

5th Ranger Infantry Battalion Re-enacting Society Inc.
Military History Preservation Association

5th Ranger Infantry Battalion

Table of Organization & Equipment

ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1: IMPRESSION STANDARDS:

Each member of the 5th Ranger Infantry Battalion (5th RIB) is representing an important time in history. It is his responsibility to look the part and portray their role with 100% accuracy, dignity, and respect. What you are doing is a tribute to those who came before and participated in one of the greatest undertakings of all time. It is critical that we convey the images and feelings of what happened, to all those who view our organization. This is **ESPECIALLY CRITICAL** at all public events. We have chosen to help keep the story of those who served our Nation alive in today's times. **Do so with respect**, or not at all.

SECTION 2: RANK:

Rank structure is based upon 1944 US Army Regulations. Members portray a particular type of serviceman in WWII; and even though the 5th RIB (reenacted) is not active duty, and therefore not bound to strict discipline, respect and attention to rank will be expected as part of our impression.

Salute Officers of the 5th RIB in barracks or rear areas only, but more importantly respect all NCOs and orders given by senior members. Be courteous to your fellow members. Ranks will reflect the number of active members in our organization and the number of members attending a particular event. Play your part, be authentic, and enjoy it. This is a hobby.

Only your approved rank is to be worn at re-enactments. Any other impression should be checked by or approved by the other BOD unit members or Company CO.

SECTION 2A: RANK & PROMOTIONS:

The Company commanders in hand with the Battalion CO will make promotions in a member's rank at their discretion based on their decisions **and/or** using the following guidelines: The respective conditions for that rank are met, another unit member makes a Nomination for advancement, AND the current number of active members merits such a promotion. (For example, to avoid a group made up of higher-up NCO's and officers, ranks will reflect the number of members we have at that time; in order to maintain realism.)

Recruitment of additional members into the unit will be a positive influence in the possible promotion of a given member. The option to maintain the current rank, or accept the promotion will be left to the discretion of the member in question. Nominations for advancement in rank can be made by any unit member to their Company CO on behalf of another member and will be reviewed by the Company CO and passed to the Battalion CO for approval based on, **but not limited to**, the following guidelines. These conditions are as follows:

RECRUIT: Any person who has displayed interest in joining the 5th Ranger Battalion RS Inc. and is in the process of sending in their application, but has not yet done so.

PRIVATE: Upon formal induction into the 5th Rangers Infantry Battalion, the designated rank of new members shall be that of Private. Persons with previous active duty military experience may begin at Private First Class (PFC) with approval, as this is a special case.

PFC: (Private, First Class) Members with previous military experience OR who have attended at least two (2) events AS A PRIVATE with eligibility for promotion at the second event. They must be in good standing and display a positive attitude in the field, along with owning their basic impression.

CORPORAL: Members who have attended a minimum of four (4) events in good standing AS A PFC and display the ability to perform well under fire are eligible for promotion to Corporal. Must have a positive attitude and own their equipment, uniform, and weapon* (*depending on impression).

SERGEANT: Members must have been at a minimum of 7 out of the last 10 consecutive events where another member or members were present and attended them as a CORPORAL up to the date of nomination. They should act in a manner demonstrating abilities to communicate with and lead others. Members accepting the rank of Sergeant must be prepared for added responsibilities both in the field and with managing the unit, in addition to portraying such characteristics prior to the promotion. The possibility of assignment of a squad command may exist at this point. Ranger impression should be of a level beyond that of the basic. Their demeanor should reflect the best of a Ranger impression both on and off the field; this is especially true when at Public Displays and Battles.

STAFF SERGEANT: Members must serve actively in the field as SERGEANT for at least five (5) events with other unit members in attendance and maintain a level of unit participation beyond the average. Aiding with unit administration and operations is required. High impression standards should be present.

Promotions to the grade of TECHNICAL SERGEANT, FIRST SERGEANT, and MASTER SERGEANT are done on a point-by-point basis by the Battalion and Company CO. Attendance, authenticity, and commitment to the unit will all be deciding factors. Aiding other unit members with general issues in regards to the unit will be required as with the previous ranks of Staff Sergeant and Sergeant.

