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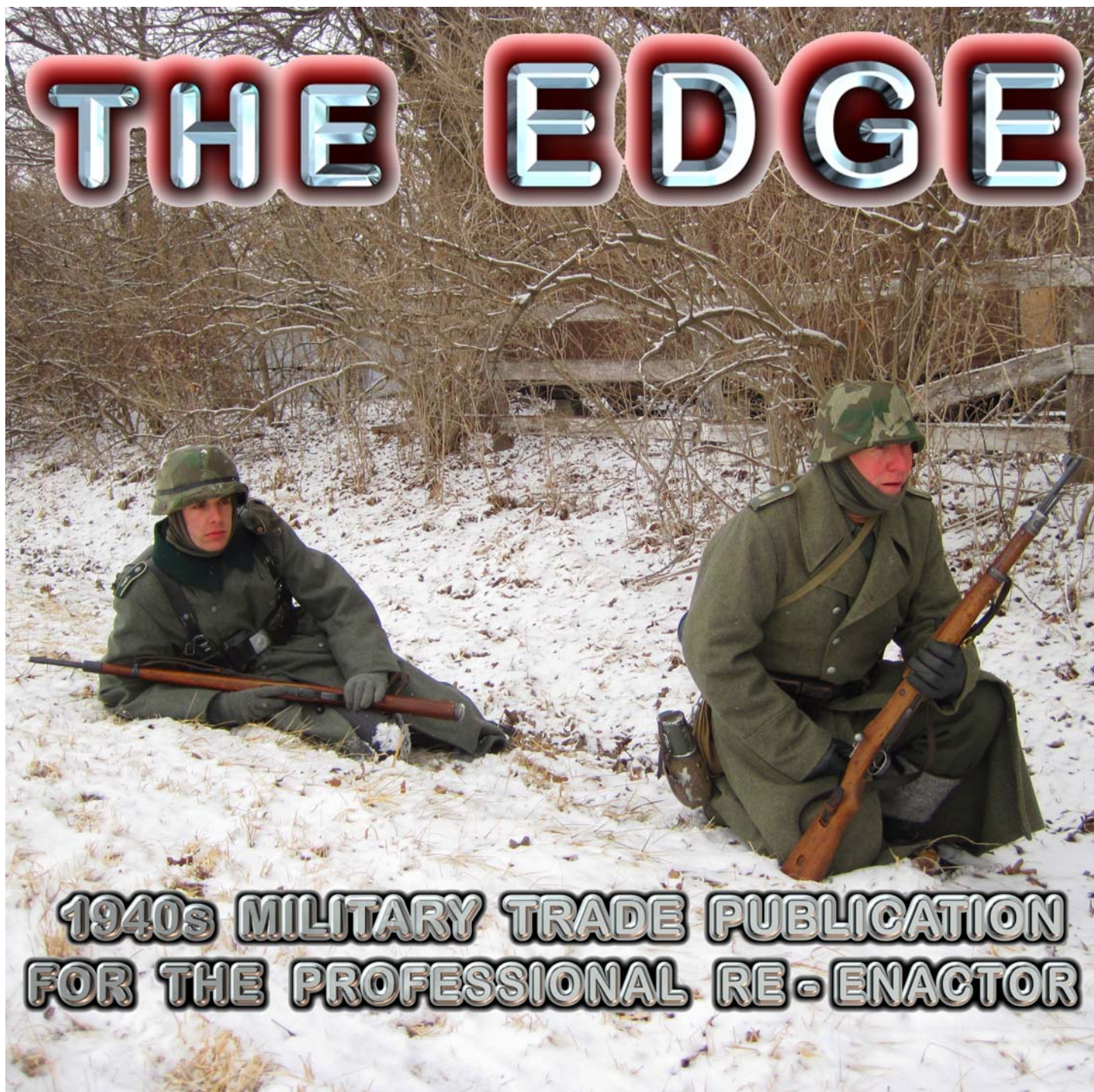
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WWII HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY Inc.

COMMANDERS CORNER

FROM: Carlos Ramirez
SUBJECT: Letter 02 to the Society

General Information: Our Society membership is moving right along for 2013. As a reminder to all - I am here to assist every member with their questions or concerns. I have an open door policy and will answer your call within 24 hours. I welcome your comments so please feel free to email them to me at carlos@worldwartwohrscolorado.com

Insurance: The Insurance for the Society was approved by the B.O.D and subsequently signed by me and it is now in effect for 2013. A hearty big thank you goes out to David Jameson for a well job done.

The EDGE Advertising Costs: Some Society members have asked about running classifieds for our members wanting to sell or buy. I would like to know your thoughts? The Society indeed did have such a section many, many years ago when the publication was called, "The POINT." According to some former HRS unit members in Colorado, it fell by the wayside when the Society had issues with getting the POINT out. Another issue was that some folks selling - sold the same item several times and kept all the money.

Public Outreach: If you are already not yet doing so, consider supporting your local VFW's, American Legion's, and Honor Flights. Many units I know do this already and I commend them. Stay involved with your local business community and ask about sponsorship to help at your events. We have accomplished this in Colorado and it is working well. As a result, we now support the largest WWII Veteran event in Colorado. For 2013, this will be our third year of being at the focal point for all reenacting organizations in Colorado. Doing these few listed things allow us to show patriotic pride and honors the military service personnel who served or are serving now.

HRS Banner: Show the pride of the unit you portray at parades and events by showing off the HRS banner (if you have one) of the WWII H.R.S. This provides free advertising for the Society and to your unit. The Vice president has a few loaner banners for use. I would like some suggestions from the Society membership wanting to have their own WWII HRS banners for each unit to use and keep.

The EDGE: Our Editor Jeff Skender is hard at work and needs your articles. Please send them to him. Thank you Jeffery for all you are doing to keep us on track with the Society publication.

Unit Recognition: There a few organizations wanting to be recognized by the Society. More news in the next EDGE edition.

Newly Chartered Units: We have some new charter approved Units. WELCOME to the WWII H.R.S -the Oldest WWII Reenactment Society since 1976.

1. E Co., 505th PIR, 82nd Abn
2. 517th PRCT
3. Brandenburg Jager Rgt 1

Carlos Ramirez
President
WW II H.R.S.





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COMMUNICATIONS

Vice President

Jonathan Stevens

Call for New Committees

With the recent hullabaloo surrounding finances a new committee will be formed:

Finance Committee.

This group will be oversight for the board who will review the Treasurer reports. Two or three people will be sufficient for this group. The qualifications will be a member in good standing with background in accounting or a related field. Most middling and large non-for-profit organizations have such a committee and many experts would suggest this would be a fundamental part of any non-for-profit governance. Further, for smaller non for profits, whose yearly income would be significantly reduced by a certified audit but have need for a certified audit usually due to donors requirements for grants, can often meet the requirement by having such an oversight committee. The groans emanating over the internet cabling with talk of, "More needless bureaucracy!" are heard however this should alleviate any concerns as to the financial health of the Society while not spending a huge amount of our funds needlessly.



Jon with his son Nathan at Military History Fest.

A second committee being called is the **Legislative Committee.**

This group of volunteers will have the task of finding and reporting to the membership any type of bill that may affect our organization and moreover WWII reenacting as a whole. There are currently many groups whose main purpose is to promote and be a watchdog regarding the Second Amendment for example, but not all members may be the recipient of these types of communications or even have knowledge of them. The task will mainly focus on firearms related bills in various state legislatures since these seemingly have the greatest and often negative affect on WWII reenacting. While we cannot necessarily offer legal advice on the effect of the bills if passed we can make sure we are all aware of any negative and in some cases positive possible outcomes of bills. Wait, you cry, "We are a non for profit organization! We cannot do that!!" On the contrary, non-for-profit organizations may lobby for a particular piece of legislation but cannot promote any political candidates. One facet of discussion regarding the creation of this committee was about actually lobbying for bills to benefit our activities but this is way beyond the volunteer scope of our organization at this point. If you have your ear to the ground in your state legislature with time to research and participate in this educational activity please apply within.

Jonathan Stevens, 9th Infantry
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Ronald Kapustka

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Commonwealth Representative

Bryce Seyko

Report Pending

bster144@aol.com

Axis Representative

Doug Loge

Congrats to the newest fully chartered Axis unit, the Brandenburg Panzer Grenadier Division. I am confident that this unit will make a fine addition to the HRS Axis unit roster in the years to come.

There is one proposed Axis unit charter in the S&A Committee at this time. This charter should be voted on by the BOD at the next BOD meeting.

I am working on certifying/re-certifying other reenactment organizations for HRS recognition at this time. HRS recognition will allow these organizations to attend HRS sponsored events. It will also allow HRS members to attend their events. HRS recognized organizations will be noted on the HRS website in the future. Only HRS recognized organization will be allowed to attend HRS sponsored events.

Just a reminder to renew your HRS membership. It's extremely easy to do via the Eventbrite website. Contact your Unit Commander for more details.

See you in the field,

Doug

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

HRS Year End Financial Report for 2012

From Treasurer Charles Gallagher

charliegallagher@sbcglobal.net

At the beginning of 2012, the transition from a Chase Bank Checking Account and Wells Fargo Savings Account (Money Market) to a new PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account and Money Market (respectively) was already underway.

The new treasurer's tenure started during this period and so financial documentation for his office begins in February 2012 when he assisted in opening the accounts, his membership fee being the first deposit.

Due to an extended lack of cooperation with the former treasurer, moving the balance of the accounts took several months to complete. However, in February an initial sum of \$5,759 was moved from the Chase account to the new PNC checking account so that HRS business could be conducted.

This amount was selected as it was the maximum amount movable by the President and Vice President without the former Treasurer's (and primary account holder) authorization. It would trigger a lockout of the President and Vice President from that account and no more funding could be transferred until the cooperation of the former treasurer could be obtained.

In light of these complications, the new account was set up so that both holders, Vice President Jon Stevens, and Treasurer Charles Gallagher would be equally able to access all accounts from PNC. Similarly both holders had visibility and accountability for any actions taken by the other holder.

Since the creation of the PNC accounts, all HRS business has been conducted through them. The only interaction made with the former Chase and Wells Fargo Accounts were made in the process of closing those accounts and transferring the balance to the PNC accounts. At this time, the Wells Fargo Account still stands as we were waiting to make sure the PNC accounts would be functional and appropriate before closing the old accounts. I have talked with David and we will prepare to close these accounts and transfer the final balance into the PNC Savings account.

About This Report

This is a year-end statement designed to summarize the overall activities for the HRS finances in 2012. As such, Deposits of the same type will be shown as a total rather than as individual transactions. For example, membership checks will be shown as a sum, rather than individual checks as it would make this document too long to be read easily and with meaningful brevity.

