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COMMUNICATIONS

WWII HRS Board of Directors Election Results December 2014

Winners are listed in bold and write in candidates are listed. Eligibility of any write in candidate is not endorsed by any result listed. The vote was conducted through Ballotbin.com and results are available for viewing via the link in the email ballot provided to each member in good standing.

WWII HRS President

	Count	Percent
Jonathan Stevens	197	97%
Al Jones (Write In)	1	0%
Carlos Ramirez (Write In)	1	0%
Ron Kapustka (Write In)	1	0%
Mike Alexander (Write In)	1	0%
Allen Jones (Write In)	1	0%
Rey Ramirez (Write In)	1	0%

WWII HRS Vice President

	Count	Percent
Chuck Bolanis	194	96%
Carlos Ramirez (Write In)	2	0%
Blitzen (Write In)	1	0%
Ron Kapustka (Write In)	1	0%
Chris Adams (Write In)	1	0%
Carlos Rameriez (Write In)	1	0%
J.R. WEBB (Write In)	1	0%
Dengar (Write In)	1	0%

WWII HRS Secretary

	Count	Percent
Doug Loge	180	92%
Craig Dvorak (Write In)	3	1%
Larry Mayo (Write In)	1	0%
Tyler Denof (Write In)	1	0%
Patrick Pittsford (Write In)	1	0%
Jesse Webb (Write In)	1	0%
Martin Zourek (Write In)	1	0%
J.R. WEBB (Write In)	1	0%
Bossk (Write In)	1	0%

WWII HRS Treasurer

	Count	Percent
Wayne McCulley	194	97%
Kay Thomson (Write In)	2	1%
Martin Zurick (Write In)	1	0%
John Olsen (Write In)	1	0%
J.R. WEBB (Write In)	1	0%

WWII HRS Allied Representative

	Count	Percent
Ron Kapustka	190	96%
Terry Blaine (Write In)	1	0%
Jess Webb (Write In)	1	0%
Russell Dvorak (Write In)	1	0%
John Rameriez (Write In)	1	0%
Carlos Ramirez Jr. (Write In)	1	0%
J.R. WEBB (Write In)	1	0%
Mickey Mouse (Write In)	1	0%

WWII HRS Axis Representative

	Count	Percent
Tyler Stevens	186	93%
Dave Fornell (Write In)	3	1%
Dasher (Write In)	1	0%
Martin Zourek (Write In)	1	0%
Larry Mayo (Write In)	1	0%
Steve Alexander (Write In)	1	0%
Rich Russo (Write In)	1	0%
Jesse Web (Write In)	1	0%
J.R. WEBB (Write In)	1	0%
IG-88 (Write In)	1	0%



WWII HRS Commonwealth Representative

	Count	Percent
Bryce Seyko	186	94%
Brian Jones (Write In)	5	2%
Nook (Write In)	1	0%
Dave Fornell (Write In)	1	0%
J.R. WEBB (Write In)	1	0%

WWII HRS Bylaw Amendment Vote December 2014

All the following proposed bylaw amendments were approved by majority vote of the eligible members in good standing who voted.

The vote was conducted through Ballotbin.com and results are available for viewing via the link in the email ballot provided to each member in good standing.

Below is listed the results of the bylaw voting.

