



## NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU

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### MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU

Subject: National Guard Bureau Patches and Distinctive Unit Insignia

References: (a) Department of Defense Directive 5105.77, 30 October 2015, "National Guard Bureau (NGB)," Incorporating Change 1, 10 October 2017  
(b) Department of the Army Pamphlet 670-1, 25 May 2017, "Guide to the Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia"  
(c) Air Force Instruction 36-2903, 15 September 2020, "Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel"

1. Purpose. This Directive-Type Memorandum (DTM) establishes interim guidance for wear of the National Guard Bureau (NGB) patch, the Chief of the National Guard (CNGB) patch, Office of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau (OCNGB) patch, and the NGB Distinctive Unit Insignia in accordance with reference a.

2. Applicability. This DTM applies to all uniformed personnel assigned to the NGB.

3. Definitions. None.

4. Policy. It is NGB policy that Service members assigned to an organizational element of the NGB as defined in reference a will wear the three-inch NGB patch no later than 01 March 2021. Service members assigned to NGB but serving at a location other than the Herbert R. Temple, Jr. Army Readiness Center or Joint Base Andrews-Naval Air Facility Washington will wear the NGB patch. These include Service members serving on the behalf of the NGB in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, United States Property and Fiscal Officers, Inspectors General, Service members serving in a Title 10 Active Duty for Operational Support status, foreign military personnel, or any other department, office, or agency.

a. OCNGB and CNGB Patch. Air National Guard Service members assigned to the OCNGB will be authorized wear of the OCNGB patch on the One Piece Flight Duty Uniform upon publication of this DTM. The CNGB is the only Service member authorized to wear the CNGB patch.

b. Army National Guard and Army Active Component. Army National Guard and Army Active Component personnel assigned to the NGB will wear the NGB patch (shoulder sleeve insignia) on the left shoulder, authorized shoulder sleeve insignia for former wartime service on the right shoulder, and the Distinctive Unit Insignia in accordance with reference b. Army National Guard and Army Active Component

Service members are not authorized to wear the CNGB or OCNGB patch or any other NGB organizational patch. See Attachment 3.

c. Air National Guard and Air Force Active Component. Air National Guard and Air Force Active Component assigned to the NGB will wear the NGB patch as follows:

(1) Air Force operational camouflage pattern or two-piece flight duty uniforms:

(a) Service members will wear the subdued NGB patch on the left shoulder as the “higher headquarters” patch and the subdued Air National Guard organizational patch on the right shoulder below the U.S. flag in accordance with reference c.

(b) Service members are authorized to wear a graduate or other equivalent completed school patch as listed in reference c, paragraphs 5.2.6.2.4 and A6.12.2.9.2.3, and will wear the subdued version of such patch on the left shoulder and will wear the subdued NGB patch on the right shoulder below the U.S. flag.

(2) One-Piece Flight Duty Uniform:

(a) Service members will wear the full-color NGB patch on the left shoulder as their “higher headquarters” patch, the full-color Air National Guard patch on the right breast, and a full-color organizational (director/office or equivalent) patch on the right shoulder.

(b) Service members authorized to wear a graduate or other equivalent completed school patch as listed in reference c, paragraphs 5.2.6.2.4 and A6.12.2.9.2.3, will wear the full color version of such patch on the left shoulder, the full-color Air National Guard patch on the right breast, and the full-color NGB patch on the right shoulder.

(c) Service members authorized to wear the CNGB or OCNGB as defined in paragraph 4.a will wear the full-color patch on the right shoulder, the full-color Air National Guard patch on the right breast, and the full-color NGB patch on the left shoulder. If CNGB is an Army National Guard Officer, they will wear the full color CNGB patch on the right breast of the One Piece Flight Duty Uniform.

(d) Service members authorized to wear the CNGB or OCNGB patch and a graduate or other equivalent completed school patch will wear the full-color NGB patch on the right shoulder, the full-color Air National Guard patch on the right breast, and the full-color graduate or other equivalent completed school patch on the left shoulder. See Attachment 5. When authorized and wearing the Desert Flight Duty Uniform, personnel will wear all subdued patches in accordance with guidance in para b.2 (above) unless deployed in support of Combatant Command and will comply with local uniform guidance.

d. Other U.S. Military Services. Other U.S. military Service members assigned to the NGB will wear the NGB patch to reflect unit of assignment in accordance with their Service’s uniform policy.

e. Foreign Military Services. Foreign military Service members assigned to the NGB may wear the NGB patch to reflect unit of assignment and in the manner of the corresponding U.S. Service, unless prescribed otherwise by foreign governing uniform regulations.

f. No other patches in lieu of the patches described in this DTM are authorized for wear by SMs assigned to the NGB.