Technical Ranks up to TECHNICIAN 3RD GRADE will be assigned based on your impression, and will follow the same promotional guidelines as that of the other ranks. However, the progression in rank after that of PFC will follow the standard US ARMY 1943 regulations of the TECHNICIAN grades. Such technical roles include; but are not limited to: medical personnel, radio operators, translators, and clerks.

Promotion to the ranks of COMMISSIONED OFFICERS such as WARRANT OFFICER, SECOND LIEUTENANT, and FIRST LIEUTENANT will be made on a point-by-point basis by the Board of Directors, the unit CO, and all standing Officers of the unit. Candidates must be a member of the unit for a minimum of one (1) year from point of formal induction and attend a minimum of ten (10) events in that time period OR the maximum number of events with members present in that time period if there has been fewer than ten (10) events in a year. Unit commitment and willingness to travel for events will also be factors. Aiding other unit members with their impressions, unit improvement, and general interest and good intent will be required.

SECTION 2B: DECORATIONS & CITATIONS:

The 5th Ranger Battalion received 2 Presidential Unit Citations for its actions on the Normandy and Ardennes campaigns. As a representation of the unit we are portraying, the citation will be worn when appropriate. (On the Class "A" dress uniform, 4 pocket blouse or Ike Jacket above the right breast pocket.)

We as a unit believe that individual valor decorations should only be worn by those members that have actually earned them. Unless earned, NO Purple Heart, Distinguished Service Cross, Bronze Star, Silver Star, Medal of Honor or Combat Infantry Badge (CIB) will be worn. No exceptions.

The decorations/citations appointed will consist of the Class "A" uniform ribbon ONLY (no medals) and will only denote the achievement in the 5th Rangers Infantry Battalion, R.S. Once more, unless earned, NO other decoration should be present as stated above.

When wearing the Class "A" uniform:

Distinguished Unit Citation: All members will wear a DUC (Distinguished Unit Citation) device, with Oak Leaf Cluster, above the right upper pocket.

Expert Infantry Badge: Members that have attended a minimum of two (2) events in good standing may be authorized to wear an Expert Infantry Badge, above the left upper pocket.

Combat Medical Badge: Members with medical department impressions that have attended at least two (2) events where they were under fire while tending to the wounded (i.e. Public battles or Tactical battles) are authorized to wear the Combat Medical Badge, above the left upper pocket.

American Defense Ribbon: Members that join the 5th Ranger Infantry Battalion (RS) Inc. are authorized to wear an American Defense ribbon, as long as they are a member in good standing, above the left upper pocket and below the EIB.

Good Conduct Ribbon: Members that have been active within the unit for at least one (1) year since formal induction AND their first event where another member or members were present with no disciplinary problems, are authorized to wear the Good Conduct ribbon, above the left upper pocket and below the EIB.

ETO Campaign Ribbon: Members that have attended at least one (1) D-Day Invasion event where they were under fire and participated in a naval landing are authorized to wear the ETO Campaign ribbon, above the left upper pocket and below the EIB.

Legion of Merit Ribbon: Members that have attended at least twenty (20) events as a unit member in good standing are authorized to wear the Legion of Merit ribbon above the left upper pocket and below the EIB.

Distinguished Service Ribbon: Members that have been cited for outstanding and extremely meritorious service to the unit are authorized to wear the Distinguished Service ribbon, above the left upper pocket and below the EIB. All personnel recommended for this award need to send information to the Battalion CO. for review prior to receiving the award.

GENERAL STANDARDS

SECTION 3: SAFETY:

Every member of this society is responsible for safety. We are all responsible for making this a safe hobby. All members of the unit will adhere to all safety rules and regulations at all times.

Each member will follow all guidelines and rules of any hosting organization, if not a 5th RIB R.S. sponsored event. Treat every weapon as if it were loaded and maintain tight muzzle discipline in all situations, especially if in an urban or heavily wooded area. Be mindful of where your comrades are in relation to you and watch where you are going. Do not step into or across another member's line of fire without informing them first. Do not cross roads or trails without looking both ways; lest you get hit by a jeep. Do not enter into the path of armored vehicles at any time!

