

(e) *Presentation of awards.* Whenever practicable, badges will be presented to military personnel with formal and impressive ceremony. Presentations should be made as promptly as possible following announcement of awards and, when practicable, in the presence of the troops with whom the recipients were serving at the time of qualification.

(f) *Supply of badges and appurtenances—*(1) *Items issued by the Department of the Army:*

- (i) Combat and Special Skill badges.
- (ii) Qualification badges.
- (iii) Qualification badge bars.
- (iv) The Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier identification badge (an item of organizational equipment).

(2) *Items not issued or sold by Department of the Army:* Identification badges, except as provided in paragraph (a) of this section.

- (i) Lapel buttons for badges.
- (ii) Certificates for badges.
- (iii) Foreign badges.
- (iv) Miniature combat infantryman and expert infantryman badges.

(3) *Requisition.* Initial issue or replacement for badge lost, destroyed, or rendered unfit for use without fault or neglect on the part of the person whom it was awarded, will be made upon application, without charge to military personnel on active duty and at stock fund standard price to all others.

(g) *Character of service.* No badge will be awarded to any person who, subsequent to qualification therefor, has been dismissed, dishonorably discharged, or convicted of desertion by court-martial, except as provided in §578.61(c).

**§578.61 Combat and special skill badges and tabs.**

(a) *Purpose.* Combat and special skill badges are awarded to denote proficiency in performance of duties under hazardous conditions and circumstances of extraordinary hardship as well as special qualifications and successful completion of prescribed courses of training.

(b) *To whom awarded.* (1) The Combat Infantryman Badge may be awarded only to members of the United States Army or Navy.

(2) The Medical Badge may be awarded only to members of the United States Army or Navy.

(3) All other combat and special skill badges may be earned by honorable active or inactive service, in or while formally assigned or attached to, the United States Army. Awards of United States Army combat and special skill badges to a foreigner will be made only with the prior consent of his parent government and upon completion of the full requirements established for each badge listed below.

(c) *Reinstatement of awards.* An award once revoked will not be reinstated automatically when, for any reason of conviction by court-martial for desertion in time of war is voided by competent authority.

(d) *Combat Infantryman Badge.—* (1) *Eligibility requirements.* (i) An individual must be an infantry officer in the grade of colonel or below, or an enlisted man, or a warrant officer with infantry MOS, who subsequent to December 6, 1941, has satisfactorily performed duty while assigned or attached as a member of an infantry unit of regimental or smaller size during any period such unit was engaged in active ground combat. Battle participating credit alone is not sufficient; the unit must have been in active ground combat with the enemy during the period. Awards may be made to assigned members of ranger infantry companies assigned or attached to tactical infantry organizations.

(ii) Awards will not be made to general officers nor to members of headquarters companies of units larger in size than battle groups.

(iii) Any officer whose basic branch is other than infantry who, under appropriate orders, has commanded an infantry unit of regimental or smaller size for at least 30 consecutive days is deemed to have been detailed in infantry and is eligible for the award of the Combat Infantryman Badge notwithstanding absence of written orders detailing him in the infantry provided all other requirements for such award have been met. Orders directing the individual to assume command will be confirmed in writing at the earliest practicable date.

(iv) One award of the Combat Infantryman Badge is authorized to each individual for each separate war in which the requirements prescribed have been met. Second, third, and fourth awards are indicated by superposing 1, 2, and 3 stars respectively, centered at the top of the badge between the points of the oak wreath.

(2) *Who may award.* Commanding generals of infantry divisions and commanding officers of infantry battle groups, separate infantry battalions, and separate infantry companies.

(e) *Medical Badge—(1) Eligibility requirements.* (i) A member of the Army Medical Service or of the Naval Medical Service assigned or attached to the Army, must have satisfactorily performed medical duties subsequent to December 6, 1941, while assigned or attached in a permanent status as a member of the medical detachment of an infantry unit of regimental or smaller size, or as a member of the medical platoon of an infantry or airborne battle group headquarters company, during any period the unit was engaged in active ground combat. Battle participation credit is not sufficient; the infantry unit must have been in contact with the enemy.

(ii) Awards of this badge will not be made to members of medical battalions, except when attached to an infantry unit as indicated above.

(iii) One award of the medical badge is authorized to each individual for each war in which the above requirements are met. Successive awards are indicated by superimposing stars on the badge as follows: Second award, one star at the top center above the cross; third award, two stars, one at the top center above the cross and one at the bottom center of the wreath; fourth award, three stars, one at the top center above the cross, and one at each side of the wreath at the ends of the stretcher.

