

REGIMENTAL REG #2

501st PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT (REENACTED)



AWARDS AND DECORATIONS



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OVERVIEW

1. Every unit struggles with how best to recognize superior performance of its members. The Regiment has attempted to create a blend, which will recognize active duty military accomplishments, performance on the reenacting battlefield and those who make significant contributions to the unit. In order to maintain the authenticity of the Regiment's impression, certain awards are authorized for wear on the Class A uniform. These awards are correct with the time period emphasized and are inherent to the airborne impression.
2. Awards will be authorized for wear only after a recommendation has been forwarded by either a member of the Regiment, unit leader, or in extremely rare cases when members of other units, make a request through the trooper's chain of command. The Commander is the final approving authority for issuing awards, but may delegate that authority down to the level he deems appropriate.
3. At no time are any awards for valor to be worn unless earned in actual military service.
4. It is the responsibility of all members to provide proof of any award at an event if required.
5. Wear of awards is covered under Regimental Regulation #1, Uniform and Equipment.

AWARD CATAGORIES

1. Awards are placed in three categories:
 - a. **Period Awards.**
 - i. Defined as those awards that were issued during World War II. These consist of campaign, service, and common combat badges as detailed in the Award List and Requirements paragraph (pages 4-10).
 - ii. All members of the Regiment are eligible for these awards.
 - b. **Prior Service Awards.**
 - i. Defined as those awards that were earned by the member during military service in any branch of the service.
 - ii. In order to maintain accuracy and authenticity, only those awards issued during World War II or the modern day equivalent as outlined in the below matrix will be worn.
 - iii. Documentation for ALL prior service awards, especially valor or individual combat service decorations worn by members will be kept in the Regimental records for verification.
 - c. **Regimental Awards.** The following awards are nominated for and voted on by the members of the Regiment at the end of the calendar year. Winners of the previous year's awards are not eligible for the same award at the next voting.
 - i. **Geronimo Award** - Rookie of the year award
 - ii. **The Harry Howard Patriot Award** - Best impression



iii. **The McAuliffe Award** - Greatest contribution/attendance

AWARD LIST AND REQUIRMENTS

1. The only awards to be worn are those issued during World War II, and they must be reflective of the time period represented at the event. For service and activity within the Regiment, awards are given on a time and attendance basis. The following are authorized:

WW II AWARD	NOTES
Badges and Related Items	
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Badges and Related Items



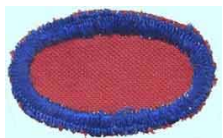
- a. **Parachutists Badge.** Historically awarded to "...any individual who has satisfactorily completed the prescribed proficiency tests while assigned or attached to an airborne unit or the Airborne Department of the Infantry School..."
 - i. Awarded to those members portraying an Airborne impression who have attended one tactical and two living



- history events and obtained the Level 1 impression equipment (basic airborne kit)
- ii. Members that have earned the badge during military service (US Army Airborne School), completed the WW II Airborne Demonstration Team Jump School, or executed five parachuting/skydiving jumps will be waived of the above requirement.
- iii. Combat Stars.
 1. Members that have earned the badge during military service (US Army Airborne School), completed the WW II Airborne Demonstration Team Jump School, or provide documentation of parachuting/skydiving jumps may wear a single Combat Star in the center of the badge.
 2. Additional stars may be authorized by Special Order from the Regimental Commander or his designee.
 3. Only two Combat Jump Stars will be worn in order to maintain authenticity for historical impression.
 4. Members that have earned Combat Jump Stars during military service are waived of the above requirement and may wear more than two jump stars in addition to the above.



- b. **Glider Badge.** Historically awarded to "...personnel assigned or attached to a glider or airborne unit or to the Airborne Department of the Infantry School; satisfactorily completed a course of instruction, or participated in at least one combat glider landing into enemy-held territory."
 - i. Awarded to those members portraying a Glider impression who have attended one tactical and two living history events and obtained the Level 1 impression equipment (basic glider kit).
 - ii. Members that have earned the Air Assault Badge during military service will be waived of the above requirement.
 - iii. Combat Stars.
 1. Members that have earned the Air Assault Badge during military service or provide documentation of a civilian glider ride may wear a single Combat Star in the center of the badge.
 2. Additional stars may be authorized by Special Order from the Regimental Commander or his designee.
 3. Only two Combat Stars will be worn in order to maintain authenticity for historical impression.

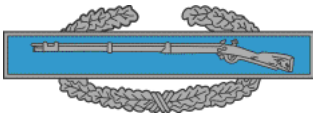


- c. **Parachutists / Glider Badge Background Trimming (Jump Oval).** Although historically not awarded, the background trimming will awarded as follows.



- i. Members that have earned the Parachutists Badge during military service (US Army Airborne School), and are portraying an airborne impression, shall be authorized to wear the background trimming in recognition of their accomplishment. Members must complete one year in good standing, including attendance of one tactical and two living history events and have obtained a Level 1 impression.
- ii. Members that have earned the Air Assault Badge during military service and are portraying a Glider impression shall be authorized to wear the background trimming in recognition of their accomplishment. Members must complete one year in good standing, including attending one tactical and two living history events and have obtained a Level 1 impression.

d.



