

Der Jungsturm  
WWII Living History and Reenacting Group

Rules and Regulations

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## Article I. Our Mission

### Section 1.01 - Definitions

(A). Throughout the articles the following definitions will be used:

**Group** - Der Jungsturm WWII Living History and Reenacting

**Event** - Any activity or time set aside on the group's calendar. Group members will be able to earn credits while attending events.

**Tactical** - Any event which has the aim of simulating combat. All tacticals will be treated with a high level of immersion on the part of Der Jungsturm.

**Living History** - Any event where educating the general public and recruitment is the aim of the event.

**Training** - Any event where improvement on combat tactics, personal growth, and camaraderie are the main focus.

**Immersion** - The mindset maintained by every member throughout the duration of any permitting event. This mindset is in regards to making every effort to make the event feel as close to the real history represented as possible.

**Member** - Any full-voting member who has paid their annual dues in full and maintains the basic requirements of the group.

**Rekrut** - Any applicant who has been accepted into the Rekrut program and has yet to meet the basic requirements for membership, has yet to attend 3 events and has yet to be voted in.

**Quorum** -  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote from all voting members.

**Unit** - The 1st SS 'Leibstandarte Adolf Hitler' Division.

**Chain of Command** - Refers to the members in order of authority based on their rank within the unit during events.

### Section 1.02 - Purpose

(A). The purpose of Der Jungsturm WWII History and Reenacting Group is: "To honor the memory of those who were a part of the 12th SS Hitlerjugend Division."

(B). The mission: Der Jungsturm is a Texas-based WWII History and Reenacting Group that reenacts with the utmost care and respect for those who lost their lives during the deadliest war in human history. We exist to honor those who would otherwise be forgotten in history. By reenacting the 1st SS Leibstandarte Adolf Hitler, among other units, we strive to preserve their legacy by accurately portraying who they were in every way achievable.

(C). To achieve the above, we shall maintain the highest degree of standards in regards to uniforms, equipment, participation, conduct, appearance, and personal character at all times. This is the best way that we can honor the history, memories, and men we study and seek to preserve.

### Section 1.03 Amendments

(A). Proposed amendments to the Rules and Regulations may be brought up by any Full Member at any time.

(B). The proposed amendment will then be voted on at the next group meeting, or by alternative public method.

(C). Amendments to the Rules and Regulations may be made by a quorum vote in a public meeting or by full vote using alternative methods.

### Section 1.04 Publications

- (A). Der Jungsturm Authenticity Guide
- (B). Der Jungsturm Rank System
- (C). Der Jungsturm Award Policy
- (D). Der Jungsturm Physical Fitness Guide
- (E). Jungsturm Rank Promotion Guide
- (F). Jungsturm Song Book
- (G). Unit Calendar
- (H). German Language Guide

## **Article II. Organization and Leadership Structure**

### Section 2.01 Group Structure

In order to maintain a sense of organization and maintain coherence within the group, a structure is to be in place with the use of elected positions.

### Section 2.02 Elected Leadership Positions

(A). Group members will elect for good behavior and merit, other members for leadership positions yearly. Elections for leadership positions occur on the second Monday of December or the day before the last event of the year. Newly elected members will officially take their new position on the second Monday of January. This time gap between the election and when newly elected members take their new leadership positions is used for the purpose of getting acquainted with their new roles.

(B.) Der Fuhrer - The group's leader who will be responsible for discharging the responsibilities listed below:

- (i). His primary role is to guide the group throughout the year, chair all meetings, and make final decisions.
- (ii). In coordination with other group leaders, he will create the group calendar listed with all the events throughout the year.
- (iii). Give final approval of new Rekrut's membership.
- (iv). Ensuring that all members are informed about all events, group business, and changes to the direction of the unit.
- (v). Calling and presiding over all group meetings at regular intervals.
- (vi). Approving the unit training plan.
- (vii). Publishing detailed event After Action Reviews (AARs) within one week of an event ending.
- (viii). Maintaining traditions of the group.

(C). Stellvertretenderfuhrer (Stellv.Fuhrer) - The group's deputy Fuhrer will serve as the direct assistant to the group Fuhrer. He will be charged with discharging the following responsibilities:

- (i). Assisting the Fuhrer in planning and coordinating all events.
- (ii). Reviewing all paperwork and plans created by the Fuhrer.
- (iii). Acting as the Fuhrer in his absence.
- (iv). Helping the new Rekruts along through the Rekrut program.

(D). Authenticity Officer - Serves as the de facto member in charge of maintaining high authenticity standards throughout the group membership. The duties of the Authenticity Officer are as follows:

- (i). Ensuring the most authentic uniforms, equipment, and mannerisms are maintained by each member at all times.
- (ii). Ensuring that each group member is inspected before participating in any event with the group.

