

Chapter 1 (Soldier Tactical Standards) to 1-501st PIR TACSOP

1. **PURPOSE:** The following information describes what is expected of soldiers assigned or attached to TF 1-501. It establishes our field uniform standards to which all of us must adhere to as we endeavor to maintain the proud traditions of the “Geronimo” Battalion. The Battalion Command Sergeant Major is the keeper of standards and for establishing this chapter of the TACSOP. Questions or suggestions regarding them should be directed to him so that we may ensure that this document is revised as often as necessary.

ANNEX A (Tie Down SOP) to Chapter 1 (Soldier Tactical Standards) to 1-501st PIR TACSOP

1. Kevlar Helmet. (See Appendix 1 [Kevlar Helmet] to Annex A). The camouflage band will be secured on both sides of the helmet, over the ear protection area (3rd hole in the cover from the front), by a piece of gutted 550 cord routed through the camouflage cover. A girth hitch will be used on the band. It will be secured to the inside of the helmet. The “cat eyes” on the camouflage band will be visible from the rear of the helmet. When MILES (HALO) is worn it is secured on both sides of the helmet, over the ear protection area, running the gutted 550 cord around the halo, under the rim of the helmet and secured to the suspension webbing. This is done using a square knot and two half hitches.

2. LCE Standards. (See Appendix 2 [Load Carrying Equipment] to Annex A). All items (canteen covers, ammo pouches, first aid pouch, compass case, the butt pack, etc. will be secured to the pistol belt by their metal clips. Additionally, a single loop of gutted 550 cord will be routed through the metal clip keeper and tied off with a square knot and two half hitches at the end of the knot. In lieu of the gutted 550 cord, black plastic electrical ties may be used. Throughout this SOP where gutted 550 cord is specified, leaders may authorize the use of plastic electrical ties. (See Appendix 4 to Annex A of this SOP). The LCE will be buckled at all times when it is worn.

- (a) All canteens will be tied off to the LCE using gutted 550 cord and a slipknot with the extra 550 cord wrapped around the opening of the canteen. All metal clips will be blackened during After Operation Recovery (AOR) of individual equipment. The slipknot allows quick separation from the lanyard for refilling the canteen(s).

- (b) All 9MM weapons will be secured to the pistol belt using a lanyard or 550 cord that attaches the weapon to the LCE. The clips attached to the pistol belt will secure the holster. The holster may be placed on the right or the left side of the pistol belt.

- (c) The first aid pouch will be secured on the pistol belt on the left front side using the metal clip and by running gutted 550 cord through the clip holder tying the cord off with a square knot and half hitches.

(d) The compass will be secured to the pistol belt of the LCE. Normally it will be secured to the right front side of the pistol belt, and attached by the lanyard or 550 cord to the pistol belt or LCE suspenders. Leaders are authorized to interchange the first aid pouch and the compass case so that the compass and compass case is secured to the pistol belt so it is near the hand of compass use.

(e) When the bayonet is worn as part of the field uniform, it will be worn on the right side of the LCE in the vicinity of the right trouser cargo pocket. The bayonet will be tied to the scabbard, and the scabbard will be secured to the pistol belt using a series of square knots with half hitches.

(f) Two ammo pouches are normally worn and used for ammunition storage. Two additional ammo pouches are authorized for wear by all soldiers for their use in carrying extra magazines and/or ammunition, securing the strobe light, alcohol pens or erasers, camouflage sticks, insect repellent, leatherman tool, flashlight, BFAs, etc. Saw gunners use saw pouches instead of M16 ammo pouches. These saw pouches are worn where M16 pouches are normally worn. (Commanders may modify this SOP to individually adjust for the size of their soldier and the length of the pistol belt on the individual soldier). All pouches will be secured to the pistol belt with gutted 550 cord.

(g) The butt pack will be attached to the back of the pistol belt using the clips and gutted 550 cord to reinforce the security. The small D-rings, on the top of the butt pack, may be attached to the pistol belt connection hooks using gutted 550 cord.

(h) When the MILES harness is used and worn, it will be secured to the LCE using gutted 550 cord with end of the line bowlines at each end securing one to the other.

3. Rucksack Standards. (See Appendix 3 [Rucksack] to Annex A).

(a) The E-tool is secured to the rucksack frame with 550 cord using a end of the line bowline. The lanyard will also be tied off to the e-tool using an approved hard knot.

