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SUBJECT: ALARACT 302/2008 - WEAR POLICY FOR THE GENERATION III EXTENDED COLD  
WEATHER CLOTHING SYSTEM (ECWCS)  
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THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN SENT BY THE PENTAGON TELECOMMUNICATIONS CENTER ON BEHALF OF  
DA WASHINGTON DC//DAPE-HRI//

SUBJECT: WEAR POLICY FOR THE GENERATION III EXTENDED COLD WEATHER CLOTHING SYSTEM  
(ECWCS)

1. THIS MESSAGE SERVES AS IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE GENERATION III ECWCS.

2. THE GENERATION III ECWCS IS A SEVEN LAYERED ENSEMBLE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE THE  
SOLDIER WITH ADVANCED WET AND COLD WEATHER PROTECTION. THE GENERATION III ECWCS  
ENSEMBLE CONSISTS OF A TOP KIT AND BOTTOM KIT.

3. THE TOP KIT IS COMPOSED OF SEVEN COMPONENTS:

A. UNDERSHIRT, LIGHTWEIGHT, COLD WEATHER B. UNDERSHIRT, MID-WEIGHT, COLD WEATHER  
C. JACKET, FLEECE, COLD WEATHER (FOLIAGE GREEN) D. JACKET, WIND, COLD WEATHER E.  
JACKET, MID-WEIGHT, COLD WEATHER (SOFT SHELL) F. JACKET, EXTREME COLD WEATHER/WET  
WEATHER , (HARD SHELL) G. PARKA, EXTREME COLD WEATHER

4. THE BOTTOM KIT IS COMPOSED OF FIVE COMPONENTS:

A. DRAWERS, LIGHTWEIGHT, COLD WEATHER  
B. DRAWERS, MID-WEIGHT, COLD WEATHER  
C. TROUSERS, MID-WEIGHT, COLD WEATHER (SOFT SHELL) D. TROUSERS, EXTREME COLD  
WEATHER/WET WEATHER (HARD SHELL) E. TROUSERS, EXTREME COLD WEATHER

5. THE ARMY BEGAN FIELDING THE GENERATION III ECWCS IN OCTOBER 2007. INITIALLY  
THE TOP KIT, WHICH HAD FIVE COMPONENTS DESIGNED FOR OUTER WEAR, HAD THE RANK TABS  
PLACED ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE SOLDIER'S UNIFORM (ABOVE THE U.S. ARMY INSIGNIA).

6. IN DECEMBER 2007, THE DECISION WAS MADE TO MOVE THE RANK TAB TO THE SOLDIER'S  
RIGHT SIDE (ABOVE THE NAMETAPE). THIS DECISION AFFECTS THE FOLLOWING TOP KIT  
COMPONENTS:

A. JACKET, FLEECE, COLD WEATHER (FOLIAGE GREEN) B. JACKET, WIND, COLD WEATHER C.  
PARKA, EXTREME COLD WEATHER

7. THE OTHER FOUR TOP KIT COMPONENTS ARE EITHER DESIGNED AS UNDER LAYERS OR HAVE THE RANK TAB POSITIONED IN THE CENTER OF THE JACKET.

8. SOLDIERS ISSUED THE GENERATION III ECWCS TOP KIT COMPONENTS WITH THE RANK TAB ON THE SOLDIER'S LEFT SIDE (ABOVE THE U.S. ARMY INSIGNIA) ARE AUTHORIZED TO WEAR THOSE ITEMS AS DESIGNED. SOLDIERS SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO MOVE THE RANK TAB. REMOVING THE RANK TAB WOULD DAMAGE THE UNIFORM.

9. SOLDIERS WILL CONTINUE TO BE ISSUED THE GENERATION III ECWCS WITH THE RANK INSIGNIA ON EITHER THE LEFT OR RIGHT SIDE UNTIL THE INVENTORY IS EXHAUSTED. BOTH VERSIONS OF THE GENERATION III ECWCS ARE AUTHORIZED TO BE WORN.

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11. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DCS, G-1.

12. EXPIRATION DATE CANNOT BE DETERMINED.

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