

ZEPHYRHILLS MUSEUM OF MILITARY HISTORY

REENACTORS

Rules and Requirements

The Zephyrhills Museum of Military History-sponsored events require all Reenactors to register and adhere to the following and the code of conduct.

- All registered reenactors must dress in 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 for the event:
 - U.S. Army – Late War 1945 – (March/April)
 - British/Commonwealth Army – Late War 1945
 - German Wehrmacht – Late War 1945
 - Recognized Ancillary Units – Japanese
- Representation of other military events or eras is welcome. Please contact event organizers at zephymuseum@gmail.com.
- ZMMH reserves the right to deny participation to any reenactor.
- No living history impressions of current conflicts.
- Law enforcement will be on-site to ensure compliance and take all steps necessary to do so.

Staff maintains a list of individuals banned from reenacting at any event based on prior, unacceptable behavior or carelessness. All reenactors are checked against that list. Anyone on the list cannot participate in the battle or camp with other reenactors.

General Rules

Registration

- The event coordinators' and unit commanders' decisions are final. The event coordinators have the ultimate say on all matters.
- Participants must be pre-registered by the announced registration dates.
- Walk-on participants are not permitted.
- Participants must present a picture ID at the check-in desk for registration validation. They will be issued proof of registration and other items.
- All reenactors must check in at the Reenactor registration tent, including pre-registered reenactors. Proof of check-in must be carried by the participant at all times, and wristbands will be provided.

- Failure to present proof of check-in can result in ejection from the event.
- All reenactors must sign a waiver excluding the Zephyrhills Military Museum History and WW2 Armor from any liability arising from their participation at the event, including using the blank ammunition provided.
- Should a reenactor require medical assistance, the waiver will request a voluntary disclosure of health conditions.
- Individuals desiring to participate in the WW2 event must fall in with one of the Recognized Units (U.S., British/Commonwealth, or German) and their commanders or a recognized Ancillary Unit and its Commander.
- 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.
- Due to training requirements, participants can make only the one impression registered for.
- The Commanders and following Recognized Units have been approved to participate in this event:
 - 41st Armored Infantry Regiment - Jim Hook,
 - Brett Ontiveros – brettonteiveros@gmail.com
 - 211th Panzer Grenadier Regiment - Jeff Lambert - 904 408-1669
 - 59th Fusiliers - Kevin Crane - 772 634-3707
- Individuals and groups not on the Recognized Units list are welcome to attend but must be:
 - approved by a Recognized Unit, and
 - are willing to fall under the command and coordination of the approving Recognized Unit
- 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:
 - Unprofessional Conduct at Events or in Forums
 - Illegal Activities
 - 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

- 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 is subject to the decision by the Recognized Units.
- The commanders of the Recognized Units have complete discretion concerning unit membership and sponsorship of non-members. They are wholly and solely responsible for the behavior of those under their command, members and non-members alike.
- The Established Recognized Units who sponsor non-member(s) reenactors are responsible for the individual being sponsored regarding:
 - Behavior during and after the event on the event grounds
 - Camp or overnight billeting
 - Individual's proper uniform and equipment
 - Individual conduct during the battle

If there is any question about the individual's conduct or how they may conduct themselves, do not sponsor the individual.

Code of Conduct

- No illegal activity is condoned or permitted; all criminal activity will be reported to the police, and civil and criminal prosecution will be pursued. No exceptions, no warnings. Commit a crime, and you will be arrested.
- This is a "dry" event. Reenactors will not consume alcoholic beverages during event hours. Violations will result in immediate dismissal from the event.
- No live ammunition at the event.
- All weapons and blanks will be safety checked by the recognized unit commanders or their designees every morning. The event coordinators will be advised of this daily. Those who fail the weapon safety check or fail to attend inspection will be forbidden from participating in the event and may be required to leave it. Ammunition will be issued before the event based on amounts determined by event sponsors. Participants may provide additional blanks, provided they have been safety-checked.
- Authenticity checks for proper uniform, shave, and haircut will be conducted at the same time as weapons checks. Those who fail the authenticity check will be forbidden from participating in the event and may be required to leave.
- Tents set up in the display and battle area must maintain the authenticity of the represented era. No modern camping or vehicles may be mixed in with the era display unless event management or the coordinator approves.
- No hoisting of Nazi swastika or SS rune flags.

- No modern vehicles are permitted in the display area during event hours unless otherwise approved by event management or coordinator.
- Weapons may not be tested except in the designated weapons testing area, preceded by yelling, "Fire in the hole!" Weapons may not be tested individually; always have a battle buddy or safety observer.
- All weapons testing must be approved by the event coordinator. no firing at night unless specifically approved by the event coordinator.
- No pyrotechnic devices are permitted without approval by an event coordinator before the event.
- Weapons or devices that fire a projectile are not permitted.
- Firearms are to be kept unloaded except during battles, weapons demos, or weapons testing. Only blank ammunition is to be used when weapons are loaded.
- "Kill, Kill, Kill" is a real-world emergency safety phrase.
- Reenactors under 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 18. No one under 16 will be permitted to carry a functional weapon.
- Participants must clean the camp area of garbage and modern items such as water bottles, coolers, etc. Unit commanders are responsible for the ongoing cleanliness of the camp area and its final policing before departing the event.
- Disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated. Violators will be required to leave the event and banned from future events.
- Unit commanders and registered units will be held liable for the actions of their members and non-members. Police yourselves accordingly.
- Standards of adult behavior apply to individuals and units at events, public (online) forums, and social media posts. Violating these rules, per-event rules, or general 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.