



Letter to Airmen

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Alternative Uniform for the Cyberspace Mission

In my previous “Letter to Airmen,” I unveiled a new [digital flight suit](#) for Information Managers who fight terrorism on the digital front lines. We’ve said for years that “every computer is a weapon system,” and it’s time to change the way our people dress when they fly and fight in cyberspace.

We’ve gotten quite a bit of positive feedback about the new digital flight suit. But our Information Managers also want an alternative uniform for non-combat cyberspace operations. We’ve developed a “Microsoft Flight Suit” to usher in our 21st century combat mission.

This new uniform provides a number of operational benefits over today’s blue uniform. The overcoat has a built-in reflective belt for OREs, ORIs, and IGXs. The pants are cut so you can run down hallways and between buildings at top speed when a commander’s PC needs a security patch. There is no need for a belt and the pants have an “auto-blouse” feature. The shoes are made with a new synthetic Corfam that is very flexible.

Best of all, the entire ensemble can be tossed into a washer, and it never needs ironing. Even the shoes can be washed. This is a distinctive uniform for our 21st century cyberspace mission.

Microsoft flight suit “beta testers” are already trying out this uniform at stateside bases. A formal survey will provide more opportunities for Information Managers to provide feedback through the uniform board process.



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