- (8) Commanders of separate Special Forces battalions when authority is delegated to them by the commander exercising general court-martial authority over their units;
- (9) Commanders of Reserve Component combat and training divisions, and brigade size units are authorized to administer EIB tests and award the badge to qualified personnel in the command.
- (d) *Description*. A silver and enamel badge 7_{16} inch in height and 3 inches in width, consisting of an Infantry musket on a light blue bar with a silver border.

§ 578.73 Expert Field Medical Badge.

- (a) Basic eligibility criteria. (1) Officers must be assigned or detailed to an Army Medical Department (AMEDD) corps. This includes Army officers in training at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences. It also includes Army officers enrolled in the Health Professions Scholarship Program.
- (2) Warrant officers must have an AMEDD primary MOS controlled by the Surgeon General. Warrant officer pilots are also eligible, if they have a "D" SQI (Aeromedical Evacuation Pilot) and are assigned to an air ambulance unit.
- (3) Enlisted personnel must have a primary Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) in the Medical Career Management Field or an MOS of 18D.
- (4) Other U.S. Armed Services and foreign military must either be medical personnel or serving in comparable medical positions. The approval for wear of the badge by other U.S. Armed Services and foreign military is governed according to their respective Services guidance.
- (b) *Duty requirement*. Eligible personnel must be on active duty or assigned to a troop program unit in the Reserve component unit or an AMEDD mobilization augmentation agency.
- (c) Authority to test and award. The following commanders in the grade of Lieutenant Colonel or above are authorized to conduct the test and award the badge. Commanders must have the resources and facilities to conduct the test as prescribed by the U.S. Army

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- (1) Active Army Table of Organization and Equipment (TOE) and Table of Distribution and Allowances (TDA) medical units.
 - (2) Division support commands.
 - (3) Separate regiments and brigades.
- (4) Commanders of U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard units. Reserve and National Guard units must conduct the test during their annual active duty training.
- (d) *Description*. An oxidized silver badge ¹⁵/₁₆ inch in height and 17/₁₆ inches in width consisting of a stretcher crossed by a caduceus surmounted at top by a Greek cross.

§ 578.74 Parachutist badges.

- (a) Three degrees of badges are authorized for award: Basic Parachutist Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, and Master Parachutist Badge.
- (b) Eligibility criteria for each badge as set forth in Parachutist Badge— Basic, Senior Parachutist Badge, and Master Parachutist Badge.
- (c) Special eligibility for awards will be determined from the DA Form 1307 (Individual Jump Record) in their military record. Each entry on this form will include pay period covered and initials of the personnel officer; the entry will be made only from a DA Form 1306 (Statement of Jump and Loading Manifest) completed by an officer or jumpmaster.
- (d) Jumps with civilian parachute clubs will not be counted in the number of total jumps required for each badge.
- (e) Award of the basic Parachutist Badge or advanced parachutist badges awarded by other U.S. Services may only be awarded if the soldier meets the Army criteria for the badge.
- (f) Approval authority. Award approval authorities for all three badges are as follows:
- (1) Commanding Generals of major Army commands (MACOM) and continental United States (CONUS);
- (2) Commanders of U.S. Army Corps with organic long-range reconnaissance companies, commanders of airborne corps, airborne divisions;
- (3) Commander, 4th Psychological Operations Group (Airborne);

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- (4) Infantry divisions containing organic airborne elements;
- (5) Commandants of the Infantry School and the Quartermaster School;
- (6) Commanders of separate airborne regiments, separate airborne battalions, Special Forces Group (Airborne), and the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School;
- (7) The President, U.S. Army Airborne, Communications and Electronics Board;
- (8) Commander, U.S. Army Special Forces Command (Airborne);
- (9) Commander, U.S. Army Special Operations Support Command (Airborne).
- (g) Subsequent awards. A bronze service star is authorized to be worn on the Parachutist Badges to denote a soldier's participation in a combat parachute jump. Orders are required to confirm award of these badges. A soldier's combat parachute jump credit is tied directly to the combat assault credit decision for the unit to which the soldier is attached or assigned at the time of the assault. Should a unit be denied air assault credit, no air assault credit for purpose of this badge will accrue to the individual soldiers of that unit. Each soldier must physically exit the aircraft to receive combat parachute jump credit and the Parachutist badge with bronze service star.
- (h) Description. An oxidized silver badge 1¹³/₆₄ inches in height and 1¹/₂ inches in width, consisting of an open parachute on and over a pair of stylized wings displayed and curving inward. A star and wreath are added above the parachute canopy to indicate the degree of qualification. A star above the canopy indicates a Senior Parachutist; the star surrounded by a laurel wreath indicates a Master Parachutist. Small stars are superimposed on the appropriate badge to indicate combat jumps as follows:
- (1) One jump: A bronze star centered on the shroud lines $\frac{3}{16}$ inch below the canopy:
- (2) Two jumps: A bronze star on the base of each wing;
- (3) Three jumps: A bronze star on the base of each wing and one star centered on the shroud lines 3/16 inch below the canopy;

- (4) Four jumps: Two bronze stars on the base of each wing;
- (5) Five jumps: A gold star centered on the shroud lines $\frac{5}{16}$ inch below the canopy.

§ 578.75 Parachutist Badge—Basic.

General. To be eligible for award of the basic Parachutist Badge, an individual must have satisfactorily completed the prescribed proficiency tests while assigned or attached to an airborne unit or the Airborne Department of the Infantry School, or have participated in at least one combat parachute jump as follows:

- (a) A member of an organized force carrying out an assigned tactical mission for which the unit was credited with an airborne assault landing by the theater commander;
- (b) While engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force;
- (c) While serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.

§ 578.76 Senior Parachutist Badge.

To be eligible for the Senior Parachutist Badge, an individual must have been rated excellent in character and efficiency and have met the following requirements:

(a) Participated in a minimum of 30 jumps to include the following:

- (1) Fifteen jumps with combat equipment to consist of normal TOE equipment including individual weapon carried in combat whether the jump was in actual or simulated combat. In cases of simulated combat the equipment will include water, rations (actual or dummy), ammunition (actual or dummy), and other essential items necessary to sustain an individual in combat.
- (2) Two night jumps made during the hours of darkness (regardless of time of day with respect to sunset) one of which will be as jumpmaster of a stick.
- (3) Two mass tactical jumps which culminate in an airborne assault problem with either a unit equivalent to a battalion or larger; a separate company battery; or an organic staff of regimental size or larger. The soldier