(b) The E-tool carrier is secured using the metal clips and secured with gutted 550 cord using a square knot and two half hitches on the lower right side of the rucksack as it is worn. The bottom of the carrier (small hole) will be tied off to the bottom of the rucksack to prevent the e-tool from bouncing during movement.

(c) The 2-quart canteen strap (GP Strap) secures to one side of the 2 quart canteen cover, continues on between the rucksack frame and the rucksack, under the cover of the E-tool, runs around the rucksack, through the three small pocket strap snaps, and fastening back onto the other side of the 2 quart canteen cover.

(d) The 2-quart canteen will be secured by 550 cord using a slipknot around the neck of the drinking spout and tied off to the rucksack frame. The extra 550 cord will be wound around the spout. The 2-quart canteen cover is secured to the bottom left hand side of the rucksack as it is worn, on the horizontal loop, and secured with gutted 550 cord using a square knot and two half hitches. The canteen cap will have 100-mph tape over the top of the cap.

(e) All night vision goggles, binoculars, ANCDs, MBCs, pluggers, etc., when not in use, will be tied off from the sensitive item to the rucksack frame with a square knot and half hitches, and/or to the vehicle for those personnel who are drivers. All equipment will be tied down, no exceptions. If you have to leave your vehicle or “dump” your rucksack, the sensitive items are carried on your person. All NVGs, pluggers, ANCDs, etc, must be physically tied off to the soldier's equipment or clothing using 550 cord. While NVGs have the neck strap, there will be 550 cord, attached by a square knot to the goggles, securing them to the soldier's top buttonhole of the BDU shirt. When carrying the equipment in the rucksack, the carrying case will be tied off to the rucksack frame using a square knot. The sensitive/controlled item will be tied off to the carrying case with 550 cord. When the conditions permit, all sensitive items/controlled items will be secured inside the rucksack and not to the outside.

4. Weapon Standards

A. M240B Machine Gun

1) All PAQ-4s will be tied off using gutted 550 cord. One end of the 550 cord will be tied off around the main body of the PAQ-4 with a square knot and half hitches. One turn of 100-mph tape will be added over the 550 cord securing the PAQ-4 for reinforcement. The other end will be routed through the feed tray cover-opening latch with an end of the line bowline and a half hitch.

2) The M-68 scope will be tied off using gutted 550 cord. It is tied off with a hard knot around the base of the M68. Tie the excess 550 cord off to the feed tray cover-opening latch, on the left side, with an end of the line bowline and a half hitch.

3) The PVS-4 is secured using gutted 550 cord. The cord is tied off around the main body of the PVS-4 using a square knot with two half hitches secured between the elevation reticle and the battery cap. The excess 550 cord will be tied off to the feed tray cover opening latch with an in line bowline and two half hitches. Secure the daylight lens cover with a square knot and two half hitches to the cap. The excess 550 cord will be tied off to the main body of the PVS-4 with two overhand knots. Ensure that enough slack is left in the 550 cord from the cap so that the lens cover can be removed. Place a piece of 100-mph tape over the 550 cord securing the lens cover so that the 550 cord will not slip off.

4) The MILES transmitter will be attached to the front sight post of the machine gun. The transmitter will be reinforced with a hose clamp tightened to secure the transmitter to the barrel. If the clamp is not available, use 550 cord and secure the transmitter to the front sight post. The yellow key will have a strand of gutted 550 cord running through the hole, tied off on itself, creating a loop that will enable it to be tied off to the front sight post.

- 5) Guttled 550 cord will be used to secure the pistol grip to the receiver by using a series of square knots and half hitches.
- 6) The pintle is secured to the T&E by using gutted 550 cord. The 550 cord is attached to the T&E using an end-of-the-line bowline with half hitch and secured to the pintle leaving enough cord to ease in attaching the two pieces of equipment. The free running end of the cord is then secured to the carrying strap ring at the large end of the spare barrel bag. Extra 550 cord is left to allow the pintle and T&E to be removed from the bag and used when placing the machine gun into a controlled fire mode. Another piece of gutted 550 cord is attached to the ring with a end-of-the-line bowline with the other end securing the spare barrel with a slip knot that allows for quick release and rapid exchange the barrel.

