



## THE US ARMY CAMOUFLAGE PLAN | TSPID

### SUMMARY:

A Secretary of the Army-approved four-phase plan was implemented in late FY09 to collaboratively determine the best available camouflage pattern for use in Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) (Phases I-III) and to develop a long-term concealment strategy for the Army's combat uniform and organizational clothing and individual equipment (OCIE) (Phase IV). Execution partners include the US Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), Program Executive Office (PEO)-Soldier, Research Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM), US Army Special Operations Command (USASOC), Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC), Naval Research Laboratories (NRL) and the US Air Force.

### THE 4-PHASE PLAN:

#### ■ Phase I: Immediate Action (Completed)

- In-theater field test of two alternative uniform camouflage patterns
- Survey for early feedback

#### ■ Phase II: Build the Science (Completed)

- Capture OEF Soldier feedback
- Capture OCONUS images and conduct photo-simulation detection, photo-simulation blending and rank order evaluations

#### ■ Phase III: OEF Decision and Fielding (In process)

- On 19 Feb 2010 the Secretary of the Army approved MultiCam® for OEF Soldiers
- Project Manager-Soldier Protection and Individual Equipment (PM-SPIE) currently fielding OEF Camouflage Pattern (OCP) uniforms and OCIE to next deployers and those in-theater

#### ■ Phase IV: Army Camouflage Strategy and Requirements Development (In process)

- Work with Camouflage Integrated Product Team (IPT), led by TRADOC, to develop camouflage uniform requirements and Army Soldier camouflage strategy



OEF CAMOUFLAGE PATTERN

### PHASE IV EFFORTS:

On 17 Feb 2010 the Army G-3/5/7 LTG Thurman assigned to TRADOC the task to develop uniform camouflage requirements and strategy recommendations by 1Q11. TRADOC has facilitated an IPT, with representation from the capability, scientific, testing, acquisition, and joint service communities, to develop this strategy. The strategy will address the needs of the entire Army which operates in an expeditionary manner and in multiple, concurrent theaters. Joint Service applications, OCIE compatibility, as well as cost to the Soldier and to the Army are also being considered in the strategy.

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