

### *Distinctive Insignia of the 60th Infantry Regiment*



**WORLD WAR II HISTORICAL  
RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY**  
**U.S. 9<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION**  
*60<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment – 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion – Company F*  
**MEMBER GUIDELINES**



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## **Introduction**

### Telling Their Stories...

16.1 million Served in the U.S. armed forces during WWII. Nearly 500,000 made the supreme sacrifice and another 671,000 were wounded. It is estimated that only 5.7 million WWII veterans are still living today. These citizen soldiers sacrificed their youths to allow those that followed to live in freedom. We often take their sacrifices for granted. Many of us are the sons and daughters of WWII veterans. Our children and grandchildren may not even have known their grandfather or uncle who served during WWII.

Unless you have lived day in and day out with the fear of imminent death, so much fear that every time you ate you would vomit, unless you have had the enemy in your sights and pulled the trigger, unless you have lived in the most horrible circumstances, not being able to take a bath, or change your clothes for weeks on end, unless you have had to live in brutal cold or unbearable heat for days on end, unless you have had the smell of death in your nose for day after day or unless you have seen your best friend die an agonizing death crying for his mother, I do not think we can truly appreciate what affect that war has on the human soul. No book or movie can give justice to what these men went through. A book or movie can paint a picture but then it is up to your imagination. WW II veterans did not live in an imaginary world. Even today 60+ years later they still have nightmares, cold sweats and cry. My father once told me that during and after the war he feared the night. During the war every sound could be the enemy coming to kill you and after the war, the nightmares....they never went away.

Today, most school curriculums do not even include WWII as a course of study. So how do we keep our fathers or grandfathers or uncles memory alive? How do we "tell their stories"? We choose to honor them by portraying a WWII GI. The way we dress, how we act, the authenticity of our equipment, by marching in parades or serving as on honor guard at public ceremonies, that is how we of the 9<sup>th</sup> ID choose to honor our fathers, grandfathers and uncles.

In the movie, *Saving Private Ryan*, toward the end when Captain Miller is wounded, Captain Miller pulls Private Ryan close to him and whispers in his ear "earn this". Captain Miller and all but two members of his squad did make the supreme sacrifice to allow Private Ryan the chance to go home and live a life none of them would ever have the chance to enjoy.

We in the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, 60<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Company F, know what "earn this" means and it is our solemn oath to make sure the sacrifices made by all WWII veterans are remembered. The 60<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment's motto is "**To The Utmost Extent Of Our Power**" we strive every day we put on the uniform to show the respect it deserves. We will accept nothing less.

Mike Capodarco – 9<sup>th</sup> Unit Member

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## So, you wanna be in the Army!?

Welcome to the **U.S. 9th Infantry Division, 60th Infantry Regiment**, of the **World War II Historical Re-Enactment Society, Inc. (HRS)**. Our society has evolved from a group of collectors in the mid-1970s to what it is today. The WWII Historical Re-enactment Society, Inc. is the largest and oldest WWII society in the United States. Our membership is made up of collectors, amateur historians and those that have an interest in the events, uniforms, weapons, equipment and vehicles of the various WWII armies. All members own their own uniforms, equipment and weapons that you will see at a typical living history display. Our society *does not* endorse the political views of any of the armies portrayed, and we *do not* allow extremist factions among our membership. We *are not* a militia group, or '*gun nuts*', nor do we endorse the use of firearms in our present day society. Our only interest in portraying soldiers of the WWII era is for historical purposes that serve to honor their memory.

### *Whadda ya do in the infantry?*

The focus of what we do is to educate the public. The most pivotal point of the 20th century was World War II. *Every living person in the U.S. today* was affected by the events of World War II in some way, shape or form. Unfortunately today's schools only touch on the history of WWII, and there are many young people, as well as middle aged, that have no idea of the sacrifices made by the previous generation and events of that era that shaped the future we now live in. Our society strives to serve as a reminder to current as well as future generations of the greatest, and hopefully the last world war, the world will ever know. The accomplishments and sacrifices of our 'greatest generation' must never be forgotten or future generations may make the same mistakes.

