

MVPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 11 – 12, 2011 * Holiday Inn * Huntsville, Alabama

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

President, David Welch at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 11, 2011, called the meeting of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association's Board of Directors to order. There was a quorum present and Administrative Assistant Tracey Metcalf recorded the minutes.

Present:

David Cadorette - Amherst, NH	Kevin Kronlund - Spooner, WI	Randy Withrow - Huntsville, AL
Toby Chandler - Austin, TX	Steve Preston - Oregon City, OR	Tom Wolboldt - Fleming, OH
John Cheney II - North Baltimore, OH	David Welch - Gillette, NJ	Tracey Metcalf - HQ Staff
David Doyle – Memphis, TN	Kay Willard – Independence, MO	

Absent:

Kevin Emdee – Radcliff, KY	Reg Hodgson – St. Albert, AB, Canada
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A MOTION by Kevin Kronlund to accept the agenda after modifying the language in section V, item D dropping "by MVPA Affiliates" and changing it to "create a policy of trademark logo". Section VI. New Business; item E. TMC'09 apparel distribution was added. Section VI. item A. Affiliate Insurance Coverage – Kevin Kronlund was moved to section V. item F. Unfinished Business, **ADOPTED Unanimously**

II. Secretary's report

A. The fall Board of Directors meeting minutes were approved by the Board electronically 12/15/10

III. Treasurer's report

A. Accountants 2009-10 review

1. The auditor's report was discussed, and it was noted that Randy Withrow had been at HQ during the process.
2. The auditor's financial statement mirrors the CPA's published in the Feb/Mar Supply Line; with total revenue of \$524,328 and expenses of \$613,089, leaving a decrease in net assets of (\$88,761)
3. Randy is to propose a future review/audit schedule.

B. 2010-11 Year to date Report

1. Kay Willard noted the majority of the MVPA's income has been received via membership dues, and that amount is down \$20,000 compared to this time last year.
2. Kay noted she is posting the advertising income to Supply Line from the Convention and Supply Room at \$217 a page. In addition the Associate and Affiliate listings plus general association information pages are charged to membership at \$217 per page.
3. Staff wages have been charged to Supply Line for some time and are now being charged to Convention and Supply Room as well.
4. Kay said the \$6,500 budgeted for Credit Card Fees, which now includes a PayPal option, may be closer to \$10,000. (Follow up after the meeting finds a 33% increase in credit card sales compared to same time last year and a slightly higher fee rate of 3.09% compared to 2.98% last year)

C. Cost comparison after combining SL/AM

1. Kay compiled the average cost for the Army Motors and Supply Lines that were mailed together last year and in comparing those figures to the first AM/SL Combo issue the cost savings will be in printing and mailer fees. This is an estimated savings of \$4000 on the Feb/Mar AM134 combo and about \$2500 on the Apr/May AM135, which has 20 more pages and additional poly bagging to the USA.
2. The foreign postage jumped 15% on the last mailing, and David Doyle said Publication Printers told him they recently realized there was a 15% handling fee charged on their US mailing, and that it should have been charged to foreign mail as well.
3. It was also noted a 2% paper increase is to take effect 1 July which will cost about \$300 on a 192 page issue.

D. Membership Statistics

1. Kay Willard noted the 2010 membership ended at the lowest level in years at 8455, a 10% drop to last year. This includes 383 Italian members who dropped after a dues increase from \$41 to \$50 plus 518 non Italian members.
2. The loss of 500+ non-Italian members continues in 2011 with February's total at 7422

