

173RD INFANTRY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM (AIRBORNE)

SKY SOLDIERS!

STANDARDS



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173rd IBCT (A) Mission, Vision, Focus

Mission

Rapidly deploy and decisively win ground combat against a near peer enemy.

Our strategic position also enables numerous supporting tasks:

- a. Extend US diplomacy and build coalition interoperability with NATO Allies and multinational partners.
- b. Provide short-notice enhanced security to DOD strategic capabilities.
- c. Support DoS embassy reinforcement and non-combatant evacuation operations (NEOs) in deteriorating theaters.

Vision

Sky Soldiers are disciplined, fit, highly trained, and ready for war. Our leaders are positive, energetic, and empathetic, yet ruthlessly enforce standards for discipline and training.

Focus On The Fundamentals

1. Physical Fitness
2. Marksmanship
3. Medical Readiness
4. Small Unit Tactics
5. Mobility
6. Command and Control
7. Airborne Operations

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United States Military Code of Conduct



Article I

I am an American, fighting in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense.

Article II

I will never surrender of my own free will. If in command, I will never surrender the members of my command while they still have the means to resist.

Article III

If I am captured I will continue to resist by all means available. I will make every effort to escape and to aid others to escape. I will accept neither parole nor special favors from the enemy.

Article IV

If I become a prisoner of war, I will keep faith with my fellow prisoners. I will give no information or take part in any action which might be harmful to my comrades. If I am senior, I will take command. If not, I will obey the lawful orders of those appointed over me and will back them up in every way.

Article V

When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am required to give name, rank, service number, and date of birth. I will evade answering further questions to the utmost of my ability. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country and its allies or harmful to their cause.

Article VI

I will never forget that I am an American, fighting for freedom, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will trust in my God and in the United States of America.



A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE 173rd INFANTRY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM (AIRBORNE)



The 173rd Infantry Brigade was constituted in 1917 as an Infantry Brigade and deployed to France in 1918 as part of the 87th Division. Returning to the United States the Brigade was demobilized in 1919.

Re-designated as the 87th Reconnaissance Troop, it fought in three European campaigns in World War II. Although not part of the Brigade in World War II, the history of the 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment is significant to the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, comprising half of its current fighting strength. The 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment was formed in 1941 at Ft Bragg. The unit jumped into New Guinea in September 1943 as part of the first successful combat parachute assault in the Pacific Theater. On 16 February 1945, they jumped onto Corregidor Island during Operation TOPSIDE, where they earned the Presidential Unit Citation.

The 173rd Infantry Brigade was activated in Okinawa in 1963 as the 173rd Airborne Brigade (Sep). The unit earned the nickname "Tien Bien" or "Sky Soldiers," from the Nationalist Chinese Paratroopers.

In 1965, the Brigade became the first major unit of the United States Army to serve in Vietnam. They conducted the only combat parachute assault of the war on 22 February 1967 in Operation JUNCTION CITY. During more than six years of continuous combat, the Brigade earned 14 campaign streamers and four unit citations. Sky Soldiers serving in Vietnam earned 13 Medals of Honor. The Brigade was deactivated in 1972 at Fort Campbell.

The history of the 173rd shifted to Italy as the Southern European Task Force (SETAF) with the assignment of 1 Bn, 509th Airborne Battalion Combat Team in 1973. This Battalion Task Force with assigned Artillery battery was redesignated three times:

- 1st Bn, 509th INF (ABCT): September 1973 to July 1983
- 4th Bn, 325th INF (ABCT): July 1983 to June 1986
- 3rd Bn, 325th INF (ABCT through June 1994): June 1986 to April 1996
- 1st Bn, 508th INF: April 1996 to May 2006

The 173rd Airborne Brigade was reactivated on 12 June 2000. On 25 January 2001, the 2nd Bn, 503rd INF was reactivated and added to the Brigade. In May 2006, 1st Bn, 508th INF was redesignated the 1st BN, 503rd INF, and with the addition of other deactivated 1st INF DIV units, the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team was formed.

On 26 March 2003, the 173rd added to its distinguished history when nearly 1,000 Sky Soldiers parachuted into northern Iraq in Operation NORTHERN DELAY in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM I. During the operation, one Sky Soldier was awarded the Silver Star.

In 2005, the 173rd deployed to Afghanistan along the contentious Pakistan border in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM VI. Five Sky Soldiers were awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in battle.

In the spring of 2007, the 173rd ABCT executed an extended deployment to eastern Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM VIII where Paratroopers exhibited incredible bravery earning three Medals of Honor, one Distinguished Service Cross, and 32 Silver Stars.

In 2009, the Brigade returned to Afghanistan for a third time in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM X, continuing its proud tradition of selfless service while executing a difficult build mission south of Kabul.

In 2012, the Brigade deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM XIII returning to Logar and Wardak Provinces where they executed the difficult task of reducing the footprint of the Brigade while continuing to train their Afghan counterparts.

Upon returning to Italy in 2013, the Brigade was re-designated as the 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne). Today, Sky Soldiers continue the distinction of honored service dating back to World War I and proudly represent the Airborne fighting spirit wherever they serve. Most recently the Brigade has been called to support Operations ATLANTIC RESOLVE and ATLANTIC SENTRY to deter Russian aggression; one of our Nation's highest priorities.



LINEAGE AND HONORS



HEADQUARTERS 173d AIRBORNE BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM (SKY SOLDIERS)

Constituted 5 August 1917 in the National Army as Headquarters, 173d Infantry Brigade, and assigned to the 87th Division

Organized 25 August 1917 at Camp Pike, Arkansas

Demobilized in January 1919 at Camp Dix, New Jersey

Reconstituted 24 June 1921 in the Organized Reserves as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173d Infantry Brigade, and assigned to the 87th Division

- Organized in December 1921 at Mobile, Alabama
- Redesignated 23 March 1925 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173d Brigade
- Redesignated 24 August 1936 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173d Infantry Brigade

Converted, reorganized, and redesignated 13 February 1942 as the 87th Reconnaissance Troop (less 3d Platoon), 87th Division (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 174th Infantry Brigade, concurrently converted and redesignated as the 3d Platoon, 87th Reconnaissance Troop, 87th Division)

Troop ordered into active military service 15 December 1942 and reorganized at Camp McCain, Mississippi; concurrently redesignated as the 87th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, an element of the 87th Infantry Division

Reorganized and redesignated 2 August 1943 as the 87th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized
Inactivated 21 September 1945 at Fort Benning, Georgia

- Redesignated 28 April 1947 as the 87th Mechanized Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop
- Activated 12 May 1947 at Birmingham, Alabama

(Organized Reserves redesignated 25 March 1948 as the Organized Reserve Corps; redesignated 9 July 1952 as the Army Reserve)

- Reorganized and redesignated 18 May 1949 as the 87th Reconnaissance Company
- Inactivated 1 December 1951 at Birmingham, Alabama

Converted and redesignated (less 3d Platoon) 26 March 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173d Airborne Brigade, and relieved from assignment to the 87th Infantry Division; concurrently withdrawn from the Army Reserve, allotted to the Regular Army, and activated on Okinawa (3d Platoon, 87th Reconnaissance Company – hereafter separate lineage)

- Inactivated 14 January 1972 at Fort Campbell, Kentucky
- Activated 16 October 2000 in Italy

Headquarters, 173d Airborne Brigade, reorganized and redesignated 16 September 2006 as Headquarters, 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team (Headquarters Company, 173d Airborne Brigade - hereafter separate lineage)



HEADQUARTERS
173d AIRBORNE BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM
(SKY SOLDIERS)

Campaign Participation Credit

World War I

Streamer without inscription

World War II

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

Vietnam

Defense

Counteroffensive

Counteroffensive, Phase II

Counteroffensive, Phase III

Tet Counteroffensive

Counteroffensive, Phase IV

Counteroffensive, Phase V

Counteroffensive, Phase VI

Tet 69/Counteroffensive

Summer-Fall 1969

Winter-Spring 1970

Sanctuary Counteroffensive

Counteroffensive, Phase VII

Consolidation I

War on Terrorism

Iraq

Liberation of Iraq (w/arrowhead)

Transition of Iraq

Afghanistan

Consolidation I

*Consolidation II ***

*Consolidation III ***

*Transition I ***

**official streamer credit to be awarded

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), *Streamer embroidered DAK TO*

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), *Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1965-1967*

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), *Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2003*

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), *Streamer embroidered AFGHANISTAN 2009-2010*

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, *Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1965-1970*

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, *Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969-1971*



173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne)

Medal of Honor Recipients



World War II

| | | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| SGT Gerry Kisters | 91 st CAV | 31 JUL 1943 | Gagliano, Sicily |
| CPL Charles Kelly | L, 143 IN | 13 SEP 1943 | Altavilla, Italy |
| SSG Thomas McCall | F, 143 IN | 22 JAN 1944 | San Angelo, Italy |
| SGT Ray Eubanks | D, 2-503 IN | 23 JUL 1944 | Noemfoor Island, New Guinea |
| 2LT Stephen Gregg | L, 143 IN | 27 AUG 1944 | Montelimar, France |
| PVT Lloyd McCarter | 503 IN | 16-19 FEB 1945 | Corregidor, Philippine Islands |

Vietnam War

| | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| SGT Larry Pierce | HHC, 1-503 IN | 20 SEP 1965 | Ben Cat, Republic of Vietnam |
| PFC Milton Olive III | B, 2-503 IN | 22 OCT 1965 | Phu Cuong, Republic of Vietnam |
| SP6 Lawrence Joel | HHC, 1-503 IN | 8 NOV 1965 | Republic of Vietnam |
| SP4 Alfred Rascon | HHC, 1-503 IN | 16 MAR 1966 | Republic of Vietnam |
| SSG Charles Morris | A, 2-503 IN | 29 JUN 1966 | Republic of Vietnam |
| SP4 Don Michael | C, 4-503 IN | 8 APR 1967 | Republic of Vietnam |
| PFC John Barnes | C, 1-503 IN | 12 NOV 1967 | Dak To, Republic of Vietnam |
| MAJ Charles Watters | A, SPT BN | 19 NOV 1967 | Dak To, Republic of Vietnam |
| PFC Carlos Lozada | A, 2-503 | 20 NOV 1967 | Dak To, Republic of Vietnam |
| SSG Laszlo Rabel | Tm Delta, LRRP | 13 NOV 1968 | Binh Dinh, Republic of Vietnam |
| CPL Terry Kawamura | 173d ENG CO | 20 MAR 1969 | Camp Radcliff, Republic of Vietnam |
| SP4 Michael Blanchfield | A, 4-503 IN | 3 JUL 1969 | Binh Dinh, Republic of Vietnam |
| SSG Glenn English | E, 3-503 IN | 7 SEP 1970 | Phu My, Republic of Vietnam |

Global War on Terrorism

| | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| SSG Salvatore Giunta | B, 2-503 IN | 25 OCT 2007 | Korengal Valley, Afghanistan |
| SPC Kyle White | B, 2-503 IN | 9 NOV 2007 | Nuristan Province, Afghanistan |
| SGT Ryan Pitts | C, 2-503 IN | 13 JUL 2008 | Kunar Province Afghanistan |



SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA (SSI) and COMBAT SERVICE IDENTIFICATION BADGE (CSIB)



DESCRIPTION On a blue silhouetted right cylinder three inches (7.62 cm) in height and two inches (5.08 cm) in width overall within a 1/8 inch (.32 cm) white border a vertical white wing in flight, the ulna (lower end) extended and hooked around a red bayonet. Attached above the insignia is a blue tab inscribed "AIRBORNE" in white.