5. Responsibilities.

a. The NGB Manpower and Personnel Directorate will develop a CNGB Instruction to further define policies and responsibilities, coordinate with appropriate agencies to obtain the initial purchase and issue, and coordinate with appropriate agencies to plan and execute a patching ceremony if required.

b. NGB Joint Staff, Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and Space Operations Directorates will coordinate subsequent purchases to issue to their Service members, if required.

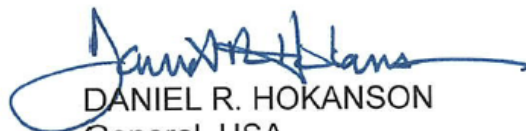
6. Procedures. None.

7. Information Collection Requirements. None.

8. Releasability. This DTM is approved for public release; distribution is unlimited. It is available at <<https://www.ngbpmc.ng.mil/>>. This DTM replaces its previous edition, NGB DTM 1305.00, 18 May 2020.

9. Records Management. This DTM and all records created as a result, regardless of media and format, must be managed in coordination with the Chief of Staff of the NGB Joint Staff in accordance with the NGB Records Management Program.

10. Compliance. Per the CNGB 5000.01 Issuance Series, the proponent will review this directive annually on the anniversary of its effective date to either confirm the action has been completed or to update and extend the directive's continued applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, Department of Defense, and NGB policy and provide validation to the Strategy, Policy, Plans, and International Affairs Directorate.

  
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Attachment:  
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ATTACHMENT 1

NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU PATCH AND DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA DESCRIPTION

1. The background, vertically separated by dark blue and ultramarine blue, represents both the Army and the Air Force working cohesively (the Operational Camouflage Pattern uses Bagby green for the Army and spice brown for the Air Force), and will be three inches by two and sixty-seven hundredths of an inch (3" x 2.67").
2. The shield refers to national defense and fortitude; it is also a classic heraldic shape bearing the identity or duty of the organization.
3. The full-color patch comes in both sew-on and hook-and-loop backing (VELCRO®) to accommodate the Flight Duty Uniform, and will be 3"x 2.67".
4. The NGB eagle figures prominently to represent the organization.



Figure 1. NGB Patches

ATTACHMENT 2

CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU PATCH AND OFFICE OF THE CHIEF  
OF THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU PATCH

1. The full-color patch comes in both sew-on and hook-and-loop backing (VELCRO®) to accommodate the Flight Duty Uniform.
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**Figure 2.** CNGB and OCNGB Patches

Note: Only Air National Guard Service members assigned to the OCNGB are authorized to wear and only on right shoulder sleeve.

