

Michigan Military Technical & Historical Society

Organizational By-Laws

Article I

Name

The name of this non-profit organization shall be the:
Michigan Military Technical & Historical Society Inc. Hereafter referred to as MTHS inc.

Article II

Motto

The motto of this organization will be:
"POOR IS THE NATION THAT HAS NO HEROS. SHAMEFUL IS THE ONE THAT,
HAVING THEM, FORGETS."

Article III

Purpose

Group dedicated to portraying the daily life of American civilian and military personnel in 20th century conflict, showcasing, wherever possible, the products of Michigan's "Arsenal of Democracy" with emphasis on, but not limited to the 1930-1950 period of time. The MTHS, Inc. will carry out this purpose through the sponsoring of public and private battle reenactments and Historical displays. The Historical battle reenactments and displays will consist of the MTHS Inc. membership's military memorabilia, uniforms, equipment, personnel and vehicles.

The organizations ultimate end state goal is the establishment and maintenance of a permanent museum structure to educate the public on and preserve the artifacts of the role played by Michigan products in 20th Century Conflict.

Article IV

Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the corporation shall be from January 1 through December 31 in each calendar year.

Article V

Membership

A. Equal Opportunity Statement – The MTHS Inc. is an equal opportunity organization. It does not discriminate based on race, age, sex, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, occupation, height, weight, handicap, military service, political belief* (See Article V, section D 4), or religion.

B. Types of Memberships

1. A Regular Member shall be any legally competent person 16 years of age or older who applies for membership signs the required documents, pays the required membership fees, and agrees to follow all MTHS by-laws and Safety and Authenticity Rules. Regular Members who have attained the age of 16, but are not yet 18 years of age agree to submit a notarized letter of consent/hold harmless agreement signed by their parent (s) or legal guardian (s). Parent (s) or legal guardian (s) shall take full responsibility for the conduct and safety of any Regular Member who has attained the age of 16, but is not yet 18 years of age who attends a MTHS sponsored event.

2. A Family Member shall be available to any legally competent person, 16 years of age or older who is part of a Regular Member's family, living at the same place of residence, has family membership fees paid, and agrees to follow all MTHS bylaws.

Minor aged family members, below the age of 18, will be the sole responsibility of said parent (s) or guardian (s) who will sign a separate membership application naming the minor and sign all appropriate waivers and/or other documents required for the minor attending each event.

Minors, under the age of 16, will have no voting rights nor may they participate in tactical or public battles in any capacity. They may, however, participate at Living History and Static Displays providing the portrayal does not involve the handling of any weapons, including edged weapons, ammunition, nonfunctioning reproduction armaments or ordinance of any kind or nature.

C. Age Limit – Membership is open to all persons 16 years of age or older. Age limits are also subject to local, state and federal laws. The following rules pertain to age limits and participation at events:

1. Age 16 – May carry a non-functional weapon (per BATF Regulations), must have documented legal guardian or parent present at the event to participate.

(Documentation: Letter of Guardianship)

2. Age 17 – May carry weapon, must have documented legal guardian or parent present at the event to participate. (Documentation: Letter of Guardianship)

3. Age 18 and older – No restrictions.

D. A person cannot join the MTHS if they meet any of the following criteria:

1. Is a convicted Felon.

2. Advocates the overthrow of any local, state or federal governments.

3. Participates in anti-Semitic or racist activities

4. Openly belongs to any Communist, Nazi, Neo-Nazi, or any hate group.

E. Membership Termination – Termination of a person's membership will be according to the following rules:

1. Any MTHS Inc. member found to be in violation of the Article V, Section D will have their membership terminated immediately with no refund of membership dues.

2. The MTHS Inc. Officers/Board of Trustees do reserve the right to deny or discontinue membership in the organization to any individual based upon good cause, including, but not limited to, acts of moral turpitude and acts against the best interests of the organization.

F. Dues

1. Dues will be \$20.00 per year. A Two Year Membership can be purchased for \$35.00,