HRS Year End Financial Report for 2012

Year-End Figures	Balance
PNC Non-Profit Checking Account	\$ 6,527.00
PNC Money Market Account	\$37,609.84

Summary of Activities by Month

February 2012		Outflow	Inflow	Balance
Checking	Deposit to open account		\$ 19.00	\$19.00
	Initial Transfer from Old Accts		\$5,625.00	\$5,644.00
	Bank Adjustment		\$ 115.00	\$5,759.00
	Bank Setup Fee	\$ 10.00		\$5,749.00
	Bank Fee Refunded		\$ 10.00	\$5,759.00
	Deposits		\$5,769.00	
	Withd/Deduct	\$ 10.00		
	Ending Balance			\$5,759.00
Money Market	Deposit to open account		\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
	Deposits		\$ 1.00	
	Withd/Deduct			
	Ending Balance			\$ 1.00



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March 2012		Outflow	Inflow	Balance
Checking				\$5,759.00
	Membership Deposits		\$ 100.00	\$5,859.00
	Service Charge	\$ 6.00		\$5,853.00
	Transfer to MM	\$1,000.00		\$4,853.00
	Deposits		\$ 100.00	
	Withd/Deduct	\$1,006.00		
	Ending Balance			\$4,853.00

Money Market			\$ 1.00	
	Transfer from Checking		\$1,000.00	\$1,001.00
	Interest		\$ 0.02	\$1,001.02
	Deposits		\$1,000.02	
	Withd/Deduct			
	Ending Balance			\$1,001.02

April 2012		Outflow	Inflow	Balance
Checking				\$4,853.00
	Membership Deposits		\$4,070.00	\$8,923.00
	Transfer to MM	\$3,800.00		\$5,123.00
	Service Charge	\$ 9.00		\$5,114.00
	Bounced Membership	\$ 20.00		\$5,094.00
	Deposits		\$4,070.00	
	Withd/Deduct	\$3,829.00		
	Ending Balance			\$5,094.00

Money Market			\$1,001.02	
	Transfer from Checking		\$3,800.00	\$4,801.02
	Membership Deposits		\$ 470.00	\$5,271.02
	Interest		\$ 0.06	\$5,271.08
	Bounced Membership	\$ 180.00		\$5,091.08
	Deposits		\$4,270.06	
	Withd/Deduct	\$ 180.00		
	Ending Balance			\$5,091.08

May 2012		Outflow	Inflow	Balance
Checking				\$5,094.00
	HRS Scholarship	\$ 500.00		\$4,594.00
	Mailing Supplies	\$ 16.00		\$4,578.00
	Deposits			
	Withd/Deduct	\$ 516.00		
	Ending Balance			\$4,578.00

Money Market			\$5,091.08	
	Membership Deposits		\$ 150.00	\$5,241.08
	Interest		\$ 0.22	\$5,241.30
	Service Fee	\$ 12.00		\$5,229.30
	Deposits		\$ 150.22	
	Withd/Deduct	\$ 12.00		
	Ending Balance			\$5,229.30



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June 2012		Outflow	Inflow	Balance
Checking				\$4,578.00
	Membership Deposits		\$ 40.00	\$4,618.00
	HRS Secretary Supplies	\$ 478.00		\$4,140.00
	Bounced Membership	\$ 20.00		\$4,120.00
	Deposits		\$ 40.00	
	Withd/Deduct	\$ 498.00		
	Ending Balance			\$4,120.00
Money Market			\$5,229.30	
	Interest		\$ 0.20	\$5,229.50
	Deposits		\$ 0.20	
	Withd/Deduct			
	Ending Balance			\$5,229.50

July 2012		Outflow	Inflow	Balance
Checking				\$4,120.00
	Service Charge	\$ 12.00		\$4,108.00
	Deposits			
	Withd/Deduct	\$ 12.00		
	Ending Balance			\$4,108.00
Money Market			\$5,229.50	
	Membership Deposits		\$ 60.00	\$5,289.50
	Interest		\$ 0.23	\$5,289.73
	Deposits		\$ 60.23	
	Withd/Deduct			
	Ending Balance			\$5,289.73

August 2012		Outflow	Inflow	Balance
Checking				\$4,108.00
	Membership Deposit		\$ 20.00	\$4,128.00
	Secretary supplies	\$ 275.00		\$3,853.00
	Deposits		\$ 20.00	
	Withd/Deduct	\$ 275.00		
	Ending Balance			\$3,853.00
Money Market			\$5,289.73	
	Membership Deposits		\$ 770.00	\$6,059.73
	Interest		\$ 0.23	\$6,059.96
	Bounced Membership Checks	\$ 25.00		\$6,034.96
	Deposits		\$ 770.23	
	Withd/Deduct			
	Ending Balance			\$6,034.96

September 2012		Outflow	Inflow	Balance
Checking				\$3,853.00
	Membership Deposits		\$3,675.00	\$7,528.00
	Rockford Reimbursement	\$ 185.00		\$7,343.00
	Rockford Breakfast	\$ 720.00		\$6,623.00
	Bounced Membership Checks	\$ 60.00		\$6,563.00
	Service Charge	\$ 12.00		\$6,551.00
	Deposits		\$3,675.00	
	Withd/Deduct	\$ 977.00		
	Ending Balance			\$6,551.00
Money Market			\$6,034.96	
	Membership Deposits		\$ 145.00	\$6,179.96
	Interest		\$ 0.23	\$6,180.19
	Deposits		\$ 145.23	
	Withd/Deduct			
	Ending Balance			\$6,180.19



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October 2012		Outflow	Inflow	Balance
Checking				\$6,551.00
	Service Charge	\$ 24.00		\$6,527.00
	Deposits			
	Withd/Deduct	\$ 24.00		
	Ending Balance			\$6,527.00
Money Market			\$6,180.19	
	Membership Deposits		\$ 100.00	\$6,280.19
	Interest		\$ 0.29	\$6,280.48
	Deposits		\$ 100.29	
	Withd/Deduct			
	Ending Balance			\$6,280.48

November 2012		Outflow	Inflow	Balance
Checking				\$ 6,527.00
	No Activity			
	Deposits			
	Withd/Deduct			
	Ending Balance			\$ 6,527.00
Money Market			\$ 6,280.48	
	Transfer From Old Accounts		\$31,323.47	\$37,603.95
	Interest		\$ 2.70	\$37,606.65
	Deposits		\$31,326.17	
	Withd/Deduct			
	Ending Balance			\$37,606.65

December 2012		Outflow	Inflow	Balance
Checking				\$ 6,527.00
	No Activity			
	Deposits			
	Withd/Deduct			
	Ending Balance			\$ 6,527.00
Money Market			\$37,606.65	
	Interest		\$ 3.19	\$37,609.84
	Deposits		\$ 3.19	
	Withd/Deduct			
	Ending Balance			\$37,609.84



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To all to whom these Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

I, Jesse White, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that

WORLD WAR TWO HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY, A DOMESTIC CORPORATION, INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE ON JANUARY 22, 2003, APPEARS TO HAVE COMPLIED WITH ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ACT OF THIS STATE, AND AS OF THIS DATE, IS IN GOOD STANDING AS A DOMESTIC CORPORATION IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.



In Testimony Whereof, *I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois, this 29TH day of JANUARY A.D. 2013.*

Jesse White

SECRETARY OF STATE

Authentication #: 1302902936

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EVENTS

March 2013	
15-17 March	<p>DELAY THE INEVITABLE</p> <p>Loc: Fort Custer, (Augusta) , Michigan Dates: March 15-17, 2013 Event Times: 2pm Fri - 10am Sunday Registration Times: 2pm -10:30 Friday 7:30 - 8:45 am Saturday Pre-Registration: http://www.Delay2013.eventbrite.com Fee: Pre reg \$21 via credit card or check. Cash or Check at registration \$25 Contact: "Infamous Alfons" Alan Miltich 517-796-9193 (9am - 9pm EST) email: WikingPionier@comcast.net Website: http://www.Delay2013.eventbrite.com Directions: http://www.Delay2013.eventbrite.com Authenticity Notes: Spring 1945, Western Europe Prohibited Vehicles/Items: air launched pyro Restrictions on Minors: 16 or above are OK Other restrictions: we must collect and secure your ammo at the gate - no ammo in barracks. NO AMMO COLLECTION AVAILABLE between Midnight Friday and 7am Saturday morning. NO ARRIVALS w/ AMMO TO BASE AFTER 9am!! more details at: http://www.Delay2013.eventbrite.com Motels: Barracks provided Sponsoring Unit(s): 5SS "Wiking" Pionier</p>
22-24 Mar	<p>2ND ANNUAL BATTLE OF BOHEMIA AND MORAVIA</p> <p>Location: MACON ARMY NATIONAL GUARD TRAINING SITE, 29614 Jaguar St, Macon, MO 63552 Dates: March 22-24, 2013 Event Times: 0900 March 23-noon March 24 Registration Times: 1400 March 22-0800 March 23 Pre-Registration: Email dptydover@gmail.com to pre-register. Fee: \$15.00 Contact: PRIMARY Uffz. DAVID GOODWIN 15505 NEW HALLS FERRY RD FLORISSANT, MO 63031 dpty635g@aol.com 314-456-1100 ALTERNATE Obfw. DAVID OVERSCHMIDT (Earl) 102 WISTERIA CT KANSAS CITY, MO 64089 dptydover@gmail.com 314-753-7547 Website: http://www.moguard.com/moguard-training.html Map: (click here) Directions: From Kansas City, MO take Hwy 70 or Hwy 36 East to Hwy 63 Macon Mo. From St Louis take Hwy 70 or Hwy 36 West to Macon Mo. Travel South on Hwy 63 from Hwy 36 or North on Hwy 63 from Hwy 70. Turn right (West) onto Kohl St 0.2 mi, Continue onto E 6th St 0.2 mi, Continue onto Coates St 0.9 mi, Continue onto Coates Street Rd 0.3 mi, Turn right onto Co Rd 718 B/Jaguar St. Destination will be on the left (South Side) of Jaguar St. Authenticity Notes: All German, Soviet, and other East Front Impressions are Welcome. Partisans will have 100% period attire and weapons, No exceptions. WW II HRS safety and authenticity rules apply & strictly enforced. All soldiers German or Soviet will have proper period hairstyles. Prohibited Vehicles/Items: Light wheeled vehicles permitted only with prior approval from the event coordinator. Authentic or Period vehicles only. All vehicle operators s will provide proof of a valid operator's license. A copy of valid Auto Liability Insurance to be kept on record by event coordinators. All vehicles will have a DOT approved fire extinguisher Other restrictions: No alcoholic beverages permitted on Missouri National Guard Property. No smoking inside of buildings. Non-period camping is not allowed. Non-period items prohibited. No live ammo of any kind, NO ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES, All late-war German, Soviet, and Partisan impressions are welcome. Partisan weapons must be of European origin; NO US weapons will be allowed. Pyro & smoke must be pre-approved, no exceptions. Motels: Several in area, but PERIOD Camping space is provided with registration. Sponsoring Unit(s): JAGERREGIMENT .38 (HRS)</p>



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April 2013

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BATTLE OF ARDEN HILLS EAST MEETS WEST EVENT

Apr



Loc: Arden Hills, MN

Dates: April 13, 2013

Event Times: 7 am - 4 pm

Registration Times: 7 am - 8 am

Pre-Registration: No

Fee: \$10

Contact: Steve Shumaker

Website: <http://home.comcast.net/~30thhrs/arden1.html>

Map: <http://goo.gl/maps/nxpNC>

Directions: See online map

Authenticity Notes: HRS rules apply - Late WW2 European impressions

Prohibited Vehicles/Items: No smoke

Restrictions on Minors: No minors

Other restrictions: No on-site camping, digging, or ALCOHOL.

