

Drill Sergeant Hip-Pocket Army History Questions

History, Heritage, & Tradition Basics

1. When is the Army's Birthday?
 - a. 14 June 1775
2. What is the Army Motto?
 - a. "This We'll Defend"
3. What is the Army Song's official name?
 - a. "The Army Goes Rolling Along" (formerly "The Caisson Song")
4. Which Prussian general taught the Continental Army drill movements, regulations, and the soldier's profession at Valley Forge?
 - a. Baron Friedrich von Steuben
5. What are examples of Army Traditions?
 - a. Acceptable answers:
 - i. Military uniforms
 - ii. Rank devices & Chevrons
 - iii. Marching & Drill
 - iv. Military Music
 - v. Hand Salute
6. The new Army Service Uniform (ASU) is inspired by the "Pinks and Greens" from which war?
 - a. World War II

Founding the Nation – Battle of Yorktown, 19 October 1781

7. Which European ally provided essential assistance during the Battle of Yorktown?
 - a. France OR the French
8. The Continental Army used sappers to clear obstacles at Yorktown. What are they called today?
 - a. Combat engineers

Preserving the Nation – Battle of Antietam, 17 September 1862

9. What Civil War battle is known as "the bloodiest day in American history?"
 - a. The Battle of Antietam
10. After the victory at Antietam, what did President Lincoln do regarding the evils of slavery?
 - a. Issue the Emancipation Proclamation

Nation Overseas - Meuse-Argonne Offensive, 26 September 1918

11. Who was the Commander-in-Chief of the American Expeditionary Forces in France during WWI?
 - a. General John J. Pershing

12. What name was given to the 77th Division unit which held out against overwhelming odds after being isolated during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive?
 - a. The Lost Battalion

Global War – Normandy Invasion (D-Day), 6 June 1944

13. What were the codenames for the beaches at Normandy that were stormed by the U.S. Army?
 - a. Utah and Omaha

14. Which famous elite unit motto was coined during the breakout from Omaha Beach?
 - a. “Rangers Lead the Way”

Cold War - Tet Offensive, 31 January 1968

15. Who commanded the U.S. Military Assistance Command in South Vietnam during the Tet Offensive?
 - a. General William C. Westmoreland

16. Where was the only extended U.S. Army urban engagement of the Vietnam War?
 - a. Hue (Pronounced “whey”) during the Tet Offensive

Changing World - Fallujah/COP Keating, 7 November 2004/3 October 2009

17. Who was the only American soldier to be awarded the Medal of Honor for actions taken during the Second Battle of Fallujah?
 - a. Sgt. David Bellavia

18. Which division participated in the Battle of Combat Outpost Keating in October 2009?
 - a. The 10th Mountain Division

Army and Society – Desegregating the Army (EO9981), 26 July 1948

19. Which Executive Order (EO) integrated the Army in 1948, ensuring dignity, equality, and respect for every soldier regardless of race?
 - a. EO 9981

20. After EO 9981, what was the first war in which the American military fought as a racially integrated force?
 - a. The Korean War