SYMBOLISM The bayonet is used to refer to the brigade being borne by the wing alludes to the brigade's airborne status. Red, white, and blue are the national colors.

BACKGROUND The subdued shoulder sleeve insignia was originally approved on 13 May 1963. It was amended to correct the dimensions on 29 July 1963. The insignia was amended to include the tab and update the description on 26 April 2000. It was re-designated for the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team on 11 October 2006.





DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA



The distinctive unit insignia is a silver color metal and enamel device 1 1/4 inches (3.18 cm) in height overall consisting of a semi-circle divided into three sections each with concave base, the outer two sections silver and the center section of red, a vertical silver unsheathed sword point to base, the hilt resting on the red section of the semi-circle the lower edge of the guard coinciding with the concave base and the ends conjoined with the silver sections the blade between two lightning flashes points to base the points converging toward the point of the blade the flashes parallel to and enclosed by two narrow inclined silver lines starting at the diameter periphery of the semi-circle and meeting beneath the point of the sword, the area so enclosed of blue all above a stylized motto scroll, the ends representing wings and terminating at the base of the semi-circle, bearing the inscription "SKY SOLDIERS" in blue letters; the areas between the narrow silver lines and motto scroll recessed and of silver.

SYMBOLISM The simulated parachute and stylized wings refer to the airborne mission of the Brigade. The unsheathed sword, point to base (implying from sky to ground) and the hilt against the red section of the parachute canopy, alludes to the combat assault jump made by the Brigade in February 1967, the first such jump made by any unit in Vietnam indicated by the "V" formed by the two lightning flashes on the V-shaped silver edged blue area. The single sword also refers to the other Brigade's "firsts" such as first American ground unit in Vietnam, first in War Zones C and D and first in the Iron Triangle. The lightning flashes are also symbolic of the Brigade's striking power and surprise and rapidity of movement. The numerical designation of the Brigade can be readily simulated by various combinations of the design elements, i.e., the sword indicating one (1), the sum of the wings, the two lightning flashes and the three sections of the parachute canopy being seven (7) and the latter by itself also being used for three (3).



BACKGROUND The distinctive unit insignia was originally approved for the 173rd Airborne Brigade on 10 August 1967. The insignia was re-designated for the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team with the description updated on 11 October 2006.

WEAR AND APPEARANCE OF THE UNIFORM

You represent the United States Army and the 173rd IBCT (A). Your uniform will be worn IAW AR 670-1 and DA PAM 670-1, dated 25 May 2017.

All Paratroopers will maintain a high standard of dress and appearance. Uniforms will fit properly; trousers, pants, or skirts should not fit tightly; and personnel must keep uniforms clean and serviceable. Paratroopers will ensure that articles carried in pockets do not protrude from the pocket or present a bulky appearance.

Male Paratroopers are not authorized to wear any type of earring when in uniform or when wearing civilian clothing while on duty. Female Paratroopers can wear earrings in civilian clothes on duty, but must comply with the specifications listed in AR 670-1, unless otherwise authorized by the commander. Refer to AR 670-1 dated 25 May 2017 for further guidance.

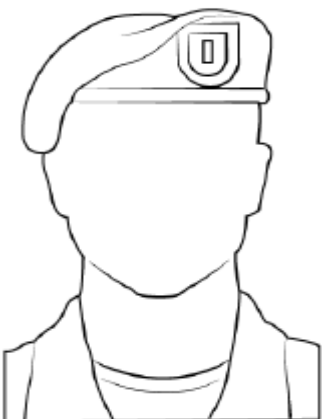
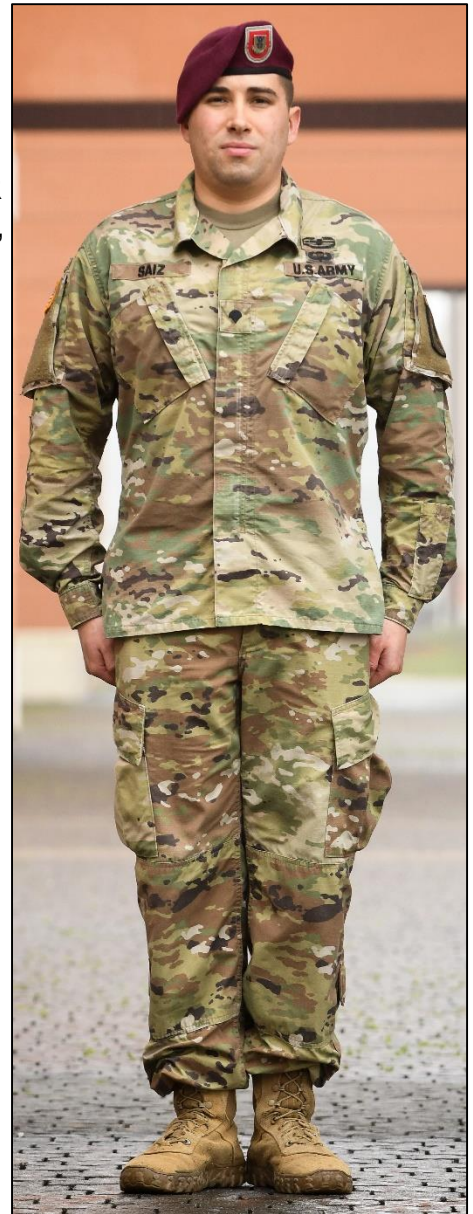
WEAR AND APPEARANCE OF THE UNIFORM cont.

ARMY COMBAT UNIFORM

Uniformity is key and essential to disciplined formations; all Paratroopers in a given formation will be in the same uniform. IAW EUCOM and USAREUR Directives, to include USAREUR TASKORD#15-011, military uniforms may not be worn off post, unless traveling in an enclosed car between installations or directly to a training event with no stops in-between. Exception to this policy IAW USAG-I Policy Letter 13, Soldiers may travel to the USAG-I Housing Office off post in duty uniform.

The standard ACU uniform will be worn IAW AR 670-1.

(a) When in Garrison, the ACU uniform will consist of a serviceable maroon beret (not faded or dirty) with the applicable unit flash sewn on (serviceable and clean), a non-subdued American Flag patch on the right shoulder, subdued parachutist badge, any special skills badges that are authorized to the individual Paratrooper. Special skills badges may be sewn as long as NAME, US ARMY tapes, and rank are sewn. Junior Enlisted are required at a minimum to wear the Parachutist Badge. Officers and NCOs will have all authorized special skill badges on. Trousers will be bloused or tucked into the top of the boot. Paratroopers will wear authorized clean coyote boots. Army-issued or Army-authorized boots that are personally purchased may be worn. Authorizations for all foot wear are governed by AR 670-1. Sleeves may be rolled at the commander's discretion, except when wearing the patrol cap, or in the BFU. Upon approval of the commander and only during field training exercises, the sleeves will be down or cuffed **inside** up to two rolls as per AR 670-1 dated 25 May 2017.



BERET The beret is worn so that the headband (edge binding) is straight across the forehead, 1 inch above the eyebrows. The flash is positioned over the left eye, and the excess materials is draped over to the right ear, extending to at least the top of the ear, and no lower than the middle of the ear. Personnel will cut off the ends of the adjusting ribbon and secure the ribbon knot inside the edge binding at the back of the beret. When worn properly, the beret is formed to the shape of the head; therefore, Soldiers may not wear hairstyles that cause distortion of the intended shape of the beret.

WEAR AND APPEARANCE OF THE UNIFORM cont.

(b) Identification tags are worn around the neck beneath the T-shirt, one on a long chain and the other on a short chain IAW AR 670-1. Identification bracelets are limited to medical alert bracelets and KIA/MIA/POW identification bracelets. Paratroopers may wear only one item of each. Paratroopers are NOT AUTHORIZED to wear bracelets that indicate “Live Strong”, “Breast Cancer”, or 550 cord. Reference AR 670-1 for other jewelry authorizations and limitations.

(c) While deployed or conducting field training, Paratroopers will wear their shoulder sleeve insignia, rank, name tapes, U.S. Army tapes, and subdued Flag.

HAIR STYLES Reference AR 670-1 for clarification on any specific hair styles not addressed below. Remember you are a Paratrooper, take pride in presenting a professional appearance as such.

(a) MALE Male haircuts will conform to AR 670-1 standards. **As a Sky Soldier, a male Paratroopers' hair will not exceed 3" in length, regardless of how it is combed, when combed forward, bangs may not touch a Paratrooper's eyebrows.** The length and bulk of the hair may not be excessive or present a ragged, unkempt, or extreme appearance. The hair must present a tapered appearance. The block-cut fullness in the back is permitted to a moderate degree, as long as the tapered look is maintained. In all cases, the bulk or length of hair may not interfere with the normal wear of headgear or protective masks or equipment. Males will keep sideburns neatly trimmed. Sideburns may not be flared; the base of the sideburn will be a clean shaven in a horizontal line. Sideburns will not extend below the lowest part of the exterior ear opening. Males will keep their face clean-shaven when in uniform, or in civilian clothes on duty. If appropriate medical authority prescribes beard growth, the length required for medical treatment must be specified. The length of the beard will not exceed 1/8 inch. Paratroopers are not authorized to shape the growth into goatees, “Fu Manchus”, or handlebar mustaches. If the Paratrooper has a shaving profile then that profile will be carried at all times.

