

## Message--ABU Headgear Policy and Safe-To-Fly Boot Update (Sep 07)

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FROM: HQ AFPC RANDOLPH AFB TX//DPS//

TO: AL 8106

SUBJECT: AIRMAN BATTLE UNIFORM (ABU) HEADGEAR POLICY AND SAFE-TO-FLY BOOT UPDATE

1. THIS MESSAGE IS A FOLLOW ON TO 072013Z SEP 07 ABU WEAR POLICY MESSAGE. POLICY CONTAINED IN THIS MESSAGE IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/FAQS ABOUT THE ABU ARE LOCATED ON THE AF PORTAL UNIFORM WEBSITE, [HTTPS://WWW.MY.AF.MIL](https://www.my.af.mil).

2. THE ABU PATROL CAP IS THE AUTHORIZED HAT WITH THE ABU. ABU "BOONIE" FLOPPY HATS ARE AUTHORIZED IN THE AOR. EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY INCLUDE:

A. BERETS CONTINUE TO BE AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR, WITH NO CHANGE TO CURRENT COLOR WORN BY SECURITY FORCES, PARARESCUE/COMBAT RESCUE, SERE, COMBAT CONTROL/SPECIAL TACTICS, COMBAT WEATHER, TACP.

B. CAMPAIGN HATS CONTINUE TO BE AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR, WITH NO CHANGE TO CURRENT COLOR WORN BY: SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMANDO UNITS, BASIC MILITARY TRAINING INSTRUCTORS AND DEFENSE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE ENGLISH INSTRUCTORS.

C. ORGANIZATIONAL CAPS ARE AUTHORIZED FOR RED HORSE SQUADRONS.

3. REQUESTS FOR EXCEPTIONS TO POLICY SHOULD BE COORDINATED THROUGH COMMAND CHANNELS THROUGH APPROPRIATE MAJCOM A1, TO AF/A1 FOR CONSIDERATION.

4. SAFE-TO-FLY BOOTS ARE IN PRODUCTION. THE MANUFACTURER OF BELLEVILLE IS NOW ACCEPTING PRE-ORDERS. EXPECTED TO SHIP FROM MANUFACTURER WILL APPROXIMATELY BE EARLY NOVEMBER. ONLY CURRENT APPROVED MODEL IS BELLEVILLE 690. IN DEVELOPMENT IS A TEMPERATE (COLD WEATHER) SAFE-TO-FLY BOOT, BELLEVILLE MODEL 670, WITH EARLY 2008 AVAILABILITY. ADDITIONAL MODELS OF THE SAGE GREEN SAFE-TO-FLY BOOTS ARE IN DEVELOPMENT, EXPECTED AVAILABILITY MID-2008.

5. POC AF/A1DO, DSN 227-1425.

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