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Duty Shirt, LS	NAB 2 Great. NAE 2 I think the duty shirts look very professional; however, the material does not breath and that makes the shirts very hot.NAE 5 good.NAE 6 This shirt seemed to get larger this year. A size 28 is now what a 30 used to be. Manufacturing a smaller size 26 might be worthwhile. NAE10 would be nice to have the light fabric as an option for this item, but professionally I like this shirt. NAE11 Great.	As you can see from the comments, there are as many people who like the shirt as dislike it. We have noticed the shirts tend to hold their wrinkles through the first few washings. We spoke to the contractor about this. They are aware of the problem and are exploring solutions. We are also looking into the issue of the collar on the women's shirts. The Short Sleeve Lightweight shirt is now available in a Long Sleeve version and is available on the website.
Duty Shirt, SS	NAB2.Great. NAP 1.Sleeves longer than I prefer. They come down to my elbow. However, they do seem to hold up better. NAE2.See comment above. NAE5.Don't wear. Too warm for summer use.NAE6. As above. NAE10. like the wick away lighter fabric. NAE11. Great	Thank you for your comments.
Shirt, Lightweight	NAE 2.This is a comfortable shirt, but I think the quality could be improved. NAE3. Really like these shirts. NAE 5.offer sizes like LS shirts...example size 16 neck. The necks on the SS shirts are very tight. Great for summer use.NAE6. As above	The Short Sleeve lightweight shirt is now available in a Long Sleeve version and is available on the website.
Turtleneck Shirt	NAB 1Overall construction is not very good. Seams pull apart too easily. NAP 1Much improved over previous version NAE 2 Awful - cheap material.NAE 5 The new ones are great! I just hope they don't shrink in the dryer like the old ones.NAE 6 GOOD. NAE 17 I purchased the new turtleneck shirt which is by far the best one they have came out with. It is lightweight, comfortable, durable and extremely warm. A Great product!! NAE 19 I like the shirt and wouldn't mind having an option with out the turtleneck.	There was some confusion as to what we intended to do with this item at our last meeting. That confusion has been resolved. The committee has recommended a mock turtleneck shirt be added to the system in addition to the regular turtleneck. We are not aware of any other rash issues.

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Polo Shirt	NAP1.Prefer smaller text size embroidering of previous shirt. NAE2.Too much money; don't like fit for women. NAE5. haven't worn it yet. They look nice though. NAE 8.Very unprofessional looking in design and fabric used. NAE9. Love 'em. NAE11. Cost too much for a work shirt. Should only have the patch on shoulder like the other shirts. NAE 16. I like the polo shirt a lot. It is very comfortable and great for movement. My biggest criticism is the high price. A minor criticism is the logo on the back does not appear to have the correct border (see attached official versions). NAE 19 It would be nice to have this made out of a lighter more breathable material such as coolmax, the shirt can feel heavy at times and does not breath very well.	The committee addressed the multiple issues with the polo shirt and made the following recommendations. First we are looking into replacing the current base polo shirt with a new shirt that will be less bulky and lighter in weight. Second we are working with the NPS and USFWS to achieve some economy of scale by procuring the same type of shirts they have but in our color. Third we have recommended that the castle on the back be removed. Fourth, we have recommended against adding pockets to this shirt. Fifth, we opted not to put the shoulder patch on the this shirt. Sixth, for reasons of badge accountability and security, we will not embroider badges on this shirt. Seventh, this shirt is ONLY authorized for wear with the work uniform and the special purposes of boat, beach, and bicycle patrol.
Duty Trousers, Warm Weather	NAB2.Great NAP1Had to cut stitch out of zipper area. This improves access. I'm not used to wearing my pants around my ankles like the kids do these days. NAE5. Have but don't wear. NAE10. great !	Please contact your Division Representative with more specific information concerning the stitching in the crotch of this garment.
Duty Trousers, Cool Weather	NAB 2Great. NAE 5 I Don't buy	Thank you for your comments.
