



Welcome To
YANKEE AIR MUSEUM
"Where History Flies"

Regulations and Safety Guidelines for re- enactors and military vehicle owners

Living History Department

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INTRODUCTION

These regulations apply to all living history/re-enactment activities sponsored by The Yankee Air Museum (YAM). In agreeing to participate in the programs you are also agreeing to abide by these *Guidelines and Safety Regulations*.

It must be understood that the YAM is located on the grounds of a working airport and is thereby required to abide by rules and regulations set forth by the various State and Federal Agencies governing airport safety and security.

People who are not following the Living History/Re-Enactment Safety Regulations will be asked to correct the situation so that they are in compliance. If corrective action can be not agreed upon and enacted, the participant and possibly their unit will be asked to leave the premises.

Special cases and/or exceptions to the Guidelines and Safety Regulations must be approved by the YAM designated Safety Officer and the Special Programs Team Leader prior to the program. The approved special cases and/or exceptions must be shared with all people who enforce the safety regulations.

Smoking is allowed only in posted designated outdoor smoking areas. In general, smoking is not permitted inside any building or inside any museum vehicle or aircraft.

Safety is everyone's responsibility. Individual participants, Unit Commanders, YAM designated Safety Officer, and Special Programs Team members will enforce the regulations.

Any violation of these standards or guidelines by the individual or group shall result in immediate cancellation of the demonstration and removal of the individual or group from further demonstrations at the YAM

Any decisions made at the scene by airport security will override these rules and must be followed without question.

FIREARMS AND GENERAL FIRING

- Discharging or firing of rifles/muskets is not allowed without pre-authorization by the Special Programs Team Leader.
- Discharging of firearms is permitted only in the specified areas clearly sanctioned as firing demonstration areas determined by the YAM. Firearms may not be discharged in camps, civilian areas, and/or other visitor areas.
- All participants who carry a firearm must have completed their unit's firearm operation and safety training.
- Participants must be 18 years or older to carry and operate a firearm. Youths between the ages of 16 and 18 may carry and operate a firearm only when they are directly supervised by a qualified participating adult member of their unit.
- Participants may allow non-participants to hold a rifle. However, the participant must have control of the firearm [their hand(s) should not leave the rifle] *and the muzzle must be pointed towards the sky.*
- Firearms used in firing reenactments must be in safe condition and inspected by the participating unit's officers and NCOs.
- Firing demonstrations will use blank loads only. Projectiles of any manner shall not be fired from any type of weapon.
- Firearms are not to be aimed at people.
- Visitors will not be allowed to handle any weapon or equipment containing blank ammunition
- Misfires must be handled in a safe area away from visitors and demonstration areas by the unit's NCO and officers. If further assistance is needed, the fouled piece will be removed from the demonstration area and handled with the assistance of the Special Programs team.
- Any person bringing a weapon which requires a permit or a license of any kind must have said license or permit available for inspection.

HANDGUNS

- Handguns may be carried as an accouterment by the appropriate units and ranks within the unit.
- Muzzles must not be pointed towards people at any time.
- All other guidelines detailed in this manual shall likewise be applied to the use of handguns.

BLANK CARTRIDGES, LOADS AND SIMULATORS

- All Blank cartridges will be stored in a secure location and will be issued only to troops participating in the re-enactor battle as they enter the field.
- At the conclusion of the battle, any unused ordnance must be gathered and secured by a designated individual.
- The use of any ground charges or artillery simulators will require the approval of the airport authority and must be approved by the YAM designated Safety Officer and the Special Programs Team Leader prior to the program.

- All blanks and simulated ordnance will be handled in such a way as to not endanger the participants or spectators.
- No live ordnance of any kind will be brought onto the museum grounds; this includes items intended for display only.
- **NO LIVE AMMO ON AIRPORT PROPERTY AND SHOW GROUNDS.**
- **PERSONS FOUND WITH LIVE AMMO WILL BE REMOVED FROM AND PERMANENTLY BARRED FROM THE EVENT.**

EDGED ARMS AND TOOLS

For any YAM sponsored living history events held on or outside airport grounds the following rules on edged weapons will apply

- Any edged weapon or implement carried on a person must be sheathed.
- Swords, bayonets, and knives, must have scabbards, sheaths, or other appropriate covering/storage. Cutting edges must be contained when not in use.
- Scabbards and sheaths must be in an adequate and safe condition.
- Non-participants are not allowed to handle edged weapons or tools.
- Throwing of weapons or projectiles is not allowed.
- Swords, bayonets, and knives cannot be handled by youths under the age of 16. Youths 16 to 18 may handle with direct supervision of a participating adult.
- No swords, bayonets, or knives may be brandished or used. Officers may use swords for directing troops, saluting or ceremonial purpose where appropriate.
- Demonstrations of how edged weapons were used are not allowed without pre-authorization by the Special Programs Team Leader.