(2) *Who may award.* Same as for Combat Infantryman Badge.

(f) *Expert Infantryman Badge—(1) Eligibility requirement.* An individual must be an infantry officer or enlisted man, or a warrant officer with an infantry MOS who has satisfactorily completed the proficiency tests prescribed by Army Regulations while assigned to an

infantry unit of regimental or smaller size; or when assigned to, or attending a course of instruction at, the United States Army Infantry School.

(2) *Who may award.* Commanding officers of infantry regiments, battle groups and separate infantry units or their next superior, commanders of United States Army Training Centers, and the Commandant, United States Army Infantry School. Commanders at training installations may award the badge to qualified personnel undergoing 6 months' active duty for training under the Reserve Forces Act of 1955 provided such personnel are assigned to infantry units of battle group or smaller size in the Reserve components.

(g) *Parachutist badges.* (1) Three degrees of badges are authorized for award: the Master Parachutist Badge, the Senior Parachutist Badge, and the Parachutist Badge. Eligibility requirements for each badge are set forth in succeeding paragraphs. Awarding authorities for all three are the following: Commanding generals of the United States Continental Army Command; ZI armies and overseas commands: Military District of Washington, U.S. Army; airborne corps; airborne divisions; infantry divisions containing organic airborne elements, and the Quartermaster Research and Engineering Command; the Commandants of the Infantry School and of the Quartermaster School; commanding officers of separate airborne regiments, separate airborne battle groups, or separate airborne battalions. Special Forces Groups (Airborne), and the Special Warfare Center; and President, U.S. Army Airborne and Electronics Board.

(2) Eligibility for awards will be determined from the Individual Jump Record (DA Form 1307) contained in the field 201 file section of the personnel records jacket. Each entry on this form will include pay period covered and initials of the personnel officer; the entry will be made only from a Certificate of Jump and Loading Manifest (DA Form 1306) completed by an officer or jumpmaster.

(h) *Master Parachutist Badge.* An individual must have been rated excellent in character and efficiency and have met the following requirements:

(1) Participated in a minimum of 65 jumps to include:

(i) Twenty-five jumps with combat equipment to consist of normal TOE equipment, individual weapon carried by the individual in combat whether the jump was in actual or simulated combat. In cases of simulated combat the equipment will include water, rations (actual or dummy), ammunition (actual or dummy), and other essential items necessary to sustain an individual in combat;

(ii) Four night jumps made during the hours of darkness (regardless of the time of day with respect to sunset) one of which will be as jumpmaster of a stick;

(iii) Five mass tactical jumps which culminate in an airborne assault problem with a unit equivalent to a battalion or larger; a separate company/battery; or an organic staff of regimental size or larger. The individual must fill a position commensurate with his rank or grade during the problem.

(2) Either graduated from the Jumpmaster Course of the Airborne Department of the Infantry School or the jumpmaster school of a separate airborne battalion or larger airborne unit, or served as jumpmaster on one or more combat jumps or as jumpmaster on 33 noncombat jumps.

(3) Have served on jump status with an airborne unit or other organization authorized parachutists for a total of at least 36 months.

(i) *Senior Parachutist Badge*. An individual must have been rated excellent in character and efficiency and have met the following requirements:

(1) Participated in a minimum of 30 jumps to include:

(i) Fifteen jumps with combat equipment to consist of normal TOE equipment including individual weapon carried in combat whether the jump was in actual or simulated combat. In cases of simulated combat the equipment will include water, rations (actual or dummy), ammunition (actual or dummy), and other essential items necessary to sustain an individual in combat; and

(ii) Two night jumps made during the hours of darkness (regardless of time of day with respect to sunset) one of which will be as jumpmaster of a stick;

(iii) Two mass tactical jumps which culminate in an airborne assault problem with either a unit equivalent to a battalion or larger; a separate company/battery; or an organic staff of regimental size or larger. The individual must fill a position commensurate with his rank or grade during the problem.

(2) Either graduated from the Jumpmaster Course of the Airborne Department of the Infantry School or the jumpmaster school of a separate airborne battalion or larger airborne unit, or served as jumpmaster on one or more combat jumps or as a jumpmaster on 15 noncombat jumps.

(3) Have served on jump status with an airborne unit or other organizations authorized parachutists for a total of at least 24 months.

