

LRD	2009 UNIFORM QUESTIONNAIRE SPREADSHEET	
UNIFORM ITEM	Comments	Response or Action
Duty Shirt, LS	LRH2 Comments - Want return of the 2 buttons at the cuff. 1 comment - shirt fades easily, looks worn and is hard to keep wrinkles out of it. 1 comment - fit of shirt is excessively baggy through waist area (wearer has broad shoulders).	By "two buttons" we are assuming you are referring to two buttons and one buttonhole to allow flexibility at the cuff. This was brought to the attention of the contractor last year. Most shirts in the system are now this way. To remove wrinkles, wash in cold water, then remove from dryer while still slightly damp and hang. As to the baggy waist area, the shirt can be tailored but this needs to be cleared with your supervisor first.
	LRN -The duty shirts should not have ties worn with them. Ties only need to be worn when wearing a dress uniform to speak in front of a formal audience (press conference) or when attending a ceremony (funeral or retirement) . Its hard to get any manual labor done with a tie on. So a new design would be great for a long sleeve shirt that doesn't have buttons to the neck and allows the Ranger to work comfortably.	Ties are not required with the long sleeve shirt for duty wear. They are required for interpretive or formal wear. The new ER should be approved soon and will clarify this issue.
	LRL - I like they don't show wrinkles	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
	LRP - If I order the correct neck size, the body fits way too large!!! Also, the cuffs are quite small regardless of shirt size. Shirt material does not breathe well. Possible solutions; offer "Slim Fit" sizing or change the fit of the current sizes, make cuffs larger, use a more breathable material.	The shirt can be tailored if necessary, however this needs to be cleared with your supervisor first. We will discuss the cuff sizes with the contractor.
	LRP - I ordered two shirts toward the end of last year (beginning of FY 2009) and the cuffs were so tight that I could not wear a watch.	We will discuss the cuff sizes with the contractor. (It would help if you identified whether this is the male or female shirt.)

Duty Shirt, SS	LRN - We need new duty shirts that we can work in. I feel like I'm trying to work in my Sunday clothes. I have to pull buoys in my boat or hike a trail, but also look good in uniform and it's just about impossible. Duty shirts should be comfortable to work in and made for wear and tear of the field	For field or work situations you have several options. You can wear the duty shirt, the lightweight shirt, or the polo shirt.
	LRL - I like they don't show wrinkles	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
	LRP - Use a more breathable material.	Suggest you try the lightweight shirt instead.
Shirt, Lightweight	LRN - New materials are available to make this shirt more functional with UV protection, panels for air flow in the back and lighter cloth.	The committee works with the contractor to look at new materials and fabrics as they become available. Please keep in mind that any change to the uniform is a complicated and often expensive process. (See Meeting Minutes 2/1/10)
	LRP - Item OK.	Thank you for your feedback.
	LRP - This shirt seems to lose buttons at an above average rate.	Isolated comment. Each shirt comes with an extra button for this purpose.
Turtleneck Shirt	LRH - 1 comment - great addition	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
	LRL - item is adequate; would like to see thermal bottoms to match the thermal turtleneck shirt	The committee does not recommend the inclusion of underwear in the uniform program. The uniform wearer is free to purchase his or her own thermal undergarments.
	LRP - Great item!!!	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
Mock Turtleneck	LRN - Very functional addition.	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
	LRL - Like mock turtleneck much better than a turtleneck	Thank you.
	LRL - Like the mock turtleneck - still look for light ones, they can get hot when inside office	The purpose of the turtleneck or mock turtleneck is for warmth. If it is too hot inside the office, don't wear it.
	LRP - No Comments	N/A