Motels: Many within 5 miles of the site

Sponsoring Unit(s): 117th Infantry Regiment / 30th Infantry Division - HRS

May 2013

04-05

KENNEKUK WWII REMEMBRANCE DAYS

May



Loc: Kennekuk County Park 22296 A Henning Rd. Danville IL

Dates: May 4th and 5th, 2013

Event Times: Saturday May 4th 9:00am till 5:00pm Sunday May 5th 10:00am till 3:00pm

Registration Times: Friday May 3rd 3:00pm till 10:00pm Saturday 7:30am till 8:30am

Pre-Registration: <http://kennekuk.eventbrite.com/>

Fee: None

Contact: Polly Norman-Blanton 217-621-9899 or wwiikennekuk@yahoo.com

Website: <http://vccd.org/gikennekuk.html>

Authenticity Notes: HRS RULES APPLY


Prohibited Vehicles/Items: No vehicles over 15tons/All viewable items must be WWII era

Motels: Best Western Riverside Inn 217-431-0020/Day's Hotel 217-703-4505

Sponsoring Unit(s): 33rd Infantry Division/Great Lake WAVES



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14-16 May	DRIVEN TO VICTORY MILITARY SHOW Loc: Van Hoosen Farm Rochester Hills Mi Dates: May 10,11 2013 Event Times: 9am – 4pm Registration Times: 7am Pre-Registration: required Fee: FREE Contact: John Lind Website: http://www.driventovictory.com Map: (click here) Directions: East of Rochester rd south off Tieken Rd (25 mile) Authenticity Notes: HRS rules apply Prohibited Vehicles/Items: NONE Restrictions on Minors: HRS rules Other restrictions: NONE Motels: Camping on site Sponsoring Unit(s): 704TDB Arsenal of Democracy Museum
18-19 May	LEST WE FORGET - PUBLIC DISPLAY AND BATTLE Military Encampment and Battle Recreation Benton Harbor, Michigan  Loc: Southwest Michigan Airport, 1123 Territorial Road, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022 Date: May 18 - 19, 2013 Event Times: Friday May 17, Open for setup 1pm, vehicle parade 4:30pm Saturday May 18, Gates open 8am – 5pm, displays, ground battles 11am/3pm, dance 8pm Sunday May 19, Gates open 8am – 3pm, ground battle 1pm Airport-wooded encampment, displays, vintage planes, veteran's presentations, mock battles and hangar dance with swing band S&A Saturday 9am. Attendance required by all participants Unit Commanders Briefing Saturday at S&A - Overview of event schedule and updates Registration Check-in Times: Friday June 29, 4pm –10pm Pre-Registration: Individual registration required https://lwf2013.eventbrite.com Fee: None Contact: Jan & Bill Sheets Email jsheets@1812@gmail.com Phone (317) 788-1836 Map: See http://www.swmiairport.com/1336.html Website: none Authenticity Notes: All HRS rules apply. Prohibited Vehicles/Items: All viewable items must be from WWII era. Motels: Saint Joseph Travel Site http://www.michigan.org/City/Default.aspx?city=G3516 Benton Harbor Travel Site http://www.michigan.org/City/Default.aspx?city=G2817 http://www.swmichigan.org/lodging.html http://www.michigan.org Sponsoring Unit: 82ndAB 505th G Co.



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June 2013

07-09

3RD ANNUAL RAILS TO VICTORY

Jun



Loc: Fox River Trolley Museum, 361 South LaFox Street (IL 31), South Elgin, IL 60177

Dates: June 7-9, 2013

Event Summary: Rails to Victory is a great event for all impressions: Military and Civilians.

- Daily Large Scale Field Battles on newly enlarged battlefield. This year's battle field will be twice as large at last year's field including last year bone yard with all the obstacles and a new wide open area that essentially doubles the size of last year's battlefield. All vehicles including tracked vehicles and watercrafts are welcome to participate;

- Additional smaller daily Skirmishes on the unique river battlefield under the Stearns Rd. Bridge during the Occupied France Trolley Tours. This was a huge success with the public last year, a lot of fun for the reenactors, and sure to get the crowd again this year.

- Saturday evening period WW2 Girls Baseball Home Front Game and Social Event.

- Shaded Encampments and Flush Toilets on site.

Event Times:

- Friday, June 7: Reenactor check-in, 4pm to 10pm.;

- Saturday, June 8 : Reenactor check-in, 8 am to 9:15am;

- Sunday, June 9: Reenactor check-in, 9am to 9:50am;

- Daily morning formations and S&A check;

- Museum Opens at 10 am on Saturday and Sunday;

- Visit the Event Web Site for Additional event details (schedules, maps, and updates).

Website: <http://www.railstovictory.com>

Pre-Registration: <http://railstovictory2013.eventbrite.com> (No Walk Ons)

Fee: none

Contact: Rebecca Tulloch becky1861@sbcglobal.net

Map: <http://foxtrolley.org/Default.aspx?pagelid=1146775>

Directions: The Fox River Trolley Museum is located on Illinois Route 31, three blocks south of State Street in South Elgin, IL.

- From Chicago and the east: Take the Northwest Tollway (I-90) or US Route 20 west to Elgin. -- Exit on Illinois 31 southbound and follow posted detour at Spring Street (South Elgin).

- From the west and northwest: Take the Northwest Tollway (I-90) or US Route 20 east to Elgin. Exit on Illinois 31 southbound and follow posted detour at Spring Street (South Elgin).

- From the south: Take Illinois Route 59 north to Illinois Route 64. Turn west on 64 to Illinois Route 31 in St Charles. Take 31 north to the museum.

Authenticity Notes: HRS safety and authenticity rules apply.

Prohibited Vehicles/Items: All WWII vehicles, including tracked vehicles, are welcome; weather conditions permitting, tracked vehicles may be limited to the gravel road and battle field. Smaller vehicles such as Jeeps, Motorcycles, Kubels & Lightweight Trucks may drive on the grassy areas. A static vehicle honor display area has been established for all attending vehicles. Boats and other period water crafts such rafts are also welcome on the Fox River, but should contact us first prior to bringing out. River depth is only 2-3 feet in the vicinity of the museum.

Restrictions on Minors: HRS Rules

Other restrictions: No alcoholic beverages permitted in the Museum and County Park. No digging, but camp fires are allowed in above pits and military stoves and grills. No firing of weapons in the encampment area in County Park by Forest Preserve Ordinance; but okay in the designated battlefield areas on museum property.

Motels: Accommodations available in nearby Elgin and St. Charles Illinois: Hampton Inn, the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites and West Dundee's Marriott International-Courtyard & Towne Place Suites; and in St. Charles: Best Western, Country Inn & Suites, Fairfield Inn & Suites, Geneva Motel, Hampton Inn & Suites, Hilton Garden Inn, Holiday Inn Express, Hotel Baker, Pheasant Run Resort, and Super 8.

Restaurants: There are eating establishments with in a very easy walk of the museum ranging in variety from hot dogs to pizza.

Sponsoring Unit(s): Member of the US10th Mtn LHDG, 709th German Infantry, the 509th PIB and the Vintage Rockford Peaches Softball Team of the WW2 Girls Baseball Living History League.



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15-16	TRIMBORN FARMS WWII ENCAMPMENT
Jun	<p>Loc: 8881 W. Grange Ave Greendale WI 53219 Dates: June 15-16 Event Times: Set up Friday June 14th Event hours 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Sat. and Sun. Registration Times: Friday starting at noon and Sat. and Sun starting at 8:00 AM Pre-Registration: N/A Fee: N/A Contact: Unit contact: TJ Wendel nigelwick1776@yahoo.com Authenticity Notes: HRS Authenticity Standards apply Prohibited Vehicles/Items: None Other restrictions: No political units or paraphernalia Sponsoring Unit(s): 32nd Division 128th Infantry Regiment</p>
22-23	WWII RECREATED, DIXON, ILLINOIS
Jun	<p>Loc: Elks Page Park, 7883 Lowell Park Rd., Dixon, Illinois Dates: June 22-23 Event Times: - June 22: Setup Day: militaria flea market with free indoor table space for HRS members and others \$5/table. - June 23: 10am to 5pm with two public battles, weapons demos, camp sites open to the public Registration Times: Friday June 22 and Saturday June 23 7 to 9 am Pre-Registration: (Coming soon...) Fee: None Contact: Jonathan Stevens Map: Click Here Authenticity Notes: All HRS rules apply. Prohibited Vehicles/Items: All vehicles welcome. Sponsoring Unit (s): 9th Infantry Division</p>





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Event

Operation Husky 2013

Dates: 5, 6, 7 July, 2013

Location: Ft. Collins/Loveland, Airport
4900 Earhart Road Loveland, CO 80538

The Allied invasion of Sicily, codenamed Operation Husky, was a major World War II campaign, in which the Allies took Sicily from the Axis (Italy and Nazi Germany). It was a large scale amphibious and airborne operation, followed by six weeks of land combat. It launched the Italian Campaign.

Husky began on the night of 9–10 July 1943, and ended 17 August. Strategically, Husky achieved the goals set out for it by Allied planners. The Allies drove Axis air, land and naval forces from the island; the Mediterranean's sea lanes were opened and Italian dictator Benito Mussolini was toppled from power. It opened the way to the Allied invasion of Italy.

Event Times: Friday: 1000 hrs – 1700 hrs

Saturday: 0700-2200 hrs

Sunday: 0700 hrs 1700 hrs

Registration Times: For pre-registered participants ONLY:

Friday 5 JULY - OPEN 1000 hrs - CLOSE 1700 hrs Saturday 6 JULY - OPEN 0700 hrs - Close 1900 hrs Sunday 7 JULY - OPEN 0700 hrs - CLOSE 1700 hrs

Pre-Registration: Beginning March 1 and ending June 25, 2013.

*Unit CO's please e-mail participant Information to
(carlos@worldwartwohrscolorado.com). First come, first served.

Event Fee: Reenactors - \$25 USD by check: Make check to Carlos Ramirez

E-mail: carlos@worldwartwohrscolorado.com

Vendors of militaria - \$30 (limit 2 tables). *Must be a member of the HRS or other recognized organization. There will be 20 tables available for vending. First come, first served. SO submit your Vender Form for tables ASAP.
Website: (<http://worldwartwohrscolorado.com>) for or the full Event Announcement with details.

Map: You may use Google Earth link (www.googleearth.com) and type in Ft. Collins/Loveland Airport Colorado to get a map.

Check in will be at the entrance at Commanders tent. Times as noted above/under Registration Times.

Authenticity Notes:

Western/Eastern Front Axis/Allied impressions ONLY.

ALL H.R.S By-Laws, Rules for Safety and Authenticity and appearance standards apply and are in effect beginning 1000 hrs 5 JULY 2013 and ending 1700 hrs 7 JULY 2013.

*Rules of Engagement will be provided upon arrival to all participants.

Period era weapons or modified to appear of WWII era.

