



Getting You Started

This document is intended to help prospective new members get answers to the most commonly asked questions about joining the group. If you have a question that is not listed below, send us an email and we'll do our best to answer it for you.

1) How old do you have to be to join the group?

- *You must be a minimum age of 18 years to join*

2) Can I join straight away?

- *Yes, but it's important for you to feel you fit in with the group and vice versa. For this reason, new members are given a probationary period of six months or four events, whichever is deemed the most suitable by the Committee.*

3) How much does it cost to join the group?

- *For new members we have a special introductory price of £30 for the first year. The annual subscription thereafter is £60 per annum which can be paid in February in full, or two instalments of £30 in both February and July.*

4) What information do you need from me?

- *All new members must complete our membership form and provide two passport photos (either in hardcopy or digital format). When the committee has approved your membership an ID card will be issued to you. Our membership form can be found in the "Join the Group" section of the website. Your joining fee will be agreed on application.*

5) Where is the group based?

- *Our members are spread all over the South of England but our HQ is in Farnham, Surrey.*

6) How many shows/events does the group attend each year?

- *Between 5-10 shows per annum, though these can vary from one to seven days but typically, our events are held at weekends.*

7) What level of commitment will the group expect from me?

- *We obviously want to see you as much as we can, but accept this is a hobby. Family and/or work commitments must come first. Attend as much as you realistically can.*

8) What If I don't have a huge amount of knowledge about the 101st airborne in WW2?

- *This is fine. All we ask is that you have a keen interest and passion about what and who you are portraying. The historical events, knowledge of kit etc can be picked up from other members along the way.*

9) Can I be an officer?

- *No is the simple answer. All new members start at the rank of Private*

10) Can I choose my own weapon?

- *Strictly speaking all new members must start with an M1 Garand which was the standard U.S. service rifle issued to all new paratroopers during World War II.*



Essential Kit

Listed below, along with approximate costs (at time of press), are kit items considered essential and what you will need to get you started. All of these items can be viewed in more detail on our "101st Uniform and Equipment" document which can be downloaded from our website on the Downloads page, within the Information tab. Prices shown are generally for repro versions.

Original kit can be expensive but generally looks better and in a lot of cases are better made than reproductions. Repro kit can be cheaper but quite often has to be "aged" to make it look effective and the members can offer tips for achieving this. And don't forget that kit quite often comes up on the Ebay sites both UK and US either being sold by collectors or other people that simply want to sell off their kit.

Don't panic if you don't have it all. Some of the group members have surplus stock of kit and are usually happy to lend kit for the duration of shows and in some cases will be prepared to sell kit directly to you.

Uniform

- **M42 Jumpsuit - Tan (Reinforced version) – c.£110.00 for jacket and trousers.**
You should buy at least 2-3 sizes larger than your actual size. Tight or close fitting is not good and doesn't like right. Baggy is good!
- **Corcoran Jump Boots –Brown – c.£159.99**
- **Parachute Badged Garrison Cap (Badge on the left) – c.£23.00**
- **M1937 Enlisted Mans Wool Shirt – c.£50.00**
- **Mustard T-shirt – c.£7.00**
These are worn under the wool shirt. It is advisable to buy 2-3 of these.
- **M2 Paratrooper Helmet with D Bales – c.£150.00 - £200.00**
- **Enlisted Trouser Belt – Tan – c.£5.00 or**
- **US WW2 Trouser Braces – Tan – (Original if you can) – c.£15.00**

Equipment

- **M1936 Suspenders – Tan - (Original Preferred) - c.£30.00**
- **M1923 Garand Belt – Tan – (Original Preferred) - c. £30.00**
- **M43 E-Tool & cover – Tan or Green (Original Preferred) c.£40.00**
- **M1942 First Aid Pouch – Tan (Original Preferred) c.£5.00 - £10.00**
- **Carlisle First Aid Packet or Tin (to go in M1942 Pouch) – c.£10.00**
- **M1910 Water Bottle Cover – Tan - c.£10.00**
- **M1910 Water Bottle - c.£10.00 (This item can often be purchased as a set with the above)**

Weapon

- **M1 Garand (Deact or Denix Reproduction) – c.£800> for de-act or £140 for Denix**



Where can I buy kit from?

The best place to purchase kit is from other members or at the shows and events we attend. You can also source kit from militaria fairs like Stoneleigh Militaria, Malvern Militaria or for the more adventurous, Ciney Militaria in Belgium.

Failing this, listed below are some options that might be of use:-

Facebook

- **Screaming Eagles Members Only Page** - Ask group members. We have a private Facebook page where you can contact other group members to see if somebody has kit they are willing to sell.
- **WW2 Military Items For Sale** – You have to ask to join this group but people sell everything and anything WW2.

Online Retailers

www.sofmilitary.co.uk - Soldier of Fortune, UK

www.epicmilitaria.co.uk – Epic Militaria, UK

www.ebay.co.uk – UK Site

<https://qmi.be> - Quartermaster Inspector, Belgium

www.ebay.com - USA Site

www.atthefront.com – USA

www.whatpriceglory.com - USA