The HRS sponsors '**Living History Displays**'. These events are open to the public and feature collections on display as well as authentic, period campsites for the public to view collections of artifacts and ask questions of the re-enactors. Often times there are restored WWII military vehicles, both Allied and Axis, as part of the display. Certain events feature a 'public battle', in which a live-action battle is portrayed for the benefit of the spectators to view the weapons, vehicles and tactics of World War II.

We also work with veterans groups, town officials, local historical societies and museums to put on a '**Static Display**' of artifacts and equipment. These events do not feature a battle and are portrayed as a 'living museum', in which the visitors can interact with the displays. Many towns and villages also request our services for Memorial Day and Veteran's Day ceremonies as well as parades.

Our society also holds '**Tactical Battles**'. These are 'war-games' in which the participants are dressed in WWII uniforms and using their actual weapons firing blanks, re-create WWII battles. Many times restored WWII vehicles also participate in these events. Tactical battles are held on private property, such as military training areas, or Boy Scout Camps, and are closed to the public. Re-enactors stay in barracks, when available, or authentic on-site camping. These battles are held on weekend dates all over the nearby Midwest area throughout the year, with most of the events in the late spring and early fall.

Many individual members participate in local historical presentations in conjunction with school and library events. It is entirely up to the individual as to how much time and effort one wants to put into WWII reenacting.

## How do I join?

In order to become a member of our unit ***you must:***

- Be a male over the ages of 18\* years or old. (\* 16 to 17 year old allowed to portray non-combat impressions, with parental consent.)
- Join our parent group the **WWII Historical Re-enactment Society, Inc.**, and agree to abide by and follow all of our society's safety and authenticity guidelines.
- Be available weekends and willing and able to travel to participate in various events.
- Be willing to cut your hair short, trim other facial hair, shave off or drastically trim your mustache for your portrayal of a WWII G.I.
- Replace your modern style eyeglasses with "period" style eyeglasses.
- Be willing to "act" as a soldier while at events when the public is present.
- Be able to legally own a rifle (MINORS MAY NOT CARRY RIFLES) and purchase or collect your complete "G.I. impression" within one year of joining. **IL residents must have a valid FOID.**
- Be physically fit, in good health and proportionally built within reason for your G.I. portrayal.

## Reasons for Re-enacting

Our unit is seeking unit members that:

- Have a serious, deep interest in WWII history
- Are willing and available to *actively* participate and portray the WWII G.I. in various re-enactments throughout the year.
- Intend to honor our veterans with their *accurate portrayal* of our WWII G.I.'s and discuss the history of WWII with the general public while at events.
- Enjoy researching the history of WWII.

We *are not* looking for members that:

- Want to "play Army"
- Their only reason for re-enacting is to recreate recent 'popular WWII movies'

Please contact one of the unit leadership to join the ranks:

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Annual membership fee for the **WWII Historical Re-Enactment Society** is **\$15.00** per year. When you are ready to join our unit, contact one of the unit leaders for the WWII Historical Re-Enactment Society on-line membership application. For additional information about the **World War II Historical Re-enactment Society**, please visit our website at:

<http://worldwartwohrs.org>

## Member Participation and Commitment

As a new unit member you will be expected to complete your G.I. impression and be prepared to participate **within one year** of joining our unit. Though we are an all-volunteer society, we ask that unit members commit to at least **two events per year**. As previously stated, nearly all events are held on weekends, so you must be available then to participate. Our unit is looking for *active* members that are willing to *accurately portray* their role as a G.I. infantryman. All new unit members have the rank of 'buck private' (no stripes) and may earn their rank by becoming proficient in basic WWII Army skills. Promotions are generally considered in the fall of each year. Of course more is expected from those of higher unit rank.

While at living history events you will be expected to interact with the spectators and visitors to the campsites. You can discuss your impression and explain the uses and operation of your gear and equipment. Many members bring out their collections and display them as if they are on bivouac. You may also be required to do some drill and ceremony or you may be asked to make a brief presentation to the spectators, discussing your uniform or demonstrating your weapon.

