



World War II Historical Re-enactment Society, Inc.

EVENT COORDINATOR'S PACKET

This packet is provided to assist Society members who wish to conduct a successful World War II Re-enacting Event. This packet is to be a source of information on organizing an event that will benefit the organizers, participants, the Society and our hobby in general. Suggestions and additions may be submitted to the Board of Director.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SPONSORING A WORLD WAR II HRS EVENT

- A. All HRS events must be coordinated through the Board of Directors and the Safety & Authenticity Committee in order to qualify for sanctioning. Sanctioned events are allowed use of the Society's insurance and the privilege of advertising in the Society publications.

In order for an event to receive sanctioning, the sponsoring units must:

1. Hold current charters from the WWII Historical Reenactment Society.
2. Submit the Event Request Form (Appendix A) to the Board of Directors or the Safety & Authenticity Committee for evaluation and approval no less than ninety (90) days prior to the event.
3. Agree to maintain and enforce the WWII Historical Reenactment Society's By-Laws (Appendix B) and Safety & Authenticity Rules (Appendix C) among all participants, regardless of their organizational affiliation. Please contact the Board of Directors for a list of individuals who are no longer allowed to participate at WWII HRS events.

To make the Safety & Authenticity rules more readily available to prospective event participants, this information has been posted on the HRS Website.

- B. Once the Event Request Form (Appendix A) has been submitted to President of the Board of Directors it is his/her duty to have it evaluated.

When the request is approved:

1. The event organizers will be notified in order for them to continue their planning.
2. The certificate of insurance will be issued if required.
3. The Event Request Form (Appendix A) will be forwarded to the Editors of the Society publications.

- C. The Event Request Form (Appendix A) must include:

1. General Information:

- a. Date of event
- b. Type of event (living history, tactical battle, etc.)
- c. Location of event (with specific number, street, city, county, state and zip as required on BATF form)
- d. Sponsoring unit (s)
- e. Event Coordinator's name and phone number
- f. Sponsoring unit's Commander's name and phone number
- g. Sponsoring unit's Safety Officer's name and phone number
- h. Sponsoring unit's Authenticity Officer's name and phone number

The sponsoring unit's Commander, Safety and Authenticity Officers must be members of the WWII Historical

Reenactment Society.

As stated in the Safety & Authenticity rules, members of the Safety & Authenticity Committee MUST identify themselves to the Event Coordinator(s) during registration. Committee members should volunteer to assist the sponsoring units with the safety/authenticity inspection.

If a member of the Safety & Authenticity Committee is at an event, he/she becomes the senior safety/authenticity officer. (If two (2) or more Safety & Authenticity Committee members are at an event, the one with the greater amount of time on the Committee will be the senior officer.) The senior safety/authenticity officer has the final say in all on-the-spot safety/authenticity decisions.

Any safety and authenticity decisions can be appealed by submitting a written complaint to the Board of Directors AFTER the event. Individual Board Members should not be called on to interfere at an event – except in cases of extreme safety violations.

I. Event fee

2. Information for Insurance:

a. Name and address of Insured

b. Name and address of Certificate Holder (usually the Event Coordinator or the Sponsoring Unit's Commander)

3. Emergency Medical Plan:

a. Location and phone number of the nearest emergency medical facility.

b. Name, phone number and means to contact local emergency medical personnel.

c. Name of local law enforcement agency with address, phone number and name of contact person.

It is also recommended that the event organizers identify those reenactors who will be in attendance at the event and are qualified in emergency medical procedures. However, the identification of these individuals does not qualify for or negate the need of an Emergency Medical Plan as outlined above.

4. Other Information Required:

a. For events that will include pyrotechnics:

1) The name of the contractor and copies of their license and insurance.

2) A map of the event site detailing the placement of pyrotechnic devices in relation to the location of reenactors and spectators.

a. Working schedule for the event (Appendix E).

b. Map of event site. (**REQUIRED** for events that will include pyrotechnics & vehicles. Optional for all other events.)

c. Press releases need to be sent to the local media at least three weeks prior to the event.

d. Advertisements for reenacting publications (Appendix G) should include:

- 1) Date of event
- 2) Type of event
- 3) Location of event (with specific number, street, city, county, state and zip as required on BATF form)
- 4) Directions to the event. Please attach a map if necessary.
- 5) Event Coordinator's name and phone number as a point of contact.
- 6) Optional name and phone number of an additional point of contact.

Sponsoring units may want to include an additional point of contact from the "opposing" force.