Twill Trousers	NAP 1 Very close match to wool trousers. Like them. NAE 2 These fit nice and look nice on. NAE 5 I Don't buy. NAE 7 Get rid of these. NAE 8 Best product ever! Don't change a thing! NAE11 Great.	It is always interesting to see the wide variety of comments concerning a single garment. Reading this might give the reader some idea of the complexity of trying to provide uniform items for the Corps.

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Cargo Trousers	NAP1.Same stitch issue as warm weather trousers. NAE2.Love them! NAE5. Great! The crotch seam needs to be a little better. They split after a season or two.NAE6. Good fit, but tend to wear out fast when working in the field. NAE10. They keep our other work items nice for programs etc., but have a sloppy appearance at times. NAE11. Great. NAE 16. I really like the cargo pants, very useful in the field; however, I'd like to see them made out of a more durable material (e.g. Army BDU material or the popular no-rip material used in hiking pants from LL Bean or EMS; this should solve James' problem).	The committee has discussed the issue of Cargo Trousers versus BDU pants and feels that the Cargos fit the needs of the program better than BDUs.
Brush Pants	NAP 1 Waist sizes are a little tight compared to other trousers, front pockets difficult to access with duty belt. NAE 2 Just got them - seem rugged. NAE 5 Good pants. I would suggest small side pockets. NAE 9 Love 'em also, very comfortable. NAE 19 I've noticed that after just a few washes, the color fades noticeably.	The committee will be working with the contractor to redesign these pants. Although durable, the 100% cotton pants fade VERY quickly. We are looking for a fabric that will demonstrate the same thick, durable, non-abrasive qualities in the current brush pants, but hold the color so as to be serviceable longer. We are also looking into the possibility of making these more functional with extra pockets and loops. This will be conducted with the NPS as we share this item with them and they provide an economy of scale that we cannot accomplish alone.
Shorts	NAE2.I like these, but don't get to wear them often. Suggest they be authorized for every day use for hikes and interp programs. NAE5.I don't buy. NAE9. Pretty good. NAE 16. I'd like to see hiking / foot patrol added as a Class D activity for wearing shorts. NAE 19 longer would be better.	The shorts are to be used only for boat, beach, and bicycle patrols and beach programs. This is the only exception to the minimum work uniform listed in EM 385-1-1.
Skirt, Warm Weather	N/A	N/A
Skirt, Cool Weather	N/A	N/A
Belt	NAB 2 Great. NAE 2 Good quality. NAE 5 good. NAE 6 Black coating wears out very quickly. Black polish does not really work on the belt. NAE 10 good item, always good quality, don't change it	We are addressing the belt issues with the contractor.

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Sweater	NAE 2 Like this. NAE 5 I don't buy. NAE 6 GOOD.	Thank you for your comments.
Vest	NAE 2 Too short - need a longer length. NAE 5 Good. Would like to see arm holes a little bigger, they are kind of tight. NAE 6 GOOD. NAE11 Great. NAE 16 I'm still loving the fleece products - jacket, vest and hat. Would like to see black fleece gloves made available. NAE 19 See comment in the overshell section.	Thank you. At this time the committee did not recommend any changes to the vest.
Fleece Jacket	NAP1. Color is way off compared to other green items. Doesn't match well at all. NAE2. Excellent. NAE6. Nice material, very warm. NAE10. nice. NAE11. Great. NAE 19 See comment in the overshell section.	The color issue is being addressed. Thank you for your comments.
Windbreaker	NAB 2 Great. NAP 1 I understand it's cheaper, but it needs pockets. Just looks too plain. NAE 2 Don't like the style. NAE 8 How about lining them? NAE 10 nice. NAE 19 It is nice for early fall days, I like the fit and if offers good protection from the wind, adding a waterproof coating would be nice .	The older version of the windbreaker you refer to is no longer being manufactured. We adopted the current windbreaker simply to be able to have something to fill this niche. The contractor has been working diligently to find a suitable replacement. This year we found one, and the committee recommended that we adopt it.