Prohibited Vehicles/Items: (Vehicles) Period era or visually modified to look like WWII armor/ halftracks/ wheeled & motorcycle vehicles ONLY. NO post-war vehicles allowed. (Items) Landowner rules

Prohibit: ALCOHOL/Substances of any kind. LIVE ammunition of any kind. Pyrotechnics of any kind. No pets! No flares.

Vehicles/Blank firing weapons – Both MUST be WWII or visually modified to represent WWII vehicles, armor and weapons.

Other restrictions:

1. AMMUNITION – Blank ammunition ONLY will be allowed. ALL participants and vehicles entering the Maneuver area are subject to personal and vehicular search.

2. CAMERAS – Allowed.

3. COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES (Radios) – Period era handheld, man-portable and vehicular radios ONLY are allowed.

4. EXPLOSIVES/SMOKE

a. PYROTECHNICS – NOT allowed.

b. Smoke – allowed.

c. Live Flares – NOT allowed.

d. Grenade Simulators – NOT allowed.

5. FIREARMS - Period weapons ONLY.

a. Rifles – BLANK adapted ONLY, Period era or visually modified to represent W.W. II German, French, American, British, Italian or Russian ONLY.

b. Sub-machine guns* – BLANK adapted ONLY, German, American, British, Italian, Russian ONLY.

c. Machine guns* – BLANK adapted ONLY, German, American, British, Italian, Russian.

6. FLAMETHROWERS – Inert ONLY, German, British, American, Russian.

NOTE: Water dispersing capable Flamethrowers ONLY allowed.

7. HEAVY WEAPONS:

a. MORTARS – BLANK/GAS fired ONLY ALLOWED. Safety and care must be observed at ALL times. Projectiles of ALL TYPE ARE NEVER TO BE FIRED at troops/personnel.

b. ARTILLERY – BLANK/GAS OPERATED ONLY ALLOWED

c. CANNONS – TANK CANNONS, etc., BLANK FIRING/GAS OPERATED ONLY ALLOWED

8. TRACKED VEHICLES – ALL are allowed

9. WHEELED VEHICLES – ALL WW 2 wheeled vehicles are allowed.

10. AIR DEFENSE WEAPONS – BLANK FIRING or gas operated ONLY.

11. GPS/Cellular telephones, SAT phones, PDA devices – NOT ALLOWED on the Event field. YOU are solely responsible for these devices and loss is your responsibility.

12. ANY buildings marked as “OFF LIMITS” must be avoided.

13. ATF F 5320.20 IN EFFECT - A copy of the Application to Transport Interstate or to Temporarily Export Certain National Firearms Act (NFA) Firearms MUST be presented when you sign in. The address is: Ft.Collins/Loveland Airport 4900 Earhart Rd Loveland, CO 80538 (970) 962-2850

NOTE 1. – Loveland Colorado is a small city strictly enforcing violations of weapons, live ammunition and explosive devices. ALL participants attending the Mountain States Regional will be required to Undergo a safety check BEFORE entry to ensure these items are indeed of blank ammunition Condition, and/or inert; or safe to use on the event field.

NOTE 2. – Due to extreme dry winters of 2012 and 2013 in Colorado, smoking on the maneuver area is Prohibited. Smoking is allowed in the camp area.

NOTE 3. - Political flags and/or uniforms will not be permitted.

NOTE 4. – Participants exiting the maneuver area for food or lodging for WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE OUT OF UNIFORM before leaving the maneuver area. We do not suggest you have weapons carried Openly, but secured away in the trunk of your automobile and in locked containers BEFORE departing



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The maneuver area. Motels:

There are many other hotels/motels outside the maneuver area and can be easily found along Hwy I-25. Below are listed a few of these locations:

BEST WESTERN PLUS Crossroads Inn & Conference Center
5542 E US Highway 34
Loveland, CO 80537 1-866-234-0268

Budget Host 254 Inn Loveland
2716 South East Frontage Road
Loveland, CO 80537

Food/Dining (located off of Hwy I-25) McDonalds, Waffle House, Burger King, Subway, Texas Roadhouse, Applebee's, Chilies, Red Lobster
*Many other eateries are also near the maneuver area and along I-25

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. PARKING: Civilian/commercial vehicular traffic is allowed onto/into maneuver area for unloading/loading ONLY. All participating personnel will be required to park ONLY at the designated parking area. Parking signs will be visible and a designated parking area with signs will be made available. For personnel with prime movers and low-boys, parking will be made available in a designated area.

2. CLIMATE & ALTITUDE:

Loveland Colorado is typically very dry during July. Altitude is 5016 feet above sea-level. Personnel new To the area may experience respiratory problems when exerting themselves physically, or else may experience fatigue and/or light-headedness. Personnel should bring sun screen, lip balm, lots of insect Repellent and lots of drinking/washing water. Water should be carried on your person at all times. Night Time temperatures are typically in the 70's.

3. SAFETY/FIRE:

ALL participants must collectively watch and control to prevent any and all open flames Located in the camping area.

*Participating Units - please appoint a member for the following below listed positions, and turn in the Unit Name, Unit member name and location of the Camping tent(s) in use by your Unit(s) to the Camp Area Command Post tent or HQ

A. SAFETY OFFICER: Jess Webb Safety Officer to assist with safety.

B. FIRE SAFETY ALL participants should be aware and assist with fire safety in the camping area, vendor tent, and the Dining area.

4. SMOKING

Smoking is allowed ONLY at designated areas, which will be clearly marked. Butt cans will be located at each designated smoking area. Smoking will NOT be allowed on the maneuver field due to dry conditions.

5. FIRE WATCH/CONTROL

Each participating Unit utilizing any tent must be aware and assist with ensuring fire safety.

6. OFF LIMITS AREAS Gates will be posted

7. CASEVAC (Casualty Evacuation)

NOTE 1 – Any individual requiring emergency medical treatment will be evacuated to the nearest medical facility as follows:

A) nearest Emergency Medical Facility:

Medical Center of the Rockies
2500 Rocky Mountain Avenue
Loveland, CO 80538

970-244-2500

*There will be an Ambulance designated at and standing by at all times for immediate transport to the Nearest emergency room available.

8. Local Law Enforcement: Ft.Collins/Loveland Security on site
Patrol by Loveland Police Department
810 E. 10th Street
Loveland, CO 80537
General Information: (970) 667-2151

Larimer County Sheriff
2501 Midpoint Drive
Ft. Collins, CO 80525 970-498-5100

9. Latrine Restroom Facilities Description

Male & Female latrine facilities (Porta-potties) are available and clearly marked. All individuals using these facilities must assist with keeping them clean and orderly. NO SHOWERS will be available. There is a truck stop near the I-25HWY with showers available.

10. Tents

Participating Units/individuals are permitted to pitch tents in designated areas first come, first served.

11. Drinking Water WILL BE PROVIDED

12. Meal Cost –2 meals INCLUDED in fee. Saturday breakfast/Saturday evening dinner. Carry out your own trash.

A. Reenactor Night –Friday Night WWII Movie and Beverage.

13. Camping - Non-Authentic Camping (Encouraged).
Police call your own area for trash/litter.

14. Vendors of Militaria –. Limit of 2 tables per Vendor. BRING TENT & YOUR OWN TABLES AND CHAIRS.

15. Event Location/Name of Facility (Also to be used on BATF forms):
Address: Ft.Collins/Loveland Airport 4900 Earhart Rd Loveland, CO 80538
(970) 962-2850

NOTE: The tactical maneuver area is private property and therefore is subject to cancellation based on landowner requirements. If this occurs, notices will be posted immediately to all known websites where the announcement was made. If this occurs, FULL refund of the Event Fee will be provided.

Sponsoring Unit(s):

5th SS-DIVISION WIKING “reenacted”
CO B, 15TH RGT, 3RD INFANTRY DIVISION (US) “reenacted”

This Event is hosted by the Colorado Chapter WWII HRS and Co-sponsored as follows:

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POC: Unit Co- Commander: Carlos Ramirez

E-mail: carlos@worldwartwohrrscolorado.com

Telephone: 303.596.7879

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HOW TO ATTEND a Board Meeting:

Members do not need to register for the meetings nor do they need to contact the president or any board members.

They need to contact their unit commander for the call information to include phone number and password. This creates less of a choke point and gets the information out to more with less hassle.

The monthly board meeting time/date will most likely be changed to accommodate the board members time schedules.
Information on that will be forthcoming in the next couple weeks.

Upcoming HRS BOD meetings

"Monthly teleconference Board meetings are open to all members. Please contact your unit commander for more information regarding date, time, and log on information."



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All of the HRS Board Meeting Minutes from the past five years are posted on the HRS WEB Site.
Current HRS By-Law call for these official business reports to be re-published here in The Edge.
See the BOD Minutes Page at <http://WorldWarTwoHrs.org/Business.htm> for past meeting Minutes

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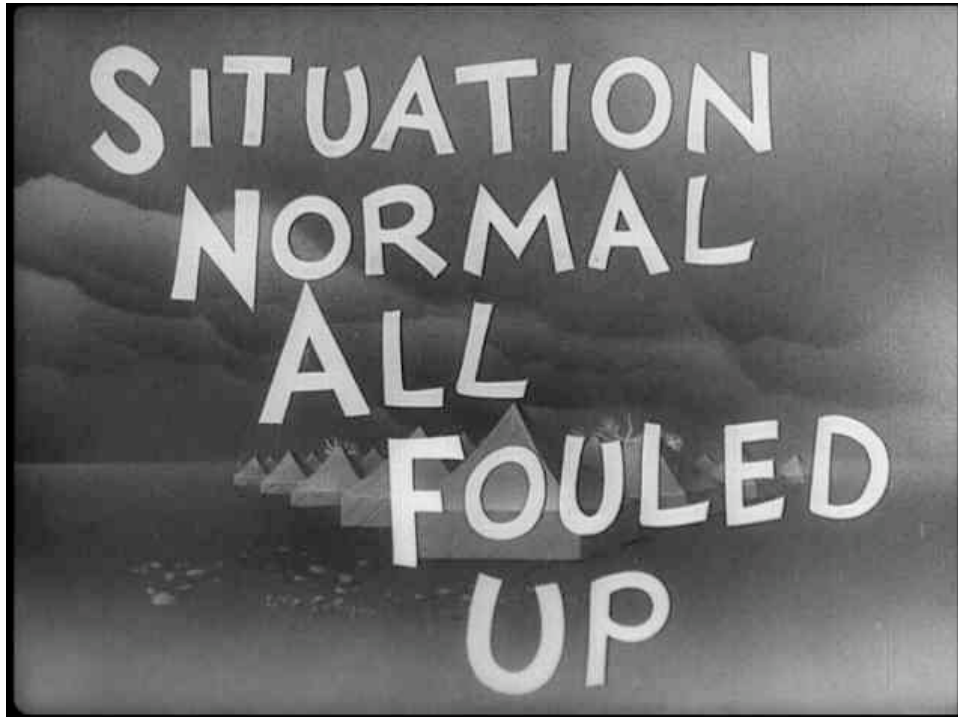


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MEETING MINUTES

January 2013 Board Meeting

Report Pending



In a rare event, caused by a winter snow storm, all telephones lines were busy for the February HRS Board Meeting, Forcing a rescheduling past the deadline for this edition of the Edge.
The meeting minutes need to be approved before they are posted here, so look for them in the next edition.