Polo Shirt	LRH - 1 comment- wants to see a badge emblem instead of the COE logo on left breast. 1 comment - wants to see a lighter weight material and less expensive. 1 comment - likes prototype seen at LRD conference.	The badge is accountable property. Putting the badge on the shirt could result in unauthorized personnel wearing the badge. A lighter weight, less expensive polo shirt is in the process of being added to the program.
	LRN - The cotton cloth material is long out dated. With the new under armor type cloth available this shirt could be significantly cooler and more functional than in it's present configuration. The turtle neck FINALLY changed it is time for this shirt to change!	A lighter weight, less expensive polo shirt is in the process of being added to the program.
	LRN - put our badge on it	The badge is accountable property. Putting the badge on the shirt could result in unauthorized personnel wearing the badge. The badge is not to be worn with the polo shirt.
	LRP - No Comments	N/A
	LRL - Either add tab for badge or embroider badge on shirt for citation rangers. Doesn't look the most professional. Would like to see an embroidered badge added and the big castle on the back removed LRL - Like new style	The badge is accountable property. Embroidering the badge on the shirt could result in unauthorized personnel wearing the badge. The badge is not to be worn with the polo shirt.
Duty Trousers.	LRH - 1 comment - excellent	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
	LRP - As a manager I am commenting for STEP Rangers: The tailoring of the pants for female employees is difficult. We have always had problem getting the pants to fit female employees. It works fine for male employees and we do the same thing for the females and the uniform pants don't fit.	Female trousers are traditionally difficult to fit. The committee has worked this issue for years and believes that the current style is reasonable. We have seen where many females have opted to wear the male trousers instead. Our suggestion is to order female trousers as quickly as possible in case they need to be returned for a different size. We have also asked the contractor to research a different cut for the female trousers.
	LRP - Item OK.	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
Duty Trousers.	LRH - 1 comment - excellent	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
	LRP - Item OK.	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.

Twill Trousers	LRH - 1 comment - good for office work but doesn't last in the field.	We suggest you try the brush pants as an option.
	LRL - Good and reasonable cost!	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
	LRP - No Comments	N/A
Cargo Trousers	LRH - 1 comment- wants to see a cargo pocket with more room similar to BDU pants.	The cargo trousers have multiple uses for both in and out of the office. Bigger pockets would detract from the professional appearance of the Ranger.
	LRN - Best pants for the field and for patrol	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
	LRL - Need Cargo Pants with ripstop material for field work.	We have asked the contractor to investigate this possibility.
	LRP - Item OK.	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
Brush Pants	LRH - 1 comment - wants to see a utility pocket added like the coveralls/bibs. 1 comment - wants to see a rubber material added to inside of waist to hold shirttail in. 1 comment - said cotton material fades easily. 3 comments - pants are tough and durable and great for fieldwork.	The committee did not recommend the addition of another pocket to the brush pants, however we continue to seek a new material for the brush pants that would be durable yet still retain its color. If found, we may discuss alterations to the style at that time.
	LRN - color is very inconsistent	Brush pants are 100% cotton. Cotton does not retain color well. We continue to seek a new material for the brush pants that would be durable yet still retain its color.
	LRP - Lose color fairly quickly	Brush pants are 100% cotton. Cotton does not retain color well. We continue to seek a new material for the brush pants that would be durable yet still retain its color.
Shorts	LRN - too hot need a fabric change and new design..... LRN - Shorts need to be a little longer and made of more "breathable" material. It's 101 degrees outside and it feels like I'm cooking in my shorts. They feel stiff like cardboard and don't allow for much movement in them, which is what I need when I'm on	After many trials, the committee has settled on the current length for the shorts as a reasonable compromise between those who want them longer and those who want them shorter. The shorts are of the same material as the twill trousers providing an economy of scale for the agency.
	LRP - No Comments	N/A