- 7) Event Fee(s)
- 8) Phone number to be used for contacting the participants in case of an emergency.
- 9) The availability of restroom facilities and water (both for sanitary and drinking purposes) for use by reenactors.

Sponsoring units are encouraged to provide portable restroom facilities and water for the reenactors and factor these expenses into the event fees charged to the participants.

- 10) Availability of meals -- those included in the event fee or for additional charge from sponsoring unit(s) or vendors.
- 11) Requirements and/or restrictions by local law enforcement agencies.

Due to the presence of weapons and pyrotechnics, close coordination with local law enforcement agencies is necessary. It is the responsibility of the sponsoring unit(s) to notify the local government that reenactors will be bringing NF A weapons to that location. Please check with local authorities for any special permits that may be required.

- 12) Requirements and/or restrictions by property owners.

The owners or trustees of the property should be informed of all of your plans including set-up, use of portable restrooms, vehicles, etc. You also need to inquire if there are any restrictions for the property -- open fires, foxholes, track vehicles (on and off roads), etc.

- 13) Restrictions on authentic vehicles.
- 14) Proximity of parking for non-authentic authentic vehicles from event site.
- 15) Type of camping available (civilian or living history).
- 16) Other pertinent information as to what will be required of the participants. (i.e. Participants will not be allowed to bring civilian vehicles into the site or wear civilian clothing after 5:00pm on Friday night; The event site will be closed at midnight; etc.)
- 17) Names and phone numbers of local motels.

- D. After the event has been approved, the Event Request Form (Appendix A) will be forwarded to the Editors of the Society publications. Event Coordinators may submit additional advertising at their discretion and/or cost.

It is the policy of the Society to include notification on the events of other organizations in the Society's publications. In an effort to increase participation at WWII HRS events, Event Coordinators are encouraged to advertise in the publications of other WWII reenacting groups.

However, all advertising for reenactors should contain the above information.

Every effort should be made by the organizers to facilitate communication between the Society's Board, Safety & Authenticity Committee, property owners or trustees and local law enforcement agencies. Communication is the key to ensure that there are no surprises that could lead to cancellation or bad feelings afterwards.

Failure to abide with these requirements will result in the event not being sanctioned by the HRS and thereby denied the use of the Society's insurance as well as the privilege of advertising in the Society publications. It may also be deemed appropriate to notify the general membership that the event is not sanctioned by the Society and does not follow HRS standards for safety and authenticity.

II. SUGGESTIONS FOR ORGANIZING A SUCCESSFUL REENACTMENT

A. Scheduling Your Event

The success of a reenactment can very well depend on when the event is held. Events should be scheduled for weekends in order to ensure a good number of participants. Please contact the Board of Directors or the Safety & Authenticity Committee to see if any other events are being held on the weekend you wish to select.

Events should be scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Participants may choose to arrive on Friday to begin setting up. Registration should be held on Friday afternoon and evening as well as on Saturday morning.

At registration, participants should complete the Waiver of Liability and Authorization of Emergency Medical Care form. (An example has been provided as Appendix I.)

Safety & Authenticity inspections should take place on both Saturday and Sunday morning. As stated in the Safety & Authenticity Rules, one general inspection of all participants will be held at the same time and location.

B. Choosing A Site

The location of an event should be as convenient for your fellow reenactors to reach as possible. The ideal site would give that feeling of "being there." The property should have enough acreage to accommodate the specific needs of your event tactical battle maneuvers, public display battle, living history encampments, etc. (Be sure to consider the number of visitors as well as reenactors.) The site should not be spread out over too large an area. There should also be parking available for non-authentic vehicles reasonably close to the site.

C. Sponsoring a Tactical Event

Tactical events are for those who want to relive history and experience WWII from the soldier's perspective. This event is an opportunity to learn about the equipment, tactics and what combat was like at the time.

1. Coordinators of a tactical event may choose to have a limited area of operations so that detailed defenses, lines of communications, forward operations and rear area headquarters can be established. By confirming the area with boundaries, it will be easier to utilize a central command center. With a set area, each side will also be able to better plan their defense and attack operations. The area should be divided in three sections for Allies, Axis and no-man's land.
 - a. Headquarters should be set up in the rear area for the overall commander of each side. The role of the commander is to coordinate the units in the field by planning the attack and determining the placement of troops and heavy weapons.
 - 1) Radios, field phones and runners can be used to communicate with the field. A signal detachment should conduct phone line patrols and repairs and serve as runners, if needed.
 - 2) A large map of the area needs to be provided to each headquarters to use in plotting the location of friendly and enemy units, their strength and equipment. This information should be gathered by patrols.

