



Congressional Panel Votes To Create Universal Camo Pattern

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A Congressional committee approved a measure Wednesday that requires all U.S. armed services to wear one camouflage pattern.

Maj. Gen. Sean B. MacFarland, the new commander of the House Armed Services Committee and is part of the National Defense Authorization Act, which sets the military's budget authority. The measure to end service-specific camouflage pushes the military toward creating joint combat uniforms by October 2018.

It must still be approved by the House and Senate.

Committee members have expressed frustration in the past over millions being spent by each military branch on crafting unique camouflage patterns. Before 2002, the military shared two camouflage patterns.

Under the measure, the Pentagon would create a joint combat uniform during the next five years. It allows for different patterns to be worn in different environments such as in woodland or desert terrain. But those would not be created by each individual branch, as the amendment bars new camouflage patterns for combat uniforms unless they are universal. ■

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