



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
THE INSTITUTE OF HERALDRY
9325 GUNSTON ROAD, ROOM 8112
FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA 22060-5579

AAHS-IHS (840-10a)

13 APR 2012

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, United States Army Special Operations Aviation Command (Airborne), 2929 Desert Storm Drive, ATTN: AOAQ-GPE (CW5 Witzler), Fort Bragg, NC 28310-9110

SUBJECT: Shoulder Sleeve Insignia for the United States Special Operations Aviation Command (Airborne)

1. A shoulder sleeve insignia is authorized effective this date for wear by the United States Special Operations Aviation Command (Airborne). The description and symbolism of the design are as follows:

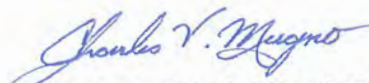
DESCRIPTION

On a shield shaped insignia blazoned; Azure, a Vol Gules, overall a dagger per pale Sable, all within a 1/8 inch (.32 cm) Black border. Attached above is a Black Airborne Tab with Red letters "AIRBORNE". The overall dimensions are 3 3/8 inches (8.57 cm) in height and 2 1/2 inches (6.35 cm) in width.

SYMBOLISM

The Fairbairn Sykes dagger, with upswept red wings forming a spearhead reminiscent of the 1st Special Service Force, symbolizes the unit's role as the aviation element of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command. The Aviation blue (ultramarine blue) shield with black border reflects 1st Special Operations Command lineage, but also serves as a constant reminder that the Command is inseparable from Army Aviation Branch.

2. This authorization is in accordance with AR 670-1 and Headquarters, United States Army Special Operations Command Permanent Order 243-01, dated 30 August 2012. A copy of this letter will become part of your permanent organizational history files.


CHARLES V. MIGNOLO
Director

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13 APR 2015

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, United States Army Special Operations Aviation Command (Airborne), 2929 Desert Storm Drive, ATTN: AOA-GPE (CW5 Witzler), Fort Bragg, NC 28310-9110

SUBJECT: Distinctive Unit Insignia for the United States Army Special Operations Aviation Command (Airborne)

1. A distinctive unit insignia is authorized effective this date for wear by the United States Army Special Operations Aviation Command (Airborne). The description and symbolism of the design are as follows:

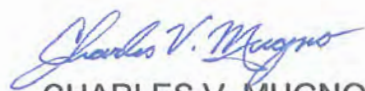
DESCRIPTION

A silver color metal and epoxy device 1 1/8 inches (2.86 cm) in height overall consisting of red erect wings surmounted by a black dagger. Attached below this is silver scroll inscribed "VOLARE OPTIMOS" in black letters.

SYMBOLISM

The Fairbairn Sykes dagger, with upswept red wings forming a spearhead reminiscent of the 1st Special Service Force, symbolizes the unit's role as the aviation element of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command. The motto "VOLARE OPTIMOS," "To Fly the Best," inscribed on a silver scroll, refers to Special Operations ground forces and their mission. The motto embodies the Army Special Operations Aviation ethos – Our enduring commitment to maintain the sacred trust of the Special Operators we support.