- (iii). Service as the subject matter expert on all unit authenticity regulations and practices.
- (iv). Maintaining/Updating/Providing the group's Tiered Impression guidelines.
- (v). Publishing all research resources to the group for joint-access to reference.
- (vi). Informing the Fuhrer and Stellv. Fuhrer on proposed authenticity changes in the group.

(E). Treasurer - the treasurer will handle all monetary transactions/accounting for the group. The Treasurer's duties are as follows:

- (i). Ensure that all group dues are collected
- (ii). Coordinate and purchase, as well as delivery of items to members.
- (iii). Keep the group updated and informed on the financial status of the group.
- (iv). Tracks group transaction history for all payments, withdrawals, or any change in balance. This history is tracked by including a date of the change in balance, the amount of change, and a description about why there was a change in balance.

### Section 2.03 Appointed Positions

(A). The Fuhrer will appoint for good behavior and merit, other members for Appointed Positions yearly. Appointments for these positions occur on the second Monday of January by the newly elected Fuhrer, or on the second Monday of December by the elected Fuhrer if he maintains his position. The transition of these positions happens immediately. If the Fuhrer wishes to appoint himself to any of these positions, he may do so upon a quorum vote in the group.

(B). Field Commander - Will serve as the group's leader during events in regards to combat, or other historical-based scenarios. The Field Commander must be a member who is qualified to hold an NCO position in the group. Upon appointment, the specific member's rank will be updated (or downgraded) to fit a respective rank based on the size of the group at the time of appointment. The Field Commander will have the privilege of maintaining the rank throughout the duration of their term. The duties of the Field Commander are as follows:

- (i). Leading all elements of the group in the field during events. He is responsible for the safety, well being, organization, and motivation of the members during events. He keeps the members informed of the daily event timelines, event scenario, and activities.
- (ii). Managing/tracking the awards and ranks of members in the group. He will be responsible for calling votes in regards to rank and awards for members who qualify and will coordinate the awarding of said ranks and awards. He is also in charge of determining each member's role at each event.
- (iii). Maintaining a group roster and tracking group attendance at events. He will also enforce the participation rules in regards to membership.

(C). Propaganda Minister - Is in charge of managing all media within the Group. Whether or not he is the one who takes the pictures or edits the videos or runs the social media pages is determined by him. His responsibilities are:

- (i). Ensuring that photos and video are taken at every event.
- (ii). Ensure that all group social media are providing content regularly
- (iii). Delegating tasks to ensure the above is carried out.

(D). Koch - group cook will be in charge of making and providing meals for the group at events for the duration of their term. The Koch may nominate an assistant to help with duties or take charge if the Koch is not present. The Koch may also charge members to help cover the costs of food at events, which will not have to go through the Treasurer.

### Section 2.04 Group Meetings

(A). All meetings held by Der Jungsturm will be run based on the following guidelines.

- (i). Any member may directly raise an item into discussion. There is no need for a motion to discuss an item before it may be raised.
- (ii). All members present may vote on issues.
- (iii). When meetings are called, members who are present at the meeting have voting decision authority. All members are able to propose a motion for voting by the group.
- (iv). All members have the right to vote on ALL unit matters.
- (v). The preferred method of voting will be by voice, of members physically present at the event where the motion is put forth to vote.
- (vi). After discussion is finished, the item is up for a vote.

#### Section 2.05 Group Records

- (A). All public publications (see section 1.04), financial records, and group records are open to inspection to any member at any time.

### **Article III Membership and Dues**

#### Section 3.01 Rekrut Program

- (A). Before coming out to any event, the prospective member (Rekrut) must complete and turn in a Jungsturm application form AND have it approved by the Fuhrer. Having the application form approved does not mean a prospective member is an official member, but rather that he is eligible for participation in the Jungsturm Rekrut program.
- (B). Before any invited guests or prospective members are allowed to attend a group event, they must first be approved by the Fuhrer.
- (C). Each new rekrut will be subject to a probationary period of at least three (3) events. This is to allow the Rekrut to explore the hobby as well as the group and allow the group to get a feel for how well the Rekrut fits in. The group members will watch him for his enthusiasm, fanaticism, authenticity, cooperation, and moral character. The Rekrut is NOT entitled to three (3) events with the group and may have their Rekrut Program terminated via a group majority vote even before the prospective Rekrut attends their third event. However, they may NOT be voted to join the group until they have attended at least three (3) events with the unit. It is also possible that a probationary member may be a Rekrut longer than three events if they themselves do not meet the group membership requirements within that time.
- (D). During the probationary period, Rekruts are verboten from being in any photos with the group. They will also be verboten from wearing any distinctive Waffen-SS and Hitlerjugend insignia, awards, or rank. They are also verboten from attending and participating in any capacity, group meetings and votes.
- (E). Assuming that the Rekrut has participated in a minimum of three events with the group, and meets all group membership requirements, the Fuhrer will be the one to call the group to vote on the Rekrut's membership in the group. The Rekrut will only be voted in via a quorum vote. Upon being voted as a member, the newly voted member may now wear Waffen-SS and Hitlerjugend insignia, become the rank of Grenadier, and may be eligible to earn awards. The following requirements must be met in order to be voted in as a member:
  - (i). No criminal history of any kind.
  - (ii). Must be at least 17 years old or at most 30 years old.
  - (iii). Must be both fit and in shape in terms of both performance and appearance.
  - (iv). Has attained all required items in Tier I of the authenticity guideline.
  - (v). Has read the Jungsturm Rules and Regulations (this document).
  - (vi). Must be willing to adhere to the culture of the group.