- b. The rear area would also include the camp-sites, cooking areas and field hospital or a check-point for the wounded.
2. Suggested Umpiring Standards as well as Recommended Rules of Engagement (Appendix J) have been developed for HRS events. Sponsoring units may choose to amend these for their event - as long as the HRS Safety & Authenticity rules are upheld.

Any revisions need to be included with the Event Request Form (Appendix A). It is also suggested that unit commanders be notified of any changes prior to the event.

3. For tacticals, a specific time to start and finish will help eliminate down time. You may also want to break up the day into two (2) scenarios to give each side an opportunity to be on the offensive and then have to defend.
4. Roles for non-combatants also need to be developed. Some of the senior members are not physically able to portray a soldier in combat. There are also female members that do not wish to portray men. As these people are HRS members, they are allowed to attend your event. And as sponsors, you must provide roles for them to fill.

D. Sponsoring a Public Event

Perhaps the most important function of a public event is to improve the public's perception of reenactors.

1. To publicize events, coordinators should provide press releases to local newspapers, TV and radio stations at least three weeks prior to the event. (The Society's recommended format is attached as Appendix F.)
2. You might want to ask a few reenactors to act as guides to show the visitors around and answer their questions.
3. Spectator battles that educate and inform can be conducted professionally with props and narration.
4. Presentations on equipment, weapons, uniforms and vehicles are highly recommended to promote our image as historians.
5. Demonstrations of drill and training can also help build a spirit of camaraderie among reenactors.

E. Other Ideas

1. As sponsors, you may choose to open your event to HRS members only.
2. You might choose to reenact a specific battle with units, uniforms and equipment from that period only. Of course, this information needs to be reflected on the Event Request Form (Appendix A) as well as the advertisements for reenacting publications (Appendix G).
3. Please feel free to invite vendors to your event.

III. USE OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS FOR REENACTING

The use of a military installation requires considerable planning. Due to the training requirements of the military, a request to use a site usually requires a lead time of several months. When you are requesting a weekend, please have several alternative dates in mind. It is recommended that you choose the weekend of a government holiday, since the military is unlikely to hold training exercises at this time.

Once your request is approved, a Project Officer will be appointed to your event. It is suggested that you make all your requests at the initial meeting with your Project Officer. The Officer will appreciate knowing everything that you would like up front, rather than having you make several additional requests. In some instances, small items of support can be added as you and the Project Officer think of them. But all major support must be requisitioned immediately. If they are not available, accept it graciously and move on with alternative plans.

If the installation has not previously been a reenacting site, you will need to build a relationship with the personnel. The best way to do this is by meeting with them in person. You will have to be flexible as these people have other duties to perform. Personal meetings achieve a comfort level that cannot be attained by mail or phone. And by meeting you, the staff can assure themselves that you are a sincere hobbyist.

After the initial meetings, you will need to maintain personal contact with your Project Officer. But don't overdo it! By showing interest, you can attest that the event will be well managed on your part. If possible, arrive the day before the event to finalize any last minute arrangements. You can also use this time to meet with the staff listed below.

For a first event, you should not ask for more than one training area and bivouac facilities. (As with the date, you should have several alternative training areas in mind.) Once you have established your credibility by producing a successful event, you can expand your requests for future events to include the use of barracks, dining facilities, field water supply and transportation.

A. Public Affairs Office

When requesting use of a government site, one of the first offices you should contact is the Public Affairs office. Usually, the Public Affairs Officer (POA) is an active duty officer who can direct you to the proper personnel for your needs. But first, you will need to convince this officer to support your request to hold a reenacting event at the installation.

B. Installation Museum

If there is not a Public Affairs Officer, the Director of the Installation Museum may be your best point of contact. (In rare cases, the Museum staff has a stronger presence at the installation than the POA. It never hurts to familiarize the Director with your goals and the purpose of the Society. However, civilians working at the Museum do not normally have the authority to forward your requests.

C. G-3 (Operations) or Directorate of Plans and Training (DPT)

Depending if the installation is a divisional base or a major training base, the name of this agency will differ. However, their function is the same: controlling the activities of the installation. You need approval from this agency to use training and bivouac areas, etc. (Range Control reports into this agency.) Operations or DPT typically has the most influence on the installation and can be a tremendous asset to you. In most cases, if you can get initial approval from this agency, other base personnel will be more willing to cooperate with you.

