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**SUBJ: SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA**

FROM: DA WASHINGTON DC//DAPE-HR-IRP//

SUBJECT: SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA - FORMER WARTIME  
SERVICE FOR SOLDIERS ASSIGNED TO TURKEY, ISRAEL, AND  
AEGIS CRUISERS IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRAQI  
FREEDOM

A. AR 670-1, 5 SEP 03, WEAR AND APPEARANCE OF ARMY  
UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIA.

1. THE CHIEF OF STAFF, ARMY, HAS AUTHORIZED THE WEAR  
OF THE SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA FOR FORMER WARTIME  
SERVICE (SSI-FWTS) FOR SOLDIERS IN SUPPORT OF  
OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM WHILE ASSIGNED TO UNITS IN  
TURKEY, ISRAEL, AND AEGIS CRUISERS.

2. SOLDIERS MUST HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO UNITS THAT  
ACTIVELY  
PARTICIPATED IN, OR SUPPORTED GROUND COMBAT  
OPERATIONS AGAINST HOSTILE FORCES DURING OPERATION  
IRAQI FREEDOM, IN WHICH THEY WERE EXPOSED TO THE  
THREAT OF ENEMY ACTION OR FIRE, EITHER DIRECTLY OR  
INDIRECTLY.

3. THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA APPLY, AND WILL BE INCLUDED  
IN THE NEXT REVISION TO AR 670-1, PARAGRAPH 28-17(14):  
OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM: FROM 19 MARCH 2003 TO A  
DATE TO BE DETERMINED, FOR SOLDIERS ASSIGNED TO  
UNITS PARTICIPATING IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.

SOLDIERS MUST HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED IN THE CENTCOM AREA OF OPERATIONS, OR PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM WHILE DEPLOYED IN TURKEY, ISRAEL, AND AEGIS CRUISERS. SOLDIERS WHO WERE DEPLOYED IN THE AREA OF OPERATIONS ON TRAINING EXERCISES OR IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS OTHER THAN IRAQI FREEDOM ARE NOT AUTHORIZED THE SSI-FWTS, UNLESS THOSE EXERCISES OR OPERATIONS BECAME COMBAT OR SUPPORT MISSIONS TO OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.

4. THERE IS NO TIME-IN-THEATER REQUIREMENT FOR WEAR OF THE SSI-FWTS.

5. THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IS PROVIDED FOR DETERMINING THE APPROPRIATE SSI FOR WEAR AS THE SSI-FWTS:

A. A DEPLOYED UNIT THAT IS AUTHORIZED TO WEAR A SSI IN ITS OWN RIGHT, WILL WEAR THAT UNIT'S SSI AS THE SSI-FWTS. THIS IS TRUE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE HEADQUARTERS ELEMENT DEPLOYS, AND REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF CHANGES TO THE UNIT'S ALIGNMENT OR OPERATIONAL CONTROL (OPCON) DURING THE PERIOD OF DEPLOYMENT.

B. WHEN A UNIT NOT ENTITLED TO ITS OWN SSI DEPLOYS, THE OPCON RELATIONSHIP PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT IS TERMINATED AND A NEW OPCON RELATIONSHIP ESTABLISHED. MEMBERS OF THESE UNITS WILL WEAR THE SSI OF THE LOWEST ECHELON DEPLOYED UNIT ENTITLED TO A SSI IN EACH OF THEIR NEW DEPLOYED CHAINS OF COMMAND AS THEIR SSI-FWTS.

C. WHEN THERE IS NO INTERMEDIATE UNIT THAT HAS ITS OWN SSI IN THE DEPLOYED CHAIN OF COMMAND, MEMBERS OF UNITS NOT ENTITLED TO THEIR OWN SSI WILL WEAR THE SSI OF THE SENIOR ARMY COMMAND IN THE THEATER AS THEIR SSI-FWTS.

D. SOLDIERS WHO ARE CROSS-LEVELED, ASSIGNED, ATTACHED, OR AUGMENTING DEPLOYED UNITS, AND SOLDIERS WHO ARE TDY ON ORDERS (DD FORM 1610), WILL WEAR THE SAME SSI-FWTS WORN BY MEMBERS OF THE DEPLOYED UNIT TO WHICH ATTACHED OR OPCON. THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO MEMBERS OF TRIAL DEFENSE AND CIDC, WHO WILL WEAR THE SSI OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMANDS AS THEIR SSI-FWTS.

E. SOLDIERS AUTHORIZED TO WEAR MORE THAN ONE SSI-FWTS MAY CHOOSE WHICH SSI-FWTS THEY WEAR. SOLDIERS ALSO MAY ELECT NOT TO WEAR THE SSI-FWTS.

6. LEADERS MUST ENSURE SOLDIERS ARE ADVISED OF THE SSI-FWTS THEY ARE ELIGIBLE TO WEAR PRIOR TO RE-DEPLOYMENT TO HOME STATION.

7. POC FOR UNIFORM POLICY IS SGM W. MORALES, DSN 426-5129; E-MAIL IS WALTER.MORALES@HQDA.ARMY.MIL.

8. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE CHIEF OF STAFF, ARMY.

9. EXPIRATION DATE CANNOT BE DETERMINED.  
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