Tactical battles are less structured than a living history event. The experience of a tactical battle will give you an idea of the hardships that the WWII G.I. endured. At a tactical battle you will experience what it's like to march, carry heavy loads over rough terrain, in all sorts of weather, eating out of a can, and the entire time hunt for an enemy that is also hunting you!

Another related aspect of member participation is an individual's commitment to achieving the proper "look" of the WWII G.I. Specifically; haircut, facial hair and eyeglasses. You must be willing to wear your hair short when at events, trim or shave off your mustache, with no other facial hair. If you wear glasses they must resemble the WWII style. WWII era glasses feature small round lenses, with a silver rim. No modern style glasses or sunglasses are allowed. Committing to a high level of authenticity is the basic difference between "dress-up" and "living history".



## What do I need to get started?

The impression our unit is looking to portray is that of a typical WWII G.I., as uniformed and equipped in the spring of 1944, just prior to D-Day. Most of the uniform pieces you will need are available as *reproduction items*, as well as some of the web gear. Keep in mind as you build your impression, original items are difficult to find and items in 'mint' condition are rather expensive. Original equipment and uniforms that you use for your impression *must be dated 1945 or prior*, or be quality reproductions. Most post-war items are not acceptable, as outlined in the authenticity rules.

### Basic Uniform

1. **M-1 Helmet** with fiber shell (Steel pot). Color must be altered if post WWII and straps replaced with reproduction khaki WWII style straps.
2. **Wool 'Jeep Cap'**- Worn under the helmet
3. **Wool shirt** - WWII 'mustard' color - yellowish-olive drab.
4. **'Dog Tags'**- Either your own WWII reproduction or original. (Must have 'tooth notch'.)
5. **Field jacket** - M-41 light O.D.
6. **Wool trousers** - WWII 'mustard' color - yellowish-olive drab, button fly.
7. **Trouser belt** - Web style, khaki color with open face blackened belt buckle.
8. **Leggings** - Khaki - 8 hook style. (Size 3R for calves up to 18")
9. **Boots** - 6" high "Chromed" Type II (Smooth finish) toe-capped, brown or russet color or 6" high "Roughout" combat boots.

### Basic Equipment

1. **Cartridge belt** - Khaki color, 10 pocket.
2. **Canteen** - Khaki cover, either black plastic cap (WWII) or metal cap (WWI) with cup.
3. **Carlisle pouch with first aid dressing** - Khaki color.
4. **M-1928 Haversack (knapsack)** - with meatcan pouch.
5. **Meatcan (Mess kit)** - with knife, fork and spoon.
6. **Bayonet** - 10" (WWII) or 18" (WWI).
7. **Entrenching tool and cover** – (Shovel) either the folding handle (WWII) or the "T" handle (WWI)
9. **Gas Mask Bag** – M4 lightweight – Either dark olive drab or khaki in color.
10. **M-1 Garand rifle or 1903 Springfield** (bolt action) rifle\*.
11. **Blank adapter\*\*** - \*\*Required for M-1 Garand only

*\* Other weapons to include M1 Carbine, 1911A1 pistol, and Thompson submachine gun are generally **NOT** allowed for new members. These weapons are reserved for squad leaders, officers, crew-served weapons personnel, and non-combat personnel.*

### Additional Equipment

Additional items needed after acquiring basic equipment and uniforms are: two shelter halves (**with buttons no snaps**) to make a "Pup" tent with wooden stakes (**no orange metal stakes**) and poles; GI issue rain coat or a poncho as a temporary substitute (**WWII style-no hood**); WWII wool blanket(s); "Herring Bone" Twill (HBT) cotton "fatigue" uniform; and Class A uniform. Fighting knives are strongly discouraged. Other items typical of a WWII GI are acceptable but ask a squad leader or officer before you purchase an item to ensure it is correct for a GI impression and not an unnecessary expenditure. *Above all **ASK** when in doubt!*

