

# 30th Infantry Division, 117th Infantry Regiment – HRS Unit Bylaws

## I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this unit will be to preserve and honor the history of the 30th Infantry Division, 117th Infantry Regiment, US Army and all WW II Veterans through participation in Living History Encampments & Displays, Battle Reenactments, Parades and other activities related to WW II.

## II. DESIGNATION

For ease of listing for WW II HRS inc purposes this unit will be known as the following: 30th Division, 117th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, A (Able) Company, 1st Platoon. But our official designation will be:

Typical Organization (1944/45):

117th Infantry Regiment	105th Engineer Combat Battalion****
119th Infantry Regiment***	105th Medical Battalion
120th Infantry Regiment	30th Counter Intelligence Corps Det
HQB Division Artillery	Headquarters Special Troops
113th Field Artillery Battalion (155mm)	Hqs Company, 30th Infantry Division
118th Field Artillery Battalion (105mm)	Military Police Platoon
197th Field Artillery Battalion (105mm)	730th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company
230th Field Artillery Battalion (105mm)	30th Quartermaster Company
30th Reconnaissance Troop, Mecz	30th Signal Company
740th Tank Battalion (attached 19 Dec 44-28 Dec 44}	
743rd Tank Battalion (attached 1 Mar 44-23 Jun 45 }	
744th Tank Battalion (attached 7 Feb 45-28 Feb 45 }	
801st Tank Destroyer Battalion (attached 25 Feb 45-28 Feb 45. 1 Apr 45-5 Apr 45)	
807th Tank Destroyer Battalion (attached 18 Mar 45-27 Mar 45 }	
823rd Tank Destroyer Battalion (attached 24 Jun 44-27 Jun 44, 3 Jul 44-24 Jul 45}	
116th AAA Gun Battalion (attached 20 Jul 44-3 Aug 44)	
448th AAA Auto-Wpns Battalion (attached 9 Jul 44-26 Apr 45, 3 May 45-9 May 45}	
459th AAA Auto-Wpns Battalion (attached 19 Jul 44-27 Jul 44}	

\*\*\* Assigned to division 1 Sep 42.

\*\*\*\*This unit currently is chartered as a separate WW II HRS inc unit and will not be under our Bylaws or Charter.

Members will be expected to reenact the typical (the Norm) 117th Infantryman in the ETO from 1943 to 45.

For Historical Display purposes and select other events, members will be encouraged to put together historically accurate impressions of any unit that was within the 30th Div. from 1916 to 1945. And will be not be discouraged from putting together Historically accurate Impressions of any Allied Nations Armed Forces during WW I & WW II. The events these other impressions will be allowed at will be at the Unit Commander's discretion.

### **III. OPERATIONAL CYCLES**

For purposes of operation, each fiscal year (January 1st to December 31st) will be divided into 2 semesters. Each semester will contain the following:

Semester 1 (January 1st - May 30th)

\* Past Members will register (Unit & HRS)

\* New Members will register (Unit & HRS)

(These two activities are the responsibility of the individual, and will be due no later than the 3rd Tuesday of February. Any Registration turned in after this date by a renewing member will be charged an administration fee (late fee - see fees.)

New members will not be charged any additional fees. Memberships will only be valid for that fiscal year.

\* Qualifying New Inductees are reclassified as EM (Enlisted Men) at the Spring indoctrination ceremonies.

\* Personal Accolades are awarded at the indoctrination ceremonies.

\* The newly elected Unit CO will take command January 1st on the even years.

b.) Semester 2 (June 1st - December 31st)

\* Past members will register (Unit & HRS)

\* New Members will register (Unit & HRS)

These two activities are the responsibility of the individual, and will be due no later than the 3rd Tuesday of June. Any registration turned in after this date will be by a renewing member, will be charged an administrative fee (late fee --see fees) New members will not be charged any additional fees.

\* Qualifying New Inductees are reclassified as EM at the Fall indoctrination ceremonies.

\* Candidates for the position of unit CO must make themselves and their candidacy known by November 1st in odd years.

\* All votes for unit CO position must be turned in and tallied by the 3rd Tuesday of December in odd years.

### **IV. ELEGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP**

A full participating member must be 18 years of age and not be in violation of any WW II HRS inc. Bylaws or Safety & Authenticity Standards (See WW II HRS inc. Bylaws and S and A standards).

Any person 16 or 17 years of age wishing to join this unit must first have DOCUMENTED permission from their Legal Guardian to participate in activities of this unit, Documented Proof of (NRA type) Fire Arms Safety training and may be limited to the types of events they may attend by the Unit CO. Approved Unit functions can include: Training Events, Monthly Meetings & Drills.