(b) FEMALE Females' hair will conform to the guidelines of AR 670-1 and DA PAM 670-1. Females will ensure their hair is neatly groomed that the length and bulk of the hair are not excessive, and that the hair does not present a ragged, unkempt, or extreme appearance. Trendy styles that result in shaved portions of the scalp (other than the neckline) or designs cut into the hair are prohibited. Females may wear braids and cornrows as long as the braided style is conservative, the braids and cornrows lie snugly on the head, and any hair holding devices comply with the standards. Hair will not fall over the eyebrows or extend below the bottom edge of the collar at any time during normal activity or when standing in formation. Long hair that falls naturally below the bottom edge of the collar, to include braids, will be neatly and inconspicuously fastened or pinned, so no free-hanging hair is visible. Styles that are lopsided or distinctly unbalanced are prohibited. Ponytails, pigtails, or braids that are not secured to the head (allowing hair to hang freely), widely spaced individual hanging locks, and other extreme styles that protrude from the head are prohibited. Extensions, weaves, wigs, and hairpieces are authorized; however, these additions must have the same general appearance as the individual's natural hair. Additionally, any wigs, extensions, hairpieces, or weaves must comply with the grooming policies set forth in this paragraph.

WEAR AND APPEARANCE OF THE UNIFORM cont.

When headgear is worn, the hair will not extend below the bottom edge of the front of the headgear, nor will it extend below the bottom edge of the collar.

Hair-holding devices are authorized only for the purpose of securing the hair. Soldiers will not place hair holding devices in the hair for decorative purposes. All hair-holding devices must be plain and of a color as close to the soldier's hair as is possible or clear. Authorized devices include, but are not limited to, small, plain scrunches (elastic hair bands covered with material), barrettes, combs, pins, clips, rubber bands, and hair bands. Devices that are conspicuous, excessive, or decorative are prohibited.

The only exception is that hair that is long length hair, as defined in AR 670-1 may be worn in a ponytail during physical training. A single pony tail centered on the back of the head is authorized in physical fitness uniforms only when within the scope of physical training, except when considered a safety hazard. The pony tail is not required to be worn above the collar. When hair securing devices are worn, they will comply with the guidelines set in AR 670-1. Hairstyles otherwise authorized (such as braids and twists) may also be worn in a ponytail during physical training. When conducting physical training in utility uniforms pony tail are authorized using guidelines set forth in AR 670-1. However, if the helmet is worn during physical training, hair must be secured using guidelines in AR 670-1.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES Paratroopers may wear electronic devices on the belt, belt loops, or waistband of the uniform so as not to present a bulky appearance or exposed when wearing the blouse. If the blouse is removed for any reason; electronic devices must be removed. If security cords or chains are attached to the device, Paratroopers will conceal the cord or chain from view. **Paratroopers may use headphones, including wireless or wired devices and earpieces, in uniform only while performing individual physical training in indoor gyms or fitness centers IAW Army Directive 2016-20 and AR 670-1. Paratroopers may not wear headphones beyond the permitted area in any manner, including around the neck or attached to the uniform. IAW AER 385-10, Paratroopers may not wear headphones off the installation while walking, running, skating or biking on public roads and streets. Headphones may be worn on the installation while in civilian clothing on sidewalks and low traffic roads during off-duty hours when there is little to no traffic. Exercise common sense and have the volume low and only when safe to do so to maintain situational awareness to hazards.** Headphones will be conservative and discreet. Ear pads will not exceed 1-1/2 inches in diameter at the widest point. They may also wear a solid black armband for electronic devices in the gym or fitness center. Paratroopers may not wear a solid black arm-band beyond the permitted area.

Electronic items such as cellular phones, cameras, MP3 players, Personal Digital Assistant (PDA), and video games are not authorized to be used for anything other than official military business after arrival at the Departure Airfield. Additionally these devices will not be used by Paratroopers outside of official military business during Tactical Field Training or during the duty day outside of authorized and directed breaks (example lunch time during Motorpool activities). Intent is that Paratroopers are not distracted by personal electronic devices during the performance of duties. Exceptions may be prescribed by the unit Commander.

If the performance of duties requires the use of other electronic devices i.e., radios, the Paratroopers will carry them in the approved and appropriate carrying pouches only. Utility uniform pockets are not considered authorized carrying pouches. Other types of electronic devices are not authorized for wear on the uniform unless authorized by the commander i.e., medical devices. 11

WEAR AND APPEARANCE OF THE UNIFORM cont.

PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR (Smoke/Amber/Clear) on the Army Protective Eyewear List (APEL) is approved for wear in any uniform. When worn in formation all lens shades must be uniform. Sunglasses are not authorized. Conservative civilian prescription clear eyeglasses are authorized for wear. Eyeglasses that are faddish in nature, or with logos or other adornments are not authorized for wear while on duty. Contact lenses that change the natural color of the eyes are prohibited while in the duty uniform. Contact lenses are not authorized in field conditions.

NOTE: Paratroopers who wear prescription glasses, may only wear ballistic inserts with approved eye protection when in a field environment and during tactical operations, if no ballistic inserts present then the Paratrooper will wear goggles over prescription glasses.

FIELD/BAYONET LIGHT/BAYONET STANDARD UNIFORM SOP

NOTE 1: No unauthorized patches of any kind will be worn on the uniform. All authorized patches will be worn in their correct place.

NOTE 2: Uniform in GTA, HTA, and Aviano during training rotations or jumps. **When Paratroopers transition from the training area to installation services facilities (PX, Commissary, shoppette, etc.) they will wear a beret, clean and serviceable Garrison uniform, non-subdued flag, and NO camouflage paint on their face.**

NOTE 3: All uniform guidelines are open to senior leader modification based on appropriate Risk Assessment and leader Judgement. If the senior leader of a formation determines it is too cold for a PC, the black fleece may be worn; if the senior leader determines the risk of frostbite is greater than the tactical benefit of wearing face camouflage, that leader may make the prudent decision to modify the uniform as long as conditions and situation dictate. THIS IS A LEADER DECISION BASED ON RISK ASSESSMENT, COMMON SENSE, AND JUDGEMENT.

COMMONLY WORN ITEMS – all Paratroopers should either have on their person or wear the following protective gear:

- Ballistic Eye Protection (APEL approved only).
- Hearing Protection, ID card, ID Tags, and note taking material.
- Nomex gloves (or other type of glove with leather palm to protect from flash burns).
- Knee Pads on the knees or combat pants with knee inserts.
- Personal protective equipment should be accessible and worn based on leader analysis of METT-TC.
- The **DACO/BUMP CARD**: The cards placed in Ziploc bag, and put in the left sleeve pocket of the ACU top. All Paratroopers will carry a minimum of 5 cards at all times.
- **Headgear (IAW BDE SOP) can be modified to the Army black/coyote Fleece Cap weather and mission dependent, but is not intended for moving between barracks and work, nor a Paratrooper's car and post service facilities.**

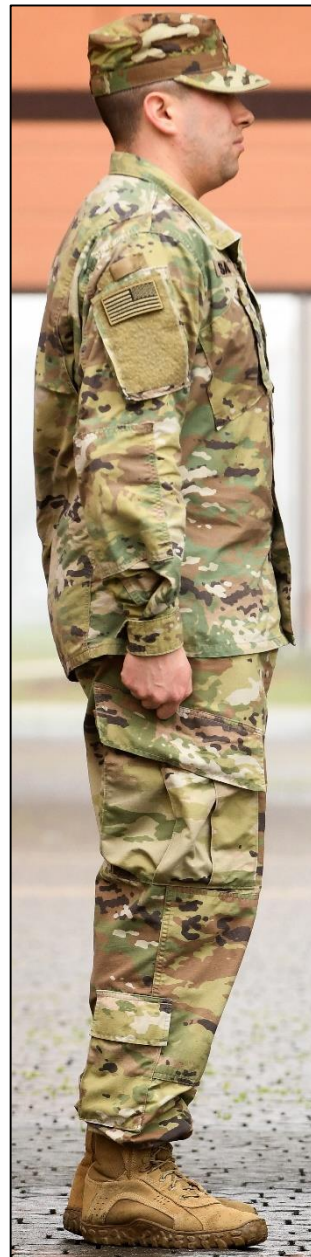
FIELD/BAYONET LIGHT/BAYONET STANDARD UNIFORM SOP cont.

BAYONET FIELD UNIFORM Duty Uniform will be clean and serviceable with name tape, US Army tape, rank, subdued flag, and SSI. Approved, authorized, or issued boots only. Clean, serviceable patrol cap with rank and name tape. Brown T-shirt, brown rigger's belt, and ID card, ID tags, paper and writing instrument. Trousers will be bloused or tucked into the top of the boot.

The approving authority to make modifications to this uniform is the BN CDR/ BN CSM.

When conducting Allied training or combat deployments, Sky Soldiers will ensure they carry a non-subdued US Flag and beret with them to don for ceremonial and partnered events such as formations or reviews.

BAYONET FIELD UNIFORM



AIRBORNE OPERATIONS UNIFORM

The Uniform Standard applies to both FMC and Airborne Operations. Paratroopers will wear ACUs, patrol cap, no beret, subdued flag or IR flag, ID card, ID tags, ACH, gloves (carried in cargo pocket), and knee pads. Knee Pads will be on the knees during Sustained Airborne Training and PLFs, knee pads will be worn correctly. RED chemlite in right sleeve pocket when conducting night airborne operations for emergencies. Elbow Pads will be required for airborne operations onto hardstand airfields, or when directed by the Airborne Commander.

(a) Paratroopers will not use performance-degrading substances beginning 24 hours prior to manifest, i.e. alcohol and motor skill debilitating medications.

(b) Paratroopers will not exit an aircraft with digital media recording/capturing devices (ex. Go-Pro) on their person without the BDE CDR's approval. If approved it will be done IAW the CAASOP.

COMBAT PANTS/SHIRTS Paratroopers are authorized to wear combat pants/shirts during field training and airborne operations. Combat Pants/Shirts will not be worn to "garrison" facilities such as the PX/shoppette, (exception is the Del Din shoppette). Combat pants will be bloused or tucked into the top of the boots unless they are of a Velcro closure style. **The approving authority to make modifications to this uniform is the Battalion Commander.**

CAMOUFLAGE FACE PAINT Paratroopers will camouflage their face in accordance with the standard Army Skill Level 1 task when conducting collective field training, tactical airborne operations, scenario-based maneuver training to include Force-on-Force and LFX in a training area. Dark color will be used for forehead, cheekbones, ears, nose, and chin; light color will be used for the areas around the eyes, under the nose, and under the chin. "Tiger stripes" and other camouflage patterns that do not conform to the Army standard are not authorized.



FIELD/BAYONET LIGHT/BAYONET STANDARD UNIFORM SOP cont.

BAYONET LIGHT Same as Bayonet Field Uniform with the following additions/adjustments: no skill badges will be worn in the field uniform unless sewn; subdued US Flag; clean, serviceable ACH helmet complete with proper markings and ties downs IAW BDE Standards, if worn - loose hanging camouflage material will be secured when conducting Airborne Operations; eye pro that is APEL approved; (Patrol cap is located in the trouser pocket/assault pack on the person); approved gloves (FR); Pro Mask (mission dependent as directed by the Commander); the FLC/TAP will be worn IAW BN/BDE standards; knee pads or inserts will be worn on your knees during Airborne operations and while maneuvering; and Personal Hydration System worn on back or carried in a pack.