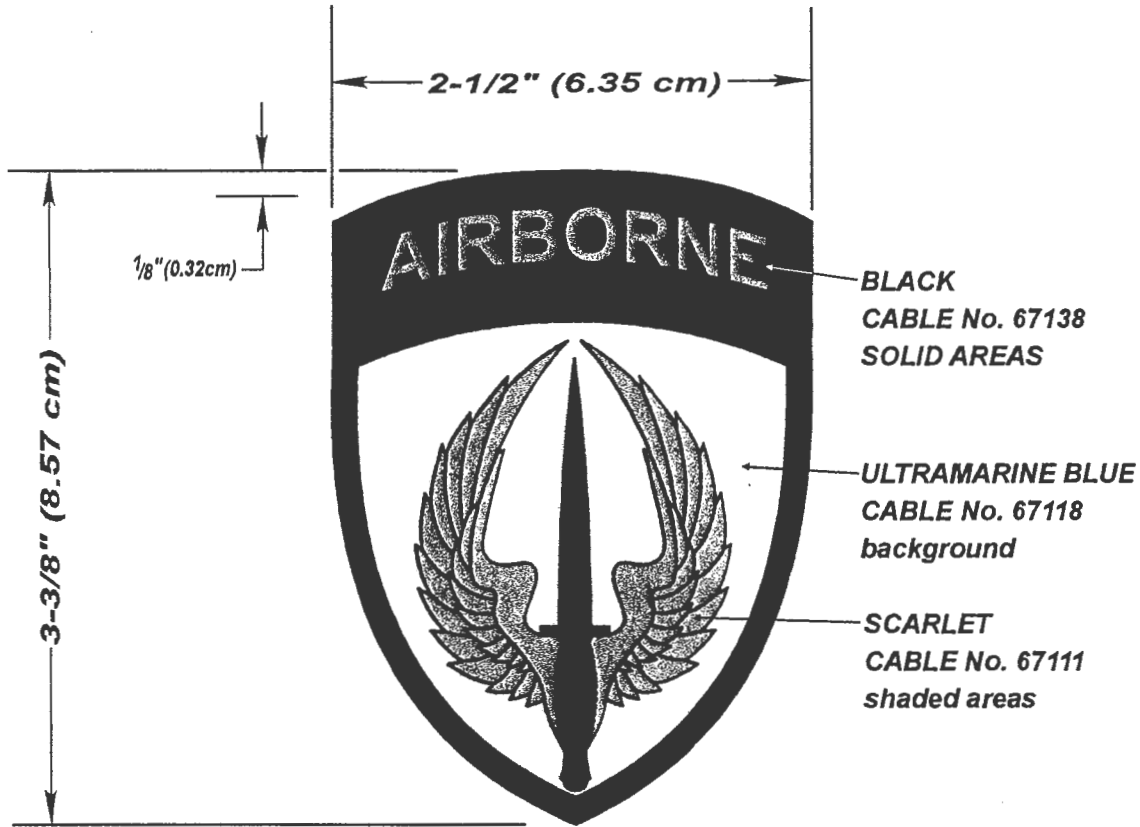
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**FOR SUBDUED INSIGNIA
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DAGGER, WINGS AND LETTERS TO
BE BLACK 67138. ALL OTHER AREAS
TO BE FOLIAGE GREEN 67202.**

REVISIONS			
LTR	DESCRIPTION	DATE	APPROVED
B	STITCH COUNT ADDED.	16 JULY 2013	<i>Charles V. Mugno</i> CHARLES V. MUGNO DIRECTOR



