

Checklist For Selecting A Quality Custom Military Picture Framer

Questions To Ask Your Prospective Picture Framer

	Yes	No
Does the framer have a website that features examples of their work?		
Are the example designs for shadow boxes, flag displays, and framed guidons balanced and symmetrical?		
Does the framer have extensive positive reviews throughout various social media platforms?		
Does the framer have a physical location such as a frame shop or big box facility?		
Does the framer display imagination and creativity in his/her designs?		
Does the framer offer more than basic cookie-cutter designs for your framed art, shadow boxes, flag displays, diplomas, framed guidons, etc?		
Will the framer spend time with you developing your vision for the final product?		
Is the framer a full-time professional?		
Does the framer offer the service of printing photographs and making minor Photoshop changes as part of the framing package price?		
Is there a large variety of frame profiles to select from?		
If dealing with an online framer, do they offer personalized one-on-one custom framing services?		
If dealing with an online framer, do they direct you to a do-it-yourself framing program?		
Does the framer offer the option of conservation grade/acid-free mat styles that include, paper, suedes, linen, silken, and color core mats?		
Does the framer use a minimum of 97% UV protective glass or acrylic to prevent fading? (Recommended)		
Does the framer use acid-free mat board and foamboard in the frame? (Recommended)		
Does the framer use archival/acid-free hinge mounting tapes to secure photographs or flat art? (Recommended)		
Does the framer use acid-free release (reversible) dry mounting boards for mounting art, documents, limited edition prints, and flat art?		
Does the framer use acid-free materials to secure objects inside the frame? (Recommended)		
Does the framer sew fabric products such as flags, guidons, and needle art to either a mat board or foamboard? (Preferred Mounting Method)		
Does the framer use stainless steel pins to secure fabric products such as flags, guidons, and needle art to either an acid-free mat board or a acid free foamboard? (Acceptable Mounting Practice)		
Does the framer use spray adhesives to secure photos, prints, art, objects, or the guidon inside the frame? (Not Recommended)		

If you shop for framed art packages online, is the framer willing to substitute mat colors or arrange objects differently than their illustrated design?		
When framing a guidon, is the price of the guidon included in the package cost?		
If ordering a guidon framed online, or if you order a frame for a shadow box, is the nameplate included in the price?		
Does the framer offer more than one nameplate option?		
Does the framer use an "Open V-groove" in the framing design at no additional cost?		
Does the framer offer metal corner caps for some of their moulding?		
Does the framer use real wood frames? (Recommended)		
Does the framer use Medium Density Fiberboard MDF frame for the project? (Not Recommended)		
Does the framer use a plastic frame for the project? (Not Recommended)		
Are the rabbets inside the wood frame sealed with archival frame sealing tape to prevent acid transfer from the wood? (Recommended)		
If dealing with an online framer, is UV protected acrylic used as part of the standard shipping package to prevent breakage? (97-99% UV Protective Acrylic Is Recommended)		
Is the weight of a framed piece matched to a heavy-duty hanging system that will prevent it from falling? (Recommended)		
Is an acid-free dust cover placed over the back of the frame to keep out insects and dust? (Recommended)		
If custom framing online, does the price include free shipping and insurance to the contiguous United States – the lower 48 States?		
Does the framer include instructions for cleaning the UV protective glass or acrylic? (Recommended)		
Does the framer put a sticker on the dust cover certifying the glass or glazing is 97-99% UV protective? (Recommended)		
Does the framer include an acid-free sleeve for an artist's bio or relevant documentation for the items framed on the dust cover as a courtesy?		

Contact us at 912-756-2781 or e-mail us at sales@framedguidons with any questions.