## Elevate Textiles

# **Burlington Military Solutions**

Elevate Textiles Overview Military Heritage Review

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#### Elevate Textiles

#### Our Distinguished Collection of Global Brands



As one of the world's foremost manufacturers of sewing thread, embroidery thread and technical textiles, A&E brings global solutions to the apparel, automotive, home furnishings, medical, footwear and other industrial markets with capabilities that extend from Asia to Europe to the Americas. 🖶 Burlington®

With close to a century of industry leadership, Burlington is driven to develop sustainable, nextgeneration textile technology and fabrics including performance synthetics, cottons, worsted wool and blended fabric, serving the military, performance apparel, medical and cleanroom, interior furnishings, uniform, and workwear markets

A worldwide leader in denim innovation, Cone Denim's unparalleled expertise and advanced capabilities have serviced and inspired the global market for more than 125 years, offering unique collections of sustainable and innovative performance, stretch, selvage and natural indigos denims. Regarded as one of the world's premier thread manufacturers, A&E Gütermann has been making quality thread products for more than 275 years servicing both industrial and commercial sectors globally.

Gütermann

SAFETY COMPONENTS

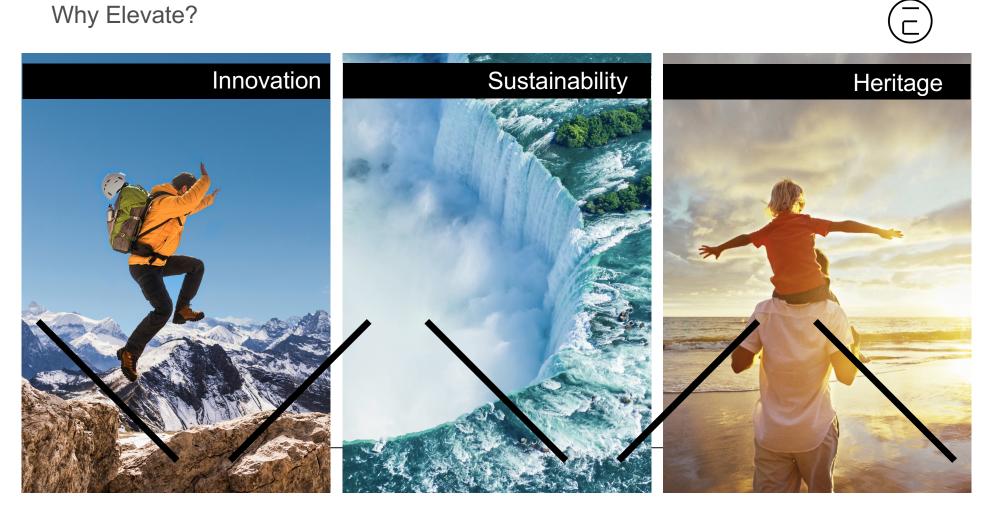
A global leader in technology-driven fabric solutions and other highperformance textiles, for first responders, military, outdoor, marine and automotive use, Safety Components has provided innovative solutions to customers for more than 100 years.



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## Why Elevate?



#### Innovation

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Burlington<sup>®</sup> Labs is a world leader in the research and development of nextgeneration textile products. With more than 15 labs, we use innovative fibers, chemicals and processes to create evolutionary fabrics and capabilities that differentiate us from our competitors. Cone<sup>®</sup> 3D is an innovation incubator which leads the R&D efforts of Cone Denim. Key areas of focus are performance, comfort, uniqueness, and sustainability. Breakthrough initiatives include identifying new fibers and raw materials, incorporating distinctive fiber blends and fabric constructions, and engineering unique process technologies -all supported by sustainable practices.

DENIM

CONE 3D

DEVELOPMENT

DESIGN

A&E's leading research and development teams engineer some of the most cuttingedge thread and yarn products in the world. Known throughout the textile industry for its quality, innovative thread products and steadfast commitment to sustainable manufacturing, A&E remains the industry's preferred thread supplier.

Innovate. Create. Deliver.

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Since 1923, Burlington has been a global textile leader. Today we supply advanced performance fabrics to the apparel, military, active wear, barrier and contract markets around the world. Burlington leads the way in technology and textile innovation.



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# **Burlington Business Units**

- Outerwear Outdoor Enthusiast,
- Lifestyle Golf/Casual, Wool & Wool blended suits
- Protective Barrier Medical, Micro-Electronics, Pharmaceutical
- Uniform/Career Apparel P/C, P/W, P/R, Polyester, Nylon
- Contract Fabrics Commercial Seating / Wall Panels
- Safety Components Turnout Gear, Wildland, WeatherMax



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## **Military Solutions**



Burlington Military leverages a diverse range of high performance manufacturing capabilities and a complete range of fiber/fabric blends that delivers state-of-the-art military solutions worldwide.

Our fabric portfolio encompasses Military applications from Extreme Weather gear, Camouflage combat (BDU), Physical Training, Class A Dress Uniforms, Utility materials, and tenting/shelter fabrics to shipboard covers and ballistic materials.



## AGSU – Army Green Services Uniform – 55/45 Poly/Wool

- Current Army Service Uniform (ASU) has Navy Jacket and Light Navy Pant.
  - Changing to AGSU. Historically called "Pinks & Greens".
  - Now called Heritage Green and Heritage Taupe
  - Tradition carried forth from the Eisenhower Era of Dress Uniform.
- Burlington supplying Pant, Jacket, Tie, Hat and Shirt.
  - A&E will be supplying the sewing thread for this Uniform.
- According to NDAA (National Defense Authorization Act) Congress has to be notified of a change 3 years prior to rolling it out. This process started March 2017. Can't legally offer until March 2020.
- Why are the current trousers light blue and the jackets dark blue?





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## **Fire Resistant Fabrics**

- Sigma Inherent FR Fabric
  - Proprietary blend of Aramids, Lenzing FR, Nylon
  - Weights range 4.5 6.5 oz/sq in weaves of Plain, Twills and Ripstops
- End Uses
  - · Commercial version of Flight Suits and Combat Pant
  - · Wildland Fire Fighting and Station Wear



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## Nylon/Cotton (NyCo)

- 50/50 Nylon/Cotton Ripstop is standard issue Combat and Utility Uniforms.
- Carlisle Plant prints patterns for each branch of US Military (OCP, MARPAT, Woodland, NAVPAT...)
- Also supply camo prints to various International Militaries
  (Afghanistan, Israel)



#### Military Physical Training – PT

- PT fabrics today are 100% Polyester or 100% Nylon.
  - Trunks have quick dry chemistry
    - 100% Polyester- 2.25-2.75 oz/ sq yd
    - 100% Nylon- 3.5 oz/sq yd
- Burlington supplies product for:
  - Army
  - Marines
  - Air Force
  - Navy



#### CNT - Certified Navy Twill

- The US Navy Dress Whites
  - 100% Polyester Twill 6.5 oz/sq yd



#### Jungle Uniform

- Jungle Uniform (Jammies)
  - · 100% Nylon Ripstop- 3.5 oz/ sq yd
  - Finished with 50+ UPF, Quick Dry and NFZ
  - · Dyed Solid Shades or OCP Printed



#### What's New

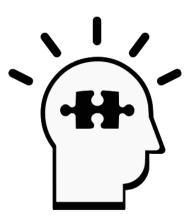
- Sustainability
- Where to incorporate Recycled and Bio-degradable fibers
- Lighter/ Protective (FR) Uniform & Gear
- Smart Apparel
  - Improved Camo
  - Self repair



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## Challenges

- Long Development Lead Times
- NDDA 3 year Notice of Change
- No Requirements
- Funding



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