Should your feet get wet: change into dry socks at the first opportunity; or tell your squad leader so that we can break to do so. Carry at least two pair of dry, cushion sole OD socks in your pack at all events.

All 5th RIB medics are asked to carry and maintain a first-aid kit capable of treating minor to moderate scrapes, cuts and sprains. Gauze, pain killers such as Tylenol and disposable ear plugs are also recommended.

SECTION 4: EVENTS & ATTENDANCE:

Upon the formal induction of a new member into the unit, they are expected to stay in contact with the unit and its members, especially in regards to upcoming events and attendance. Formal induction into the unit includes communication with a senior member of the intent to join, a completed application sent in with the yearly dues (this entails recruit status, see Section 2A above) and a reply from the unit. A membership card and newsletter will soon follow.

Event attendance is expected upon joining. While it is understandable that scheduling problems with work and family may arise; participation If you have yet to complete your basic impression and cannot obtain necessary items thru other members by the time of an event, it is urged that you do so by no more than three (3) months from induction. Senior members are more than willing to help with the building of your impression to the correct standards. Event attendance with other unit members is key to this hobby. You

cannot learn and talk with other members in the field if you are not present. **By joining the unit it is expected that you will attend as many events as possible and that you have the means to do so. We will happily help new members in any way we can to get them to events.**

Event POC (Point of Contact) within the battalion is determined by the location of the event and the closest company from which members will be attending. That company will be considered the hosting company for the event and relaying details from the event staff to the battalion members attending will fall to the ranking member of the hosting company that is planning to attend that particular event unless delegated to another member. Any member may of course contact the event staff for details.

Any member of the 5th RGR BN R.S. Inc. is eligible to attend any tactical, public, or living history event regardless of their location. No events put on by outside organizations are to be considered specific company-exclusive events.

All events are open to any member of the 5th RIB provided they meet the criteria set by the third party event co-coordinators. Don't ever expect a member of the 5th RIB to tell you that you CANNOT attend an event. Private company meetings, training days, or live fire drills are to be the only exception made at the company commander's discretion.

Events referred to as a "ZEBRA company event" with ZEBRA being the name of an active company of the 5th RIB; only denotes the typical larger number of members from that company in attendance and/or its geographical location. While that company may be the host and field more members it remains a 5th Ranger Battalion event as per practice from the Unit's formation.

Alcohol at events: All local ordinances and laws will be followed at all events. If an event is a non alcohol event then no alcohol will be allowed in camp. Absolutely no underage drinking will be tolerated. Any underage member found drinking will be asked to leave the event and will be subjected to disciplinary action from the battalion. If the Company Co. allows drinking at the event he will be responsible for his members' actions and safety prior to leaving the event. Anytime Alcohol is to be present at events a waiver of liability will be signed releasing the 5th Ranger Infantry Battalion (RS) Incorporated of any liability.

SECTION 4B: EVENT COMMAND STRUCTURE:

