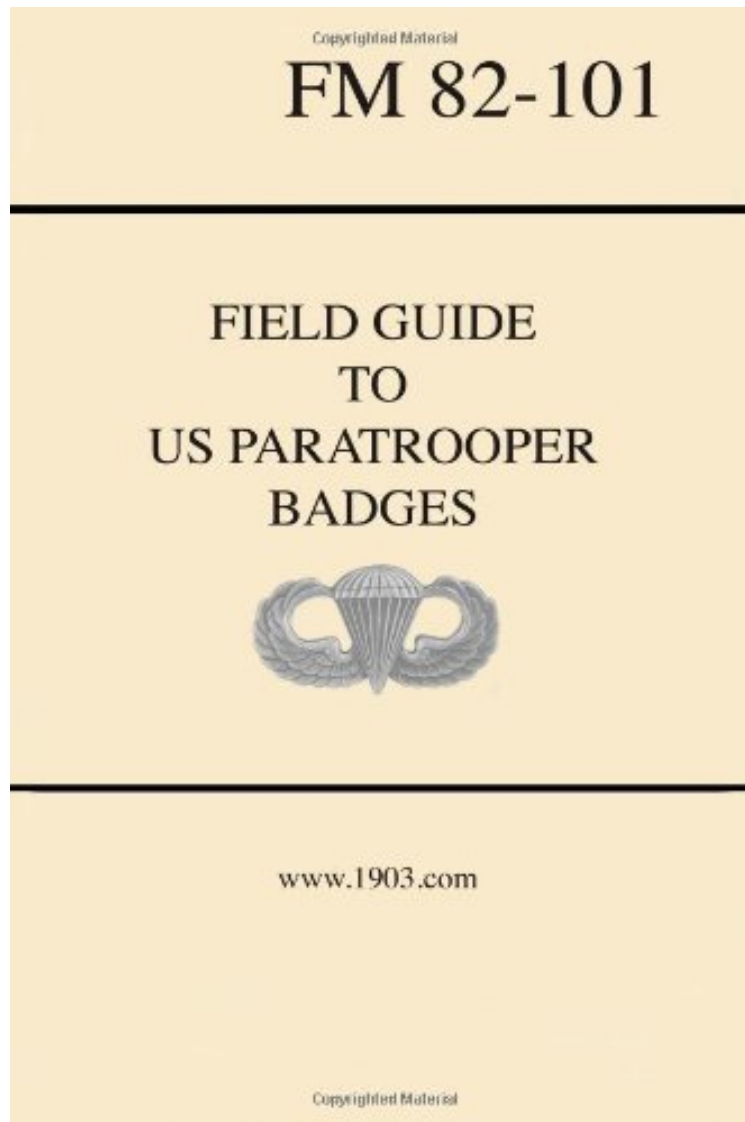


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A Field Guide to United States Paratrooper Badges is a comprehensive illustrated guide to hundreds of paratrooper badges to aid the collector community. All paratrooper badges are the same but to the collector they are not, small

details can provide information as to when they were manufactured and by who. This guide shows the various manufactures and the details of the badges. Hundreds of photographs provide both the details of the badges and the hallmarks of the manufacturing companies where ever possible. While not 100% complete it provides the most comprehensive guide ever produced on paratrooper badges. In addition un-official badges are shown as well as badges for supporting roles to the paratrooper. A history of parachutes dating back to Leonardo da Vinci in 1495 provides the reader a sense of how parachutes came into being and the start of combat operations in WWII. A list of United States combat jumps is also provided. As is a section on un-official awards granted to people who lives were saved when jumping from a disabled aircraft such as the "Caterpillar" award. If you collect United States military insignia this book is a must for your reference library.

About the Author Joe Weingarten graduated from New York University as a mechanical engineer and went to work in research and development in the Air Cargo and Aerial Delivery Branch at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. A few months later he was offered a direct commission in the same organization. After four years and becoming a Captain he returned to civil service and continued in RD for another 26 years with the Air Force. Joe retired as the Technical Assistant to the Commander of the Air Force Material Command. Joe has 11 patents and 28 Air Force Invention Awards as well as having written the Air Force Design Handbook for Air Transportability. The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics selected him as the top young engineer in the nation in 1977 with the Lawrence Sperry Award for the development of the structural internal restraint criteria for all aircraft and spacecraft that was adopted worldwide. Some of his other accomplishments include the development of a concept of air cargo hubs many years before Fed Ex and UPS. A ¼ million pound test rope with zero twist that was used in the airdrop of a live Minuteman Missile launch from a C-5 aircraft. He developed the internal structural criteria for the Space Shuttle. Designed an extrusion process that was a breakthrough in large-scale structural shapes and many other airdrop items. After retirement from the Air Force Joe open an Apple Computer Store that within a few years grew to be one of the largest resellers in the nation. In the early 1970's Joe learned to be a silversmith and during this entire time he became very accomplished at this trade. Selling at art fairs and museums as well as prestigious jewelry stores such as Cartier. Currently he makes reproductions of US Military insignia as well as some current insignia in sterling silver and is one of the of last persons making insignia in silver. In the writing of this guide he come full circle to where he started in the aerial delivery.