



**FIELD MANUAL: COBRA "FEMME"
TROOPER/OFFICER VARIANT]**



INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Cobra!

You have joined the nameless, faceless legions of Cobra Command. No matter your past, your nationality, or the circumstances that led you here, you have sworn absolute loyalty to our illustrious leader, Cobra Commander, and you will be expected to perform your duty to further the objectives of Cobra!

You will steadily work your way up the ranks of Cobra. Your journey is sure to be filled with obstacles and challenges. Whether you specialize as an infantry grunt, medic, sniper, or something else, Cobra has plans for you! Maybe you will earn your stripes and become a senior enlisted advisor. Perhaps you will be granted a commission and become a Cobra Officer. As you progress through your career in Cobra, you will play a critical role in the defeat our dreaded enemy, G.I. Joe, and you will help Cobra achieve our goal of global domination!

But first, let's get you dressed.

This Field Manual is intended to help new recruits assemble the “Femme” variant of the Cobra Trooper/Officer uniform as accurately and as economically as possible. The recommendations in this manual are intended to provide a uniform standard to ensure that all new recruits entering the ranks of the Finest are visually identical. Where possible, special attention has been made to recommend uniform components that are commonly available and easily attainable via online sellers.

Now, armed with this Field Manual, go forth and take your place among the ranks of the Cobra!

HAIL COBRA!

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SECTION 1: HEADGEAR

HELMET

For Finest approval, the Cobra Trooper/Officer helmet must be visually identical to helmets already in service within the Finest ranks (ask a Garrison Commander or the Command Staff for vendors and availability). Please note that Officer helmets are identified by the triangular insignia.

Foam padding may be glued inside the helmet to provide a custom fit.

Tip: for a cleaner appearance, the excess chin-strap should be cut, or alternatively, a small piece of Velcro may be attached to keep the excess chin-strap close to the face.



MASK

The mask must be black and should completely cover the nose, neck, and chin. The mask should be long enough to tuck into the collar of the unitard body suit. Black balaclavas are also acceptable as long as the nose, neck, and chin are covered.

The recommended mask can be found on eBay (search: "Kakashi Ninja Mask Naruto Anime Cosplay, Anbu costume"). This mask is available in various sizes. The required color is black.

OPTIONAL HEADGEAR

When not wearing the Cobra Trooper helmet, a U.S. army-style black beret is authorized.

The recommended flash for Officers is the silver and black U.S. Army 5th Special Forces flash. The recommended flash for Troopers is the red and black U.S. Army Special Operations Command beret flash. A Cobra-style Finest pin may be worn centered on either flash.

All berets should be Rothco "Inspection Ready" which are pre-shaven, pre-shaped, leather-trimmed, and made to military specifications without eyelets or drawstrings.

If you are unfamiliar with the proper care and wear of a military beret, please consult with the Command Staff or various online beret tutorials. If you are in the process of assembling a Cobra Trooper uniform and do not yet own a helmet, the beret is an acceptable temporary alternative.





SECTION 2: UNIFORM

UNITARD

For Finest approval, and to match other Femme Troopers and Officers, the recommended body suit for the Femme Trooper/Officer variant uniform is the navy, nylon/lycra long-sleeve, mock-neck unitard (BT 3815/1355) made by Bal Togs. The "fitted leg" option is recommended.

Chest Patch

Femme Troopers/Officers wear a large (6" wide), Cobra patch sewed onto the center of the chest. The preferred patch that matches other Officers and Troopers in the Finest is sold on eBay by seller "Katarra8". As of the revision date of this Field Manual, Katarra8 offers a two-pack of red and black Cobra Trooper patches (the large chest patch, as well as the smaller left shoulder patch) for troopers, as well as a two-pack of silver and black Cobra patches for Officers. The patches should be sewn in place.

For all patches, please note that Officers wear silver and troopers wear red.

Left Shoulder Sigil

To match other Femme Troopers/Officers in the Finest, a Cobra sigil patch should be worn on the left shoulder/upper arm of the shirt, 1.25" down from the seam, and slightly forward of the center of the arm. This sigil should be a 3" patch (red for Troopers and silver for Officers). The recommended patches are sold by seller "Katarra8" on eBay.



Optional Shoulder Patches

If optional patches are worn, (e.g., enlisted rank stripes, garrison patches, or Finest patches), these patches may be worn on the right shoulder/upper arm (ask a Garrison Commander or the Command Staff for patch availability). The uppermost patch should be positioned 1.25" down from the seam, and slightly forward of the center of the arm.

Please note that all optional patches for Cobra Troopers should be primarily red in color. Troopers should avoid wearing silver patches, as this color is typically reserved for Cobra Officers.



GLOVES

Long, black gloves should be worn with the Cobra Femme Trooper/Officer uniform. Acceptable gloves are made by various vendors. Long, gauntlet-style, gloves are recommended (see photo). Leather or vinyl is preferred.

KNEEPADS

Kneepads are not worn with this uniform.

BOOTS

Cobra Femme Trooper/Officers wear black leather boots, similar in style to the boots in the photo below. Please avoid "goth"-style platform boots or boots with extensive buckles and hardware. Flats or heels are acceptable.