WWII HRS Bylaw Amendments Adopted January 2015

Bylaw Vote 1

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	191	85%
No	33	14%

Bylaw Vote 2

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	183	82%
No	40	17%

Bylaw Vote 3

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	194	87%
No	28	12%

Bylaw Vote 4

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	188	84%
No	34	15%

Bylaw Vote 5

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	194	87%
No	28	12%

Bylaw Vote 6

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	191	86%
No	31	13%

Bylaw Vote 7

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	183	82%
No	40	17%

Bylaw Vote 8

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	192	86%
No	31	13%



Bylaw Changes January 2015

ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 2. NUMBER AND TENURE

The number of Directors shall be seven (7). Board members shall be elected to serve for a period of two (2) calendar years and may run for re-election. The terms shall be staggered beginning in 2015 with terms for the President, Secretary, Axis Representative, and Commonwealth Representative to be one year for 2015 only. The President, Secretary, Axis Representative, and Commonwealth Representative shall be elected in odd years. The Vice President, Treasurer, Allied Representative shall be elected in even years. All Directors must be members of the Society. All candidates running for a position on the Board of Directors must have been a member in good standing of the Society for at least the previous two years prior to the candidate's proclamation of candidacy. Any candidate, or member or the board may not be a relative of any other board members, to include father, son, daughter, mother, and any other relationship including first cousin. This also includes relationships by marriage like son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, and stepsons and daughters. Additionally, no two board members may reside in the same residence if not related. A relative of a board member may run for an office in the HRS, as long as the terms of the sitting board member and candidate do not overlap in any way.

ARTICLE X: ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Section 3. Board of Directors Elections

Any individual wishing to run for a Board position, who is at least 21 years of age and has been a member in good standing of the Society for at least two years, may announce his or her candidacy for office by September 1 of an election year. A written statement of intent and goals shall be delivered to at least two (2) Board members and the editor of the Society's publication(s).

ARTICLE X: ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Section 4. Elections

1. Every member in good standing shall be informed of the list of candidates and office sought through the SOCIETY newsletter and via email.
2. Elections shall be held each year in November.
3. Elections shall be conducted through valid electronic means which will be announced to the membership two weeks in advance of the election.
4. Voting shall last for 14 days.
5. Results shall be announced no later than December 31 of the election year via email notification to every member in good standing and in the SOCIETY newsletter.
6. A result with less than a 3% difference in votes for the office President between the top two candidates will require a run-off election following the same vote procedure in December of the election year.

ARTICLE X: ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Section 5. BYLAW AMENDMENT PROCESS

Any member in good standing may propose a bylaw change or addition.

1. Any proposed by-law change must be endorsed by a minimum of five (5) chartered unit commanders OR five (5) percent of chartered unit commanders (whichever is greater) and sent to the President of the SOCIETY.
2. The proposal should be read at the next board meeting with discussion on the merits of the proposal and included in the SOCIETY newsletter. The proposal shall be voted on by the board with a majority vote needed to approve the proposed change. The proposed change will then be voted on by the members in good standing.
3. If the proposal is rejected by the board a petition of twenty (20) percent of the unit commanders or 10% of the membership in good standing can be submitted within 60 days to over-rule the board of directors and send the proposal to a membership vote.
4. The proposed change shall be submitted to the membership and voted on by the regular membership via electronic means. A majority vote shall enact the bylaw.
5. All bylaw votes shall be conducted by approved and independent electronic means lasting 14 days. The results shall be posted in the next SOCIETY newsletter, sent via email to the members in good standing, and inserted by the Secretary into the official by-law document with note on when ratified.
Reason – creates a more realistic way to change the bylaws. The board has more say in the proposals but there is a check and balance to allow for the board to be overruled. Also any change will need to show some support from other members.



ARTICLE X: ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Section 6. BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S TERM OF SERVICE

All Board of Directors' term of service will begin on January 1 of the post-election year and will end on 31 December in the second year of service unless reelected.

Article V Membership Meetings

Section 4. QUORUM

A simple majority of all board members must be present to conduct a general membership meeting. In the event a quorum is not attained, a meeting may be called to order by any current Board member for informational purposes only with no possibility of any binding resolutions or expenditures of funds.