B. M249 SAW

1) To attach the PAQ-4 to the M249, modifications must be made to the PVS-4 mount. Because of the PVS-4 and its location on top of the weapon, the PAQ-4 must be mounted on the right side of the mount. Once the modification has been made, the PAQ-4 is secured using gutted 550 cord. A square knot with two half hitches is tied around the main body of the PAQ-4, then threaded through the hole of the rear-sight assembly and around the PVS-4 mount securing it with two overhand knots. Place one turn of 100-mph tape around the 550 cord tied off to the PAQ-4.

2) The PVS-4 will be screwed on to the mount. Using gutted 550 cord, tie a square knot with two half hitches around the main body of the PVS-4 in between the elevation reticle knob and the battery cap. Thread the excess 550 cord through the hole of the rear-sight assembly, around the PVS-4 mount and secure it with two overhand knots. To secure the daylight lens cover, use 550 cord by tying a square knot with two half hitches around the cover. Take the free running end of the 550 cord from the cover and tie it off to the 550 cord securing the main body of the PVS-4. Ensure that enough slack is left in the 550 cord from the cap so that the lens cover can be removed. Place a piece of 100-mph tape over the 550 cord securing the lens cover so that the 550 cord will not slip off.

3) The MILES transmitter will be attached to the front sight post of the weapon. The transmitter will be reinforced with a hose clamp tightened to secure the transmitter to the barrel. If the clamp is not available, use 550 cord and secure the transmitter to the front sight post. The yellow key will have a strand of gutted 550 cord running through the hole, tied off on itself, creating a loop that will enable it to be tied off to the front sight post.

C. M203

1) To secure the PAQ-4 to the M203 grenade launcher, attach a hard knot with half hitches around the body of the PAQ-4. Route the free running end underneath the carrying handle, through the adjusting mount screw, securing the free running end of the 550 cord to the weapon carrying handle with an end of the line bowline with half hitch.

2) Attach the M-68 sight to the M203 using gutted 550 cord secured to the base of the M-68 with a square knot and two half hitches. Route the free running ends of the 550 cord around the base of the front lens and secure with a square knot and two half hitches covering the knot with 100-mph tape. One of the free running ends is approximately 2-3 inches long, and has an end of the line bowline which will be used to secure the equipment to the rucksack when not mounted. The other free running end will be routed back towards the M-68 mount with a hard knot around the mount and tied off to the carrying handle with an end of the line bowline with a half hitch.

3) To attach the quadrant sight to the M203, use gutted 550 cord. The cord is tied off with a square knot and two half hitches to the sight itself. Secure the free running end to the carrying handle with an end of the line bowline with half hitches.

4) The MILES transmitter will be attached to the front sight post of the weapon. The transmitter will be reinforced with a hose clamp tightened to secure the transmitter to the barrel. The yellow key will have a strand of gutted 550 cord running through the hole, tied off on itself, creating a loop that will enable it to be tied off to the front sight post.

D. M16

1) To secure the PAQ-4 to the M16, attach a hard knot with half hitches around the body of the PAQ-4. Route the free running end underneath the carrying handle, through the adjusting mount screw, securing the free running end of the 550 cord to the weapon front sight post with an end of the line bowline with half hitch.

2) Attach the M-68 sight to the M203 using gutted 550 cord secured to the base of the M-68 with a square knot and two half hitches. Route the free running ends of the 550 cord around the base of the front lens and secure with a square knot and two half hitches covering the knot with 100-mph tape. One of the free running ends is approximately 2-3 inches long, and has an end of the line bowline which will be used to secure the equipment to the rucksack when not mounted. The other free running end will be routed back towards the M-68 mount with a hard knot around the mount and tied off to the carrying handle with an end of the line bowline with a half hitch.

3) The MILES transmitter will be attached to the front sight post of the weapon. The transmitter will be reinforced with a hose clamp tightened to secure the transmitter to the barrel. The yellow key will have a strand of gutted 550 cord running through the hole, tied off on itself, creating a loop that will enable it to be tied off to the front sight post.

E. M4 Carbine

1) To secure the PAQ-4 to the M4 when using the M-68 and MILES transmitter, attach a hard knot with half hitches around the body of the PAQ-4. Wrap 100 MPH tape around the knot and the 550 cord. Mount the PAQ-4 underneath the handguards and attach with the mounting screw. Route the free running end of the 550 cord to the weapon carrying handle with an end of the line bowline with half hitch.