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ON THE INTERNET

Editor's Note: Here I list some of great items of interest to us that can be found on the Internet.

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In this Issue I take you on a trip to: **Volgograd, Russia (Stalingrad) to see (Russian) WW2 reenactment** and tributes to mark 70 years since the end of the famous battle against the German Wehrmacht.

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Then we are off to St. Charles, Illinois
To see what the Press has to say about
Military History Fest 9

Reenacting the Battle of Stalingrad (in Volgograd, Russia)



3 Feb. 2013 Photo By: Ricardo Marquina Montanana

In Volgograd, a unique reconstruction has been held of the street battle that took place during the Great Patriotic War. Members of military history clubs from Volgograd (former Stalingrad, which is 966 km from Moscow) and the Volgograd region, Astrakhan, Kaluga, and Rostov-on-Don recreated "the last battle of Stalingrad," which finally crushed the German forces under the command of General Shteker.



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Photo By RIA Novosti. Kirill Braga

The largest and most spectacular commemorative event took place on Sunday 3 Feb. 2013

An episode from the Soviet counter-offensive was reenacted near the river of Tsaritsa.

The pageant was staged by members of military history societies from Volgograd, Rostov-on-Don, Moscow, Kaluga, St. Petersburg, Astrakhan, Odessa, Pyatigorsk and Voronezh.

The mock battle involved a total of 200 participants.

Participants operated German T-2 and T-3 tanks, a BM-12 armored vehicle, a legendary T-34 tank, and Soviet 1942 ZIS-3 guns.

The organizers and participants did their best to recreate the atmosphere of the Battle of Stalingrad.

On November 19, 1942, forces of the Southwestern and Don Fronts that had been defending Stalingrad launched a counter-offensive that was preceded by 80 minutes of artillery bombardment. Starting at 7:30 in the morning, the barrage was sustained by Russia's novel multiple rocket launchers, or Katyushas.

The Soviet forces delivered a massed counterattack against German armies and broke through enemy defenses. The Stalingrad Front under Gen. Andrei Yeremenko attacked on November 20 and, performing an envelopment movement, met with the Southwestern Front on November 23 within 70 kilometers from Stalingrad. A German force numbering 330,000 found itself encircled.

The last encircled German units surrendered on February 2, 1943. This day is commonly regarded as ending the Battle of Stalingrad that proved a turning point in the Great Patriotic War.



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Remembering the horrors of Stalingrad

By Daniel Sandford BBC News, Volgograd
31 January 2013

As the Russian city once known as Stalingrad (now Volgograd) prepares to mark 70 years since the end of the famous battle against the German Wehrmacht, some of its survivors spoke to BBC News about their experiences.



The Mother of the Nation monument dominates the city

At the centre of the commemorations is an ancient Tatar burial mound called Mamayev Kurgan, still the highest point in the city that once bore the name of Soviet leader Josef Stalin.

Commanding a spectacular view over the River Volga, it was one of the most important strategic sites during the battle and was fought over bitterly. Tens of thousands of bodies are still entombed in the hill.

On top of the mound is a vast statue to the Mother of the Nation, bearing a sword and apparently urging the Red Army on to victory, but 50 meters (yards) down the slope is the solemn Hall of Heroes.



Here, throughout the day, four Russian soldiers stand guard over a giant eternal flame in a round chamber, with the names of many of the Soviet dead written in gleaming mosaics on the wall. The sounds of heavenly chanting are played through hidden speakers in the wall.

Bodies from the battle are still being found all over the city and there are relatives still discovering where their fathers, brothers, mothers and sisters were buried.

Stalingrad was rebuilt, and eventually renamed. But the dominant feature on the skyline is the giant statue on Mamayev Kurgan, standing defiantly above the frozen earth where tens of thousands of men lie buried.

That is where Russia's leaders - and survivors from both the Red Army and the Sixth Army - will remember the bloody Battle of Stalingrad, which ended 70 years ago.



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Feb. 2, 2013 Photo By Alexander Zemlianichenko / AP

Russian President Vladimir Putin, second from right:
Lays a wreath at the eternal flame while taking part in ceremonies marking the Battle of Stalingrad's 70th anniversary.

The fighting continued for six months around the city, with the body counts on both sides piling up.



Father Missing

Valentina Savelyeva spent her life trying to find out about her father.

Valentina Savelyeva is 75. For 67 of those years she was looking for the site of her father's body. He had been an anti-aircraft gunner during the Battle of Stalingrad and went missing in action.

His body was found in 1961 and reburied in Mamayev Kurgan. But through incompetence or neglect, the Soviet authorities never told her mother.

After her mother's death she continued her search through the military commissariat, and the local museum. Eventually she found what she was looking for in a computer record at Mamayev Kurgan - just two miles (3km) from her home.

Now her father's name, TT Ponomarev, has been inscribed long with 17,000 other new names on a section of the memorial that has been added for the 70th anniversary.

"They have only started putting up these plaques now," she complained, the tears running down her cheeks.

"Seventy years after the battle - with my generation dying out and my mother already dead. And it turns out that all along we lived so close to this hill, without knowing my father was buried here. "

"No-one seems to care about our fathers and that has always haunted me. And I am still angry. I feel like I have been traveling for a long time, but I arrived late for his funeral. There is no joy or satisfaction. It's good that he is here. I know where to go but I have a feeling inside that I missed something, that I came too late."

Valentina Savelyeva's first memories are some of the most terrible that a child can experience.



Soviet Art By Laktionov
Letter from the Front



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Soviet Art By: Licho - Don't Cry Grandpa



Brother lost

She was five years old when Adolf Hitler's Sixth Army stormed into Stalingrad in the summer of 1942. Soon her home was destroyed in the brutal street fighting. In November, as winter set in, she and her mother fled to a nearby ravine leading down to the Volga.

"When I close my eyes, I can see the Volga on fire because of spilt oil," she says.

"We dug holes in the clay to live in - not trenches, but holes, like real animal holes. Soon there was heavy fighting inside the ravine. German tanks moved up and down, while female Soviet pilots dropped bombs on them, and therefore on us. Everything was on fire and we heard thunder and planes roaring.

"The most horrible moment was around 20 November when the Germans broke through down the ravine towards the Red October plant. It was very scary.

"At first we just sat there in our dugouts, then our parents went out to help the wounded with their disjointed limbs. They would bandage the hands and legs, then medical staff would appear and take them away. Down by the Volga there was a hospital."

There was no food, only the local mud, which happened to be slightly sweet.

"We ate clay and nothing but clay," she explained. "And we drank water from the Volga. My mother would throw away the bits of clay that were soaked in blood, and then take the rest and filter it through a piece of cloth."

The sugar in the clay kept her alive, but not her little brother who died of hunger and cold.



Soviet Art By: Soloveva - Silence



Jan. 31, 2013 Photo By Mikhail Mordasov / AFP / Getty Images

A woman walks past Pavlov's House, a famous stronghold in the historical Stalingrad battle.

The Germans bombarded the Soviet-held villages and Stalingrad before sending their troops and tanks in.
The Soviets, undeterred, fought house-to-house.



Pincer movement

The Sixth Army had pushed through the southern Soviet Union at breathtaking speed, heading for the Caucasus where there was oil, and also for Stalingrad, near the mouth of the strategic River Volga.

There it was that the Red Army made its stand, clinging on to ever-narrower strips of the west bank of the river. The order from Stalin was "No surrender". The order from Hitler was "No retreat".

The exact figure for how many soldiers died in Stalingrad is hard to estimate, but it is probably close to a million. The fighting was at incredibly close quarters in the ruins of a once-mighty industrial city. Big guns, tanks, and aircraft were all used against the men standing their ground in the rubble.



Germans took most of the city before getting trapped by the Soviets

The German troops got bogged down in the street fighting as winter closed in.

Their commander, Field Marshal Friedrich Paulus, suggested a tactical retreat but Hitler refused.

The Soviet troops secretly massed to the East and the North. Then, in a classic pincer movement, they cut off the Sixth Army from its supply lines.

Slowly the mighty force that had taken Paris starved and froze to defeat.



The battle is remembered for ferocious street fighting



Narrow escape

Start Quote

"The bank of the river was covered in dead fish mixed with human heads, arms, and legs, all lying on the beach"

End Quote Konstanin Duvanov Soviet soldier who fought at Stalingrad

In 1942 Konstanin Duvanov was a soldier of 19. He had retreated all the way from Ukraine with the Red Army back to his home city, Stalingrad.

One of his most vivid memories of the almost unrecognizable city was also the burning Volga.

"Everything was on fire," he says. "The bank of the river was covered in dead fish mixed with human heads, arms, and legs, all lying on the beach. They were the remains of people who were being evacuated across the Volga, when they were bombed."



Konstantin Duvanov fought on in Stalingrad until the end of the battle.

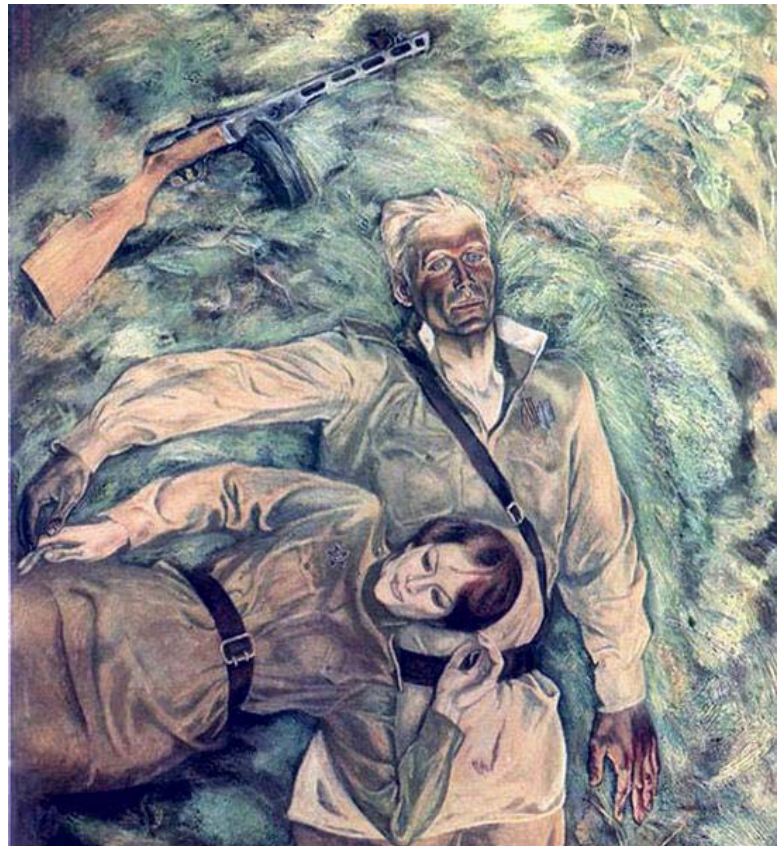
By chance he was in the city's Red Square guarding a captured German communications vehicle when - on 31 January 1943 - Paulus surrendered in the basement of the Univermag department store, and was led out to a Red Army car.