3. It was suggested the MVPA contact the Italian members directly and not rely on the leaders of the IMVCC to relay our need for their membership at the regular overseas rate.
 4. In February Lee Holland requested and Board members were offered a list of non-renewed members to call. Of the 264 members called 49 rejoined and 10 were deceased. Those that did not rejoin expressed age and health as being the main reason, followed by the economy and cost of the hobby or just losing interest.
 - a. Lee Holland called 148 people with 37 rejoining
 - b. Toby Chandler called 89 people with 5 rejoining
 - c. Tom Wolboldt called 22 people with 5 rejoining
 - d. Randy Withrow called 5 people with 2 rejoining
- E. Supply Room Review
1. Kay included a list of Supply Room items with notations of the ones to be phased out and there were no objections.
 2. David Cadorette will continue to work with Kay to adjust pricing, reduce the current inventory and add new items.
 3. Kay suggested adding more children's books to go with Jeffery the Jeep (a good seller), plus a child's t-shirt.
 4. Kay suggested setting up a "Sale Section" online of the items to be phased out to include a % off coupon, and then send an email blast to notify the membership.

IT WAS DECIDED an e-mail "special" list will be sent to the affiliate officers, and that a color flyer be created to send to the members and affiliates to boost sales.

III. Unfinished Business

A. MVPA Auction Site ~ Tom Wolboldt

1. Tom is trying to specify the vehicles by class rather than year, make and model as civilian vehicles are listed
2. The cost to acquire the auction site is \$700, plus a cost to load it on the MVPA's site of \$400, plus a monthly service fee. The total amount budgeted for the project is \$1600 for the year and \$1100 is already spent on launching the program
3. Tom is not sure of the activation date, but is hoping to be launched by 5/1/11
4. David Doyle agreed to feature an article on the auction area when the program is launched, suggested a seminar at the Dayton convention to introduce the new feature to the membership, and suggested an e-mail blast be sent to the membership when they can access the area

B. Revision of Policy #2 (see attached)

A MOTION by John Cheney II to remove paragraphs 4 through 8 and to remove "Weapons" from the title of Policy #2, **ADOPTED Unanimously**

C. Revision of Policies #11 and 12 (see attached)

A MOTION by David Doyle to accept the updated policy #11. **ADOPTED; 10 for and 1 opposed**

A MOTION by Tom Wolboldt to retract the last vote was **ADOPTED Unanimously**

A MOTION by David Doyle to accept the new policy #11 with wording changes (see attached), **ADOPTED, 10 for and 1 opposed**

A MOTION by John Cheney II to accept the changes to Policy #12 (see attached), **ADOPTED Unanimously**

A MOTION by David Cadorette to accept the 2nd revision to Policy #11 (see attached) **ADOPTED Unanimously**

D. MVPA Trademark and Usage

1. David Cadorette said the MVPA's trademark (logo) was published on 2/15/11, and we should have full approval on 3/15/11.
2. David Cadorette is to draft a letter of permission to be sent to those that the MVPA grants the right to use the trademarked logo.

3. David Cadorette reviewed page 1 of the Trademark and Usage Policy, stating page 2 would consist of a variety of the trademarked logos that can be used.

IT WAS DECIDED that David Cadorette would tweak the wording of the Trademark and Usage Policy, which will be MVPA Policy #18, and send it electronically along with page 2 for final Board approval.

IT WAS DECIDED Headquarters will send a letter to the Affiliated Groups created by David Cadorette and David Doyle. The letter will explain that the MVPA logo is now trademarked, and in order for the current affiliate logos to be grandfathered in they will need to send it to MVPA-HQ.

E. TMC'09 Apparel Disbursement

1. TMC'09 merchandise was offered to 4 and 3 Star affiliate groups
2. Six groups have requested items and have paid the shipping costs
3. The 2 Star groups are now to be offered the merchandise
4. Any remaining shirts are to be given to MVPA members registering vehicles for the 2011 convention until supplies are depleted

F. History Data/Specification Cards

1. Tracey Metcalf introduced a new idea by Lee Holland for the MVPA Supply Room, History Data/Specification Cards
2. The idea was well accepted by the Board with some tweaking
3. It was discussed to offer the cards laminated or framed
4. David Doyle stated he had most of the material needed for the Author Needed vehicles, and that he would volunteer to proof read the originals before printing
5. David Cadorette wants to rework the bottom of the cards and the logo before printing, and remove the "proud member" area so it applies to non-members
6. The first MVPA member to arrive with the specified vehicles at convention will receive a complimentary set of cards for their vehicle with a note attached stating they could be purchased at registration