Command structure at events will follow guidelines 1 thru 5 OR **appendix A:**

- 1) The ranking member of the hosting company that will be attending will assume Point of Contact status between the event coordinators and the battalion members unless another member is appointed. Hosting an event (including having a member operating as POC with the staff prior to the day(s) of the event) does not denote event command, as there are no company exclusive events; refer to section four (4) above.
- 2) Events with members of only one (1) company in attendance will fall under the command of the ranking Officer or NCO once on site. A second in command may be appointed for that event by the ranking member in attendance should the company's second in command not be present.
- 3) Events with a near equal number of members from two (2) or more companies in attendance will fall under the command of the officer on site, OR: A) Fall under the command of the ranking NCO in attendance as a combined force from both companies to better represent the number of troops in a squad or B) operate as two or more separate squads or platoons in the field as numbers dictate. The ranking member from each company will command their respective members in the field accordingly; again provided no Officer is in attendance. They may either act as separate groups entirely or under the co-command of the 2 (two) ranking company NCO's in attendance. NCO's in the field with equal or near equal strength will co-command the overall battle decisions as needed. Final command decision when an officer is not in attendance will fall with the point of contact member of the hosting company if a decision cannot be made by the co-commanding NCO's.
- 4) Events with an offset balance of members equaling 1/3 or less of the total in attendance from two or more companies will fall in together as one group under the command of the ranking Officer or NCO from the company fielding the larger number of participants. The decision will then fall with that NCO or officer (not the overall ranking member) as to whether or not to divide forces into two or more squads, participate as one larger squad, or to allow the lesser number of individuals from alternate company's to participate as their own force regardless of numbers.
- 5) The hosting units CO will maintain Command of the units at Company hosted events, irregardless of rank of visiting members. For Example: this does not mean that "the Camp Atterberry event" is strictly a ZEBRA company event (where ZEBRA is the hosting company) Example of a Company hosted event: Camp Smith NY would be a Charlie Co. hosted event. Large multiple-company events such as Conneaut Ohio will not be considered Company hosted events and command will

fall on the ranking officer or NCO in attendance.

A) Command arrangements may be worked out prior to the date of the battle and are subject to change based on the decisions of the ranking officers or NCO's from the companies planning to attend. In lieu of any prior arrangements the above guidelines will be used **OR a general, friendly and informal understanding of command structure will be used at each event based on attendance and relation of attendees. This is most often the case.**

SECTION 5: AUTHENTICITY:

Each member of the Unit should try their best whenever possible to maintain a convincing level of authenticity. This is to be maintained at all times in any public display or battle where the public is welcome. We owe it to each other, and to the men we portray, to do no less.

The 5th Ranger Battalion R.S. should strive to reach an appropriate degree of authenticity for each event and all its members should do the same. All of the required uniforms and equipment are available, either original or in reproduction form. If you are missing a required piece of material and wish to participate please contact a senior member of the 5th RIB and we will try our best to come up with the item(s). Between the members of the group there should be no problem getting the more basic items since many of us have two or more of most things.

Each member will follow all organization authenticity guidelines, and strive to surpass those set by any other national non-profit organization. Under these guidelines, matching event authenticity standards should not be a problem.

While we encourage female membership, by the very nature of the impression we portray and the authenticity we strive to achieve, we prefer female members portray those impressions that represent actual WWII female occupations. However, females wishing to portray male combatants are allowed but must meet the following guidelines:

- 1) Females may portray male combatants at non-public events, but must be in the fashion of a male. Long hair must be kept above the collar line and out of view. No makeup or nail polish may be worn. Uniforms must be of a fit that does not easily reveal their sex.
- 2) Females may portray male combatants at public events. **HOWEVER**, when they are not on the field, females should return to their authentic female impression such as WAC, Home front, Nurse, Red Cross worker, etc. There simply were no female Army Rangers in WWII, and portraying one blatantly as a female is in violation of our authenticity standards.

Uniforms: Field uniforms should be of the correct type per event standards and of a proper fit and worn properly. NO blatantly incorrect, non-period items should be worn. (Digital watches, synthetic materials, electronics, etc. Do not carry a cellular phone into the field unless it is an emergency contact situation, this should go without saying.)

Insignia, ribbons and patches must be historically correct. We ***WILL NOT*** demean the history we are trying to preserve. Unless personally earned, individual awards and decorations should not be worn. Only the 5th RIB R.S. equivalent WWII valor decorations (ribbons) and badges should be worn; and even then only as part of the individual impression and as awarded by the 5th RIB.

SECTION 5A: GROOMING:

Grooming and appearance at public events is crucial to getting the desired effect. Appearance should be correct and convincing for the role you are portraying. If the public is present then veterans can be present. Each member should do their best at such events and nothing less should be expected.

The need for a 110% display or impression at Tactical Battles is not required but is encouraged. Look the part, act the part. It is perfectly acceptable at a tactical battle to leave a more authentic piece of gear behind, such as a shaving kit, to cut down on weight and save room for weapons and ammunition.

