

**Screaming Eagles
Living History Group
Regulations 2017/18.**

To be read in conjunction with the Group Constitution.

These Group Regulations are designed to make the Screaming Eagles LHG as near as authentic as possible, recognising that most members are civilians. Let us strive for perfection, and honour those men both living and dead that we represent, in both appearance and behaviour at our living history events.

Remember, these Regulations are ratified every year and therefore are founded on the Group's decision.

As a member of the Screaming Eagles LHG you are bound by these Regulations.

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1. Command Structure.

- 1.1. The Group utilises a command structure which is used to co-ordinate the Group.
- 1.2. The group is split into two Squads and an Head Quarters ("HQ") Company.
- 1.3. The Committee will assign members to a squad or the HQ Company.
- 1.4. Squad Leaders ("SL") and Assistant Squad Leaders ("ASL") will be assigned by the Committee. SL and ASL are responsible for their squads.
- 1.5. The Captain will be in overall command of the squads, the 1st Sargent will work under the Captain and be responsible for the day to day management of the squads.
- 1.6. The Major is responsible for the HQ Company.
- 1.7. Temporary SL and ASL will be appointed by the highest rank available on the day.
- 1.8. Any members of HQ Company or guests at an event will be assigned to a squad if necessary.
- 1.9. Each member of the Group with rank will be given, in writing, the minimal responsibilities for retaining that rank each year.

2. Rank.

- 2.1. Any Member with rank who does not fulfil his obligations may have his rank adjusted by the Committee.
- 2.2. The Committee reserves the right to promote and or demote any Member at any time.
- 2.3. Rank belongs to the Group and not to the Member.
- 2.4. Members who allow their membership to lapse will rejoin as Private First Class (“PFC”).
- 2.5. Members will be promoted to PFC at the completion of their first year.
- 2.6. No member will wear any rank other than that approved by the Committee. The Committee will formally review all non-Commissioned Officers (NCO) once per year prior the AGM.

3. Uniform and appearance.

- 3.1. Refer to Appendix B for specific uniform guides.
- 3.2. Individual impressions of Company E members must be approved by the Captain in writing. This permission can be revoked at any time.
- 3.3. Squad leaders are responsible that their troops conform with uniform regulations at all times. SL's and ASL's will be accountable for any infractions.
- 3.4. The wearing of non-approved uniforms must be cleared with the Captain well ahead of any event. Note non-approved uniforms should only be worn at events that appropriate such uniforms or at evening events at shows that are not under Class A regulations or other regulations.

3.5. Head gear.

- 3.5.1. Head gear must be worn at all times.
- 3.5.2. Helmets must be of WW2 type. OD#3 is preferred for inner webbing, OD#7 is acceptable. Post war US, Belgium and Dutch helmets are acceptable. Vietnam era and plastic liners are not acceptable.
- 3.5.3. Only OD#3 shell straps and leather chin cups are acceptable.
- 3.5.4. No cigarette packs or helmet bands are acceptable unless in accordance with clause 3.2.
- 3.5.5. Hair cuts are to be of military specification, no moustaches are acceptable unless authorised by the Capitan. Stubble is only acceptable on battle scenarios.
- 3.5.6. Peaked caps should be worn on the back of the heads. Garrison cap should ideally be worn from the parting, in any case they should not be worn straight. All head gear should be worn with “attitude”.

3.6. Weapons.

- 3.6.1. Only ranks of Corporal and above may wear .45 pistols in hip holsters. Only ranks of sergeant and above may wear a .45 pistol in a shoulder holster. .45 pistols may be worn in combat situations by any member.
- 3.6.2. Only single strap shoulder holsters are approved.
- 3.6.3. Bruni, 9mm and single screw grip type .45 blank firers are not acceptable on displays. Air soft .45 pistols are approved once the magazine has been replaced with an original item.

