

Army Combat Uniform...

ARE YOU FOR REAL?

IT'S **BUYER BEWARE** WHEN YOU'RE BROWSING AROUND AN ARMY SURPLUS CLOTHING STORE.

YOU'LL SEE PLENTY OF UNIFORMS THAT LOOK LIKE THE NEW ARMY COMBAT UNIFORMS (ACU).

AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT THEY APPEAR TO BE.

BUT DON'T BE FOOLED; THEY'RE **NOT** AUTHENTIC.

"KNOCK-OFF" ACUS ARE SHOWING UP IN ARMY SURPLUS STORES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.

"NEARLY GENUINE!"

THEY'RE ALSO APPEARING ON MANY WEBSITES.

LOOK LIKE A SOLDIER!!

THEY MAY **LOOK** LIKE THE REAL THING, BUT THEY'RE **FAKE**.

BECAUSE THEY **DON'T** MEET THE ARMY'S SPECS, THEY'RE CONSIDERED UNAUTHORIZED UNIFORMS.



SO, BEFORE YOU SPEND YOUR HARD-EARNED DOLLARS ON WHAT **LOOKS** LIKE AN ACU, CONSIDER THIS...



- 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 contract. When they wear out, the Army Military Clothing Sales Store (AMCSS) isn't obliged to support 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.

How to Get the ACU

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



THE ARMY BEGAN PUTTING ACUS IN THE CLOTHING BAG IN FY 06.

AND IN JANUARY 2006 AMCSS STARTED SELLING ACUS.

AMCSS ARE THE **ONLY** STORES AUTHORIZED TO SELL AUTHENTIC ACUS, THE ONES THAT COMPLY WITH SPECS.

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY
The Warriors Logistics Combat Support Agency

warfighter Defense Supply Center

HOME GENERAL INFO REGISTRATION SHOP SPECIALTY SHOPS REGISTERED CUSTOMER SERVICE

warfighter is Clothing & Textiles online information and ordering system. C&T is a component of the Defense Supply System.

THE ONLY PLACE ONLINE FOR ORDERING AUTHENTIC ACUS IS THE **WARFIGHTER** WEBSITE:
<http://warfighter.dla.mil/newmenu/Index.jsp>

THE ACU'S UNIVERSAL CAMOUFLAGE HAS GRADUALLY REPLACED THE WOODLAND AND DESERT CAMO ON CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.

THE ARMY PHASED IN THE UNIVERSAL CAMO FROM MAY 2005 THROUGH MAY 2008.

DURING THIS TIME, SOLDIERS HAD 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 knock-off: Look for two tags sewn into the uniform. One tag 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 W911QY.