

# SENSITIVE ARTEFACTS, MEMORABILIA & SYMBOLS

## A POLICY FOR TRADERS, EXHIBITORS, RE-ENACTORS & GUEST VEHICLE OWNERS

**The Tank Museum takes great care to ensure that the subject matter it handles is curated with due sensitivity and presented in appropriate context.**

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. Additionally, The Tank Museum is situated on a working military site and must operate stringently to meet the safety and security expectations of stakeholders.

We expect all third parties operating at The Tank Museum to share our understanding of the responsibilities incumbent on us in this regard – and the following policy outlines our expectations.

### THE POLICY

As a military Museum, we communicate and illustrate complex and challenging subject matter – displaying objects, artefacts and symbolism which require special consideration of tone, context and decency due to their sensitivity.

**AS SUCH, WE OUTLINE THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS:**

#### TRADERS & EXHIBITORS

- May not sell or display racist/political propaganda (past or present) – be this overt or covert in nature.
- May not sell or display SS memorabilia or iconography – be it original or reproduction.
- May not sell or display artefacts or objects which are of questionable taste or openly provocative in nature.
- May not sell or display artefacts which glorify controversial figures or concepts.
- May not sell or display weapons including (but not limited to) deactivated or replica firearms, knives or other sharp objects.

#### 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. Specifically, portrayal of the SS or Gestapo is not permitted.
- May display swastikas providing the display is appropriate, in context and not of disproportionate size.
- 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 may opt to exclude the wearing of uniforms or insignia that may appear similar to items that are not permitted (eg, black panzer wrap uniform).
- We do not allow the representation of children in living history.

### INTERPRETATION & COMPLIANCE

The interpretation of this policy requires a degree of flexibility and pragmatism by all.

Whilst we expect there will be a number of 'grey areas', we do expect third parties to interpret the policy in the spirit which it is intended – to ensure that their activities avoid causing harm or offense to our international family audience.

Full compliance with this policy is essential and failure to adhere will be considered a breach of Terms and Conditions. This may result in you being requested to leave the site immediately without compensation. In all cases The Tank Museum or an appointed representative will be the final arbiter.

**Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.**