



## Welcome to Able Company

Able company is a reenacting organization that strives for the highest level of historical accuracy and authenticity. We pride ourselves on accurately portraying paratroopers of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division during World War II. We do this to honor and preserve the history of the brave men who fought to defend liberty and free the oppressed people of Europe.

## The First Step

The Able Company website has information about Able Company to include the history of the 502<sup>nd</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment during WWII, Able Company Bylaws, uniforms, equipment, event calendar, and other useful information:

<http://www.ablecompany502pir.org>

After visiting the website prospective members are encouraged to contact Able Company:

[info@ablecompany502pir.org](mailto:info@ablecompany502pir.org)

## Going to an Event

Able Company encourages all prospective members to attend an event in order to better understand WWII reenacting and living history. Able Company is often able to outfit prospective members with uniforms and equipment so that they may participate in an event as a Able Company Paratrooper.

## Probationary Member Status

After attending or participating in your first event, Able Company will conduct a vote to admit prospective members to Able Company as probationary members.

### Probationary Member requirements:

- Submit a completed application for membership with annual dues to Able Company
- Submit a completed application for membership to the World War II Historical Re-enacting Society Inc. with annual dues.
- Learn and abide by the Bylaws of Able Company and the World War II Historical Re-enacting Society, Inc.
- Procure the basic uniforms and equipment necessary to participate in events.



## The Cost

WWII reenacting requires effort and dedication in order to create an authentic WWII Paratrooper impression. Uniforms, equipment, and travel require a moderate financial commitment. The cost of a basic paratrooper impression is generally \$1,000 to \$1,500.

Prospective members are encouraged to contact Able Company with questions regarding uniforms, equipment, and weapons. We will assist you in finding the correct items to build an authentic WWII paratrooper impression.

Probationary Members are required to have the following basic items:

### Field Equipment:

- Suspenders, Belt, M1936, OD#3
- Pack, Field, M1936, OD#3
- Pouch, First Aid, M1942, OD#3
- Dressing, Field, Carlisle
- Canteen, M1910 or M1942
- Cover, Canteen, M1910 or M1941 mounted, OD#3
- Cup, Canteen, M1910
- Entrenching Tool, Shovel, M1910 (Standard Issue or Airborne Modified) with Carrier, Entrenching Tool, Shovel M1910 or Shovel, Folding, M1943 with Cover, Shovel, Folding, M1943, 1st or 2nd Pattern, OD#3 or OD#7
- Helmet, M1C, with white Heart unit marking with tick mark at the 3 o'clock position
- Helmet, Net, Camouflage, 2 inch or 1/2 inch pattern, OD#3 or OD#7

**Uniform Items:**

- Coat, Parachute Jumper, M1942 - Trousers, Parachute Jumper, M1942
- Cap, Garrison, OD Wool with Infantry piping
- T-shirt, white or OD#7
- Socks, OD#3 or OD#7
- Boots, Jumper, Parachute
- Belt, Trousers, OD#3 or OD#7
- Suspenders, Trousers
- Tags, Identification, Notched with chain

**Weapons:**

- Rifle, Cal. .30, M1 (Garand)
- Carbine, Cal. .30, M1A1
- Rifle, Cal. .30, M1903A3
- Rifle, Sniper, Cal. .30, M1903A4 with Scope
- Submachine gun, Caliber .45, M1 or M1A1 (Thompson)
- Submachine gun, Caliber, .45 M3 or M3A1 (Grease Gun)

**Ammunition Pouches:**

Members must have a pistol belt with appropriate pouches or a cartridge belt to accompany their weapon(s)

- Belt, Pistol, M1910 or M1936, OD#3 or
- Belt, Cartridge, M1923, OD#3
- Pouch, Rigger, Small, OD#3
- Pouch, Rigger, Medium, OD#3
- Pouch, Magazine, 5-Cell, OD#3
- Pouch, Magazine, Caliber .30, OD#3
- Pouch, Magazine, Caliber .45, M1912, M1918, or M1923, OD#3
- Bag, Magazine, OD#3
- Bag, General Purpose with strap, OD#3 or OD#7

**Vendors**

There are many vendors that sell original and reproduction uniforms and equipment.

**Uniforms and Equipment**

World War II Impressions:  
<http://wwiiimpressions.com/>  
At The Front:  
<http://www.atthefront.com/>  
What Price Glory  
<http://www.whatpriceglory.com/>  
Bayonet Inc.  
<http://www.bayontinc.com/>

**Helmets**

Top Pots  
<http://www.toppots.net/>  
J. Murray Inc. 1944  
<http://jmmurrayinc1944.com/>

**Weapons**

Depending on the state in which you live, you may not be able to legally possess some types of weapons. Please check your local laws before purchasing a weapon. In addition to your local gun dealer there are online sources through which to purchase weapons for WWII reenactment.

Gun Broker.com  
<http://www.gunbroker.com/>  
Guns America  
<http://www.gunsamerica.com/>  
Auction Arms  
<http://www.auctionarms.com/>  
Civilian Marksmanship Program  
<http://www.odcmp.com/>

# **A COMPANY, 1<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION, 502<sup>ND</sup> PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT (REENACTED)**



## **Prospective Member Guide**