"Half an hour later," he recounts, "we saw a sergeant carrying three captured German machine guns over his shoulder.

"He went up to the car and saw Paulus inside. He said 'Ah! The general who killed so many people just sitting there in the car as if nothing happened'. So he loaded a machine gun and aimed it.

"Paulus opened his mouth and became white as paper. Because you know - in one millisecond there would be no field marshal. But suddenly a lieutenant emerged and pushed the machine gun away. He shut the car door and shouted to the driver: 'Move for God's sake, otherwise he'll be killed here'."

Paulus survived the war and went on to live in East Germany. Of his men, 91,000 were captured at Stalingrad. Only 6,000 returned home, the rest having died either on their way to Soviet prison camps, or once they had got there.



Soviet Art By Okorokov
First Day of Peace



‘Stalin buses’ mark 70th anniversary of Battle of Stalingrad in Russia

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Public buses bearing portraits of Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin appeared on the streets of several Russian cities on February 2 – the 70th anniversary of the Red Army's victory in the Battle of Stalingrad.

Dubbed ‘Victory Bus,’ the initiative was organized through private donations and the support of Russia's Communist party (KPRF) and several other public organizations.



In the city of Volgograd (formerly known as Stalingrad) five mini-buses with the portrait of the Soviet leader will operate until May 9, when Russia celebrates the defeat of the German Wehrmacht in World War II.

In Russia's Northern capital, St. Petersburg, a free bus will circulate through the city's center on February 2. Citizens of Chita in Eastern Siberia will also have a chance to ride on the so-called ‘Stalinobus’.

All of the vehicles belong to private transport companies, ‘Victory Bus’ coordinator Aleksey Roerich told Izvestia daily.

The initiative has already sparked criticism from rights activists, politicians and nationalists. However, the organizers are confident that the action is completely legal.



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"We don't paint swastikas.

Thank God, Communist ideology and Stalin's image have not been officially condemned.

We only urge the preservation of memory of the WWII victory and people who contributed to it,"

Izvestia quoted 'Victory Bus' organizers as saying.



Feb. 2, 2013 Photo By Elena Ignatyeva / AP

People walk by a vehicle in St. Petersburg that is adorned with a portrait of Stalin and a sign reading "Stalingrad gets back its victorious name."

Stalin's image appears on five buses that are to run in Volograd until Russia observes Victory Day on May 9, and similar buses were to run Saturday in St. Petersburg and Chita.

Because of Stalin's ruthlessness against his own people as he tried to maintain control of the Soviet Union, the decision to revive his image as a war hero is controversial.

Meanwhile, Sergey Mitrokhin, the head of Russia's liberal political party Yabloko, vowed that party activists will paint over the portraits of Stalin, as they did when a similar 'Victory Bus' action was held in 2011. In Mitrokhin's opinion, World War II could have been avoided if not for "Stalin's idiotic policy and his friendship with Adolph Hitler," as a result of which the Soviet leader "had overlooked the attack on the Soviet Union."



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Vitaly Milonov, a member of the ruling United Russia party, said he wished he could ban the initiative outright, and that Russia's victory in World War II had been earned "by people's blood, but not Stalin's."

The Presidential Council for Human Rights said it would "harshly react" to the initiative, and vowed to file complaints with regional governors, who are also displeased with the plan, Izvestia reported.



The Battle of Stalingrad. Soviet soldiers attacking a German strongpoint.
(RIA Novosti / Oleg Knorring)



Stalingrad returns to Russia's map

Volgograd lawmakers have decided to restore their city's previous name: Stalingrad ('City of Stalin'). However, the name will only be used symbolically, and on days when historic events related to World War II are observed.

The anniversary of the Battle of Stalingrad on February 2, 2013 will be the first time the old name is used in the Southern Russian city.



Jan. 30, 2013 Photo By Mikhail Mordasov / AFP /Getty Images

The giant monument "Rodina-Mat' zovyot!," also known as Mother Motherland statue, rises at the memorial on Mamayev Hill in the Russian city of Volgograd, formerly Stalingrad.

The city parliament's deputies said they made the decision in response to multiple requests from the veterans of the Great Patriotic War (World War II). They deputies explained that there is no connection between the move and an initiative by the Communist party to restore the city's Soviet-era name, Interfax reported.

Meanwhile, Russia's human rights ombudsman Vladimir Lukin blasted the Volgograd's legislators' explanation as "demagogical" and added that the initiative is "an insult" to those fallen in battle. He noted that they certainly deserve to be honored, but in a different way.



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On Thursday, the St. Petersburg branch of movement Russkiy Lad ('Russian Order'), which was founded by the Communist party, published an appeal to the country's political leadership and the head of the Orthodox Church that Volgograd be renamed as it is "remembered by mankind." Citing polls, they claimed that about 100 million Russians support renaming the city Stalingrad.

Founded in 1589 and originally named Tsaritsyn, Volgograd was renamed after Joseph Stalin in 1925. Its name was changed to its current incarnation in 1961 by then-leader of the USSR Nikita Khrushchev.

The modern Communist party called the 1961 name change an "anti-historic" step, one that harmed both for the prestige of the country and the "patriotic upbringing of the youth."

"I'm confident that justice will prevail! There are streets, squares, and boulevards named after Stalingrad almost in all the counties in the world. That's why it'd be fair to return to Volgograd its true name: Stalingrad," Communist party leader Gennady Zyuganov said.

The Battle of Stalingrad was the turning point in World War II, and consequently led to the defeat of the German army. The conflict lasted between August 1942 and February 2, 1943, claiming the lives of nearly 2 million people on both sides.



Feb. 2, 2013 Photo By Mikhail Mordasov / AFP / Getty Images

Wearing World War II-era Red Army winter clothes, Russian soldiers march during a military parade marking the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Stalingrad.



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On Saturday 2 February 2013, 70 years after the end of the epic Battle of Stalingrad, a military parade was held in Volgograd. The 650-person march was lead by a legendary T-34 Soviet tank.



Feb. 2, 2013 Photo By Mikhail Mordasov / AFP / Getty Images

A Red Army T-34-85 tank rolls by during a military parade marking the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Stalingrad.



Why Stalingrad Matters Today

By: Mark Perryman -
Huffington Post - United Kingdom
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Seventy years ago (2 February 1943) is the date of the Red Army victory at Stalingrad. From the moment of near-certain defeat the previous year the siege of the city, Hitler's gateway to success on the Eastern Front, had been turned into an encirclement of the German forces and their eventual, and humiliating surrender.

Up to this point in early 1943 despite the reverses in North Africa and the failure to launch an invasion of Britain the German Blitzkrieg had appeared virtually invincible. Hyped up by the Goebbels propaganda machine German morale was at its height and the Allies could see no obvious end to the War.

Stalingrad changed all of that, decisively.

This Sign Says: Here the Hell Begins
Eastern Front Leningrad 1942





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This was a victory all committed to the anti-fascist war could celebrate. Stalingrad inspired those working underground in the resistance throughout German occupied Europe.

King George VI commissioned a sword that Churchill himself presented to Stalin, on its blade the inscription read "To the steelhearted citizens of Stalingrad a homage of the British people." The Communist Party was meanwhile engaged in what without doubt was the biggest and broadest campaign in its history, for a second front to relieve the awful pressure that the German onslaught continued to impose on the Russian people.



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In this undated photo,
British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, left,
presents Russian Premier Joseph Stalin, center,
with the Sword of Stalingrad in acknowledgment of the Russian people's stand in that city during the war.



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Almost all of this history was to be hidden, first by the onset of the Cold War in the late 1940s. And then again during the second Cold War of the 1980s era of Thatcher and Reagan. Stalingrad and all it represented became almost lost.

After the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 the true legacy of World War Two could be revisited by historians who previously might have been wary of according the Eastern Front the vital place it of course occupied in the defeat of Germany. Likewise the Communist, and to a lesser extent Trotskyist Left, were no longer defined by their reading of the development of the USSR into whatever they called it became.

Anthony Beevor's epic book, Stalingrad, first published in 1998, was a surprise and runaway best -seller. Beyond the Left this helped to begin to establish a popular, and mainstream, understanding of the epic heroism the Red Army victory at Stalingrad represented and more broadly the Eastern Front's key role in the eventual defeat of the German Army.



1943 Associated Press Photo

Captured German soldiers, their uniforms tattered from the battle, make their way in the bitter cold through the ruins of Stalingrad.



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But the kind of breakthrough in understanding that Beevor's book began was soon to be reversed by the aftermath of 9/11, the so-called 'War on Terror', the invasion of Iraq and the occupation of Afghanistan. The popularization of the 'Help for Heroes' message has facilitated the militarization of national culture, the FA Cup is carried on to the Wembley Final pitch nowadays by uniformed members of the armed forces, while Remembrance Sunday has effortlessly connected Afghanistan to World Wars Two and One with no distinction made between the causes served by these vastly different conflicts.

World War Two has become an epic of nostalgia entirely disconnected from the cause of anti-fascism, the sacrifices made by the Red Army on the Eastern Front once again hidden from history. Stalingrad was forgotten, scarcely meriting a mention in the mainstream media despite its fixation with all things WW2.



Jan. 31, 2013 Photo By Mikhail Mordasov / AFP / Getty Images

Women walk past the steam mill, a famous stronghold in the historical Stalingrad battle.

The Soviets, knowing that the onslaught of winter would slow the German forces, took up positions in Stalingrad and the villages around the city, 560 miles south of Moscow.

Stalingrad's 70th Anniversary of course is not something to celebrate, on the Eastern Front an estimated 25 million Soviet citizens lost their lives. But it is an opportunity to engage with the processes that for long periods effectively hid the crucial role of Stalingrad and the other epic battles in the East that would lead to the eventual defeat of Germany. And at the same time connect that history to the cause, of anti-fascism, then, now and for ever.



Military History Brought to life at Pheasant Run

By ASHLEY RHODEBECK - arhodebeck@shawmedia.com
Sunday, February 3, 2013



Photo By ASHLEY RHODEBECK

Austin Skiera, left, and James "Jed" Turton on Sunday
Play a game of checkers in their Civil War encampment during the
Military History Fest at Pheasant Run Resort.

At Military History Fest ST. CHARLES – In an encampment intended to resemble a dugout in World War I France, Jeff Fronczak and Jeremiah Moore-Moauero spent the weekend at the ninth annual Military History Fest performing short skits that demonstrated a gas attack.

Though they portrayed death, Moore-Moauero said they informed visitors to Pheasant Run Resort that, while war can be necessary, nothing about it should be glorified.

Revolutionary War reenactors perform a skit during Military History Fest that shows the unit under attack.

In 2005, militaria collector and reenactor Mike Bollow decided that the long accepted rule, "Nothing fun happens in the dead of winter," had to be broken. He embarked on a bold idea to have an indoor military convention in the Chicago suburbs that was aimed primarily at historical reenactors. Called "Reenactor Fest," the hotel was suddenly full of the most varied and amazing array of reenactors, collectors and history buffs he'd ever seen when the doors opened at the inaugural event. "Nobody believed that I could bring together reenactors from all different eras and have it work. Many assumed that Civil War reenactors would scoff at the WWII guys, and so on. They didn't have faith in my vision," says Bollow.

