

**Headquarters**  
**105<sup>th</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion**  
**30<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry Division**  
**World War II Historical Re-enactment Society**  
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**Introduction:**

Over sixty years have passed since the actual events of World War II were played out across the fields of Europe. There the heroic deeds and mundane tasks of the 105<sup>th</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion, 30<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry Division were etched into history by their sweat and blood.

As the now aged combat veterans of World War II who actually experienced and remember the sights, sounds and sufferings of the war in Europe pass from this life, we lose the living link to that time in history and the memories of those events that shaped the twentieth century, the world and our lives today.

The **105<sup>th</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion, 30<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry Division (WW II HRS)** was organized to authentically portray the *Combat Engineer* soldier in the World War II European Theater of Operations. Our re-enactment activities serve to honor these courageous men and to keep alive the memory of their deeds and sacrifices thru education, demonstration and preservation.

**I. Unit Designation:**

1. The unit is designated as:

**A Company, 105<sup>th</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion, 30<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry Division (WW II HRS)**

**II. Unit Purpose:**

1. To promote and to represent through authentic living history, displays, demonstrations and tactical combat simulations, The *Combat Engineer* soldier in the World War II European Theater of Operations.
2. To foster thru our unique group of military enthusiasts, historians and collectors, the knowledge, appreciation and preservation of the history and military equipment of World War II.
3. To honor through our re-enactment activities, the military veterans of World War II and other conflicts to whom we and our country owe so much.

### **III. Unit Membership:**

1. Requests for enlistment and completed applications must be forwarded to the Unit Commander for review and approval.

2. World War II Historical Re-enactment Society (WW II HRS) national membership is required of all Regular Members of the 105<sup>th</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion.

3. *Regular Membership* in the 105<sup>th</sup> ECB, is available to male U.S. citizens who are at least 16 years of age and who meet the eligibility requirements of the 105<sup>th</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion and the World War II Historical Re-enactment Society

a. Regular Members who are under the age of 18 must have on file with the unit and the WW II HRS, a signed parental consent form.

4. *Junior Membership in the 105<sup>th</sup> ECB* is available to male U.S. citizens who are at least 15 years of age and who meet the eligibility requirements of the 105<sup>th</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion and the World War II Historical Re-enactment Society on all issues other than date of birth.

a. Junior Members must have on file with the unit, a signed parental consent form

b. Junior Member activities or level of participation may be restricted by the unit when personnel safety or the requirements of a higher Headquarters so dictate. The decisions of the Unit Commander or NCOIC on such activity or participation issues are final.

### **IV. Unit Dues and Assessments:**

1. There are presently no requirements for payment of unit dues directly to the 105<sup>th</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion. This is subject to revision by majority vote of the unit membership.

2. From time to time, member assessments may be required to fund unit activities. Each unit member, both Regular and Junior, are expected to contribute fair share to the assessed amount agreed upon by majority vote of the unit membership.

### **V. World War II Historical Re-enactment Society (WW II HRS):**

1. The World War II Historical Re-enactment Society is the national chartering organization of which the 105<sup>th</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion, 30<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry Division is a member unit. All Regular Members of the 105<sup>th</sup> ECB are required to be active members of the WW II HRS.

2. The WW II HRS annual dues period is January thru December of each year.

a. Required WW II HRS dues must be paid by each Regular Member of the 105<sup>th</sup> ECB at the January Unit meeting of each year, or as directed by HQ WW II HRS.

3. Individual WW II HRS membership numbers must be reported to the Unit Commander and forwarded to the Unit Clerk at the February unit meeting of each year.