2) Attach the M-68 sight to the M-4 by removing the carrying handle. Attach the M-68 sight in the location that the carrying handle occupied. Tighten the crew securing the scope. Secure the scope by using gutted 550 cord secured to the base of the M-68 with a square knot and two half hitches. Route the free running ends of the 550 cord around the base of the front lens and secure with a square knot and two half hitches covering the knot with 100-mph tape. One of the free running ends is approximately 2-3 inches long, and has an end of the line bowline which will be used to secure the equipment to the rucksack when not mounted. The other free running end will be routed back towards the M-68 mount with a hard knot around the mount and tied off to the slip ring of the weapon with an end of the line bowline with a half hitch.

3) The MILES transmitter will be attached to the front sight post of the weapon. The transmitter will be reinforced with a hose clamp tightened to secure the transmitter to the barrel. The yellow key will have a strand of gutted 550 cord running through the hole, tied off on itself, creating a loop that will enable it to be tied off to the front sight post.

F. 60MM Mortars

1) Components for the 60mm mortar in a carrying configuration are:

- a. aiming posts with case
- b. M8 base plate (small)
- c. M64 sight unit
- d. M7 base plate (big)
- e. M23 mortar ballistic computer

2) Aiming Posts. Secure the snap fastener on open end of carrying case, and tie shut with 550 cord. Carry in ruck sack open end down, or secure to the outside of ruck sack with pack adjusting straps routed over carrying case. (See Figure 1)

3) M8 Base Plate (Small). Either it is secured to the cannon with 550 cord and a bungy cord (hand held), or it is carried in the ruck sack (hipshoot). (See Figure 2)

4) M64 Sight Unit. Carried in the gunners ruck sack with one turn tape around case during winter/arctic conditions. (Latches tend to freeze up and become unserviceable)

5) M7 Base Plate (Big). The base plate is placed over the outer accessory pouch. Route the free-running ends of your pack adjusting straps through the base plate (over, under, over). (See Figure 3)

6) M23 Ballistic Computer. The M23 is in the ruck sack tied down with 550 cord from the carrying handle of the carrying case, secured to the ruck sack frame.

5. Communication Standards

A. ANCD (See Figure 4)

Run a loop of 550 cord, large enough to encompass the ANCD, through the loop on the top of the ANCD and secure the ends together with a square knot and two half hitches. The ANCD can then be secured to the belt and placed in the trouser cargo pocket or attached to the rucksack frame (if carrying a rucksack), or attached to permanent anchor inside HMMWV (if a driver).

B. Short Whip Antennas (See Figure 5)

Secure one end of a length of gutted 550 cord that is at least three feet long, just above the base of the antenna with a square knot and two half hitches. With the other end, make a loop big enough to pass the antenna through and secure the loop with an end of the line bowline. Run the loop at the end of the 550 cord through the radio handle then run the antenna through the loop and tighten down.

C. Long Whip Antennas (See Figure 6)

1) Antenna Base. Secure one end of a length of gutted 550 cord that is at least three feet long, just above the bottom of the base with a square knot and two half hitches. Place tape over the wrap of 550 cord and the knot. With the other end, make a loop big enough to pass the base through and secure the loop with an end of the line bowline. Run the loop at the end of the 550 cord through the radio handle then run the base through the loop and tighten down.

2) Long Whip. Secure one end of a length of gutted 550 cord that is at least three feet long, just above the bottom of the antenna with a square knot and two half hitches. Place tape over the wrap of 550 cord and the knot. With the other end, make a loop big enough to pass the antenna through and secure the loop with an end of the line bowline. Run the loop at the end of the 550 cord through the radio handle then run the antenna through the loop and tighten down.

D. W-4 Cable (See Figure 7)

Secure one end of a length of gutted 550 cord that is at least two feet long, just above the connector of one end with a square knot and two half hitches. With the other end, make a loop big enough to pass the W-4 cable through and secure the loop with an end of the line bowline. Run the loop at the end of the 550 cord through the radio handle then run the W-4 cable through the loop and tighten down.

E. Hand Mike

Use one strand of gutted 550 cord one foot in length attaching one end above the connector of the hand mike using a square knot and two half hitches and then tying off the other end to the radio handle.

F. PSN-11/Plugger (See Figure 8)

Run a loop of 550 cord, large enough to encompass the plugger, through the loop on the top of the plugger and secure the ends together with a square knot and two half hitches. The plugger can then be secured to the rucksack frame (if carrying a rucksack), or attached to the LCE strap (if hand carried) or to a permanent anchor inside HMMWV (if a driver).

