



## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

THE INSTITUTE OF HERALDRY  
9325 GUNSTON ROAD, ROOM S113  
FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA 22060-5579

SAAA-IHS

3 December 2020

MEMORANDUM FOR Chief, National Guard Bureau

SUBJECT: Shoulder Sleeve Insignia and Patch for the National Guard Bureau

1. The following heraldic items have been designed and developed for the National Guard Bureau:

- a. Shoulder sleeve insignia with description and symbolism as follows:

### DESCRIPTION

On a shield shape embroidered item edged with a 1/8 inch (.32 cm) yellow border, 3 inches in height; Per bend Azure (Dark Blue) and Azure, the insignia of the National Guard Bureau Or.

### SYMBOLISM

The field is divided into two colors, dark blue signifying the Army and ultramarine blue signifying the Air Force. Together it indicates the joint Army and Air Force nature of the National Guard Bureau in managing Army National Guard and Air National Guard affairs. The eagle with two fasces is the insignia of the National Guard Bureau, symbolizing the administration and their functions and mission to the Bureau.

- b. Shoulder patch with the description as follows:

On a shield shape embroidered item edged with a 1/8 inch (.32 cm) yellow border, 2 1/2 inches (6.35 cm) in height; Per bend Azure (Dark Blue) and Azure, the insignia of the National Guard Bureau Or.

2. Enclosed for your use and retention are:

- a. TIOH Drawing A-1-1136.
- b. TIOH Drawing A-1-1136A.
- c. Artwork in full color, subdued and black and white line.

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3. This authorization is in accordance with AR 670-1 and National Guard Bureau request memo, dated 20 August 2020. A copy of this memo will become part of your permanent organizational history files.

4. Your point of contact for this action is the Heraldic Services and Support Division at 571-515-0324.

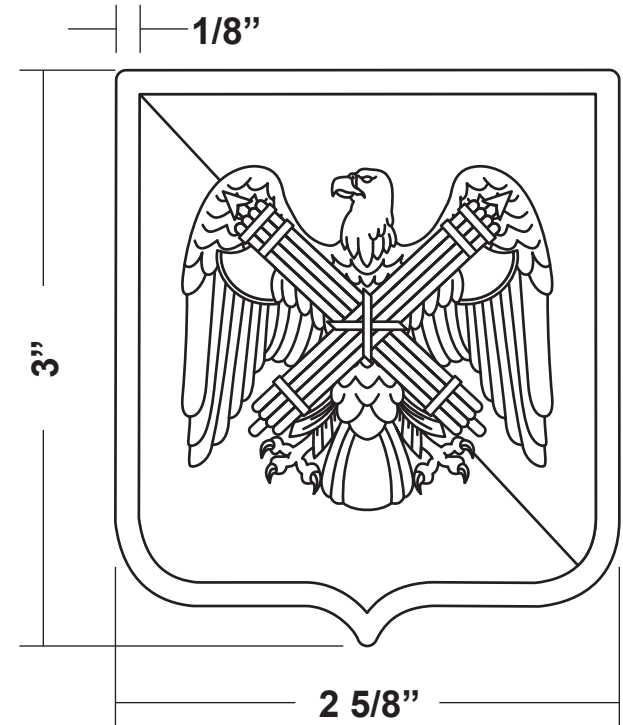
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CHARLES V. MUGNO  
Director

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**SUPERSEDES TIOH DWG No. A-1-1136 DATED 12 JUNE 2020**



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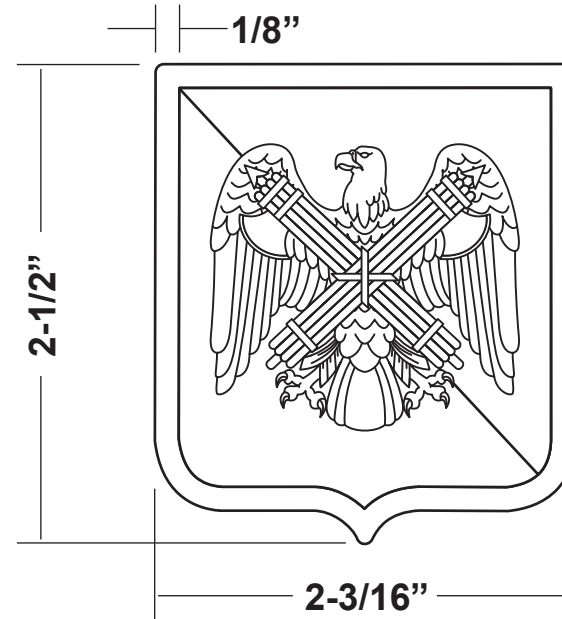
- Yellow Cable No. 67108**
- Ultramarine Blue Cable No. 67118**
- Dark Blue Cable No. 67126**