3.7. Dress.

- 3.7.1. Members are required to obtain the following within their first year: M41 jacket, wool trousers and tan tie. Unreinforced M42 jump suit. M43 combat suit.
- 3.7.2. A pressed M42 jacket with tie is not considered a Class A uniform. When Class A uniform regulations are in force. You must be clean shaven and boots polished to a high standard.

- 3.7.3. In the event of poor weather the most senior rank present will decide if Class A regulations are cancelled.
- 3.7.4. T shirts are to be olive or tan, no printing of any description is permitted. Vests or singlets are to be white, olive or tan.
- 3.7.5. White T shirts are only permitted when doing PT.
- 3.7.6. Only period looking spectacles are to be worn on displays.
- 3.7.7. Members are not to buy M42 jump jackets with pre sewn on shoulder pockets.
- 3.7.8. Unreinforced M42 jump suits and un-marked helmets are to be worn at pre-drop events and displays.

3.8. Service and overseas stripes.

- 3.8.1. One overseas stripe may be worn on becoming a member, one stripe is added per year to a maximum of three stripes.
- 3.8.2. One service stripe may be worn at the beginning of the members second year in the group, one stripe may be added per year to a maximum of four stripes.
- 3.8.3. Medal ribbons and proficiency badges, see appendix A. Plain jump wings may be worn on combat uniforms provided that member has won either a GUS award or best member award. Plain jump wings are to be worn on Class A jackets. If you have made a parachute jump you may add a combat star. If you have completed a parachute course then you can add the combat star and an invasion arrow.
- 3.8.4. On no account will any other divisional or army patch be worn on the right arm of any uniform.
- 3.8.5. No name tapes should be worn.

3.9. Other.

- 3.9.1. The following items are forbidden on displays OD#7 suspenders, M44 dust/sand goggles, French buckle boots (these are acceptable for training days), Ponchos with hoods (these are acceptable for training days), French buttons on great coats, Large mesh helmet nets, yellow and brown laces, British leg straps, sun glasses. Three cell Thompson mag pouches. OD#7 .45 magazine bags.

4. Behaviour and Knowledge.

- 4.1. Bad language, racism and shows of aggression at any event or on the internet will not be tolerated and could result in disciplinary action.
- 4.2. Any member suspected of committing a criminal act within the Group will be reported to the police.
- 4.3. The consumption of alcohol is restricted to after flag lowering.
- 4.4. If a member has personal issues that might affect his behaviour or cause a health and safety issue they should be brought to the attention of a Committee member.
- 4.5. The maintenance of Group moral is paramount. Rumour and conjecture must be discouraged. Moral must be maintained by clear communication through the ranks and between Group members.
- 4.6. All Group members must have a basic knowledge of the 101st airborne division. You may be asked questions by the general public or your SL.

5. Protocols.

- 5.1. Rank and military protocol will be used at all times at all events, This may be relaxed after flag lowering and as directed by the ranking officer.
- 5.2. Members are required to march and drill to a minimum standard.
- 5.3. Members are required to salute correctly.

