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REPLY TO  
AMN OF

MPCASA

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SUBJ: Subdued Configuration of the Utility Uniform CBPOL: 79-002  
(Expires: 1 Dec 79)

TO: CBPOs

1. The 66th Air Force Uniform Board (AFUB), May 77, approved the development of the subdued utility uniform and tasked the Institute of Heraldry (IOH) to develop subdued command emblems. IMC 78-1, Feb 78, authorized optional wear of the subdued utility uniform and gave MAJCOMs authority to authorize wear of brightly colored emblems until the subdued emblems are available. Complete stockage of MAJCOM subdued emblems is expected by July 79.

2. The IOH has provided the attached guidance for conversion of unit emblems to subdued colors. Units should use local supply procedures to obtain these emblems. Wear of only subdued emblems on the subdued utility uniform will be mandatory effective 31 Dec 79. AFR 35-10, paragraph 3-4e(10) will be updated accordingly.

3. Request widest dissemination of this information. Action officer is SSgt Crystal G. Shaw, AFMPC/MPCASAl, AUTOVON 487-3415.

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Conversion Listing

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COLOR CONVERSION INSTRUCTIONS FURNISHED BY THE INSTITUTE OF HERALDRY

1. Five subdued colors were utilized in developing command emblems. These colors and cable numbers are found in the "DOD Standard Color Card of Official Standard Shades for Heraldic Yarns for Embroidery and Ribbons, 1974", and the book may be obtained from the Color Association of the United States, Inc., 200 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016. The subdued colors are:

- a. Flag Blue HY, Cable No. 67124
- b. Spruce Green HAE, Cable No. 67130
- c. Garnet HBN, Cable No. 67158
- d. Black HAN, Cable No. 67138
- e. Olive Drab HAH, Cable No. 67133

2. On the Schiffli cartoon, or stitching enlargement, the transformation of regular color to subdued was achieved by substituting color for color. This plan was utilized throughout and no additional cartoons required.

3. The general scheme used for placing the subdued colors within the command patches was:

- a. With a solid color background, Spruce Green HAE was generally used, and occasionally, Flag Blue HY.
- b. Black HAN was utilized for boarders of shield and scroll.
- c. Black HAN was used for letters on scroll.
- d. Garnet HBN was used for red or scarlet colors.
- e. Black HAN was used in major design elements.
- f. Olive Drab HAH was used in background of scroll and, occasionally, when background of shield had more than one color.

4. The above instructions will apply in the conversion of most emblems. It is recognized that certain units will have emblem colors that are not listed above. Under these conditions, unit commanders have authority to negotiate with suppliers to acquire thread colors which most closely conform to the subdued emblem concept.