Haircuts: Neatly cut above the collar and ears. No extensive hair gel or hairspray. Try to avoid the modern "Mohawk" or "high and tight" haircut. Parted hair in WWII was common. A tapered cut is best.

Moustaches: Closely trimmed, above the lip and not past the corner of the mouth, matching 1940s style, no modern moustaches.

Beards: Not allowed with a Ranger impression. Maximum 3 to 4 days stubble allowed, per event requirements. Members must be clean-shaven in "Class A" and "Class B" dress if at all possible.

Eyeglasses: Round metal frames are required by 3d event. Silver is correct, Gold is acceptable. No sunglasses unless WWII mill-spec, no plastic frames.

SECTION 6 DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS:

If a member is verbally abusive to other members that member will first be warned, if it continues he/she will be put on a suspension, 3rd time member will be removed from the unit and other units in the area will be informed why the member was removed to keep the name of the 5th Rangers in good standing.

Physically abusive to other members will be grounds for immediately removal and if the person who was physically abused wants to press charges it will be encouraged.

Theft of property by one member or multiple members from another member or members is grounds for immediate dismissal if witnessed by a non-biased third party. Property belonging to one member that is found in the possession of another is to be returned on the first occurrence no questions asked. If suspected theft continues to occur, the parties involved will be questioned separately and the situation handled on an individual basis.

Improper use of weapons, as listed in Section 3 Safety, you will be warned the first time, 2nd you will lose the weapon for the remainder of the event. When you get the weapon back if you continue to miss use it you will no longer be allowed to portray a combat role in the Battalion. In turn you will be removed at the next yearly meeting from the Society if you show no sign of improvement.

Any member acting in an unsafe manner will have their actions reviewed by the BOD and Company CO. If their actions are found to be unsafe then they will be removed from the battalion. Safety is a primary concern and we should all be able to participate safely in the company of others.

SECTION 7 MEMBERS' VOTING PRIVILEGES:

At certain times the 5th RIB R.S.Inc. will have a vote on various issues and decisions that can or will affect the Society. This usually will take place at the annual "Battalion event" in Conneaut OH at the D-Day re-enactment. Other votes may be initialized via e-mail or brought up in the printed newsletter.

1. VOTE Each member shall be entitled to one vote, either in person or by proxy, at all meetings of the members of the 5th Ranger Infantry Battalion (RS) Incorporated.
2. PROXIES All proxies shall be in writing and shall be filed with the Vice President and/or Assistant to the Vice President for verification and record at least seventy two hours prior to the hour of meeting.
3. MAJORITY VOTE A majority vote of the members present in person or by proxy at any members' meeting shall govern in all matters properly brought before the meeting.

SECTION 8 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

1. NUMBER There shall be not fewer than six nor more than fifteen directors. Within these constraints, the number of directors shall be determined from time to time by a majority of the directors.
2. ELECTION/TERM The directors, except those acting in an ex officio capacity shall be determined pursuant to the following criteria: 1 director from each component/company who stands as commander of that component/company; 1 director from each component/company which will be voted annually at the annual meeting, either in person or by proxy. The service term shall be to the next annual meeting, where the current director will be eligible for re-election. The Board of Directors shall serve as Nominating Committee to fill vacancies on the board. The Nominating Committee shall receive and consider nominations both in writing and from the floor at the annual and/or individual company meetings.

3. TENURE
Directors will cease to hold the office of director at the conclusion of the term of service, or by written resignation. Directors will also automatically cease to hold the office of director after absence from no more than four consecutive meetings of the board of directors, except for mitigating circumstances which will be reviewed by the Board.
4. VACANCIES
Any vacancy on the board of directors may be filled by the members by a majority vote, or by a majority of the remaining directors' vote. The chosen directors shall hold office until the next annual meeting of the members.
5. MANAGEMENT
The business management and affairs of the 5th Ranger Infantry Battalion (RS) Inc. shall be under the direction and control of the officers and board of directors. The board of directors shall have the authority to authorize contract, incur liabilities, expend or invest funds, and such other matters and things connected with the conduct of the 5th Ranger Infantry Battalion (RS) Inc. and its members as they may determine.
6. RETAINED AUTH
The powers vested by the board of directors in any committee, officer, agent, or member of the 5th Ranger Infantry Battalion (RS) Inc. may be limited, altered, or revoked by the board of directors through proper action at any meeting. Meetings by telephone or unanimous written consent are authorized; actions taken during such meetings shall have the same force and effect as actions concluded in person.

