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Duty Shirt, LS	I would like to see this in a light weight for those of use that have to wear long sleeves in summer months as well because skin cancer.	The Short Sleeve lightweight shirt is now available in a Long Sleeve version and is available on the website.
	Recommend making a cotton long sleeve. They are hot in the supposed winter in Texas.	See above.
	Material is too thin and wrinkles to easy, pockets are too big on women's, too many darts.	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.
	Large too small, XL way too big.	There is a Made to Measure available. You may, with permission from your supervisor, tailor the shirt if it is too large.
	Seems to be smaller than the SS and presses on the back of the neck.	Please be more specific so that we can address the issue.
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	Women's larger shirts - sleeves could be a bit bigger and a tad bit longer.	We spoke to the contractor about the possibility of providing women's shirts with variable sleeve and collar sizes. An option for you might be to try the mens sizes.
Shirt, Lightweight	Can you make the shirt so that the crease on the sleeves cango through the middle of the Corps logo on the left arm?	The patch is centered on the sleeve.
	Material is too thin and wrinkles to easy, pockets are too big on women's, too many darts.	Thank you for your comments.
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	A long sleeve version of the lightweight duty shirt would be appreciated by those of us battling skin cancer. The standard LS duty shirt is simply too heavy to wear in 100 deg weather.	The Short Sleeve lightweight shirt is now available in a Long Sleeve version and is available on the website.
	Women's larger shirts - sleeves could be a bit bigger and a tad bit longer.	We spoke to the contractor about the possibility of providing women's shirts with variable sleeve and collar sizes. An option for you might be to try the mens sizes.
Turtleneck Shirt	Recommend changing to mock 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.
	Material is too thin.	Thank you for your comments.
	I really like the way it looks. The shirts I have seem to unravel at the seams. Make collar more "stiff" so they stay up on our necks	The committee has recommended a mock turtleneck shirt be added to the system in addition to the regular turtleneck.
Polo Shirt	Is there any possibility that a pocket could be added to the gray polo shirts? It sure would help those of us with declining eyesight to have a convenient place to keep our reading glasses handy! Perhaps the Corps logo could be placed on the front of such a pocket placed on the left side, or a pocket could be a higher-priced option. I really like these shirts, but I sure misplace my glasses when I wear them.	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.
	I like the shirt, but it is really itchy.	See above.
	Would like to see an ink pen pocket on the sleeve. Only place to keep a pen without interfering with your PFD.	See above.

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	Need women's size, not just unisex, needs to be a little for fitted for women.	<a href="#">See above.</a>
	Too expensive	<a href="#">See above.</a>
	<b><u>Get rid of it.</u> Unprofessional appearance and it's frequently worn inappropriately. If we (by we I mean Corps-wide - I see blatant misuse in other districts/divisions too) aren't going to address those that continue to flaunt the reg, then it needs to be removed ASAP.</b>	<a href="#">See above.</a>
	Need to explain when its okay and not okay to wear. People are wearing it with jeans which is against regs!	<a href="#">See above.</a>
Duty Trousers, Warm Weather	Very expensive	
	Pretty good	Thank you for your comments.
Duty Trousers, Cool Weather	Very expensive	Thank you for your comments.
	They do not seem to fit the same as the Twill Trousers. Can you either cut them bigger or change the material to allow them to match?	The fit is different because the style and construction is different.
Twill Trousers	I like them, only ones I wear.	Thank you for your comments.
	Good	Thank you for your comments.
Cargo Trousers	Somewhat tight in the hips as compared to twill trousers	Sizing for the different trousers is an ongoing issue that we may never solve. We
	I have had problems with having the inside seams come unstitched on several pairs.	This quality issue was brought to the attention of the contractor.
	I do not like them, they make us look like cops and we are NOT cops. Take them out of the program.	The committee did not recommend this.
	Probably the best item in the group	Thank you for your comments.
	Material fades easy.	The fabric is 35% cotton. Cotton does not hold color well, however does provide comfort.
	Sure do fade fast!	<a href="#">See above.</a>
	Aren't good for hauling any type of cargo. Fade severely after several washings. Retain dirt	<a href="#">See above.</a>

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	Great. No complaints.	Thank you for your comments.
Brush Pants	Would be more useful as carpenter style pants and have wider, boot leg opening at bottom.	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.
	Material wrinkles too easy.	See above.
	Wrinkle way too easily	See above.
	Wish the sizing was more accurate. I have to order 2 sizes bigger than my other pants to get them to fit and even then they are snug. Also, they fade very badly after one washing.	See above.
Shorts	I liked the original shorts that came out the first year better than the recent shorts	We are not certain which version of the shorts you are referring to but feel that we may have already addressed this issue with the redesign of these shorts last year. The shorts are being phased into the program. The latest version is longer than the original pair which were not made in the US, but shorter than the second version which could not be shortened. We believe we have met the requirements on this item.
	The womens shorts seem to have a very high rise which is uncomfortable.	See above.
	Need more length and more relaxed fit. Go to american eagle and look at the style...maybe then some more of us could wear them without getting laughed off the boat.	See above.
Skirt, Warm Weather	N/A	N/A
Skirt, Cool Weather	N/A	N/A