As it turned out, his vision was correct and Reenactor Fest was a huge success. Over the years, it has grown, requiring larger venues. In 2010, the well-known military book publishers, Osprey Books and Casemate, and famous toy manufacturer, W. Britain, approached Mike about sponsoring the show. Everybody recognized that the show was growing, and it was much more than just reenactors coming out every year.

Military History Fest is not limited to covering 19th or 20th century conquests as evidenced by this pair of Roman soldiers.





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To be more inclusive of collectors, armchair generals, war gamers and enthusiasts, the name changed to “Military History Fest” (MHF). The other major change was a third change of venue, to the much larger Mega Center at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, Ill.

“Reenactors have wanted to do indoor encampment from the start, and we never could accommodate them. Military vehicle owners have always wanted to be a part of it as well and that just couldn’t happen in the lobby of a nice hotel. The 38,000-square-foot Mega Center allows both,” Bollow reports. In addition to the vehicles (a rare German Hetzer and US M7 Priest self-propelled howitzer are showcase vehicles this year) and the 14 encampments, there are more 200 tables of original militaria, books, videos and the finest array of reenacting uniforms and gear around.

As unique as this sounds, what separates Military History Fest from any other show in the country, is all the entertainment. There are live historical performances all day, every day, ranging from period music, seminars and sword fighting to swing dance lessons, workshops and the most popular feature, Saturday night’s ball. “The nightly parties made this convention from the start. Friday night is Historical Jeopardy, and it’s a lot of laughs, drinks and goofy prizes. The main event is the Saturday Night Ball. You see Civil War debutantes dancing with 101st Airborne guys in their class A uniforms, General Grant dancing with Emperor Nero, and everything in between.

A costume is not required either! Plenty of people just show up without,” Bollow reassures us.

MHF Director, Michael Bollow at reenactorfest@aol.com

Military exhibitors and ‘Pawn Stars’ expert head to History Fest

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Where: Pheasant Run Resort, 4051 E. Main St., St. Charles
When: Friday to Sunday, Feb. 1 to 3, 2013

For most historical reenactors, winter means the slow season and no work. When reenactor and goods dealer Mike Bollow realized he couldn’t wait until spring every year to share his love of history, he came up with the idea of the reenactor fest.

Its inspiration dates to 2005, with just Bollow and his reenactor friends getting together and sharing their items, dressing up and possibly selling a few things. Since then, it has grown into a full-fledged festival, now open to the public and aptly renamed the Military History Fest.

Moving it to Pheasant Run last year gave them the space to bring in actual, vintage tanks and canons. Now, the festival is what Bollow does for a living. He prepares all year long to produce a three-day epic event that draws all kinds of guests besides reenactors. Visitors are welcome to bring historical artifacts to be evaluated by experts. An added fan favorite is a ball Saturday night.

What does the Military History Fest have to offer this year?

It’s really every element of military history and also sort of social and cultural history. It’s not just guns and swords, it’s also women’s roles and covers different time periods. There are seminars in the hotel. One will be about the Charlie Company in Vietnam, one will be about women’s fashion in the Victorian era, and another will be about medieval culture or ancient medicine. It’s a very broad interest range for women, men and kids. There are 225 tables of military stuff — from Roman swords to World War II German grenades, reproduction stuff, books, videos and all kinds of items. It’s anything but dry — it’s not going to be a bunch of professors walking around in tweed jackets.

In the middle are 12 different encampments, which vary from ancient Romans to Vietnam. Last year, a Colonial group did Valley Forge, which had artificial snow, trees, and they even roasted a real rabbit. They were bandaged and shivering with their boots off, and professional artists did their feet black to look realistic. In the back half of the hall, there’s World War II tanks, canons and a command setup and post setup. There’s also a stage with live music and performances, which range from a Civil War band with a banjo to a pirate show for kids.

Is anything new or special planned?

We never had a guest star before, but this year we have Craig Gottlieb. Have you ever seen ‘Pawn Stars?’ Well, Craig is the one that they call when a rare military item comes in. He’s coming and bringing some really rare artifacts, (including) a gold-plated pistol that Hermann Göring had when he was captured. (Also,) a couple of other really rare pieces. He’s having a Q&A session and he’s signing books. We’re really looking forward to that.

Who would you say would enjoy the Military History Fest?

You don’t have to be someone that sits in front of The History Channel all day to enjoy it. Anyone would have a good time at this: young, old, men and women. You get all that entertainment for \$20, which is as much as a movie ticket and popcorn these days.



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Welcome to Military History Fest

By John Adams-Graf
Editor, Military Trader and Military Vehicles Magazine

Readers who have a bit of gray in their hair will remember the “best kept secret” of collecting back in the 1980s. Whether we dressed in vintage uniforms or not, going to WWI and WWII military reenactments produced loads of great, original gear: Painted helmets, accouterments and uniforms that were “too small” could be purchased for a song.

I recently felt those old sensations of discovery when Nick and I set up that 9th Annual Military History Fest at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, Illinois. For the first eight years, the indoor show was known as “Reenactor Fest.” Even with the new name and a slightly modified focus, it is still a heavily reenactor-oriented show—for now, that is.

When we first entered the Convention Center, it was apparent this show was going to be about the size of a large military show, such as the MAX, but not as big as the Show of Shows. Row after row of cloth-covered tables totaled up to about 250 vendor spots. The similarities to a traditional militaria show, however, seemed a bit more clouded after this initial evaluation.

Okay, so maybe it was the towering Roman Centurion with some sort of wolf pelt around his neck that deflected my interest. Or maybe the gorgeous women in high-waisted Empire gowns and straw bonnets, took my eye from the tabletops, but clearly, this was not going to be our average military show.

Plenty of Activity

No, this was not the average military relic or indoor HMV show. In fact, it was incorporation the best of three related hobby worlds: Reenacting, militaria collecting and historic military vehicle preservation. Nick and I were about to discover this event had some pleasant surprises. In fact, much of what event organizer Mike Bollow incorporated into his show could easily breathe some fresh air into the way military relic and HMV shows are conducted. I was excited to experience the show and share the high points with you.

Let me give you the lay of the land: Behind the 250 vendor tables, a large cloth wall sequestered the rear one-third of the convention center. In this open area, various groups had built 12 large, full-scale dioramas, ranging from a Roman shop and Crusade encampment to Continental Army artillery position, WWI trenches and bunkers, and WWII German horse-pulled transportation unit and anti-tank defense. If that was not enough, a large stage and chairs occupied one section where performances were scheduled throughout the next two days.



All 250 available tables were sold, with about 80% featuring reenacting supplies and 20% displaying original military relics.

Let's go back to those encampments, though. It took the better part of two days for the various groups to assemble the dioramas. Intense attention to detail was obvious, as men and women completed the displays. They were all competing for \$500 cash award that would be determined from guest-cast votes. The money wasn't so much the motivator, as were the bragging rights.



One of the dozen encampments featured a horse-drawn Third Reich unit, resplendent with two, full-size horse mannequins with pack-mounted MG-34s.

Clearly, the organizers realized the success of the show depends on appealing to the whole family—not just the husband who drags a less-than-willing wife and kids to a military show. The encampments were real attention grabbers. The stage in the rear of the hall always had musicians, acrobats and first-person impersonators (like the pirate Blue Beard) performing to small crowds of guests throughout both days of the event.

The other neat trick I noticed was that kids were welcome—in fact, free-of-charge to attend with an adult. But it wasn't just a ploy to get them in. Once inside the door, kids were invited to participate in a scavenger hunt. Handed a sheet of paper with nine items pictured, the kids tore off to locate a skull,



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golden revolver, cowboy spurs and other items strategically placed throughout the show, requiring families to stop and examine displays and vendors' tables.

On Friday, admission to any veteran was free of charge. This worked. Probably a result of the 5-minute spot on WGN that morning or maybe the billboards on the Interstate, veterans and their families came in on what would have otherwise been a rather slow day. I saw the vets speaking with vendors, carrying bags of material (either their own souvenirs or recent purchases), studying the displays and sitting to enjoy the entertainment. The vets were there, and they were having fun.

The mix of vendors was about 80% reenacting supplies to 20% militaria dealers. I see this ratio coming closer to 50-50 as the word gets out about the show. Regardless, I was happy to snag a nice WWI grenade, a couple of helmets and a tunic with bullion insignia all at below-retail prices. It was very reminiscent of those 1980s reenactments!

As the show progressed, I was able to ask a few of the militaria vendors how they felt about the show. "Mr. Jerry" Dutschek, owner of Military Collectibles Shop in West Allis, Wis., had a number of tables. His observation was, "This is a good cross-over show with the opportunity to show my material to a new audience." But was he selling? "The audience likes to see the better stuff. It provides the opportunity to interact. I have been selling a lot of middle-of-the-road material." Mr. Jerry added, "Surprisingly, this is a good buying show. A lot of walk-ins have appeared." He was anxious to show me the complete Naval Aviator leather flight gear he bought over his table.

Tom Neitzke had several tables covered with militaria. "For me, this show is great opportunity to clear out the stacks of goods that just don't sell at bigger shows like the Show of Shows," Tom remarked, adding, it was a lot more fun sitting behind his table than a regular show. "Where else can you reply to a Revolutionary War soldier asking, 'How much for this SS cap badge?'," Tom said with a smile.

Adding to the variety of opportunities, Military History Fest had two days of free seminars. I stepped into a couple, one dealing with the history of medical field gear and the other on the life of General John Pershing. Both sessions reminded me just how knowledgeable the living history community can be, sharing details about items that veteran collectors often overlook. In addition, the "History Hunter" and frequent Pawn Star guest, Craig Gottlieb, was on hand to do appraisals and sign copies of his book. The path to his table attracted a lot of people. No matter what anyone says, a celebrity attracts paying guests. Craig did not disappoint those who came to meet (in his own words) "a reality sub-star." He was absolutely gracious and entertaining, representing the hobby admirably to people who never thought there was such a thing as "military collecting."

The festive nature did not end at the close of the show. On Friday, Military Trader and Military Vehicles Magazine hosted a wine-and-cheese gathering for the vendors and displayers. This was followed by a very competitive military history trivia event, complete with beverages and prizes. Saturday concluded

with a full dress ball where most registrants put on their best historic impressions for a night of live music and dance.

The overriding message of the event seemed to be, "Military shows can be fun—lots of fun. And not just the vendor, but for the whole family!" This is a theme I have preached before: If our hobby is going to remain healthy, we have to appeal to a broad spectrum of interests while always promoting the basics: Preservation, interpretation and focusing of military relic and vehicle collections. Military History Fest is delivering the goods.

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The Aftermath

Mike Bollow made an early Saturday estimate of about 1,500 paying customers through the door. A turn of the Chicago winter weather, however, allowed the number to cross that threshold nudging upwards of 2,000. In my very informal personal, near stalking observations, a family was spending around 80-100 minutes at the show.

Were they spending money? I did see a lot of cash changing hands, albeit, smaller amounts (less than \$100 per sale). The reenacting community, we all will agree, tend to be a bit more "frugal," and I won't say they tarnished that reputation! Though they are adept at sniffing out bargains, once they find it, they do buy it.

My recommendation to readers:

1. If you have a military vehicle or piece of hardware, I strongly encourage you to figure out a cool diorama to enter at next year's event. It is a real nice, heated facility in which to show off your vehicle.
2. If you are a traditional militaria dealer, consider setting up at the event. Follow the lead of other dealers at the show: Prepare to sell that stuff that just doesn't seem to go at bigger shows. Uniforms, common headgear, insignia and field gear seems to go well here. What doesn't seem to have taken hold yet are uniform groups, high-end medals, daggers, paper material or "personality" items.
3. Leave your "old show" ways at home. Plan to participate in the activities. The Pheasant Run Resort is a fully attached convention facility, complete with hotel, restaurants, bars, shopping, pools and full amenities. You don't want to go off at night to do your own thing, Military History Fest has already made enjoyable plans for you. If your spouse has never wanted to go to another show with you, this would be one to take him or her. They can have a grand time and never had to sit behind the table waiting to say to the next customer, "Oh he isn't here...let me see if I can and get a price..."
4. And finally, if you are involved in hosting a relic or HMV show, take a look at this event for tips on how to involve a fresh audience. The writing is on the wall, I am afraid. If we keep following the path of "shows for the enthusiasts," our hobby will perish. We have to use a model of engaging a new audience while not alienating our current supporters. Military History Fest, in my opinion, has come as close to accomplishing this as I have seen (so far!).

Keep finding the good stuff,

John Adams-Graf

Editor, Military Trader and Military Vehicles Magazine



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Guests could tour a small segment of a WWI trench, manned through part of the day by US WWI doughboy reenactors and the other part of the day by German WWI reenactors.



Another view taken from the skybox where MVM and MT held their wine-cheese event shows the scale of the vendor section of the show.



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Veterans and children were admitted free of charge on Friday.
Many took advantage of the opportunity to freely interact with the reenactors in the encampments.



One of the encampments featured a small WWII German artillery piece.



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The Fest invited owners to display their vehicles.
It was a fine start that included a Hetzer tank destroyer, Pak 40 anti-tank gun, U.S. half-track, Ben Hur trailer.



South Carolinian, Dane Coffman did an eerily accurate Black Jack Pershing impression.
He didn't just walk around gathering salutes, though.
He presented a thoroughly engaging 45-minute presentation on the life of Pershing during one of the Show's many free seminars.



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Mike Bollow (center) is the organizer of Military History Fest.
His ability to blend collectors and reenactors is a skill that will ensure the show's future success.

Many of the techniques he uses to introduce a new audience to the hobby of reenacting,
Military vehicle ownership and military collecting could provide inspiration to other shows.

Military History Fest 9 YouTube Videos

WW2 Displays
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s41YUBvZv50>

The USO in WW2
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xgjj2AisYYo>

WW1 Mustard Gas Attack
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a4AbhouuXgs>

WW1 353rd Camp
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p87BlcyZwLA>

Civil War - Shaving Demo and Fashion Show
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mFX4tBwXGHM>

Abe Lincoln's #1 Fan
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iclmnIhaQ8o>

Abe Lincoln Interviews
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n5bxGqHc-fe>

Revolutionary War - Attack on New York
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ccnjsNI9-Ds>

Revolutionary War - Grand Battery
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMgJzusr0MM>

St. George Camp
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WWmoW4xcx34>

Roman Cafe
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iGg-_mhejAE

Roman Beer Brawl
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oCimKau_1CQ



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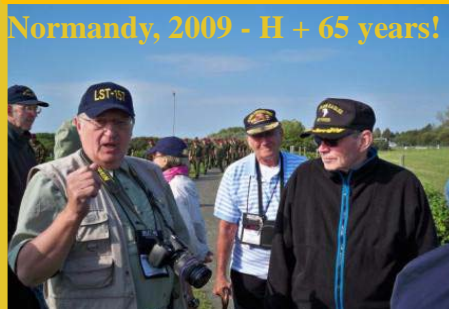
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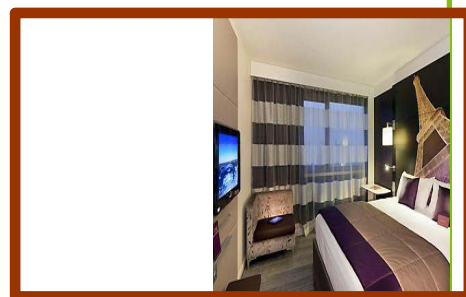
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D-Day Tour Daily Itinerary

Day 1 - Sat 1 June - Departure

Depart today from your hometown airport for an International Portal for your flight to Charles De Gaulle Airport Paris. Dinner, beverages and a continental breakfast served aboard.

Day 2 - Sun 2 June - Arrival in France Arrive at CDG and make your way to our conveniently-located hotel in the heart of Paris. Travel, especially by Air, can be tiring and stressful, so in an effort to uncomplicate your travel experience, MHT will provide a one night accommodations for two (with breakfast) in our Paris hotel the night before your tour formally begins. You can be assured that once you arrive at the hotel, MHT will handle all the details for the remainder of your trip. A complimentary Wine Welcome is planned for early evening where you will meet those D-Day tour participants who went on the Battle of the Bulge Pre-Tour. Hotel: Mercure Paris Centre Tour Eiffel

Day 3 - Mon 3 June - Drive to Normandy

After breakfast we transfer to our motor coach and proceed to Normandy. Enroute we visit the HQ of FM Erwin Rommel at the La Roche Guyon, followed by a stop for lunch in the historic city of Rouen with its classic cathedral. We then arrive in our hotel in the center of Caen, the largest city in Normandy, founded 900 years ago by William the Conqueror and was almost totally destroyed in 1944. After hotel check in, enjoy an evening at leisure. Meals: B/-/- Hotel: Best Western Moderne-Caen

Day 4 - Tue 4 June - British Beaches and the Left Flank

We begin our exploration of the British and Canadian landings with a tour of the Allied Left Flank. We start with the Merville Battery and Pegasus Bridge, sites of the earliest landings and combat against the German defenders as British and Canadian Airborne Forces execute some of the most difficult and challenging missions of D-Day. We then proceed to Ouistreham, where the French commandos captured the fortified Casino, an action depicted in the film, "The Longest Day." We continue our drive along the Canadian and British beaches stopping for lunch at the picturesque little fishing village of Arromanches. The remains of one of the two artificial "Mulberry" harbors erected in the landing operation may still be seen. In the afternoon we will tour the German coastal defense battery at Longes-sur-Mer, probably the best remaining example of such a battery in Normandy. Upon return to our hotel, dinner and the evening are at leisure. Meals: B/-/- Hotel: Best Western Moderne- Caen

Day 5 - Wed 5 June - Utah Beach & Ste Mere Eglise

Today, we will bus to the right flank of the American sector and visit Utah Beach and its very interesting little museum at La Madeleine. We will spend time in the quaint little town of Ste Mere Eglise, another site made famous by the film, "The Longest Day." We'll look around the town square where a mannequin of a paratrooper hangs from the church spire to recall Private John Steele, of the 82nd Airborne Division, whose parachute became fouled there very early on the morning of D-Day. Then will come a visit to the Airborne Forces Museum where a C-47 troop transport aircraft that flew in the invasion is on display and where you'll have an opportunity to walk through a rare WACO glider. We'll drive by several of the drop- and landing-zones of both the 82nd and 101st Airborne. Weather-permitting, we will have the chance to walk through the well preserved remains of Maisy Battery, which were "discovered" only a few years ago. Finally, we pay a visit to the somber German military cemetery at La Cambe where 21,500 German troops are buried, including Tiger Tank "Ace" Michael Wittmann. Tonight, we'll gather at a local French restaurant for a group dinner to commemorate the 69th

Anniversary of the Normandy Invasion. Meals: B/-/D Hotel: Best Western Moderne- Caen

Day 6 - Thurs 6 June - Omaha Beach - Normandy Cemetery

This morning we will leave the hotel early and head to Omaha Beach. You will walk the sands where the liberation of France began over 69 years before. Our tour will include the seawall, bunkers, and other German defenses along the beach, Vierville Draw near which the 29th Infantry Division landed and which was featured in both "The Longest Day" and "Saving Private Ryan," the St Laurent Draw and many of the monuments in the area. We'll drive along part of the beach where the 1st Division landed and then go up the draw to the top of the bluff to visit the beautiful Normandy American Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer. It is the resting place of 9,387 Americans, including Brigadier General Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., who earned the Medal of Honor for his leadership on Utah Beach. We will visit the newly opened American Interpretative Center located next to the cemetery. After lunch on our own, we'll tour Pointe du Hoc and examine the German gun positions that stood on this 100-foot-high bluff seized by troops of the 2nd Ranger Battalion in an incredible feat of bravery. Our last stop of the day will be to view the incomparable Bayeux Tapestry, which commemorates William the Conqueror's victory at the battle of Hastings in 1066 and is nearly 1000 years old. Upon return to our hotel, dinner and the evening are at leisure. Meals: B/-/- Hotel: Best Western Moderne-Caen

Day 7 - Fri 7 June - Normandy to Paris

After breakfast, we will bid farewell to Normandy and head for Paris, stopping for a tour of the historic city of Rouen. Here we will visit the site of Joan of Arc's martyrdom as well as the world famous cathedral. We depart for Paris and on arrival take a driving tour of the city, quite arguably the most beautiful city in the world. Past tour participants have expressed the desire to have more, unstructured, free time to explore Paris on their own. Therefore, upon arrival we will check-in to our hotel and have the remainder of the afternoon and evening, as well as the entire next day, at leisure. Your tour leaders will be available to offer suggestions of things to do and places to visit, as well as how to take advantage of Paris' excellent public transportation system. Meals: B/-/- Hotel: Mercure Paris Centre Tour Eiffel

Day 8 - Sat 8 June - Paris

Your choices are endless and a Paris guidebook, obtained before the tour may help you. You can ride one of the hop-on/hop off tour buses for an excellent city driving tour. You can experience more military history with a visit to Napoleon's Tomb in Les Invalides, the National Army Museum, where Marshal Ferdinand Foch, the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in France, is also entombed. You can see firsthand the art treasures of the Louvre, Orsay Museum, Rodin Museum, and Pompidou Center, take in the architectural wonders of the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Opera, the Basilica de Sacre Coeur in Montmartre, the Marais and even take an optional tour to Versailles. Or, you can just sit on a bench on the Champs Elysees and watch the world pass by. Many past participants have favored the huge flea market at Porte de Clignancourt, where you can find all types of military and other antiques. Shopping at the large department stores and small boutiques is great, a walk along the Quays that line the River Seine to check out the bookstalls and artists, are but a sampling of things our tour alumni have done. Whatever you choose, it will likely provide great memories. Meals: B/-/- Hotel: Mercure Paris Centre Tour Eiffel

Day 9 - Sun 9 June - Departure

Individual departures on your own schedule to CDG airport for your individual return flight to the USA, arriving the same day.



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Our existing By-Laws call for many official reports to be published here in the Edge.
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