

# PanzerGrenadier Division GrossDeutschland

## Rules and Regulations

### May 2006

#### Section 1: **NAME**

The name of the unit will be the Panzer grenadier Division GrossDeutschland.

#### Section 2: **PURPOSE**

We are military collectors and historians who meet to recreate battle scenarios as they were fought in the European theatre during W W II. Our purpose is to preserve the heritage and memorabilia of all nations that fought in the conflict. Keep the traditions of the combat soldier alive in preserving historic relics and information from that period to the present and exhibit their uniforms. Demonstrate their equipment and tactics in re-enactments. To promote the interest in living history encampments and battlefield recreations as a hobby, and to broaden and improve the authenticity of such presentations within the parent organization.

#### Section 3: **IMPRESSION**

1. Our unit will portray the G.D.Pz.gren. Division, a combat unit for the period of May 1943 to May of 1945.
2. Our impression will be Panzer grenadier only.

#### Section 4: **UNIT MEMBERSHIP**

1. Membership is open to anyone who agrees to follow the parent organization Bylaws/Authenticity rules and G.D. Division Rules and Regulations.
2. Members must also belong to the parent organization.
3. Members must be aware that re-enacting has dangerous circumstances and participating is to do so at one's own risk.
4. Members must have an understanding that this is a historical organization and must not foster any political views and/or seek to promote any political ideals that are associated with W W II Nazi Germany.
5. Unit members will not be allowed to belong to any controversial political group or any illegal militia group and remain a member of G.D. Division.
6. G.D. reserves the right to accept, deny and cancel any member's membership in keeping with unit policy.
7. Upon acceptance into G.D., each full member is entitled to:
  - a) A copy of the G.D. Rules and Regulations.
  - b) To attend all G.D. events, unit meetings, activities, training sessions, both public and tactical battles.
  - c) To vote on all G.D. matters when called to do so.
8. A full member is anyone 16 years or older (with guardian's signature) who has paid full membership dues.
9. An Associate member is anyone 14 years or older (with guardian's signature) who has paid associate members dues of 30 % of full membership dues entitled to newsletter and can participate in events but can not use weapons.
10. An honorary member is anyone the unit wants to honor membership dues is free entitled to unit newsletter only.

#### Section 5: **TYPES OF UNIT MEMBERSHIPS**

1. Recruits:
  - a) Recruits will be assigned to a squad/section upon joining G.D. Division.
  - b) Recruits must attend five (5) battles and be a member at least one (1) year before they are eligible for grenadier status. Once the recruit obtains grenadier status, he is eligible to receive his G.D. cuff title.
  - c) Recruits must acquire all basic uniform/field kit by the end of the recruit's first (1) year. Recruits must purchase a uniform and field kit from a unit approved vendor.
2. Grenadiers:

Grenadiers are current or renewing members that are not recruits who have met the requirement in Section 5, sub section 1.a,b,c.

**Section 6: ANNUAL DUES**

1. The membership will vote on all dues to be assessed by the unit.
2. Unit applications for membership must accompany the determined amount of dues to the unit designee to receive them.
3. Unit dues must be paid with personal check or money order. No cash.
4. Unit dues must be received prior to May thirty first (31) of every year by renewing members. A fifteen (15) dollar late fee will be added after the renewal date.
5. New members who join after May, thirty first (31) will not be charged a late fee.
6. Members must also pay the parent organization dues to that society.
7. The term of dues shall run from January first (1) through December thirty first (31) of each year, will be prorated for new members.
8. Members failing to renew by the deadline will be considered inactive, and cannot participate in Events and cannot vote on unit issues.

**Section 7: UNIT MEETINGS**

1. Unit meeting shall be called to discuss unit business.
2. Meetings will be held at a place designated by the unit Commander.
3. Notifications will be made in advance either verbal and or written. It will be put in the unit publications whenever possible.
4. No drinking of any alcoholic beverages will take place during the meetings. Only after the meeting has officially been closed.
5. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend whenever possible.
6. Every member has a right to address an issue or idea at a meeting. That will be handled as "new business".
7. Robert's rules of orders will be followed at unit meetings.

