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Imperial Staff Officer (Black Uniform)



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Description: Imperial Staff Officer

Prefix: ID

Detachment: Imperial Officer Corps

Context: Star Wars Episode IV and Expanded Universe

These black uniformed officers are high class soldiers within the Empire's Imperial Army and provided a commanding presence among the legions of Stormtroopers. These ambitious officers not only serve aboard starships and military installations, but their leadership roles often inspire troops in battle.

The 501st approval requirements are listed in black.

The Imperial Officer Corp Detachment defines additional, optional levels of costuming excellence. In the page below, items listed in blue are optional features that will improve the quality of the costume. Items listed in red are intended to further enhance the finished costume.

For 501st membership only the requirements in black need to be met.

This Visual Guide has been reviewed by the detachment staff and the LMO team and is certified for use as a minimum approval guideline for GMLs. GMLs are free to approve this costume type.

- Any uncertainties or questionable aspects of the submitted costume should be brought to the appropriate DL/GML peer review section of the legion forum.

Required Costume Components

The following costume components are present and appear as described below.



Imperial Hat, black
For 501st approval:

- Fabric is a medium weight suiting material matching the pants and tunic if applicable.
 - ◆ Gabardine style weave is most accurate.
- Base of the hat is conical, with a crown about 4" (101.6 mm) tall.
- Front and rear "flaps" overlap on the sides and are about 4" (101.6 mm) high.
- Front bill extends 3" down, decorated with 6 or 7 concentric stitches.
- **Imperial Code Disk** is positioned in the center of the front vertical "flap."

For level two certification (if applicable):

- **Code Disk has a notch detail on the outermost disk.**

For level three certification (if applicable):

- **Code disk exactly matches screen-used prop.**



Tunic, Black
For 501st approval:

- Fabric should be a medium weight suiting material exactly matching the pants and hat. Gabardine style weave is most accurate.
- Tunic is double-breasted with a left over right closure on the tapered yoke.
- Yoke comes up across the shoulder to the top shoulder seam.
- The standing collar has square corners and is about 1.25" (31.8 mm) tall and closes snugly and includes a modesty panel behind closure. Collar edges are closed with two eye hooks.
- There are code cylinder pockets on both outside panels of the jacket from about half way between the top and bottom on the arm hole.
- Sleeves are long, and without decoration, cuffs or buttons, containing 2 seams, one along the bottom and one along the back.
- Tunic should be constructed with no top-stitching (stitches visible on the exterior surface of fabric)

For level two certification (if applicable):

- There is a dart of about 2" (50.8 mm) in the top center of the yoke.
- Additionally there is a seam running the entire circumference of the tunic, dividing it along a line hidden by the uniform belt.
- The back of the tunic has princess seams that run vertically and turns outward to intersect the arm-hole seam at the vertical center.

For level three certification (if applicable):

- Tunic must be secured on the right side by snaps or buttons, not Velcro. There is no topstitching visible anywhere and it must have a lining sewn in.
- ANH officers wear a uniquely designed tunic with subtle differences that are only seen in ANH. Costumers may choose to replicate this design in lieu of the standard officer tunic, but only if doing an ANH Staff Officer.



Rank Bar

For 501st approval:

- See the [Imperial Rank Bar page](#) for more information.
- Worn on the left side of the tunic over the heart.
- Rank consists of colored plastic tiles mounted on metal bar.
- Each bar is 1" (25.4 mm) height.
 - ◆ Length is determined by chosen rank
- Rank tile dimensions are 1/2" (12.7 mm)width x 3/4" (19 mm) height and about 1/8" (3.2 mm).
- Tiles are mounted with 1/4" (6.4 mm) spaces between them.
- Rank tiles are translucent.
- Color quantity and combinations are determined by rank, and are appropriate to uniform type.
 - ◆ For example:
 - ◇ No Grand Moff's wore black uniforms with hats.
 - ◇ Grand Admiral rank matches Grand Admiral uniform... etc.)

For level two certification (if applicable):

- Double row rank bars are not accurate.

For level three certification (if applicable):

- Belt box, code cylinder, and rank badge configuration is consistent with film canon officers.
- There are only three choices of rank bar for ANH staff officers
 - ◆ One row of four blue tiles.
 - ◆ One row of four blue tiles and two amber tiles.
 - ◆ One row of two or three red tiles.



Code Cylinders

For 501st approval:

- Between 1 to 4 per costume may be worn.
 - ◆ Basic Style: silver "chalk holder" tube with short clip and blue colored top.
 - ◆ Rod style: machined aluminum rod with flaring disc detail at top
 - ◆ Dosimeter style: True Dosimeter with correct clip and blue top.
 - ◆ Alternate Style: Silver clip with no blue top.

For level two certification (if applicable):

- Only real or replica dosimeters are used.
- If only one is worn, it is on the left side.



Belt

For 501st approval:

- The belt is constructed from a non-textured leather or a leather-like material.
- Approximately 2" (50.8 mm) in width, up to 3" (76.2 mm) is acceptable.
- There are no loops on the belt.
- A single large snap or rivet is visible approximately 1" (25.4 mm) from the buckle.
 - ◆ The belt may be worn with the snap to the right or left of the wearer.
- The buckle is constructed from a horizontally brushed metal, or metal looking material.
- The buckle size is approximately 2 5/8" (66.7 mm) high and 4 1/8" (104.5 mm) wide with 0.5" (12.7 mm) radius rounded corners.
- Buckle is adorned with an [Imperial Code Disk](#) at the center.
- ◆ Please refer to the [Imperial Buckle](#) reference page for information on accurate and inaccurate style buckles.

For level two certification (if applicable):

- Belt is made of leather.
- Snap is worn to the left of the wearer.
- Buckle has a slight horizontal curve.



Jodhpur Trousers, black

For 501st approval:

- Fabric is a medium weight suiting material exactly matching the tunic and hat.
 - ◆ Gabardine style weave is most accurate.
- Flared riding breeches are canon.
- Breeches must be worn with boots.
- Pockets are acceptable, although they are not visible with the tunic on.



Officer Boots

For 501st approval:

- Knee-high, black, lace-less, smooth non-textured, leather or leather-like material.
 - ◆ Rubber is not acceptable.
 - ◆ PVC or synthetic material is allowed as long as it gives the appearance of leather.

- There are no stretch panels, buckles, snap tabs, or decoration.
- Boots have conservative heels.
- If zippers are present, they are hidden on the inner part of the boot shaft.
 - ◆ Not visible from the front, side or back.
- The top of the boots may be flat or Spanish Style, but not Cowboy or Super Hero (pointed at the front) style.

For level two certification (if applicable):

- Boots do not have a zipper.

For level three certification (if applicable):

- Boots are made of leather.
 - ◆ Not vinyl or PVC.
- Exact replicas of English riding (dress) boots or Equestrian boots.

Optional Accessories

Items below are optional costume accessories. These items are not required for approval, but if present appear as described below.



Belt Boxes

For 501st approval:

- Dimensions are approximately 2 1/2" (63.5 mm) by 4 1/2" (114.3 mm) by 1" (25.4 mm) thick.
- Two boxes may be worn, one on either side of the belt.

For level two certification (if applicable):

- Belt boxes shall be worn only vertically.

For level three certification (if applicable):

- Belt box, code cylinder, and rank badge combination is consistent with film canon officers.



Black Gauntlet Gloves

For 501st approval:

- Black, leather or leather-like, enclosed fingered, non-textured, fitted gauntlet style.
- No buckles, straps, or decorative stitching.
- Three straight lines, on the back of the hand (that match some references), are optional.

For level two certification (if applicable):

- Gloves are made of leather.

For level three certification (if applicable):

- Gauntlets slightly flair-out, upward from the wrist to the mid-forearm.



MerrSonn Power5 Blaster

For 501st approval:

- Scratch built or high-end prop replica based on a Mauser C96, M712, or M617.

For level two certification (if applicable):

- Blaster is based on a Mauser C96 or M172, or replica thereof.

For level three certification (if applicable):

- Blaster is based on a Mauser C96 in 7.63 caliber or replica thereof.
- Blaster does not have a detachable magazine.
- There is a square shape on the body above the left side of the handle.



Merr Sonn Power5 Holster

For 501st approval:

- Appropriate color & style for the weapon used.
- Outer circumference of holster is curved around the basic shape of the blaster.
- Holster has two belt loops, made of the same color/material as the holster.
 - ◆ Holster is not present if no weapon is carried with the costume.

For level two certification (if applicable):

- Holster is brown or maroon in color.
 - ◆ Not black.
- Holster has a form-fitting contour around the blaster itself.

For level three certification (if applicable):

- Holster is worn on the right side.

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