MOTION BY David Doyle to precede with the creation of the History Data Specification Cards, limited to a loss of \$250, **ADOPTED Unanimously**

IT WAS DECIDED that Tom Wolboldt and Tracey Metcalf would pole the Technical Advisors to see who would be interested in authoring some of the History Data Specification Cards

IV. New Business

A. Affiliate Insurance Coverage

1. Kevin Kronlund suggested a "rate per membership" program
 - a. The cost would be doubled for any group with less than 50% MVPA membership
 - b. The cost would go down as the more affiliate group members join national
 - c. Assessed at the beginning of the calendar year
2. David Welch asked Fred Schlesinger, an MVPA member who is also an attorney, to review the MVPA's current Insurance coverage. Fred provided an analysis to include the following recommendations:
 - a. Address the garaging requirements on the Affiliate policy
 - b. Check on the cost of increasing coverage sublimits of Affiliate policy
 - c. Suggests increasing the liability of the sublimits like employee dishonesty on the HQ's business owner's policy. For a few dollars more may be able double the sublimit. (Note this coverage was recently combined with the Affiliate policy)
 - d. Take care to cover all bases if Director Liability policy is move to a new company
3. Raising the cost of the Affiliate Insurance to cover the cost of the total premium was discussed for 2012 with the amount to be determined at the next meeting

IT WAS DECIDED to have Kay contact Fred Schlesinger and ask him to take it to the next level and explore new insurance coverage via Hagerty or Continental Western, the AHS's company, etc. To address the garaging and moving vehicle issues as well as the cost.

A MOTION by David Doyle for Kay Willard to invite Fred Schlesinger to review and explore our insurance options, make recommendations and provide a report of his findings to David Welch **ADOPTED Unanimously**

MOTION BY Randy Withrow to send a monthly e-mail blast to the membership concerning convention, affiliate participation, and other news pertinent to the membership **ADOPTED Unanimously**

V. MVPA Publications

A Supply Line

1. David Doyle reported that the April/May Supply Line and Army Motors #135 is a total of 218 pages and feels we should promote our position as the largest periodical representing the HMV hobby to new advertisers and potential members.
2. Due to several complaints of damaged issues of the Feb/Mar Supply Line and Army Motors #134. David Doyle suggested adding a heavier cover at a cost of \$200 with some of the cost and weight to be offset by lighter paper in the color section of SL.
3. Kay Willard suggested poly bagging the USA 2nd class at an additional cost of \$390. (Note the Canadian, Foreign and 1st Class is already poly bagged).
4. David Cadorette stated he would rather stay with a lighter weight cover and poly bag the publications
5. John Cheney II requested that if a mailing label is placed on the magazine that the sticker be easily removable.

IT WAS DECIDED to poly bag future issues of Supply Line and Army Motors plus to go with a heavier cover and lighter paper on the interior.

A MOTION by Toby Chandler to adjourn the meeting for the evening was **ADOPTED Unanimously**

President, David Welch called the meeting of the MVPA to order at 8:15 a.m. March 12, 2011

Randy Withrow led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

B. Army Motors

1. David Doyle reported for Reg Hodgson that he received no negative feedback on combining the publications.
2. Reg Hodgson has been in contact with members of the Italian Military Vehicle Collectors Club and thinks we will see more of them renewing their memberships.
3. Reg has published an article on the Column of Liberation convoy that is celebrated annually in Italy in hopes of encouraging the Italians to want to receive the MVPA's publications.

VII. New Business

A. Review of Complimentary Members

1. David Doyle asked that the complimentary members be reviewed, resulting in 10 of the 27 to be continued. 17 will be dropped as complimentary members and a letter will be sent from HQ inviting them to join.