D. Provost Marshal

This is the Chief of Military Police on the installation. You must get his/her approval to bring weapons and ammunition onto the base. And, again, it never hurts to communicate your goals and purpose. This is a good staff officer to have on your side. The best way to make an impression is with high standards of safety.

Most Provost Marshals will be more than willing to provide assistance to make your event successful and safe. Of course, their main concern is the security of your weapons, vehicles, and barracks. They will want to know that no live ammunition is present and what arrangements have been made to ensure this. They will also want to be certain that all weapons are accounted for - both in the field and garrison. Your explanation as well as the Society's Safety & Authenticity Rules will usually satisfy the Provost Marshal's requirements.

E. Post Commander or Chief of Staff

In most cases, the Post Commander or Chief of Staff must also approve your request for use of the installation. The best way to get approval is to work with the aforementioned staff, so the Commander/Chief only has to "sign off" on what their staff has already approved. In order to make an informed decision, the Commander/Chief will want to know all the details. (All of which should have already been settled out with the appropriate personnel.

If you need a quick turnaround to approve your request, the best course is to write a letter directly to the Post Commander/Chief of Staff. This should only be used as a last resort!) The letter must contain all the details that you normally would have arranged with other staff members. So when the Commander/Chief forwards it to his/her staff, they will have all the information without any prior knowledge of your goals or purpose.

Ask your Project Officer's advice on meeting with the Post Commander/Chief of Staff the day before the event. This meeting is not necessary, but it is a nice courtesy on your part. If you do meet with them, invite the Commander/Chief to visit the battle or bivouac area. And don't forget to thank them for allowing you to use their installation!

F. Foreign Military Liaison Officers

If you are at a major training installation, there will be a number of foreign military Liaison Officers. They are there to represent their country's personnel who are attending the schools at the installation. If there are Liaison Officers from nations represented by reenacting units, you might want to send letters inviting them to visit the battle or bivouac area. Usually, they will appreciate seeing our representatives of their WWII military forces. Be sure to send your invitations early, so they can put it on their schedules.

If the Post Commander/Chief of Staff or any Liaison Officers are planning to visit, you should ask all Unit Commanders to notify their members. The Event Coordinator (or their designee) should be prepared to meet them, show them around and answer questions.

These invitations make a great impression and will help build a relationship for future events. It doesn't cost anything to be courteous, but it could cost a great site if courtesy is neglected!

LIST OF APPENDIXES

Event Request Form.....Appendix A

World War II Historical Reenactment Safety & Authenticity Rules.....Appendix B

Waiver of Liability HRS Members/Nonmembers and
Authorization of Emergency Medical Care.....Appendix C

Suggested Umpiring Standards and
Recommended Rules of Engagement.....Appendix D

HRS Event Request Form

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When the event is approved, the organizers will be notified in order for them to continue their planning, the certificate of insurance will be issued and this form will be forwarded to the editors of the Society publications.

General Information

*Date of Event _____

*Type of Event _____

* Location of Event (with specific number, street, city, county, state and zip as required on BA TF form):

Sponsoring
Unit(s) _____

* Event Coordinator (name and phone number) _____

Sponsoring Unit's Commander (name and phone number) _____

Sponsoring Unit's Safety Officer (name and phone number) _____

Sponsoring Unit's Authenticity Officer (name and phone number) _____

*Event Fee _____

Information for Insurance

Name and address of Insured _____

Name and address of Certificate Holder (Event Coordinator or Unit Commander) _____

Emergency Medical Plan

Location and phone number of nearest emergency medical facility _____

Name, phone number and means to contact local emergency medical personnel _____

Name of local law enforcement agency, address, phone number and contact person _____

Other Information Required

For events that will include pyrotechnics:

- The name of the contractor and copies of their license and insurance.
- A map of the event site detailing the placement of pyrotechnic devices in relation to the location of reenactors and spectators.

The following documents **MUST** be included with this form:

- Working schedule for the event
- Map of event site (OPTIONAL)
- Press release for local media (for public events only)
- Advertisement for reenacting publications should include all information from the previous page marked with an * as well as:

Directions to the Event (*please attach a map if necessary*): _____

Additional Point of Contact (name and phone number) _____

Phone number to be used for contacting the participants in case of an emergency: _____

Availability of restroom facilities and water (both for sanitary and drinking purposes) for the reenactors: _____

Meals included in the event fee or for additional charge (from sponsoring unites) or vendors): _____

Appendix A

Requirements and/or restrictions by local law enforcement agencies: _____

Requirements and/or restrictions by property owners: _____

Restrictions on authentic vehicles: _____

Proximity of parking for non-authentic authentic vehicles from event site: _____

Type of camping available (civilian, living history) _____

Other pertinent information or instructions for the participants (i.e. Participants will not be allowed to bring in civilian vehicles or wear civilian clothing after 5:00pm on Friday night; The event site will be closed at midnight on Friday; etc.)