ATTACHMENT 3

WEAR OF NGB PATCH ON ARMY UNIFORMS

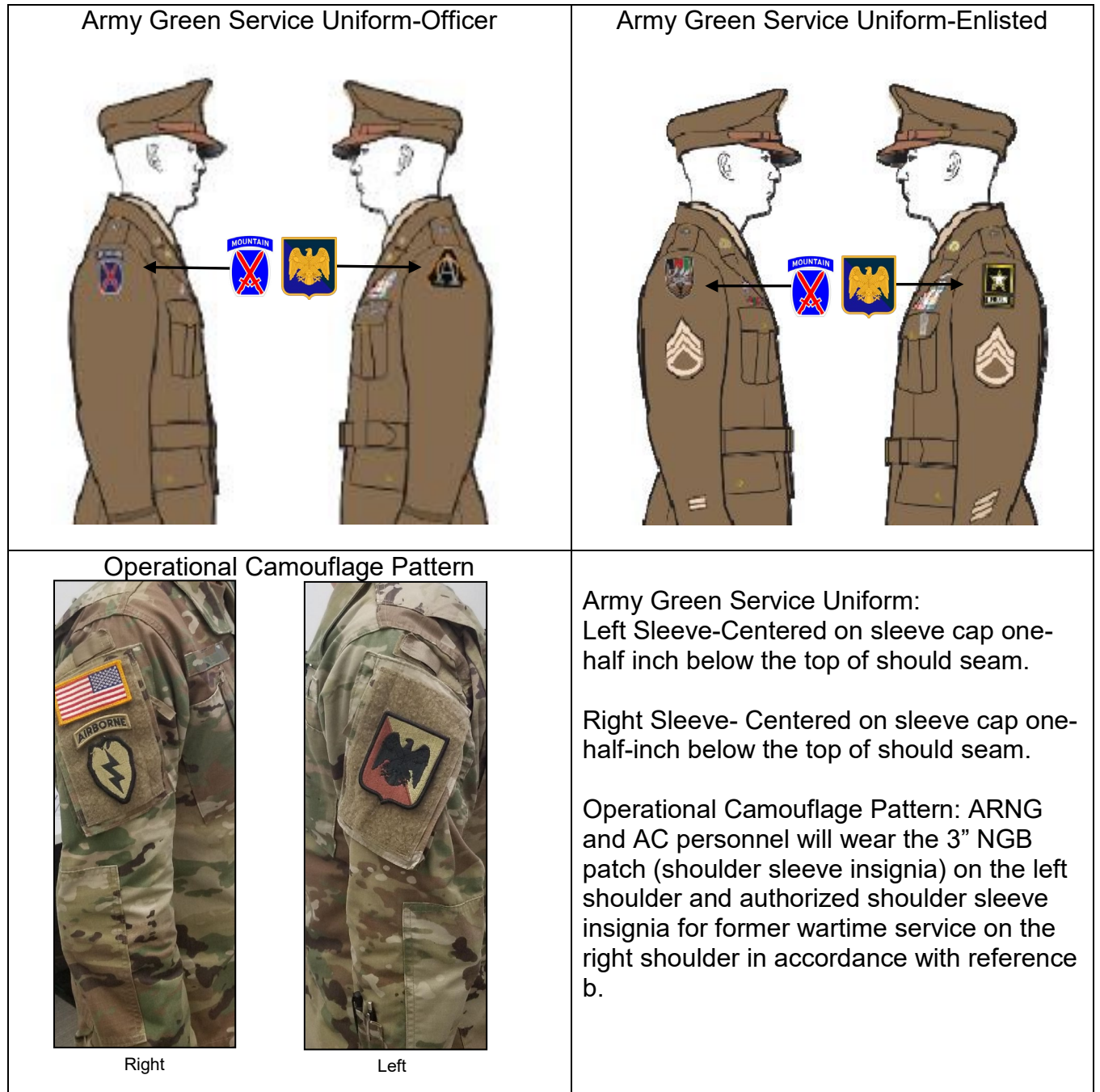
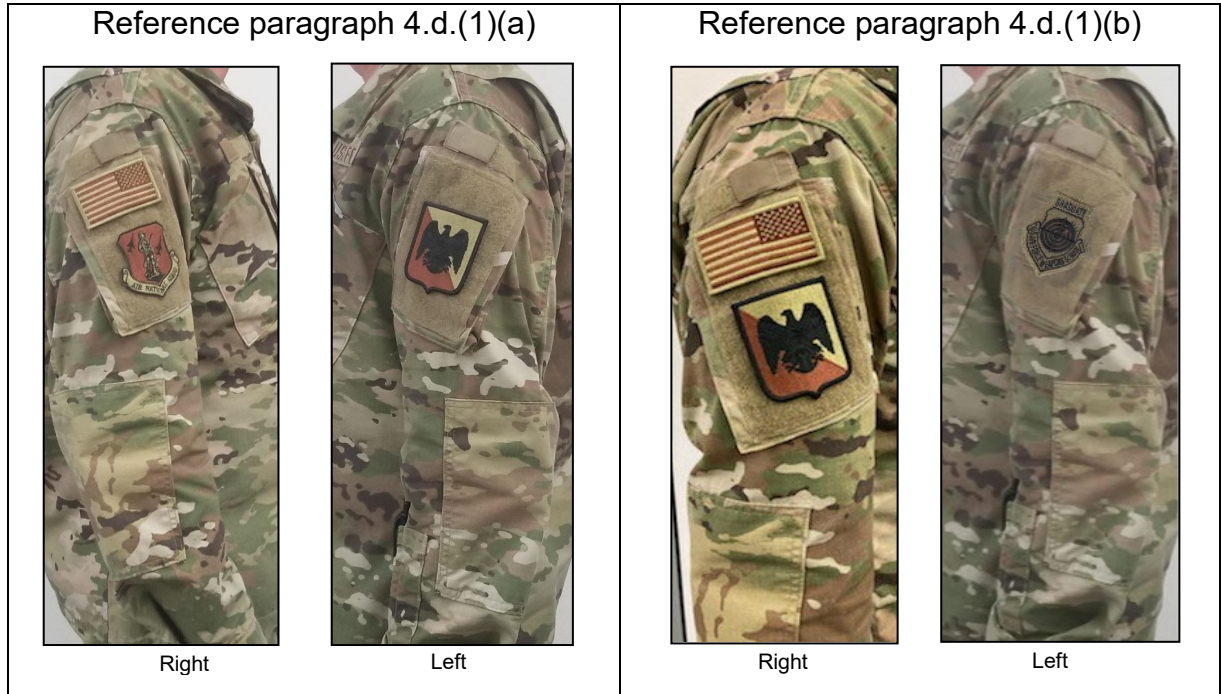


