



Heraldry 8th Regimental Colors National Society of Pershing Rifles

1. Major Colors:
White – Signifies purity, life, and cleanliness.
Royal Blue- Signifies loyalty, devotion, friendship, justice, and truth.
2. Helmet of Pericles: The symbol of chivalry, the cornerstone of the character of every PR member. It is a prime requisite for the conduct, a necessary part of every true heart.
3. Chameleon: The Chameleon atop the helmet symbolizes the tri-service aspect of the National Society and its member’s adaptability to change and constant preparedness.
4. Helmet Torse: Represents the Pershing Rifles active cord.
5. Lower Scroll: The scroll bears the written name of the regiment
6. Numerical Designation: Refers to the 8th Regiment in the traditional military style.
7. Shield: The shield is the symbol of readiness to meet any situation anywhere, on the battlefield or wherever we may be called. The 6 White Stripes on the Shield refer to the PR Membership Ribbon and stand for:
 - ❖ Devotion to country
 - ❖ Boldness
 - ❖ Readiness to Meet Any Situation
 - ❖ Leadership
 - ❖ Military Proficiency
 - ❖ Scholarship.
8. Upper Scroll: Contains the 8th Regimental motto which is a quote from the great Carthaginian General Hannibal, “We will either find a way, or make one”.
9. Crest: The American Bald Eagle symbolizes immortality, courage, farsightedness and strength. It is grasping 13 arrows in its right talon and an olive branch in its left, symbolizing readiness in peace and in war. The head faces the olive branch vigilantly seeking peace.