ARTICLE IV: UNIT RECOGNITION

Section 2. RECOGNIZED CHARTERED UNITS

7. Other Nations: For nationalities with two or less chartered units in the WWII HRS, proposed unit charters, or in unit forming with probationary charter status, may have two years to reach the minimum threshold of five (5) members for an approved unit charter. Those nationalities qualified for the Other Nations category shall be listed in the S&A regulations. If requested a particular nation that was a WWII combatant, from the years 1939 to 1945, could be added to the list of "Other Nations" with recommendation from the S&A Committee and approval of Board of Directors. If more than two chartered units exist of a particular nationality in the "Other Nations" category, then the board may vote to remove that particular nationality from the "Other Nations" list.

ARTICLE XIV: HOUSEKEEPING REGULATIONS

6. Board of Director meetings will be held monthly via conference call open to the membership.

UPDATE

The following unit was mistakenly left out of the unit listings last month:

B Co., 15th Regt., 3rd Infantry Division,
Unit Commander Carlos Ramirez

Thanks,
Jon

From HRS Treasurer

Wayne McCulley

9th Infantry Division

WMcCulley45@Gmail.com



TREASURER'S REPORT WORLD WAR II HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY DECEMBER 2014

Account Balances as of November 30, 2014

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$11,442.36
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$48,349.96
Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$ 302.20

Account Totals	\$60,094.52
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Income	
October Eventbrite Membership Income	\$ 90.00
Interest from Money Market Account	\$ 2.97

Total Income	\$ 92.97
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Expenditures	
Mad Mimi Email Marketing Service	\$ 12.80
Eventbrite Fees for the Month of October	\$ 10.92

Total Expenditures	\$ 23.72
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Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Wayne McCulley

HRS Treasurer



TREASURER'S REPORT **4th QUARTER 2014**

WORLD WAR II HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY
18 January 2015

BEGINNING BALANCES

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$12,272.70
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$48,343.71
Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$ 302.20
TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCES	\$60,918.61

INCOME

Membership Dues Income	\$1,455.00
Money Market Account Interest Income	\$ 9.75
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,464.75

EXPENDITURES

Email Marketing Service	(\$ 38.40)
Eventbrite Service Charges	(\$ 181.44)
Postage Charges	(\$ 3.30)
Event Support Rockford Meals	(\$1,575.00)
HRS Scholarship Award	(\$ 500.00)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	(\$2,298.14)

ENDING BALANCES 4th QUARTER 2014

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$11,429.56
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$48,353.46
Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$ 302.20
TOTAL ENDING BALANCES	\$60,085.22

TREASURER'S REPORT

WORLD WAR II HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY
JANUARY 2015

Account Balances as of December 31, 2014

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$11,429.56
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$48,353.46
Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$ 302.20
Account Totals	\$60,085.22

Income

Interest from Money Market Account	\$ 3.50
Total Income	\$ 3.50



Expenditures

Mad Mimi Email Marketing Service	\$ 12.80
Total Expenditures	\$ 12.80

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.
Wayne McCulley
HRS Treasurer