4. Junior Members of the 105<sup>th</sup> ECB are exempt from the requirements of Section V.

**VI. Unit Organization:**

1. The 105<sup>th</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion, 30<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry Division is established using a triangular organizational structure as set out in WD T/O 70 dated 1 June 41.
2. The Unit element represented is the Combat Engineer Company or detachment thereof.
  - a. The Squad Element is 10 men.
  - b. The Platoon Element is 3 Squads, 30 men,  
Plus a 3 man Platoon HQ = 33 men
  - c. The Company Element is 3 Platoons, 99 men,  
Plus a 5 man Company HQ = 104 men

**VII. Unit Rank Structure:**

1. Commissioned Officers
  - a. Unit Commander Is the senior commissioned officer of the unit
  - b. Detachment or Platoon 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant or 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant
  - c. Company 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant or Captain
2. Non Commissioned Officers
  - a. Detachment As approved by the Unit Commander
  - b. Squad 1 Sergeant and 1 Corporal
  - c. Platoon 1 Staff Sergeant, 3 Sergeants, 3 Corporals
  - d. Company 1 First Sergeant, 1 Technical Sergeant,  
3 Staff Sergeants, 9 Sergeants, 9 Corporals
3. Technician (T) Grades will be promoted at the discretion of the Unit Commander based upon knowledge and demonstrated technical skills in military tasks and the needs of the unit.

**VIII. Promotions:**

1. Each member enters service with the unit as a private.
2. Promotions will be made at the discretion of the Unit Commander based upon participation, military knowledge, technical and leadership skills and the needs of the unit.
3. Regular Members are eligible for promotion after completion of basic training, one year of service with the unit and participation in a minimum of three tactical combat simulations.



**IX. Authenticity:**

1. Each Member of the 105<sup>th</sup> ECB will read, understand, and adhere to the uniform, equipment, weapon and personal grooming authenticity standards of the WW II HRS and the 105<sup>th</sup> ECB.
2. The Authenticity Standards of the World War II Historical Re-enactment Society are attached as an appendix to this document and are applicable as if set out at length herein.
3. The uniforms, weapons and equipment of the 105<sup>th</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion shall be original U.S. Army issue of the World War II Period correct to the time frame portrayed, or an authentic reproduction thereof.
4. The uniforms, weapons and equipment of the 105<sup>th</sup> ECB shall meet the authenticity specifications of the unit and the WW II HRS as to type, pattern, color, marking and insignia.
5. Each member understands that personal grooming is a factor in the authentic portrayal of the soldier, and will at all times when in uniform adhere to the hair cut, facial hair and personal grooming standards of the United States Army during WW II.

**X. Safety:**

1. Each member of the 105<sup>th</sup> ECB will read, understand and adhere to the Safety Standards of the WW II HRS and the 105<sup>th</sup> ECB.
2. The Safety Standards of the World War II Historical Re-enactment Society are attached as an appendix to this document and are applicable as if set out at length herein.
3. It is understood by each member that military re-enacting is inherently dangerous.
4. The utmost care and attention shall given to the safety of yourself, your comrades, opposing forces and the public at all times. Especially with regard the use of weapons, blank ammunition and pyrotechnics or special effects.
5. Placing yourself, your comrades, opposing forces or the public in deliberate or negligent hazard in violation of safety requirements is cause for removal from an event, and possible discharge from the WW II HRS and /or the 105<sup>th</sup> ECB
6. WW II HRS safety violations will be reported to the Unit Commander and thru the chain of command to the event coordinators.

## **XI. Recruit Induction:**

### **1. Basic Training**

a. After acceptance for Regular Membership in the 105<sup>th</sup> Engineer Combat Bn., the new member enters service as a Private, and is considered a Recruit for the first year of his membership.

b. Time spent as a Junior Member is not counted toward the required one year basic training period.

c. The Recruit understands that having made voluntary application to join the 105<sup>th</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion, and having been accepted on his merit. That he has made certain obligations and commitments to himself and to the unit to learn the military knowledge needed to properly represent the Combat Engineer soldier of World War II. To provide himself with the basic uniforms and equipments and weapons within the time lines established by the unit and to actively contribute his time and talents to participate in unit activities.

d. The unit understands that during this basic training period that all members must provide the assistance, direction and instruction needed by the Recruit to mold him into a strong, knowledgeable and participating unit member.

e. During the first six months of membership, the Recruit will participate in unit training, learn and be able to demonstrate the School of the Soldier as outlined in the 1941 edition of *FM 21-100 Basic Field Manual - Soldiers Handbook*. Including military discipline & courtesy, wear of the uniform, nomenclature, care & cleaning of the U.S. Rifle, cal. 30 M1 (Garand), weapon loading & safety, field equipment, the infantry pack, display of equipment, manual of arms, Squad & Platoon drill, small unit security and basic first aid, among others.