*** Combat Infantry Badge.** Historically awarded for "...who subsequent to 6 December 1941 has satisfactorily performed duty in ground combat against enemy ground forces while assigned or attached as a member of the infantry..."

- i. Awarded to members that are portraying an Infantry impression, be it Paratrooper or Glider who complete three years in good standing, attended at least three tactical and six living history events and have obtained a level 1 impression.
- ii. Must have attended at least one tactical and two living history events in the previous calendar year.
- iii. Members that are veterans of the US military and have earned the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Combat Action Badge, Combat Action Ribbon (USMC/USN/USCG), or the Combat Action Medal (USAF) are waived of the above requirement and are authorized to wear the badge following completion of one year in good standing.
- iv. Only one such award will be made for each member.
* For infantry impressions only.

e.



**** Combat Medic Badge.** Historically awarded for "...who subsequent to 6 December 1941 has satisfactorily performed duty that provided medical support in ground combat against enemy ground forces while assigned or attached as a member of medical unit..."

- i. Awarded to members that are portraying an medic impression, be it Paratrooper or Glider who complete three years in good standing, attend at least three tactical and six living history events and have obtained a Level 1 impression.



- ii. Must have attended at least one tactical and two living history events in the previous calendar year.
 - iii. Members that are veterans of the US military and have earned the Combat Field Medics Badge are waived of the above requirement and are authorized to wear the badge following completion of the probation period.
 - iv. Only one such award will be made for each member.
- ** For medic impression only.



- f. **Pathfinder badge.** Historically awarded “...for competition of a Pathfinder Course and assignment to a Pathfinder unit...”
- i. Awarded to members who complete three years in good standing, attend at least three tactical and six living history events and have obtained a Level 1 impression.
 - ii. Must have attended at least one tactical and two living history events in the previous calendar year.
 - iii. Have completed pathfinder qualification requirements.

Ribbons



- g. **Distinguished Unit Citation.** Historically awarded for “...extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy occurring on or after 7 December 1941...”
- i. Awarded to members who complete one year in good standing, attended at least one tactical and two living history event in the last calendar year and have obtained a level 1 impression.



- h. **Europe-Africa-Middle East Campaign Medal.** Historically awarded upon “...the arrival an individual in theater under competent orders involving a permanent change of station...”
- i. Awarded to members who complete one year in good standing, attended at least one tactical and two living history event in the last calendar year and have obtained a level 1 impression.



- i. **Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal.** Historically awarded “...to personnel for service within the Asiatic-Pacific Theater between 7 December 1941 and 2 March 1946...”
- i. Awarded to current or past members of the armed forces in honor of their service.
 - ii. Members must complete one year in good standing, attend at least one tactical and two living history event and have obtained a level 1 impression.



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American Defense Medal. Historically Awarded to "...military personnel on active Federal service of 12 months or longer and who in the discharge of such service served at any time between September 8th, 1939 and December 7th, 1941."

- i. Awarded to members who complete two years in good standing, attended at least two tactical and four living history events and have obtained a level 1 impression.
- ii. Must have attended at least one tactical and two living history events in the previous calendar year and have obtained a level 1 impression.



k.

American Campaign Medal. Historically awarded upon "...the arrival of an individual in theater under competent orders involving a permanent change of station..." This is for service in the American Theater outside of the continental US.

- i. Awarded to members who complete three years in good standing, attended at least three tactical and six living history events and have obtained a Level 1 impression.
- ii. Must have attended at least one tactical and two living history events in the last calendar year and have obtained a level 1 impression.

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World War I Victory Medal. Historically awarded for "...honorable service for active duty at any time between 6 April 1917 and 11 November 1918..."

- i. Awarded to members who have reached their 40th birthday, completed four years in good standing, attended at least four tactical and eight living history events and have obtained a level 1 impression.
- ii. Must have attended at least one tactical and two living history events in the previous calendar year.



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Good Conduct Medal. Historically awarded "...those enlisted men...who on or after August 27th, 1940, honorably completed three years of active Federal Military Service or one year continuous active military service since December 7th, 1941 and who are recommended for the award by their commanding officers for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity."



- i. Awarded to members who complete five years in good standing, attended at least five tactical and ten living history events and have obtained a Level 1 impression.
- ii. Must have attended at least one tactical and two living history events in the previous calendar year and have obtained a level 1 impression.
- iii. Members that are veterans of the US military and have earned their respective services equivalent to the Good Conduct Medal are waived of the above requirement and are authorized to wear the badge following completion of one year in good standing.