TABLE OF EQUIPMENT

BASIC IMPRESSION (No.1)

This is the equipment to portray the average combatant of the 5th Ranger Infantry Battalion of WWII, from June 1944 to May 1945. **THIS IS NOT A COMPLETE LISTING OF ALL GEAR USED BY THE 5th RANGERS!**

This **IS** required clothing and equipment for 5th Ranger members at re-enactments. Any deviation from the required list should be discussed with your Company commander. Any questions should be referred to senior members or your Company commander for assistance.

* Any uniform or equipment item that is of ORIGINAL WWII **DATED** production of any color or type correct for the Rangers in the European Theatre of Operations (ETO) may be worn provided the time period is correct.

UNIFORM:

Shirt, wool, M1937 or M1942 OD, Light shade (mustard) Enlisted man's pattern w/ Ranger diamond on left shoulder.

Trousers, wool serge, M1938 OD, light shade (mustard), enlisted pattern *

Belt, trousers, OD#3 or OD#7 w/black open frame EM buckle

Boots, Jumper, Corcoran type. Leather with composition sole

Jacket, Field M1941, with Ranger diamond on Left shoulder

Undershirt, light OD or White, either "tank top" or T-shirt

Socks, OD#3 or OD#7. Modern mill-spec cushion soles are acceptable

Helmet, M1 and liner, fixed OR swivel bail, front OR rear seam (Front seam is preferred) with OD#3 web chin straps and leather liner chinstrap with black or green metal keeper. Helmet shell should be dark OD#7 color, rough finish, with 5th Rangers Diamond painted on rear for D-Day scenarios

*At some events the unit goes out on the town in Class A's. In which case a second pair of wools, designated for the Class A uniform only, is suggested.

CLASS "A" DRESS UNIFORM ITEMS:

Cap, Overseas, with light blue Infantry piping OR correct piping per impression/rank

Tie, woolen, OD#3 "khaki" color. Black is acceptable

Boots, Jumper, Corcoran type with shine *

Jacket, 2 pockets, "Ike" type with Ranger Diamond or 5th Battalion Scroll **OR**

Tunic, 4 pockets, with Ranger Diamond for early war Class A impression

Belt, trousers, OD#3 with brass buckle

Individual Authorized Rank, Citations and ribbons (only worn on Class A dress). Members who are currently active duty or were active duty military are authorized to wear decorations of their choosing at any time such as jump wings, CIB, and so on

*Most 5th Rangers wore the Brown Jump boots in combat AND with their Class A's, this was an honor for the men to wear. Trousers will be bloused at the top of boot using blousing bands, rubber bands, or tucked into the boot rim. Jump boots should be polished when worn with Class A dress.

EQUIPMENT:

Different small arms use different web equipment. The use of appropriate equipment for each particular weapon is required. For example a Rifleman with an M1 Garand would use a M1928 Cartridge belt, a Rifleman equipped with an M1 Carbine would use the double, 15 round magazine pouches on the M1936 pistol belt, and an Automatic Rifle gunner with a Browning automatic rifle (BAR) would use the M1937 BAR magazine belt, and so on. Research for your particular impression is required to ensure the correct items, and to ensure combat effectiveness in the field. Transitional items (those with both colors of webbing) are allowed, as are solid OD#7 (dark olive drab green) items with correct dates for the period.

