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Army gets new combat uniform

The Army will be fielding a new combat uniform designed by non-commissioned officers and tested by Stryker Brigade Soldiers in Iraq since October.

Three different versions of the Army Combat Uniform have been developed, and more than 10,000 uniforms have been produced and dragged through the sand in Iraq and at Army training centers. Even more are on American production lines to be issued by April 2005 to Soldiers in deploying units. Fielding to the total Army should be complete by December 2007, said officials from the Program Executive Office, known as PEO Soldier.

There were 20 changes made to the uniform, to include removing the color black and adapting the digital print from the Marine Corps uniform to meet the needs of the Army, said Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Myhre, the Clothing and Individual Equipment non-commissioned officer in charge.

"The color scheme in the ACU capitalizes on the environments that we operate in," Myhre said. "The current colors on the ACU are green-woodland, grey-urban environments and sand brown-desert. The pattern is not a 100-percent solution in every environment, but a good solution across the board."

The ACU will consist of a jacket, trousers, moisture wicking t-shirt and the brown combat boots. It will replace both versions of the BDU and the desert camouflage uniform. The black beret will be the normal headgear for the ACU, but there is a matching patrol cap to be worn at the commander's discretion.

Information from the Army News Service

Soldiers, NCOs compete in AMC competition

Three Army Materiel Command Soldiers and six non-commissioned officers are gearing up to compete in the 2004 AMC NCO of the Year, Soldier of the Year competition June 21 - 25.

The competition, which takes place at Fort Belvoir, includes a written examination, common task testing, land navigation, and a physical training test. In addition, participants will go before a formal board for a uniform review and to answer questions on current events, training and basic soldiering.

AMC will announce the winners during a formal banquet at the Crystal City Marriott in Arlington, Va. Featured guests include World War II and Vietnam veterans, Medal of Honor and Silver Star recipients, a Tuskegee airman, and Miss USA 2003.

TARDEC produces four winning eCYBERMISSION teams

For the second straight year, the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center had a strong presence in the eCYBERMISSION competition. eCYBERMISSION, a web-based science, math and technology competition sponsored by the Army, allows student teams from the sixth through ninth grade to compete for regional and national awards while working to solve problems in their community.

TARDEC recruited and coached four of the 47 Michigan teams that submitted projects receiving national and regional awards. More than 833 teams submitted mission folders for the contest.

TARDEC teams won the following awards for 2004: the First Place Sixth Grade Northwest Regional Award; the Criteria Award Sixth Grade Northwest Regional Award; the Criteria Award Seventh Grade Northwest Regional Award; and the Criteria Award Ninth Grade Northwest Regional Award.

The sixth grade, first place regional finalist will join 15 other first place teams to compete in the eCYBERMISSION national competition June 26 – July 1 in Washington, D.C.