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with MIL-B-44152C (in other words, get them only from Brigade On Sunday after the Fall Knob Creek, I stopped by the Cav Store's semi-annual sale - Picked up two pairs of Belleville Shoe Company (supplying the military since 190whatever) combat boots - One's a summer weight, a lot like the old jungle boots, but without the water inlet/outlet thingies, and the other is a silicone-impregnated winter boot - It has some sort of green lining instead of just plain leather - otherwise, it looks like a standard new-issue boot (unless they're lining the new boots - I've never looked...). The latter are straight out of the box the MOST COMFY boots I've EVER worn, including my old combat boots, my old jungle boots, a pair of Raichles, and a pair of \$250+ Asoles... And the *&^%(*% Altamas... The summer/jungle boots got a Dr. Scholls' el-cheapo insert and a pair of heel cups, and they're as comfy nice as the winter ones. Paid \$25 for the winter ones, and \$20 for the summer ones (sale!). Doubt they're at that price now. Just checked Belleville's web site - they want \$80/pair. <http://www.bellevilleshoe.com/> Stupid question - Given the design of these boots, can they be resoled? Sent via Deja.com <http://www.deja.com/>

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Geoffrey, I agree totally about issue boots(for warm weather wear) I'm curious as to Your thoughts on winter boots tho. Disregarding the Sorel type Pac boots which imho are useless for serious walking, what works for You? I've used the issue Mickey mouse boots,issue Matterhorns and the standard grunt boot in cold weather and 2 years ago, bought a pair of Browning Officials, So far the latter have been warmer and more comfortable than any of the others and have held up perfectly so far. But as Always I'm looking for the perfect (or as close as possible) cold weather boot. Your suggestions would be most welcome. Allen Allen, Discounting, as you state, Pac-boots. . .I only have three types of C/W boots, all of which I got hooked on when in the military. The oldest pair I have, which work rather well despite being almost <gulp 15 years old, are German Winter Boots. I don't know the manufacturer, the printing inside wore off long ago. These were the boots you could buy in Clothing Sales in (then) West Germany back in the 70's and 80's. These are pretty good for down to around 10 degrees (above), but I've worn them down to as cold as Zero for extended periods of time with good wool socks. I also have two pair of Danner boots which were (are?) referred to as Go-Devils purportedly made by Danner for the boys at Ft. Lewis. These are more comfortable when walking long distances in the cold and provide as much protection against the temperature as the W-Germans. Finally, I also have two pair of the Matterhorns. Mine are more recent 10 versions with insulation and Gore-tex. I haven't had much of an opportunity to give these a really good testing save for recent bad weather. I got these rather recently (just before last New Year's). They do seem to be warmer than either the Germans or the Danners, though. Just because of my familiarity with them, I'd have to go with the Danners. Geoffrey L. Hardin, geo...@abcs.com

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