

"To honor .... not glorify"

## MISSION

Our purpose is to accurately portray the average combat soldier of World War II in tactical exercises with other member units and in living history events around the country. We represent no political causes or ideas and are a means of getting people with an interest in World War II history together to experience, to a small degree, the life of the combat soldier in World War II. We maintain the highest standards in safety and authenticity.

## ASSOCIATION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Experience, to a small degree, the life of the combat soldier in World War II
- Conduct tactical exercises
- Participate in living history events
- Educate the public
- Honor the veterans and their sacrifices
- Instill a sense of patriotism

## WHO WE ARE

- We represent no political causes or ideas
- We are not a militant organization
- We do not seek to overthrow the government

OUR IMPRESSION: Regimental Head Quarters 502<sup>nd</sup> PIR and 327th Glider Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division.

PURPOSE: Getting people with an interest in World War II history together to experience, to a small degree, the life of the combat Soldier in World War II. We have chosen to portray these Airborne Infantry because they were among the best infantry units the Army fielded during the war.

GOALS: Our goal is to authentically portray airborne infantry soldiers, at Tactical Battles and Public Events, as they appeared from August 1942 to May 1945. This period covers training to the most significant battles of the Regiment; the airborne and sea borne assaults into Normandy and airborne assaults into Holland through the defense of Bastogne during the Ardennes Offensive.

ATTITUDE: This group is not a real military organization and our principal interest is to enjoy ourselves at events. However, because we portray a highly trained and disciplined unit, we need to exhibit some of these same characteristics when we are together at an event. To do less is a slight to the original members of the Regiment. We take this seriously. To be an effective unit, we need to develop teamwork and discipline. We are all familiar with these concepts, and they are essential to accurately portray the U.S. Airborne Soldier of World War II. We will make decisions as a group on the activities and growth of the unit. In the field the ranking member present is in charge. If you wear

the rank, you must be prepared for the responsibilities that it brings. Safety at events is everyone's responsibility!

**RECRUITING:** New members are essential if the unit is to grow and improve, but we will not sacrifice quality. We want only those who can work as part of our team and share the same goals and ideas as we do. Eventually, we will all experience the pride and satisfaction of being a part of a well- trained and cohesive team. The "veterans" must make the new men welcome, help them get their impressions together, and help train them for field operations. Teamwork always!

**MOTIVATION:** If we want to experience World War II living history at its best, we must put forth a little hard work and a positive attitude. You will find that the benefits of this make the time and money invested well worth the effort

**POTENTIAL MEMBERS:** We are seeking recruits who are 18 years old or older. We are a fast moving squad at times. Therefore, you should be in reasonably good shape and able to carry and run with the heavy gear we wear. You must be able and willing to follow orders, cooperate, and have fun. Finally, must be willing to learn the history of the squad in order to educate the public and honor the men who fought as WWII airborne troopers.