



Handbook of the Roman Military Research Society
Registered Charity: 293504

Salve Amicus!

Congratulations on joining what we think is the premier re-enactment group in the UK. We may not be the biggest or even the richest group, but we always aim to be the best through our enthusiasm for Roman history and professionalism.

Soon you will be given the name of either a soldier of Legio XIII Gemina, Cohors I Batavorum or a Roman civilian. Always try to reflect the *Esprit-de-Corps* and *Romanitas* (the Roman ideal) passed to you along with the name. Immortality is in being remembered - "speak my name and I live".

Think, look and act in a military or Roman manner while on parade or when representing the group. Enjoy yourself but, please, **do nothing to bring ridicule upon THE RMRS' name.**



Philosophy

THE RMRS was established with specific aims in mind and will grant membership only to those persons willing to embrace these ideals. This philosophy is intended to strengthen the Society's cohesion and purpose as all members will hopefully be devoted to the same aims, goals and attitudes towards research and recreating history. Improving the Society's cohesion by this simple expedient is also intended to limit any factionalism that can sometimes occur in such a group.

While THE RMRS will require support from its members, it will not demand exclusive loyalty. Members are free to assist or belong to any other living history group. In so doing, however, members must not impugn the good name of THE RMRS.

As enshrined in its Constitutional Aims, THE RMRS performs in various guises and activities for the education of the public. The active passing of accurate information to the Society's audiences is of paramount importance. Regardless of the type of event, when portraying "Romans" all members become teachers and anyone encountered becomes a potential student. Thus if the student's knowledge is not advanced, or the information offered is misleading or untrue, then THE RMRS fails in its Aims.

Furthermore, observers will learn much from members' clothing, equipment and activities even before they speak with us. It follows that THE RMRS must strive for historical accuracy, with every feature of our display, every item carried or worn being appropriate to the scenario and based on the most up-to-date knowledge. Continual research will be required and all members are encouraged to participate in this area. Where new evidence shows something to be inaccurate, inappropriate or lacking, then the error must be corrected at the earliest opportunity. However, no aspect of the Society's display should be considered proven, merely based on the best available evidence.