BAYONET STANDARD Same as Bayonet Light to include Body Armor with front and rear ESAPI plates.

The approving authority to make modifications to this uniform is the BN CDR/ BN CSM.

BAYONET LIGHT

BAYONET STANDARD



5 Bump Cards
in LEFT sleeve
at all times

Pro Mask



Pro Mask

CALL SIGN PATCHES

Call Sign Patches will only be worn on the left sleeve or attached to Velcro on the front of the FLC/TAP/IOTV.

Call Sign Patches will be worn no lower than Squad Leader level, and will be OCP/Multicam in color with luminescent text.

Call Sign Patches will be in accordance with the naming convention for duty position as noted on Page 35.

Call Sign Patches will only be worn while conducting field training or Airborne Operations when the uniform is Bayonet Standard or Bayonet Light.

CTA50 STANDARDS AND CONFIGURATION

The purpose of the field uniform standards is to ensure that the unit is optimally prepared for combat. It is intended to be functional and professional, signifying a disciplined organization. Standards on wear, uniformity, and maintenance depend on leader involvement and inspections. Name tapes on TA-50 equipment will be the same color as the equipment.

ADVANCED COMBAT HELMET Initially set up in the standard 7-pad configuration with NVD mount installed (NVD mounts will be approved IAW CAASOP for Airborne Operations). The camo band will be routed under the NVD Mount and through the Eyewear Retention Straps with luminous tape exposed. The camo band will have RANK and LAST NAME over the left eye for all Sergeants and above to include Officers. All other personnel will just have their LAST NAME on the camo band. The only authorized markings on the camo band will be embroidered on the camo band or embroidered on material sewn to the camo band. **No sharpie markings** on the camo band. **Your battle roster number will be written on luminous tape and affixed to the inside left portion near the ear. Blood Type and Battle Roster Number will not be sewn or written on the camo band.**

The camouflage band is secured to the ACH by using 550 cord (gutted), utilizing a girth hitch with the locking bar on the outside of the knot. The tails run through a camouflage slot on the side of the ACH, closest to the front of the ear portion, the tails are tied together using a square knot w/ two overhand knots, the Velcro strap is routed through the loop of the 550 cord and secured to the hook pile tape patch on the inside of the ACH.

The Battle Roster # is placed in the inside on the LEFT portion near the ear side of the ACH, on a 1" X 2" piece of luminous tape. Once the BR # is written on the luminous tape (neatly) with capital letters and numbers, a piece of acetate is placed over the luminous tape.

Camouflage netting is authorized on the ACH when conducting Airborne Operations as long as it does not present a safety hazard to the jumper or interfere with the USL-M. Camouflage netting will be configured IAW BN SOP.



CTA50 STANDARDS AND CONFIGURATION cont.

FIGHTING LOAD CARRIER (FLC) / TACTICAL ASSAULT PANEL (TAP) Only OCP patterned load carriers are authorized (UCP if issued by CIF due to lack of OCP). Set up of the carrier will be shooters preference. The only exception is that the Individual First Aid Kit (IFAK) is attached on the carrier as the left most pouch as worn. The tourniquet will either be exposed, held with retainer bands any where on the Paratroopers left side, secured inside the IFAK, or in a tourniquet pouch. Basic set-up is up to BN CDR/ BN CSM: kit will be set up according to duty position requirements ensuring basic load of ammunition is supported. The M240, M249, and M320 gunners will wear only approved pouches issued from the organizational property book. In addition to CIF items, Paratroopers are authorized up to four aftermarket pouches: i.e. radio pouch, map pouch, NODS pouch, and utility pouch. Any aftermarket pouches must match field uniform pattern. **NO EXTRA PATCHES TO INCLUDE US FLAG ON FLC/TAP.** Casualty Feeder Card will be placed in the IFAK. The FLC/TAP is not the only carrier you can utilize, however, the CAASOP must be referenced for what kit is approved for Airborne Operations.



NVG/NODs IAW the CAASOP, NVGs/NODs are only authorized to be stored in the following locations during Airborne Operations.

- 1. Padded inside the jump pack.
- 2. Secured in a pouch on the FLC/TAP inside the jump pack/MAWC or when FLC/TAP is jumped exposed.
- 3. Secured around the jumper's neck in the "Neck Rider" method.

NVGs/NODs will be tied down at all times!
NVGs/NODs will never be loosely stored in the MAWC

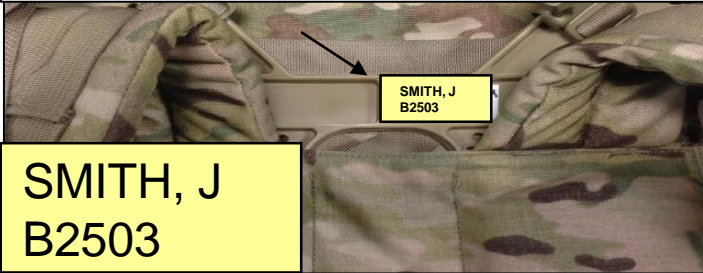
BODY ARMOR IOTV/PLATE CARRIER: IOTV or SPCS only with soft panel inserts (no commercial Plate Carriers). The wear of body armor is mission dependent and modification approval by BN CDR is required. **At a minimum, front and rear E-SAPI plates will be worn, side plates will also be worn for Maneuver Live Fire Exercises.**



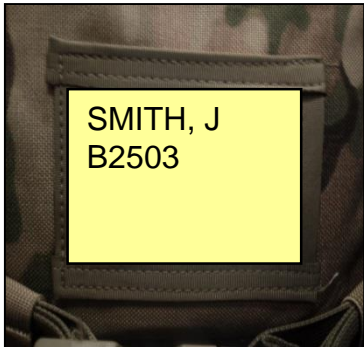
CTA50 STANDARDS AND CONFIGURATION cont.

MOLLE PACK The entrenching tool (tied down) or other pouch will be centered on the lower set of attaching straps on the front of the MOLLE. Sustainment pouches will be optional and mission dependent. All pouches on the side of the MOLLE must be emptied when conducting airborne operations IAW the CAASOP. Luminous tape (identifying the paratrooper's name and unit) will be secured to the rucksack frame. Colored tape attached to the rucksack carrying handle will identify each unit.

Luminous tape 1"x2.5" piece with:
LAST NAME, FIRST INITIAL
CO BN



ASSAULT PACK Name sewn centered between nylon straps on the top flap of the outside pocket.



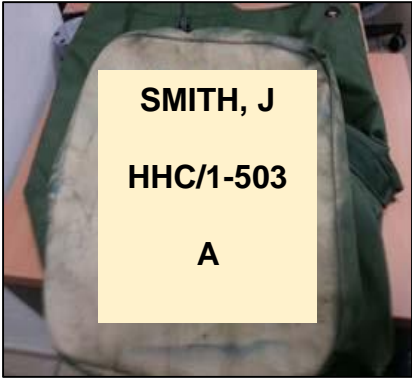
On the back of the MOLLE and Assault Pack there is a small pocket; insert a 2.5 x 3 inch card with the Paratrooper's information.



MEDIUM MOLLE RUCKSACK Luminous tape with the same markings as the MOLLE ruck will be attached to the MOLLE ruck frame crossbar and covered with laminate.

TOP CLOSE DUFFLE BAG (Legacy version)

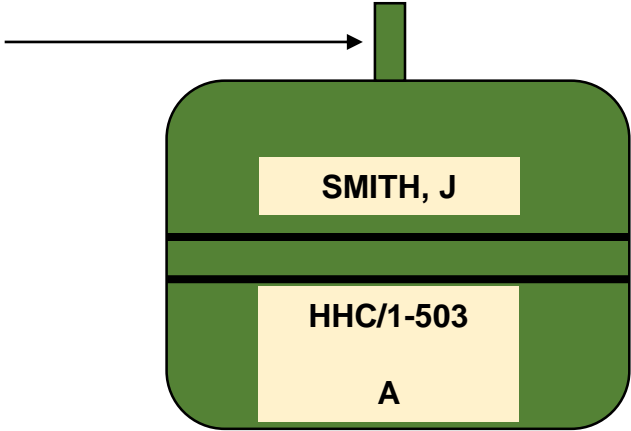
Last Name, First Initial
Unit designation
Bag Description (A or B)
(Marking IAW BDE markings SOP)



DUFFEL BAG Duffel bag carrying handles will be marked with colored tape. The duffel bags are marked on the bottom with a painted sand colored background, 1-inch stenciled black or blue lettering, and the information is in the following order:

SIDE CLOSE DUFFLE BAG (New issue version)

TOP
CARRYING
HANDLES



GREEN
CARRYING
HANDLE

WEAR AND APPEARANCE OF THE UNIFORM cont.

ARMY PHYSICAL FITNESS UNIFORM

Paratroopers are required to maintain the appropriate amount APFU authorized in the clothing bag initial issue. No C/T/B shirts are authorized. Battalion physical fitness shirts (long or short sleeve) and sweat shirts that **are voluntarily purchased** are authorized for wear when conducting physical fitness training. The black fleece cap is the only authorized head gear for the APFU. The black fleece cap will be pulled down snugly on the head; Paratroopers will not roll the cap but can have one fold. There are no restrictions on the combination of APFU items worn (seasonal), unless the commander has prescribed a particular combination for formation.

When conducting foot marches in the Army Combat Uniform, the uniform will be Bayonet Light with MOLLE ruck. **Headgear will either be the ACH, Patrol cap, or black/coyote fleece cap if weather dictates.** Commanders will dictate the headgear and all Paratroopers will be uniform. Paratroopers are authorized to conduct foot marches in the APFU as long as they have a FLC/TAPs and MOLLE ruck. Towels, scarves, or other items worn around the neck are not authorized.

When wearing the ACU as a physical training uniform, name tape, U.S. Army tape, rank, subdued flag, and SSI will be worn. The only exception is when conducting combatives, Velcro and pin-on items will be removed from the uniform.

A light source will be carried by the leaders and road guards of the formation when conducting foot marches, unit runs, or PT formations on roadways that are in active use, **WHEN NECESSARY**. Similarly, yellow reflective PT belts are only required when the unit commander deems necessary for safety purposes. If worn when foot marching, the reflective belt will be routed horizontally around the rucksack or assault pack.

IAW EUCOM and USAREUR Directives, to include USAREUR TASKORD #15-011, military uniforms, including the APFU, may not be worn off post unless traveling in an enclosed car directly to and from work with no stops in-between.

