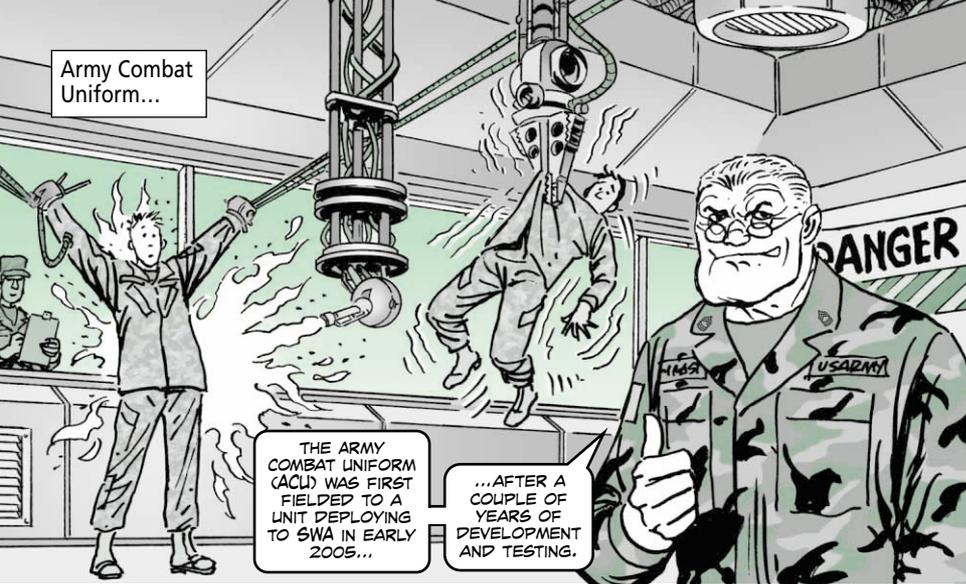


Army Combat Uniform...



NEW, DIFFERENT, FLEXIBLE

What all warfighters will be wearing by May 2007, the ACU benefits from multiple improvements made as a result of field testing in the war zone, testing that continues even now.

The basic ACU consists of a jacket, trousers, patrol cap, moisture-wicking T-shirt and the recently adopted temperate and hot weather combat boots.

The ACU uses the same fabric as the desert combat uniform and the enhanced hot weather battle dress uniform. The fabric has three colors in the digitized pattern of urban gray, foliage green and desert sand.

The latest improvements include a new heat sealing process that reduces raveling, better stitching for the hook-and-loop fasteners and a heavier waist draw cord. Modifications were also made to the trouser pattern to reinforce the crotch against splitting.

The ACU has an estimated six-month wear life. Replacement uniforms for those ACUs issued as part of unit fielding are available in-theater through the Army Direct Order program and through Direct Exchange requisitions for battle losses and shortages from initial fielding.

Only deployed units are authorized to order these replacement uniforms. Contact the PEO Soldier Fielding Coordinator (acu.questions@belvoir.army.mil) to get authorization and ordering instructions before submitting a UIC and DODAAC to the Defense Logistics Agency and Coalition Forces Land Component Command.

Infrared (IR) American flag and permanent IR shoulder squares to provide night time identification

Tilted chest pockets with hook-and-pile closure, optimized for use with the front opening of the Interceptor body armor's outer tactical vest (OTV)

Elbow pouch with hook-and-pile closure for internal elbow pad inserts

Zippered front closure, reinforced with hook-and-pile which provides a smooth surface when worn with OTV

Knee pouch with hook-and-pile closure for internal knee pad inserts

Leg cuff with front closure tie, allowing more comfortable closure on the outside of the boot collar

Moisture-wicking tan T-shirt

Mandarin collar design

Hook-and-pile fasteners for rank insignia

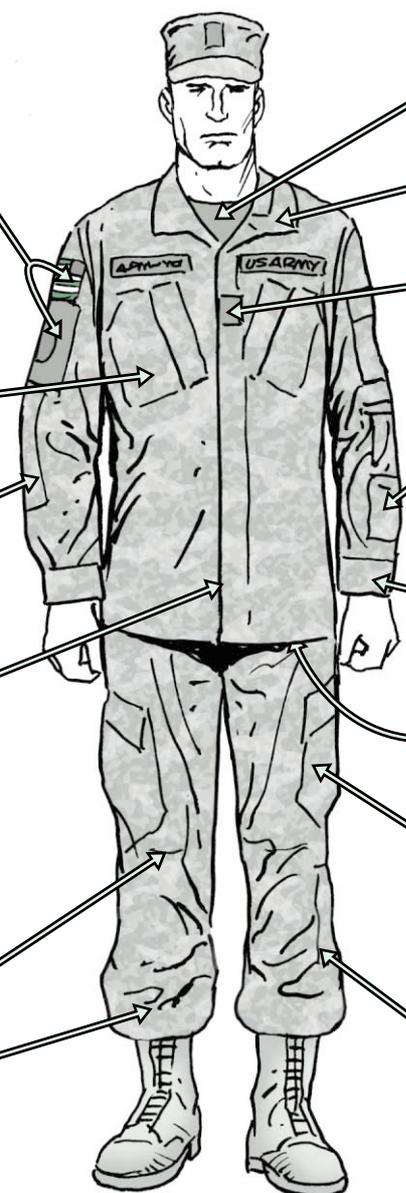
Three-slot pen pocket for easy access and use with OTV

Hook-and-pile sleeve cuff closures which provide positive closure for all sizes

Elastic drawstring for positive closure during movement

Forward-tilted cargo pockets for easy access whether sitting, kneeling, or standing.

Bellied calf storage pockets with hook-and-pile closure on the left and right leg



Care, Laundering Info

- Remove all patches from the coat and all items from pockets.
- Close all hook-and-loop fasteners.
- Turn the jacket and trousers inside out.
- Machine wash in cold water on the permanent press cycle, or hand wash using a mild detergent that does not advertise bleach, whiteners or brighteners on the label.



- Rinse completely, but do not wring or twist.



- Hang dry or machine dry on low to medium setting only (between 140-160°F).



- DO NOT dry clean, starch, use chlorine bleach or have the ACU commercially pressed. All will cause permanent damage.



- DO NOT apply heat or a hot iron to any hook-and-loop fastener. That will cause permanent damage.

