

## RANKS

Rank is closely tied to designated duties and set levels of command. We encourage members to aspire to ranks because we know that goes hand-in-hand with greater levels of responsibility, leadership and growth. Rank is earned through a functional understanding of the position, any equipment required, strong attendance, and contribution to the group.

### **Private - Rifleman**

#### Duties:

- \* As a Rifleman, your primary duty is to provide offensive firepower at the direction of your Squad Leader or ASL, and be physically and mentally prepared to assault and destroy the enemy at close range.
- \* Plan on getting your gear squared away over the first year or so.
- \* Learn your correct sizes and how to take care of and wear the uniform and equipment.
- \* Learn your combat tactics and drill.
- \* Soak up everything you can from your Squad Leader and ASL.
- \* Be a team player. Listen to your SL in the field - he can't run the squad unless you are ready to take commands at all times.

### **Private First Class- Rifleman**

#### Duties:

- Same as Rifleman.
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#### Tips:

- \* Work out the kinks. Everybody has strengths and weaknesses. Sit down with your SL and ask him if there is anything that could be improved - in your impression? Grooming? Drill? Conduct in the field? Now is the time to dial in the details.
- \* Watch out for the pitfall of giving other Privates orders. Only NCO's and above give 'orders'.
  - Lead by example.

## JUNIOR NCO's

### **Sergeant - Assistant Squad Leader**

#### Duties:

\* The ASL assists the squad leader in the function of the squad, leads the firepower or assault teams in a firefight, and is prepared to replace the SL if needed.

#### Tips:

- \* Help new guys with their gear: adjusting straps, daubing boots, setting up tents.
- \* Strive to have a high rate of success when closing to destroy with the assault team.
- \* Be prepared to take over the squad as a whole when needed.
- \* Never tell a Squad Leader how to run his squad, rather, make a mental note 'When I have a squad I will do it this way....'

### **Staff Sergeant - Squad Leader**

#### Duties:

- The SL is responsible for the function and care of his squad. As part of the Assault Platoon, he takes direction from the Platoon Leader or Platoon Sgt. In a firefight he leads the firepower or assault teams.
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#### Tips:

- \* Take responsibility for the authenticity and tactical ability of every man in your squad.
- \* If they have inauthentic items in their impression - it's because you didn't catch it.
- \* If they don't know their drill - it's because you didn't teach it.
- \* If they don't exhibit discipline in the field - it's because you're not able to control them.
- \* In case you didn't notice - the buck stops here. Perhaps this is why Squad Leader is referred to as the toughest job in the army.
- \* Utilize help from above and don't make excuses.

## SENIOR NCO's

### **Staff Sergeant - Platoon Guide**

#### Duties:

- The PG assists the Platoon Leader as needed. During movement he is responsible for the flank and rear guards. In a static position the PG is responsible for cover and concealment.

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#### Tips:

- \* As Platoon Guide you work closely with the LT and the Platoon Sgt.
- \* Overseeing and caring for the platoon as a whole should be your primary concern.
- \* In the field, work with the SL's to insure that the men have sufficient ammo, food, and water. Report any shortages to the LT.

### **Tech Sergeant - Platoon Sergeant**

#### Duties:

- The PS assists the Platoon Leader in the function and care of the Platoon and is prepared to take over command if needed.

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#### Tips:

- \* As a Sgt of Sgt's you've been at this long enough to know not only what needs to be done but more importantly how to go about getting men to do it.
- \* Your role will depend on the style of your LT. He may choose to run the platoon himself and keep you as a spare (common), or he may rely upon you more by using you as a go between with the Sgt (also common), OR he may defer to your experience and judgment entirely and stay toward the rear (also common!). Whichever form he chooses do your best to help him and conform to his style.

## **OFFICERS**

### **Lieutenant - Platoon Leader**

#### Duties:

- The Platoon Leader is responsible for implementing the prescribed training, discipline, control, and tactical employment of his platoon.

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#### Tips:

- \* Develop responsibility and leadership in your squad leaders by giving instructions through your chain of command.