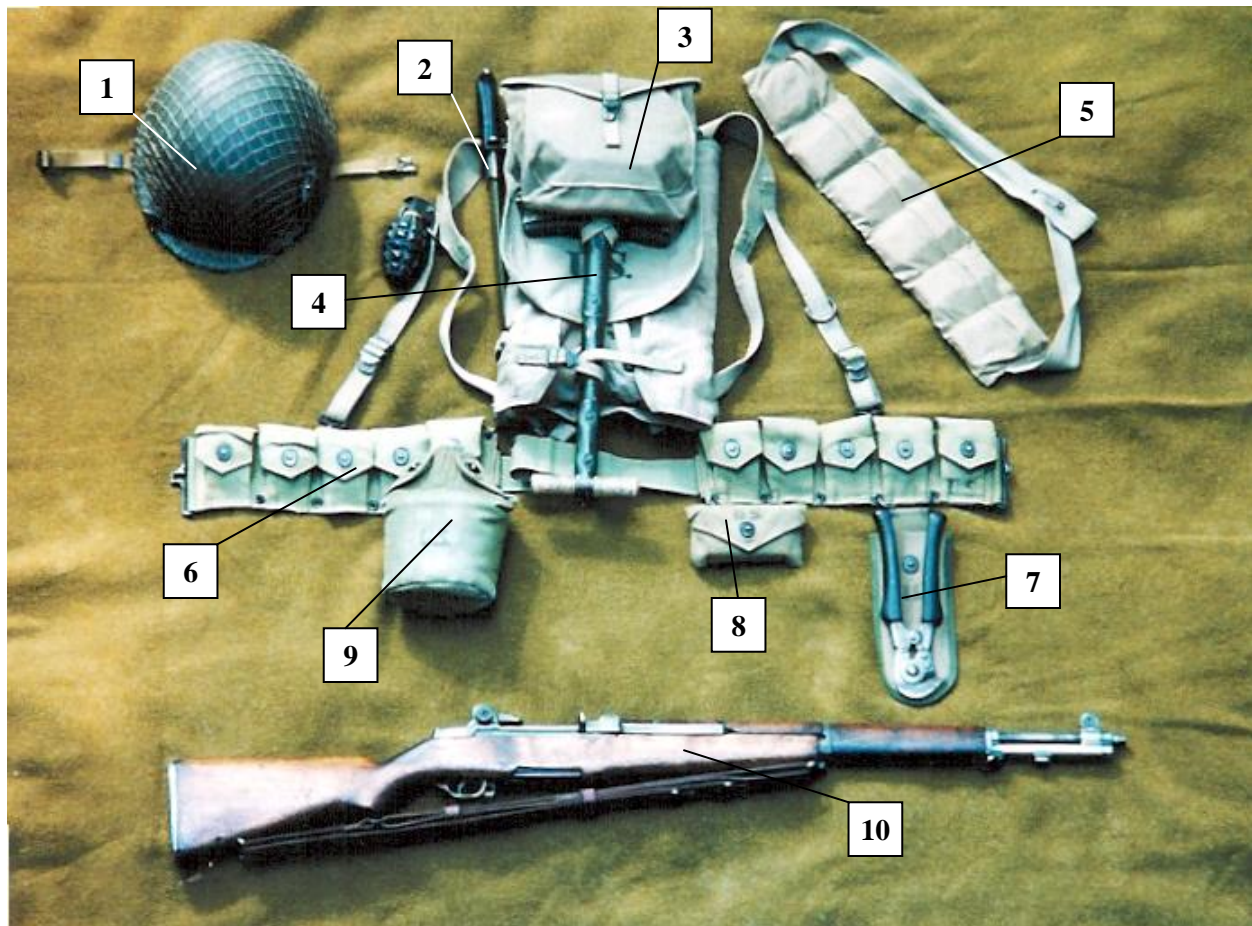
## BASIC WWII G.I. IMPRESSION



Displayed on WWII G.I. Blanket

1. M1941 Wool "jeep" cap, olive drab. (Worn under helmet.)
2. Grouping: "Dog Tags", notched WWII style; watch, black (or white face), sweep hands, with O.D. green cloth band; Eyeglasses, round lenses, with curved earpieces; Garrison cap, light blue piping (signifies infantry) around "curtain" of hat.
3. WWII wool M1937 shirt, "mustard olive drab" color.
4. WWII style M1 steel helmet (with fiberglass shell), khaki chinstraps, and "GO Devil" emblem painted on left-hand side. Shown with *optional* camouflage netting.
5. Enlisted man's trouser belt. Khaki color with open face blackened buckle.
6. WWII wool M1937 trousers, button fly, "mustard olive drab" color.
7. Wool, olive-drab (khaki) socks (Cotton olive-drab as a substitute.)
8. Leggings, 8-hook, khaki color. (Size 3R is the most common size)
9. Russet colored, "chrome finish" (smooth), 6" service boots with toe cap.
10. M1941 field jacket, light olive-drab (khaki) color
11. Unit patch, 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. Worn centered on **left** sleeve of jacket and shirt, one-half inch below shoulder seam, "red" side up.

## BASIC WWII G.I. FIELD EQUIPMENT



Displayed on WWII G.I. Blanket

1. M1 WWII style steel helmet with fiberglass shell khaki straps, "GO Devil" emblem painted on left-hand side. Shown with *optional* camouflage netting.
2. M1943 10" bayonet with fiberglass scabbard. Attached to "fob" on side of haversack.
3. M1928 haversack with "meatcan" (mess kit) pouch.
4. M1910 "T" handle shovel with khaki cover, attached to haversack. (M1943 folding handle shovel with olive drab cover *optional*.)
5. Bandoleer. Holds six – 8 round M1 rifle clips.
6. M1923 cartridge belt, khaki color.
7. M1938 wire cutters with khaki pouch (*optional*).
8. Carlisle pouch with wound dressing. (Personal first aid kit.)
9. M1910 canteen, cup and pouch, khaki. (M1943 canteen, with black "plastic" cap, *optional*.)
10. M-1 Garand, 30.06 caliber semi-automatic rifle.

## WWII G.I. Impression – Spring 1944 Shopping List

### Reproduction items:

11. 6" Type I Service Shoes (boots), or 6" 'Rough-out' boots (*Double buckle boots are strongly discouraged.*)
12. 9<sup>th</sup> ID unit patches, two needed, one each for shirt and jacket (*no VN era patches*)