DESIGNED FOR OVEREDGE STITCHING
STITCH COUNT

8774 STITCHES (minimum)
90/2 DENIER
12/4 SPAN

UNLESS OTHERWISE
SPECIFIED DIMENSIONS
ARE IN INCHES
TOLERANCES ON
FRACTIONS DECIMALS
ANGLES

MATERIALS:
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SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA
USA SPECIAL OPERATIONS
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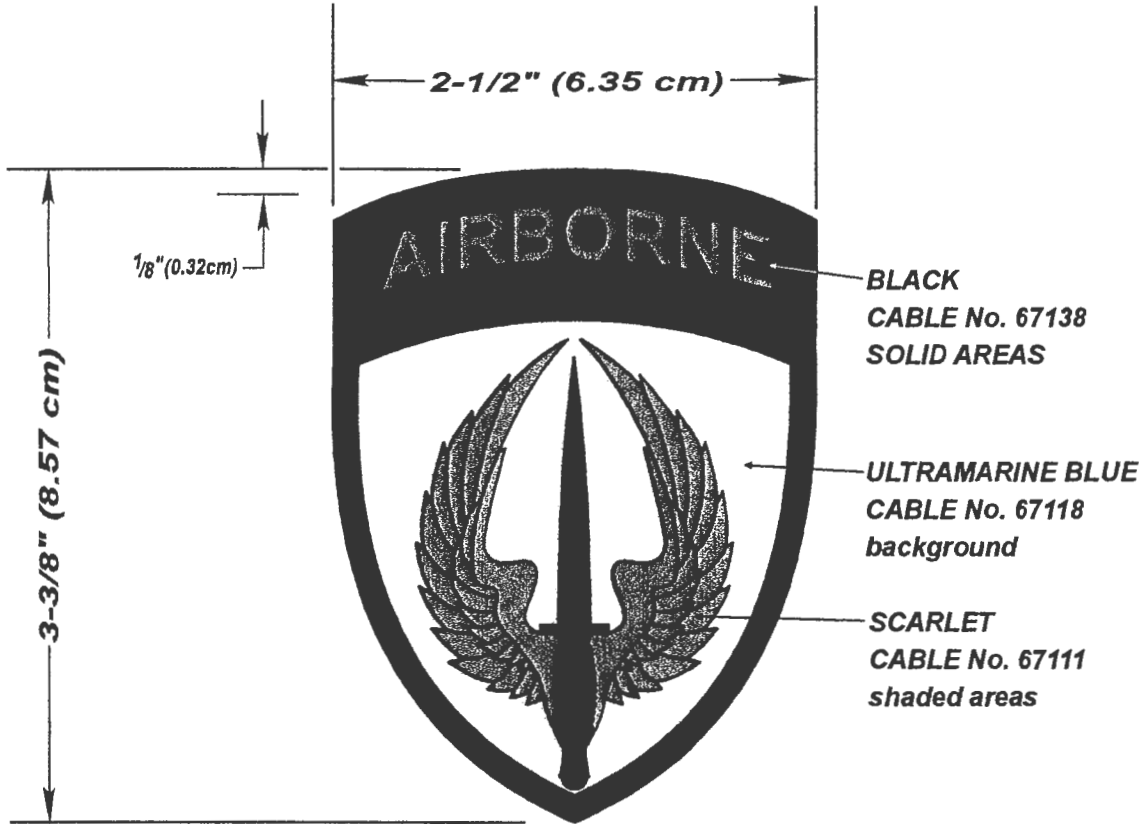
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SCALE FULL DATE **1 APRIL 2013**

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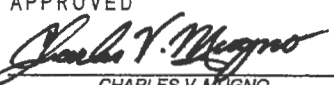


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LETTERS TO BE FILLED
WITH BLACK #26

**SPECIAL OPERATIONS AVIATION
COMMAND**

D-6911 TYPE-III

ACTUAL SIZE-----1 1/8" ± 1/64" HIGH
(2.86 CM ± .04 CM)

