

United States Forces Korea Patch



On June 18, 2012 the Department of the Army Institute of Heraldry authorized the United States Forces Korea shoulder sleeve insignia. The new patch is worn on the left shoulder of a soldier's uniform.

Military uniform unit patches are used to denote a service member's unit. They are most often used by the Army personnel and flight units in the Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force. The U.S. Army is unique among the services because soldiers wear the patch of their unit or headquarters as part of their military uniform.

Emblem

A shield-shaped embroidered device 3 1/8 inches in height and 2 1/2 inches in width overall blazoned. Consists of red, white, and blue enamel having an upward streaking American bald eagle clutching in its talons a laurel branch and seven arrows. Above the eagle are four stars on the blue background. The entire shield shape is edged with 1/16 white border. Attached above the device is a designation band in scarlet inscribed "USFK" in white letters. The entire device is edged with a 1/8 inch blue border.

The shield shape reflects the United States Forces Korea's steadfast commitment to defend the sovereignty of the Republic of Korea. The abbreviation "USFK" stands for United States Forces Korea which activated on July 1, 1957. The four stars symbolize the service and contributions of the United States Army, United States Navy, United States Air Force, and the United States Marine Corps. The stylized American bald eagle represents cohesion and unity among the services. The laurel sprigs and arrows depict the mission of USFK to defeat aggression if necessary. Red, white and blue are the colors of the flag of the United States of America. Red symbolizes hard work and honor, white represents innocence and purity, and blue refers to justice and perseverance. Yellow signifies wisdom and intuition. The emblem was prepared and approved for the U.S. Forces Korea Flag by the commander, U.S. Forces Korea on May 6, 1993.