### Section 3.02 Membership Requirements

(A). To become a member and maintain membership within the group, all members must fulfill these requirements:

- (i). Must fulfil and maintain previously stated Rekrut criteria.
- (ii). May not miss more than two (2) mandatory events per year. (see Unit Calendar document for details).
- (iii). Must pay group dues.
- (iv). Must not be older than the age of 28, unless their physiognomy appears as though they are younger (Absolutely no one the age of 28 and older!).
- (v). Must read the Jungsturm Rules and Regulations before paying yearly dues.

### Section 3.03 Membership Privileges

Upon becoming a member and paying group dues, the privileges of being a member in Der Jungsturm are:

- (A). Unrestricted participation in group voting.
- (B). Access to the members-only facebook group and chat group.
- (C). Given their own Erkennungsmarke with the help of the Authenticity Officer.
- (D). Access to the members-only google drive.

### Section 3.04 Membership Dues

- (A). Annual dues will be \$20 and collected by the first (1st) of February every year.
- (B). The Treasurer will be the only member to accept dues from members.
- (C). Members who do not pay their dues will lose their status as a member.

### Section 3.05 Loss of Membership

(A). Voluntary resignation may be submitted either written or orally to group leadership or to the group as a whole.

(B). Involuntary resignation can occur by carrying out offenses. If a member in question is to be involuntarily removed from the group, it rests on a group quorum vote. The offenses a member can carry out are as follows:

- (i). Failure to pay annual group dues.
- (ii). Actions that undermine the group or leadership.
- (iii). Any criminal behavior.
- (iv). Belligerency towards the public, other group members, or others from other groups.
- (v). Theft from other group members.
- (vi). Failure to meet the authenticity standards of the group.
  - (a). If a member fails to meet the authenticity standards of the group in regards to their kit, or lack thereof, the Authenticity Officer will allow them a time allowance to fix blatant discrepancies. (For example, a member lacks a piece of essential kit such as a Feldbluse. They will have until the Authenticity Officer's time allowance to acquire one.)
  - (b). If a member repeatedly partakes in inauthentic activity. (For example, a member is on their phone while in an immersive environment.)

### Section 3.06 Honorary Membership

(A). Honorary members are a special case where, given their real-life situation, they can still hold membership but are not held to the same obligations as regular members. One must become a member and fulfil the membership requirements before becoming an honorary member. The

following is a list of examples, of life circumstances which can allow for a member, at the discretion of the Fuhrer, to receive honorary member status:

- (i). Living abroad or distant enough to make regular attendance unrealistic.
  - (ii). Having newborn children to take care of.
  - (iii). Severe financial constraints that prohibit making time for events.
  - (iv). Active military service.
- (B). Honorary members must follow certain, special, rules:
- (i). Cannot hold any official positions in the group.
  - (ii). Cannot hold any rank.
  - (iii). May not vote in elections or on other unit matters.
  - (iv). Must attend at least one (1) event per year.

#### **Article IV Authenticity Requirements**

##### Section 4.01 Uniform and Equipment Standards

Der Jungsturm will publish an authenticity guide for all members and Rekruts to view. These requirements are in a three (III) Tiered system. To be eligible for membership, particular rank, and awards, certain Tiers must be acquired by the member.

- (A). Tier I is “Essential kit”, and is required by any member or Rekrut who wishes to attend an event.
- (B). Tier II is “Combat kit”, and is required by any member or Rekrut who wishes to attend Tactical or Training events.
- (C). Tier III is “Extra, Nonessential kit”, which is an optional, but highly encouraged Tier to fulfill.
- (D). “Personal Items” is not considered a Tier of its own, rather an extension of Tier I, but is less important than Tier II. Personal items as outlined in the guide are required for certain rank and awards.
- (E). Failure to meet these standards may result in a member from being prohibited from attending a particular event without the direct discretion of both the Fuhrer and Field Commander.