### **2. Basic Uniform**

a. During the first six months of membership, the Recruit must provide himself with the basic OD wool field uniform as prescribed by the unit. Including at least the following. Recruit members may not participate in public unit activities or tactical events without a basic uniform.

Shirt, Field Wool, OD, Enlisted Mens M-1937	(mustard OD color)
Trousers, Field, Wool, OD, Enlisted Mens M-1937	(mustard OD color)
Belt, Trouser, Web, EM	(Khaki or OD w/ black open face buckle)
Cap, Garrison, Wool, OD Enlisted Mens	(mustard OD w/ Engineer piping)
Tie, Army, Cotton Twill OD or Tie, Army, Wool, Khaki	
Shoes, Service	(russet brown, 3/4 high boot w/ flat brown laces)
Leggings, Dismounted, M-1938	(Khaki color)
Jacket, Field M-1941	(Light OD color)



## **XI. Recruit Induction cont.**

### **3. Basic Field Equipment**

a. During the first twelve months of membership, the Recruit must provide himself with the basic field equipment as prescribed by the unit. Including at least the following.

**Highlighted** equipment items are preferred.

Helmet, Steel, M-1	(w/ sewn chin strap and stencil Engineer castle)
Liner, Helmet, Fiber	( w/ leather Chin Strap)
Belt, Cartridge, cal. 30, 10 Pocket, M-1910 or M-1923	
Canteen, M-1910 or M-1942	(w/ cup & cover)
Pouch, First Aid, M1924 or M-1942	( w/Carlisle bandage)
Haversack, M-1910 or M-1928	(w/meat can pouch, tail not required)
Meat Can (mess kit) M-1932 or M-1942	(w/ knife, fork & spoon)
Bag, Carrying, General Purpose	(w/strap)
Blanket, Wool, OD	

### **4. Basic Weapons**

a. During the first twelve months of membership, the Recruit must provide himself with the basic weapons as prescribed by the unit. Including the following

**\*\* No Deviation permitted for basic weapon**

Rifle, Service, cal. .30 M-1 , Garand	(w/sling)
Bayonet, M-1905 E1 or M-1942	(w/scabbard, M-3)

### **5. Basic Skills**

a. During the first twelve months of membership, the Recruit must learn and be able to demonstrate the basic Combat Engineer skills as outlined in the 1943 edition of *FM 21-105 Basic Field Manual - Engineer Soldier's Handbook*. Including engineer tools, common engineer tasks, elementary knots & rigging, field fortifications, camouflage, basic explosives & demolitions, engineer reconnaissance & bridging.

### **6. Basic Competency**

a. At the end of the first twelve months of membership, the Recruit will stand a full layout inspection of his uniforms, equipment and weapons.

b. The recruit will also undergo an examination of his military knowledge and basic skills. Including the manual of arms, equipment packing and wear, & selected engineering skills demonstration.

### **7. Military Occupational Specialty (MOS)**

a. Upon completion of basic training, each unit member will choose, learn and be able to demonstrate the basic skills of a Combat Engineer MOS based upon his skills, interests and the TO & E requirements of the unit.

## **XII. Insignia, Badges, Awards & Decorations:**

### **1. Unit Insignia**

- a. Members of the 105<sup>th</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion, 30<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry Division may wear the insignia of the WW II period which are authorized by the unit.
- b. The patch insignia of the 30<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry Division may be worn by all members.
- c. The castle branch insignia of the Corps of Engineers, may be worn by all members, in a style appropriate to rank.
- d. The distinctive unit insignia (unit crest) may be worn by members who have completed the unit basic training period and have demonstrated their skills as an Engineer soldier in the final basic training inspection and examination pursuant to FM 21-100 The Soldier's Handbook and FM 21-105 The Engineer Soldier's Handbook.