A MOTION by David Doyle to accept the changes in the complimentary membership list, once they are reviewed by Reg Hodgson (Note this was done 3/15/11) **ADOPTED Unanimously**

B. Guidelines to Communication

1. Tom Wolboldt requested the Board compose a guide for central communication for dealing with the media and members
2. David Cadorette volunteered to reply to the media and work on press releases
3. Steve Preston would like to ask the G503.com to put a separate link on the site for MVPA business to be addressed by the MVPA directors
 - a. It was explained that this was not the MVPA's site and anyone with questions for the MVPA Board should post them at www.mvpa.org, or to contact Headquarters and their questions would be addressed
 - b. The Board feels the MVPA would be better served with a large link to our site from the G503, rather than a page on that site.
4. Kay suggests that when she sends communications received at HQ to the Board she will address it to a specific Director and copy the rest of the Board. The addressed Director will respond to the person that originated the communication and copy the Board on his

response. HQ will notify the originator of the communication that their message has been forwarded to a Director.

IT WAS DECIDED Kay Willard and Tom Wolboldt would compose a bulleted guideline for communication to be reviewed by David Cadorette, the forwarded to the Board.

C. In House Membership Directory

1. Tom Wolboldt suggested the MVPA could do an in house directory at a profit noting Harris grossed over \$100,000 on the last MVPA Directory.
2. David Doyle stated the layout and printing would not be a problem, but the man hours involved in collecting and preparing the vehicle data could make an in house directory cost prohibitive.
3. A survey of the membership was discussed in order to get a feel for the type of directory they want. (electronic, or a colorful coffee table book, or printout of member and vehicle information) and how much they would be willing to pay.

IT WAS DECIDED to have Kay Willard move forward with developing an electronic directory on the Avectra software, and revisit the Membership Directory issue at the summer meeting.

D. New Affiliation Requests

1. The Kansas Military Transportation Group
2. South Texas MVPA

A MOTION by Toby Chandler to refuse the Kansas Military Transport Group's affiliation until they supply a complete list of officers and a newsletter **ADOPTED Unanimously**

A MOTION by David Welch to tentatively accept the Kansas Military Transport Group's affiliation upon receipt of the officers and a copy of their newsletter. **ADOPTED Unanimously**

A MOTION by David Cadorette to accept South Texas MVPA as an affiliate group upon receipt of their newsletter **ADOPTED Unanimously**

VIII. Standing Committees

A. 2013 and beyond

1. Steve Preston has been in touch with several Convention and Visitors Bureaus
 - a. Philadelphia was found to be very expensive, with the King of Prussia (Valley Forge Convention Center) area somewhat less so.
 - b. Tobyhanna Army Depot was discussed along with South Dakota and Reno, NV
 - c. The Phoenix Fair Ground was also discussed but the Board determined an outside event in the desert would be too hot
 - d. The MVCC of Oregon is bringing a proposal to the August 2011 meeting for the 2013 convention (it was requested the presentation be kept to 15 minutes)
 - e. Steve Preston would like the 2014 convention to be on the east coast, but has no groups offering to sponsor the event, he will continue to pursue
 - f. The Rolling Thunder group from Topeka may bring a proposal for 2015 to a future meeting
 - g. Steve suggested Reid Knight of Titusville, FL may be someone to contact for a convention on his property, but the Board asked for more details before pursuing this avenue
2. 2012 Huntsville, Alabama
 - a. Randy Withrow introduced co-chair of the 2012 convention, Chuck Watford
 - b. The Board and members of the Dixie Division will tour the Von Braun Center following the Board Meeting.
 - c. The Holiday Inn contract is ready to sign once the convention center contract is signed
 - d. Randy Withrow reported that there would be no scheduled tours because attendees can ride the trolley from the hotel & Von Braun to all of the sites in the city.
 - e. The Holiday Inn host hotel MVPA rates will be \$93 per night which includes a \$5 rebate back to the convention expense. Also included: 24 comp room nights for this Board meeting and 1 comp night per 40 nights sold for this convention.

