



## THE TANK MUSEUM MILITARIA FAIR

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### EVENT – SPECIFIC DISPLAY OF SENSITIVE ARTEFACTS MEMORABILIA, SYMBOLS & WEAPONARY

#### Introduction

The Tank Museum takes great care to ensure that the subject matter it handles is curated with due sensitivity and presented in appropriate context. Throughout the year, there is a standard 'Display of Sensitive Artefacts' guideline that is required to be followed on a daily basis. This is available for public viewing on the trading page of our website. Saying this however, The Museum recognises that for a Militaria Fair to be successful, some adjustments are required as addressed below.

#### Overview

As a place of memorial and commemoration The Tank Museum has duty to its audiences to be mindful of the way in which it communicates history.

We therefore expect all our re-enactors, traders and exhibitors to understand the importance of this and include these guidelines to help third-parties ensure they meet the expected standards.

We take a common sense approach. We accept that traders are likely to have Nazi-era memorabilia on sale and that Second World War German uniforms, as worn by re-enactors, will bear the swastika. But given the obvious sensitivity around this symbolism, it is imperative that these objects and symbols are displayed with special consideration given to the tone and decency of the overall display.

#### Traders & Exhibitors

1. Are permitted to sell weapons (de-activated or replica) on site for this event only. The trader is responsible for providing proof of deactivation certification for all weapons and must be able to provide this on site when asked by a member of Museum staff.
  2. Hold full responsibility for guaranteeing weapons are securely wrapped at purchase and ensure the customer is aware these are to be kept wrapped and within a bag until they have left site.
  3. May sell knives/sharp objects at the event however these are also required to be wrapped once sold and remain wrapped until the customer has left site. Due to the potential immediate risk of this items. **Traders are required to hold these items at their stand until the customer is choosing to leave the event.** Anyone not found obeying these rulings will have their item confiscated without return.
  4. Are required to address the risk management of selling the above items within their risk assessment on submitting an application form and take full ownership of implementing this on the day.
  5. Hold full responsibility for ID'ing purchasers and ensuring they are at least 18 years of age. A refusal register must be held for any purchases that are denied and a member of Tank Museum staff notified.
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- May not sell or display racist political propaganda – be this overt or covert in nature.
- May not sell or display SS memorabilia or iconography.
- May not sell or display artefacts or objects which are of questionable taste or provocative in nature.
- May not sell or display artefacts which glorify controversial figures or concepts.

## **Re-enactors & Guest Vehicle Crews**

- May not leave the re-enactors area carrying weapons (genuine or replica) – including knives and bayonets.
- May not portray political soldiers or units. Portrayal of the SS or Gestapo is not permitted.
- May display swastikas providing the display is appropriate and in context and not disproportionate.
- Must conduct themselves with appropriate respect to the uniform they are wearing, refraining from inappropriate conversations and gestures which could be considered provocative or cause offense.
- We do not allow the representation of children in living history.

## **Responsibilities**

The interpretation of these guidelines requires a degree of flexibility and common sense by all.

Whilst we expect there will be a number of 'grey areas', we do expect third parties to interpret the guidelines in the spirit which they are intended – to ensure that these activities avoid causing offense to our international family audience.

Compliance to these guidelines is essential in order to trade/participate/display at The Tank Museum. Failure to adhere will be considered a breach of your Terms and Conditions, and may result in you being requested to leave the site with no compensation in relation to booking fees, expenses or lost earnings.

In all cases The Tank Museum or appointed representative will be the final arbiter – and no correspondence will be entered into on the matter.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

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