EVENTS

February	February
02/27 to 03/01 Feb 	BATTLE FOR UKRAINE <p>Loc: Marseilles Training Area Dates: 2/27/15 – 3/1/15 Pre-Registration: (click here) Fee: \$30 Contact: DeutscheKosaken@yahoo.com Website: https://www.facebook.com/groups/BFU2015/ Map: http://www.mapquest.com/us/il/marseilles Authenticity Notes: Ostfront only impressions. Prohibited Vehicles/Items: No alcohol, no live ammunition. Sponsoring Unit(s): 360 Cossack Grenadier Regt.</p>
March	March
27-29 Mar 	WELDONKRIEG 2015 (Western Front Event) <p>Loc: Weldon Springs Training Area (WSTA) 7301 Hwy 94 South, St. Charles, MO 63376 Dates: 27-29 March, 2015 Event Times: 3pm 27 March to 11am 29 March, 2015 Registration Times: 3pm to 10pm 27 March and 6am to 8am 28 March, 2015 Registration: (click here) Fee: \$25.00 includes Saturday Night Meal Contact: Dave Goodwin (Event Coordinator) dpty635g@aol.com 314-456-1100 Dave Overschmidt (Axis Coordinator) dptydover@gmail.com 314-753-7547 Tim Scherrer (Allied Coordinator) soldierboy440@yahoo.com 573-489-4891 Website: https://www.facebook.com/#!/events/339974636142925 Directions: From St. Louis: Hwy 40 West, Hwy 94 South look for signs From Kansas City: Hwy 70 East, Hwy 40 East, Hwy 94 South Authenticity Notes: All German, American and other Western Front Impressions are Welcome. WW II HRS safety and authenticity rules apply & strictly enforced. All reenactors participating will have proper period hairstyles for their respective nationality. Minors will not be allowed on site. Prohibited Vehicles/Items: Authentic or Period vehicles/ weapons only Other restrictions: No alcoholic beverages permitted on Weldon Springs Training Site. No smoking inside of buildings. Smoking in designated areas only. Non-period camping is not allowed. No live ammo of any kind, NO ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES, Pyro & smoke must be pre-approved, no exceptions. Use of Vehicles: Vehicles will only use established roadways for travel. Use of Vehicles: Vehicles will only use established roadways for travel. Vehicles WILL NOT travel "Off Road or "Cross Country" Anyone found traveling in such a manner will be asked to leave the event. Limited Billeting (Barracks) available: There is a 60 bed barracks (open bay) available for use. Priority of housing will go to Host Unit and then first come first serve. Register at: (click here) Camping: Period Camping is authorized in designated areas only. Water: The ground water at WSTA is non-potable (you can't drink it without getting sick) Standalone water points are available. Units/participants are required to bring water cans / bottled water for their soldiers. Motels: Staybridge Suites: 11 55 Technology Dr. Weldon Springs, MO 63376 (636) 300-0999 Residence Inn: 101 Progress Point Ct. O'Fallon, MO 63368, (636) 300-3535 Holiday Inn Express: 1175 Technology Dr, O'Fallon, MO 63368(636) 300-4844 Sponsoring Units: JAGERREGIMENT .38 (HRS) (Axis) St. Louis, MO 84th Infantry Division (Railsplitters) (HRS) (Allied) Columbia, MO</p>



May	
May	
29-31	RAILS TO VICTORY
May	<p>Loc: Fox River Trolley Museum, 361 South LaFox Street (IL 31), South Elgin, IL 60177</p> <p>Dates: May 29-31, 2015</p> <p>Event Times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Friday, May 29: Reenactor check-in, 4pm to 10pm.;- Saturday, May 30: Reenactor check-in, 8 am to 9:15am;- Sunday, May 31: 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). <p>Website: http://www.railstovictory.com</p> <p>Pre-Registration: http://railstovictory2015.eventbrite.com (No Walk Ons accepted)</p> <p>Fee: none</p> <p>Contact: Rebecca Tulloch becky1861@sbcglobal.net</p> <p>Map: http://foxtrolley.org/Default.aspx?pagelid=1146775</p> <p>Directions: The Fox River Trolley Museum is located on Illinois Route 31, three blocks south of State Street in South Elgin, IL. at Fox River Trolley Museum, 365 South LaFox Street (Illinois Route 31), South Elgin, IL 60177</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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. <p>Authenticity Notes: HRS safety and authenticity rules apply.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Restrictions on Minors: HRS Rules</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Event Summary: We are proud to invite you to our 5th annual Rails to Victory (RTV) WW2 reenactment at the Fox River Trolley Museum in South Elgin, Illinois, just West of Chicago. RTV offers something for all impressions, both military and civilians. RTV will once again be presenting the Occupied France Trolley Adventure with updated and new skits along our 3 miles of trolley track. This is an opportunity for reenactors to immerse the public into history by putting them on a trolley and leading them through various period skits and battles. Wooded picturesque and sloping terrain along the Fox River offer unique and interesting landscapes for both reenactors and spectators. Back by popular demand, a period WW2 BICYCLE RALLY & PARADE is scheduled for Sunday morning at 10:30 AM for a leisurely ride through the museum and down the Fox River Bicycle path to the Duerr Forest Preserve and back (approximately 3 miles round trip). Period bicycles of all kinds; military & civilian, and European & Homefront, are all invited to participate in our 2nd annual rally. Sunday's Schedule shall include a LARGE SCALE FIELD BATTLE at 1pm in and around the Museum's bone yard with all the railroad obstacles for defensive positions. All vehicles including tracked vehicles and watercrafts are welcome to participate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A period WW2 Girls Baseball Home Front Game will once again be played on Sunday afternoon. Reenactors are encouraged to come over to watch the game and cheer on their favorite team; whether it be the Rockford Peaches, Kenosha Comets, Racine Bells, or South Bend Blue Sox.- Opportunities for historical camp presentations are also welcome and can be presented both days of the event. Please contact us if you would like your presentation added to the printed schedule. <p>Camp Amenities: Flush Toilets on site. Shaded Camp sites can be reserved by early registrants on a first come first served bases.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Sponsoring Unit(s): US10th Mtn LHDG; WW2 Girls Baseball Living History League;</p>