13. M-1928 Haversack with meatcan pouch
14. M-1910 "T" handle shovel, with pouch
15. Khaki M-1910 Canteen pouch
16. Khaki M-1924 Carlisle pouch
17. Khaki M-1923 Cartridge belt
18. Helmet paint, WWII O.D., available in spray cans
19. Khaki cotton WWII style helmet straps
20. Leather helmet shell strap
21. Wool 'Jeep hat'
22. Personalized 'dog tags', notched WWII style
23. M-1941 light olive-drab (khaki) field jacket
24. WWII 'Mustard' (color) wool enlisted man's shirt
25. WWII 'Mustard' (color) wool trousers *to start with, then:*
26. Dark shade HBT (**H**erring **B**one **T**will) cotton trousers.
27. Enlisted man's khaki belt, with blackened open faced buckle
28. Blanks, usually sold in bags of 100's or 50's

### Original items:

1. WWII/ Korean War M-1 steel helmet and fiberglass shell, with webbing (Reproduction webbing is available for re-building the shell suspension system.)
2. Mess kit, with knife, fork, spoon
3. M-1942 Bayonet and scabbard 10" long (Reproductions are available)
4. Canteen and cup
5. M-1 Garand Rifle, 30.06 caliber semi-automatic rifle
6. 16-20 Eight round en-blocs (clips – For the bullets/blanks for your M-1)
7. Blank adapter (for rifle)
8. Leggings, khaki (8 Hooks; Marine leggings have 6 *hooks* and **are not allowed**)
9. First aid tin, for Carlisle pouch
10. M-1943 folding handle shovel, with pouch
11. WWII O.D. G.I. wool blanket, for your haversack

### Additional/Optional items that *make sense* when first starting out:

1. WWII poncho (no hood) or raincoat (Reproductions available)
2. Shelter half(s) (pup tent) with buttons, pole(s), wooden stakes. (Modern shelter half sides have '*snaps*', these **are not allowed**.)
3. Bandoleer, for additional blanks (Reproductions available)
4. WWII G.I. O.D. underwear, shirts and boxers (Reproductions available)
5. Melton wool overcoat, for cold weather (Reproductions available)
6. Garrison Cap with WWII 60<sup>th</sup> Regiment insignia (Reproductions available)

### *Where can I get a rifle?*

The rifle required for your infantryman impression is either the **M-1 Garand** or the **03' Springfield**. The M-1 Garand is a semi-automatic, gas operated rifle that was standard issue to all U.S. infantrymen of WWII. The 03' Springfield is a bolt-action rifle that was the standard WWI infantryman rifle. The 03' Springfield was issued throughout WWII as well.

