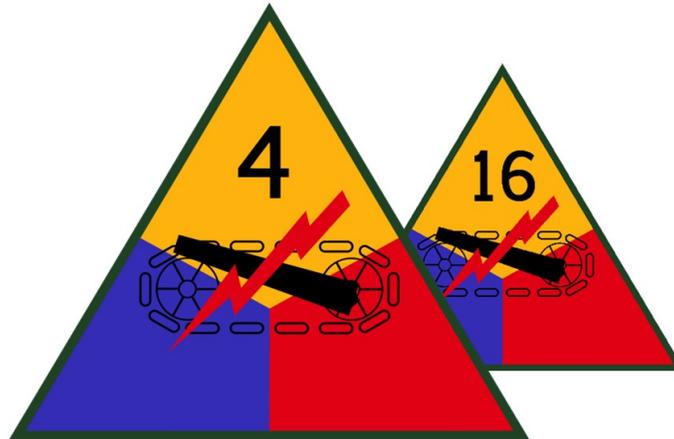


# The Czech fury - 70th anniversary of 1945 V-E day



**This Proposal is currently in planning, please read the following before reading further;**

This group specializes in re-enacting the **RIGHT UNIT**, in the **RIGHT PLACE**, at the **RIGHT TIME**. The professional team responsible for entire organization consists of individuals from groups 4<sup>th</sup> Armored and 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Division in Europe with hard earned, proven track record that is unequalled.

***This trip is an official event in co-operation with the Government and Authorities of the Czech Republic.***

Please understand from the outset that you will have to adhere to the program and that you will be obliged to wear the uniform and insignia specified, in this case 4<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Armored Division units for the period April – May 1945.

If you turn up dressed as 101st Airborne, Rangers, 2nd Armored Division, 17th Cavalry, 2nd Marine Division, 333rd QM laundry Company ( coloured ) or any other unit, **YOU will NOT** be allowed to participate in the event and we will consider its obligations to you void.

## **Objective**

To take highly professional group of re-enactors to south west Bohemia (The Czech Republic) to commemorate the advance of the U.S 4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division toward demarcation line to meet with Soviets there and liberation of Pilsen by the U.S. 16<sup>th</sup> Armored Division, to remember the soldiers involved and to educate the inhabitants and participants of the debt owed, through the medium of authentic vehicles and re-enactors as various elements of U.S. armored troops fighting skirmishes against collapsing German forces

**The event website is [www.4tharmored.cz/czechfury](http://www.4tharmored.cz/czechfury) and there is also facebook site “ the Czech Fury”**

**Dates**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015 to Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2015

**Start point**

Železná Ruda, The Czech Republic

**End point**

Plzeň (Pilsen), The Czech Republic

**Mileage to be covered**

Approximately 200 miles in total

**Event costs**

450 EUR per participant payable in 4 installments with initial deposit  
50 EUR deposit is payable with application submission and 4 installments of 100 EUR become payable on December 2014, January 2015, February 2015 and March 2015. You may pay in full at any time and by cheque, cash, PayPal as gift

**Passports**

You are required to be in possession of a full passport valid for 6 months beyond the event date plus any VISA that you require. We cannot offer any assistance in the event of passport difficulties at the ports

**Accountability**

All trips are run as a separate entity; all costs are equally divided amongst the number of participants. Everything is audited and accounts are produced after the trip. The special trip account is closed after the event and any surplus (if any!!!) is put into a new account for the next trip.

**Terms**

Deposits are nonrefundable under any circumstances. No money paid in by a participant is refundable if the participant withdraws at any time from the trip. Organizing team reserves the right to remove a participant from the trip if the installment dates are not met. If, for any reason the trip is cancelled, all monies paid, less deposit and any money irrevocably spend will be refundable.

**Insurance**

All vehicles are to be insured by owners; all participants are responsible for their own individual travel insurance.

**Composition**

What vehicles and equipment will be used at this event is subject, as always, to the balance of availability, costs and crews and no guarantees are made as to what vehicles or units will be present. However there is list of vehicles which are ready to participate:

3x medium tank M-4

1x light tank M-24

2x light tank M-5

8x armored car M-8 for recon

10x halftrack for armored infantry

10x H-D WLA bike  
5x ¾ ton truck  
5x 2 ½ ton truck  
30x ¼ ton truck  
Plus kitchen, supply, maintenance, medical and HQ elements

### **Costs, what do you get for your share?**

All vehicle fuel will be paid for by the trip to the limits and allowances set  
Track wear will be paid to halftracks and tanks at the limits set  
Food will be provided to all  
Pyrotechnics will be supplied by local team  
Transport costs will be covered for participating vehicles  
Expenses associated with the trip organization, subject to receipts and steering committee approval.

### **Weapons hire**

To be specified

### **Uniform, equipment and personal appearance standards**

You will be required at all times when on the trip to comply with the preset standards laid down by 4<sup>th</sup> Armored. Failure to comply will result in your being required to leave the event with no refund. Detail uniform regulations will be communicated soon. However be ready for M43 jackets, double buckle boots and A class (ike jackets + wool trousers)

### **Vehicle requirements**

All vehicles must be pre-arranged and you can only bring that vehicle to the event, substitution without prior notice is not allowed. The vehicle must be fully and legally roadworthy and in a restored condition and mechanically sound, It must be marked and equipped to the standards required for the event.