**Section 8: UNIT COMMANDER**

1. The unit commander will see to the unit's day-to-day operation.
2. The unit commander is responsible to the membership to enforce and protect G.D. rules and regulations.
3. The unit commander will chair all G.D. Panzer unit meetings.
4. The unit commander is responsible to the membership for G.D. Panzer's business.
5. The unit commander is responsible for the conduct of all its members.
6. It is the duty of the unit commander to see to it that whenever information and/or orders are given, so as to ensure the proper functioning of the unit, it is done so, via the chain of command, though the unit's NCOs, and is promptly distributed to all it's members.
7. The unit commander may delegate their authority whenever deemed necessary.
8. The unit commander appoints higher positions of rank within the unit. The unit commander may also remove said rank from a unit member.
9. The unit commander will ensure that members will also be in compliance with the parent organizations by-laws and safety/authenticity rules.
10. In the event a unit commander step down from the position of command, an election will be held to replace the vacancy.
11. Unit members wishing to run for the position must announce their intentions by both individual mailings to the unit membership and an official announcement in the next available unit newsletter.
12. In the event that the commander step down, the Counsel of Peers will be appointed to command the unit until an election is conducted and a new unit commander is elected.
13. The unit commander may be removed from command for malfeasance, neglect of duties, misappropriation of goods or property belonging to the unit, flagrant disregard for the current rules and regulations of the unit and by-laws/safety & authenticity rules of the parent organization, or conduct discrediting to the unit.
14. The process for removal is:
  - a) To submit a written statement of charges to the Counsel of Peers.
  - b) The Counsel will inform the unit commander and all the NCOs in the unit to review the charges at a hearing chaired by Counsel. The hearing will allow the complainant to present his charges of removal, and the unit commander to defend himself.
  - c) Once both sides have presented their case, the Counsel will convene and render a decision to determine if there is enough reason to submit to the unit membership for a vote to remove or keep the unit commander. A 66% majority of the Counsel will be needed to send it to the unit membership to vote to remove a unit commander. If the Counsel can't reach a 66% majority, the removal process will be terminated.
  - d) The vote if necessary will be received from unit membership via mail in ballot to the Counsel, who will count and post the results of the vote with witnesses on behalf of the unit commander and the complainant.

e) New elections would follow. Council of peers would organize new elections.

**Section 9:**

**ELECTED OFFICIALS**

1. Elected officials shall consist of:
  - a) Unit commander.
  - b) Treasurer.
2. Officials will serve a 2-year term.
3. After two (2) years term elections will be held (see elections).
4. Elected officials can hold only 3 terms of office.
5. Elections will be held in May, platforms can be presented at the May meeting or before (via E-mail, fax, mail, etc...), elections will follow. New officers of unit will immediately take their offices, at conclusion of meeting.
6. Criteria for election to unit commander:
  - a) Must be at least 21 years of age.
  - b) 3 years re-enacting experience.
  - c) Cannot be member of another unit.
  - d) Cannot be an elected official of any W W II organization.
7. Criteria for election to unit treasurer:
  - a) Must be at least 21 years of age.
  - b) Has been an active member of the unit for at least 3 years (3 ½ events a year averaged).

**Section 10:**

**UNIT FUNDS**

1. No loans shall be taken out on behalf of the unit.
2. No evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in the name of G.D. Panzer Division unless authorized to do by vote of the unit membership.
3. A checking account will be set up in the unit's name for money deposited.
4. The treasurer will issue receipts or receive receipts for money due or owed from any approved source.
5. No money shall be issued unless approved by the unit commander, only legitimate expenses for the unit and authorized unit members.
6. Donations may not be given out by the unit, unless voted on by the unit to do so.
7. The unit commander may accept on behalf of the unit any contributions, donations, bequests or devices for the sole use and benefit of G.D. Panzer Division.
8. Unit finance records will be given out to all full and associate members 4 times a year or more if deemed necessary by unit member.
9. All full unit members shall have unlimited access to unit funds upon request.

**Section 11:**

**INTRA-UNIT TRANSFER**

1. A Panzer grenadier must have completed his first five (5) battles. One (1) year from the date of completion of his fifth battle, a Panzer grenadier may request a transfer to a new squad/section.
2. The Panzer grenadier must first contact his squad/section leader requesting to transfer.
3. The Panzer grenadier's current squad/section leader will contact the squad/section leader of the squad/section that the Panzer grenadier wants to transfer to and ascertain if there is space available.
4. In the event there is space available in that squad/section, both squad/section leaders will contact the zugtruppfuhrer with the request.
5. The zugtruppfuhrer will contact the zugfuhrer with the official request.
6. The zugfuhrer will render a decision regarding the transfer and has final authority, unless directed otherwise by the commander.
7. No squad/section may exceed the maximum unit members without the permission of the unit commander.

