



2AiE 'Thunderbolt Through Brittany 2021' 31st – 8th August 2021

APPLICATION NOTES

Please fully read these
Application Notes along with the
Prohibited Items List
and Disclaimer

What You Can Expect:

This is a unique tactical combat experience for quality, determined, re-enactors and vehicle owners.

Utilising, Halftracks, Jeeps, 2 1/2-ton trucks and towed ordinance.

You will be living the life of a regular infantry soldier in 1944, living in the field with the enemy never far away.

Rotating off the line for well-deserved R&R.

We have been given permission for the use of blank firing weapons and pyrotechnics as well as sites for tactical engagements, giving us free range over some large and varied terrain, with combat and ambush patrols, tactical night missions and mounted/dismounted combat reconnaissance patrols.

We have also been granted permission for a force of Axis re-enactors (from some of the premier Axis groups in Europe), who will provide determined opposition to our every move, utilising a range of armour, infantry and soft skin vehicles.

What is Expected of You?

Uniform: You must wear the correct uniform and equipment, in accordance with the uniform regulations.

Vehicles: The number of vehicles required for this event will be based on the number of participants, and, for historical accuracy, the makeup of original WW2 units.

Vehicle Standards: The authentic appearance of the vehicles is as important as that of uniform and equipment. All efforts must be made to ensure your vehicle looks like a WW2 combat vehicle. Here are some things to avoid: Modern wing mirrors, indicators, licence plates which can not be hidden or removed, oversize tyres, flags, freewheeling hubs, window stickers etc. This list is not exhaustive. Vehicle stowage points, please contact the organising team. Your vehicle will need to have the correct unit markings for this event, we will assist and advise you with this.

Vehicle Safety: Your vehicle is properly maintained and road legal. Minimum requirements for equipment should include: A set of tools, a spare wheel and importantly, a serviceable WW2 type 'Jerry can'. This list is not exhaustive, consider all requirements for breakdown and recovery.

Dates, Transport and Deposit Information:

With the uncertainty in Europe regarding Brexit, ferry dates and times for UK participants are to be determined, and once finalised will be published in an event bulletin.

For US participants, please **DO NOT** book flights until such a date that ferries have been booked and you are told to do so by your respective coordinator.

The deposit for 'Thunderbolt Through Brittany 2021' is **£100**. This deposit enables 2AiE to finance the Public Liability Insurance required by the French Government to hold the event, as well as to place deposits for trip vehicles.

If, for any reason, the event is disrupted by political issues such as Brexit which are beyond our control, all **deposits will be returned in full**. However, personal withdrawal from the event will result in a non-refundable deposit unless under extreme circumstances. **2AiE reserve the right to assess this on an individual basis.**

THE COST FOR THIS EVENT IS £450.00 pp

This does not include:

Airfares, Weapon Hire or Ammunition

This does include:

Public Liability Insurance, low loading/fuel allowance to/from event, all fuel for the event in France, with track wear allowance for half-tracks, ferry costs.

An initial deposit of **£100** will be required to secure a place. All **payments** must be sent via PayPal in GBP (£) to:

2aie83rd@gmail.com

Please mark as **FRIENDS AND FAMILY** to avoid fees. All payments not sent as Friends and Family will be refunded and asked to be repaid.

Access to the participant only Facebook Group is contingent on payment of the deposit.



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Payment Plan:

Participants are at liberty to pay the trip fee or remaining balance of their trip fee in full at any time. However, we emphasise that all payments must be made in GBP (£) as **FRIENDS AND FAMILY** via PayPal. Payments made as Goods and Services will be refunded in order to be paid correctly. Please contact your regional coordinator if you have any issues or questions.

The payment deadlines are as follows:

Deposit - £100: 31st October 2020

Instalment 1 - £100: 31st January 2021

Instalment 2 - £100: 30th April 2021

Final Instalment - £150: 30th June 2021

Provisional Schedule:

Thunderbolt Through Brittany is still in the planning stage and as such the following schedule may change.

