



## **FIRST FLORIDA CHAPTER MVPA REENACTORS RULES AND REQUIREMENTS**

The First Florida Chapter (FFC) of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association (MVPA) sponsored events require all Reenactors to register and adhere to this code of conduct. All registered reenactors must dress in the era-appropriate attire, e.g. WWII events require WWII-era dress, Vietnam events require Vietnam-era dress, etc.

For WWII events the following WWII impressions will be allowed to take part and set up at the event:

1. U.S. Army – European Theater of Operations, 1944-1945
2. British/Commonwealth Army – European Theater of Operations, 1944-1945
3. German Wehrmacht (Heer, Luftwaffe, SS) – Western Front, 1944-1945
4. French Resistance – 1944-1945

**NON-REGISTERED REENACTORS WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE EVENT. LAW ENFORCEMENT WILL BE ON SITE TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE AND TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO DO SO.**

### **GENERAL RULES**

#### **Registration:**

1. All decisions of the event coordinators and Unit Commanders are final. The Event Coordinators have the ultimate say on all matters.
2. All participants **MUST** be Pre-Registered by the announced registration dates. **NO WALK ONS!** Participants must present a picture ID at the check-in desk for validation of registration and be issued proof of registration (wristband, other items). Proof of registration must be carried by the participant at all times. Failure to present proof of registration will result in ejection from the event.
3. Individuals desiring to participate in the event must fall in with one of the Recognized Units (U.S., British/Commonwealth, German, or French Resistance) and their commanders. Attendees do NOT need to wear the Uniform and Insignia of the Recognized Units, but will be under the command of the Recognized Units. Uniform requirements will be at the discretion of the commanders of the Recognized Units.
4. The Recognized Units for the event and the commanders and points of contact for the same, will be announced along with the general registration announcement. At present

the following Recognized Units have been approved to participate in the MVPA FFC Sponsored Events:

WW2 Armor= John Thomas-941-718-0813

41st Armored Infantry Regiment= Jim Hooks-407-595-6628

Able Company, 48th AMB= Nicki Harvey-812-774-7960

211th Panzer Grenadier Regiment= Jeff Lambert-904-408-1669

6th SS Gebirgsjager Divison= Micheal Belanger-727-686-7077

**Again, individuals and groups not on the Recognized Units list are welcome and encouraged to attend** if (a) approved by a Recognized Unit, and (b) are willing to fall in under the command and coordination of the approving Recognized Unit.

5. The Event Coordinators, Property Owners, and Recognized Units may not allow other units and individuals to participate in the Events. This can be due to factors such as, but not limited to:
  - (A) Unprofessional Conduct at Events or in Forums
  - (B) Illegal Activities
  - (C) Or any other reason deemed necessary for the sanctity of the preservation of history, the commemoration and honoring of veterans, and the safety of the reenactors and attendees
6. Any Individual Reenactor who wishes to attend may contact any of the Recognized Units and request Sponsorship for the event. Unit Membership is not required and subject to the decision by the Recognized Units.
7. The Commanders of the Recognized Units have full discretion with regards to unit membership and sponsorship of non-members, and are wholly and solely responsible for the behavior of those who fall-in under their command, members and non-members alike.
8. Established Recognized Units who sponsor non-member(s) re-enactors:
  - (a) The Sponsoring Unit is Responsible for the Individual being sponsored in regards to:
    1. Behavior During & After the Event on Event Grounds
    2. Camp or Overnight Billeting
    3. Individual's Proper Uniform & Equipment
    4. Individual's Conduct during the battle

**NOTE: If there is any question as to how this individual conduct's, or may conduct themselves, do not sponsor him/her.**