Any person 14 to 15 years of age wishing to join this unit will be welcome but must have DOCUMENTED permission from their Legal Guardian to participate in activities of this unit, Documented Proof of (NRA type) Fire Arms Safety Training and will be limited to the types of events they may attend by the Unit CO. These will include approved Unit functions, which can include: Training Events, Monthly Meetings & Drills. A person 14 to 15 years in age WILL NOT be able to attend WW II HRS inc. sanctioned events in Uniform.

Any female wishing to join this unit will be welcome, but must be aware that she WILL NOT be allowed to participate as an Infantryman. 100% of all American Infantrymen during WW II were male. Females will be allowed to join this unit but they must participate in a Historically accurate role, Example: Nurse, Red Cross, Salvation Army worker, Civilian Correspondent, English, French, German, Belgian, Dutch or other European Civilian or Displaced persons which may have been encountered by the 30th Div. in Europe. Any impression done should have historical photographic and documented evidence.

## **V. MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Membership dues to this unit will be due as described in part VI. Current dues are as follows:

117th IR, 30th Div. Membership \$15.00

No unit dues or donations will be refunded, ever.

117th Membership dues will be used to fund the unit Newsletter, Website, Unit Operational Costs, Buy Unit equipment, any various unit items and fund various unit activities at the discretion of the unit commander and/or majority vote of current membership.

If a member resigns this unit, is asked to leave by majority vote (for whatever the reason) they will not receive a refund of any dues paid.

All unit dues (donated or paid) and property (donated or purchased) will be the sole property of the 117th IR, 30th Div. Should the 117th dissolve and be redesignated as a new unit under WW II HRS or an other society, all equipment will be sold auction style to the primary unit members first, and then to secondary members thereafter. All unit funds and proceeds, once the unit has fully dissolved, will be dispersed equally between primary members of the 117th and/ or donated to a 30th Div. related veterans group.

## **VI. MEMBERSHIP CLASS**

All members of the 117th will be divided into one or two classifications:

### 1) Primary Members

Members will be fully registered as primary class once they have paid unit dues, applied for WW II HRS inc. membership with the 117th designated as their primary parent unit - WITH the 117th Unit Commanders written approval, and paid HRS dues.

Primary members are entitled to the following:

- \* An ID Card.
- \* Full Inclusion into all Tactical, Unit & Public events.
- \* 1 equal and fair vote in all governable matters of both command and finance.

Primary members will then fall within one of the two subclasses:

### a) New Inductees

New members who have paid all dues, received the unit CO's approving signature on HRS application, have been approved by the HRS; will then go through a 1time probationary period of 1 semester. During this time, the New Inductees must fulfill all required qualifications in: Close Order Drill, Military Discipline and the .30 cal. M1 semi-automatic rifle. Once this has been accomplished, New Inductees will be reclassified as Enlisted Men during the next available indoctrination ceremony.

### b) Enlisted Men (EM)

Members, who have fulfilled their probationary period, fulfilled their qualification requirements and are officially primary members, are sub-classified as Enlisted Men. This sub-class is entitled to:

- \* A 1 time set of Dog tags.
- \* A 1 time 30th patch.
- \* A pay book.
- \* Promotion.
- \* Personal Awards.

## 2) Secondary Members

Members will be fully registered as a secondary class once they have applied for HRS Membership with the 117th designated as a secondary unit - WITH the 117th Unit Commanders written approval, and paid HRS dues. Secondary members are entitled to the following:

- \* An ID Card.
- \* Full Inclusion into all Tactical, Unit and Public Events.

## VII. UNIT STANDARDS.

In addition to the Basic Code of Conduct, all members will be expected to adhere to the following unit standards:

- \* All members will abide by WW II HRS inc Bylaws and Safety and Authenticity Rules unconditionally and at all times.
- \* All members are expected to conduct themselves as Adults and Soldiers every time they are in Uniform.
- \* When at Reenactment events, you will follow the direction of Officers & NCOs and treat them with respect (Military Courtesy) due Military Officers and NCOs.
- \* You will show proper respect to the United States of America's Flag at all times.
- \* While in Uniform, you will maintain: a) Military Haircut and b) will trim facial hair to military standards. A 2 to 3 day growth of facial hair will be allowed at some combat (tactical) events (always check with CO.) Beards and goatees are not permitted ever.
- \* Permissible mustaches must be trimmed to military specifications.
- \* All members, Primary, Secondary and Guests alike, will adhere to the 117th basic uniform requirements. Additions to the basic outfit must be cleared by the unit CO first.
- \* All members should have the basic uniform completed by the end of a full 2-semester period.
- \* Always be ready to improve your impression and always be looking for ways to do so.
- \* You will maintain your Uniform, Equipment and Weapon(s) in good order at all times.
- \* Be courteous and considerate towards the public at all times.