**Section 12:**

**APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

1. Appointed officials shall consist of but not necessarily limited to:
  - a) Five (5) counsel members, to be called the Counsel of Peers.
  - b) A secretary.
2. Officials shall be appointed by unit commander for his term of office:
  - a) Unit commander has right to replace any counsel member due to death, sickness, disability, lack of active interest in unit for more than one (1) year, or resignation.
3. Duties of the Counsel of Peers:
  - a) They shall have the power to revoke any decision the unit commander makes with a 4/5 majority vote. They have the option of calling a membership meeting and having the membership vote on that issue. No action can be taken either way until vote is done. There must be 60 % majority vote on issue to stand if not, the commander's decision stands. It cannot be changed until next elections. The Counsel loses their authority over commander on that issue in the event membership vote doesn't carry through.

- b) The Counsel of Peers shall advise the unit commander and unit as a whole on such issues that are pertinent to the hobby and unit.
  - c) The counsel doesn't have the authority to make decisions in the unit, only to revoke such decisions by commander. They can formulate and present ideas to commander as their right like any member of the unit.
4. Criteria for counsel members:
    - a) Three (3) of five (5) members must have at least five (5) years experiences in German units to be appointed.
    - b) Must have at least two (2) years membership in unit.
    - c) Be 18 years or older.
    - d) Rank plays no part in eligibility.
  5. Duties of secretary:
    - a) Keeps personnel records for the unit.
    - b) Keeps notes on decisions at unit meetings.
  6. Criteria for secretary:
    - a) Must own a computer.
    - b) Must be at least 18 years old.

**Section 13: ALTERNATIVE IMPRESSION**

1. Second impressions are allowed of any nationality. However if you choose to do another German impression, you can't be elected nor appointed to any position in this unit for that year. Any second impressions will count against you as far as promotions is concerned.
2. You must show up as G.D. if it is a unit scheduled event.

**Section 14: PROMOTION CRITERIA**

1. The position of rank in the unit is a privilege not a right.
2. Unit members who show potential as a possible NCO candidate for promotion, must show the following characteristics:
  - a) The unit member must have good attendance at tactical/public battles.
  - b) The unit member must have good attendance at unit meetings, loading/unloading sessions and workshop sessions.
  - c) The unit member must have an acceptable uniform/equipment impression.
  - d) Unit contributions through projects, extra duties, etc...
  - e) The unit member must show good soldiering skills.
  - f) The unit member must have a basic knowledge of G.D. Panzer history and W W II history.
  - g) The unit member must be able to show a basic knowledge of tactics and commands.
  - h) The unit member must be able to show a basic knowledge of basic German language and German marching songs.
  - i) A unit member's time spent in the unit will be also taken into consideration.
  - j) Unit members will be recommended by current unit NCOs, to the unit commander as possible NCO candidates, when vacancies or new positions open up in the unit.
  - k) When unit members are promoted to squad/section leader, the unit member will be started out with the rank of Unteroffizieranwärter.
  - l) The unit member will hold that rank until the unit commander deems it fit to promote the unit member to Unteroffizier.
  - m) Ranks above Unteroffizier are at the discretion of the unit commander. All above criteria with the exception of Section 15, sub-section j,k and l will apply also.

**Section 15: UNIT DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

If at anytime a unit member violates any rules or regulations of the G.D. Division or the W W 2 parent organization, the following procedures will be followed:

1. A unit member wishing to lodge a complaint against another unit member must follow the chain of command by notifying their immediate first line supervisor (NCO) of a violation.
2. That supervisor (NCO) will notify his immediate supervisor (NCO) until the unit commander is notified via the chain of command.
3. The only time this is by-passed is when the unit member's immediate supervisor (NCO) is the alleged member in question. The unit member can notify the next immediate supervisor in the chain of command.
4. A unit discipline counsel will be established. It will consist of 5 members.
5. The treasurer will chair the counsel. The rest of the counsel will include three (3) NCOs and a unit member of equal rank of the alleged unit member violator.
6. The five (5) member disciplinary counsel will be appointed by the unit commander.
7. The disciplinary counsel will conduct an investigation into the alleged violations.

8. The investigation can consist of but is not limited to interviews of the complainant, alleged violator and any witnesses for both parties.
9. When the disciplinary counsel concludes its investigation, it will present its written report of its findings to the unit commander.
10. The unit commander will review the findings of the counsel with the alleged violator. The unit commander can use his discretion in imposing the recommendation of the counsel or whatever disciplinary action he deems appropriate in the following paragraph.
11. Disciplinary action administered to the alleged violator if found in violation can consist of, but is not limited to the following:
  - a) Suspension from an event (s).
  - b) Reduction in rank(s).
  - c) Dismissal from the unit.

**Section 16: RECRUITMENT POLICY**

All members will be able to recruit future members for G.D. Division.

**Section 17: AWARD SYSTEM**

1. All unit members will be limited to the wearing of ONLY unit-approved awards.
2. They will be worn to according to German Army regulations.