INSPECTIONS

- All weapons will be checked by a YAM designated Safety Officer Airport security before they are brought onto airport grounds. The weapons may be tagged as having been inspected; the tagging will be done in a way as to not affect the overall "impression" of the re-enactor.
- Unit Officers and NCO's must conduct a weapons and accouterment inspection before the unit can leave the camp to participate in demonstrations.
- They must check for good functioning condition of firearm
- Check cartridge boxes, haversacks, knapsacks and pockets for properly made blank cartridges only. If inappropriately made blank cartridges and/or live rounds are found they must be given to the Unit Safety Officer and secured so that they will not get mixed with properly made blank cartridges. *

** This is the minimum safety standard. If the participating unit has a stricter standard then the unit's safety standards supersedes the museum standard.*

TACTICAL DEMONSTRATIONS

- Individuals and units participating in tactical demonstrations may do so only under direction of the Special Program's appointed Field Commanders and the recognized military command structure. Persons or units who fail to follow field command or act in a reckless manner will be asked to leave or be removed from the field.
- Firearms must not be fired at opposing troops closer than 40 yards.
- Hand to hand interactions are **NOT** allowed.
- Throwing of weapons or projectiles is not allowed
- No swords, bayonets, or knives, may be brandished or used. Officers may use swords for directing troops, saluting or ceremonial purposes.
- Bayonets may be fixed only by troops in line under direct supervision of Unit or Field Commanders. Bayonet charges may not exceed a fast walk while maintaining line discipline.
- All weapons **MUST** be cleared before leaving the field of battle.

CAMP

FIRES

- Current airport regulations prohibit camp/cooking fires

TENTS

- Open flames are not allowed inside tents.
- Lamps or candle lanterns may not be left unattended. Lit lamps or candle lanterns must be hung on a holder and kept a safe distance from the tent material.
- Light all lamps outside the tent, and then move to safe location inside the tent if needed inside.

FIREARMS AND CARTRIDGES

- Firearms may not be discharged in camp.
- Firearms must be in an unloaded condition in camp.
- When stacking rifles a guard must be posted near the weapons stack and supervising the area.
- Blank cartridges must be stored in a secure container and away from the reach of visitors.

VEHICLES

- Participants bringing military vehicles to the event will observe all posted speed limits and applicable traffic laws when traveling airport grounds outside of the display area
- When moving a vehicle inside the show area while the event is open to the public, a dismounted ground guide will be used following standard military ground guide procedure.
- When moving a vehicle after dark, a ground guide with flashlight will be employed.
- No participant vehicle will be driven on the aircraft ramp *at any time* without first obtaining permission from the YAM designated Safety Officer and the Special Programs Team Leader prior to the program.
- Vehicles driving on the ramp will follow a designated route and will utilize a dismounted ground guide following standard military ground guide procedure.
- Driving on the flight line is strictly forbidden and will not be tolerated; violations will be handled by airport security and may involve vehicle confiscation.
- Tracked vehicles with all steel tracks will not be operated on hardball roads.
- Vehicle owners are responsible for securing their own vehicles.

RAMP ACCESS

- No weapons of any kind, actual or replica will be allowed on the aircraft ramp area at any time
 - Exceptions may be made for airborne impressions preparing to board aircraft.
 - Persons doing pilot impressions may wear the empty holster as part of the uniform
 - Exceptions may be granted for purposes of the photo tour, this exception will have to be approved in advance and supervised by event staff.
- Participants shall refrain from carrying weapons outside of the encampment area except when moving to and from the battle or tactical demonstration.
- No vehicles will be allowed on the ramp area
- The FAA, Willow Run Airport, and the Yankee Air Museum regard taxiway and runway incursion prevention as the number one concern for the safe and continued operation of the show. It is essential that you heed all warnings, refer to all maps, and above all ask if you are not sure. It is the Museum and the event which suffers the fallout and receives the black eye for this; it must be your #1 priority.
- Remember that all airport paved areas, are used for ground movement by aircraft, and sometimes at a high rate of speed. Always yield to aircraft.
- **Do not under any circumstances ever proceed onto the airport beyond the event fence line.**
- **When on the ramp, you will obey the direction of the orange shirted ramp crew without question**

NOTES ON AUTHENTICITY

- Please make an effort to keep all modern items out of visitor sight during the program hours.
- Please make every attempt to conceal modern food/beverage while in period clothing.
- Food & beverage purchased on site should be consumed near the point of purchase unless appropriately concealed.
- Participant wristbands must be kept on your person at all times. Wristbands should be kept out of sight from visitors while wearing period clothing. Participant wristbands must be shown when entering secured gates to YAM.
- Please maintain a period appropriate appearance in dress and behavior during event hours.