Skirt, Warm Weather	LRP - No Comments	N/A
Skirt, Cool Weather	LRP - No Comments	N/A
Belt	LRN - buttons which hold the buckle on are weak	This is a quality issue. Contact Customer Service.
	LRP - No Comments	N/A
Sweater	LRH - 1 comment - likes this item for winter wear.	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
	LRP - Item OK.	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
Vest	LRP - Vest is not long enough to reach my waist.	The vest is not designed to cover the waist. It is a layering item that still permits the wearer to access those items carried on the belt.
Fleece Jacket	LRH - 2 comments - like prototype seen at LRD meeting	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
	LRN - Best jacket to wear in the fall	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
	LRL - I like both of the fleece jackets old with outside fleece and the new inside fleece. How about making both available?	For reasons of economy, the committee does not recommend providing more than one fleece jacket.
	LRP - Item OK.	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
	LRP - Looking forward to the new version.	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
	LRP - Always a favorite item for me. Noticed a tendency for newer ones to be brown looking.	The "brown" fleece should no longer be an issue with the fleece jacket.
Windbreaker	LRH - 2 comments - like prototype seen at LRD meeting. 1 comment - current item is too thin for practical use.	A new windbreaker will be added to the system this year.
	LRN - needs a material over haul there are many new fabrics which would greatly increase function and use if adopted	While you are correct that there are many new fabrics out there that could increase function, they all come with a price. The committee must consider all aspects of any proposed change in fabrics, styles, etc. We continue to make our best effort to balance costs.
	LRP - Old style windbreaker had very short sleeves. I look forward to trying the new one.	We expect to see the new one soon.
	LRP - Looking forward to the new version.	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
	LRP - New one to be an improvement, old one paper thin	The old windbreaker was a stop gap measure. We felt it was better than having nothing at all.

Duty Jacket	LRP - Item OK.	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
Parka, Waist Length	LRP - Cuffs are somewhat impractical for wearing with gloves. Possible solution; use an adjustable cuff that utilizes elastic and Velcro.	Rather than modify the parka, we recommend you procure gloves that work with the parka. This would be much more fiscally responsible.
Parka, Hip Length	LRH - 1 comment - nice item, warm and durable.	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
	LRP - No Comments	N/A
Overshell Jacket	LRP - Item OK.	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
Hood, Insulated	LRP - Shape of the hood has a "conehead" effect. Need to change the shape and fit.	Isolated comment. This is the first comment we have had on the hood. We will look into it.
Hood, Uninsulated	LRP - Needs elastic drawstrings to pull the hood back from the face and to cinch the hood around the face.	And this is the second and most likely from the same person.
Rain/Wind Pants	LRN - It would be good to see these made more heavy duty like I had in the Marines. Something you can stand out in the rain in and not get soaked or cold in. Made with a more "gortex" shell	It is very apparent that you enjoyed the items you wore while in the Marines. The rain pants are "Gore-Tex". (You're in the Army now.)
	LRP - No Comments	N/A
Rain Coat	LRN - It would be good to see these made more heavy duty like I had in the Marines. Something you can stand out in the rain in and not get soaked or cold in. Made with a more "gortex" shell	It is very apparent that you enjoyed the items you wore while in the Marines. The rain pants are "Gore-Tex".
	LRP - No Comments	N/A
Coveralls, Unlined	LRP - No Comments	N/A
Work Jacket	LRP - No Comments	N/A
Bib Overalls	LRL - As a short female with a curvy figure, I have yet to be able to find bib overalls that fit	We suggest you contact Customer Service. Perhaps a Made to Measure item would meet your needs.
	LRP - Item OK.	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
Maternity Shirt	LRP - No Comments	N/A

Maternity Pants	LRP - No Comments	N/A
Campaign Hat, Felt	LRH - 1 comment - Excellent	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
	LRP - Hat is very uncomfortable. Needs more padding inside the band.	The latest version of the campaign hat does have a padded sweatband instead of the former leather one.
Campaign Hat, Straw	LRH - 1 comment - Excellent	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
	LRP - Item OK.	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
Hat Band	LRP - Item OK.	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
Chin Strap	LRH - 1 comment- Improve the loop that holds the tag end of the strap, currently it just slides and does not hold well.	We have a few suggestions for the wearing of the chin strap. A number of problems can be solved this way. First, insert the end of the chin strap from the top of the brim and back up through the other side. This will place the buckle on the back of the hatband instead of digging into your head. Second, to prevent the loop from sliding, double the end of the strap under itself and slide the loop over it.
	LRP - Item OK.	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
Hat Castle	LRP - Item OK.	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
Rain Hat Cover	LRP - Item OK.	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
Sun Hat	LRH - 2 comments - adopt new NPS version	The committee recommended the adoption of the new sun hat however it must be approved by HQ.
	LRL - hat should be stiffer, not so flimsy, dose not present a professional image	The committee recommended the adoption of the new sun hat however it must be approved by HQ.
	LRP - No Comments	N/A
Winter Hat	LRP - Change the corps patch on the hat to what is on the new winter ball cap.	We will discuss this with the contractor.
Ball Cap, Winter	LRH - 1 comment - need larger size. 1 comment - likes prototype seen at LRD meeting.	The new ball cap is now in the system.