5.4. The WW2 US field manual will be used as a reference guide.

6. Weapons.

- 6.1. Weapons Handling Log Books (“WHLB”) will be issued at joining to all members. When that member has met the minimum standard of competence for a particular weapon, his book will be signed off by a designated instructor. That Group member then can hire and handle blank firing weapons under the scope of the Group’s insurance. If a Group member has not been signed off, the member must inform weapons hirer and the decision to hire will be with the hirer. WHLB_ are to be held at all times.
- 6.2. Members must obtain their own weapon as soon as possible, in any case within six months of becoming a new member. The preferred initial weapon is the M1 rifle (Garand).
- 6.3. Weapons are the responsibility of the individual member. The Group cannot and will not take any responsibility for any loss or damage to weapons.
- 6.4. Members must become familiar with all weapons commonly displayed at Group events.
- 6.5. Loaded weapons must not to be displayed at events. They must be checked as be empty before displaying. All magazines fitted to weapons are to be empty.
- 6.6. Weapon field stripping procedures will be taught to all members.
- 6.7. No weapon will be left unattended.
- 6.8. Weapons inspection will be carried out by a Group trained and authorised weapons inspector and the inspection recorded prior to roll call and last parade.
- 6.9. The relevant firearms/deactivation certificates will be carried by the owner at all times.
- 6.10. Live weapons are to be kept with the owner/hirer at all times.
- 6.11. When handing over any weapon it must be made safe and cleared before being passed, the recipient must confirm that it is safe.
- 6.12. M1 carbines must be fitted with a folding stock for airborne and full stock for MP.
- 6.13. Section one firearms are the sole responsibility of the owner. No section one weapon is to be handled by the general public or any member of the group who does not hold a section one license.
- 6.14. Blank firing weapons that are not subject to any firearms license are not to be handled by any member of the public. Group members may handle blank firing weapons at the owners risk and discretion.
- 6.15. Deactivated weapons may be handled by the general public and Group members only under the supervision of the owner of that deactivated weapon.
- 6.16. Pyro is only be used at Events under the supervision of a suitably licensed Pyro Officer. Any questions related to the use of Pyro must be directed to Mark Brooks.

7. Display/Events.

- 7.1. An Event Officer shall be appointed by the Committee to coordinate an event. The Event Officer will be provided with administration support by the Hon. Secretary
- 7.2. Events will be categorised into three types, RED: Important event, all members required. AMBER: Substantial event, most members required. GREEN: Low key event, minimal attendance. The number of events will be reviewed at each monthly meeting.
- 7.3. All members are required to inform the Event Officer of their attendance whether it is their intention to attend or not.
- 7.4. Only fully paid up members of the Group are allowed in the display area.
- 7.5. For insurance reasons, no member of the public is allowed on the display without express permission from at least two of the ranking Members present, this includes, but is not limited to family and friends of Group members.

- 7.6. Guests must be accompanied by a Group member at all times.
- 7.7. Group members and guests take part in group activities entirely at their own risk.
- 7.8. At the beginning of each day of an event, the senior ranking officer will brief the SL on information and guidelines for the day. The SL will cascade this down to their Squads.
- 7.9. A rota or timetable will be set for each day an event outlining when members may leave the display. Members must inform their SL if they leave the display at any other time.
- 7.10. Attending members are required to make and break-up the display.
- 7.11. Mobile phones are to be switched off or set on to silent mode during display hours.
- 7.12. Smoking is forbidden inside of any tents.
- 7.13. Food will be consumed out of WWII style containers. At no point will modern wrappers, drink containers etc. be allowed on the display.
- 7.14. Passes to events are only given to members who will be active on the display. Any member asking for passes and then not attending or participating on the display will be required to give an explanation to the Event Organiser. Any member saying he will go to an event and then doesn't will have to explain his absence to the Event Officer.
- 7.15. Group tents are solely for the groups use. If any Group member wishes to invite a guest into the tents they must seek permission from the senior ranking officer present.
- 7.16. Canteen cups are to be used on displays. White enamel cups are British issue and must not be used.

8. Discipline/grievances/probation.

- 8.1. All disciplinary matters will be handled by the Committee (see appendix C.)
- 8.2. Grievances, see appendix D.
- 8.3. New members are given a probationary period of six months or four events, whichever is deemed the most suitable by the Committee. A member under probation can have his membership terminated at any point by the Committee.

9. Vehicles.

- 9.1. Any vehicle that is taking part in a Group Event must have the appropriate insurance cover, road fund licence and if appropriate and current MOT certificate. The Senior Ranking officer may ask to see these documents at any time.
- 9.2. The owner of the vehicle is responsible for the condition and roadworthiness of the vehicle, its MOT, insurance and road fund licence. The owner is also responsible for ensuring that any additional drivers are insured, licensed and fully competent in the operation of that vehicle.
- 9.2. Drivers must abide by all traffic regulations and they must also be fully aware that road traffic law which apply when driving at any show/event. Drivers are responsible for the safety of their passengers. Passengers must use the seats provided, sitting anywhere else on the vehicle is forbidden.
- 9.3. Vehicles are to be driven responsibly and with due care and attention at all times. Drivers that drive with excessive speed and irresponsibly will be subject to disciplinary action.
- 9.4. The only exception to clause 9.3 is during rehearsed and choreographed activities that have been authorised by the Senior Ranking Officer in attendance at the event.
- 9.5. The above clauses apply to the duration of the Event, including any activity undertaken outside of show/event hours.