When conducting PRT off the installation during periods of limited visibility, consideration must be given for using a flashlight or headlamp, and brightly colored or reflective civilian clothing to ensure Paratroopers are visible to vehicular traffic.

IAW USAREUR off post uniform policy, foot marches conducted off installation must minimize military uniform signatures – as such, civilian PT clothing should be worn, civilian “rain covers” should be placed over the rucksack, and FLC/TAP/ACH should not be worn. This applies to local off installation foot marches, and Commanders should apply appropriate risk assessment when determining the location and uniform for off installation activities.



Proper wear of the Army Physical Fitness Uniform (APFU)



Conditioning Foot March uniform in the APFU

WEAR AND APPEARANCE OF THE UNIFORM cont.

ARMY SERVICE UNIFORM

Paratroopers will wear highly shined jump boots (trousers bloused) with their ASUs. All authorized badges shall be worn on the ASU and when wearing Tropical B uniform. Refer to AR 670-1 for groups and categories of badges to determine precedence. Females will wear slacks and jump boots with the ASU (when not worn as the Army Dress Uniform after retreat).

The ASU can be configured as the Army Dress Uniform for social occasions. Paratroopers will wear the long sleeved white shirt, and four-in-hand tie (before retreat), or bow tie (after retreat). When this uniform is worn for evening social occasions (after retreat), headgear is not required. Jump boots and organizational items will not be worn. **Per DA PAM 670-1 Airborne backings and Distinctive Unit Insignia (DUI) will be worn with the Army Dress Uniform.** Female Paratroopers may wear either slacks or skirt with the Army Dress Uniform.

IDENTIFICATION CARD STANDARD

In accordance with AR 600-8-14, all Paratroopers will carry their identification cards (or Common Access Cards) at all times. The ID card will be surrendered ONLY when a military authority requires it for identification, investigation, when in confinement, or when required by appropriately identified Host Nation Law Enforcement officials. The ID card will never be utilized off post for activities such as running bar tabs, securing hotel rooms, etc. If an ID card is lost or stolen, it will immediately be reported to the Chain of Command and the Department of Emergency Services (Provost Marshall's Office). Supervisors will take the appropriate action in order to ensure that loss of Identification cards does not reoccur.

OFFICIAL TRAVEL ATTIRE

Official travel attire pertains anytime on official military travel, regardless of mode of transportation, distance, or purpose. Travel attire will be clean, neat, and present a professional appearance. Authorized items for wear include but are not limited to: dress pants, knee length shorts, slacks, dresses, skirts – mid length, a nice pair of jeans (with no holes of any kind nor two-color or faded jeans), and a collared shirt, for example: polo shirt or a short- or long-sleeve dress shirt. Both styles of shirts will be worn buttoned up with a dress belt, the tucking in your shirt is optional. Dress shoes or a pair of shoes or boots with a similar style of dress (no flip flops, running sneakers, and open or closed sandals of any type).

NO military backpacks on civilian commercial flights in Europe.



OUT OF UNIFORM APPEARANCE

In general, the professional atmosphere and high standards of appearance maintained by uniformed military personnel within the 173rd IBCT (A) should carry over into the selection of civilian attire. Wear of appropriate attire promotes a reflection of respect for the host country and its customs and courtesies. It also assists in the orderly accomplishment of the installation's mission and fosters loyalty, discipline, and morale of troops.

The following articles of civilian clothing and appearance are inappropriate for wear on or off the installation outside of barracks/residence:

- (a) Clothing worn as an outer-garment, which is obviously intended to be worn as an undergarment such as pajamas. This does not include T-shirts.**
- (b) Civilian trousers will not be loosely worn so that the undergarment is exposed.**
- (c) Clothing with obscene, slanderous, or vulgar words or drawings will not be worn.**
- (d) Clothing which makes disparaging comments concerning the U.S. Government, Allies, or Partner nations will not be worn.**
- (e) Males will keep their face clean-shaven when in uniform, or in civilian clothes on duty.**
- (f) Articles of apparel, which include, but are not limited to T-shirts or hats which depict drugs or drug paraphernalia, or which advocate the use of drugs will not be worn.**
- (g) No tank top or muscle shirts in DFAC, gym, or Garrison service facilities. Open-toe shoes without socks will not be worn in the DFAC. No cut off t-shirts. Exercise good judgement in wearing these items off-post to socially acceptable locations such as pools, beaches, etc., to maintain a professional appearance and respect Host Nation norms.**
- (h) When on a military installation, civilian headgear will be removed indoors in accordance with established norms.**

PHYSICAL FITNESS STANDARDS / GYM

(a) Physical readiness is critical to the successful accomplishment of the 173rd IBCT (A) mission. Physical fitness hours are generally from 0630 to 0800 every duty day. Units/individuals plan personal issues, appointments, and training around this time. C/T/B CDRs, 1SGs, and First Line Leaders conduct PT with their respective formations. Paratroopers conduct physical training a minimum of five times per week. The 173rd IBCT (A) goal is to run five miles in 40 minutes, pass each APFT event with a 70% or better, **pass each ACFT event in the BLACK category**, and to complete a 12-mile road march with rucksack (minimum of 35 lbs.) in 3 hours or less in Bayonet Light. The PT plan should start and finish with a PRT/SPEAR warm-up and cool down. Other authorized Physical Training events are PT competitions, mini-triathlons, swimming, combatives, and cycling. PT hours may be extended beyond 0800. Units may institute sports programs after 0800 hours. Only Battalion Commanders can authorize sporting events during PT hours.

PHYSICAL FITNESS STANDARDS / GYM cont.

(b) **GYM** When elements utilize the gym, it must be an approved PT training plan by the company commander. The swim uniform while conducting swimming for PT will be determined by the Commander, appropriate to the physical training event objectives, and in good taste.

(c) **FOOT MARCHES/RUNS** All runs and foot marches will be conducted on authorized routes only. **While off post, groups will be no smaller than a Buddy Team and no larger than a 9-man Squad.** While crossing streets, cross at crosswalks (if no crosswalks are present, cross at a 90-degree angle). Do not post road guards in heavily trafficked areas. Wait for a break in traffic, post the road guards, and move the element across the street. **Units will offer the highest level of respect to their host nations while conducting physical fitness training within the community.** In accordance with USAG-I and USAG-B off-post policy: do not stop to conduct static exercises, no litters, logs, medicine balls or similar equipment are authorized (ruck sacks and IBA are not acceptable for off post wear as per GARRISON POLICY LETTER 60-15). Approval for conduct of off post PRT, beyond running off the installation, will be at the C/T/B Commander level with approved DRAW. **IAW AER 385-10, Soldiers may not wear headphones off installation while walking, running, skating or biking on public roads and streets.**

MILITARY COURTESY

Courtesy is respect for and consideration of others in the Army. The various forms of courtesy have become customs and traditions. It is important to render these courtesies correctly.

Paratroopers will salute in garrison and field environments, unless instructed otherwise. Saluting and exchanging greetings while in civilian clothes is encouraged when on military installations. The exchange of a salute is a visible sign of good discipline, mutual respect, unit pride, and esprit de corps. Paratroopers who recognize an officer or senior officer while in the Army PT uniform will salute and render the appropriate response as outlined below:

Each salute should be rendered upon recognition with a greeting and response. The 173rd IBCT (A) greeting is, "SKY SOLDIERS, Sir or Ma'am!" The response from the officer will be "AIRBORNE!" When approaching an NCO, the appropriate greeting of the day is "SKY SOLDIERS, SGT, First Sergeant, Sergeant Major" The response from the NCO will be "AIRBORNE!"

Salute all standards and flags for senior officers displayed on military vehicles IAW AR 600-25. When you recognize an officer in a vehicle, you should salute. The operator of a vehicle or bicycle is not required to salute.

When a First Sergeant or higher NCO, or a C/T/B or higher Commander enters a building, the appropriate courtesy is given. This courtesy also applies to visiting dignitaries or senior leaders outside of the organization IAW AR 600-25. **The appropriate courtesy is to call "Attention" for officers and "At Ease" for 1SG/CSM/SGM. When in the DFAC, the common courtesy is "At Ease" for both LTC/CSM or higher.**

When being addressed by an NCO, junior Enlisted and subordinate NCOs should be at the position of Parade Rest until directed otherwise. When being addressed by an Officer or Warrant Officer, Enlisted personnel and subordinate Officers and Warrant Officers should be at the position of Attention until directed otherwise.

ON AND OFF-DUTY CONDUCT / ALCOHOL POLICY

Paratroopers are responsible for their personal conduct, 24-7. The 173rd IBCT (A) requires Paratroopers to always be ready to deploy at a moment's notice. Consumption of alcohol is not an inherent part of being a Paratrooper, nor will it be encouraged and glorified as an integral part of unit activities. Excessive alcohol consumption will not be condoned and will lead to corrective actions should it inhibit good order and discipline of performance of duties.

DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE! Always have a plan and use a designated driver who is committed to not consuming alcohol. Use public transportation such as taxis and buses. Commanders have the responsibility to monitor the use of alcohol by their Paratroopers and have the authority to withdraw the privilege of having alcohol. **BAC for Italy is 0.05, and 0.0 for drivers under the age of 21 or licensed for less than 3 years. The BAC for Germany is 0.0525 and 0.0 for drivers under the age of 21.**

You may be considered drunk on duty if your intoxication is sufficient to impair the rational and full exercise of your mental or physical faculties. Paratroopers residing in the barracks will possess no more than one bottle of liquor, or one bottle of wine, or a 12-pack of beer. Exceptions to possession limits are approved at C/T/B Commander level on a case-by-case or event basis.

Specific to VMC, Vicenza City ordinance prohibits the public consumption or carrying of open containers of alcohol in the limits of the city of Vicenza, to include on post.

SAFETY

Reference 173RD POLICY LETTER #5, dated 24 November 2019

Leaders and supervisors at all levels are the Safety Officers for their respective organizations and are responsible for their Soldiers' health and welfare. Preventable accidents are usually caused by unsafe acts and conditions created by one or more of the following: failure to perform a task to standard; failure to enforce the standard; failure to communicate the standard; and / or failure to ensure personnel are trained to standard.

(a) **SAFETY** Paratroopers must ensure that everything they do is done safely. Safety is an individual as well as a leader responsibility; every Trooper in our Brigade is a "Safety Officer/NCO." Everyone, from the Brigade Commander down, must take an active role in the identification and prevention of accidents. Nothing we do in training is worth the life or limb of one of our Troopers. This section addresses policies and measures you may take to help protect the force. If you need additional information, have suggestions, or wish to report a safety violation, contact our BCT Safety Manager in Building 173 Del Din, 3rd Floor; DSN 314-637-4666.