	LRN - if you adopted the new cap designs the curve in the bill would come standard LRN - make a low profile hat	The ball cap has just been redesigned with just the Corps Castle instead of the shoulder patch. Whenever an item is changed, modified, or updated in anyway, some people are satisfied while others are not. We continue to do our best for the program as a whole.
	LRP - No Comments	N/A
Ball Cap, Mesh	LRH - 1 comment - need larger size. 1 comment - likes prototype seen at LRD meeting.	The new ball cap is now in the system.
	LRP - No Comments	N/A
Fleece Cap	LRH - 1 comment - likes this item.	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
	LRL - Need to bring back the green watch cap that they use to have. Remove this item and go back to the old one	The committee feels the fleece cap is an improvement over the wool or acrylic stocking caps. We are in discussions with the contractor to determine if we can get a more flexible fabric for the fleece cap.
	LRP - Sizing needs adjusted. Size small is way to small and size medium is HUGE!	The committee feels the fleece cap is an improvement over the wool or acrylic stocking caps. We are in discussions with the contractor to determine if we can get a more flexible fabric for the fleece cap.
Gorgonz (Ear Warmers)	LRP - No Comments	N/A
Ties, Clip-On	LRP - No Comments	N/A
Tie, Four-In-Hand	LRP - Item OK.	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
Tie, Cross	LRP - No Comments	N/A
Tie Tack	LRP - Needs 2 prongs on the back so the tack will not rotate.	We will discuss this with the contractor.
Tie Bar	LRP - Item OK.	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
Name Plate	LRH - 1 comment - did not like new castle logo on prototype. 1 comment - wants extra clutches to come with pin on name plates.	The old logo was that of the shoulder patch. The new logo conforms to the Corps sign signature policy. Extra clutches can be acquired from Customer Service.

	LRL - I like the old name plate with Corps patch and name - no one knows what a castle means, unless they think White Castle.	The old logo was that of the shoulder patch. The new logo conforms to the Corps sign signature policy.
	LRP - Pin-backs often fall off. Needs a mechanism similar to our badges.	Extra clutches can be acquired from Customer Service.
	LRP - The nameplates that I ordered this year, were flaking a lot.	This is a quality issue. Contact Customer Service.
Socks	LRH - 1 comment - fit on coollite was tight even are larger sizes. 1 comment - cool lite was too hot to wear. 1 comment - excellent.	We have discovered that the Cool Pro-Lite socks are tighter than the Volleys. You may wish to try the Volleys.
	LRN - Need to have a quality boot sock similar to Cabela or Bass Pro Shop sock..... Most rangers are in boots most of the day	The uniform program does not provide boot socks because the sock is not seen.
	LRL -Both are great	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
	LRP - Great addition to the uniform program.	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
	LRP - Good addition	Thank you. We will pass this on to the contractor.
	LRP - Even after they're washed the black dye bleeds onto your feet and makes them black.	The dye will lose excess dye with additional washings. The sock does not lose its color and fade to gray.
Additional Items	LRH - 2 comments - add thermal bottoms to match thermal tops. 1 comment - website working well.	It is not the purpose of the uniform program to supply items of underwear. Thank you for the compliment on the website.
	LRN - The uniform committee needs to go to Cabela, Bass Pro, Lands End etc and see the new materails and designs available in the outdoor and uniform clothing arena. At the price paid I see no reason not to upgrade and stay with the new fabrics and clothing designs.	The committee is aware of the designs and materials in the market. The employees need to be aware that we strive very hard to find items made in America for the program. Any exception to the rule is time consuming and costly. As for the price, you are given an allowance each year. The percentage of employees that spend any of their own money beyond the allowance is less than one percent.
	LRN - I could use a good hydration system like Camelback in the summer especially. A "gator neck" is what I had in the Marines for cold weather. One of those would help me keep warm when I'm on the water patrolling. Or if you are going to be outside all da	This is not a uniform item. Speak to your management.

