

Der Jungsturm Rank System (Updated JUN 2020)

Der Jungsturm follows a historical rank structure for the unit. The rank structure will be centered around a Late War Panzergrenadier platoon. This is the text-part of the ranks used in Der Jungsturm which will cover the process for gaining rank and the credit system.

Scope/Purpose: To provide members with a system of recognition for participation/attendance as well as contributions to the unit. Additionally, rank progression adds realism and individual impression progression while improving the collective unit impression.

The rank system will be managed and tracked by the Unit Field Commander and will become his responsibility to ensure members are adhering to the established progression. He will be responsible for nominations for promotion and calling votes to confirm advancement.

Service Credits: These consist of Event Credits, Tactical/Battle Credits or a combination of both. They are awarded for events that the unit participates in at any level. The amount to be earned by attending a particular event will be set by unit leadership in advance of the event, and attending the event will earn the **full** value.

Event Credits: One (1) standard event credit is earned for events where unit command structure is in effect or any event that is approved in advance by the unit for participation credit (ex. Public battles, training, recruiting events).

Tactical Credits: One (1) standard event credit is earned for each day of scheduled tactical event participation with credible service with/as part of the unit (ex. 3 day tactical would earn 3 tactical credits).

Rank Flowchart

#	Position	Rank	Alternate Rank
0	Rekrut	Rekrut	
1	Rifleman	Grenadier	Obergrenadier
2	Rifleman, MG Gunner	Sturmmann	
3	Assistant Squad Leader	Rottenführer	
4	Squad Leader	Unterscharführer	(NCO)
5	Assistant Platoon Leader, Platoon Leader	Oberscharführer	(NCO)
6	Platoon Leader	Hauptscharführer	(NCO)

Rank Requirements: See the “Jungsturm Rank Promotion Guide” to see the requirements for promotion.

Rank Progression: Ranks are supplemental. This means that ranks build on top of each other and assume that all the requirements for that rank as well as all the ranks below said rank are achieved. Example: the requirements of the rank of Sturmmann include not just the Sturmmann requirements itself, but the requirements of the Grenadier as well.

Nomination Procedure: Only members who are qualified as NCOs may nominate others for promotion. Upon nomination, the Field Commander will approve of the nomination for promotion, and the promotion takes place at the next event.

Meritorious Promotion Guidance: Soldiers will be eligible for meritorious promotion at unit leadership/Chain of Command discretion. Nomination for meritorious promotion must originate with an NCO of the applicable section or unit leader (if not also an NCO). Criteria include (but are not limited to), a single action which may/may not qualify for meritorious awards, single/sustained event performance or service to the unit, or vacancy within the unit rank structure that the individual would be a good fit for.

Rank Assignment: Sometimes an event may happen when little attendance occurs. To prevent too many of one rank, or too few, or combinations that are not realistic, the Field Commander will determine what rank members will portray for each event. Generally, it will be the rank that members have earned, and the Field Commander should strive to maintain every member’s rank. But it is entirely possible to temporarily ‘demote’ a member for authenticity purposes at a given event.

NCO Candidacy: In Der Jungsturm, NCOs represent a breed of soldiers who are dedicated leaders. In order to be an NCO, one must be nominated to undergo the NCO Training Program. Only an NCO or the Fuhrer (if no NCOs are in the group) can nominate a member for NCO Training. If an NCO is nominated, the Fuhrer must give approval. Upon approval of the Fuhrer, the NCO Training Program will commence.

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** Depending on the size and structure of the unit at a given time, certain progression may be limited/temporarily restricted with the goal of maintaining an historically realistic unit composition appropriate for the collective impression. Members may still earn credits and advance as normal, but they may be instructed not to purchase/wear certain rank insignia until it is more suitable for the collective unit impression. This shall be done only in the interest of preserving the historical accuracy of the collective unit impression and not as a way to restrict or limit participatory or meritorious rank progression for individuals.

Q&A

Q: How can a member prove to unit leadership that they are eligible for the next rank?

A: By any means the unit leadership sees fit. It can be pictures to prove possession, a display at an event, or even a video phone call.

Q: Can members track their own progress for promotion?

A: Yes. Members can track their progress in the google drive in the "Field Commander" folder in the Roster file.

Q: When do promotions take place?

A: Promotions will take place at the next event during a unit meeting, where the promotion will be announced.

Q: Can I be demoted?

A: Yes, but only if a member violates major rules and safety regulations, at the discretion of the unit leadership. Unit leadership can not simply demote someone out of spite.

Q: Do I have to accept a promotion?

A: Yes. However that does not mean you will be forced to participate as that rank all the time. It depends on the event size.

Q: When I have a rank, does that mean I am fixed as that rank?

A: No. Having rank only means that you are qualified to hold that position. It is possible to earn a certain rank, but still portray a lower one at events depending on the situation.