6. Helmet Mounted NVGs

A. PVS-7

With gutted 550 cord, tie a square knot with two half hitches around the objective lens of the night vision goggle. Using 100-mph tape, tape around and over the 550 cord and knot. With the long free running end tie the NVGs off to the upper buttonhole on the BDU shirt using a bowline with a half hitch. When not in use, this free running end of the 550 cord may also be used to tie off and secure the goggles to the rucksack frame, once placed in the rucksack. The PVS-7 will be worn attached to the helmet mount at all times during periods of limited visibility.

B. PVS-14

Using gutted 550 cord, tie a square knot with two half hitches around the PVS-14 and the mount. Put 100-mph tape over the mounting screw and over the knot. One of the free running ends, approximately three feet in length will be used to secure the PVS-14 to the upper buttonhole on the BDU shirt using a bowline with a half hitch. When not in use, this free running end of the 550 cord may also be used to tie off and secure the goggles to the rucksack frame, once placed in the rucksack. The PVS-14 will be worn attached to the helmet mount at all times during periods of limited visibility.

ANNEX B (Equipment Marking SOP) to Chapter 1 (Soldier Tactical Standards) to 1-501st PIR TACSOP

1. Kevlar Helmets: (See Appendix 1 [Kevlar Helmet] to Annex A).

Rank will be sewn on the camouflage cover for all specialists and above. No pin on rank. All soldiers will have their last names embroidered on the camouflage band or will have their last name neatly printed, in block letters, with a black marker. No other markings will be permitted, such as marks indicating number of "jumps".

2. Butt Packs: (See Appendix 2 [Load Bearing Vest] to Annex A).

The only marking on the butt pack will be the individual's name tag, which is sewn centered on the flap, approximately 1" from the bottom of the flap.

3. Rucksack Standard: (See Appendix 3 [Rucksack] to Annex A).

(a) Just above the stitching at the bottom of the rucksack flap (above the velcro), the individual's nametag is sewn. The nametag is centered on the flap approximately 1" from the bottom.

(b) The rucksacks will be properly marked using the company color-coding. (See enclosure 3 to this Annex). Company markings will be placed on the top of the rucksack. Platoon markings will be placed on the soldier's right side of the rucksack frame as it is worn using the company color-coding. One band will represent 1st platoon, 2 bands for the second platoon, 3 bands for the 3rd platoon, and 4 bands for the mortar section. These markings are for the rifle companies only. The company headquarters do not use color coding sub-unit markings.

4. A-BAG [Duffel Bag] Standard: (See Appendix 1 to Annex B).

(a) At the bottom of the duffel bag, the company color will be painted inside a 6-inch circle.

(b) Within that 6-inch circle, a 3-inch number identifying the platoon will be printed in black lettering.

(c) A band of tape, the company's color code, will be wrapped around the carrying handle.

(d) The soldier's embroidered nametag or name stenciled, in black letters, will be placed under the carrying handle of the bag.

ANNEX C (Uniform SOP) to Chapter 1 (Soldier Tactical Standards) to 1-501st PIR TACSOP

1. Each soldier will have two (2) first aid dressings inside of his first aid pouch. The DA Form 1155 and DA Form 1156 will be filled out with the administrative data (name, rank, social security number, unit, etc.), and placed inside a waterproof bag. They may be laminated, but the cards will be waterproofed. The DA1155 and DA1156s will be waterproofed. These will be placed inside the first aid pouch

2. All M-16 magazines will have 550 cord attached to the bottom of the magazines. When the ammo in the magazines is expended, the magazines may be attached to a snap link, that is attached to an ammo pouch, for hasty collection.

3. Pistol belt extenders are authorized to be worn and used. When the flak vest is worn, every attempt will be made to try to buckle the LCE buckle. If the buckles, after allowing for the full adjustment, do not allow the buckle to be fastened, the LCE may be worn open (unbuckled).

4. NBC Caps for the canteens will have a strip of green 100-mph tape over the top of them.

5. Pace cords, strobe lights, and whistles are authorized to be worn in the location the wearer desires.

6. Earplugs will be placed in the pouch of the canteen cover on the right side of the LCE. A bottle of water purification tablets will be placed in the pouch of the canteen cover on the left side of the LCE.

7. Soldiers designated as grenadiers will wear the standard load carrying equipment (LCE) and the 40mm Grenade carrier vest. Their LCE and 203 vest will be buckled, closed, and fastened too, when worn.