##### Section 4.02 Rank and Awards System

- (A). To see a more detailed explanation on the particular ranks and awards requirements for Der Jungsturm, see the official “Rank System” and “Awards System” documents.
- (B). Throughout a member’s time in the group, their participation will be tracked via a credit system. Each full day (night and day participation) at an event will be counted as one (1) credit (days when members arrive/leave the event will be counted as half-days, which are put together to be considered as one day, or one credit). Each day where a part of an event is considered a “tactical” is counted as one (1) “combat credit”. Each day where a part of an event is considered “living history” or “training” is counted as one (1) “event credit”. The combination of both total credits together is called “service credits” (if there are 3 tactical credits and 1 event credit, they make a total of 4 service credits). These credits are counted towards rank and awards.
- (C). Upon becoming eligible to earn rank and awards, the Field Commander may call the group to a vote to approve the promotion/award. If the group approves via a majority vote, the Field Commander will hold a ceremony at the end of the next event to award the member of his rank/award, which will be paid for by the group using group funds.
- (D). A member’s rank is not permanent nor does it mean they hold that rank at all times. All a member’s rank means is they are qualified to hold that position. It is possible that a member who holds a particular rank, may be redesignated by the Field Commander to be a different rank for the purposes of the event or impression. This is NOT a demotion in rank, but a temporary cosmetic change. The purpose of this is to control the number of members with certain ranks based on the

size of the group to prevent there being too much of one rank and lacking in another (there can't be 4 NCOs and only 2 grenadiers walking around at an event, it's just not right).

## **Article V Events and Safety**

### Section 5.01 Event Expectations and Procedures

(A). All members will arrive at the event with the correct mindset. This mindset entails that each member will put out their maximum effort for both participation, authenticity, and immersion. Members will have a can-do attitude and will be expected to volunteer for all tasks asked for by the chain of command. All members should move with intensity and purpose, and show that they have an enthusiasm for completing tasks of any kind. This will not only benefit the group as a whole, but benefit the individual member himself.

(B). All members should ideally be in the uniform of the day within 30 minutes of arrival to the event.

(C). The unit chain of command will be strictly followed during the time of the event with the exception of group meetings.

(D). All members must arrive no later than 30 minutes of the projected event start time in order to maintain the timeline and accomplish the goals of the group. Members are allowed only one (1) event per year to arrive late. Breaking this rule may result in demotion of rank, and repeated offenses may result in removal from the group.

### Section 5.02 Safety

(A). Every member will be active in maintaining safety at events. If something unsafe is occurring at an event, any member may call it out or bring it up to the group leadership. The following will be conducted at every event to ensure safety is maintained:

(i). Any event when loading of rifles is permitted, all ammunition will be inspected by the Field Commander before the event starts.

(ii). Members will avoid aiming directly at another reenactor when shooting blanks at him within 20 meters. Rather, a shot will be fired above them with eye-contact maintained.

(iii). If hand-to-hand combat is conducted, any tools must be rubber.

(B). If a member repeatedly fails to adhere to these safety rules, they may be potentially removed from the group.

## **Article VI Finances**

### Section 6.01 Definitions

(A). Throughout this Article, the following definitions will be used.

Property - Durable physical items not required in everyday operation of the group. (eg. Tents, weapons, unit reference, etc)

Incidentals - Items, physical or not, required in everyday functioning of the group. (eg. postage stamps, paper, website expenses, food, blank ammunition)

### Section 6.02 Accounting

(A). A group ledger will be maintained at all times by the group Treasurer. Failure to do so will be considered dereliction of duty and may be taken as grounds for removal/resignation.

(B). The group ledger is open for viewing to all Full Members at any time.

### Section 6.03 Payment/Receipt of Monies

- (A). All monies received or paid out by the group must go through the Treasurer. The primary method of payment will be PayPal money request. The treasurer will be responsible for maintaining the group PayPal account and for subsequent transitions should he rotate out of the position.
- (B). The purchasing of any new group property must be put up to a quorum vote.
- (C). The Treasurer may purchase incidentals/consumables (i.e. blanks, food/drinks, other supplies etc.) with the a group majority vote
- (D). The Treasurer may also purchase items that fall under his responsibility for providing without additional group approval (i.e. ID tags, awards, etc).

#### Section 6.04 Group Property

- (A). All items or monies donated to the group, or purchased with group monies, are considered to be group property.
- (B). All items or monies donated to any member of the group, while that member is representing the group, are the property of the group.
- (C). No group monies will be used to purchase property without a quorum vote.
- (D). No group property will be sold without a quorum vote.
- (E). Group property sold, for any reason, will first be offered to all members of the group.

#### Section 6.05 Dissolution of the Group

Upon dissolution of the group:

- (A). All group property will be sold by the Treasurer, at fair market value.
- (B). All proceeds from the above and any remaining funds are equally dispersed among all members. These proceeds will be prorated if necessary and also will depend upon when the property was obtained and when the individual became a member.