Names and phone numbers of local motels _____

Signatures

Sponsoring Unit's Commander

Date

Event Coordinator

Date

Sponsoring Unit's Safety Officer

Date

Sponsoring Unit's Authenticity Officer

Date

Appendix B

GENERAL

Safety and Authenticity rules are controlled and enforced by members appointed by the Vice-President/Chairperson to the Safety and Authenticity Committees. These rules may be changed at any time by a majority vote of that committee. One (1) general safety/authenticity inspection of both Allied and Axis participants WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE SAME DESIGNATED TIME AND LOCATION at any WWII H.R.S., Inc. sponsored event, so that all participants can observe that it was conducted.

The safety/authenticity inspection formation will be conducted as follows: For example, American, British/Commonwealth and German participants will form three (3) separate box formations facing each other. Vehicles/heavy equipment will be separated by nationality and parked hub to hub so as to be inspected properly. No INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS OR UNITS will retire to the field before the general inspection takes place.

Exception to above:

Event planning staff members who need to enter field, when an unforeseen incident, accident or emergency requires their immediate attention that would interfere with the smooth running of the event, if not attended to. It will still be the responsibility of said members to be inspected prior to entering the field as a participant or participants.

Violators of safety and/or authenticity rules can be brought before the Board of Directors for disposition. It is the responsibility of each individual member registered at an event to be inspected by an appointed Safety/Authenticity officer at the mandatory event inspection. Willful avoidance of the inspections shall be grounds for removal of the offender from the event. Repeated offenses shall be grounds for removal from the WWII H.R.S., Inc.

SAFETY

1. Any person, unit or chapter sponsoring any event where WWII H.R.S., Inc. people are participating and/or the WWII H.R.S., Inc. name is used, MUST have a safety officer on site to oversee all aspects of safety. This safety officer must be registered with the chairperson of the Safety Committee at least thirty days prior to the event. Safety Officers may be registered on a permanent basis each year.
2. All participants at all events where the WWII H.R.S., Inc. name is used MUST be members of the WWII H.R.S., Inc. or a recognized re-enactment group. All persons belonging to units forming MUST be attached to a chartered unit willing to accept responsibility for their safe conduct.
3. Any person under the age of 18 may participate in a public, living history or static display event wearing ONLY civilian period clothing.
4. Unit CO's must be at least twenty-one (21) years old, and agree to be responsible for the education of all unit members about the WWII H.R.S., Inc.'s safety rules and the safe conduct of his unit members. Free-lancing or participating without unit affiliation is grounds for dismissal from an event.
5. Absolutely no ignitable devices are to be thrown or fired at any vehicle. Nothing (NO MATTER WHAT IT IS) will be thrown or fired at the driver, nothing is to be thrown at or near a horse. Weapons are not to be fired at wildlife.
6. All action in or around buildings or bunkers must be under the control of at least two (2) safety officers who have the authority to halt the event if they spot any dangerous circumstances. Appointments may be made on site.
7. Alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs may not be consumed at any event, in violation of civil laws. Alcoholic beverages are not to be used within an eight (8)hour time period prior to and during the use of weapons.
8. No weapon is to be fired directly at anyone closer than fifty (50) feet or whenever anyone is close to the muzzle of a rifle. This applies to the persons who are next to you, as well as in front of the muzzle. Watch out for the other persons hearing.
9. All pyrotechnics must be approved by the on site safety officer.
10. No projectile may be fired at less than a forty-five (45) degree angle from the horizontal. Signal flares must be fired at (90) degree angle from horizontal.
11. No live ammo is to be brought to any WWII H.R.S., Inc. events EVER!
12. No one may fix any bayonet to any rifle, except for controlled (posed, staged) photographs. Violations of rules 10 and 11 are grounds for dismissal from the WWII H.R.S., Inc.
13. Wood tipped blanks may only be used in semi-automatic and automatic weapons equipped with blank adapters, NEVER IN A BOLT ACTION RIFLE.
14. Homemade weapons must have a safety check on site at each event, whenever and wherever they are used. There is no such thing as a blanket permit or letter of registration for homemade replicas. Shot guns must be registered with the WWII H.R.S., Inc.