(b) **RISK MANAGEMENT** The OPTEMPO and the daily training of Paratroopers assigned to the 173rd IBCT (A) bring with them inherent hazards. Paratroopers must practice risk management during their daily activities on and off duty in order to protect our force. Risk Management is a five-step process that is used to identify hazards and take measures to lessen the risk to Troopers. Risk Management will be IAW ATP 5-19.

MILITARY VEHICLE STANDARDS

At no time, will Paratroopers operate a military vehicle, to include a TMP, if not properly dispatched. All operators must have a current, valid license (i.e., Dispatch, 5988, DA Form 285, DA Form 285-AB, DD 518, SF 91, SF 46 or OF 346) covering the vehicle being operated. Wear all required restraining devices (lap belts and shoulder belts when so equipped) when riding in any vehicle on or off post.

TACTICAL VEHICLES. TC/VC's are required for all tactical vehicles. Extra precautions must be taken when operating in or around tactical vehicles. Only licensed drivers are authorized to operate these vehicles. Vehicle operators must ensure they follow all technical standards for the safe operation of the vehicle. All vehicles have a current dispatch, current 5988E and all required safety equipment IAW the vehicle's TM.

(1) Vehicle ground guides are required in the following situations:

(a) When vehicles enter congested, confined, or bivouac areas.

(b) Before an Army Motor Vehicle AMV/Army Combat Vehicle (ACV) is moved in an assembly or bivouac area.

(c) During movement within or through motor pools and assembly areas. AMV/ACV's require two ground guides, front and rear if the vehicle is going in reverse. Guides must be able to see each other, be visible to the driver, and be **located 10 meters in front of and off to the side of the driver (not in the vehicle's path)**. If the driver loses sight of the ground guide, they will stop the vehicle until line of sight is regained.

(d) When traveling cross-country during periods of reduced visibility (extreme ground fog, snowstorms, dust/sand storms, etc.).

(2) Leaders and TC will ensure:

(a) All personnel in a seat with an approved seat belt are required to wear seat belt.

(b) Gunners will utilize the Gunner Restraint System adjusted to nametape defilade, and Troop straps are utilized by personnel riding in the back of authorized Troop carriers.

(c) No one rides on top of vehicles.

(d) Any Paratrooper riding in a tactical vehicle will wear an ACH, eye protection, and gloves regardless of their position in the vehicle while it is moving. Forklift operators may wear OSHA approved hard hats.

(e) Crews rehearse roll over and egress drills.

(f) Operators strictly adhere to speed limits for the type of vehicle.

MILITARY VEHICLE STANDARDS cont.

NOTE:

- Convoy Briefs are mandatory when moving in two or more vehicles.
- The speed limit will be observed unless a lower speed limit is posted.
- Slow-Down speed NOT Catch-up speed.
- **The TC will be in the rank of CPL and higher – IT IS A C/T/B COMMANDER'S DELIBERATE DECISION TO LOWER RANK DUE TO SHORTAGE OF LEADERS!**
- The driver and the TC are responsible for the safety of the personnel riding on their vehicle. Drivers and TCs will refuse to move the vehicle if anyone is in an unsafe position or if the vehicle has too many passengers.
- Passengers who are not crewmembers, but are carried in the vehicle's cab are limited to available seat belt positions.

POV STANDARDS.

Vehicle registration is mandatory. Your ID card, a valid driver's license, vehicle registration, current vehicle inspection, and minimum vehicle insurance are required for registration. Playing of loud music that can be heard outside a POV, at a distance of **15 feet** while driving or stationary is prohibited. **US Army Service Members serving overseas are prohibited from displaying distasteful stickers on their POVs. They should also refrain from having markings that clearly identify the vehicle as US in order to minimize US signature.**

MOTORCYCLE STANDARDS

In order to operate a motorcycle, the rider must have a valid, stateside motorcycle license and MSF certification in order to obtain a USAREUR/SETAF motorcycle license. When either a driver or passenger of any motorcycle, on or off duty, on or off post, wear the following equipment: approved helmets; shatter proof eye protection; gloves; long legged pants; long sleeve shirt or jacket; foot protection. Foot protection includes sturdy over-the-ankle footwear that affords protection for the feet and ankles (durable leather or ballistic-type cloth athletic shoes that cover the ankles may be worn).

BICYCLES/SCOOTERS/SKATEBOARDS

- All Paratroopers are encouraged to wear high visibility clothing or a reflective belt/vest while operating their non-gas powered devices on post and off post. Use discretion with the PT belt off post as this is distinctively American. Riders will ride with the traffic and obey traffic signs and laws.
- All Paratroopers will wear an approved bicycle helmet while riding a bicycle / scooter / skateboard on the installation at all times.** When riding off the installation, Paratroopers will follow Host Nation laws and are highly encouraged to wear a helmet when riding in traffic, at a high rate of speed, performing tricks, or when conditions present a higher risk of accident. An approved helmet is defined as one that meets or exceeds the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) or Snell Memorial Foundation Standards for bicycle helmets.
- All bicycles ridden during hours of limited visibility must have and use an operable and visible headlight, pedal reflectors, and tail light.

BICYCLES/SCOOTERS/SKATEBOARDS cont.

(d) Skateboards will not be operated in a manner that can cause damage to infrastructure such as curbs, ramps, or benches.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Reference 173D POLICY LETTER # 2, dated 24 November 2019

This policy applies to all units assigned or attached to the 173rd IBCT (A).

This command is fully committed to the Army's policy of providing equal opportunity and treatment based on merit, fitness, capability, and potential. Soldiers and their families have the right to receive and expect equal opportunity and fair treatment without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, or sexual orientation. Soldiers and their families have the right to file complaints of discrimination and/or reprisal if they believe they have been discriminated against either on or off post.

The Brigade Equal Opportunity office can be reached at DSN 314-637-4170 for VMC and DSN 314-475-9255 for GTA.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT/ SEXUAL ASSAULT

Reference 173D POLICY LETTER # 4, dated 24 November 2019

Sexual harassment is a form of gender discrimination that involves unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature between the same or opposite genders. Any person who uses or condones implicit or explicit sexual behavior to control, influence, or affect the career, pay or job of a Soldier or Civilian employee, makes deliberate or repeated unwelcome verbal comments, gestures or physical contact of a sexual nature, or interferes with an individual's work performance by creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment is engaging in sexual harassment.

Sexual assault is a crime defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by the use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault is punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and other federal and local laws. Soldiers should act to prevent sexual assault and report incidents when they occur.

Sky Soldier discipline requires Paratroopers to maintain professional relationships with superiors, peers, and subordinates. Fraternalization between leaders and subordinates is not acceptable as it degrades trust, credibility, and unit readiness.

Paratroopers will refrain from using "Disparaging Terms" IAW AR 600-20, Chapter 6. This is defined as terms used to degrade or connote negative statements pertaining to race, color, gender, national origin, or religion. Such terms may be expressed as verbal statements, printed material, visual material, signs, symbols, posters, or insignia. The use of these terms constitutes unlawful discrimination.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT/ SEXUAL ASSAULT cont.

Reporting options:

(a) **RESTRICTED REPORTING** A Soldier, family members 18 years of age and older, and GS civilians who are sexually assaulted and desire medical care, counseling and victim advocacy, without initiating an investigative process should use the restricted reporting option. Victims of sexual assault who desire restricted reporting should report the assault to a SARC/SHARP VA Specialist, Chaplain, or healthcare provider on post to maintain confidentiality.

(b) **UNRESTRICTED REPORTING** Allows a victim to receive the same treatment as a restricted report, but also initiates a formal investigation into the sexual assault. Victims may make an unrestricted report to the chain of command, a SARC/SHARP VA Specialist, Chaplain, healthcare provider, law enforcement, legal services, or Family Advocacy Program. With the consent of the victim, a healthcare provider will conduct a forensic examination, which may include the collection of evidence. Details regarding the incident will be limited to only those personnel who have a legitimate need to know.

Paratroopers who feel they are the victims of sexual harassment are encouraged to pursue either formal or informal reporting procedures. Victims of sexual assault are encouraged to pursue either restricted or unrestricted reporting procedures. DOD Safe Help Line +1-877-995-5247 or Base Hotline +39-335-103-8785. The Brigade SARC can be reached at DSN 314-637-4089; the VMC SHARP hotline is DSN 314-646-8540 and the GTA SHARP hotline is DSN 314-475-4567

HAZING, BULLYING, AND CORRECTIVE TRAINING:

Reference 173D POLICY LETTER # 3, dated 24 November 2019

This policy applies to all units assigned or attached to the 173rd IBCT (A).

ARMY REGULATION 600-20, ARMY COMMAND POLICY, 6 NOV 14.

Hazing and bullying are fundamentally in opposition to our values and will not be tolerated. Violators of this policy are subject to adverse administrative action and/or disciplinary action. Anyone who is subject to such acts by supervisors, co-workers, or subordinates should make it clear that such behavior is inappropriate and should be immediately reported to the chain of command or other appropriate channels.

Hazing and bullying can include physical and nonphysical interactions. Hazing typically involves conduct directed at new members of an organization or individuals who have recently achieved a career milestone. It may result from any form of initiation, "rite of passage," or congratulatory act that includes, but is not limited to: physically striking another (including "blood wings" and "pink bellies"); piercing another's skin in any manner; forcing or requiring the consumption of excessive amounts of food, alcohol, drugs, or other substances; head shaving; or encouraging another to engage in illegal, harmful, demeaning, or unauthorized dangerous acts.

HAZING, BULLYING, ABUSE, AND CORRECTIVE TRAINING cont.

Separate and distinct from hazing and bullying is corrective training. If Soldiers have training deficiencies, they will be required to complete extra training or instruction in subjects directly related to the shortcoming. Corrective measures may be taken after normal duty hours. Such measures assume the nature of training or instruction, not punishment. Corrective training should continue only until the training deficiency is overcome. The authority to use corrective training is inherent in the authority of non-commissioned and commissioned officers. Specialists and below do not have such authority. Moderate calisthenics, such as (but not restricted to) 20 push-ups, can be utilized by NCOs and Officers to instill focus in otherwise distracted and inattentive Soldiers or to conduct on-the-spot corrections to minor infractions. "Smoke sessions" (unwarranted targeting of Soldiers or belittling through extensive physical hardship) are not authorized. Additional PRT sessions (with appropriate supervision and safeguards) in which an NCO or Officer leads and participates in PT designed to improve the physical and mental resilience of Paratroopers is authorized.

SOCIAL MEDIA USE, OPSEC

Reference 173RD POLICY LETTER # 14, dated 15 January 2020

Any unauthorized release of official or sensitive information risks not only a violation of our operations security (OPSEC), but risks compromising or embarrassing members of our own unit, our family members and our Allies, and can lead to a breakdown of trust in our organization.