3. 2011 Dayton, Ohio
 - a. John Cheney II discussed the budget showing a net profit of \$43,562.33
 - b. The Arena will be open later on Tuesday and Wednesday for move-in
 - c. Thursday & Friday will close at 5 p.m. for event attendance
 - d. Reported that vendor tables and tour sales are good for this early out
- B. Judging Committee
 1. Tom Wolboldt discussed the judging of tires on HMMVs, stating that original tires will always receive more points than reproduction
 2. David Cadorette noted that if the reproduction is of the actual tire for that type of vehicle he did not feel points should be subtracted

A MOTION by David Doyle to allow the vehicle chairman to use his discretion on the judging of tires on vehicles **ADOPTED Unanimously**

- C. Nomination/Elections Committee
 1. Kevin Kronlund reported that nomination forms have been sent to Pedro Campos, Lamar Rowland and Bill Scott
 2. Toby Chandler and Kevin Kronlund have contacted affiliate groups for candidates, with positive feedback from the groups
- D. Historical Archives
 1. Art Pope proposed we put a CD of the Archive Drawings in the 2011 convention packets, which the Board feels would be too expensive for the Archives minimal budget.
 2. Tom Wolboldt thinks the MVPA members will be better served by listing the drawings on the web site, where it will be updateable.
 3. Kay is to check into adding an option in the online store to allow the purchase of the drawings online based on their size and ID #.
- E. Advertising Committee
 1. David Cadorette noted that two MVPA ads need to have the wording tweaked to better represent the legislative influence of the MVPA
 2. David also reported that he is working with David Doyle for new photos to be added to the existing ads
 3. David is also working on new tri-fold brochure
- F. Member Liaison Committee
 1. Tom Wolboldt suggested the Board all have air mile credit cards through the MVPA to build up enough miles to give a complimentary trip to an overseas member to the convention.
 - a. Tom feels a name should be drawn from all of the existing overseas members to pick the recipient. This would encourage overseas memberships.

IT WAS DECIDED that with a fee of \$50 per card not all Directors would be issued a card as Tom suggested. Instead Kay would see how many bills could be paid with the VISA card in order to accumulate points.

A MOTION by John Cheney II to authorize Tom Wolboldt and Kay Willard to explore the financial aspects of offering a free trip to an overseas member to attend convention. **ADOPTED Unanimously**

- G. Government Legislative Liaison
 1. A MVPA Position Statement on Legislative Issues was discussed and a proposal submitted to the Board (see attached)

A MOTION by Kevin Kronlund to accept the Legislative Position Statement was **ADOPTED Unanimously**

- H. Awards Committee
 1. Bart Vanderveen Award – winner to be posted here after the 2011 Banquet presentation
 2. Honor Roll – honorees to be posted here after the 2011 Banquet presentation
 3. Pioneer Award Recipient – to be posted here after the 2011 Banquet presentation

A MOTION by David Cadorette to accept the nominees for the Bart Vanderveen, Honor Roll and Pioneer awards **ADOPTED Unanimously**

4. Littlefield Award – to be posted here after the 2011 Banquet presentation

A MOTION by John Cheney II to accept the Littlefield nominee **ADOPTED Unanimously**

5. Newsletter Editor Award – to be posted here after the 2011 Banquet presentation

A MOTION to accept the nomination for the Affiliate Newsletter Editor Award **ADOPTED 10 yes, 1 no**

6. Website award - will be reviewed by Toby Chandler and discussed with John Cheney II before a nominee is sent electronically for a vote
7. An award for the longest distance traveled with a vehicle to the convention was discussed by Tom Wolboldt.

A MOTION by David Doyle to empower the vehicle chairman to determine the person bringing a vehicle the longest distance to the convention and determining the award to be given **ADOPTED Unanimously**

I. Associate / Business Member Liaison Committee

1. Tom Wolboldt reported he had feedback from some vendors that the 2011 convention is rather long, and requires an extra day of travel
2. Tom thinks most of the Associate members and vendors are happy or he would have more feedback.

