



CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU INSTRUCTION

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WEAR OF NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU PATCHES AND DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA GUIDANCE

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, 26 Jan 2021, "Guide to the Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia"

c. Department of the Air Force Instruction 36-2903, 07 February 2020, "Dress and Personal Appearance of United States Air Force and United States Space Force Personnel," Incorporating Change 4, 12 April 2022

1. Purpose. This instruction establishes policy and assigns responsibilities for wear of the National Guard Bureau (NGB) patch, the Chief of the NGB (CNGB) patch, Office of the CNGB (OCNGB) patch, and the NGB Distinctive Unit Insignia in accordance with reference a.

2. Cancellation. This instruction cancels and incorporates CNGB Directive-Type Memorandum 1305.00, 11 February 2021, "National Guard Bureau Patches and Distinctive Unit Insignia," extended to 11 February 2023.

3. Applicability. This instruction applies to all uniformed personnel assigned to the NGB.

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. 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 follow service guidance in accordance with reference b and reference c. See Enclosure A and Figure 1.

a. OCNGB and CNGB Patch. Air National Guard Service members assigned to the OCNGB will be authorized to wear the OCNGB patch on the One-Piece Flight Duty

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Uniform upon publication of this instruction. The CNGB is the only Service member authorized to wear the CNGB patch. See Enclosure B and Figure 2.

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 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 OCNGB patch, or any other NGB organizational patch. See Enclosure C and Figure 3. If CNGB is an Army National Guard Officer who is eligible to wear the One-Piece Flight Duty Uniform, they will wear the full color CNGB patch on the left shoulder of the One-Piece Flight Duty Uniform, and if they are wearing the Air Force one-piece flight suit, they would follow the Air Force standards in accordance with Enclosure E.

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. See Enclosure D and Figure 4.

(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 United States (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. See Enclosure E and Figure 5.

(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 (directorates, 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 patch 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.

(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 Enclosure E. When authorized and wearing the Desert Flight Duty Uniform, personnel will wear all subdued patches in accordance with guidance in paragraph c.(2) (one-piece Flight Duty Uniform) 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. Other Patches. No other patches in lieu of the patches described in this CNGB Instruction are authorized for wear by Service members assigned to the NGB.

5. Definitions. See Glossary.

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

7. Summary of Changes. This is the initial publication of CNGBI 1305.00.

8. Releasability. This instruction is approved for public release; distribution is unlimited. It is available at <<https://www.ngbpmc.ng.mil/>>.

9. Effective Date. This instruction is effective upon publication and must be reviewed annually by the Proponent/Office of Primary Responsibility for continued validity, and must be revised, reissued, canceled, or certified as current every ten years.


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Enclosures:

- A -- National Guard Bureau Patch and Distinctive Unit Insignia Description
- B -- Chief of the National Guard Bureau Patch and Office of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau Patch
- C -- Wear of the National Guard Bureau Patch on Army Uniforms
- D -- Wear of the National Guard Bureau Patch on Air Force Operational Camouflage Pattern and Two-Piece Flight Duty Uniforms
- E -- Wear of National Guard Bureau Patch on Air Force One-Piece Flight Duty Uniforms
- F -- References
- GL -- Glossary

ENCLOSURE A

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 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.



ENCLOSURE B

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.
2. The NGB eagle figures prominently to represent the organization.



Figure 2. CNGB and OCNGB Patches

Note: Only Air National Guard Service members assigned to the OCNGB are authorized to wear the OCNGB patch. It is worn on the right shoulder sleeve.

ENCLOSURE C

WEAR OF THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU PATCH ON ARMY UNIFORMS

