

## All About Cavalry Spurs

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There is an old tradition known as the spur ride where all of the new military cavalry recruits perform a series of tests and events that test their skills on top of their steed. They were checked on their knowledge on the rules, regulations, history and traditions of the mounted cavalry, which the soldiers were expected to recite these facts from only their memory. The "Spur Ride" was a way that the mounted cavalry could "earn their spurs" to prove and demonstrate that they had become more accomplished horsemen and soldiers than the new recruits.

Once the soldiers were involved in their first real fight with the enemy, they were given a 2nd pair of spurs as a medal and then were drafted into "The Order Of The Spur". The heel spurs and a certificate were usually presented at a special banquet or event known as the "Spur Dinner" where all of rookie soldiers were awarded their boot spurs, names of fallen comrades were announced and any other awards were given. As well as getting the spurs, the soldiers were also awarded a Stetson hat, which was also seen as a sign of stature within the military ranks.

The soldiers in the cavalry that had earned their spurs were perceived as a better rank and level than those in the cavalry who had none or were yet to "earn their spurs". The soldiers may have been of a similar rank, the fact that they had already "earned their spurs" during battle, as part of the "Spur Ride" or a task was a sign of their seniority over those who had yet to earn them.

Cavalry boot spurs were primarily manufactured using silver and were mainly styled on the English Prince Of Wales style spur design. There were also sets of gold heel spurs were presented to soldiers of a higher military rank or to soldiers that were involved in a larger number of combat scenarios.

There are many types of boot spurs that have been worn and used over the Americas. If you come to the authors website, you will find more details about spurs and get to see some pictures of Cavalry Spurs and discover information about the people that manufactured them.

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For more details about Cavalry Spurs come over to the authors website about Cowboy Spurs where you can learn the history, meet the makers and indulge in a bit of shopping.