

Subject: Kingdom Siege Goals for 2014

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To all who shall witness these words, greetings!

As the newly deputized Siege Marshal for the Kingdom of the Outlands, I would like to introduce myself and lay out a few clear goals for this year. As an engineer and former Marine, I am passionate about the role siege engines play in formation combat. Few things are as disruptive as weapons capable of crashing through or over shield walls to penetrate deep into tightly packed or unsuspecting enemy positions. Siege engines are also very effective for recruiting and educational outreach.

GOAL #1: My first objective is to train and appoint at least one Siege Marshal in each barony before 2016. We are developing a comprehensive Siege Program for the Kingdom with safety and strategy in mind, so please be patient. To accomplish this, I will strive to attend and hold workshops at kingdom-level events and will make myself available for those visiting Nahrin Kabirum (Las Cruces, NM).

GOAL #2: To better equip the Kingdom for strategic combat and provide siege combat experience to heavy fighters, I would also like to see a SCA-legal siege engine in each barony before 2016 and in each group before 2017. SCA-legal structures meet the requirements laid out by the [Siege Engines Handbook](#) and have been inspected by a Siege Marshal. Designing and building siege equipment can be daunting at first. To get everyone started, a number of SCA-approved plans are available online at [siegefiles.outlands.org](http://siegefiles.outlands.org). If you need help, our design group includes student engineers from New Mexico State University, professional craftsmen, and talented artists. Together, we are designing and documenting safe, low-cost, portable, and easy to assemble siege engines for the Kingdom. All designs are the property of the Kingdom and will be available on the previously mentioned website.

I take great pride in being honored with this opportunity and look forward to serving you in the future. For news and updates, I suggest subscribing to the [Outlands Siege Guild](#) on Facebook. A FAQ is available to answer common questions. If you have questions not answered in the FAQ, you may contact me via email at [marshal@siege.outlands.org](mailto:marshal@siege.outlands.org). Please include in the subject the word "Siege" so I can prioritize your message.

Yours in service,

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