Any changes to the below schedule will be communicated to you by 2AiE or and/or your regional coordinator.

Thursday 29th July 2021: Overnight ferry Portsmouth – St Malo (UK participants, timings TBD).

Friday 30th July 2021: Arrive at St Malo and travel to Assembly Area (UK participants). Coach from Paris hotel to assembly area (US participants). Draw weapons & event prep at Assembly Area.

Saturday 31st July 2021 AM: Event starts.

Friday 6th August 2021 PM: Event ends. Return weapons. End of event social.

Saturday 7th August 2021: Break camp. UK participants return to St Malo. US participants return coach to Paris.

While the official dates of the event are 31st July – 8th August, these dates represent the start and finish of the event. **It is imperative that all participants are present at the Assembly Area on Friday 30th July 2021.**





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DISCLAIMER

**Important
Please Read**

As a participant of the 'Thunderbolt Through Brittany 2021' combat event, I am aware that I will be required to traverse difficult and potentially hazardous terrain and/or obstacles and accept that this carries a direct risk of injury. I do so at my own risk and will not hold 2AiE, its agents or any other participant responsible for any injuries I may sustain during the event.

I acknowledge that the 'Thunderbolt Through Brittany 2021' event may include days effected by inclement weather and accept that this may lead to my person and kit becoming wet/cold/dirty. I accept the responsibility of protecting myself from cold/hot weather and other weather-related injuries and accept that there is a risk of such injuries occurring, while also accepting that there may be no washing/showering facilities for the duration of the event.

I state that I am in good physical and mental health and do not suffer from any medical condition which would foreseeably jeopardise my safety during the event, and that participation with any such condition is at my own risk and not the responsibility of 2AiE. I have declared any and all health conditions/allergies that may impact my participation, and I agree that I am responsible for the administration of any/all medications for the duration of the trip and will likewise be responsible for their safety.

I am fully aware that this event will involve the use of certified and authorised blank firing firearms and pyrotechnic devices and as such accept the potential risks of loss or damage to personal possessions/items, OR personal injury. I agree to take all suitable precautions to avoid such risks, including adhering to the rules of engagement (ROEs) laid out by 2AiE and the chain of command during the 'Thunderbolt Through Brittany' event. Any injury to myself or others, including personal possessions, however caused, will be solely my responsibility and not that of 2AiE or its agents.

I agree to hold myself accountable for my behaviour during the 'Thunderbolt Through Brittany' event and agree to act in a respectful and acceptable manner on the properties visited. I will acquire the correct uniform & equipment as specified in the Uniform Regulations. I agree to wear the correct uniform in the correct manner for the duration of the event. I also confirm that any vehicle(s) I enter will be UK/EU Road Legal, with valid insurance for the duration of the event.

I understand my vehicle will be used in a combat environment, and maybe subject to reasonable wear and tear. I will conduct myself in a manner which is neither harmful or unlawful to myself/other participants/owners or property itself and as such I will respect any conditions imposed by the land owner/2AiE/the chain of command that pertain to this property, i.e. to return to 'as found' any dugouts/fox holes or trenches dug by me.

'Thunderbolt Through Brittany' is a 'dry' event, meaning that it will be carried out as if in a combat environment for the duration of the trip, unless specified otherwise by the 2AiE organisers, or chain of command. Certain day(s) may be designated as 'rest' day(s) where alcohol may be consumed, however, unless notified of such day(s)

****ALCOHOL/ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES ARE NOT TO BE CONSUMED DURING THE EVENT****

I agree to follow all instructions/commands/orders from Scenario directors that are attributable to the successful working and wellbeing of this scenario/event.

In regard to my being allowed to participate in this scenario/event, I agree to exempt and absolve from responsibility, 2AiE, the 'Thunderbolt Through Brittany 2021' organisers and chain of command, and land owners at this event, from any liability, claims, demands or legal actions arising from such participation.



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PROHIBITED
ITEMS

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2AiE and our partners have worked tirelessly with the French government and prefectures to enable us to organise and hold events such as '**Thunderbolt Through Brittany**'.