June	
June	
19-21	WWII RECREATED, DIXON, ILLINOIS
Jun	<p>Loc: Elks Page Park, 7883 Lowell Park Rd., Dixon, Illinois</p> <p>Dates: June 19, 20, and 21</p> <p>Event Times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Friday June 19: Arrival, setup, evening public event preview, and militaria flea market with indoor tables for HRS members and others \$5/table. Please RSVP for a table.-Saturday June 20: 10am to 5pm campsites open to the public, with two public battles, weapons demos, veteran recognition and interviews, militaria sale-Sunday June 21: 8-10am Tactical; 11am to 4:00pm open to the public with one public battle; militaria sale <p>Registration Times: Friday June 19 and Saturday June 20 7 to 9 am</p> <p>Pre-Registration: https://wwii-remembered-dixon-2015.eventbrite.com</p> <p>Fee: None</p> <p>Contact: Jonathan Stevens</p> <p>Website: http://wwii-recreated-dixon.weebly.com</p> <p>Map: Click Here</p> <p>Authenticity Notes: All HRS rules apply.</p> <p>Minors: All HRS restrictions apply</p> <p>Prohibited Vehicles/Items: All vehicles welcome.</p> <p>Sponsoring Unit (s): 9th Infantry Division</p>



6th Annual Armed Forces Day

WWII Weekend

May 16 & 17, 2015

Saturday 10am-6pm & Sunday 10am-3pm

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For questions call Jon 612-432-2231





Heinz Thiel
WW2 HRS Press Corps
GD5.Heinz.Thiel@Gmail.Com

I read all the comments about The EDGE in the HRS Election Results - Informal Poll. I saw some requests for local unit news and some confusion as to how to submit articles. If your unit has news that it would like to be published in The EDGE, Or if a member would like to submit an article, Then simply e-mail it to me and I will put it in The EDGE.

Also I am willing to spend a day with your unit to get photos and video. The HRS Press Corps has 8 members so now we should be able to get wider coverage at events, you do need to contact me if you would like some special coverage of your unit or event.

The EDGE is the WW2 HRS's own publication. It is where we promote what we do. The EDGE promotes and features the works of WW2 HRS Members. I welcome HRS Units to advertise their Events and Accomplishments in The Edge.

ANY WW2 HRS Member can submit an item to me for publication here in The EDGE.

On The Internet FACEBOOK has Taken Over!

Okay not true, but the WW2 HRS and many of its units are on Facebook. Many of our WW2 Events have their own Facebook pages.

Lately I find out more about what is happening in our Society on Facebook than any other source. It is almost real-time (live) news.