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Belt	Good	Thank you for your comments.
	I wish they would go back to making this with thicker leather like the old ones used to be.	We discussed this with the contractor. We will need to look further into the specifications.
	<b>Not a fan of the tooled design on the belt. Just a little to Roy Rogers looking. In my humble opinion, a plain, black leather belt offers a cleaner, more professional appearance.</b>	The belt design and the hat band design are specific to the Corps of Engineers NRM program.
Sweater	Sure do fade fast!	This is the first comment we have received about the sweater fading. We will continue to monitor this.
Vest	Good	Thank you for your comments.
Fleece Jacket	Need women's size, not just unisex, is too narrow in the hips, need better fleece material.	The contractor demonstrated a new product for us this year that the NPS has adopted. It is our fleece with a nylon outershell, very similar to the vest we have in our system. The committee recommended that we adopt this item. The color issue is being addressed.
	Good	Thank you for your comments.
	Don't like the new fabric. Too tight around hips. The old jacket was much better.	The contractor demonstrated a new product for us this year that the NPS has adopted. It is our fleece with a nylon outershell, very similar to the vest we have in our system. The committee recommended that we adopt this item. The color issue is being addressed.
	But a liner in the fleece jacket to cut the wind.	See above.
	Love it.	Thank you for your comments.
	This thing fits HUGH! I have to get an extra large because I have long arms but I do not have a massive gut, so it fits me in the arms and chest but is really big in the stomach.	See above.
Windbreaker	adding a drawstring type closure to the bottom would help eliminate the draft at the hem making this item more useful for its intended purpose.	The older version of the windbreaker 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.
	Would prefer the jacket have regular cuffs and a lining	See above.

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	Good although I like the old style better. Seemed to be constructed better.	See above.
	Flimsy material, need to bring back the old windbreaker that was more like a light jacket.	See above.
	Sleeves tend to be about an inch shorter that they should be for the size (Male)	See above.
Duty Jacket	Women's is too tight in the shoulders.	Please contact your Division Representative with more specific information.
	Good	Thank you for your comments.
Parka, Waist Length	The new fabric for the shell on the parka is not very rip resistant. Using the same material as the overshell jacket would help alleviate this problem. It would also make it easier to waterproof if the shell material were smooth instead of ridged. Shou	The fabric on the Parka hasn't changed.
	Good	Thank you for your comments.
Parka, Hip Length	Good	Thank you for your comments.
Overshell Jacket	Shoulder pleats would improve mobility in this jacket. If you put your arms in a "Frankenstein" pose, one of two things happens - 1) the sleeves ride up exposing your arms to the elements, or 2) it pulls tight across your back and shoulders limiting your	This is the first comment we have received about the sweater fading. We will continue to monitor this.
Hood, Uninsulated	It would be nice to be able to order an XL hood to match my XL jacket.	The hoods come in XL sizes.
Rain/Wind Pants	too expensive	Thank you for your comments.
Rain Coat	won't keep the water out. They button too high at the bottom. Safety isn't considered	The rain coat and the windbreaker are stop gap items provided to fill the niche while we look for replacements. The older versions were no longer available to us. The current rain coat and windbreaker were available. We continue to search for new items.
	Would prefer the coat have an attached hood	See above.
Coveralls, Unlined	Good	Thank you for your comments.

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Work Jacket	Useful, comfortable and tough. Very nice.	Thank you for your comments.
	Excellent	Thank you for your comments.
Bib Overalls	Good	Thank you for your comments.
Maternity Shirt		N/A
Maternity Pants		N/A
Campaign Hat, Felt		N/A
Campaign Hat, Straw	Hard to fit to my exact head since it isn't oval or round. Way to rigid.	Check the Frequently Asked Questions on the Gateway website. There is reference to a set of hat forms that can be purchased to aid in deciding proper hat sizes.
Hat Band		N/A
Chin Strap		N/A
Hat Castle		N/A
Rain Hat Cover	it would be nice to be able to order one of these items. When I last checked, I was unable to order one because the website had no sizings available.	The committee has been working with the contractor to acquire a better rain cover of a more flexible material and of larger sizes. They will be available soon.
Sun Hat	It's hard to look professional in this hat. It's not a floppy but the brim waffles, won't stay stiff	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	N/A	N/A
Ball Cap, Winter	No two are made the same! Need more Quality Control w/ these. Lower profile would be nice for the younger guys. COE emblem rarely centered on cap.	The ball cap has been modified during this past year. We have replaced the "shoulder patch" emblem with an embroidered castle.
Ball Cap, Mesh	N/A	N/A
Fleece Cap	An "in-between" size would be nice. Small is too small and large is too large. Nice hats though.	The fleece cap is an improvement over the acrylic and/or wool caps, however we are continuing to work with the contractor to improve this item.
Gorgonz (Ear Warmers)	Work well.	Thank you for your comments.
	<b>Gorgonz? The name alone scares me.</b>	N/A
Ties, Clip-On	N/A	N/A

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Tie, Four-In-Hand	N/A	N/A
Tie, Cross	N/A	N/A
Tie Tack	N/A	N/A
Tie Bar	N/A	N/A
Name Plate	Is a little big.	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.
	Too big, gets in the way and comes off, prefer the smaller name plate.	See above.
	The name plates are too big and long. Do we really need another castle on our uniform. Also the magnetic backed one, the back magnetic plate is too small and centered which leaves both ends of the name plate sticking out to catch on anything, which makes the name plate crooked on the uniform.	See above.
	Take the Corps logo off of it. We look like state farm insurance salesmen! Make them smaller, too big for the shirt, especially on people that are "little" in size or women with big busts.	See above.
Additional Items	I ordered the red hooded jacket with the Volunteer logo patch for two volunteers. It was very nice quality for the price.	Thank you for your comments.
	Please work on making all of the greens match. I have so many different shades of green in my closet its crazy!	We continue to work on this issue.
	<b>Have had good luck with all items ordered and response from contractor. The COE folks handling uniform issues have done an excellent job correcting problems over the past few years. I appreciate your efforts.</b>	Thank you for your comments.

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