Duty Jacket	NAB2. Great.	Thank you for your comments.
Parka, Waist Length	NAB 2 Great. NAE 2 Very warm. NAE 9 Keep it. NAE10 great! Mobility for snow course etc.	Thank you for your comments.
Parka, Hip Length	NAB 2 Great. NAE 2 Very warm. NAE 9 Keep it. NAE 11 Great. NAE 19 Very warm and comfortable, especially combined with the hood.	Thank you for your comments.
Overshell Jacket	NAB 2 Great. NAE 2 I like this but don't get much use out of it. NAE 7 Replace with NPS style (NP3158) & offer the liners NP3166 & NP3164. NAE 19 I would like to see a "system" style jacket that works in combination with the overshell.	We have looked into the NPS "system" but do not feel it is in the best interest of the Corps or the government to switch to that system at this time. Switching outerwear components can be very expensive.
Hood, Insulated	NAB 2 Great. NAE 19 Great.	Thank you for your comments.
Hood, Uninsulated	NAB 2 Great. NAE 19 Great.	Thank you for your comments.

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Rain/Wind Pants	NAB 2 Great. NAE 6 GOOD. NAE 10 great item would really be nice to offer petite lengths for women, this is an expensive item. NAE 11 Great. NAE 19 Zipper broke on my previous pair, havent ordered a replacement pair yet.	We recently adopted a new rain/wind pant that has a waterproof zipper. We have asked the contractor to look into the possibility of producing shorter length trousers.
Rain Coat	NAE10 The old Gortex fitted for females, was much nicer. NAE 19 Great.	The previous rain coat was not Goretex. The committee went to the current rain coat when the reversible raincoat was no longer available. We continue to seek a better replacement for the current raincoat.
Coveralls, Unlined	NAB 2 Great. NAE 2 These are very practical.NAE 6 Good, but a little large, may need smaller sizes for women.	We have asked the contractor to look into smaller sizes for the coveralls.
Work Jacket	NAE 2 Don't like the inner material. NAE 6 Does not fit well. Not made for women. NAE 16 I like the brush pants and field jacket - perfect for getting out there and getting dirty! The field jacket is nice and warm for winter. Have you considered a summer weight version? NAE 19 I like it, very well insulated and durable, a drawstring in the waist would be nice to keep the wind out.	Thank you. The Work Jacket seems to be meeting the needs our field forces.
Bib Overalls	NAE 2 These are nice but too long - I returned them and the second pair were also too long; because of the zippers they can't be hemmed.NAE 6 Does not fit a smaller woman at all. Even smallest size is incredibly large. NAE 19 Very comfortable and warm.	We have recommended that the contractor look into XS sizes for all the unisex outerwear.
Maternity Shirt	N/A	N/A
Maternity Pants	NAE 14 The only issue I would want to mention is if others beside Jim could be named to approve maternity orders. It definitely took too long for Abby's order to be approved.	This issue has been resolved. When authorizing an employee for the maternity uniform you only have to check the maternity box on the UAA. Do not add extra funds as the system automatically does this.
Campaign Hat, Felt	NAB 2 Great.	Thank you for your comments.
Campaign Hat, Straw	NAB 2 Great. NAE 2 I hate this hat - it's too hot.	The Felt or Straw campaign hat is the most important, recognized and highly respected symbol associated with the Corps Park Ranger, and should always be worn with pride and care.
Hat Band	NAB 2 Great. NAE 2 Always falls off	Thank you for your comments.

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Chin Strap	NAB 2 Great.	Thank you for your comments.
Hat Castle	NAB2.Great	Thank you for your comments.
Rain Hat Cover	NAB 2 Great.	Thank you for your comments.
