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The "Essentials" Militaria Bibliography

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This short bibliography lists the "best" one or two books in each subject area for military weapons, uniforms and equipment.

The single most comprehensive source for the US Army from weapons, uniforms and equipment from 1775 to 2000 is free on the internet. It is approximately 100 pages and downloadable in color as a pdf file:

Cole, David. *The Survey of US Army Uniforms, Weapons & Accouterments*. http://www.history.army.mil/html/museums/uniforms/survey.html

REVOLUTIONARY WAR

Neumann, George C. and Frank J. Kravic. *Collector's Illustrated Encyclopedia of the American Revolution*. Rebel Publishing Co. Texarkana, TX, 1975/92.

Troiani, Don. *Don Troiani's Soldiers of the American Revolution*. Mechanicsburg, PA: Stackpole Books, 2007.

WAR OF 1812

Chartrand, René. "A Most Warlike Appearance", Uniforms, Flags & Equipment of the United States in the War of 1812. Ottawa: Service Publications, 2011.

MEXICAN WAR

Field, Ron. Brassey's History of Uniforms: Mexican-American War 1846-48. Herndon, VA: Brassey's, 1997.

CIVIL WAR

Editors of Time-Life. *Echoes of Glory: Arms & Equipment of the Union & Echoes of Glory: Arms & Equipment of the Confederacy.* Alexandria, VA: Time-Life Books, 1991.

AMERICAN WEST/INDIAN WARS

McChristian, Douglas C. *The U.S. Army in the West, 1870-1880, Uniforms, Weapons, and Equipment.* Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press, 1995.

McChristian, Douglas C. & Jerome A. Greene. *Uniforms, Arms & Equipment: The US Army on the Western Frontier, 1880-1892, 2 Volumes.* Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press, 2007.

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

Field, Ron. Brassey's History of Uniforms: Spanish-American War 1898. Herndon, VA: Brassey's, 1998.

WORLD WAR I

Warner, Bret. *Uniforms, Equipment and Weapons of the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I.* Atglen, PA: Schiffer Books, 2006.



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WORLD WAR II

Enjames, Henri-Paul. *Government Issue: US Army European Theater of Operations Collector Guide.* France: Histoire & Collections, 2003.

Windrow, Richard and Tim Hawkins. *The World War II GI: US Army Uniforms 1941-45 in Color Photographs*. Osceola, WI: Motorbooks International, 1993.

KOREAN WAR

Stanton, Shelby. US Army Uniforms of the Korean War. Harrisburg, PA: Stackpole Books, 1992.

VIETNAM WAR

Miraldi, Paul W. *Uniforms and Equipment of US Army Infantry, LRRPs, and Rangers in Vietnam, 1965-1971*. Atglen, PA: Schiffer Publishing, 1999.

MODERN

Anderson, Christopher J. *The U.S. Army Today: From the End of the Cold War to the Present Day.* Mechanicsburg, PA: Stackpole Books, 1997.

Type of Artifact Listing of Books

FIREARMS

Flayderman, Norm. Flayderman's Guide to Antique American Arms. Iola, WI: Krause Publishing, various editions.

Hogg, Ian V. and John S. Weeks. *Military Small Arms of the 20th Century*, 7th ed. Iola, WI: Gun Digest Books, 2000.

EDGED WEAPONS

Peterson, Harold L. and Robert Halter. The American Sword, 1775-1945. New Hope, PA, 1954.

UNIFORMS, WEAPONS & EQUIPMENT

Troiani, Don, et. al. Don Troiani's Soldiers in America, 1754-1865. Mechanicsburg, PA: Stackpole, 1998.

Todd, Frederick P. *American Military Equipage*, 1851-1872, New York, NY: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1980. (one volume reprint of the original three volume set).

Lewis, Kenneth. *Doughboy to GI: US Army Clothing and Equipment, 1900-1945*. Warley Woods, England: Norman D. Landing Publishing, 1993.

MEDALS

Foster, Col. Frank and Lawrence Borts. *A Complete Guide to All United States Military Medals 1939 to Present*. Fountain Inn, SC: MOA Press, 2002.

INSIGNIA

Emerson, William K. *Encyclopedia of United States Army Insignia and Uniforms*. Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press, 1996.



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BUTTONS

Albert, Alphaeus H. *Record of American Uniform and Historical Buttons, Bicentennial Edition*. SCS Publications & O'Donnell Publications, 1977.

MAKERS & DEALERS MARKINGS

Bazelon, Bruce S. and William F. McGuinn_A Directory of Military Goods Dealers & Makers, 1785-1915. Manassas, VA: REF Typesetting and Publishing, 1990.

ARTILLERY

Peterson, Harold L. Round Shot and Rammers. New York, NY: Bonanza Books, 1969.

Ripley, Warren. Artillery and Ammunition of the Civil War. Charleston, SC: The Battery Press, 1984.

HORSE EQUIPMENT

Steffen, Randy. *United States Military Saddle, 1812-1943*. Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press, 1973.