Belt, cartridge M1928, OD#3 or OD#7 **OR**

Pistol belt, M1936, OD#3 or OD#7, may be worn with appropriate cartridge pouches for particular weapon

Canteen, M1910, or M1942 with OD#3 or OD#7 cover and canteen cup

Pouch, First Aid, M1910 or M1942, OD#3, OD#7, or British mfg. with Carlisle bandage packet

Haversack, M1928 & meat can carrier, M1910 or M1942, OD#3 with Meat Can, M1924 or M1942 with M1924 utensils (knife, fork, spoon) **OR**

Suspenders, combat, M1936, and Field (Musette) bag, M1936, OD#3 or OD#7

Entrenching tool, M1910 (T-handled shovel) with M1910 carrier, OD#3 or OD#7 **OR**

Entrenching tool, M1943 (Folding shovel) with carrier. Earlier 1944 pattern OD#3 or OD#7 carriers are preferred.

Assault Vest (also called an Invasion Vest) OD#3 or OD#7 for use at D-Day events

M1938 Map case with shoulder strap, (reserved for junior and senior NCO's)

Shelter half; OD#3 or OD#7, with pole, pins & rope. Double flap late war 1943 type performs best

Infantrymen with bazookas, mortars, heavy machine guns and so on who need help with ammo or equipment should speak with their Company CO for an assigned ammo bearer and/or assistant gunner at events if one has not volunteered. Senior members will gladly assist them.

NOTE: The use of the M1936 Musette Bag and M1936 Suspenders are restricted to NCOs and Officers at Public Battles and D-Day Scenario events. Certain exceptions regarding the use of this load bearing gear may be made depending on issues such as impression, primary weapon, and so on. Company commanders may dictate the use of M1936 gear and other items to company members for tactical battles. Final say falls to the Battalion CO as to what uniform and equipment items are allowed.

OFFICERS:

Officers are *allowed* to wear the items below, at their option. Other than noted below, clothing and equipment same as enlisted men.

Shirt, wool, M1937 with epaulets, light shade (mustard), with Ranger patch, rank and branch insignia optional. (Enlisted men may also wear the M1937 wool shirt with epaulets on a limited basis). *

Trousers, dark shade (chocolate) wool field pants.

Trench Coat, Officers. The overcoat is also authorized with Class A's and in camp but not in battle

Belt, trousers, OD#3 or OD#7 with brass buckle.

Belt, cartridge M1928, OD#3 or OD#7 **OR**

Pistol Belt, M1936, OD#3 or OD#7, may be worn with appropriate cartridge pouches for particular weapon used.

Suspenders, combat, M1936, OD#3 or OD#7.

Field (Musette) bag, M1936, OD#3 or OD#7.

M1938 Map case with shoulder strap.

US Army Lensatic compass with transitional, OD#3, OD#7, belt pouch.

M3 or M13A1 binoculars and M17 case; or private purchase.

PERSONAL ITEMS:

Dog Tags, notched, with NOK. Flat chain preferred, ball chain is acceptable

Watch, GI or civilian, correct style for the period

Wallet, Correct style for the period

Lighter, Zippo Wind-proof type. Flat black, brass, and other plain finish acceptable

Razor, GI or civilian bakelite, correct style for the period

Bar soap, hand and shaving

Towel, huck, OD#3 GI **OR** white terry cloth towel

Sewing kit, GI "Housewife" or civilian, correct style for the period

Ditty bag (for personal items)

OTHER APPROVED ITEMS:

Helmet net; ½ inch pattern OD#3 or OD#7 D-Day type

2nd Pattern HBT shirts are acceptable, M1942 Flat Pocket, sage green or OD#7 *

2nd Pattern HBT trousers are acceptable, M1942 Flat Pocket, sage green or OD#7 *

M1938 Wool overcoat

M1943 Jacket

Winter Combat Jacket, also called the Tanker Jacket

M1938 **OR** M1944 Raincoat

Sweater, 5 button, "V" neck, crew neck, or vest

Knit cap, M1941 also called the jeep cap

Poncho, OD, hoodless WWII style. (Must be hoodless)

M1942 or M1944 wool sleeping bag **OR**

Blanket, wool, OD

M1928 Pack Carrier for the M1928 Haversack (seldom used)

Barracks bag, denim or HBT

Duffel bag, single strap OD#7

The below items are to be used on D-Day invasion scenarios:

Assault Gas Mask Carrying Bag, M5, with Assault Gas Mask

Gas Detection Brassard, to be worn on the upper arm attached to epaulet of jacket

Assault or Invasion Vest

USN Life Belt/Life Preserver, Inflatable 2 cell type, worn around the waist and over heavy gear or ordnance.