15. The use of metal body parachute flares, military artillery, and grenade simulators are not allowed, except for staged spectator events under the supervision of a WWII H.R.S., Inc. approved safety officer, to be used in controlled areas ONLY.
16. Star crimped blanks may be used in a non-blank adapted bolt action rifles. The rifle must be fired at a forty-five (45) degree angle and not less than fifty (50) feet at anyone. The bore must be clean of any debris prior to the safety/authenticity inspection. Blank adapting bolt-action rifles are optional at the time.
17. All persons must wear headgear in the field in accordance with authenticity rules for the unit being portrayed.
18. All glasses must have safety or shatter-resistant lenses.
19. All shoulder weapons must be on safe when a person is loading or unloading from a vehicle and in the field, except when actively engaging a target.
20. Refusal to follow the instructions of a safety officer are grounds for dismissal from the WWII H.R.S., Inc. Safety officers have the authority to remove any safety offender from any event and file for the offender's dismissal from the WWII H.R.S., Inc. by mailing his complaint to the chairman of the safety committee within thirty (30) days of the event.
21. If a member of the safety committee is at any event he becomes the senior safety officer for that event. If two (2) or more safety committeeman are at an event, the commission date establishes seniority. The senior safety officer or the chairman of the safety committee has the final say in all on-the-spot safety decisions.
22. All safety rules must be printed in newsletter at least once a year.

VEHICLE SAFETY

1. All motor vehicles must be driven by a licensed driver, regardless of off or on road use. The driver must be knowledgeable of the type of vehicle he is driving. **PROPER LIABILITY INSURANCE IS MANDATORY.** Any vehicle driven off road **MUST HAVE A GROUND GUIDE**, to avoid personnel hiding in foliage.
2. Service brakes shall function on all wheeled vehicles.
3. Emergency brakes (parking brakes) should be functional, if a vehicle was originally equipped with such brakes.
4. Tires shall have a minimum tread depth of 2/32 inches.
5. Tracks shall be properly adjusted.
6. Steering system shall be functional.
7. Lighting shall be operational if used for night operation.
8. An onboard fire extinguisher is required.

INSURANCE COVERAGE

For safety all WWII H.R.S., Inc. sponsored tactical and/or public events must be insured. A request form may be attained from the Secretary, or a form will be posted in THE EDGE. A certificate of insurance will then be sent to the requester. If this procedure is not followed and/or the requester's current membership dues are not paid in full, a certificate will not be issued nor will the event be advertised until done so.

WORLD WAR II HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY, INC.

WIAVER OF LIABILITY, RELEASE ASSUMPTION OF RISK & INDEMNITY AGREEMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE WWII HRS

It is the purpose of this agreement to exempt, waive and relieve from liability for personal injury, property damage, and wrongful death, including if caused by negligence, if any, of Releasees. "Releasees" include the World War II Historical Reenactment Society, Inc. (WWIIHRS), its officers and directors, event hosts, other participants, sponsors and the

_____.

For and in consideration of the undersigned participant's registration to participate in the WWII HRS sponsored re-enactment event being held on _____ at _____ the participant, and the parents(s) or legal guardian(s) or Unit Commander, if participant is under the age of 18, hereby waive, relinquish, any and all claims for liability and cause(s) of action, including for personal injury to themselves or others, property damage of any kind or wrongful death occurring to participant or spectator, if such casualty is caused by the below named event participant, arising out of participation in this WWII HRS sponsored re-enactment event, and /or activities incidental hereto, whenever or however they occur and for such period said activities continue, and by this agreement any such claims, rights, and causes of actions that participant may have are hereby waived, released and relinquished, and participant does so on behalf of participant's heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.

Participant and parent(s) or legal guardian(s), or Unit Commander, if participant is under the age of 18, acknowledge, understand and assume all risks relating to World War II re-enacting, and understand that World War II re-enacting involves risks to participant's person including bodily injury, partial or total disability, paralysis and death, and damages which may arise therefore and that I have full knowledge of said risks. These risks and dangers may be caused by the negligence of the participant or the negligence of others, including the Releasees identified in this document. I agree to abide by and be bound under the By-Laws and Safety & Authenticity Rules of the WWII HRS and any and all rules and regulations that may be set forth by _____.

Participant, and parent(s) or legal guardian(s), or Unit Commander, if participant is under the age of 18, acknowledge that he/she has been provided and have read the above paragraphs and have not relied upon any representations of Releasee's, that they are fully advised of the potential dangers of World War II re-enacting to exist in its present form.

