirees.

c. Utility Uniform.

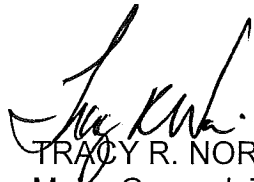
(1) New TXSG members in possession of the Army OCP due to recent service in the active or reserve component may immediately wear the Army OCP in TXSG service.

(2) All other TXSG members are authorized to begin wearing the Army OCP effective 01 JAN 2019 and will wear only the Army OCP effective 01 JAN 2020.

- (a) Wear of an 8-point cover is unauthorized with the Army OCP.
- (b) Use of spice-brown thread in the nametapes is unauthorized for the Army OCP.

- (c) Only Army grade insignia is authorized to be worn with the Army OCP.
- (3) The utility uniforms of the Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps—as well as the Army ACU utility uniform—will not be worn by TXSG members after 31 DEC 2019.
- (4) Specifications for the wear of the Army utility uniform are covered in AR 670-1, Chapter 4 and DA PAM 670-1, Chapter 4.
- d. Additional specifications on items authorized to be worn with the Army OCP and Class A will be published in a future TXSG Uniform SOP.

- 4. RESPONSIBILITIES. All TXSG Leaders will enforce this instruction.
- 5. INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS. NA.
- 6. RELEASABILITY. Unlimited.
- 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This instruction will expire 2 years from the effective date of publication unless sooner rescinded or superseded.
- 8. POINT OF CONTACT. TXSG Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, 512-782-5720.


TRACY R. NORRIS
Major General, TXARNG
Adjutant General

DISTRIBUTION:

A
RACHEL M. DEVERE
CW3, INF, USAF
J5 - Issuance

Official