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MEMORANDUM FOR OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL GUARD
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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE ARMY NATIONAL
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Subject: National Guard Bureau Patch and Distinctive Unit Insignia

References: (a) Department of Defense Directive 5105.77, 30 October 2015, "National Guard Bureau," 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, 07 February 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 and Distinctive Unit Insignia (DUI) in accordance with reference a. This DTM is effective upon publication and will be incorporated into a Chief of the National Guard Bureau Instruction 12 months from the publication date unless updated and approved for extension.

2. Applicability. This DTM applies to the NGB and all elements as defined in reference a.

3. Definitions. None.

4. Policy. All uniformed personnel assigned to the NGB will wear the NGB patch not later than 30 September 2020.

a. U.S. Army. Assigned Army National Guard personnel will wear the NGB patch (shoulder sleeve insignia) on the left shoulder and the Distinctive Unit Insignia in accordance with reference b.

b. U.S. Air Force:

(1) Assigned Air National Guard (ANG) personnel wearing the Air Force Operational Camouflage Pattern uniform or the 2-Piece Flight Duty Uniform will wear the subdued NGB patch on the left shoulder as their “higher headquarters” patch in accordance with reference c.

(2) ANG personnel authorized to wear a graduate or other equivalent completed school patch listed in reference c, paragraphs 5.2.6.2.4 and A6.12.2.9.2.3, on the left shoulder of the Operational Camouflage Pattern uniform and 2-Piece Flight Duty Uniform will wear the NGB patch below the authorized graduate or other equivalent school patch. If the authorized graduate patch and the NGB patch will not fit on the left shoulder without exceeding the Velcro area designated for patches, the individual will choose one patch to wear on the left shoulder.

(3) Assigned ANG personnel wearing the Flight Duty Uniform or the Desert Flight Duty Uniform will wear the full-color NGB patch on the right breast pocket.

(4) Assigned ANG personnel will not be required to wear the NGB patch while wearing the Air Battle Uniform.

c. Other U.S. military Services. Other U.S. military Service members assigned to the NGB will wear the NGB patch in accordance with their Service’s uniform policy.

d. Foreign military services. Foreign military service members assigned to the NGB will wear the NGB patch in the manner of the corresponding U.S. Service, unless prescribed otherwise by governing uniform regulations.

e. No other patches in lieu of the NGB patch are authorized for wear by Service members assigned to the NGB as their primary organizational patch.

5. Responsibilities.

a. The NGB Manpower and Personnel Directorate will draft a Chief of the National Guard Bureau 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.

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

6. Procedures.

- a. Initial fielding will be in Spring or Summer 2020.
- b. Purchase through clothing sales will be available in summer 2020.
- c. The National Stock Number will be available for normal procurement in fiscal year 2021.

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/>>.

9. 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. Per the Chief of the National Guard Bureau 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 (NGB-J5).


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Attachment:
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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).
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 backing (Velcro) to accommodate the Flight Duty Uniform.
4. The National Guard Bureau eagle figures prominently to represent the organization.