- Bagby Green Cable No. 67204**
- Black Cable No. 67138**
- Spicebrown Cable No. 67196**

**STITCH COUNT:**  
**10,343 (Minimum)**  
**Denier: 90/2**  
**Span: 12/4**

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<b>EXAMINED</b>	<i>SAO</i>	
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<b>MATERIALS: TO BE MANUFACTURED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MIL-DTL-14652</b>		<b>DATE:</b> 3 DECEMBER 2020

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**STITCH COUNT  
STITCHES 6501 (MINIMUM)  
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## ARMY ELEMENT NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU



### SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA BLAZON

**Shield.** On a shield shape embroidered item edged with a 1/8 inch (.32 cm) yellow border, 3 inches in height, blazoned as follows; Per bend Azure (Dark Blue) and Azure, the insignia of the National Guard Bureau Or.

**Symbolism.** The field is divided into two colors, dark blue signifying the Army and ultramarine blue signifying the Air Force. Together it indicates the joint Army and Air Force nature of the NGB in managing Army National Guard and Air National Guard affairs. The eagle with two fasces is the insignia of the National Guard Bureau (NGB), symbolizing the administration and their functions and mission to the NGB.

**Background.** A shoulder sleeve insignia, 3 1/2 inches in height, was originally approved for the National Guard Bureau on 23 January 2020. The shoulder sleeve insignia was amended on 12 June 2020 to reduce the size from 3 1/2 inches to 2 1/2 inches. On 3 December 2020, a final version of the shoulder sleeve insignia was approved in 3 inches. The 2 1/2 inch shoulder patch of the same design is approved for wear by Air Force personnel.



## ARMY ELEMENT NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU



### DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA BLAZON

**Shield.** On a gold metal and epoxied shield shape device edged with a 1 1/4 inch (3.18 cm) in height, blazoned as follows; Per bend Azure (Dark Blue) and Azure, a bendlet Gules, the insignia of the National Guard Bureau Or, in base olive branch and quill pen saltirewise, point downwards of the last.

**Symbolism.** The field is divided into two colors, dark blue signifying the Army and ultramarine blue signifying the Air Force. Together it indicates the joint Army and Air Force nature of the NGB in managing Army National Guard and Air National Guard affairs. Red refers to the Militia Bureau's (AG) color in 1903. The eagle with two fasces is the insignia of the National Guard Bureau (NGB), symbolizing the administration and their functions and mission to the NGB. The olive branch is a national symbol suggesting peace and unity; the quill pen further denotes the administration and their NGB mission.

**Background.** The distinctive unit insignia is authorized effective 6 September 2019.



**NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU**  
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**AUG 20 2020**


MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF HERALDRY

Subject: Modification of the National Guard Bureau Organizational Patch

Reference: (a) Department of Defense Directive 5105.77, 30 October 2015, "National Guard Bureau," Incorporating Change 1, 10 October 2017

(b) Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel, 7 February 2020

1. The National Guard Bureau (NGB) requests the Institute of Heraldry modify the NGB organizational patch design to increase the size from two and a half inches to three inches.
2. The intent of the NGB patch is to have a single organizational shoulder patch worn by all NGB uniformed members to enhance esprit, morale, and unity, but without interfering with any other authorized Service insignia or patch.
3. We greatly appreciate the tremendous professionalism and support from the Institute of Heraldry in the design of the National Guard Bureau patch.
4. My point of contact is Major Robert Carter, NGB-J1, 703-601-2212, who can provide further information if needed.

  
DANIEL R. HOKANSON  
General, USA  
Chief, National Guard Bureau