Sun Hat	NAB 1 Make this hat a true boonie hat. The crown would actually fit better. NAE 2 I love this hat.	The committee was shown a possible replacement for the sun hat that is larger and more professional in appearance. They recommended it be adopted.
Winter Hat	NAE 4 Perhaps also offer in a blaze orange for safety during hunting seasons.NAE 5 Good and warm. NAE 11 Great. NAE 16. The gore-tex winter hat ear flaps look silly because they are so long. They only need to cover the ears, not loop under the chin. This hat also seems too pointy at the top. Otherwise a great product.	Orange safety equipment is not part of the NRM Uniform program. Safety equipment is purchased with project funds. The winter hat has undergone a redesign which improves the bill and the height of the hat.
Ball Cap, Winter	NAB2.Great. NAE5. How about a velcro system? The buckle in the back is irritating.	In order to replace the buckle with velcro the hat would have to be completely redesigned and the price would most likely increase dramatically.
Ball Cap, Mesh	NAB 2 Great. NAP 1 I'm not a fan of the new hats with logo sewn directly on hat. Some looked unpresentable as the stitching was sloppy. Appearance of older style "patch" was much better. NAE 11. Do not like plastic - need a full cover light weight material protection from UV's.	The front of the ball cap has been modified during this past year. We have replaced the "shoulder patch" emblem with an embroidered castle.
Fleece Cap	NAE 2 This is a very practical hat - I wear it a lot and like it very much.NAE 5Good.NAE 6 GOOD. NAE10 Needs an inbetween size, large too big and small too tight! NAE 19 Very comfortable and warm, glad to see the switch made to fleece material and the color and emblem are solid.	Thank you. We did ask the contractor to look into the possibility of a fleece material that has some flexibility to it to fit those inbetween sizes.
Gorgonz (Ear Warmers)	NAE 2 Just got them - they are great. NAE 3 Glad to see this new item(I purchased one on my own last year, they are great)	Thank you for your comments.
Ties, Clip-On	NAB 2 Great.	Thank you for your comments.
Tie, Four-In-Hand	NAB 2 Great.	Thank you for your comments.
Tie, Cross	NAE 2 This is the only tie I wear. I really like it.	Thank you for your comments.
Tie Tack	N/A	N/A
Tie Bar	NAB 2 Great.	Thank you for your comments.

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Name Plate	NAP 1 The clear finish on some of the nameplates I've seen has started to chip and peel. Makes them look sloppy. NAE 2 Very nice. NAE 3 Clutch backs I loose frequently and had to have customer service send me extra( and shared the wealth with co-workers who needed replacements as well). They were timely and very helpful in this respect. Would switch to a pin type if one were offered;magnetic type does not stay on well at all.NAE 5 I don't like the magnetic ones. Pins are better. NAE 6 GOOD. NAE 11 Like the clutch and not the magnetic.	The committee has requested the contractor look into modifying the nameplate. In addition, a drop down list of titles will be developed to insure all authorized titles can be engraved.
Additional Items	NAB 1 Can we get the Class A uniform that NPS has for their Management folks?	The committee did not recommend this.
	NAE1 I'll make it easy. No issues on my end with clothing or service!	Thank you for your comments.
	NAE 17 Also, at this time I would like to send along a congratulations for your hard work on the Uniform Committee. Since your tender the uniform process has been streamlined, more funds available for items and a larger selection of quality items are available to the uniform wearer. Thanks again for being the North Atlantic Division uniform Representative. Please pass on to your partners on the Committee the great success of the program. Thanks again and keep up the good work!	Good job Ralph.
	NAE 16. I'd like to see a high visibility (hunter orange or fluorescent green) product, such as a hat or jacket, to wear during hunting season or other times when visibility is key to ranger safety. These would be items with the Corps patch on them.	Orange safety equipment is not part of the NRM Uniform program. Safety equipment is purchased with project funds.