Paratroopers are subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice at all times, to include when online, and appropriate social media conduct is expected of all Paratroopers. Paratroopers will not make contributions to social media (uploads, comments, likes, shares, postings, or otherwise) that violate the UCMJ, host nation law, compromises the 173rd IBCT (A)'s mission and operations, or which have an effect that is prejudicial to good order and discipline. Examples include:

- (a) Making comments that are insubordinate or that fail to treat others with dignity and respect.
- (b) Paratroopers must avoid conduct that is profane, defamatory, libelous, obscene, abusive, threatening, racially or ethnically hateful, or otherwise.
- (c) Paratroopers will ensure that family members are also aware of Social Media guidelines and best practices. Inflammatory speech, routine OPSEC violations, and behavior damaging to good order and discipline in the community by family members can result in administrative action by the command to include removal of command sponsorship. Paratroopers will make sure that family members understand what can and cannot be posted on-line or discussed outside the family.
- (d) All 173rd IBCT(A) Paratroopers and personnel who discover a potential violation of this policy are strongly encouraged to immediately report it to the 173rd IBCT(A) Public Affairs office and the chain of command.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR THE CQ, SDNCO, and SDO/WDO

Each battalion and company has established SOPs, the following is the minimum:

The NCO on duty will be held accountable for all incidents that occur during their tour of duty. They will remain alert, diligent, and active during the entire tour of duty. All company CQs will be in the rank of Corporal or above. All battalion SDNCOs will be in the rank of Staff Sergeant and brigade SDNCOs will be Sergeant First Class, no exceptions. The SDO will be warrant officer or Lieutenant. The purpose of their duty is to maintain good order and discipline of barracks and stand ready to support the alert of the 173rd IBCT (A).

(a) **There will be no televisions, radios, or electronic game devices of any kind to include playing on cell phones at the CQ/SDNCO desk. Paratroopers and NCOs are not allowed to sleep at any time while performing CQ or SD duties.**

(b) The CQ/SDNCO/SDO will not leave the unit area for any reason during their tour of duty unless required in the execution of assigned duties. The CQ/SDNCO are allowed no more than 30 minutes to consume meals. All meals will be consumed at the CQ/SDNCO desk/unit area or in the unit DFAC.

(c) A Paratrooper/NCO will receive a compensatory day to recover after 24 hours of duty. They get this compensation because the duty is meant to be hard work. Officers and Warrant Officers are permitted to sleep in the unit area and are not granted a compensatory day after their duty.

(d) No Paratrooper will conduct CQ/SD within the first 30 days of being assigned to the unit, no exceptions.

UNACCOMPANIED PARATROOPER QUARTERS POLICY

(a) Barracks and their associated areas are primarily to facilitate our military mission. The barracks provide secure, comfortable living quarters for single Paratroopers so they may rest, relax, and enjoy a degree of privacy, thus preparing themselves mentally, spiritually, and physically for future missions.

(b) **LEADER'S RESPONSIBILITY** Commanders, assisted by the chain of command, are responsible for the readiness, welfare, morale, discipline, and good order of their units, including the barracks. We in the 173rd IBCT (A) are interested in maintaining the highest standards possible.

(c) **THE FOUR PILLARS OF STANDARDS** The four "pillars" of standards for the barracks are derived from the fundamental principle that behavior and situations that are detrimental to the discipline and good order of a unit must be eliminated.

(1) **CLEAN:** All common areas and individual rooms will be neat and clean. C/T/B Commanders will establish common area standards and responsibilities.

(2) **SECURE:**

(a) Internal: All rooms will have functional locks, doors, windows, and wall lockers.

(b) External: The barracks will be protected from intruders and unauthorized visitors

UNACCOMPANIED PARATROOPER QUARTERS POLICY cont.

(3) **FUNCTIONAL:** Barracks lighting, heating, and cooling systems, latrines, washers, dryers, refrigerators, microwaves, and other major appliances will be functional.

(4) **SAFE:** Safety will be continually monitored. Hazardous conditions, materials, and situations will be corrected or reported immediately.

(d) **PRIVACY** There is NO perfect privacy in the Army. In the barracks, leaders will respect a Paratrooper's privacy to the extent appropriate. The intent is to provide privacy consistent with maintaining discipline and good order.

(e) **SPECIFIC POLICIES**

(1) **ALCOHOL** The intent is education oriented towards de-glamorization of alcohol and emphasis on health and safety risks will be continued. **Commanders may revoke a Paratrooper's privileges to possess alcohol in the barracks based on alcohol or drug-related incidents, or if a Paratrooper demonstrates a pattern of irresponsible behavior.** When a Paratrooper's privilege to possess alcohol in the barracks is revoked, the unit chain of command will counsel that Paratrooper in writing. Brigade and battalion commanders may restrict amounts and type consistent with unit requirements and common sense (e.g., no alcohol during recalls, lock-downs, or other unique times consumption is inappropriate).

(a) Consumption of alcohol while on duty is prohibited, unless specifically authorized by a Commander and approved at the appropriate level IAW applicable regulation.

(b) **Paratroopers that are 18 and older are authorized to possess no more than one bottle of hard liquor or one bottle of wine or one 12-pack of beer in their rooms.**

(2) **CHECKS OF BARRACKS** The normal context of checks may be more limited than an inspection (e.g., "check of air conditioning filters in place"). This is not different from an inspection – it's the chain of command exercising its responsibility. Team Leaders will check their Paratroopers' rooms daily, Squad Leaders will check Paratroopers' room twice a week, Platoon Sergeants conduct checks weekly, and First Sergeants will conduct monthly checks. These check are the minimum for Squad Leaders and up.

(3) **COHABITATION** Although visitors are allowed, they are not permitted to spend the night, live in the barracks, **or abuse the visitation privileges. This includes use of barracks facilities intended for Paratroopers. Paratroopers residing in the barracks may have visitors of either sex in their rooms from 1700 until 2200 Monday through Thursday, Friday 1700 until 2400 and from 1200 until 2400 on weekends and holidays. Sunday from 1200 until 2200.** The times established as a reasonable time to end visitation so that all Paratroopers can receive a full night's rest. **In no case will visitors spend the night. Cohabitation is strictly forbidden.** Must sign the guest in at the gates. Visitation is a privilege – not a right and they may be revoked. CQs will check visitors ID and sign the visitor in using a separate visitor log.

NOTE: CQ/SDNCO/SDO will enforce the cohabitation policy to prevent any issues of unauthorized visitors.

UNACCOMPANIED PARATROOPER QUARTERS POLICY cont.

(4) **COMMAND PRESENCE** All units will establish and maintain a presence of command during off duty, weekends, and holidays before and after midnight. The purpose is to know what goes on and to fix problems, situations, or individuals and to “know” your Paratroopers.

(5) **CONTRABAND** Paratroopers may not have contraband in the barracks or in their privately owned vehicles (POVs) anywhere on post. Examples include illegal drugs, privately owned weapons (to include Airsoft weapons), pyrotechnics, numchucks, and other items designated by the Commanding Officer.

(6) **CQs** CQs are mandatory in all units. Brigade and Battalion Commanders may establish CQs for specific purposes and periods at their own discretion.

(7) **FLAGS/BANNERS** Properly displayed flags of the Nation, States, and US. territories and possessions are permitted. Appropriate regulations as to display, dignity, and respect with regard to the flag of the United States of America will be followed. Brigade Commander and Battalion Commanders will address other foreign flags with exception to the flag/banner policy – example: an official exchange Paratrooper from a foreign army.

(8) **INSPECTIONS** Rooms and common areas will be inspected to ensure standards of cleanliness, security, functionality, and safety are met. Normally this is performed daily by the chain of command. This does not have to be approved by any designated rank or be on the training schedule. Units may want to put this in an SOP to provide further clarity.

(a) **FORMAL INSPECTIONS** These are normally “stand-by” type of formations that are unit oriented. Example: payday procedures, Command Inspection Program. They may involve layouts, corrective actions or remedial procedures as a part of the program. All inspections or checks should include a corrective or follow-up plan and feedback to the Paratroopers. All units will have a routine that includes periodic formal inspections.

(b) **HEALTH AND WELFARE INSPECTIONS** These are scheduled inspections geared to root out contraband, illegal substances, and other deficiencies and hazardous materials. The use of Military Working Dogs or other technical means is encouraged in addition to the eyes and ears of the chain of command.

(9) **OCCUPANCY** The goal is no more than two per standard (2 person) suite. NCOs may be one per suite based on current occupancy rate and command discretion.

(10) **PERSONAL PROPERTY** Stereos, phones, refrigerators, microwaves, civilian furniture, and bedding are permitted. Units will set standards for use. **Room stereo systems should not be heard within common areas and should not disturb others regardless of time of day.**

(11) **PETS** No pets of any type are authorized. This includes reptiles and fish.

(12) **PLANTS** No large floor plants or those that would stain or damage the room are authorized. Commanders may establish a “No Plant” policy if plants and their maintenance is inconsistent with their operational needs and OPTEMPO/OPCYCLE.

UNACCOMPANIED PARATROOPER QUARTERS POLICY cont.

(13) **POSTERS, WALL DISPLAYS, SCREEN SAVERS** Nothing may be displayed that could be construed as offensive to any other Paratrooper in the unit based on race, gender, religion, national origin, or creed. Commanders will determine what is offensive, tears down unit cohesion, or is prejudicial to good order and discipline in their unit. Examples of offensive and inappropriate displays are:

- (a) Nudity.
- (b) Glorification of drugs and/or alcohol.
- (c) Racist, extremist, or violent gangs.
- (d) Extremely cruel, inhumane, or otherwise incompatible with normal unit cohesion.
- (e) Inappropriate WiFi router names that may be deemed offensive.

(14) **ROOM ARRANGEMENTS** There are no standard arrangements. Units will prohibit unsafe and bizarre arrangements.

(15) **ROOM PAINT** Repainting rooms must be of original color as specified.

(16) **SAFETY** Units will establish a safety program IAW current directives.

(17) **SMOKING** Smoking is permitted only in designated smoking areas and is not permitted in the barracks or buildings of any kind (IAW DoD Directives). Smoke detectors may not be disabled or covered within any building as this presents a safety hazard to all occupants.