8. Personal knives may be carried on the LCE if not longer than 6 inches in length. No other form of knife or cutting edge will be worn. Knives that remain in an open position must have a hard plastic case or a metal lined case.

9. The butt pack is worn centered on the rear of the pistol belt by all soldiers. Any extra strap will be rolled, tucked, tapped, or folded under, but will not hang to create a tacky appearance.

10. No softcaps or berets in the field (the field is defined as any training environment outside the immediate confines of the battalion area that may or may not include facial camouflage, i.e. ranges, foot marches, etc.) The Scout platoon will be allowed to wear boonie caps during their tactical field exercise (recons), but must wear kevlar helmets for range firing or LFXs.

11. Kevlar helmets (See Appendix 1 [Kevlar Helmet] to Annex A) will be worn squarely on the head with the chinstrap on the chin and securely fastened.

(a) Parachutist retention straps will be stored inside the helmet when not participating in an airborne operation. They will be secured inside the helmet whenever the tactical situation permits.

(b) The soldier's battle roster recorded inside the helmet and placed inside the left side of the helmet. The battle roster will be annotated on embossing label with acetate/tape over the top of the label. The first letter of the battle roster will reflect the soldier's company, the second letter will be the first letter of the soldier's name, and following those two letters will be the last four of the soldier's SSN.

(c) BDU caps are not worn outside the immediate Battalion area except, but not limited to, the following situations:

- (1) Special events with the Battalion Commander's knowledge and his authorization, such as Geronimo week at MMDZ, etc., are permitted.
- (2) Sergeant's Time training conducted locally (PAD 3)
- (3) EFMB/EIB Training and Testing (locally conducted)
- (4) CTT Training and testing (locally conducted)
- (5) Scouts during reconnaissance missions.
- (6) Fluff and buff uniforms when worn outside the immediate battalion area.

12. The extra rucksack straps will be tucked under the already tightened straps and will not dangle.

13. No "drive on" rags or towels will be worn around the neck.

14. All equipment must be maintained in a serviceable condition. BDU uniforms must not have holes, rips or tears. Frayed edges around the cuffs or the collar must be mended. Boots will not have holes or tears in the leather or canvass. The soles will be serviceable. Bootlaces will be replacement laces and not 550 cord. Helmet camouflage cover must not be ripped. If equipment is unserviceable, it must be repaired, DXed, or replaced.

15. When not in use, the black gloves may be attached to the to the LCE, using a snap link, or placed inside the cargo pocket of the trousers. Gloves may be of many styles, to include black leather gloves, nomex flight gloves, green, brown, black poly-p glove inserts, or the black fleece glove. No finger less, cut-off gloves are authorized.

16. Facial camouflage is normally part of the field uniform and is worn anytime the LCE and kevlar helmet is worn. Standard camouflage using the light green and loam camouflage sticks is the preferred method of camouflage. Camouflage packs and "Bear Paint" is authorized as long it is applied in a conservative manner. Camouflage will be worn at all times during training except, but not limited to, the following instances:

(a) Range operations individual proficiency; not LFXs)

(b) Parachute recovery operations on the DZ

(c) Boat operations in support of Airborne operations

(d) Foot marches conducted during PT hours

(e) Special events with the Battalion Commander's knowledge and authorization, such as Geronimo week at MMDZ, etc.

17. Sleeves will be worn down while in the field. The uniform will be worn neatly. If it becomes ripped or torn, attempt will be made to switch it out with a serviceable uniform if the conditions allow. Boots will be laced and laces tucked into the boots, BDU shirts buttoned, etc., etc.

18. Three DACO cards will have the basic information written on them and placed into a waterproof bag and placed into the left breast pocket of the BDU shirt. The DACO cards may be laminated instead of waterproofing in a waterproof bag. Inside a waterproof bag will be 1 red chem light. The red chem light will be tied off to the top buttonhole of the BDU shirt using 550 chord and placed in the left breast pocket.

19. Two green chem lights will be placed inside the same waterproof bag as stated above. These chem lights will be used in accordance with our airborne SOP to mark locations of parachutes that are not recovered during airborne operations..

20. Camel backs are authorized to be worn, but only in the field. Local training, like qualification ranges and Sergeant's Time training at PAD3, does not require additional water

reserve that two, full, 1-quart canteens of water cannot provide. There is no requirement to conceal them or to apply additional camouflage (BDU sleeve) on the water container.