Appendices

Appendix A. Glossary

- (1) **Grand** - The M1 Garand is a .30 caliber semi-automatic rifle that was the standard U.S. service rifle during World War II and the Korean War.
- (2) **M1 carbine** - a lightweight .30 caliber semi-automatic carbine. Also called “carbeans”.
- (3) **M42** - M1942 parachute suit consisting of a jacket and trousers..M43 M1943 parachute suit consisting of jacket and trousers.
- (4) **Corcorans** - Brand of jump boots worn by Airborne troops.
- (5) **Buckle boots** - combat boots.
- (6) **Beanies** - wool knit caps.
- (7) **A class uniform** - a dress uniform.
- (8) **“Easy company”** - was seldom used. The correct phrase is company E or company E 506. E coy is British and is not to be used.

Appendix B Uniform guidelines.

Class A Uniform.

- (1) Four pocket jacket and wool trousers.
- (2) Highly polished jump boots.
- (3) Clean shaven, no stubble or beards.
- (4) Wool or Chino shirt with tan tie.
- (5) Garrison cap with para patch on left side.
- (6) Right arm: Rank only.
- (7) Left arm: Eagle patch and rank. Overseas and service stripes.
- (8) Officer epaulettes: Rank. Currahee DI's, to be worn without 506 oval.
- (9) Collar: crossed rifles and US badge, Cross pistols for MP. Currahee DI's, to be worn without 506 oval.
- (10) Right breast pocket (above): Blue unit citation.
- (11) Left breast pocket: Proficiency badge with up to two bars. CIB badge. (above). Medal ribbons if appropriate. Appropriate Jump wings on 506th oval, oval optional, to be worn without Currahee DI's.

Medal ribbons.

- (1) Medal ribbons can be worn if:
- (2) You have been awarded them whilst a member of the armed forces, police, fire service or para medic/ambulance service.
- (3) You have been injured during a group event and received medical treatment, then you may wear the Purple Heart.
- (4) You have been awarded best member, the Gus award or group commendation, then you may wear the US army good conduct ribbon.
- (5) You have displayed with the group overseas, you may wear the Africa Europe Middle East campaign ribbon.

Proficiency badges.

- (1) The wearing of these badges must be authorised, in writing, by the chairman.

- (2) Only two bars may be worn.
- (3) The bars are for weapons only. No vehicle or any other type are permitted unless authorised by the committee.
- (4) Only weapons that the member has fired live are permitted, this does not include blank firing. Proof may be required.

Military police.

- (1) Wool shirt, tan tie and wool trousers.
- (2) MP marked M1 helmet, markings in white. No net.
- (3) Carbine: Pistol belt with water bottle (optional), .45 pistol in hip holster, .45 mag pouch, carbine pouch, night stick and first aid pouch.
- (4) Whistle and hand cuffs.
- (5) M1 rifle: Cartridge belt, water bottle (optional), .45 pistol in hip holster, night stick and first aid pouch.
- (6) No M36 suspenders.
- (7) M41. M41 jacket and leggings.

M42 uniform - pre-jump.	Do not wear.:
• Unreinforced jump suit, clean.	• E tools.
• Unmarked D-bale M2/fixed bale helmet, no net. Including medic.	• Green webbing.
• T handles or pick mattocks.	• Camouflage scarves.
• M1VA1 (uncut) gas mask bag.	• Rigger pouches.
• Ammo pouches empty.	• Ammunition in magazine pouches.
• Garrison cap badge on right.	• Extra pockets.
	• Helmet nets.