It is also the source of many rumors (true, and untrue). And it can be filled with trouble causing comments.

I enjoy the open comment forum that Facebook allows, and I also allow free comments on my YouTube Channel. There is no shortage of people who make inappropriate comments. The subject matter of our re-enacting often stirs up controversy. As a result I find it necessary to screen, or remove some comments. The same is true for the HRS Facebook pages, inappropriate comments are blocked.

We are very open about what our Society does. We want the public to show up at our events. We use the internet to advertise what we have done and plan on doing.

Just like the rest of the world we are learning how to properly use social media. You can help by letting the keepers of our Facebook pages know what you believe is good, or bad.

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YouTube

Yes, I do post videos of our re-enactments. I have listed some of the latest in the following pages.



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WW2 Western Front Battle - Rockford 2014

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5th Ranger Battalion, E Coy

The 5th Rangers "E" Coy Living History Organization is a group of reenactors from the Detroit area portraying the 5th Ranger Battalion and home front efforts of the Word War II era.

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Re-Enacting the Infantry Regiment Grossdeutschland (1939-1945)

Ask for 5/Kp Grossdeutschland's website

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PHOTOS

5/Kp Grossdeutschland January 23 at 8:24pm

This video does not contain battles. Sometimes we reenactors just like to kick back and have fun. Here is some of our comrades in a parade riding some of our motorcycles. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvr4cC9TD6w>

WW2 Days Parade - Lockport 2014

The June 2014 World War 2 (Canal) Days Parade in Lockport, ILLINOIS for the September WW2 Event at Dellwood Park. This video is for FUN, it has Boy Scouts in...

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5/Kp Grossdeutschland January 21 at 4:53pm

Check out Jeff's YouTube page. He has lots of videos of us and of ww2 reenacting. Check it out! <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxFcEYP2-vd2TfMS2b3noDQ/featured>

Heinz Thiel

World War 2 Living History and Re-enacted Military Events.

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PHOTOS

2/SS Panzer Pionier Btl.5 "Wiking"

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'Throwback Thursday' Photo of the day: Two Soldaten pause for the camera in front of their Kübelwagen somewhere outside of Warsaw, just one stop along their retreat westward. Their desperation has yet to set in, but their optimism for the war will fade with every kilometer they lose to the Soviet Army.

August, 1944

Photo location: Camp Atterbury, Indiana 2001

Photo credit: Alan Miltich

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2/SS Panzer Pionier Btl.5 "Wiking"

January 28 at 4:06pm · 🌐

Photo Quiz of the day: As an artillery round hits close by, men of "Wiking's" Pionere Battalion take shelter in a tank ditch along a front line of the Eastern Front. Late in the war, Soviet troops outnumbered the Germans by far and it was a constant struggle to maintain positions and lines.

Is today's photo authentic, or was it recreated? You be the judge!

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WW2 MP40 Polkas and Food - Peoria 2014

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World War 2 German Army MP-40 Machine Pistol, Polka Music, and German Food all come together at the WW2 Comes Alive Event in Peoria, Illinois at Sommer Park - 1 June 2014....

8:46



WW2 Days Parade - Lockport 2014

1 day ago • 128 views

The June 2014 World War 2 (Canal) Days Parade in Lockport, ILLINOIS for the September WW2 Event at Dellwood Park....

12:40



WW2 Army Camps Scenes

6 days ago • 217 views

World War 2 Re-enactment Army Camps Scenes - At Living History Events

...

2:22



WW2 Western Front Battle - Rockford 2014

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World War 2 Western Front (France 1944) Battle Re-enactment at Midway Village Museum in Rockford Illinois, hosted by the WW2 Historical Re-enactment Society...

3:07



The Good Comrade

2 weeks ago • 180 views

World War 2 Historical Re-enactment of the Battlefield Death of a good friend. 5th Company GrossDeutschland at Lowell, Indiana in May 2011...

