

Purpose

All Soldiers, NCOs, Officers, and Warrant Officers in all CMFs (other than I I, I8, Medical, and Areas of Concentration (AOC) Infantry, Special Forces, and Medical). are eligible to earn the ESB.

The ESB demonstrates an individual competencies and ability to perform to-standard Skill Level I Warrior Tasks and brigade commander-selected tasks. The train-up and testing are expected to be tough, realistic, repeatable, and task focused. All who meet the published standards are awarded the Expert Soldier Badge.



The Expert Soldier Badge is designed to improve Soldier lethality, as well as individual, unit and overall Army readiness.

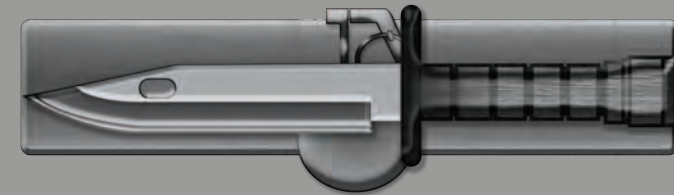
Similar to the EIB and EFMB, the ESB will recognize those who have met a high standard of performance in physical fitness and warfighting tasks.

The ESB is similar to the existing EIB and EFMB but focuses on critical Soldier skills that are important across the force.

The ESB is designed to be executed in conjunction with the Expert Infantryman Badge (EIB). The ESB shares over 80% of the same Warrior Tasks as tested in the EIB. When both EIB and ESB are performed concurrently, during Weapons Lane testing, EIB candidates will break away and test their individual tasks while ESB candidates will test on either five Warrior Tasks or up to five commander-selected tasks.



United States Army Expert Soldier Badge



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References

TR 672-9, TC 3-22.9, AR 600-9, FM 7-22

The Task/Conditions/Standards for all tested Warrior Tasks are Published on the Central Army Registry (CAR): <https://rdl.train.army.mil/>.



Prerequisites

Commander's Responsibilities

- Ensure candidate is within height and weight standards
- Verify expert qualification on assigned weapon within 6 months
- Verify APFT within 6 months (80% in each event)
- Coordinate for validation with ESB Test Managers not less than 45 days prior to the start of ESB train up for CONUS units and 60 days prior for OCONUS, ARNG, ARNGUS and USAR units.



Unit Preparation

Commanders should integrate ESB test events and subjects into individual and collective training programs at least 120 days prior to ESB execution. Sustainment training for physical fitness and land navigation will greatly improve the overall outcome of the ESB test success rate. In addition, it is highly recommended for Commanders to allocate sufficient squad level training focusing on ESB tasks to ensure Soldiers are properly prepared for the individual testing stations they will test on.



ESB Tasks

Weapons Lane

- W1: Carbine/Rifle and Light Grenade Launcher
 - Part One-M4 Carbine/M16 Rifle
 - Part Two-Light Grenade Launcher (M203 or M320)
- W2: M249 Squad Automatic Weapon
 - Part One-Maintain the M249
 - Part Two-Operate the M249
- W3: M240 Machine Gun
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 - Part Two-Operate the M240
- W4: M2 .50 Caliber Machine Gun
- W5: MK19 Heavy Grenade Launcher

Brigade Commanders choose from ESB tasks or 5 unit specific tasks as in "rig a rucksack or PMCS a vehicle"

- ESB 1: React to IED Attack
- ESB 2: Construct Individual Fighting Position
- ESB 3: Search Individual in a Tactical Environment
- ESB 4: Employ Progressive Levels of Individual Force
- ESB 5: Mark CBRN-Contaminated Areas

Medical Lane

- M1: Request Medical Evacuation
- M2: Provide Care Under Fire and Move a Casualty
- M3: Provide First Aid to Restore Breathing and/or Pulse
- M4: Evaluate a Casualty for a Heat Injury
- M5: Control Bleeding
- M6: Evaluate and Treat a Casualty for a Spinal Injury and Shock
- M7: Apply an Occlusive Dressing and Perform a Needle Chest Decompression
- M8: Perform First Aid on an Open Head Wound in a CBRN Environment
- M9: Treat an Open Abdominal Wound and Eye Injuries
- M10: Treat a Fracture and a Burn

Patrol Lane

- P1: Pistol (M9 or M17)
- P2: Move under Direct Fire
- P3: Tactical Handheld Radio
- P4: Defense Advanced GPS Receiver (DAGR) Operations
- P5: Camouflage and Visual Signaling Techniques
- P6: Hand Grenades
- P7: Chemical and Biological Operations
- P8: Resection and Military Maps
- P9: M18AI Claymore Mine (Electrical/Non-electrical Initiation)
- P10: Transmit a Spot Report with a Tactical Man Pack Radio

Test Week

Day 1: APFT/Day and Night Land Nav



Day 2: Weapons Lane and EIB/ESB Lane



Day 3: Medical Lane



Day 4: Patrol Lane



Day 5: 12 Mile Footmarch/Award Ceremony