Please Print All Information

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Unit: _____

In case of emergency, please contact _____ At (____) _____

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

WORLD WAR II HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY, INC.

WIAVER OF LIABILITY, RELEASE ASSUMPTION OF RISK & INDEMNITY AGREEMENT FOR NON-MEMBERS OF THE WWII HRS

The below named individual understands that he/she has declined membership although it has been offered, and fully realize and are aware that the current liability insurance coverage afforded WWII HRS members does not and will not cover them or their actions, willful or accidental, at this event.

It is the purpose of this agreement to exempt, waive and relieve the WWII HRS, its officers and directors, event hosts, other participants, sponsors, if any, and the owners of the property where this event is being held (Releasees) from liability for personal injury, property damage, and wrongful death, including if caused by negligence, including the negligence, if any of Releasees.

For and in consideration of the undersigned Non-WWI HRS-member participant's registration to participate in the WWII HRS sponsored re-enactment event being held on _____ at _____ the participant, and the parents(s) or legal guardian(s) or Unit Commander, if participant is under the age of 18, hereby waive, relinquish, any and all claims for liability and cause(s) of action, including for personal injury to themselves or others, property damage of any kind or wrongful death occurring to participant or spectator, if such casualty is caused by the below named event participant, arising out of participation in this WWII HRS sponsored re-enactment event, and /or activities incidental hereto, whenever or however they occur and for such period said activities continue, and by this agreement any such claims, rights, and causes of actions that participant may have are hereby waived, released and relinquished, and participant does so on behalf of participant's heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.

Participant and parent(s) or legal guardian(s), or Unit Commander, if participant is under the age of 18, acknowledge, understand and assume all risks relating to World War II re-enacting, and understand that World War II re-enacting involves risks to participant's person including bodily injury, partial or total disability, paralysis and death, and damages which may arise therefore and that I have full knowledge of said risks. These risks and dangers may be caused by the negligence of the participant or the negligence of others, including the Releasees identified in this document. I agree to abide by and be bound under the By-Laws and Safety & Authenticity Rules of the WWII HRS and any and all rules and regulations that may be set forth by other hosts of the re-enactment event.

Participant, and parent(s) or legal guardian(s), or Unit Commander, if participant is under the age of 18, acknowledge that he/she has been provided and have read the above paragraphs and have not relied upon any representations of Releasees, that they are fully advised of the potential dangers of World War II re-enacting to exist in its present form.

Please Print All Information

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Unit/Society: _____

In case of emergency, please contact _____ At (____) _____

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Appendix C

Authorization of Emergency Medical Care

I, _____, hereby authorize the World War II Historical Reenactment Society, its members, chartered units and affiliates, agents, servants, employees, officers or directors to authorize emergency medical treatment on my behalf in the event that I should receive any injury or suffer any medical distress while participating in the above event.

It is understood that this is not a transfer of liability of responsibility to the World War II Historical Reenactment Society, its members, chartered units and affiliates, agents, servants, employees, officers or directors arising out of said treatment, but is intended to authorize them to authorize medical treatment on my behalf in the event that I am incapacitated or unable to do so for myself.

This authorization is also granted by any parent or guardian signing for a minor child and shall constitute their legal authority for the World War II Historical Reenactment Society, it's members, chartered units and affiliates, agents, servants, employees, officers or directors to authorize emergency medical treatment for their child or ward.

I acknowledge that I have read and fully understand the details of this authorization.

Please note any medical conditions: _____

Please provide the name and phone number of your next of kin: _____

Participant or Parent/Guardian

Date

Appendix D

Suggested Umpiring Standards

1. Umpires will know and enforce all Safety & Authenticity Rules and Rules of Engagement.
2. Umpires will remain impartial in their decisions.
3. Umpires will resolve all conflicts during engagements and verify the outcome of all engagements.
4. Umpires represent the authority of the Safety & Authenticity Committee and the Event Coordinator(s) in the field. As such, they have the authority to eject from the battle area those reenactors who violate the Safety & Rules or the Rules of Engagement.
5. An umpire's call during a battle or engagement is absolute. Challenges to any umpire will result in removal from the event. The Board of Directors may discipline troublesome reenactors by barring their attendance at tactical events upon the recommendation of the Safety & Authenticity Committee,
6. Umpires will call hits.
7. During mass engagements, the umpires will use a six-sided die to determine the casualty percentage for each individual opposing force.
8. The umpires will verify the evacuation of all casualties and destroyed systems to the rear support areas.
9. Units will provide one umpire for each platoon sized element. This should be voluntary and/or rotated among members.
10. There must be at least two umpires present at each engagement.
11. All umpires will have hand-held radio communications in order to communicate with each other for resolving conflicts and verifying outcomes.
12. Umpires will wear armbands to distinguish them from the battling forces.
13. All battle fees and charges for meals, barracks, etc. will be waived for umpires.. Umpires will be paid by the hosting unit(s) - except at the National battle, when they will be paid by the Society.