J. Website Committee

1. David Cadorette is working with John Cheney II and Tom Wolboldt on updating the web site. They will bring their ideas to Chris Smith the current Web Master via a conference call.
2. Kay asked to be involved in the process and David agreed

IX. Executive Session

A MOTION by David Welch to go into Executive Session* **ADOPTED Unanimously**

A MOTION by David Doyle to take no action other than a statement from the Member Liaison Committee to Randy King **ADOPTED Unanimously**

IT WAS DECIDED Tom Wolboldt would reply to Randy King of the MVCC of California concerning a conflict within that group

IT WAS DECIDED the Chicagoland Group, who submitted accurate affiliation forms for 2011, will be recognized as the Board and Members of the group by the MVPA

A MOTION by David Cadorette to come out of the Executive Session **ADOPTED Unanimously**

IX. Meeting Adjourned

A MOTION by David Doyle to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m. **ADOPTED Unanimously**

Respectfully submitted by Tracey Metcalf, Administrative Assistant on 3/16/2011

Reviewed by Kay Willard, C.O.O. on 3/21/2011

Sent to Secretary Tom Wolboldt on 3/22/2011 – Committee Reviewed 4/18/2011

Sent to Full Board on 4/19/2011 Approval by Full Board on 4/28/2011

Attachments #1 – Policy #2

Military Vehicle Preservation Association POLICY 2: Display of Uniforms and Vehicles

(Adopted February 1998 / Amended March 2001 / Amended March 2011)

UNIFORMS: United States Statutes and Department of Defense Regulations prohibit anyone, except a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps, from wearing the uniform, or distinctive part of the uniform of U.S. military forces, except as otherwise provided by law. Only lawfully authorized persons may wear current U.S. military uniforms at MVPA events. Uniforms no longer utilized by U.S. Armed Forces may be worn, if done so in a dignified and respectful manner at MVPA events, meetings, or in conjunction with vehicle displays. It is strongly recommended, out of respect to those that served in the U.S. military services, that decorations for valor not be worn unless said member has earned such decoration through prior or current military service.

Politically significant uniforms should not be worn under any circumstances. These include, but are not limited to, such uniforms as SS or Gestapo uniforms, etc. Common sense and due regard for the feelings of others will help avoid the creation of public relations problems.

MVPA members who wish to wear a distinctive uniform depicting themselves as a member of a MVPA affiliate group are encouraged to wear uniforms that are distinct, similar and are worn with respect. If worn, it is recommended that the MVPA patch be worn on the left sleeve and the affiliate groups patch on the right sleeve.

VEHICLES: Vehicles shall not be driven at or in, or transported to or from, any MVPA event or display in such a manner as to endanger property or people. Vehicles involved in MVPA events or displays may be moved only in conformity with the written rules of the event or written and/or verbal instructions of MVPA event officials.

PENALTIES: Any person failing to adhere to these rules, or exhibiting other negligent or irresponsible behavior, may face expulsion from the event or display and, if appropriate, suspension or termination of MVPA membership.

Attachment #2 – Policy #11

Military Vehicle Preservation Association POLICY 11: Firearms & Explosive Devices

Adopted March 2011

The MVPA is an association specializing in military vehicles of all types. Various weapons are permitted in display to better illustrate the function of the vehicle in wartime. The following definitions apply for the purpose of this Policy as it pertains to MVPA activities.

Definitions

MVPA event: Any event advertised or sponsored by the MVPA where the use of the MVPA name or logo would lead the public to believe it was an official MVPA event. The Event Chairman will appoint a “Safety Officer” to inspect for and enforce the following Policy rules.

Firearm: Any gun or rocket of any size capable of discharging a projectile thru the use of a flammable or explosive propellant. All A.T.F. descriptions and rules apply.

Receiver: That part of a firearm bearing the serial number which the A.T.F. considers to be the controllable weapon itself.

Replica: A model or copy of a firearm incapable of discharging a projectile, used for display only. This class may include "Dewat" or "Demilled" copies using original parts converted to use gas to create noise and flash.