SECTION 3: TACTICAL GEAR

OVERVIEW

Condor is the preferred tactical gear manufacturer for all Cobra Officers and Troopers in the Finest. All tactical gear worn by Officers and Troopers in the Finest should be black. Officers and Troopers (including "Femme" variants) are granted freedom to build upon this foundation and create personalized gear load-outs that can be customized and modified for a wide array of Finest events and appearances (e.g., carrying additional canteens during hot-weather events or parades).

As an Officer or Trooper, you may wish to select a Military Occupational Specialty (MOS). For example, you may select a gear load-out specific to a Cobra medic, scout, mortar specialist, radio operator, anti-armor specialist, sniper, etc. While uniformity and consistency will always be needed among the ranks, assuming that the minimum core components of the uniform are present (e.g., correct uniform, helmet, etc.), the Finest allows for members to create customized Cobra uniforms specific to individual tastes, while remaining consistent with other Officers and Troopers in the Finest.

Condor offers a variety of black tactical pouches, packs, holsters, and accessories, all compatible with the Modular Lightweight Load-carrying Equipment (MOLLE) system. Finest members are encouraged to pick from this virtually limitless series of options to create their own specific Cobra uniform.

H-HARNES/SHOULDER HOLSTER

As a core component of the uniform, Cobra Officers and Troopers wear the Condor Tactical H-Harness, which connects to the Condor Tactical Belt. The chest strap of the Tactical H-Harness should be removed so as not to cover the Cobra chest sigil. Tip: with the addition of Velcro, use the chest strap of the Tactical H-Harness as a leg strap for the bayonet sheath on your left leg.

Alternatively, a black Condor Universal Shoulder Holster is also acceptable. This inexpensive holster is available at various online retailers including www.amazon.com.



Condor Tactical H-Harness



Condor Universal Shoulder Holster



BELT

The Condor Tactical Belt (black) is the recommended belt for Femme Troopers and Officers.



POUCHES AND ACCESSORIES

Finest members are encouraged to select from the wide assortment of black Condor tactical pouches, canteens, holsters, packs, and other items to create a customized gear load-out for their Officer or Trooper. Photos of possible gear combinations are included on this page.



**Condor Frag
Grenade Pouch**



**Condor Tactical
Gadget Pouch**





BAYONET (LEFT LEG)

Cobra Femme Troopers/Officers have the option of wearing a plastic bayonet strapped to the left leg and suspended from the belt. The recommended bayonet is the inexpensive Lancer Tactical CA-07 plastic bayonet, available at various online retailers including www.amazon.com.

Tip: use the chest strap that you removed from the Tactical H-Harness as a leg strap for the bayonet sheath. Velcro is required to create the adjustable closure.



DROP-HOLSTER (RIGHT LEG)

Cobra Femme Troopers/Officers have the option of wearing a black handgun drop-holster strapped to the right leg and suspended from the belt. A multitude of black tactical drop-holsters are available online via various retailers.





SECTION 4: WEAPONS

PRIMARY WEAPON

The standard primary weapon for Cobra Troopers is the Airsoft Dragunov SVD Sniper Rifle. Where local laws and rules allow, Finest members are permitted to carry the Dragunov SVD Airsoft Rifle (unloaded at all times) with the Cobra Trooper uniform.¹ The Dragunov SVD must be full-scale (1:1), preferably metal, and may be woodgrain or black. The PSO-1 SVD scope is recommended for use with the Airsoft Dragunov SVD Sniper Rifle.



The standard primary weapon for Cobra Officers (and alternative weapon for Troopers) is the AK-47 (and variants). The AK-47 must be full scale (1:1), and may be woodgrain or black. Please be aware that several cheap plastic Airsoft AK-47s are on the market, and are exceptionally fragile. You may wish to consider investing in a real-weight, metal Airsoft AK-47 which will likely last much longer than the cheap plastic variety. Folding stock variants of the AK-47 are also permitted.



SECONDARY WEAPON

The standard secondary weapon for Cobra Troopers is a black Airsoft handgun (M1911 or similar style) that is worn in the drop-holster on the right leg and/or in the shoulder holster.



¹ The Finest places the utmost importance upon the safety of our members and the safety of the public while attending public events. Finest members are not required to carry prop weapons. When carrying weapons, members are required to abide by all relevant Federal, State, and local laws pertaining to weapons, as well as the individual rules and policies of specific venues and events. As laws and regulations vary based on location, Finest members are required to be knowledgeable of, and abide by all laws and regulations pertaining to each member's specific location or event. Finest members are expected to conduct a safety check of weapons prior to events to ensure that all weapons are unloaded at all times.



SECTION 5: CHECKLIST

HEADGEAR

- Helmet
- Mask
- Beret with flash and Finest pin (optional)

UNIFORM

- Bal Togs nylon/lycra long-sleeve, mock-neck unitard (navy)
- Cobra sigil chest and left shoulder patches (silver for officers, red for troopers)
- Gloves
- Boots

TACTICAL GEAR

- Condor Tactical H-Harness or Universal Shoulder Holster
- Condor Quick Release Pistol Belt
- Condor Pouches and Accessories
- Bayonet (left leg) - optional
- Drop Holster (right leg)

WEAPON

- Dragunov SVD Sniper Rifle with PSO-1 Scope, or, AK-47 Assault Rifle
- Handgun (M1911 or similar style)