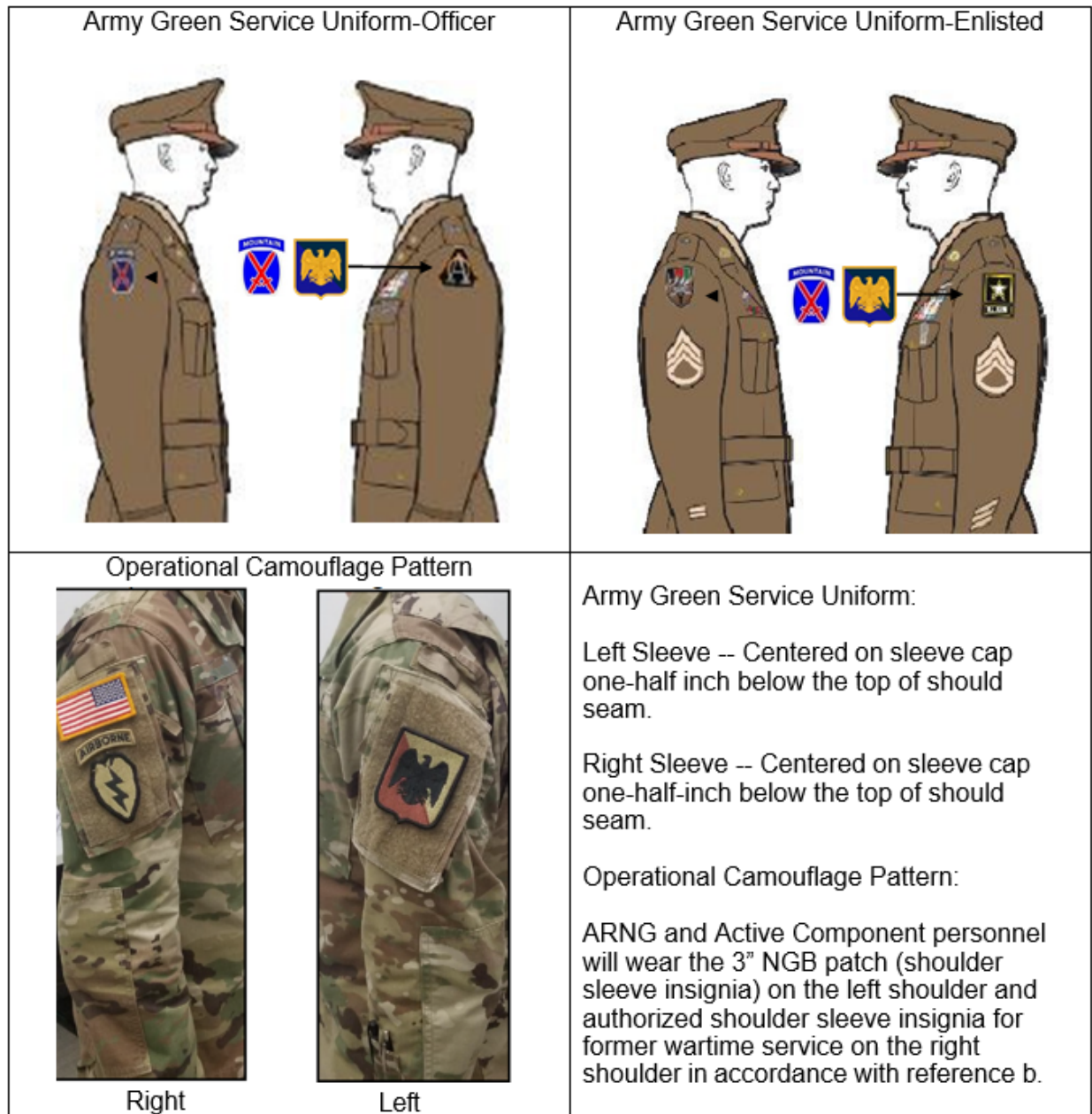


Figure 3. Wear of NGB Patch on Army Uniforms

ENCLOSURE D

WEAR OF THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU PATCH ON AIR FORCE
OPERATIONAL CAMOUFLAGE PATTERN AND TWO-PIECE FLIGHT DUTY
UNIFORMS

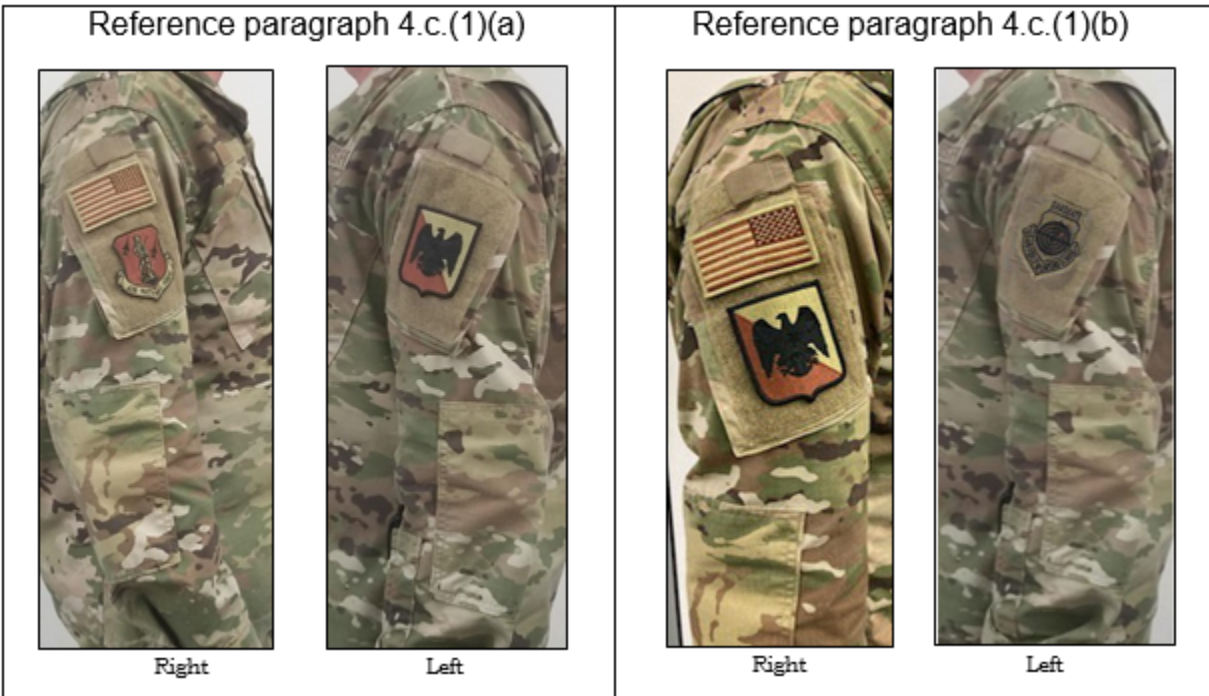


Figure 4. Wear of NGB Patch on Air Force Operational Camouflage Pattern and Two-Piece Flight Duty Uniforms

ENCLOSURE E

WEAR OF THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU PATCH ON AIR FORCE ONE-PIECE
FLIGHT DUTY UNIFORMS



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

GLOSSARY

PART I. ACRONYMS

CNGB	Chief of the National Guard Bureau
NGB	National Guard Bureau
OCNGB	Office of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau
U.S.	United States

PART II. DEFINITIONS

(NONE)