0:54



WW2 Army Breakfast - Danville 2014

2 weeks ago • 331 views

WW2 Army Breakfast at the Living History Re-enactment in Danville, Illinois at Kennekuk Cove County Park in May 2014....

4:05



WW2 Russian Tank Battle - Rockford 2014

3 weeks ago • 776 views

The Eastern Front Tank Battle by the World War 2 Historical Re-enactment Society at Midway Village Museum in Rockford, Illinois on 20 September 2014. ...

15:15



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WW2 Camps and Battle Prep - Rockford 2014

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World War 2 Historical Re-enactment Society event at Midway Village Museum in Rockford, Illinois on 20 September 2014. Most of this is pre-opening to the Public leading up to the...



WW2 German Army Camp in Russia 1942 - Lowell 2012

3 weeks ago • 486 views

World War 2 German Army Unit 5th Company GrossDeutschland Camp (Russia / Soviet Union 1942) at the Lowell, Indiana WW2 HRS Living History Re-enactment in May 2012....



Planing a WW2 HRS Battle - Dixon 2014 Part 6

3 weeks ago • 349 views

An inside look at how the World War 2 Historical Re-enactment Society planed and acted out a battle in Dixon, Illinois at Elks Page Park on 21 June 2014....



WW2 M5A1 Stuart Tank - Dixon 2014 Part 5

1 month ago • 320 views

See Inside a World War 2 U.S. Army M5A1 Stuart Light Tank at the Living History Event in Dixon, Illinois at Elks Page Park on 21 June 2014....



WW2 Paratrooper - Dixon 2014 Part 4

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World War 2 Paratrooper talk at the Living History Event in Dixon, Illinois at Elks Page Park on 21 June 2014. 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment - Operation Dragoon - Southern...



Just MG34 and MG42 Machine Gun Fire

1 month ago • 1,426 views

This is a World War 2 German Army Machine Gun Demonstration by 5th Company GrossDeutschland at Dellwood Park in Lockport, Illinois....



WW2 Combat Engineers - Dixon 2014 Part 3

1 month ago • 228 views

U.S. Army Combat Engineer - Mine Sweeper / Detector talk at the World War 2 Historical Society event in Dixon, Illinois on 21 June 2014 in Elks Page Park....



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WW2 M22 Locust Tank - Dixon 2014 Part 2

1 month ago • 358 views

World War 2 U.S. Army Light Tank M22 Locust is on display in Rochelle, IL at Roberts Armory and appeared at the Dixon, Illinois Living History Event in Elk Page Park on 21 Ju...



WW2 German Army Equipment - Dixon 2014 Part 1

1 month ago • 414 views

World War 2 Historical Re-enactment Society Military Vehicle Convoy, Opening Ceremony, and Part One (German Army) of the WW2 Equipment Talk of the Living History Presentatio...



WW2 German Army Panzerfaust

1 month ago • 845 views

Dave Fornell with the 353rd Infanterie Division talks about the World War 2 German Army Panzerfaust. This is from the May 2014 Danville, Illinois World War 2 Living History Re...



WW2 German Army Panzerschreck

1 month ago • 1,207 views

Dave Fornell with the 353rd Infanterie Division talks about the World War 2 German Army Panzerschreck (the popular name for the Raketenpanzerbüchse). ...



WW2 Battle 5th Company

1 month ago • 218 views

World War 2 German Army Unit 5th Company GrossDeutschland at the last Re-enactment in Lowell, Indiana....



WW2 German Army Rifle Grenade

1 month ago • 608 views

Dave Fornell with the 353rd Infanterie Division talks about the World War 2 German Army K98 Rifle Grenade Launcher. This is from the May 2014 Danville, Illinois World War 2 Livi...



WW2 German Army Tellermines

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Dave Fornell with the 353rd Infanterie Division talks about the World War 2 German Army Tellermine (Anti-Tank Mine). This is from the May 2014 Danville, Illinois World War 2 Livi...