One of the best places to purchase a used rifle is one of the county gun shows (in Illinois) or through the **Civilian Marksmanship Program** (CMP) website: <http://www.odcmp.com> or write or call; P.O. Box 576, Port Clinton, OH 43452, phone: (419)635-2141 for more information. Gun shows are monthly 'buy and sell' events held at the various Midwest county fairgrounds, one Sunday a month between September and May each year. Gun shows will give you the greatest selection of rifles at reasonable prices. Currently the prices of M-1 Garands vary from \$700 to \$1,000 or more. Expect to pay from \$500 to \$700 for a 03' Springfield. Either rifle is acceptable for your impression.

An accessory you will need for your M-1 is a blank adapter or BFA (Blank Firing Adapter). This is a small piece approximately 2-1/2" long that screws onto the tip of the barrel, with a small hole (about 3/16") in it. This is required when you fire blanks to create the necessary back-pressure to operate the rifle. The blank adapter *does not* require permanent modification to your M-1. You may also choose to have the barrel threaded and a drilled out set-screw installed as a blank adapter. The bolt-action 03' Springfield requires no blank adaptation.

Keep your rifle in good operating condition. Purchase a manual that explains regular maintenance, as well as a cleaning kit and rifle bore cleaner. Keep in mind that firing blanks are 'dirtier' than live ammo. Clean and oil your rifle regularly, keep it rust free by coating it lightly with gun oil when in storage. When traveling with your rifle, you are required by law to have it unloaded and in its case well away from the driver. Before you fire *any* blanks, make certain you know the HRS safety rules regarding safe firing of blanks. *Blanks can kill or injure!*



### ***Where do I get my stuff?***

Some years ago, one could purchase an entire G.I. impression for under \$100. You could pick up original uniforms and web gear at militaria shows, flea markets and even garage sales, for pennies on the dollar. As of today, the supply of original WWII U.S. militaria seems to have finally become exhausted. The only wool uniforms that are left are small sizes. Original web gear and other canvas accessories are usually stained, frayed and worn. Boots, if you are fortunate enough to locate, are usually too small, or have dry rot and are un-wearable. Each year it becomes increasingly more difficult to find original uniforms and certain pieces of the G.I.'s WWII web gear and equipment.

For re-enactors there are various suppliers that deal in original and excellent reproduction uniforms and equipment. Listed below are several highly recommended and reputable suppliers that have an *excellent* track record of good customer service, regular availability and are aware of the needs of the re-enactor market. Be prepared though, the reproduction items *are not* inexpensive. A new member putting together his G.I. impression can expect to spend \$1200 to \$2000, depending on availability of original items and the need for certain reproduction items. Keep in mind when building your G.I. impression; *it's not paintball, war gaming, or dress up time! It's Living History!*

### **Suppliers of Reproduction Uniforms & Web Gear**

#### **What Price Glory**

238-A Commission Street  
Salinas, CA 93901

Owner: Jerry Lee

Phone: (888)-431-2351 FAX: (831) 769-0423

E-Mail: [info@onlinemilitaria.net](mailto:info@onlinemilitaria.net)

Website: <http://www.onlinemilitaria.net>

#### **World War Two Impressions**

12025 Florence Avenue, #402

Santa Fe Springs, CA 93901

Owner: Juan Carlos Gonzalez

Phone: (562) 964-6768 Fax (562) 946-6797

E-mail: [ww2imp@verizon.net](mailto:ww2imp@verizon.net)

Website: <http://www.wwiiimpressions.com>

#### **At the Front**

430 Rose Lane

Columbia, KY 42728

Owner: Rollin Curtis

Phone: (866) 213-3946 FAX (270) 384-1443

E-mail: [contactus@atthefront.com](mailto:contactus@atthefront.com)

Website: <http://atthefront.com>

## Blanks

*Blanks are generally available from the unit. Before you buy blanks from a vendor check for current availability.*

**Atlantic Wall Blanks** - Manufactures blanks for the reenactor, military, and police with a wide variety of caliber's available. 30.06 blanks approximately \$55.00 per 100 - Shipping extra-call or e-mail for shipping amounts.