Figure 3. Wear of NGB Patch on Army Uniforms

ATTACHMENT 4

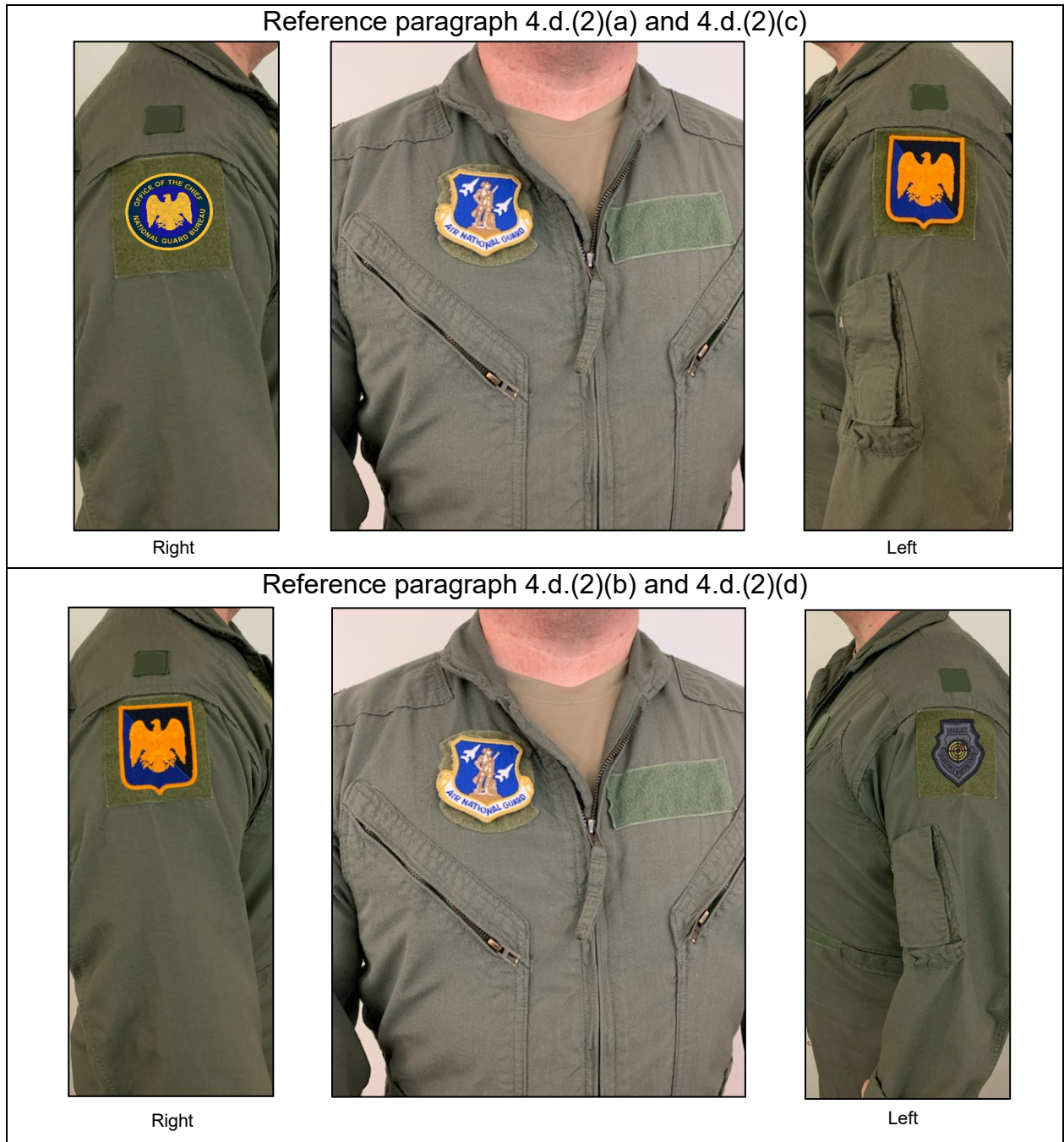
WEAR OF NGB PATCH ON AIR FORCE OPERATIONAL CAMOUFLAGE PATTERN  
AND TWO-PIECE FLIGHT DUTY UNIFORMS



**Figure 4.** Wear of NGB Patch on Air Force Operational Camouflage Pattern and Two-Piece Flight Duty Uniforms

ATTACHMENT 5

WEAR OF NGB PATCH ON AIR FORCE ONE-PIECE FLIGHT DUTY UNIFORMS



**Figure 5.** Wear of NGB Patch on Air Force One-Piece Flight Duty Uniforms