## **GENERAL RULES OF CONDUCT FOR EVENT**

- 1. NO ILLEGAL ACTIVITY IS CONDONED OR PERMITTED, ALL CRIMINAL ACTIVITY WILL BE REPORTED TO THE POLICE, AND BOTH CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PROSECUTION WILL BE PURSUED. NO EXECPTIONS, NO WARNINGS. COMMIT A CRIME AND YOU WILL BE ARRESTED.**
- 2. NO LIVE AMMUNITION AT THE EVENT**
- 3. ALL WEAPONS AND BLANKS WILL BE SAFETY CHECKED EVERY MORNING BY THE RECOGNIZED UNIT COMMANDERS OR THEIR DESIGNEES. THE EVENT COORDINATORS WILL BE ADVISED OF THIS DAILY. THOSE WHO FAIL THE WEAPON SAFETY CHECK, OR FAIL TO ATTEND, WILL BE FORBIDDEN FROM EVENT PARTICIPATION AND MAY BE REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE EVENT.**
- 4. AUTHENTICITY CHECKS AT THE SAME TIME AS WEAPONS FOR PROPER UNIFORM, SHAVE, AND HAIRCUT. THOSE WHO FAIL THE AUTHENTICITY CHECK WILL BE FORBIDDEN FROM EVENT PARTICIPATION AND MAY BE REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE EVENT.**
- 5. TENTS SET UP IN THE DISPLAY, AND BATTLE AREA, MUST MAINTAIN THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE ERA BEING REPRESENTED. NO MODERN CAMPING/VEHICLES MIXED IN WITH THE ERA DISPLAY.**
- 6. NO MODERN VEHICLES IN THE DISPLAY AREA DURING EVENT HOURS.**
- 7. NO WEAPONS TESTING EXCEPT IN THE DESIGNATED WEAPONS TESTING AREA, PRECEDED BY YELLING “**FIRE IN THE HOLE!**”, NO INDIVIDUAL TESTING OF WEAPONS – ALWAYS HAVE A BATTLE BUDDY/SAFETY OBSERVER.**
- 8. ALL WEAPONS TESTING MUST BE APPROVED BY THE EVENT COORDINATOR. NO FIRING AT NIGHT UNLESS SPECIFICALLY APPROVED BY THE EVENT COORDINATOR.**
- 9. NO PYROTECHNIC DEVICES ARE PERMITTED, UNLESS APPROVED BY AN EVENT COORDINATOR PRIOR TO THE EVENT.**
- 10. NO WEAPONS OR DEVICES THAT FIRE A PROJECTILE ARE PERMITTED.**
- 11. NO LOADED FIREARMS EXCEPT DURING BATTLES, WEAPONS DEMOS, OR WEAPONS TESTING. ONLY BLANK AMMUNITION TO BE USED WHEN WEAPONS ARE LOADED.**

- 12. "KILL, KILL, KILL" IS THE REAL-WORLD EMERGENCY SAFETY PHRASE.**
- 13. REENACTORS UNDER THE AGE OF 18, BUT AT LEAST 16 YEARS OF AGE, WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE, BUT ONLY UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A PARENT OR ADULT OF AT LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE FOR THE ENTIRETY OF THE EVENT. A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST SIGN THE APPROPRIATE PERMISSIONS AND WAIVER FORMS FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18. NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF 16 WILL BE PERMITTED TO CARRY A FUNCTIONAL WEAPON.**
- 14. PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO KEEP THE CAMP AREA CLEAN OF GARBAGE, MODERN ITEMS SUCH AS WATER BOTTLES, COOLERS, ETC.**
- 15. NO DISRESPECTFUL BEHAVIOR WILL BE TOLERATED. VIOLATORS WILL BE REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE EVENT AND WILL BE BANNED FROM FUTURE EVENTS.**
- 16. UNIT COMMANDERS AND REGISTERED UNITS WILL BE HELD LIABLE FOR THE ACTIONS OF THEIR MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS UNDER THEIR COMMAND. POLICE YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY.**
- 17. THE STANDARDS OF ADULT BEHAVIOR APPLIES TO BOTH INDIVIDUALS AND UNITS, AND APPLIES AT EVENTS AS WELL AS PUBLIC FORUMS SUCH AS PUBLIC SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS. VIOLATION OF THESE RULES, PER-EVENT RULES, OR THE STANDARDS OF DECENCY, CIVILITY, AND PROFESSIONALISM WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE EJECTION FROM THE EVENT AND A BAN ON ATTENDANCE AT ALL FUTURE EVENTS. AN EVENT BAN WILL BE REPORTED TO ALL KNOWN EVENT COORDINATORS OF ALL EVENTS IN THE U.S. WE WILL HONOR THE EVENT BANS ISSUED BY ALL KNOWN EVENT COORDINATORS OF ALL EVENTS IN THE U.S.**