

# Valor Metal Detecting Policy Statement

## Mission and Commitment:

Valor Metal Detecting is committed to preserving history and supporting veterans through responsible metal detecting practices. Our mission is to empower veterans with tools, education, and mentorship while fostering healing and camaraderie within a community dedicated to ethical conduct and historical preservation.

## Membership Process:

1. **Becoming a Participant:** Prospective members begin as Participants, demonstrating a commitment to our values of integrity, respect for property owners, and responsible engagement. This initial phase involves:
  - Submission of an application expressing interest in joining Valor Metal Detecting.
  - Completion of a training session where prospective members learn about Valor's mission, policies, and ethical guidelines.
  - Agreement to adhere to Valor's policies, bylaws, and code of conduct.
2. **Guidance from Valor Unit Leaders:**
  - Participants will be assigned a Valor Unit Leader who serves as a mentor and guide throughout their journey.
  - Valor Unit Leaders provide training in metal detecting techniques, research methodologies, and obtaining permissions.
  - They ensure that Participants understand and comply with Valor's standards and ethical guidelines during all activities.

## Education and Training:

1. **Comprehensive Education:** Participants undergo thorough training in:
  - Researching historical sites and interpreting landscapes.
  - Building positive relationships with property owners and local communities.
  - Handling and preserving discovered artifacts with care and respect.
2. **Continuing Education:** Valor Metal Detecting provides ongoing educational opportunities, including workshops, seminars, and access to resources that enhance Participants' knowledge and skills.

## Leadership and Community Engagement:

1. **Leadership Presence:**
  - Leadership from Valor Metal Detecting is required at all activities involving permissions and engagements.
  - This ensures consistent adherence to Valor's policies and bylaws, maintaining trust and positive relationships with property owners and communities.
2. **Community Involvement:**
  - Participants are encouraged to engage positively with local communities and property owners.

- They must represent Valor Metal Detecting with professionalism and respect at all times.

### **Responsibilities and Disclaimers:**

#### **1. Safety and Liability:**

- Participants are responsible for their own safety and must comply with all safety guidelines and regulations.
- Valor Metal Detecting is not liable for any injury, damage, or loss incurred during activities.

#### **2. Compliance:**

- Participants must adhere to all property owners' rules and regulations while detecting.
- Violation of any policies, bylaws, or property owners' rules may result in disciplinary action, including dismissal from Valor Metal Detecting.

### **Ethical Conduct:**

#### **1. Respect for Property Owners:**

- Participants must obtain explicit permission from property owners before detecting.
- They must respect property boundaries and cultural heritage.

#### **2. Artifact Preservation:**

- Participants must handle and report discovered artifacts responsibly and ethically.
- They should assist in preserving historical integrity and providing educational value to the community.

#### **3. Confidentiality of Locations and Permissions:**

- Participants must not disclose specific detecting locations or permissions obtained through Valor Metal Detecting.
- Sharing sensitive information could compromise site security and lead to unauthorized access or loss of permissions.

### **Professional Disclaimer:**

Valor Metal Detecting is not a licensed medical professional or therapist. While our activities may provide therapeutic benefits, including those related to PTSD and other underlying issues from service, we do not offer medical or psychological treatment. Participants are encouraged to seek professional medical or therapeutic assistance as needed