## VIII. UNIT COMMANDER AND NCO RANKS.

The unit commander will be voted into that position by a majority vote from eligible primary members at the monthly meeting in December during the even years. Any member who fails to attend this meeting will automatically be counted as a non-vote, unless he or she has made prior written arrangements.

The new commander will take his post on January 1st of the New Year following the election year. The CO (Commanding Officer) will serve a two-year term; at the end of 2nd year a new election will be held. If a current CO is un-opposed in an election year and wishes to stay at his post, that commander will receive a vote of confidence by eligible Primary members. If a unit commander wishes to step down, resign or is removed from his position for whatever reason, the position of the acting unit commander will be filled by the assistant unit commander or the next highest ranking member of the unit. They will hold that post until an election year is reached and an election can be held or a Special election is called by a majority vote of the current members.

Assistant unit commanders, other officers and ALL NCO ranks will be appointed or removed from their posts at Unit commander's discretion. Other Officers and Unit NCOs may only be removed from their positions by unit commander if they: fail to participate at unit events, fail to perform their appointed duties, Violate the Code of Basic Conduct or are Negligent with Unit Standards, violate WW II HRS inc. Bylaws or Safety & Authenticity Rules or are involved in any activity that will or does defames the WW II HRS inc. or the unit.

## IX. PROMOTION

All members will start out with the rank of Private (NO RANK CHEVERONS WORN AT ALL) without exception. Only members who have officially been promoted by the Unit Commander will be permitted to wear any other rank stripes.

## **X. POSITION OF COMPANY CLERK**

The post of Company Clerk will be filled by a voted primary member who has committedly participated in 4 consecutive semesters as a primary member of the 117th. This position will be responsible for keeping up to date personal files on every member of the 117th. In addition, the Company Clerk will be designated registration officer and will collect all applications for membership. They will also take any other duties or tasks assigned by the unit CO. This position will come with the rank of Technical Corporal as long as the member holds the positions of Company Clerk.

## **XI. UNIT RANK STRUCTURE**

For specific events (like Unit sponsored events) the unit CO maybe be required to hold a higher temporary rank than listed below, the CO may also designate higher temporary NCO ranks than listed below for some unit NCOs. These ranks will only be temporary and as a rule unit rank structure will follow the following:

### **a) COMMANDERS RANK**

1 to 30 Members = Staff Sergeant 3rd Grade (Platoon Sgt.)

31 to 40 Members = 1st Sergeant 2nd Grade.

41 to 50 Members = 2nd Lieutenant.

51 to 120 members = 1st Lieutenant.

121 to 150 members = Captain.

Any larger numbers will be addressed when reached.

### **b) OTHER RANKS, NCO RANKS**

This rank structure is not to be exceeded.

1 to 30 Members = 1 - (SSGT) Staff Sergeant 3rd Grade, 2 - (SGT) Sergeants 4th Grade, 3 - (CPL) Corporals 5th Grade.

31 to 40 Members = 1- SSGT, 4- SGTs, 4 CPLs.

41 to 50 Members = 1 - 1st SGT 2nd Grade, 2 - SSGTs 3rd Grade, 5 - SGTs, 5 CPLs.

51 to 120 Members = 1 - Technical SGT. 2nd Grade, 1 -1st SGT. 2nd Grade, 3 SSGTs 3rd Grade, 11 SGTs, 11 CPLs.

121 to 150 = 1- Master SGT. 1st Grade, 2 - Tech. SGTs 2nd Grade, 2 - 1st SGTs 2nd Grade, 5 - SSGTs 3rd Grade, 14 - SGTs, 14 CPLs.

The unit commander will award technical NCO Grades. In order to hold a technical grade, a member must actually fulfill a Technical function within the unit. Technical grades will always be out ranked by non-technical grades of the same rank.

## **Bylaw Amendments:**

Amendment I: passed November 19 2002:

Any potential member, that is a person who has not qualified as a primary member of the 117th/30th within the past 2 years, may enlist and pay standard registration dues good for the remaining fiscal year, at any time at any point of any cycle.

Amendment II:

Any continuing member, that is a person who has qualified as a primary member of the 117th/30th within the past 2 years, may renew membership at any time in any cycle, in accordance with a due scale as follows:

1st Cycle:

January - February \$15.00

March \$20.00

April \$25.00

May \$30.00

2nd Cycle:

June - July \$15.00

August \$20.00

September \$25.00

November - December \$35.00