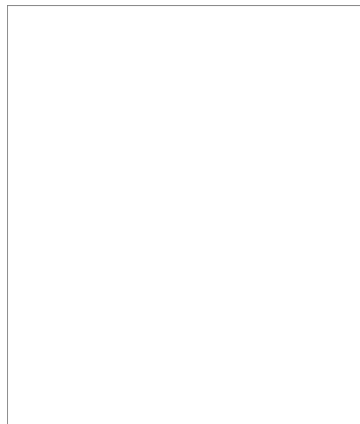


Citadel of The Free Companies of Armatura Artis

Citadel of Free Companies of Armatura Artis will be comprised of all people who would come together under our banner to foster the study and recreation of medieval armored combat arts and medieval history and to make locales available for practice, tournaments, and medieval events such as Grand Melees and Skirmish/War scenarios.

Heraldry

Per fess azure and vert, a castle with a tower to dexter argent, in sinister chief a sun Or



Location

The Citadel will be centered around 33701 State Rd 52, St Leo, FL 33574

Armatura Artis (Armored Arts)

The focus of The Free Companies will be Medieval Era grand events and Medieval Historical recreation based on the Medieval tournament and chivalric armored displays. Combat will include Rattan Waster Combat, Rebated Steel Combat, and Armored Cut and Thrust styled combat.

As such, time periods starting from Roman era through the Late Medieval Period, culminating at the end of the 16th Century will be included in this group.

The Free Companies' goal is to allow for not only training in various armored combat forms, but to allow for the display of such in chivalric tournaments, melee, and war scenario combat events.

Membership

Anyone may join The Citadel of the Free Companies, and be a contributing member. A contributing member is one considered to be active and adding to the efforts of The Free Companies.

A member does not need to participate in Armored Combat. This allows people who are interested in other aspects of medieval history to play a role in making The Free Companies' events as immersive as possible. Artisans, Clothiers, Musicians, as well as members of other types of guilds that would have been prevalent in the medieval period, are encouraged to participate and help create a medieval atmosphere for all those who attend The Free Companies' events.

The motivation of The Citadel and The Free Companies is to encourage new members, promote historical research, and provide a community that is welcoming, inspiring, and allows for all involved to express their passion for medieval history.

Events

The Free Companies will hold events similar to those seen in period. Tournaments, Grand Melee, and War Scenarios are examples of the types of events which may be held. The Event organizers will determine combat conventions to honor all styles of combat to be able to involve as many fighters as possible. Combat will always be of the armored type.

As this is a medieval history recreation group, all attempts will be made to remove the mundane from all events. Members should strive to immerse themselves fully in the past when possible.

It is The Free Companies intent to foster the love of everything medieval at events.

Leadership

The Free Companies leadership hierarchy will be based on a feudal military standard. The Free Companies' leader will hold the title of Lord (Lady) Marshall.

The current Lord Marshall position will be held by Franco D'orsi (MKA Frank Berardi)

The Lord Marshall will appoint from volunteers a Deputy to hold the Title of Marshall, This will also be a 2 year term, but can be extended if the Marshall is asked by the incoming new Lord Marshall to stay and the Marshall chooses to do so. The Lord Marshall may replace the Marshall at any time if they cannot fulfill their duties.

The Lord Marshall may appoint 3 members of the Lord Marshall's Council (Council Members do not have to participate in armored combat to be named such) to help lead and organize events and tournaments as they see fit. These will also be held for a 2 year term. A new incoming Lord Marshall may choose to extend a Council Members term if the Council Member also agrees. A Council Member may be replaced by the Lord Marshall if they cannot fulfill their duties.

The Citadel's finances will be handled by an Exchequer, who will hold this position for 2 years. It is a strictly volunteer position and will be appointed by the Lord Marshall. The Exchequer will find and train a replacement that is acceptable to the Lord Marshall. The Exchequer can be replaced at any time by the Lord Marshall if they cannot fulfill their duties.

The position of Lord Marshall will be rotated every 2 years. There will be a martial tournament to determine who will be named Lord Marshall for a term. The current Lord Marshall will determine tournament type and conventions, and may participate to retain his/her leadership role if they choose. Tournament information will be posted at least 2 months prior to the date of the tournament. A champion may be chosen to fight in one's stead, to become Lord (Lady) Marshall.

If confidence in a Lord Marshall is lost, he may be challenged to a duel. The Marshall, any Sergeants, and 2 members of the group (one chosen by the Lord Marshall and one chosen by the challenger) will look at the merits of the challenge and decide if a duel challenge is just.. If it is decided the challenge has merit, at the first possible opportunity the duel will be fought according to EMP standards and with agreement with both parties on combat conventions.

Challenges to the Lord Marshall's position may only occur after at least a 6 month term has been completed by a Lord Marshall.

Website

Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/195867958444236/>

Website Blurb

The Citadel is a Medieval Recreationist group that endeavors in the studies of the Medieval Period in history and the practice of Medieval Armored Combat to include Rattan Waster Combat, Rebated Steel Combat, and Armored Cut and Thrust styled combat. It's focus is to promote historical medieval research and provide a community that is welcoming, inspiring, and allows for all involved to express their passion for medieval history. Welcome to All who share our passion for all things Medieval!!!!!!