M42 uniform - marshalling area.	Do not wear:
• Unreinforced jump suit, clean.	• T handle spades/pick mattocks.
• Reinforced jump suit, gas proofed.	• Green webbing, except E tool cover.
• Gas brassard.	• Cammo scarves.
• Face camouflage	• Face paint.
• Rigger pouches.	• Mohawk style haircuts.
• Ammunition pouches and pockets full.	
• E-tool with green or tan cover.	
• 506 marked D-bale M2/fixed bale helmet, ¼ inch net and scrim optional. Including medic.	

• Rubber gas mask bag.	
• Extra pockets to be hand sewn.	
• Jump suits should be stencilled.	
• Garrison cap badge on right	

M42 uniform combat.	
• Unreinforced jump suit, dirty.	
• Reinforced jump suit, gas proofed and dirty.	
• Gas brassard optional.	
• Face camouflage optional.	
• Rigger pouches.	
• Ammo pouches, some empty.	
• E-tool with green or tan cover.	
• 506th marked D-bale M2/fixed bale helmet, 1/4 inch net and scrim optional.	
• Rubber gas mask bag optional.	
• Jump suits should be stencilled.	
• Garrison cap badge on right.	

M43 uniform.	Do not wear
• Combat suit with cargo pockets.	• Face camouflage
• Tan or green water bottle, cartridge belt, carbine pouches and E-tool cover, must be a mixture of green and tan.	• Rigger pouches.
• Combat boots (buckle) or jump boots.	• Jeep caps.
• Marked M2 D-bale/fixed bale or M1c helmet, British small mesh net optional. Including medic.	
• Garrison cap badge on left.	
• Helmet scrim. Optional.	
• T handle spades/pick mattocks. Take in case you are asked to wear them.	
• US pin on flag. Optional.	
• Rubber gas mask bag. Optional.	
• Green tie on 1st aid packs in helmet net. Optional.	

Appendix C

Disciplinary procedure

1. A letter shall be prepared on behalf of the Committee and will set out the problem. The letter will contain information about the alleged misconduct or poor performance and its possible consequences. A maximum time limit will be stated, said time limit will be set to allow the recipient time to prepare a reply or explanation before a hearing date is set.
2. A hearing date will be set at a time and place beneficial to both parties.
3. At the meeting the complaint against the member shall be explained and any evidence given. The member shall be given the opportunity to set out their case at the hearing.
4. The member shall be allowed to take a another group member to the hearing, the name of this member shall be given to the Committee in advance. The other member may not answer questions or otherwise engage in dialogue at the hearing. This member shall be protected from dismissal or other mistreatment for supporting the member summoned to the hearing.
5. In some cases if a significant new fact or issue is raised at the meeting , it may decided to adjourn the meeting. A date for the continuation of the hearing will be set as soon as practically possible.
6. After the hearing the Committee, without any unreasonable delay, will write to the member with their decision, setting out where appropriate the action to be taken. The member will also be informed of his right to appeal.
7. If the member feels the disciplinary action taken against him is wrong or unjust they can appeal against the decision in writing.
8. Appeals should be heard without unreasonable delay. Wherever possible, this should be dealt with by a member of the Committee who has not been previously involved in the case.
9. The appeal hearing is to be run in a similar manner to the original hearing. After the appeal meeting the Committee will write to the member to tell him of their final decision.

Appendix D

Grievance procedure:

1. The member should to informally raise the grievance with a member of the Committee.
2. If the member wishes to take things further then he should prepare a letter outlining the issue and send it to a Committee member of his choice.
3. If applicable the Committee should arrange a initial meeting within a reasonable time to discuss the members grievance. The main purpose of the meeting is to establish the facts and find a way to resolve the problem.
4. The meeting can be adjourned if further facts or issues need to be investigated.
5. At the conclusion of the meeting a member of the Committee will write to any parties involved or implicated to inform them of any actions to be taken.