METAL COLOR-----SILVER
FINISH-----MIRROR-LIKE POLISH

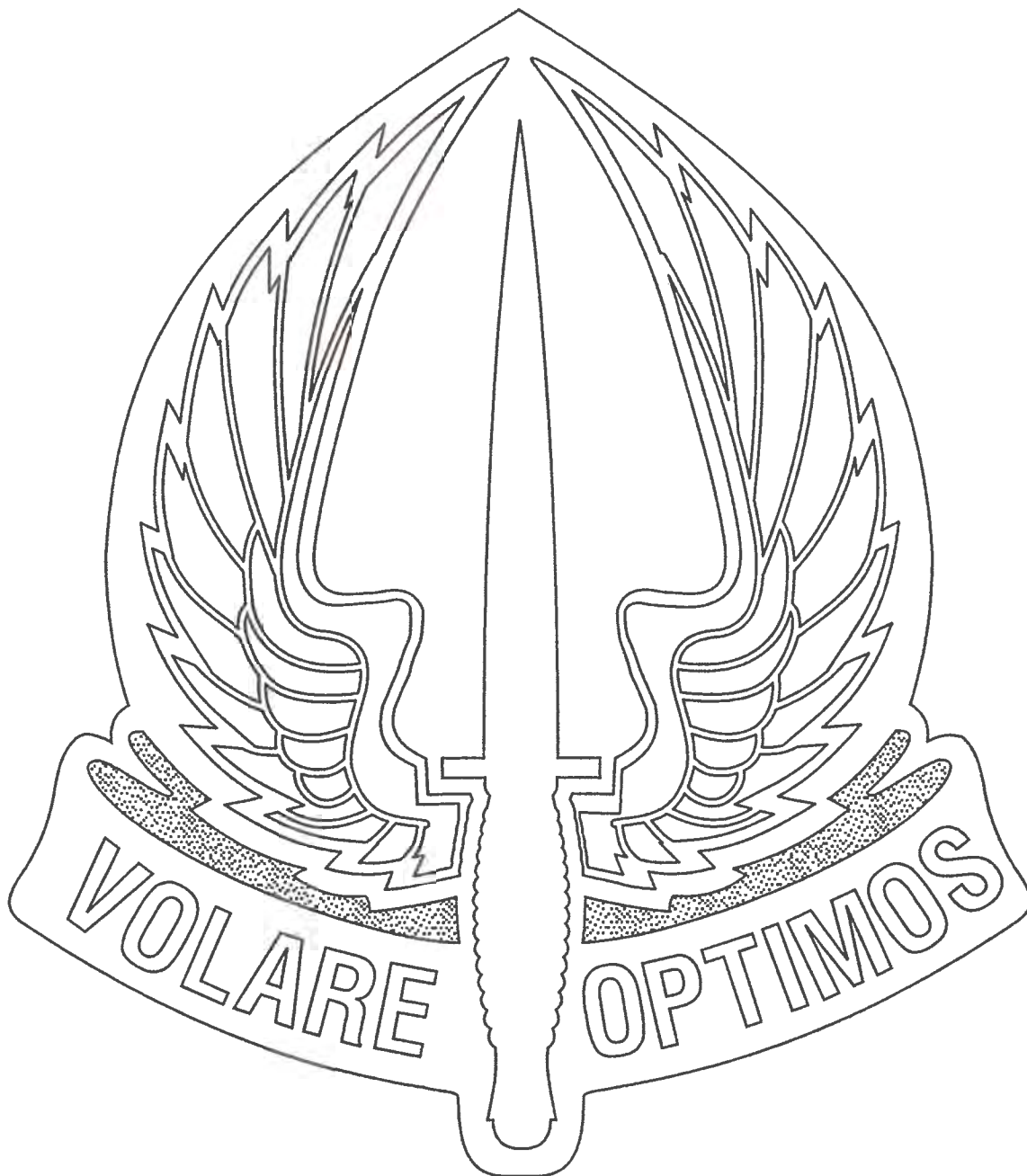
EPOXY-----STONING
CHARGES-----FLUSH, WINGS MODELLED FILLED WITH
TRANSPARENT RED #4

LETTERING-----EPOXY
PIERCING-----NONE, AREA BETWEEN WINGS &
SCROLL RECESSED & TEXTURED

CHIP NOS-----TRANSPARENT RED #4, BLACK #26.

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D-6911 TYPE-III

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ALL LETTERS
FILLED WITH RED #1

ALL GRAY AREAS
FILLED WITH BLACK #26

C-1350 TYPE-III

SPECIAL OPERATIONS AVIATION COMMAND

ACTUAL SIZE-----2" ± 1/64" HIGH
(5.08 CM ± .04 CM)

