

## INVESTICE DO ROZVOJE VZDĚLÁVÁNÍ

## Uniforms in the Army of the Czech Republic

Logically, structural and colour design of individual uniforms stems from the traditions and history of the former Czechoslovak Army, suits the present needs of the Army of the Czech Republic, and guarantees compatibility with uniforms used in the states of NATO.

The **uniforms 97** for soldiers are manufactured in two basic versions:

- in green colour for members of the Ground Forces
- in blue colour for members of the Air Force

The **Service Uniform 97** consists of trousers, jackets and service cap of the same colour tinge. Other textile particles of this uniform are supplied in the colour-matching nuances. Components manufactured from hide and on hide bases are in black colour, and furs are coloured gray. The basic set of the **Field uniform** is, for duty function and field functions, complemented by other components (boots, caps, berets).

In the following pictures you can see examples of Service Uniform 95, Field Uniform 95, and two examples of Service Uniform 97.



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The metal rank insignia are worn on shoulder boards and cups of the **Service Uniform 97** and the **Dress Uniform 97**. The stick-on rank insignia labels are worn on breast and cup with the Uniform 95. The Czech Republic expatriate insignia are in form of the national emblem of the CR on the cup badge. On all uniforms there is the state flag on the left sleeve. Members of branches of the ACR wear knobs on which there is a symbol of crossed swords. Expertise distinction is resolved by distinctive symbols on the jacket collar of the Service and Dress Uniforms. The distinctive unit insignia are expressed by a metal badge, which is positioned on the right pocket of the Service and Dress Uniforms.

Soldiers of individual army branches can be distinguished by the beret colour. Berets are worn with Dress and Service Uniforms for all categories of soldiers.

- light green      – Ground Forces
- dark green      – Reconnaissance Troops
- dark blue      – Air Force
- dark red      – 4th Rapid Deployment Brigade
- grey      – Logistics
- black      – Military Police

Dress Uniforms 97

Service Uniforms 97

Field Uniforms 95

Service Uniforms 95

**Task 1:** Ask the following questions:

What are the reasons for wearing uniform?

How many uniforms do you have?

When and where do you wear a combat dress uniform?

Why do you wear fighting order?

What items are essential in fighting order?

What an abbreviation BDU stands for?

**Task 2** Describe one of the two following uniforms in detail and send your description to your teacher:



### **Self-study tasks:**

Write a short article for *Soldier Magazine* describing a uniform. Name the different parts of the uniform, their importance and purpose (word limit of about 200 words)

*For further reading and vocabulary development, go to*

<http://www.militaryclothing.com/>

<http://www.military.com/benefits/resources/guide-to-military-uniforms-and-awards>