



## Operational Camouflage Pattern Uniform & Two-Piece Flight Duty Uniform Frequently Asked Questions

Current as of April 23, 2019

**Q1. Where is the patch placement on the shoulders of the OCP? The AFI states centered at the top, but CMSAF and CSAF wear it in the center. Which is it?**

A1. If wearing a single patch, it will be centered in the middle of the Velcro area. If wearing multiple patches on a sleeve, e.g.: U.S. Flag and a unit patch, the unit patch will be centered in the middle of the Velcro area under the U.S. Flag.

**Q2. For those Airmen who possess U.S. Army shoulder sleeve insignia-former wartime service patches, commonly referred to as “combat patches,” on which sleeve will they be worn?**

A2. Per Army Regulation 670-1, *Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia*, dated May 25, 2017, section 19-17, *Shoulder sleeve insignia-former wartime service*, authorization to wear a shoulder sleeve insignia-former wartime service, commonly known as a “combat patch,” applies **ONLY** to Soldiers.

If an Airman was previously a Soldier in the U.S. Army and was authorized the wear of shoulder sleeve insignia-former wartime service IAW with AR 670-1, they may wear it in addition to the mandatory higher headquarters patch on the left sleeve.

Personnel who served in a designated area as a civilian or a member of another service, but were not a member of the U.S. Army during one of the specified periods are **NOT** authorized to wear the Army’s shoulder sleeve insignia-former wartime service.

**NOTE:** Some Airmen may have been provided an **HONORARY** Army shoulder sleeve insignia-former wartime service after completing a deployment with an Army unit, but it is **NOT** authorized to be worn by Airmen.

**Q3. If Airmen have more patches and tabs than fit on a sleeve, can they pick and choose which ones they wear?**

A3. U.S. Flag, organizational and higher headquarter patches are mandatory. All other patches are optional and Airmen may choose from those optional patches, unless directed otherwise by applicable MAJCOM or Wing supplemental policies. Again, Airmen are not authorized to wear Army shoulder sleeve insignia-former wartime service, commonly known as a “combat patch” (see answer to question #2).

**Q4. There are multiple different OCP uniforms. Can Airmen choose which one they wear?**

A4. The Air Force is transitioning to the Operational Camouflage Pattern (OCP). Airmen may wear any OCP uniform officially in the inventory since the uniform’s inception in 2012, as long as it is serviceable and they wear it according to the interim guidance published on the [Air Force’s Personnel Center site](#), and eventually, in AFI 36-2903.

**Q5. Is the traditional flight suit (27/P) being phased out?**

A5. No, the 27/P flight suit will continue to be authorized. Commanders will have the option to outfit their members in the 27/P Flight Duty Uniform, Desert FDU or Two-Piece FDU, to best meet their mission requirements.

**Q6. Does this policy change where the U.S. Flag is worn on the FDU?**

A6. No. Airmen wearing the FDU will continue to wear the U.S. Flag on the left sleeve.

**Q7. Will morale shirts be authorized?**

A7. For the FDU, morale shirts will continue to be authorized. Color morale shirts are not authorized with the OCP and 2PFDU.



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### **Q8. What T-shirts are authorized?**

A8. Only the coyote brown T-shirt is authorized with the 2PFDU. For OCPs, Airmen may continue to wear the desert-sand T-shirts until wear of the coyote brown shirt (listed as Tan 499 per AAFES nomenclature) becomes mandatory on June 1, 2020.

### **Q9. What colors are authorized in the spice brown/OCP color configuration?**

A9. The spice brown color palette includes black, spice brown, Bagby green and olive drab green.

### **Q10. Can I wear ABU-patterned cold weather gear with the OCP or FDU?**

A10. ABU-patterned cold weather gear is authorized with the FDU until April 1, 2021. ABU-patterned gear is NOT authorized with the OCP.

### **Q11. Are ball caps authorized with the FDU or 2PFDU?**

A11. No, ball caps are not authorized.

### **Q12. Can I continue to wear sage green boots with the FDU?**

A12. Yes, Airmen have the option to wear the sage green or coyote brown boots with the FDU. Effective April 1, 2021, only coyote brown boots are authorized with the OCP and FDU.

### **Q13. Can I wear the sage green fleece jacket as outerwear with the FDU?**

A13. Yes, Airmen may wear the sage green fleece indoors or outdoors. The fleece will not be worn while onboard the aircraft with engines running while occupying a primary crew position.

### **Q14. Can I sew anything on the 2PFDU?**

A14. With the exception of Velcro patches to affix badges or commander's insignia, nothing will be sewn to the 2PFDU.

### **Q15. Can I continue to wear my subdued (black and green) U.S. Flag with the OCP & 2PFDU?**

A15. Yes, Airmen may continue to wear the subdued flag with the 2PFDU until June 1, 2020, or until their organizational patch has been color converted to spice brown palette, whichever is sooner.

### **Q16. Can commanders continue to wear the commander's insignia on the 2PFDU & OCP?**

A16. Yes, commander's insignia is authorized for officers in the rank of Colonel (O-6) and below when currently in command, as authorized by AFI 36-2101, no change. For graduated commanders, the insignia pin will now be worn on the large Velcro area on the left sleeve, centered above the higher headquarters or other approved patches. If a graduated commander has more than one approved patch, or is authorized a qualification tab or duty identifier patch, the command pin can be worn on the small Velcro patch on top of the left sleeve centered horizontally and vertically on the flag-sized pocket flap, or (if no pocket flap), centered horizontally and ½ inch below the top of the Velcro area, depending on uniform configuration.

### **Q17. What boots are authorized with the OCP & 2PFDU?**

A17. Currently, tan or coyote brown boots are authorized with the OCP and 2PFDU. Effective June 1, 2020, only coyote brown boots are authorized with the OCP and 2PFDU.

### **Q18. Can I wear the Leather A-2 Flying Jacket with the 2PFDU?**

A18. Yes, the Leather A-2 Flying Jacket is authorized for wear with the 2PFDU provided the blouse is tucked into the trousers and the MAJCOM patch is in the spice brown configuration.

### **Q19. Can I wear the 2PFDU to off-base establishments?**

A19. Yes, the 2PFDU may be worn to off-base establishments IAW the same guidance as ABUs, OCPs or FDUs.



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**Q20. Can I wear non-NSN (commercially-procured) 2PFDU?**

A20. Yes, but only for flight operations, if MAJCOM-authorized, and if it is on the Safe-to-Fly list.

**Q21. Are the 2PFDU trousers authorized to be bloused?**

A21. No, unless specific mission requirements dictate otherwise.