METAL COLOR-----SILVER
PLATE SILVER OR NICKEL
FINISH-----MIRROR-LIKE POLISH
DEVICE:
EPOXY-----STONING
CHARGES-----FLUSH

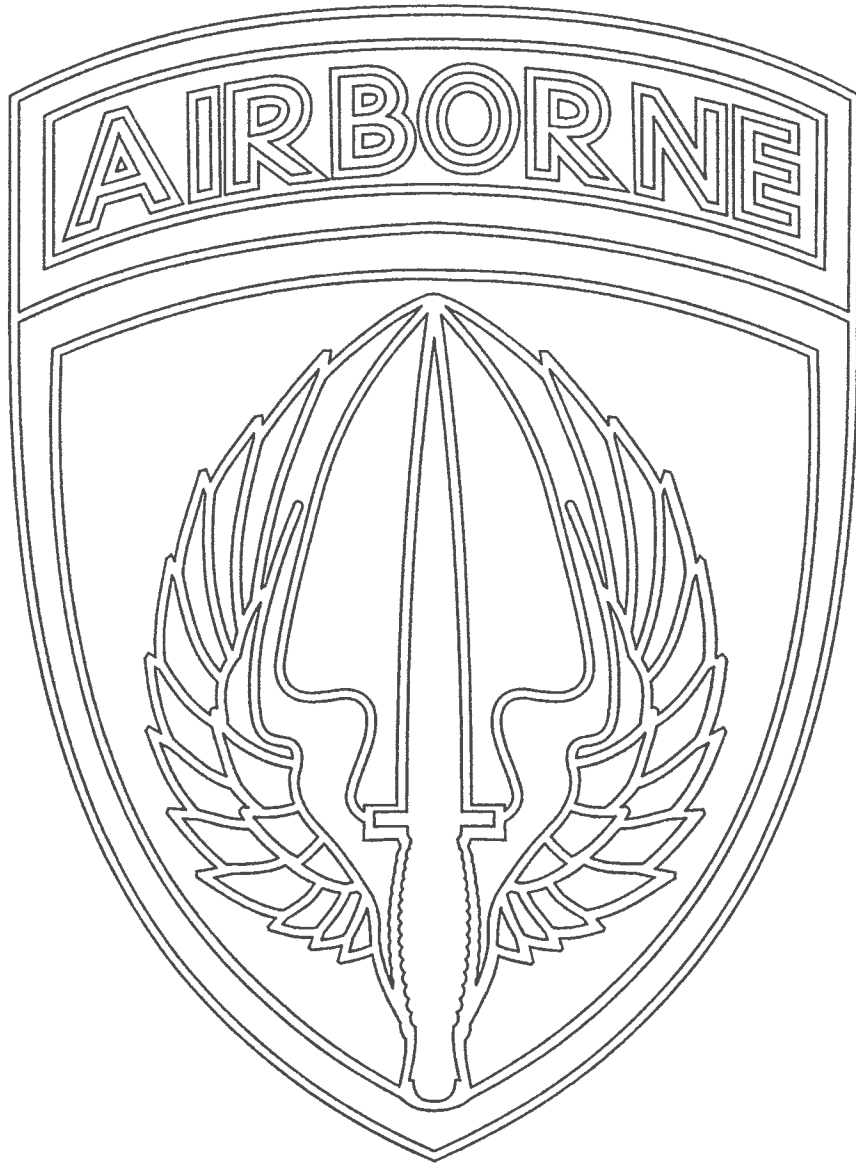
PRONGS-----THREE (3)

LETTERING-----NONE
PIERCING-----NONE

CHIP No's----- RED #1, BLUE #18, BLACK #26.

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C-1350 TYPE-III

SPECIAL OPERATIONS AVIATION COMMAND

ACTUAL SIZE-----2" ± 1/64" HIGH
(5.08 CM ± .04 CM)

METAL COLOR-----SILVER
PLATE SILVER OR NICKEL
FINISH-----MIRROR-LIKE POLISH
DEVICE:
EPOXY-----STONING
CHARGES-----FLUSH

PRONGS-----THREE (3)

LETTERING-----NONE
PIERCING-----NONE

CHIP No's----- RED #1, BLUE #18, BLACK #26.

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