



SMA: New Rules Governing Tattoos, Grooming Standards Are Coming

From *Stars and Stripes*:

In the works for more than a year, strict new rules governing things like tattoos and grooming for Soldiers have been approved by the Secretary of the Army and are only awaiting a final signature, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler said Saturday.

Speaking to troops at bases in eastern Afghanistan, Chandler said Secretary John McHugh has approved but not yet officially put his name to the changes to Army Regulation 670-1.

"We're just waiting for the secretary to sign," Chandler said during a town hall meeting with soldiers from

the 4th Combat Brigade Team, 10th Mountain Division, at Forward Operating Base Gamberi. He made similar remarks to troops at FOB Fenty in Jalalabad.

The regulations cover things such as tattoos, grooming, and uniforms and apply only to Soldiers. Other branches of the military have their own grooming and appearance rules.

Chandler said he expects the changes to become policy in 30 to 60 days. ■

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