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	<p>and got mixed reviews on the subject but no definite objections to the issue. What some of us were wondering was about having an American flag patch attached to the right shoulder of the duty uniform. My suggestion would be the "reverse flag" as the military wears.</p> <p>I support this idea for 2 reasons. Before September 11 only military units deployed wore the flag. After September 11th all military units began wearing the flag as a show of support for our brothers and sisters that were deployed and to show the pride in our country. Second, we say we support the military, and we are part of the army, but we can only wear a pin on our collar to show our support. Meanwhile other private companies not employed directly by the government wear the flag on their uniform for support, for instance UPS, I spotted our delivery guy with a flag on his shoulder the other day and I believe Fed Ex does the same. If private companies are showing support by wearing the flag shouldn't "The Face of the Corps", DoD government employees be</p>	<p>We have looked into the issue of the American Flag patch and have not recommended modifying the uniform for the following reasons. The primary reason is cost. Not only would we have to modify all the specifications in the current contract and add the cost of the patch to all the shirts and outerwear, but we would also have to determine the cost of modifying all the shirts and outerwear currently in the field. The second is the issue of conformity. Once the patches were shipped to the field, how do we ensure the patches are correctly attached to the uniform items. Thirdly, sewing patches on Goretex outerwear also requires an additional step to seal the area where the needle penetrates the fabric otherwise the material leaks. We continue to believe that the collar pin is an appropriate response.</p>
	<p>NAE 12 Ops Mgr - Color Guards would like the option of wear an additional Corp Patch on the opposite shoulder during parades. To be readily recognized as Corps. Could be sewn or temporary placed on by using Velcro.</p>	<p>We do not recommend this. The color guard will be more likely recognized by the Corps flags they are carrying.</p>
	<p>NAE 15. Chief of Con-Ops NAE wants the Rangers to be able to wear an additional Patch or Pin for special recognition. For example - Iraq tour, Katrina Relief duty – special recognition from the Division or District.</p>	<p>The committee did not recommend this.</p>
	<p>NAE 15 Add to the name tag – special recognitions such as; project of the year, legend award, interpreter of the year etc..</p>	<p>The committee did not recommend this.</p>

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	<p>NAE 18 Sorry for the delay. The uniform program is excellent! Easy of ordering, excellent work group, awesome program. Unifying the garment colors is getting better. I still think they can get the cost of the polo down. My only request is a personal preference. Wool sweater out of ranger green be added. I know people don't like the feel of wool but it is what I live by. Even if it was the same style as the black only out of green. I think adding this would make everything peaches and cream.</p>	<p>Thank you. We are working on the polo shirt costs, however did not recommend the green pullover sweater.</p>
	<p>NAE 19 I have been recommending this every year since I've been a ranger. I think it would be worth while for the uniform committee to look into a "system" style jacket that would enable the outer shell, fleece vest, and fleece jacket to be combined, usually through a system of interchangeable zippers, into one jacket that could serve multiple uses, or be worn separately independent from each other. I feel the Corps could save money by eliminating the need for other jackets such as the wind breaker and waist and hip length parkas. Many outdoor outfitters are selling system jackets in order to provide it's customer with one jacket that can functions in a variety of different climates and to serve multiple uses. Some companies include utilizing this system include Cabelas, EMS, North Face. I've listed some examples below. EMS Men's Switch 3-in-1 Sync Jacket, Cabelas 8-1 Upland Coat.</p>	<p>The "system" style outerwear has both advantages and disadvantages. On the positive side you can layer the items. On the negative side you have to remove the outer jacket to unzip the inner jacket. We have feel that the items we currently have can be layered without the zippers. The vest and the sweater can be worn under the parkas, the windbreaker, the fleece, or the overshell. The fleece can be worn under the overshell or the parka. Even the parka can be worn under the overshell. Switching to a complete new system is something that we are looking into but we do not want to take drastic steps that will cost the government a great deal of money in "buy outs". We appreciate your comments but ask that you consider the scale underwhich we must operate.</p>