### **2. Rank Insignia**

- a. The appropriate insignia of rank may be worn by members as authorized in Special Orders issued by the Unit Commander.

### **3. Qualification Badges**

- a. The marksmanship qualification badge in a style appropriate to skill may be worn by members who have successfully fired a documented live round qualification course with the weapon indicated.
- b. The wheeled vehicle driver qualification badge may be worn by NCO and Enlisted members who possess a valid class C drivers license, or who demonstrate a proficiency in the operation of wheeled vehicles of two ton cargo capacity or larger over an approved road course.
- d. When worn, the badge must be of a pattern or type issued by the U.S. Army for service in WW II.
- e. Qualification Badges earned in a branch of service other than the Army may be converted to the equivalent Army badge.
- f. No qualification badge authorized by the Army after 1945 may be worn.

### **4. Campaign Ribbons**

- a. Campaign Ribbons may be worn by personnel as authorized in Special Orders issued by the Unit Commander.
- b. The American Defense Service Ribbon may be worn by members who are veterans of actual active or reserve service in the Armed Forces of the United States.
- c. The American Campaign Ribbon may be worn by members who have completed the unit basic training period and have demonstrated their skills as an Engineer soldier in the final basic training inspection and examination pursuant to FM 21-100 The Soldier's Handbook and FM 21-105 The Engineer Soldier's Handbook.
- d. The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon may be worn by members who have successfully completed the unit basic training period and one year of service with the unit including at least three tactical combat simulations.



## **XII. Insignia, Badges, Awards and Decorations cont.**

e. One bronze campaign battle star may be worn on the EAME Campaign Ribbon for each additional one year of service with the unit in which at least three tactical combat simulations are attended. A maximum of five bronze campaign battle stars or one silver campaign battle star may be worn. (5 bronze battle stars = 1 silver battle star)

### **5. Longevity Service Stripes & Over Seas Service Bars**

a. One, Longevity Service Stripe may be worn by NCO and Enlisted Personnel for each 3 year period of service with the unit.

b. One, Over Seas Service Bar may be worn for each one year of service with the unit in which at least three tactical combat simulations are attended. Not to exceed four bars.

### **6. Good Conduct Service Ribbon**

a. The Good Conduct Service Ribbon may be awarded at the discretion of the Unit Commander after three years of service with the unit. During which time the service, dedication and commitment to the unit are exemplary.

### **7. Valor & Distinguished Service Decorations**

a. Ribbons or decorations denoting valor, distinguished, or meritorious service may be worn ONLY by members who actually earned them in combat, active or reserve service in the Armed Forces of the United States.

b. When worn, the ribbons or decorations must be of a pattern or type issued by the U.S. Army for service in WW II.

c. Ribbons or decorations earned in a branch of service other than the Army may be converted to the equivalent Army decoration.

d. No ribbons or decorations authorized by the Army after 1945 may be worn.

### **8. Unit Citations**

a. Unit Citations awarded to the 105<sup>th</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion or the 30<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry Division for service in WW II may be worn by members who have successfully completed the basic training period and one year of service with the unit including at least three tactical combat simulations.

b. Distinguished Unit Citation

c. Meritorious Unit Citation

d. French Croix de Guerre

e. Fourragere of the Belgian Croix de Guerre

## **XIII. Code of Conduct**

1. Each member of the 105<sup>th</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion, 30<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry Division understands his obligation to the unit and will:

a. Conduct himself as a soldier, maintaining a military bearing and appearance

b. Not bring discredit to himself or the unit

c. Obey the orders of Officers and Non Commissioned Officers appointed over him

d. Treat each Officer and NCO with respect and military courtesy

e. When serving as an Officer or NCO, lead by example with respect for subordinates

f. Adhere to the authenticity requirements of the unit and the WW II HRS

g. Comply with the safety requirements of the unit and the WW II HRS

h. Provide for himself at least the minimum required uniforms, weapons, & equipment

i. Remember that the unit depends on him to fulfil his obligation to participate