



THE DISPATCH

102nd Cavalry Regiment Association - The Essex Troop



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Attention 102nd Armored Crewman and Cavalry Troopers!!!

Our Association just became aware of a new WW2 reproduction tanker jacket. The product description and photos can be found below. We thought that we would offer the jacket to our members as a fund raiser to support our scholarship and replica Rhino programs. It is available in the following chest sizes:

- S (34-36)
- M (37-40)
- L (42-44)
- XL (45-48)
- 2XL (49-52)
- 3XL (53-56)

One of our Trustees, Alex Jeyschune, already has one of these jackets and will testify to the quality of the product. In fact, he also sewed on subdued 1st Army and V Corps patches to make his jacket a true version of the 102nd WW2 tanker jacket.

We begin to get a discount once the quantity ordered reaches 20. However, to get the discount, all of the jackets ordered need to be shipped in one shipment to a single address. So, pricing will need to allow for reshipping jackets to interested members that do not have ready access to the armory.

Given the quality of the product and the potential reshipment charges that may be necessary, we are pricing the jackets at \$115.00 each.

NOTICE. For the members living outside the West Orange area, there will be a shipping fee. Shipping costs are (approximately) \$15.65. Shipping may vary slightly depending on the individual location.

TO ORDER YOUR JACKET. Please send a response e-mail to:

Essex.troop@yahoo.com

We need to determine if we can hit the required quantity for the discount.

Here is a description of the product with photos:

The shell is the same 100% cotton twill fabric in the WWII US Army olive drab no. 3 shade used on the regular Tanker jacket.



The jackets feature nickel plated Talon zippers, spec labels, and tubular cuffs.

1315 Pleasant Valley Way, West Orange, New Jersey 07052

Mailing address: P.O. Box 997, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076-0997

Office phone: 973-736-0952

Email: essex.troop@yahoo.com

Website: 102cavalry.org

This started as a project to reduce the cost of the classic Tanker Jacket- and we ended up with one of the nicest coats ever. Identical to the WWII Winter Combat Jacket in every way, except that we substituted high quality polar fleece for the wool lining. It's warmer, softer and breathes better than the wool serge of the originals. This is the same type of fabric used on the fleece jackets made by companies like North Face and Patagonia. Due to the design of the jacket, the fleece is not visible when worn and does not stand out or call attention to itself. We have also added an internal chest pocket, much like the ones found in B10 flight jackets for convenience.



Washing: Unlike the wool lined Tankers, these are machine washable. However, the fleece will pile up some, especially if a dryer is used. We recommend cold wash and hang dry for longest garment life and least fade. Shrinkage is approximately 1 inch.

In styling the jackets, we used several reference pictures of the original tanker jacket and one original jacket we had in our artifact collection.



(above) Examples of the original WW II design.



The weight of the jacket ranges from 3.31 to 3.78 pounds, depending upon the size of the jacket. Jeep cap is not included with the purchase of the jacket.

Alex Jeyschune has this jacket and brought in his jacket in order to take a few pictures. So that you may see the quality of the jacket. Patches are not included in the purchase of the jacket.



(above) casual fitting jacket



(above) back side view of the jacket



(above) side view of the jacket

Ordering information required.

Send an email to:

Essex.troop@gmail.com

Include the following information:

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

JACKET SIZE: _____

Will you pick it up at Armory?
YES NO

NOTE. In order to get the discount, we need to order 20 jackets and they must be shipped to the Armory.

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