Recommended Rules of Engagement

Crew-Served Infantry Weapons

1. Crew served infantry weapons (60mm mortars, machine guns, automatic rifles, bazookas) must have the authorized number of TO&E crew members (minimum of two) and hauling gear (harnesses, packs, carrying frames, etc.)
2. All weapons will be deployed with the standard basic load of ammunition.
3. Targets must have a line of sight on them.
4. Weapons must deliver a identifiable visual and auditory report.
5. Weapons capabilities will drive the duration and course of a battle, effects on targets and numbers of casualties inflicted.
6. When any crew serviced weapon system is destroyed, the crew and the system will be removed from the battlefield and sent to the command's rear support area for reconstitution.

Towed Direct-Fire Anti-Tank Weapons

1. Towed direct-fire anti-tank weapons must have a reasonable number of TO&E crew members sufficient to operate the weapon. A full crew is desirable.
2. All weapons must be supported by an adequate ground force.
3. All weapons must be in a fixed, supported, and defensible position.
4. All weapons must have ample ammo hauling assets/capacity and a prime mover.
5. All ammo must deliver a identifiable visual and auditory report.
6. All weapons must have a line of sight on their targets.
7. All weapons must be physically moved to reorient on a target off their line of sight and direction of orientation.
8. Misfires will force the crew to realistically attempt to re-fire or clear weapon, reload and reinitiate firing target. This may allow the target to get away.
9. When any crew serviced weapon system is destroyed, the crew and the system will be removed from the battlefield and sent to the command's rear support area for reconstitution.

Indirect-Fire Weapons (Medium and Heavy Mortars and Artillery -75mm to 155mm)

1. Indirect-fire weapons must have a reasonable number of TO&E crew members sufficient to operate the weapon. A full crew is desirable.
2. A Forward Observer (FO) with a map and eyes on the target is required to effectively employ all indirect fire support assets.
3. There must be good radio communication between the gun line and FO at all times. All calls for fire must be performed via voice radio.
4. Howitzers and mortars must be roughly oriented along an azimuth of fire to the battle area center of sector to effectively engage any targets called in by the FO. An improper or incorrect call for fire will cause a missed target or fratricide.
5. Sufficient ammo must be on hand and employed to achieve effects on targets.
6. All ammo must deliver a identifiable visual and auditory report.
7. Misfires will force the crew to realistically attempt to re-fire or clear weapon, reload and reinitiate firing on target. This may allow the target to get away.
8. Umpires will verify target acquisition, radio transmissions, receipt of all fire missions, messages to the FO and round effects on target.
9. When any crew serviced weapon system is destroyed, the crew and the system will be removed from the battlefield and sent to the command's rear support area for reconstitution.

Tanks and Self-Propelled Tank Destroyers

1. Tanks and tank destroyers must have the authorized number of TO&E crew members sufficient to operate the weapon.
2. Tanks and tank destroyers must be deployed as part of a combined arms team.
3. The vehicle Commander will ride exposed at all times during combat to observe the safety of friendly and enemy infantry around the vehicle. When the vehicle is moving, the Commander is immune to "hits" because of his/her role as a safety observer. All other crewmembers are fair game. The Commander loses immunity when the vehicle is not moving or when he/she engages the enemy using a rifle, machine gun, pistol, grenades, etc.
4. Tanks and tank destroyers must have good radio communications in order to safely operate with supporting infantry.
5. The attacking tank or tank destroyer must have its weapon on target to engage at the given range.
6. All ammo must deliver a identifiable visual and auditory report.
7. Effects on a target will be based solely on weapon capability and armor thickness.
8. The attacking tank must be capable of realistically defeating the AFV.
9. Misfires will force the crew to realistically attempt to re-fire or clear weapon, reload and reinitiate firing on target. This may allow the target to get away.
10. Anti-tank weapons will defeat a tank based upon its capabilities.
11. Infantry can shoot at or throw explosive anti-tank devices at an AFV, but not into an open hatch or crew viewing porthole.
12. When any crew service weapon system is destroyed, the crew and the system will be removed from the battlefield and sent to the command's rear support area for reconstitution.