

Military Vehicle Preservation Association
POLICY 4: Affiliated Organizations

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The Board may vote to affiliate with any organization, which seeks to affiliate with the MVPA.

Recognition:

Request for recognition must be submitted to the Affiliate Group Chairman and include an affiliation form, which may be obtained from Headquarters.

Recognition of an affiliated organization shall be for a period of one year, unless sooner revoked by the Board of Directors. **HEADQUARTERS WILL SEND AN ANNUAL UPDATE FORM TO ALL AFFILIATED GROUP PRESIDENTS TO BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED ON A TIMELY BASIS.**

Within 90 days after formation affiliates should select a distinctive group name and logo (subject to approval) adopt bylaws, establish membership dues and prepare a membership list. A copy of all shall be sent to the MVPA Affiliate Chairman.

Recognition of any affiliated organization shall cease if the affiliate fails to answer any written communication within 90 days, unless sooner as required by said communication.

Officers:

Ten MVPA members in good standing are required to start an affiliate. Nomination, election and installment of at least these officers is required: President or Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer and the appointment of a Newsletter Editor. Other terms for these positions may be used as found within the affiliate's bylaws. A minimum of three (3) officer/editor positions will be required.

All Affiliate Group Officers and Newsletter Editor shall be required to join the MVPA. Failure to do so may be grounds for revocation of affiliation. All affiliate members should be strongly encouraged to join the MVPA. This requirement shall also extend to any sub-groups of Affiliates that have their own elected officers.

Affiliate officers shall not have been convicted of any felony, nor shall they engage in illegal activity or activities that may reflect, effect or damage the good name of the MVPA.

Newsletter:

Affiliation shall not be granted to any organization that does not publish a newsletter or other periodical at least quarterly (unless waived by the Board of Directors). **A COPY OF EACH NEWSLETTER SHOULD BE SENT TO MVPA HEADQUARTERS IN A TIMELY MANNER; TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE MVPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.** Newsletter publishing may be in either printed hardcopy or electronic format.

The Affiliate newsletter editor shall be considered the person responsible and accountable for all that is published or otherwise contained in the affiliate newsletter. It shall be the responsibility of the newsletter editor to verify the accuracy of any and all material relating to the MVPA, its officers, Board of Directors and policies. Failure to do so will result in the suspension, or removal of such group as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

Finances:

No affiliated organization shall create any financial liability, nor shall it enter into any contracts affecting the MVPA or its interest without the express written consent of the Board of Directors. Said consent will then be granted only on a case-by-case basis. Affiliated organizations shall not hold nor shall they cause the MVPA to be held financially or otherwise liable for the actions or lack of it.

Affiliated organizations shall maintain an accurate set of books-of-account delineating cash flow and be accountable to its members and the MVPA Board of Directors. Such Affiliated organization shall make available to its members and the MVPA a financial statement upon request. This request in regards to the MVPA may only make this request when there is a planned or current interaction between the MVPA and an Affiliate.

Affiliated organizations shall be financially responsible for any and all liable charges that may result from acts, activities and/or conduct perpetrated or sponsored by the affiliate or its members.

Affiliates shall not co-mingle funds with private funds. Affiliates must dispense their funds through a checking or savings account maintained for this reason and proper records must be kept on all transactions.

Your group may qualify as a tax-exempt organization; you should consult with a local accountant or attorney if you wish to incorporate.

Legalese:

The MVPA may enter into contracts with affiliated organizations for the purpose of conducting conventions or other activities.

Unsafe acts, acts that may cause liability or acts of a political nature by the affiliated organization that may cast the MVPA or military vehicle preservation in an unfavorable manor shall be grounds for automatic termination of the status of affiliation or recognition of any special events. The Board of Directors shall be the sole judge of such unfavorable conduct.

The Board of Directors shall retain the right to terminate affiliation with any organization, which has ties of affiliation with any group that leads to a situation not in the best interest of the MVPA. The Board of Directors shall be the judge of the best interest of the MVPA.

Any and all activities which uses the MVPA's logo, name, description or variation thereof, shall advise the Affiliated Group Chairman within a reasonable time period in advance of such activity. Such notice shall be given for each activity.

Affiliates shall not run any event which conflicts with a MVPA event or that of another Affiliate in the same geographical region.

Benefits:

Advertising: An affiliated group in good standing will receive a 50% discount on Supply Line display advertising of events they host pertaining to military vehicles. Limit one ad per issue. Payment must accompany the camera-ready copy, which must comply with all Supply Line advertising guidelines in effect at the time of ad publication.

Membership List: An affiliated group in good standings can request a list of MVPA members for purposes of membership recruiting and event promotion.

Group Listing: An affiliated group in good standings will be listed in the “Affiliate Section” of each *Supply Line*, to include your meeting schedule, President and Newsletter Editor contact information.

Convention Table: An affiliated group in good standings will be given a promotional table at each MVPA convention, at no charge, to share your group’s activities and recruit new members. Sales are not permitted unless it is novelty items that contain the group’s logo. The MVPA will be given, upon request, a promotional table / space, at no charge, at any Affiliate activity to share MVPA news, recruit new members, or sell MVPA Supply Room items.

Event Listing: An affiliated group in good standings can have their military vehicle events listed in the “Upcoming Events” section of *Supply Line*.

Recruiting Brochures: An affiliated group in good standings can request free color brochures on which the group’s information can be stamped and distributed for recruiting purposes.

Representation: An affiliated group in good standings can attend the Affiliate Representative advisory meeting at each convention. This is an opportunity to help set the future direction of the MVPA, by sharing ideas and questions with MVPA Board members. Encouragement should be given to contact the MVPA Director / Affiliate Liaison at anytime with questions suggestions and concerns