Contact them by e-mail at [orders@atlanticwallblanks.net](mailto:orders@atlanticwallblanks.net)

By phone M-F 10:00am - 5:00pm EST at 330-936-6675

Website: <http://www.atlanticwallblanks.com/>

## Blank Adapter

**Numrich Gun Parts Corporation** – Military specification M-1 Garand blank adapters available on-line <http://www.e-gunparts.com>, or call (866) 686-7424. This is a 2-1/2" piece that screws onto the tip of the barrel without permanently modifying your rifle. The M-1 blank adapter is part number **547110**, **\$12.95** each. Numrich is also an excellent source for parts for rifles. Their website also provides downloadable schematics and parts listings for Garands and carbines. **Numrich Gun Parts Corporation, 226 Williams Lane, West Hurley, NY 12491**

## Reproduction "Dog Tags"

Each tag consists of 5 lines and 18 spaces per line. Each letter, punctuation, or space counts as (1) space. Each order consists of two tags (printed) a 5-1/2" chain and a 27" chain. Specify "WWII Notched Dog Tags" when ordering. \$16.99. Order on-line:

[www.armydogtags.com](http://www.armydogtags.com)

### WWII Notched Dog Tags format

		<u>Early War Format</u>	<u>Late War Format</u>
Name, Last, First, M.I.	1 <sup>st</sup> line...	JONES, JOHN J	JONES, JOHN J
Serial No., Yr. of Tetanus shot(s), blood type	2 <sup>nd</sup> line...	31982553 T42 B	31982553 T43 44 B
Next of Kin (NOK)	3 <sup>rd</sup> line...	MARY JONES	
NOK Address	4 <sup>th</sup> line...	3628 CENTRAL AVE	
NOK, City, State, G.I. Religion (P,C or J)	5 <sup>th</sup> line...	CICERO ILL P	P

## **AUTHENTICITY...*In a Nutshell***

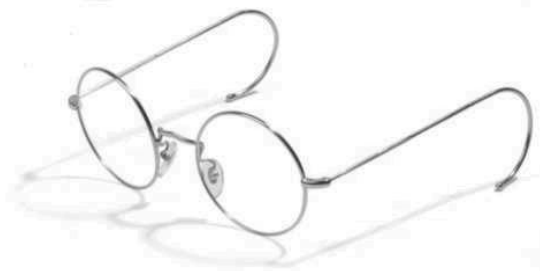
Re-enacting any era is more than merely “dressing up.” True re-enactors have a desire to make their impressions as accurate as possible by researching the soldiers they strive to portray. You should ***never*** reach the point where you are completely satisfied with your impression. Always look for more details and improvements. You should always strive to re-create the most accurate G.I. impression as possible, especially at public events and presentations. Dedicated re-enactors are accurate *down to their underwear, and contents of their pockets!* This is part of the total *immersion to portray the WWII G.I.* Never plan to participate with an impression that’s “close enough” or with the thought that “no one will notice.” No pirating! Study the history of the WWII G.I. then re-create it as accurately as possible for the public.

Our unit places the highest level of importance on authenticity. We are very flexible in that we allow and encourage a wide variety of impressions that fall within the structure of the U.S. Army circa 1942 - 45, however the requirement is that it be *as perfect as it can be!* Members that have an interest in a particular role are encouraged to do it and enjoy it, but they must honor the original members of the U.S. Army, 9th Infantry Division by doing it right! If you need any assistance unit members will be glad to help you get squared away!