Patches and Strips



- n. **Shoulder Sleeve Insignia - Former War Time Service (Combat Patch).** Historically awarded "...to members of the Army who were assigned overseas with U.S. Army organizations between 7 December 1941 and 2 September 1946, both dates inclusive..."
 - i. Awarded to members that are portraying an Infantry impression, be it Paratrooper or Glider who complete two years in good standing, attend at least two tactical and four living history events and have obtained a Level 1 impression.
 - ii. Must have attended at least one tactical and two living history events in the previous calendar year.
 - iii. Requirements are waived for service members that are combat veterans after completion of 1 year in good standing.
 - iv. Non-combat veteran members will the 1st Allied Airborne Army.
 - v. Combat veterans may wear the patch of the unit served with in combat, provided that the unit existed and fought in WW II. If a unit did not exist, the member may request for an exception for a period substitute from which the modern day unit derives its honors and lineage.



- o. **Service Stripe.** Historically awarded to "...each enlisted man who has served honorably in the military service for three years."
 - i. Awarded to members who complete three years in good standing, attended at least three tactical and six living history events and have obtained a level 1 impression.
 - ii. Must have attended at least one tactical and two living history events in the previous calendar year.



- p. **Over Seas Service Stripe.** Historically awarded “...for each 6–month period of active Federal service as a member of a U.S. Service outside CONUS, from 7 December 1941 until 2 September 1946, both dates inclusive.”
 - i. Awarded to members who complete four years in good standing, attended at least four tactical and eight living history events and have obtained a level 1 impression.
 - ii. Must have attended at least one tactical and two living history events in the previous calendar year.

- q. **World War I Over Seas Service Chevron.** Historically awarded for “...for each 6–month period of service overseas...”
 - i. Awarded to members who have reached their 50th birthday, completed five years in good standing, attended at least five tactical and ten living history events and have obtained a Level 1 impression.
 - ii. Must have attended at least one tactical and two living history events in the previous calendar year.

Fourrageres and Lanyards



- r. **French Fourragere (Green with Scarlet Background)**
 - i. Awarded to members who complete one year in good standing, attended at least one tactical and two living history events and have obtained a Level 1 impression.
 - ii. Must have attended at least one tactical and two living history events in the previous calendar year.










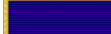


- s. **Dutch Lanyard**
 - i. Awarded to members who complete three years in good standing, attended at least three tactical and six living history events and have obtained a Level 1 impression.
 - ii. Must have attended at least one tactical and two living history events in the previous calendar year.



- t. **Belgian Fourragere**
 - i. Awarded to members who complete Five year in good standing, attended at least five tactical and ten living history events and have obtained a Level 1 impression.
 - ii. Must have attended at least one tactical and two living history events in the previous calendar year.



The following matrix depicts current US military, non-valorous awards not listed above, that are authorized with proper documentation for a veteran member to wear. The matrix identifies the award and the WWII equivalent if from another branch of service. Any valorous awards, awards greater in precedence than the Legion of Merit or those not listed will be handled on a case by case basis:

CURRENT AWARD		WORLD WAR TWO EQUIVALENT
Legion of Merit	=	Legion of Merit
Soldier's Medal 	=	Soldier's Medal 
Navy and Marine Corps Medal 		
Airman's Medal 		
Coast Guard Heroism Medal 		
Bronze Star	=	Bronze Star
Air Medal	=	Air Medal
Naval Commendation Medal	=	Naval Commendation Medal
Army of Occupation 	=	Army of Occupation – WW I 
Presidential Unit Citation (Army or Navy)	=	Distinguished Unit Citation 
Meritorious Unit Commendation 	=	Meritorious Unit Commendation (WWII) 
Naval Unit Citation	=	Naval Unit Citation

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE OF STANDARD AWARDS AS WORN ON THE DRESS UNIFORMS



GRANDFATHER CLAUSE

This policy is effective as of January 1, 2009. There are several changes between the original policy and this revision. All awards or decorations issued prior to January 1, 2009 will be grandfathered in. No awards will be recinded. Members may be required to produce orders authorizing the wear of awards or decorations issued prior to January 1, 2009.



APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Each member will be responsible for:
 - a. Reading and understanding this policy.
 - b. Keeping track of their event attendance.
 - c. Applying for awards and decorations in accordance with this policy.
 - d. Ensuring your application was received by your platoon leader.

2. There will be two application windows each year, May and November. Applications will be accepted from the 1st through the 15th.

3. The application (Attachment 1)
 - a. Date of Application.
 - b. Name of Applicant.
 - c. Rank of Applicant.
 - d. Enlistment Date (Date you joined the 501st or 327th).
 - e. Years of membership in the unit as of the day of application.
 - f. List the events attended in the last 12 months.
 - g. List the awards and decorations that you are applying in accordance with this policy.
 - h. Sign the document and forward to your platoon leader for their approval.

4. You will be notified within two weeks regarding your application.



Awards and Decorations Application

Date: _____

Name: _____

Rank: _____

Enlistment Date: _____

Years of Service: _____

Events Attended in the last 12 months:

Awards and Decorations Covered By This Application:

Signature: _____

Approved By: _____