

DRILL SERGEANT CANDIDATE OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT LIST

NOTE: Drill Sergeant Candidates (DSCs) are strongly encouraged to bring the following TA-50 / equipment items with them to Drill Sergeant School (DSS). DSCs that possess these items will not be required to draw or maintain DSS TA-50.

CAVEAT: Equipment brought from home units must conform to established Army standards and guidelines. DSS Cadre will make the final determination on whether or not an item of equipment is suitable for DSS training. Universal Camo Pattern is the only authorized pattern (Multi-Cam is not authorized for use at DSS).

End of Course Critiques indicate that DSCs with their own equipment felt “more comfortable” and “better prepared” than those that drew equipment from the schoolhouse.

IOTV or IBA WITH BALLISTIC PLATES
ARMY COMBAT HELMET (CLEAN / SERVICEABLE)
ALICE PACK (RUCK)
CAMELBAK HYDRATION SYSTEM
MODULAR SLEEP SYSTEM (SLEEPING BAG)
ARMY ISSUED EYE PROTECTION (APEL AUTHORIZED)
FLYERS GLOVES (SUMMER / WINTER)
ELBOW / KNEE PADS
WET WEATHER GEAR
GORTEX (FOR WINTER USE)
RIFLEMAN KIT (AMMO POUCHES, SUSTAINMENT POUCHES [ALICE], MAP CASE POUCHES ETC.)
LENSATIC COMPASS
ASSAULT PACK (UNIVERSAL CAMO PATTERN)
PONCHO
EAR PROTECTION
SLEEPING MAT
FLASHLIGHT
PRESCRIPTION EYEGLASS INSERTS FOR M40 PROTECTIVE MASK