

Marching Thru History Exposition 20th Century Participants Safety Rules

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STATEMENT: Anyone who performs an intentionally dangerous act that causes or could have caused serious injury to others or himself, can be expelled from the Marching Thru History Exposition by the MTHE Executive Committee.

NO PRACTICAL JOKE OF ANY TYPE WILL BE TOLERATED. A practical joke for purposes of these rules is defined to be some form of trick played on someone else, especially to his or her discomfort or embarrassment. We don't want any participant to spend a night in jail because of a "joke" taken in the "wrong way" that might lead to a confrontation.

Personal Safety

Health: Living history and reenacting can be a strenuous hobby and is not recommended for those with physical conditions that limit this type of activity. If a member has a heart condition or other ailment that may stop him or her from participating, the member should consult a doctor before participating in an event. Members are responsible for verifying their own health status.

Smoking, Substance Abuse:

- A. Smoking shall only be allowed in safe areas designated by the presiding local, municipal, state and/or Federal authorities.
- B. No illegal drugs of any type (These are grounds for immediate expulsion)
- C. The consumption of alcohol at MTHE is strongly discouraged in San Bernardino County parks without proper permits. The risk factors for injury due to the type of materials associated with the event make drinking an unacceptable pastime. If at any time, an MTHE participant becomes intoxicated to such an extent that his or her behavior becomes disorderly or inappropriate, and if the individual or group does not cease after a warning from MTHE staff members, or from other participants witnessing same, the individual shall be considered to be in violation of the MTHE Code of Conduct and will be expelled from the event pending a hearing to determine whether the offending individual will be allowed back at future events. Any refusal to leave will be handed over to the local police for processing. Any participant, who provides to or permits alcohol to anyone under the age of 21, shall also be subject to the penalties provided within.

Participants Water Consumption: is not responsible to provide any potable water for participants' consumption at any time during our event. Please bring your own supply of water to augment any that might be available from Prado Park. Do not drink the water from the stream or lake.

Insects, Reptiles, and Hazardous Vegetation: Be aware of insects, reptiles, poison ivy, poison oak, and other hazards of the wild. We are in a park of over two thousand acres; much of it is very much as it has been for decades. Take appropriate preventative care and action at all times.

Camp Fires and Fire Prevention: Open camp fires will only be allowed in safe areas and in forms deemed to be safe by the Prado Regional Park staff. Only above ground fires are allowed on the manicured portions of the MTHE site.

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Firearms

Handling: Treat all firearms as if they were loaded and ready to fire. Never leave them where the public can have easy access to them without participant supervision. Unload **ALL** weapons not in use. Most important is to prevent unsafe situation from occurring. In vehicles or vegetation, use the safety or its' functional equivalent (e.g. closed bolt) to prevent accidental discharges on all weapons you might be carrying at the time.

Ranges for Safety: No direct fire of any firearm shall be permitted within eight yards (24 feet) of anyone. Make sure that the area in front of you is clear. Watch for others attempting to conceal themselves in cover such as bushes or treelines. For Machine Guns (MG's) the safety cone is ten (30 feet) yards and for artillery larger than 37 millimeter the safety cone should be a minimum of thirteen (39 feet) yards. There will be no loading or discharging of blank ammo until authorized by your own unit leader or the MTHE appointee; individual unit "Safety Officers" will supervise any test firing of weapons. Penalty for violation of these requirements is immediate expulsion from the MTHE event site for the remainder of the event.

Ammunition: No **LIVE** ammunition will be permitted at MTHE event site at any time. Exceptions are law enforcement officers on or off duty for use in their service weapons. No live ammo in your tents, on your person, or in your exhibit vehicles. **Participants will face immediate permanent expulsion on the first violation of these safety rules.**

No wood-tipped blanks, fired from an unrestricted weapon, are to be used at the Marching Thru History Exposition.

When not in use, , all firearms shall be cleared of blank ammunition and stored in a secure location if possible within your individual encampment site. Trunks of cars are terrific for this purpose. Otherwise a locked box of whatever period type is preferred.

Blank Firing Adapters: All blank firing adapters (i.e. non-machined steel) for the M1 Garand or M1 Carbine (e.g. German site mounted type) are to be used at MTHE.

Participants Who Are Minors and Firearm Use: Participants less than 18 years of age – or under 21 years in the case of handguns – shall also have on his or her person, written parental permission to possess firearm(s) at MTHE. MTHE also requires for an original copy to be provided to the MTHE staff at time of registration.

Edged and Other Weapons

Knives and Bayonets: Are to remain sheathed – unless made of safe, non-injurious materials (such as rubber - on approval of unit safety officer) except for cooking, as tools for digging, or for any other approved video or staged photographic work. Other weapons not covered in these safety regulations must have the approval of unit safety officers and are subject to the approval of a member of the MTHE Executive Committee **PRIOR** to their use at the MTHE event site.

Hand-Propelled Objects: Throwing of unauthorized objects is strictly prohibited. Participants can be expelled for violation of this safety regulation.

Grenades and Satchel Charges: All projectile weights are subject to approval by the MTHE Executive Committee and must also be approved by the unit Safety Officer.

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Grenades and Satchel Charges - Continued - All grenades are to be manufactured of a soft material and must be approved by the unit Safety Officer and are subject to the approval the MTHE Executive Committee.

All Satchel Charges shall conform to the volumes and actual weights (as opposed to fictitious weights) set forth in the California Historical Group bylaws Section 2(B)(10) Article VI.

Weapon-Projected Objects: (Rifle Grenades, Bazookas, Mortars) All weapon-projected objects must be fired at an angle greater than 45 degrees to the ground.

All projectiles/rounds shall be safe, sturdy and approved by the unit Safety Officer. These projectiles are also subject to the approval of the MTHE Executive Committee.

All projection units shall be safe, sturdy, and approved by the unit Safety Officer. All projection units are subject to approval by the MTHE Executive Committee.

Pyrotechnics: No pyrotechnics (i.e. smoke bombs, flares) are permitted unless used by a licensed pyrotechnics technician. All Local, State, and Federal laws shall be observed and complied with during any use of pyrotechnics. In addition, all fire safety regulations must be adhered to before, during, and after use of pyrotechnics.

Vehicles

Safety Check: All vehicles shall have fully functional brakes capable of stopping under any conditions. All vehicles – except motorcycles – shall carry an operational fire extinguisher.

Maximum speed for all vehicles in the battle areas is five (5) miles and hour unless approved by the MTHE Era Coordinator and the unit Safety Officer.

All participants will consider maximum safety in situations where civilian/pedestrian contact could be made around vehicle.

No driving of unauthorized vehicles outside of the designated areas will be tolerated.

At no time shall the driver of any exhibit vehicle operate said vehicle while conditions exist which limit or interfere with the clear, unobstructed forward or lateral vision of the driver and/or the co-driver.

While in a "Convoy" impression no vehicle should be traveling over ten (10) miles and hour. Individual speeds should be kept under twenty-five (25) miles an hour anytime they in operation at the Marching Thru History Exposition.

We all participate in MTHE to have fun in our hobby - at all times stress Maximum safety!!!