	<p>too big but VF won't take them back because of their policy. Apparently I waited too long and didn't send them back within 30 days. That is crap. We were so very busy this summer and I didn't have time to think about that. Anytime a Ranger in the field needs the right equipment he/she should be able to swap for the right size or order what they need without jumping through hoops. I know this isn't the Marines, but good grief. I thought the uniform folks were there to take care of the guys doing the grunt work on the ground. I sent the coveralls back and they sent them back to me! How hard would it have been to put the right size in and send them back to me?! I know. It's about their policy. But I believe this 30 day policy needs to change. Rangers need to be able to swap out supplies without a deadline.</p>	<p>Rangers need to take some responsibility for their own uniforms. The thirty day policy is very reasonable. In those unexpected circumstances when the 30 day period passes, contact your Division Representative. If the reason the uniform is not returned within the 30 days is justifiable, contact your Division Representative for assistance.</p>
	<p>LRL - The t-shirts worn under should be white or black NOT Gray!</p>	<p>Thank you for your input.</p>
	<p>LRL - Regulation should be amended to allow for the blousing of the cargo pant.</p>	<p>Thank you however this does not fit with the professional image we are striving for.</p>
	<p>LRL - Mock Turtleneck Dickie for when weather is warmer than normal</p>	<p>The committee did not recommend this.</p>
	<p>LRL - No one has had any problems with the website this year.</p>	<p>Thank you.</p>
	<p>LRL - Thermal underwear bottoms for when weather is very cold</p>	<p>It is not the purpose of the uniform program to supply items of underwear.</p>
	<p>LRL - Need to phase in 3 badges. People in the north with layers cannot keep up moving the badges all the time. Just start phasing in 3 badges for new Park Rangers.</p>	<p>The badges are accountable property. Two badges are authorized so that one could be worn on the shirt and one on outerwear. We do not see where an additional one could be worn. The short amount of time that is required to move the badge from one outer garment to another is negligible.</p>

	<p>LRP - we need cargo pants that are made from a lightweight/breathable material for use in warmer weather. The current cargo pants are great during the winter but are too hot during the summer. I am not asking for a BDU pant. We also need lighter weight gloves and slightly heavier Gore-Tex gloves that still allow enough mobility to work. A neck gator would also be great.</p>	<p>We have asked the contractor to investigate the possibility of a lighter weight part of trousers. Gloves and neck gators may be purchased through local procurement avenues and are not part of the uniform program.</p>
	<p>LRP - A blaze orange hat and a blaze orange/reversible overshell/vest would be useful safety items while walking boundaries etc. during hunting season.</p>	<p>This is a safety item and is not a uniform item.</p>
	<p>LRP - Insulated underwear bottoms to match the turtle neck would useful in cold weather conditions.</p>	<p>It is not the purpose of the uniform program to supply items of underwear.</p>
	<p>LRP - It takes a long time to get STEP uniforms that need to be tailored. They are only working for the summer and need to get tailored uniforms back quicker.</p>	<p>A suggestion: Create your UAAs as soon as possible. If you can bring on your STEPs for a day before they actually start work, they can order uniform items and have them delivered in time.</p>
	<p>LRP - I would like to suggest 1 item: A headband warmer. They make them in simple black and would be a very nice addition.</p>	<p>We feel this function is already covered with the Gorgonz and fleece cap.</p>