



In order to answer a few questions people have, 2nd Armored in Europe wishes to explain who we are and what we do in this brief announcement.

What is 2nd Armored in Europe?

2nd Armored in Europe is and was always supposed to be an almost-mythical entity, a loose collective of like-minded people who would come together to put together and organise events on the original battlefields in the ETO, usually consisting of “big trips” or “small trips” involving vehicle-borne troops (armor, recon and/or armored infantry), but sometimes just as normal infantry on specific commemorative events.

2nd Armored in Europe has tried a few options over the past 15 years for how it is organised, and is currently organised to have a “steering committee” of regional co-ordinators and other senior staff with experience of previous trip organisation. Learning from the mistakes seen previously of having a single ongoing Limited Company, we are now going to utilise local resources to co-ordinate trips, with the backing of the rest of the “steering committee”. This means that no one country is “senior” or “owns” the group.

Event suggestions can be offered by any local entity and will become a 2nd Armored in Europe supported trip if they are both viable and interesting (for example, our last big trip, “*The Czech Fury 2015*” was organised by the Czech 4th Armored team, and the next 2nd Armored in Europe event “*The Final Thrust 2016*” is being organised by the Belgian 101st Airborne Belgian Friendly team – the men on the ground who know the area best and who can work directly with local authorities to get the best out of the event).

The previous methods of having a UK-based organisation team taking on the bulk of the work caused too much work for too few people and also gave the impression that a few people in the UK were dictating to the rest of the group, which is not the case in the current 2nd Armored in Europe. Other aspects of the legal requirements for trips will also be taken up by the relevant local entities too.

2nd Armored in Europe is made up of members from around 15 countries around the world and strives to be truly international in its organisation. Everyone brings something individually to an event, and the events are what everyone collectively makes them into.

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Why is there a 2nd Armored in Europe Ltd?

Simply to secure the name – this is a non-trading limited company purchased on behalf of the association by one of the members to prevent the name being taken by someone without our best interests at heart and then telling us that we can't use our own name for the association (something like this has happened before and almost happened again earlier this year).

To reiterate and clarify, 2nd Armored in Europe Ltd does not take ownership for any of the trips, does not own the association, does not take any money from any trips, nor does it generate any money for its director as it is a non-trading entity.



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