*HBT's are preferred in hot or wet weather instead of wools (unless it is a D-Day event.) The use of this uniform will be up to the unit commander at events but at public wools should be worn. Again please use what will be in the best interest of your personnel.

WEAPONS & WEAPON RELATED ITEMS:

M1 Garand, with M1907 leather sling or web sling. The metal oilier, combo tool with shell extractor, and pull through are recommended. Store combo tool in butt of weapon
Bayonet, M1905 16
Bayonet, M1905E1 10" also known as the Cut-Down bayonet
Bayonet, M1 10"
M3 Trench Knife with M6 or M8 Scabbard (M8 plastic scabbard is preferred)
M1 carbine, with correct WWII sight, bolt, oilier, and barrel band are preferred. NO Bayonet Lugs, NO M2 low "pot-belly" stock sets, Type 1 hardware is preferred
M1903A3 or M1903A4 Springfield rifle. To be used by Snipers or Rifle Grenadiers
M1918 Browning Automatic Rifle (BAR) Semi-auto versions available, assistant gunners and ammo bearers are welcome when needed
M1919A4 or M1919A6 Browning MG (.30 caliber) M3 Tripod mount preferred, 1919A6 Version is also acceptable. Assistant gunners and ammo bearers will be assigned and used
M1897 Winchester Trench Shotgun with 16" M1917 bayonet. For display or POW guard duty only.
M1928A1, M1 or M1A1 Thompson Submachine gun. No vertical front pistol grips, correct length barrels preferred. Contact unit armorer for information
M3 or M3A1 Submachine gun. Commonly called the "Grease gun". For use only at appropriate events, with the M3 type being more desirable
M1911 or M1911A1 Colt pistol with M1916 leather holster. Blank 8mm versions readily available
Correct WWII "plastic" type checkered grips also available
M10 .38 caliber Victory Model Smith and Wesson revolver
M1917 .45 caliber Smith and Wesson or Colt revolver (for carry by NCOs and Officers Only).
MkIIA1 Fragmentation Grenade
P38 Walther or P08 Luger Pistol. May be carried as trophy weapon and used as side arm

ADDITIONAL RESTRICTED USE ITEMS:

Entrenching tool, M1910 pick-mattox with carrier, OD#3 or transitional (Maximum of three per twelve-man squad)
Hand ax, M1910 with M1910 or M1942 carrier, OD#3 (Maximum of one per twelve-man squad preferred)
Wire Cutters, M1938, with carrier, OD#3 (Maximum of one per twelve-man squad preferred)

ADDITIONAL GEAR, ACCESSORIES, AND MODIFICATIONS

In addition to the basic field gear and uniform unit members can use other gear and clothing items provided this is done so with attention to authenticity and the use of common sense. Also, certain items may be modified (or altered in some way for use other than methods prescribed in the Field Manual) and allowed for use at most events. Such items include but are not limited to the following:

General Purpose Bag, with GP strap and leg ties if needed. Used to hold extra ammo, grenades, and demolitions
2 or 3 Pocket Grenade Pouch, for carrying up to 6 grenades or smoke devices
Additional M1910 or M1943 Canteen carrier used to hold extra grenades or similar ordnance
M1910 or M1942 Meat can pouch secured to belt for carrying ammo and grenades
M1918 Colt 1911 spare magazine pocket secured to belt, Haversack shoulder straps or Load Bearing Gear

NOTE:

The wearing or use of any M43 clothing or equipment, such as M1943 pattern field jackets, trousers and two buckle boots; should be worn **only** at events with the appropriate scenario.

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