### **Vehicle security and breakdown**

When camped or stopped vehicles will be guarded at all times and a specific rota will be put in place for this. In the event of breakdown we will do our best through our maintenance elements to get the vehicle back on the road. If this is not possible the vehicle will be loaded on our attached modern recovery vehicles and will accompany the trip with the maintenance element. If the vehicle you are crewing is a total failure we will ensure a space for you somewhere on another vehicle!

### **Conduct**

You are required at all times to conduct yourself in a manner reflecting the uniform which you will wear and to honor what it symbolizes. This is a serious undertaking for which national governmental permissions are required and in which you will be a guest in a foreign country. You will be required to comply with any reasonable request of a 4<sup>th</sup> Armored appointed Officer or NCO and in the case of a safety or weapons security requirement for the duration of the trip.

These trips are a collective endeavor, everyone is equally important no matter if it is your first trip or your 21st. We succeed or fail on collective respect and effort and team work.

Official language during all trip and in all related communication is English. That is why, even your broken English is much more useful than your fluent Swahili.

### **Coming as an individual or as part of an existing group/unit**

You will fit in, you will make friends, everyone is a likeminded person, and if you come as a group or an existing unit grafted onto 4<sup>th</sup> Armored then this is fine, we love self-contained elements.

### **Kit Buddy**

It can be of assistance, especially to the Americans flying to the ETO when people buddy up and bring spare mess kits, helmet shells, e tools etc. to save this weight being carried across the Atlantic

### **The amount of kit you bring**

There is a kit list provided and you must adhere to it, for very practical reasons, all this kit has to be stowed on your vehicle and the vehicle still has to be able to function and fight. Do not bring the kitchen sink or you will be waving goodbye to your mountain of kit as we pull out of the start point

### **Modern items**

Do not bring them, it's as simple as that, you can manage without them, just as they did in 1944, we accept that tools etc. may be modern, we accept that mobile phones and cameras are modern, but we make great efforts to keep things as authentic as possible and whatever you do has a visual effect on everyone else and the trip as a whole.

Modern items will be confiscated if we feel they are detrimental.

### **German elements**

Will be subject to very strict controls and compliance with these is essential at all times. German elements are being run as a parallel entity and no information will be given to any participant portraying a US soldier before the event for authenticity

## **The Authentic Experience**

### **This is not weekend like re-enacting !!! Let us be very clear about that !**

The only time we re-enact is when we fire blanks, the rest of the time we are loading real, bone crushing armored vehicles on and off transporters, driving them on and off ships, refueling and maintaining them in the field and living out in cold, wet, muddy uncomfortable conditions with no toilets and showers (at times). Guard duty is a real task, against a real threat of theft, our radios are used for real inter platoon and vehicle comms, the bike riders carry out real traffic duties, the kitchen and KP tasks are vitally necessary, there is a real risk of death and injury if you do not exercise due caution. You may be carrying a real weapon in a foreign country. The locals are not your family dressed up; this is part of the whole overall GI experience we try to achieve for you.

Included in this is the surprise element, you will often not know where you are or what is happening as our experience has shown that this adds so much to the realism we try to achieve.

### **Being a member of the crew of a vehicle**

You will not be riding a vehicle, you will be CREWING it, and you will be expected to help with it, fight with it, live from it. This is not a group where at the first stop you disappear leaving the poor owner to do everything, conduct like that will not be tolerated. Everyone must pull their weight for this to succeed!

### **Acting like soldiers**

This is a representation of the US Army, we are fairly casual, but you are wearing the uniform of an honorable and military historic unit and are very much in the public eye, so when required, snap too and act the part

### **SNAFU'S**

They will happen – sometimes they are actually planned, but you may not know that as it's part of the experience, this is a huge undertaking, understand that and bear with it.

### **Attending for only part of the trip**

If you are considering to attend for limited period only, it can be arranged. However it must be approved in advance by HQ and full share of nonrefundable costs will be paid regardless your limited attendance

**If you wish to be considered for this option you MUST contact your coordinator**

### **Parking**

To be specified

### **What can you expect from the trip ?**

That 4<sup>th</sup> Armored together with 2nd Armored In Europe will work very hard to get the best trip possible for all participants, you can expect to be cold, wet and tired, there are no hotels, toilets or showers on the trip, expect to crap in a hole you have dug and wash from a steel pot for the duration of the entire event, expect to be dirty and to be unsure of what is happening or where you are, expect to have to cling to the rear deck of a Sherman as it bounces across country and then expect to have to launch an assault boat to cross a river. This is no 2 day public show with neat equipment behind a rope, this is as close to the real thing as you can get, the public will be real foreigners and there will be no rope between you and them

### **IN CONCLUSION**

We can safely say that this is a re-enacting/living history/military vehicle experience like no other, available with no one else, to portray the actual unit, in the actual place, on the actual anniversary with likeminded dedicated people as part of an authentically composed, large unit is something that 100 years of normal re-enacting can simple not come close to, you will be tired, you will be cold, you will be wet, you will wish you had not come (possibly at times), but you will learn more about what it was actually like then than through any other medium.

This all works on the individual working as part of a team, everyone is equally important ( whether this is your first trip or your twenty first), this will be the 70th anniversary, the last with any groups of veterans attending and will not to be repeated, miss it and you miss out, it's as simple as that, this is the once in a lifetime experience

**THE ONLY THING STOPPING YOU, IS YOURSELF**

## **Coordinators**

**There are regional coordinators and these should be your first point of contact. If you are considering your attendance let your coordinator know your name and contact info immediately. You will be contacted with more details soon**

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