21. Leaders, authorized to carry PRC-126 radios or the hand held brick radios are authorized to make minor adjustments to their uniform to allow all their equipment to fit on the pistol belt, but must make every effort to conform to this SOP.

22. Neck gaiters are authorized to be worn in the winter season, especially in the field environment. While it is USARAK policy is that all military clothing issued to the soldier is available and authorized for wear on and off duty, care should be taken in wearing the neck gaiters. They will not be worn in a tacky fashion that would prompt a decision to eliminate its wear. Wear of the neck gaiters, on post, in duty uniform, outside the battalion area, should rarely happen. The standard colors conservative with the tactical (camouflage) uniform is authorized, such as black, brown or green.

23. In the cool summer months (May 1st to Sept 30th), especially at night, the black knit watch cap is authorized for wear while sleeping or in the early morning hours. After stand-to, the cap may be worn, but not as an outer garment. It will be worn under the kevlar helmet.

24. Field pants, camouflage in color, issued through CIF, are authorized to be worn in the field.

25. The duffel bag (A bag) will be locked using only a combination lock when the bag is in use.

26. All soldiers will conduct daily personal hygiene in the field. This will be conducted normally after stand-to and in conjunction with breakfast. Soldiers who work in shifts and aren't able to conduct personal hygiene will conduct daily hygiene after their rest period. This is a leader task and leaders will closely monitor their soldier's hygiene for their compliance.

27. If tape is used, it is OD green, or black. Silver tape is not authorized. LCE will be IAW the Battalion configuration, packing, tie down, and marking Standing Operating Procedure (See enclosure 2 to Annex B). LCE will be "Individual Movement Technique" (IMT) proof; will be snug and well fitting and not bounce around when the soldier jumps up and down.

28. Two ammo pouches on each side of the pistol belt is permissible to wear.

ANNEX D (Equipment Maintenance SOP) to Chapter 1 (Soldier Tactical Standards) to 1-501st PIR TACSOP

1. Rolling Stock (HMMWVs, Trailers, SUSVs); Reportable Items (Mortars, Dragons, TOWs System)

(a) The operator, supervised by his immediate supervisor, using the applicable technical manual, will conduct maintenance daily.

(b) Maintenance will be done daily, after stand-to and personal hygiene, but prior to morning chow.

(c) All deficiencies will be recorded on the DA Form 5988E or DA Form 2404.

(d) All 5988Es and/or 2404s will be turned in to the platoon sergeant who will review the maintenance forms for accuracy and completeness. The platoon sergeant will account for 100% of maintenance complete (# of forms) for his platoon prior to turning in the forms to the Battalion motor sergeant, or the Company XO, for ULLS processing.

(e) New 5988E/2404s, with the current maintenance status, will be distributed to the platoons with the evening LOGPAC. Platoon sergeants must ensure that a maintenance form is available for each item of equipment he has in his platoon. Having these maintenance forms the evening before will ensure the forms are on hand for morning maintenance.

(f) If the mission does not allow maintenance to be conducted promptly in the early morning, maintenance will be conducted whenever the mission and/or OPTEMPO allows.

2. Weapon Systems (M16; M4; M249; M240B; 9mm)

(a) The operator, supervised by his immediate supervisor, using the applicable technical manual, will conduct maintenance daily.

(b) Maintenance will be done daily, after stand-to and personal hygiene, but prior to morning chow.

(c) All deficiencies will be recorded on the DA Form 5988E or DA Form 2404.

(d) All weapons will be cleaned prior to daily maintenance efforts.

(e) All maintenance faults will be identified to the platoon sergeant. The platoon sergeant will track the maintenance status of his equipment.

(f) All non-mission capable equipment will be evacuated with the next available LOGPAC.

3. TOE Equipment. (Radios; Pluggers; PAQ-4; M68; Protective Masks, etc.)

(a) The operator, supervised by his immediate supervisor, using the applicable technical manual, will conduct maintenance daily.

(b) Maintenance will be done daily, after stand-to and personal hygiene, but prior to morning chow.

- (c) All deficiencies will be recorded on the DA Form 5988E or DA Form 2404.
- (d) All equipment will be cleaned prior to being serviced.
- (e) All maintenance faults will be identified to the platoon sergeant. The platoon sergeant will track the maintenance status of his equipment.
- (f) All non-mission capable equipment will be evacuated with the next available LOGPAC.