Such events are supported by the French government so long as they, and all participants, follow French laws rigorously.

'Thunderbolt Through Brittany' is the fourth event of its kind following the highly successful 'The Pursuit' 2014, 'Cobra Breakout' 2017 and 'Save the Breakout' 2019 events, which have successfully built a high level of trust and repour between 2AiE, the French government, and the local prefectures.

This is down to, in no small part, our continued efforts to ensure we have all necessary weapons, armour and axis forces permissions from both the local prefectures and Paris, enabling us to accurately portray and remember the sacrifices made by those in 1944. However, as aforementioned, every participant must also ensure that they follow French law to the letter to ensure we can continue to hold such events and do so without harming the reputation of the hobby.

While we accept that there are others out there who do not follow the strict rules and regulations that 2AiE do, we are committed to ensuring only those who will not damage the hobby are able to participate on our events. Therefore, we would like to make it clear that the following items and behaviours are **PROHIBITED** on the upcoming 'Thunderbolt Through Brittany' combat event in 2021:

- Flags/iconography baring Nazi symbols (swastika, etc.).
- Nazi salutes (including verbal and physical salutes).
- Pro-Nazi slurs/orders/statements.
- Attachment/use of knives bayonets in an aggressive capacity (bayonets may be worn as part of your equipment but must remain sheathed unless being used safely, non-aggressively, and with good reason).
- SS iconography, symbols, or equipment (all impressions of SS are banned and **ILLEGAL** in France).

2AiE accepts no legal responsibility for anyone caught to be in possession of, or using, any of the above prohibited items/behaviours by French authorities. Likewise, if any participant is seen to be in possession of or using any of the prohibited items/behaviours by the 2AiE organising team, or it is brought to our attention that a participant is in possession of/using prohibited items/behaviours, 2AiE reserve the right to terminate participation and remove any participant, on either side, from the 'Thunderbolt Through Brittany' event. If you are unsure on the suitability of any items, please do not hesitate to contact the 2AiE organising team.

While our aim is to authentically recreate history, we must do so respectfully both to French law and to those civilians in France who may have experienced events first-hand during the war.



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APPLICATION
FORM
 Complete and Sign this Application form and send to relevant Regional Coordinator as listed below

Section A - Participant Details

Surname:

Forename:

Address

Postcode/Zip:Country:

Home tel:

Mobile:

Email:

Passport No: Place of issue:

Date of birth: Nationality:

Next of Kin and Contact details:

Have you participated in previous 2AIE trips?

Y/N

Section B - Vehicle Details

Make.Model Reg
 NumberYear of Manufacture Insurance
 Certificate N.o: Insurance Company
 N.o:

Insurance Contact N.o:

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR VEHICLE IS FULLY MAINTANED AND ROAD LEGAL, WITH VALID INSURANCE FOR THE DURATION OF THE EVENT. WE WILL REQUIRE A COPY OF A VALID INSURANCE CERTIFICATE FOR YOUR VEHICLE PRIOR TO THE TOUR

Do you have any medical condition(s)/allergies we should be aware of?
NOTE: All physical and mental health conditions, including allergies that may affect your ability to participate MUST be declared – failure to do so may lead to the termination of your participation.

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Do you have any special skills that could be useful for the event?
 Mechanic/Medic etc.

Declaration:

I have fully read and understood the Disclaimer/Prohibited Items and behaviour information sheets supplied and I hereby agree to adhere to rules and regulations as stipulated and to ensure that none of the prohibited items/behaviours listed are in my possession/used in France during

2AIE's
'Thunderbolt Through Brittany'
2021 Combat Event

I understand that failure to adhere to these rules and regulations, and that discovery of any prohibited items/behaviours, will lead to the termination of my participation and that 2AIE bare no legal responsibility for this, should French authorities become involved.

Name.....

Signature.....

Date.....

Complete and Sign this Application form and send to:

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EU sabers8th@gmail.com
USA Midwest ajones2ad@gmail.com / reid.history.palmer@gmail.com
US East/West gerardcortese@hotmail.com