

**COLLECTIONS POLICY OF THE
Michigan Military Technical & Historical Society
(MTHS)**

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose of Collections Policy

The purpose of the collections policy is to provide guidelines for the Museum's collections-related activities, insuring that these activities meet high professional standards. The Museum's collections policy is a public statement of the Museum's commitment to care for and manage its collections properly.

B. Statement of Purpose/Mission of the Museum

The purpose of the Michigan Military Technical & Historical Society (hereinafter referred to as the Museum) shall be the education of the public in 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.

C. Types and Status of Collections

"Collections" is the term used for all material holdings of the Museum. Specific collection categories are defined as follows:

1. Permanent Collection

Those significant objects which directly relate to the purpose of the Museum. Objects accessioned into the permanent collection are cataloged, documented, preserved, and managed according to prescribed procedures meeting current professional museum standards.

2. Interpretive Collection

Those expendable objects which contribute to the educational programs of the Museum and which are available directly to the public for examination. Objects in the interpretive collection are readily available or duplicate objects and are not accessioned into the permanent collection.

3. Prop Collection

Those expendable objects which do not relate directly to the purpose of the Museum but which contribute to and enhance the visual and educational impact of exhibits. Objects in the prop collection are not accessioned into the permanent collection.

D. Scope of Permanent Collection

The scope of the collection of the Museum shall be artifacts related to military products made by Michigan based companies and artifacts pertaining to the production of those products and that demonstrate those products end use. The Museum shall also seek artifacts and documents pertaining to Michigan soldiers and units, to include, but not necessarily limited to, Michigan Guard, Michigan State Troops, Michigan Military Installations and Michigan Veterans. Items to establish "snapshots" of Michigan Life for a given period are also acceptable.