BRIGADE MARKING SOP

| BATTALION: | MARKING: |
|------------|-------------------|
| 1-503 IN | BLUE (1 STRIPE) |
| 2-503 IN | BLUE (2 STRIPES) |
| 1-143 IN | BLUE (3 STRIPES) |
| 1-91 CAV | YELLOW (1 STRIPE) |
| 4-319 AFAR | RED (1 STRIPE) |
| 54 EN | BLACK (1 STRIPE) |
| 173 BSB | GREEN (1 STRIPE) |
| HHC BDE | GREEN (2 STRIPES) |

BATTLE ROSTER NUMBER SOP

| Battalion/Squadron HHC BDE | Company/Troop Example | First initial of last name | Last four of SSN | Example |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------|
| 1 = 1-503 | A Co = A | Smith = S | 1234 | 1AS1234 |
| 2 = 2-503 | B Co = B | Campos = C | 1234 | 2BC1234 |
| 3 = 1-91 | C Co = C | Patel = P | 1234 | 3CP1234 |
| 4 = 4-319 | D Co = D | Jacob = J | 1234 | 4DJ1234 |
| 5 = BEB | FSC = F | Rice = R | 1234 | 5FR1234 |
| 6 = BSB | 601 = R | Toms = T | 1234 | 6RT1234 |
| 7 = HHC BDE | HHC = H | Adams = A | 1234 | 7HA1234 |
| 8 = 1-143 | A Co | Smith = S | 1234 | 8AS1234 |
| P = Partner | 1 = Italian | Jones = J | 1234 | P1J1234 |
| P = Partner | 2 = French | Kones = K | 1234 | P2K1234 |
| P = Partner | 3 = UK | Lones = L | 1234 | P3L1234 |
| P = Partner | 4 = Spanish | Mones = M | 1234 | P4M1234 |
| P = Partner | 5 = as needed | | | |

CALL SIGN PATCH SOP

| BATTALION | COMPANY | PLATOON | EXPANDER |
|-------------------|-----------------|---|----------------------------|
| B - BDE Cmd/Staff | 7 - HHC BDE | MTR - Mortar | A - Asst/A Team |
| E - 1-503 | HHC / HHT / HHB | SCT - Scout | B - B Team |
| RK - 2-503 | A - A Co | MED - Medical | N - NCOIC |
| S - 1-91 | B - B Co | 1 - 1st Plt | |
| K - 4-319 | C - C Co | 2 - 2nd Plt | |
| D - 54 BEB | D - D Co | 3 - 3rd Plt | |
| RP - 173 BSB | E - E Co | 4 - 4th Plt | |
| | F - F Co | When using MTR/SCT/MED do not use HHC for brevity as these platoons reside in the HHC | Exception for 1-91: |
| | G - G Co | | PL = 1 |
| | H - H Co | | PSG = 4 |
| | R - 601 QM | | |

| EXAMPLES: | |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| B-45N | Brigade Air NCO |
| E-HHC5 | 1-503 HHC XO |
| RK-SCT7 | 2-503 Scout Platoon Sergeant |
| S-B36 | 1-91 B Trp 3rd Platoon Leader |
| K-F6 | 4-319 F Co Commander |
| E-A13 | 1-503 A Co 1st Plt 3rd Sqd Leader |

DACO / BUMP CARD SOP

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| <p style="text-align: center;">INFIL</p> <p>Lift _____</p> <p>Chalk _____</p> <p>Door/# _____</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">EXFIL</p> <p>Lift _____</p> <p>Chalk _____</p> <p>Door/# _____</p> |
| <p>SSG Mike A. Pewter</p> <p>1BP3736</p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">INFIL BUMP</p> <p>Lift _____</p> <p>Chalk _____</p> <p>Door/# _____</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">EXFIL BUMP</p> <p>Lift _____</p> <p>Chalk _____</p> <p>Door/# _____</p> |

Battle Roster #:
1 = (BN Signifier)
B = Company
P = Last Name Initial
Last 4 SSN

Battle Roster #:
1 = 1-503 IN
2 = 2-503 IN
3 = 1-91 CAV
4 = 4-319 FA
5 = BEB
6 = BSB
7 = HHC/173rd
8 = 1-143 IN

**SSG Pewter is in
 Bravo Company, 1st
 battalion.**

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5 x Copies of DACO/Bump Card on each Paratrooper, carried in LEFT sleeve pocket, final size should be 3"x 5" laminated and placed in a water proof bag.

DACO/Bump Cards will be carried during airborne operations, training exercises, and combat operations



173RD INFANTRY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM (AIRBORNE)



BRIGADE COMMANDERS

Commanders

Period of Service

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>COL KENNETH J. BURGESS</i> | <i>JUN 2019 - CURRENT</i> |
| <i>COL JAMES B. BARTHOLOMEES III</i> | <i>JUL 2017 – JUN 2019</i> |
| <i>COL GREGORY K. ANDERSON</i> | <i>JUL 2015 – JUL 2017</i> |
| <i>COL MICHAEL L. FOSTER</i> | <i>JUL 2013 – JUL 2015</i> |
| <i>COL ANDREW D. ROHLING</i> | <i>AUG 2011- JUN 2013</i> |
| <i>COL JAMES H. JOHNSON III</i> | <i>OCT 2008 – FEB 2011</i> |
| <i>COL CHARLES A. PREYSLER</i> | <i>JUN 2006 – OCT 2008</i> |
| <i>COL KEVIN C. OWENS</i> | <i>JUN 2004 – JUN 2006</i> |
| <i>COL WILLIAM C. MAYVILLE</i> | <i>JUN 2002 – JUN 2004</i> |
| <i>COL JAMES C. YARBROUGH</i> | <i>JUN 2000 – JUN 2002</i> |
| <i>BG ROSS</i> | <i>RETIRED COLORS 1972</i> |
| <i>BG JACK MacFARLANE</i> | <i>JAN 1971 – JAN 1972</i> |
| <i>BG ELMER R. OCHS</i> | <i>AUG 1970 – JAN 1971</i> |
| <i>BG HUBERT S. CUNNINGHAM</i> | <i>AUG 1967 – AUG 1970</i> |
| <i>BG JOHN W. BARNES</i> | <i>DEC 1968 – AUG 1969</i> |
| <i>BG RICHARD J. ALLEN</i> | <i>MAR 1968 – DEC 1968</i> |
| <i>BG LEO H. SCHWEITER</i> | <i>SEP 1967 – MAR 1968</i> |
| <i>BG JOHN R. DEAN JR</i> | <i>DEC 1966 – SEP 1967</i> |
| <i>BG PAUL F. SMITH</i> | <i>FEB 1966 – DEC 1966</i> |
| <i>BG ELLIS WILLIAMSON</i> | <i>JAN 1963 – FEB 1966</i> |



173RD INFANTRY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM (AIRBORNE)



BRIGADE COMMAND SERGEANTS MAJOR

Command Sergeants Major

Period of Service

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>CSM ERICK E. OCHS</i> | <i>FEB 2018-CURRENT</i> |
| <i>CSM FRANKLIN VELEZ</i> | <i>APR 2016 – FEB 2018</i> |
| <i>CSM RICHARD R. CLARK</i> | <i>FEB 2014 – APR 2016</i> |
| <i>CSM MICHAEL A. FERRUSI</i> | <i>OCT 2013 – FEB 2014</i> |
| <i>CSM SAMUEL D. COSTON</i> | <i>JAN 2012 – SEP 2013</i> |
| <i>CSM NICHOLAS A. ROLLING</i> | <i>OCT 2008 – JAN 2012</i> |
| <i>CSM ISAIA VIMOTO</i> | <i>JAN 2007 – OCT 2008</i> |
| <i>CSM ARTHUR J. MCCANN III</i> | <i>SEP 2004 – DEC 2006</i> |
| <i>CSM EARL L. RICE</i> | <i>JUN 2004 – SEP 2004</i> |
| <i>CSM WILLIAM W. GUNTER</i> | <i>JUN 2002 – MAY 2004</i> |
| <i>CSM LAWERENCE A. KILGORE</i> | <i>JUN 2000 – JUN 2002</i> |
| <i>SGM THERON V. GERGEN</i> | <i>AUG 1971 – JAN 1972</i> |
| <i>SGM ACY ACKRIDGE</i> | <i>MAY 1971 – AUG 1971</i> |
| <i>CSM JOHN F. LAVOIE</i> | <i>APR 1970 – APR 1971</i> |
| <i>SGM HARMON HODGE</i> | <i>NOV 1968 – APR 1970</i> |
| <i>SGM RICHARD GILLIAM</i> | <i>APR 1969 – OCT 1969</i> |
| <i>SGM JOHN BITTORIE</i> | <i>APR 1968 – MAR 1969</i> |
| <i>SGM VINCENT D. ROEGIERS</i> | <i>APR 1967 – AUG 1967</i> |
| <i>SGM JOHN SCHMITTLE</i> | <i>FEB 1967 – MAR 1967</i> |
| <i>SGM ROBERT A. MYRSECK</i> | <i>JUN 1966 – JAN 1967</i> |
| <i>SGM CHARLES H. FLETCHER</i> | <i>JUL 1965 – MAY 1966</i> |
| <i>SGM A.B. CANNON</i> | <i>JUN 1964 – JUN 1965</i> |
| <i>SGM VINCENT D. ROEGIERS</i> | <i>APR 1964 – JUN 1964</i> |
| <i>SGM MICKEY FINN</i> | <i>JUN 1963 – APR 1964</i> |



173RD IBCT (A) SONG



Have you heard, of the hundred-seventy-third, Air-borne-Brigade
Have you heard, of the hundred-seventy-third, Air-borne-Brigade

How they jumped on the enemy like a falcon from the blue
A more gallant fighting Soldier America never knew

Have you heard, of the hundred-seventy-third, Air-borne-Brigade

They fought fearlessly hand to hand in the Central Highlands
How their blood has stained the sands in the hills of Vietnam

Have you heard, of the hundred-seventy-third, Air-borne-Brigade

How with their rifles cradled they descended from the Sky
As their ripcord snapped their parachute they screamed their battle cry

Have you heard, of the hundred-seventy-third, Air-borne-Brigade

How they won a gallant victory on hill eight seven five
How they learned the price of freedom for 280 died
Have you heard, of the hundred-seventy-third, Air-borne-Brigade

Now you heard, of the hundred-seventy-third, Air-borne-Brigade



THE ARMY SONG



Verse:

March along, sing our song, with the Army of the free.
Count the brave, count the true, who have fought to victory.
We're the Army and proud of our name!
We're the Army and proudly proclaim:

Chorus:

First to fight for the right,
And to build the Nation's might,
And The Army Goes Rolling Along.
Proud of all we have done,
Fighting till the battle's won,
And the Army Goes Rolling Along.

Refrain:

Then it's hi! hi! hey!
The Army's on its way.
Count off the cadence loud and strong;
For where'er we go,
You will always know That
The Army Goes Rolling Along.



NOTES / UPDATES



SKY SOLDIERS



LETHAL. AGILE. COMBAT READY.
173RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE

