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181st Fighter Wing, Dress Uniform

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Description: 181st Fighter Wing, Dress Uniform
Prefix: TI
Detachment: Jolly Roger Squadron
Context: Star Wars Expanded Universe. The 181st Imperial Fighter Group is an elite unit that served in the Imperial navy, handpicked by Baron Soontir Fel and feared throughout the galaxy as the best TIE pilots in the Empire. Their elite status is denoted by distinctive red stripes sewn onto their uniforms and painted onto the solar wing arrays of their TIE/In Interceptor series starfighters.

The 501st approval requirements are listed in black. For Legion approval, only these requirements must be met.

While the Jolly Roger Squadron does not have any detachment specific costume certification programs, some parts of the costume below may be shared with other detachments that do. Features listed in blue or **red** are not required for 501st approval, but are noted here for those interested in these additional details.

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.

Required Costume Components

The following costume components must be present and appear as described below for approval .

Tunic,Olive
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" (31.8mm) tall and closes snugly and includes a modesty panel behind closure. Collar edges are closed with 2 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 cuffs or buttons,containing 2 seams, one along the bottom and one along the back.
- Red blood stripes 1" (25.4mm) to 1.5" (38.1mm) wide extend from the base of the collar to the wrist. A second pair of red stripes 1" (25.4mm) to 1.5" (38.1mm) wide appears on either side of the collar closure and are offset from the shoulder stripes.
- Collar stripes must be the same width as the sleeve stripes.
- 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" (50.8mm) in the top cener 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 turn outward to intersect the arm-hole seam at the vertical center.

For level three certification (if applicable):

Jodphur Trousers, Olive
For 501st approval:

- Fabric should be a medium weight suiting material exactly matching the tunic. Gabardine style weave is most accurate.
- Flared riding breeches are canon, with semi-stiff flares to the hip/thigh area for olive officer types. Breeches must be worn with boots (see below).

- Pockets are acceptable, though they should not be visible with the tunic on.
- There are no noticeable cuffs on the pants.

For level two certification (if applicable):

For level three certification (if applicable):

Hat, Olive
For 501st approval:

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

For level two certification (if applicable):

- Code disk should have a notch in it on the outermost disk.

For level three certification (if applicable):

- Code Disk should exactly match screen-used prop.

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 should be mounted with 1/4" (6.4 mm) spaces between them.
- Rank tiles are translucent. Color quantity and combinations are determined by rank, and should be appropriate to uniform type (examples: no 181st officer had orange rank tiles, no 181st officer had a single-row rank bar, no 181st officer wore a black uniforms etc)

For level two certification (if applicable):

- Double-row ranks should be constructed from separate pieces of one row each, rather than two rows of caps on a single metal backing piece.
- Double row rank bars are not allowed for staff (black) officers.

For level three certification (if applicable):

Code Cylinders
For 501st approval:

- Between 1 to 4 per costume may be worn.
- Code cylinders are dosimeter style: silver tube with short clip, top should be coloured blue.

For level two certification (if applicable):

- Only real or replica dosimeters may be used, not chalk holders.

For level three certification (if applicable):

Belt
For 501st approval:

- Please refer to the Imperial Buckle reference page for information on popular eBay available buckles.
- The belt shall be constructed from a non-textured leather or a leather-like material, approximately 2" (50.8 mm) in width (up to 3" (76.s mm) is acceptable)
- The buckle shall be constructed from a horizontally brushed metal, or metal looking material.
- A single large snap or rivet should be 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 size should be 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.
- Buckles are adorned with an Imperial Code Disk at the center.

For level two certification (if applicable):

- Belt must be made of leather.
- Snap is to be worn to the left of the wearer.
- Buckles shall have a slight horizontal curve.

For level three certification (if applicable):

Black Boots
For 501st approval:

- Calf high black leather or leather like material.
- Free of laces, decorative stitching, buckles on the instep or any other embellishments.
- Boots may have a single adjustment strap at the top outside of the boot, with the bucket no wider than 1". This need not be functional.
- Zippers on the inside of the boot are acceptable, so long as they are concealed. If the zipper is not covered by vinyl/leather, it should be painted black.
- German "jack boot" style boots are most canon.

For level two certification (if applicable):

- Boots shall be made of leather.

For level three certification (if applicable):

- Boots shall be German jack boots (or ?Knobelbechers?) or an authentic replication thereof.
- Boots shall have the top adjustment strap.

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