(j) *Parachutists Badge*. An individual must have satisfactorily completed the prescribed proficiency tests while assigned or attached to an airborne unit or the Airborne Department of The Infantry School; or have participated in at least one combat parachute jump into enemy-held territory as a member of an organized force carrying out an assigned tactical mission for which the unit was credited with an airborne assault landing by the theater commander.

(k) *Army aviator badges*—(1) *Badges authorized*. (i) Master Army Aviator Badge.

(ii) Senior Army Aviator Badge.

(iii) Army Aviator Badge.

(2) *Eligibility requirements*. An individual must have satisfactorily completed prescribed training and proficiency tests as outlined in AR 600-106, and must have been designated as an aviator in orders issued by headquarters indicated below:

(3) *Who may award*. (i) The Commandant, Army Aviation School, may designate an individual as an Army Aviator.

(ii) The Adjutant General may designate an individual as an Army Aviator, as a Senior Army Aviator, and as a Master Army Aviator.

(l) *Army Aviation Medical Officer Badge*. The Surgeon General may award this badge to any Army Medical Corps officer to whom he has awarded MOS 3160 (either primary or secondary)

upon successful completion of a course in aviation medicine.

(m) *Diver badges*—(1) *Badges authorized.* Diver proficiency is recognized by the following badges:

- (i) Master Diver Badge.
- (ii) First-Class Diver Badge.
- (iii) Salvage Diver Badge.
- (iv) Second-Class Diver Badge.

(2) *Eligibility requirements.* An individual must have satisfactorily completed prescribed proficiency tests in accordance with AR 611-75 while assigned or attached to an authorized diving and salvage school or to a unit for which the TOE or TD includes diving personnel.

(3) *Who may award.* The commandant of an authorized diving and salvage school and commanding officer of a regiment, group, or separate battalion for which the TOE or TD includes diving personnel.

(n) *Explosive Ordnance Disposal Supervisor Badge*—(1) *Eligibility requirements.* Any commissioned officer, warrant officer, or noncommissioned officer in grade E-6 or higher may be awarded the badge if he meets, or has met, all the following requirements:

(i) Successful completion of basic and special weapons disposal courses of instruction.

(ii) Eighteen months cumulative service in a supervisory position in a TOE or TD which the above explosive ordnance disposal courses are a prerequisite.

(iii) Noncommissioned officers must have been rated excellent in character and efficiency at the time of recommendation for the award.

(2) *Who may award.* Commanding generals of divisions and higher commands, and commanding officers of separate groups or equivalent headquarters exercising operational control of EOD personnel or units.

(o) *Explosive Ordnance Disposal Specialist Badge*—(1) *Eligibility requirements.* Any commissioned officer, warrant officer, or enlisted man may be awarded the badge if he meets, or has met, all the following requirements:

(i) Successful completion of the prescribed basic EOD course of instruction.

(ii) Assigned in a TOE or TD position for which the basic EOD course is a prerequisite.

(2) *Who may award.* Same as in paragraph (n) of this section.

(p) *Glider Badge.* The Glider Badge is no longer awarded. An individual who was awarded the badge upon satisfying then current eligibility requirements may continue to wear the badge. Eligibility for award could be established by satisfactory completion of prescribed proficiency tests while assigned or attached to an airborne unit or to the Airborne Department of the Infantry School, or by participation in at least one combat glider landing into enemy-held territory as a member of an organized force carrying out an assigned tactical mission for which the unit was credited with an airborne assault landing by the theater commander.

(q) *Ranger Tab.* (1) The Commandant of the U.S. Army Infantry School may award the Ranger Tab to any person who successfully completed a Ranger Course conducted by that school.

(2) The Adjutant General may award the Ranger Tab to any person who was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge while serving as a member of a Ranger Battalion (1st-6th, inclusive) or in the 5307th Composite Unit, Provisional (Merrill's Marauders) or to any person who successfully completed a Ranger course conducted by the Ranger Training Command.

#### § 578.62 Qualification badges and tabs.

(a) *Driver and Mechanic Badge*—(1) *Purpose.* This badge is awarded to denote the attainment of a high degree of skill in the operation and maintenance of motor vehicles. Component bars are authorized only for the following types of vehicles and/or qualifications:

- (i) Driver—W (for wheeled vehicles).
- (ii) Driver—T (for tracked vehicles).
- (iii) Driver—M (for motorcycles).
- (iv) Driver—A (for amphibious vehicles).
- (v) Mechanic (for automotive or allied trade vehicles).
- (vi) Operator—S (for special mechanical equipment).

(2) *Eligibility requirements for drivers.* The individual must have: