



Registration Agreement

By signing this registration agreement, the participant agrees to comply with the rules and regulations established by the organizers of **Dragoon March®** events, in their full extent.

Only participants aged 16 or more are allowed to wear the American uniform.

People less than 18 years old must present a parental consent and appoint a guardian for the duration of the event.

During this event, the *Mémoire de Provence 39/45* association will set up a tent camp. A 10 euros fee will be charged at the door to cover installation, access to sanitation and the surveillance of the premises during the different events. Information about this camp will be provided later.

During the entire course of the activities, each participant is requested to have a dignified and responsible attitude and to respect the uniform he/she wears. Only uniforms and equipment worn by the paratroopers of the British and American "First Airborne Task Force" will be allowed, as well as reproductions of good quality. A Uniform Regulation Handbook is appended to this form. It is strongly recommended to meet these guidelines the best the participant can. The quality of the event depends on it.

The smoking ban set up by local authorities to prevent forest fires will be strictly enforced wherever required.

Only individual weapons and other ordnance deactivated in accordance with the legislation of the participant's country of origin - and legally imported to France - are permitted during the **March Dragoon®** activities.

The period vehicles participating the events should not be adorned with flags, rally or racing stickers and banners, etc.

The participant will assume all risks and hazards and waive any/all claims incidental to any of the **March Dragoon®** activities, including transportation to and from such activities, including damage, loss or theft of the personal items the participant shall bring with him/her.

The participant is deemed to have read and understood these rules and regulations. The participant, by signing this agreement, waives any/all claims against the organizers, sponsors, or any of the supervisors, officers, agents, servants, or employees appointed by them in case of injury to the participant during the **March Dragoon®** activities.

The organizers reserve the right to disqualify any participant not respecting the rules or not duly registered. Participants are not entitled to claim any compensation in case of disqualification.

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Dress code pour la Dragoon March® :

Casque :

517th PRCT (517th PIR, 460th PFAB, 596th AEC): Mandatorily camouflaged M1 shell, with late-war "shrimp net" or large mesh net. No distinctive unit markings. Preferably with fixed loops, with riggers made bales, as the 517th didn't get paratrooper helmets when stationed in Italy.

551st PIB: Mandatorily camouflaged M1 shell with a large mesh net, or cut up from vehicles net, with the *palm tree* 551st PIB insignia. Fixed loops M1 shell or "half moon" M2 shell.

509th PIB: Mandatorily camouflaged M1 shell, with the *gingerbread man* 509th PIB insignia. Coded red -> *Able Company*; Yellow -> *Baker Company*; Blue -> *Charlie Company*; White -> *HQ Company*. With company letters on the back of the shell made from white bandage tape. Cut up air chamber strips are allowed on the helmet. No netting at all of any sort except for the *Demolition platoon*. Fixed loops M1 shell or "half moon" M2 shell.

463rd PFAB: Same as above, but no unit insignia!

All Glider Units: Same as above but no netting whatsoever.

2nd Independent Parachute Brigade: First or second type paratrooper helmet with leather or fabric bale. Red beret with parachute regiment insignia. The *Army AirCorps* insignia first type is possible too. Pay attention to the beret's diameter as starting from the sixties, the diameter got smaller.

Outfits:

517th PRCT: As many period photographs highlight, the 517th PRCT was dressed in several ways as they didn't receive enough M42 fatigues to equip the whole Combat Team. The following is what can prototypically be worn: M41 field jacket; non-reinforced M42 outfit, M43 outfit; HBT outfit; mix of HBT trouser and M42 non-reinforced jacket. All 517th PRCT gears must be spray-painted camouflaged! The 2nd and 3rd Battalion guys may brush up patches of ocher paint on clothes and helmet shells.

Cut up invasion armband worn sewn on the left shoulder. Footwear can be Buckle Boots or Jump Boots.

509th PIB: Camouflaged non-reinforced M42 outfits. Some reinforced M42 outfits but of a different style than for Normandy. These consisted of patches of fabric sewn on elbows and knees but left open from the top to insert some felt padding as protection during the jump. One or two ammo bandoleers can be sewn on the lower part of the jacket as extra pocket to store cigarettes and chocolate bars. Trouser pockets stiches can be reinforced with yarn.

Cut up invasion armband worn sewn on the left shoulder. Footwear can be Buckle Boots or Jump Boots. About one out of ten men have worn their jump wings. Same for the 3^{ème} *zouave* insignia. Beret with parachute fabric was worn by one out of fifty.

551st PIB: Camouflaged non-reinforced M42 outfits. Cut up invasion armband worn attached by safety pins on the left shoulder of the jump suit.

All Glider Units: Mustard wool uniform, buckle boots. All styles invasion armband (pinned or cut up and sewn) worn on the left arm, over the shirt or the M41 field jacket.

83rd Chemical Mortar Bn: Insignia sewn on left shoulder (no end-war model) and ometime no insignia. Cut up invasion armband for the troop and pinned invasion armband for the officers. Left arm.

Glider Pilot: From period photographs, we see that outfits such as the following are possible: Mustard wool uniform; HBT and even non-reinforced M42 outfits. No invasion armband. Air Force insignia can be worn on the shirt and the M41 field jacket.

2nd Independent Parachute Brigade: Footwear is British "Ammunition boots" for the wide majority, with un-painted canvas leggings. The 4th Parachute Battalion used to blacken their leggings and webbing with black shoe polish.

All sorts of British shirts are possible, but only the Pathfinder Platoon wore US mustard wool shirts. Paratrooper's trousers, or standard issue trousers.

First or second model of Denison Smock with half-length zip fastener. White singlet or T-shirt models no V-shaped collars. The US Pathfinder insignia sewn on the left arm, worn ONLY for the Pathfinder platoon.

French Paratroopers (Choc et RCP): US M1 helmet with no netting, or camouflaged as a M42 outfit. US garrison cap. M42 outfit, being camouflaged or not. French armband. Buckle boots.

French Resistance: Black berets or French caps of the 40's. Shirts with *col aiglon* or *col hirondelle* or without collar. Velvet trousers, golf trousers, work trousers or shorts. Sleeveless vest, flannel jacket. Everyday shoes, wooden soles, studded soles, leather sandals. Captured German military gears such as leather belts, ordnance, bread bag, etc. Pay attention to not wear too many captured items. For example, associate one leather belt with one other item.

As we're getting close to the August 15 times, US borrowed equipment can be worn, but only weapons. French resistance praised the M3 knives and MK2 hand grenades. Many photographs show French resistance armed with Garand M1 rifles.

Equipment:

517th PRCT – 509th PIB – 551st PIB: Pickup the gears corresponding to the chosen weapons. M1A1 carbine cover must be camouflaged. No paratrooper first aid pouch for the 517th. T-Handle Shovel and M43 entrenching tool with cut down handle. The 551st carried a large number of Thompson SMG round magazine pouches to carry extra MK2 hand grenades. Hip 1911 Colt holsters.

Rigger made pouch for the 509th; simple pouch with snaps.

Rigger made Thompson, Garand etc. for the 551st, but of the 551st style!

2nd Independent Parachute Brigade: British webbing; Belt with 2 pouches; Large pack for the majority; Small pack for a fifth.

Light gas mask; British shovel-ax tool; Toggle rope; Fairbairn knife; N°4MkII bayonet for those carrying an N°4 Enfield rifle. Tank holster of the first model for the Pathfinder Platoon (not mandatory because being rare but nevertheless used by all men of the unit)

Ordnance:

US: Grease Gun SMG only for the 509th and 517th PRCT.

USM1 : both models

FM BAR only for the 517th and the 509th PIB.

Smoke grenades and MKIIIA1 often seen.

No German gear for the 551st PIB.

British: Thompson SMG with the butt as the butts were only shipped by late afternoon the 15th.

STEN with skeleton or wooden stock.

Enfield N°1MkIII* rifles

Bren light machine gun

Colt 1911A1 handgun

Webley revolver

What should NOT be seen:

US:

- M42 outfits Normandy style
- M43 paratrooper trousers
- Rank insignia on helmets. This was seldom seen. At best, erase the ETO bars on the back of the helmet if it's your case.
- White T-shirts
- M44 goggles
- Three-pouch Thompson magazine holders
- Grease Gun magazine
- Shoulder holsters for 1911A1
- M1 carbines with bayonet studs
- M2 carbines
- 30 round magazines for M1 carbines
- Cal .30 A6 LMG
- Post war M1 helmet shells
- USM8A1 scabbards
- Modern jewelry and wristwatches
- M36 *musette* bag with gun strap sewn on fold
- M44/45 webbing or Field Pack or Cargo Pack
- Anything post-war

British:

- Enfield magazine holder
- No glasses unless they are prescription glasses
- German capture gear
- Trousers with side cargo pockets
- Denison flashies or unmatched coloring
- US gears unless detailed above
- Miscellaneous insignia.