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Apex Mills is a leading supplier of warp knit fabrics for military, commercial and industrial applications. It is our mission to become our customers' primary resource for their engineered fabric requirements. Apex Mills' flexibility allows it to support both small and large programs, expediting innovative solutions which respond to our customers' dynamic needs and arising opportunities. We work with corporate development teams as well as government agencies to deliver the most responsive solutions. This approach is demonstrated by our DRYRUN™ collection of moisture management/antimicrobial fabrics. Apex Mills can supply most fabrics as part of its Ecorich, environmentally friendly offering of textile solutions. For more than seventy years, our far reaching expertise has been achieved through the development of application driven designed mesh, netting, spacer fabric and tricot solutions to an ever expanding array of industries. Apex Mills helps customers realize any concept that enhances the marketability, effectiveness and profitability of their products. Apex Mills – Problem Shared. Problem Solved.

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Bernard Cap Company is the largest supplier of military uniform headwear to the U.S. Department of Defense. The family ownership of the company is part of an unbroken line of almost 100 years uniform headwear manufacturers, and since 1974 at Bernard Cap Company in Hialeah, Florida, USA. Our military headwear includes dress uniform service caps, garrison/flight caps, for every branch as well as every service academy - West Point, Air Force Academy, Annapolis, etc., military police as well as other specialized items for various special branches of the military. We also have made millions of Army

and Air Force camouflage patrol/utility caps and sun hats (boonies). We also do work for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the US Coast Guard and its Academy. Our work with over 30 foreign governments on their specialized requirements has further expanded our area of experience. Additionally, we make headwear for several national police forces, many different airlines, and private label headwear for uniform manufacturers.

In related work for our Government's military customers, we manufacture highly specialized medical backpacks, prepared to withstand high impact with delicate medical equipment. We are currently making the US Navy blue and white jumpers, for both men and women – which takes us into the apparel segment. We have worked for 5 generations meeting the special requirements of the U.S. armed forces and for other countries around the world.

Bernard Cap has been awarded the highest award from the Department of Defense for "Quality Excellence" and has an ISO 9001-2008 quality system.

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The Brookwood Companies, Inc. www.brookwoodcos.com is a US based integrated textile company with technically oriented products know all over the world. Through our US manufacturing facilities, Kenyon Industries and our Brookwood Laminating factory, we design, develop and manufacture fabrics as well as dye, finish, print, back coat and laminate a variety of fabrics. We are one of the largest suppliers to the US military meeting over 65 fabric specifications that are manufactured into a variety of end items.

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Our tactical armor fabrics and police protection fabrics are in demand for many countries outside the US and we are contacting you to see if there are any opportunities to market our technical fabrics to your country's military and tactical / Police forces. We have the ability to print any camouflage patterns required. We have been the largest supplier of levels, 4,5,6,7 of the US Gen III extreme cold weather program for the US military. We supply the fabric for the Molle back pack, duffle and IOTV (FR outer tactical vest) fabric using Brookwood's FR-TEX™ fabric finish. Through our lamination plant we supply a RF weldable fabric that meets NIJ-06 requirement for ballistic vests.

We also have an excellent working relationship with the companies that manufacture the finished garment for the US Military and can offer a finished product.

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International Textile Group™ (Burlington Ind. and Safety Components) offers a diverse range of vertical manufacturing capabilities along with a wide variety of fiber and fabric blends for FR military, firefighting, extreme cold weather apparel, military Class A Dress wool uniforms and Public safety officers, aerospace, automotive, clean room, barrier, and other specialty applications. Our global footprint provides operational resources across the world. State-of-the-art, modern facilities in China, Mexico and the United States allow for flexibility and duplicate processes around the world.

Since 1923, Burlington Ind. has been a global textile leader. Its international presence supports core competencies in worsted wool and performance synthetics. Representing over 50 years of tradition and experience, Burlington Raeford®, a division of Burlington Ind. has provided quality fabrics for every branch of the United States Armed Forces and the United States Military Academy. Many international militaries also call upon Burlington Raeford to fulfill their fabric needs. Safety Components™ maintains a technology leadership role as the leading supplier of flame resistant solutions for structural firefighting and military uniform applications. They also supply a wide array of technical fabrics for specification-driven markets.

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CPT USA LLC, dba Cockpit USA is a 40 year old apparel company, originally started as Avirex LTD, whose roots are in military and aviation clothing-both in inspiration and dedication to quality and a respect for American classic wearing apparel. Currently an official supplier to the US Air Force for the leather A-2 pilot's jacket, Cockpit manufactures most of its products in the USA and is committed to producing its iconic apparel in the USA. Thanks to its USA manufacturing, Cockpit USA can do special orders for as little as 12-50 pieces with personalized details inside and outside also helping in developing patches for their customers.

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Durable, reusable, and interchangeable
Can be started anywhere on the zipper
Full website and online support

The FixnZip is a zipper slider replacement that repairs zippers without the need for tools or sewing. It has a patented, spring plate design with a noncorrosive surface. These features and ease of use position it for the varying field environments found in all branches of the military. The FixnZip comes in three sizes: small, medium and large. Its design enables each to fit a range of sizes as well as universally apply

to teeth or coil zippers in metal or plastic. Taking just minutes, it is easy to install fixing zippers on clothing, bags, backpacks, sleeping bags, tents, equipment covers, jeep windows, wetsuits, to name but a few. It can be used on open ended or closed ended zippers (such as on jackets and backpacks respectively) as well as zippers that may have missing teeth.

FixnZip was designed and is manufactured by CTF Enterprises, Inc., a small business created in 2007 by inventor Chris Felix to develop and market an idea--a replacement zipper slider to easily repair broken zippers. Since then, the company has grown to include a headquarters in Portland, Oregon, a lean staff, and continues to be governed by a community-based volunteer board of directors.

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SuperFabric® materials have rugged, durable and flexible properties. These traits are exactly the reason why our material is used in military and security uniforms, gloves, footwear, bags and seating. Adding our materials to high abrasion areas such as elbows, knees and shoulders allow for a more protective and longer lasting uniform for respected military personal. Gloves constructed from our fabrics can be made more resistant to cuts, abrasion, punctures and can provide more grip than standard gloves. Vehicles use SuperFabric® for interior durability and protection. Equip yourself and your men/woman with highly advanced textiles that protect and last!



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Navajo Fabrics is recognized as a worldwide leader in camouflage and solid color fabrics for the various branches of the U.S. military as well as allied forces with over 40 years of experience. Our technical know-how allows us to design fabrics for unique end uses. Navajo also produces high performance fabrics tailored for unique products and individual customer needs. Our market position allows us the ability for quick execution of customer orders in a comprehensive range of fabrics for specification driven global markets.

Navajo Fabrics is a diversified manufacturer of military uniform, police, tactical and equipage fabrics. We are a leading supplier of fabric for the military, law enforcement, public safety, medical, and security markets. Our business focus is to produce fabrics for OCIE (Organizational Clothing Individual Equipment) as well as unique solid colors and camouflage patterns for specialty missions and specific environments.

We have partnered with fiber producers, mills, dyers and printers to be able to provide functional and durable quality products with high performance characteristics. We have also partnered with some US government prime contractors in order to be able to offer made up uniforms and equipment. Our products are Berry compliant and made in the USA; we also offer imported fabrics when the need arises.

To our many customers that use and depend upon our products, the Navajo name has become synonymous with quality, dependability and service. Navajo is dedicated to producing outstanding quality products to satisfy our individual customer's requirements in worldwide markets.

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