

DON'T BE *FAKED* OUT*

HEY!
CHECK IT
OUT...



...THE NEW
ARMY COMBAT
UNIFORM!
SWEET! I'M
GONNA BUY
ME ONE.

NOT SO
FAST. WHAT
MAKES YOU
SO SURE
THIS IS
AUTHENTIC?



GOOD
QUESTION,
SOLDIER.

*"KNOCK-OFF" ACUs
ARE SHOWING UP
IN ARMY SURPLUS
CLOTHING STORES.



OTHER THAN
THROUGH A
DEPLOYMENT,
HOW DO WE
GET THE ACU?

ANOTHER GOOD QUESTION!
THE ARMY BEGAN PUTTING
ACUs IN THE CLOTHING BAG
IN FY 06. AND IN JANUARY
2006 AAFES MILITARY
CLOTHING STORES STARTED
SELLING ACUs.

- The uniform may not meet appearance standards and specs set forth in AR 670-1, *Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia*.
- It may not meet durability and wear specs. Seams might fail. Colors might fade. Substandard fabric might tear or rip.
- ACU knock-offs are not made under government contracts. When they wear out, the Army or AAFES isn't obliged to sustain or exchange them.
- You'll be spending your own money on an unauthorized uniform. You'll get the real ACU issued to you at no cost if you deploy to Southwest Asia.



AAFES WILL BE THE ONLY
STORES AUTHORIZED TO SELL
AUTHENTIC ACUs, THE ONES
THAT COMPLY WITH SPECS.

THE ACUs UNIVERSAL
CAMOUFLAGE WILL GRADUALLY
REPLACE THE WOODLAND AND
DESERT CAMO ON CLOTHING
AND EQUIPMENT.

THE ARMY WILL PHASE IN THE
UNIVERSAL CAMO THROUGH
MAY 2008. DURING THIS TIME,
SOLDIERS MAY HAVE CLOTHING
AND GEAR WITH A MIX OF
CAMO PATTERNS.



*ACU- REAL OR FAKE?

WHEN YOU LOOK
OVER A UNIFORM,
HERE'S HOW TO TELL
IF IT'S THE **REAL
DEAL** OR A **CHEAP
KNOCK-OFF...**



I'M THE
REAL DEAL!



NO, YOU'RE
NOT! I AM!



LOOK FOR **TWO TAGS**
SEWN INTO THE UNIFORM.



ONE NEAR THE
COLLAR TELLS
THE **SIZE**.

ANOTHER TAG
SOMEWHERE
ELSE ON THE
UNIFORM GIVES
A GOVERNMENT
CONTRACT
NUMBER, NSN
AND CARE
INSTRUCTIONS.

VALID CONTRACT NUMBERS
START EITHER WITH THE
LETTERS **SPO** OR WITH THE
LETTERS AND NUMBERS
WS1GQY.

