



Its Chigger and Mosquito Season on Fort Hood

- Most reported insect bites in the area are due to mosquitoes and chiggers.
- Mosquitoes tend to bite more at dusk and dawn so Soldiers should take precautions when outside at these times.
- A Mosquito can bite any part of the body, but they tend to bite the lower legs especially around the ankles.
- Mosquitoes can bite through clothing.
- Chigger bites tend to be localized around the belt line, top of socks or bra lines.
- The Department of Preventive Medicine recommends that units in the training environment implement the DOD Insect Repellent system

The Department of Defense Insect Repellent System

DEET lotion on skin (NSN 6840-01-278-1336)

*Apply to lower legs, wrists and abdomen if you will be on the ground or in an area with chiggers.

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PERMETHRIN only on the uniform **New Fire resistant ACUs CANNOT be treated.**

*IDAA Kit (NSN 6840-01-345-0237) 1 kit treats 1 uniform, this treatment lasts for the life of the uniform.

*Aerosol Can (NSN 6840-01-278-1336) this treatment lasts through 5-6 washings.
Both treatments can be applied by the soldier.

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PROPER WEAR of the uniform: sleeves down, tuck undershirt into pants and tuck pants into boots.