Blank Firing Guns: Firearms using blank ammunition to simulate live fire. Automatic or semiautomatic firearms must be modified to operate with blank ammunition and would be self destructive if fired with "ball" ammunition. Manually operated guns may use blank & ball interchangeably, thus this entire class must be considered as Firearms and rendered inoperable with a plastic tie when not involved in a reenactment.

Explosive Devices: Any type of object containing explosive material designed and intended to destroy or injure property or persons by explosive force. Mines, grenades and explosive ammunition are examples of this class.

Ammunition: A complete, assembled cartridge consisting of primer, powder and projectile of any caliber capable of being fired in a gun.

Policy

No Firearms, Firearm Receivers, Ammunition, Blank Ammunition or Explosive Devices will be advertised in MVPA publications.

No Firearms, Firearm Receivers, Ammunition, Blank Ammunition or Explosive Devices will be displayed for sale, sold or traded at MVPA conventions or sponsored events. Exceptions to the display portion of this rule will be considered by the MVPA Event Chairman on a case by case basis where reenactments are involved.

Replica guns, Non-guns and the inert shells or containers of Explosive Devices may be displayed, traded and sold at MVPA events once approved by the Safety Officer.

No Firearms, Replicas, or Blank firing Guns will be displayed on any type military vehicle at an MVPA event unless involved in an approved display. During such display these items will not be used in any way to threaten or alarm the public. When not part of a display these items should be removed or covered, including during transit.

In cases where a reenactment is part of an MVPA event, or at any time when Firearms are to be on display to the public, the Event Chairman and/or Safety Officer will decide when, where and how they are to be displayed. Any Firearm on display will be rendered inoperable with a plastic "cable tie" in order to prevent it from being operated except during a demonstration. Any "display sample" ammunition must be inert.

Firearms used in a reenactment may be capable of firing blank or live ammunition interchangeably, thus ammunition control is absolutely necessary. Blank ammunition may be used in a reenactment after inspection but will not be permitted outside the reenactment area. The approved method is for the Safety Officer to require the unit commander of troops involved to inspect all ammunition available to his unit immediately prior to the reenactment.

Penalties

Failure or refusal to comply with these policies, and any behavior which creates a concern for public safety shall be grounds for expulsion from the event by the Event Chairman. Should such negligence or refusal be willful or repetitive and reflect poorly upon the MVPA the Board of Directors may suspend or terminate the membership of the responsible individual under the provisions of the MVPA Bylaws, Article 2, section 2.5.

Attachment #3 – Policy #12

Military Vehicle Preservation Association

POLICY 12: Re-enactor Guidelines

(Adopted August 2005 / Revised March & April 2011)

1. Weapons – See Policy #11.
2. Uniforms – All re-enactors are encouraged to be authentic and appropriate in their impression and/or display. All uniforms will be worn correctly and with respect. No items deemed offensive by the MVPA Event Chairman will be allowed, such as, but not limited to, SS or Gestapo uniforms and related insignia.
3. Flags – Vertical or horizontal display of any National flag is permitted within the living history display. No SS flags will be permitted to be hung or flown in any display.
4. Table Displays – Freestanding militaria displays are allowed (SS on approval). SS flags may only be displayed in a frame behind glass or folded on a tabletop.
5. Vehicles – Although no SS uniforms can be worn, a vehicle with SS markings may be displayed and/or judged.
6. Vehicle displays – a “combat configured” vehicle with modifications, may be entered into competition with display items considered as part of the package. Authenticity of display is encouraged.
7. Show Battles – allowed only with approval of the convention director and safety committee. The group must provide their own insurance coverage.

Attachment #3 – MVPA Legislation Position Statement

Legislation Affecting Historic Military Vehicles

A MVPA Position Statement

The Military Vehicle Preservation Association supports legislation that promotes the ownership, safe operation, display, and accessibility of related components of former military vehicles. The MVPA opposes legislation that restricts the preservation, restoration, public education, safe operation, and display of these historic artifacts.

Adopted by the MVPA Board of Directors
March 12, 2011