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Textiles  
3rd Year  
Military Uniforms of the U.S Army

Specifically i will be addressing the similarities of the U.S army's 19th Century uniforms and the 21st Century uniforms. The 19th century which were single-breasted for privates with nine buttons in front, and lace on the collar. The distinctive feature of this garment was four pleats running down each side in front from the shoulders to the bottom of the skirt that introduced the concept of layering with wool garments. The 21st century iteration is the Battle Dress Uniform or BDUs. This uniform was descended from the tropical combat uniform of the Vietnam War and consisted of a coat made of a nylon and cotton blend in woodland pattern camouflage with matching trousers, and a field cap.

I am interested in these garments because my personal style is influenced by this type of clothing and accessories. This is a timely thing to write about because the military is a large part of our country's heritage and is used almost everyday we have our military troops perform their duties. My personal connection to this topic stems from wanting to join a para-military team in the near future.

Potential Reference -

<http://www.businessinsider.com/heres-how-the-us-militarys-uniforms-have-changed-over-the-past-250-years-2015-7>