

Expeditionary Battlefield Airman

with their new uniform and
professional gear



- ◆ Here is an enthusiastic specimen.
- ◆ Notice the brainwashed look on his face
- ◆ From the front you can tell this warrior is prepared.
- ◆ Both a two and three hole punch.
- ◆ A trusty reflective belt. Why isn't the uniform reflective like PT gear?

NOTE – No matter what operational environment an airman is in, some overweight SNCO will have a hernia if they see someone without the trusty reflective belt. The proposed fix to reduce the number of down days for the most important tier of airman is to incorporate reflective material into the next uniform improvement.



- ◆ Carried on his back is a paper cutter capable of cutting 20 sheets at a time and up to 120 sheets a minute.
- ◆ Also carried is a portable laminator capable of laminating 1 sheet a minute for an hour, powered by 40 D-cell batteries or two car batteries. (batteries not shown or carried)



- ◆ Four “pen pockets” allow battlefield airman to carry an arsenal of writing utensils in today’s “paperless” Air Force.

- ◆ Blue highlighter to mark off completed tasks on “To do list”
- ◆ White out pen for nothing, everything has to be rewrote for any minor mistake, but still a mandatory item.
- ◆ Red Sharpie for EPR rough draft mark up.
- ◆ Pink highlighter to ensure white out can’t be used on mistakes

Note – Slim Jims are an authorized substitution for writing utensils.



Tape dispenser



Paper "assholes"

- ◆ Pockets inside the blouse allow Battlefield Airman to conceal additional "must have" tools in today's air and space battle arena.

NOTE- With the addition of the pockets five more layers of the ABU material were required. We have determined this will have no negative effect on the heat retention abilities of the uniform.



- ◆ Both cargo pant pockets will be able to fit this fun filled activity book.
- ◆ In addition a new pocket inside of the cargo pocket will conveniently fit a cell phone or other such mobile electronic leash. Allowing teen aged girls and middle aged men going through their mid-life crisis to stay connected and display their respective coolness.



- ◆ A new addition is the tool pocket near the ankle. A small opening behind the pocket flap gives the wearer the choice to store more writing utensils or any other tool skinny enough to fit through the opening.
- ◆ In this picture the operator has chosen to show the diversity of tools that can be stored, a fly swatter and floppy disk.

NOTE- While no Air Force computer purchased within the last two years has a floppy drive, this outdated media source is still required to be used when submitting an EPR.



- ◆ Again, the limitless capabilities of the tool pocket are being displayed, with scissors and large Post-it notes. This pocket also contains two pen pockets on the outside of the tool pocket.

NOTE – While most Airman don't run, running with scissors is the number 412th killer of active duty airman. Only Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) airman are authorized to carry scissors in the tool pocket and only during real world operations.

NOTE – Eight pen pockets was determined to be the optimal force multiplier for combat office operations.



- ◆ Every Airman needs access to a stapler. This is even more true of a Battlefield Airman. While not a uniform design feature this stapler and drop holster will be issued along with the ABU.
- ◆ The stapler is a Rexel Triton. Capable of firing three different sizes of ammunition (6, 8, and 10mm) at a sustained rate of 30 rounds per minute (rpm).
- ◆ The drop holster is a prototype built by the tactical gear manufacture Blackhawk. It is based on the SERPA platform already used for the 9mm Beretta.



- ◆ While technically not an ABU item, it is ACU pattern, this hat demonstrates the Air Force's willingness to go the extra mile . Never has a hat been so crucial in bringing the fight to the enemy. With little Post-it notes, staple remover, and paper clips at the ready, all Battlefield Airman are prepared to meet and overcome any obstacle.

NOTE – The Air Force will not produce any ABU pattern conventional tactical gear. ACU pattern will fulfill this requirement.

War fighter's Thoughts

- ◆ ABU looks similar to the ACU. It is even almost spelled the same.
- ◆ The heavy weight keeps you warm in an office with the AC too low.
- ◆ No more unit patches.
- ◆ Omission of "dust flap" in the crotch area region.
- ◆ Green socks and sand colored shirts are the new blue.
- ◆ Wash and wear.
- ◆ Slanted seams on the thigh reduce chafing.
- ◆ Air Force missed the mark on it's distinctive uniform goal.
- ◆ The heavy weight ensures the body's core temp soars after two minutes in any environment over 75 F.
- ◆ The elastic in the waistband of the pants is reminiscent of maternity pants.
- ◆ Wash and wear comes at the price of using only detergents with no optical brighteners.
- ◆ With a few exceptions, uniform design is identical to the BDU.