### **GENERAL 9<sup>th</sup> I.D. AUTHENTICITY GUIDELINES**

1. Hair: hair must be short and neat around the sides and back, but can be longer on top. NO EXCEPTIONS. (Don't worry it'll grow back!)
2. Facial Hair: mustaches are strongly discouraged, and beards and long side burns are NOT ALLOWED at all. If you are adamant about keeping your mustache, it must be small and neatly trimmed. NO EXCEPTIONS.
3. Quality of Uniform: It must be an original or a professional reproduction from a re-enactor vendor. Helmets, web gear and other equipment should be original dated 1945 or prior, quality reproduction items, or altered to match WWII equipment. (1950's wool trousers, shirts, field jackets, or boots are NOT permitted.) "Steel Pots" up to the Vietnam era, are acceptable, however, they must be altered to resemble the WWII style (Khaki cotton chinstrap, repainted the correct color, and no metal chin strap clips.) It's not paintball, wargaming, or dress up time! It's Living History!
4. Glasses: If you wear glasses and cannot use contacts, you will need to purchase a pair that closely resembles WWII Army issue glasses. These are silver finished, rounded lenses with curved earpieces as illustrated below.

*New reproductions of WWII Style eyeglasses, you can often find old style eyeglasses in antique stores and have them refitted with your current eye prescription.*



# U.S. 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION WWII HRS

## MINIMUM UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

### FOR PARTICIPATION AT EVENTS

Required G.I. Impression - spring of 1944

**M-1 Garand 30.06 Semi-Automatic Rifle** See your local gun shop or county gun show for availability. **Blanks, blank adapter and 'clips'** also required to fire blanks.

**Clean Shaven.** Note short haircut, lack of mustache and sideburns, lack of modern eyeglasses. If you must wear glasses, they must be 'period' eyeglasses (silver, round metal frames with wire earpieces).

**WWII "Mustard" Wool Shirt.** Reproductions available from **At The Front, What Price Glory** and **WWII Impressions**.

**M-1941 Field Jacket.** Reproductions available from **At The Front, What Price Glory** and **WWII Impressions**.

**M-1923 Khaki Cartridge Belt.** Reproductions available from **At The Front, What Price Glory** and **WWII Impressions**.

**M-1910 "T" Handle or M-1943 Folding Handle shovel and pouch** attached to rear of Cartridge Belt (Not shown). Reproduction "T" Handle shovels and covers available from **At The Front**.

**Dark O.D. HBT Trousers** are shown however **"Mustard" Wool Trousers** are preferred. HBT's are tolerated when first starting out, but you will need the WWII 'mustard wool' trousers. Not shown: **Enlisted man's trouser belt.** Reproduction trousers and belts available from **At The Front, What Price Glory** and **WWII Impressions**.

**6" Type I Service Shoes (Boots)** or optional **6" 'Rough-outs'**. Reproductions available from **At The Front, What Price Glory** and **WWII Impressions**. Double-Buckle boots **will not be allowed** for early war impressions.



**M-1 Steel Helmet with fiber shell.** Painted WWII color with khaki reproduction chin straps without metal clips. (Net is optional) **Jeep Hat**, worn under helmet, (not shown) Helmet, paint, straps and reproduction Jeep cap available from **At The Front**.

**Leather Strap for Shell,** reproduction available from **At The Front**. Front (Reproduction)

**Dog Tags, "Notched" WWII style** made-to-order reproduction (Not shown), several on-line sources available.

**9th ID Unit Patch** worn 1" below **left** shoulder seam on jacket and wool shirt. You'll need two. Available from **At The Front**.



**M-1936 Suspenders** (in place of **M-1928 Haversack**). Reproduction suspenders available from **At The Front**. An **M-1928 Haversack**, and **10" M-1942 bayonet and scabbard** (not shown) are also required; reproductions are available from **At The Front**.

**Canteen and cup** (Original items) with new reproduction **khaki pouch**. **Carlisle Pouch**, personal first aid bandage, also required (Not shown). Khaki pouches available from **At The Front**.

**Army Leggings, Khaki, 8 hooks** (Original item - Most common size: '3R', for calves up to 18"). Avoid **Marine leggings**, as these have **6 hooks**, these would be incorrect and not allowed for your impression.

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