

## **Glider badge, 1943-1961**



**Glider badge, created in 1944 and awarded retroactively from 1943. It was worn on the left pocket flap.**

The army approved the glider badge in March 1944 and published the authorization in WD Circular 220, June 2, 1944. The badge was retroactively awarded from April 1, 1943. Qualification requirements included being in a glider unit; attend glider school; and participate in 2 glider landings. The school taught: 1) Knots and lashings, 2) Loading organizational equipment in airplanes and gliders, 3) Safe loading principles. Executive Order 9460, August 7, 1944, provided extra pay for glidermen. AR 35-1475 February 8, 1946, called out extra monthly glider pay of \$100 for officers and \$50 for EM, with pay prorated for portions of a month. The army did not award the badge after May 1961.