



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
35TH FIGHTER WING (PACAF)  
MISAWA AIR BASE, JAPAN**

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MEMORANDUM FOR 35 FW ALL PERSONNEL

FROM: 35 FW/CC

SUBJECT: Authorization for Members to Combine Occupational Camouflage Pattern (OCP) and Airman Battle Uniform (ABU) Cold Weather Items

1. One of my highest priorities is the safety of the men and women of Misawa Air Base. As we enter the cold season you may have noticed the Exchange online and in-store stock for OCP and ABU cold weather gear quantities are low or backordered. During this time of transition we expect OCP stock levels to improve and organizations to continue purchasing cold weather gear to help keep our Airmen dry and warm during inclement weather.
2. I hereby authorize members of the 35th Fighter Wing to combine ABU and OCP cold weather uniform items in the performance of their official duties as well as personal matters while on the installation. Activities and locations may include but are not limited to: in and out of work centers, flight line areas, industrial yards, work sites, Post Office, Commissary, Exchange, MPF, Fitness Center, Dining Facility, etc. Off-base wear of combined ABU and OCP uniform items is not authorized, except for transit to/from residences.
3. The following items are authorized to be worn in combination for the purpose of protection from dangerous winter temperatures and precipitation: ABU/OCP APECS jacket/pants, fleece cap, fleece jacket, thermal tops, thermal bottoms, gloves, cold weather boots and rain gear. If members own complete and serviceable sets of OCP or ABU uniforms with cold weather gear then they will comply with the requirements of AFI 36-2903 to the maximum extent possible without sacrificing safety.
4. This authorization will remain in effect through 30 April 2020 after which point it will be rescinded. We will continue to evaluate this situation until stock levels are healthy. Squadron commanders are charged with continuing to work the stock challenges through the mandatory OCP wear date of 1 Apr 2021. For any additional questions or concerns, please contact CMSgt John Alsvig at 226-3509 or by email at [john.alsvig@us.af.mil](mailto:john.alsvig@us.af.mil).

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