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Epic WW2 On Battlefield Experience

1 month ago • 628 views

Experience a Deployment on to a World War 2 Battlefield with the German Army unit 5th Company GrossDeutschland and the U.S. Army 70th Tank Battalion in this Public Living...



WW2 German Army BMW R71 Motorcycle

1 month ago • 794 views

Rich Russo's World War 2 German Army BMW R-71 Motorcycle with sidecar and machine gun. June 2014 Peoria, Illinois...



WW2 German Anti-Tank and Machine Gun Demo

1 month ago • 952 views

German Army PAK-36 Anti-Tank Gun and MG-42 Machine Gun Demonstration by 5th Company GrossDeutschland at the World War 2 Living History Re-enactment in Peoria,...



WW2 Camp Show - A Nightingale Sang

1 month ago • 106 views

World War 2 Historical Re-enactment Society (WW2 HRS) USO Camp Show A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square by Cindy Ann Herman on 3 May 2014 in Kennekuk Cove Park...



WW2 Camp Show - Why Don't You Do Right

1 month ago • 72 views

Benny Goodman - Why Don't You Do Right as performed by the World War 2 Historical Re-enactment Society's USO Camp Shows at the May 2014 Danville, Illinois Living History...



SS Panzer Bataillon WW2 HRS Interview

1 month ago • 312 views

Video from a Local Danville, Illinois TV Station Interview of Andrew Garrison with 2nd Kompanie SS Pionier Bataillon 5 "Wiking" on 3 May 2014 at a World War 2 Historical Re...



WW2 Town Battle - Danville 2014

1 month ago • 501 views

World War 2 Historical Re-enactment Society (WW2 HRS) Town Battle from the May 2014 Danville, Illinois Living History Event at Kennekuk Cove County Park...



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HOW TO ATTEND a Board Meeting:

Monthly teleconference Board meetings are open to all members. 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/dates will change to accommodate the board members time schedules. Please contact your unit commander for more information regarding date, time, and log on information.



All of the HRS Board Meeting Minutes from the past six 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

W W I I H R S Minutes

Click to go to a PDF file of the minutes.

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About Us



The World War Two Historical Re-enactment Society is an organization of over 1200 men and women members from coast to coast, as well as Canada and Europe. Our mission is to bring the history of World War Two to life with public displays, simulated battles, participation in parades, and a variety of other community activities.

The society strives to honor and preserve the memory of those who served in World War Two, as well as preserve the artifacts of that period.

Our members carry out a wide range of historical impressions, including those of The United States, the United Kingdom, the Soviet Union, Poland, and Germany.

Our focus is entirely on the military history of World War Two. We have no sympathy for the ideology of Nazism or fascism. Such beliefs are not welcome here.

If this exciting and rewarding hobby appeals to you, please consider joining us. Our hobby is dependent upon the talents and enthusiasm of its members and there is always room for new interest! Please contact any of our board members today for more information.

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MEETING MINUTES

Board Meeting 17 November, 2014 8 pm

Welcome and Roll Call:

Welcome and Roll Call:

Position	Name	Present
President	Jonathan Stevens	YES
Vice President	Vacant	
Interim Secretary	Craig Dvorak	NO
Interim Treasurer	Wayne McCulley	YES
Allied Representative	Ron Kapustska	YES
Axis Representative	Doug Loge	YES
Commonwealth Rep.	Bryce Seyko	NO
EDGE Editor	Jeff Skender	YES
Business Manager	David Jameson	NO
Membership Coordinator	Vacant	

HRS Members Present

Chris Adams, Jim Schouten, Nicole Fornell, Misc. other HRS members (names not provided to acting Secretary)

Previous BOD meeting minutes October minutes read by Doug Loge

Ron Kapustska - motion to accept.

Wayne McCulley - second

RK-yes

WM-yes

DL-yes

Motion passed.

President's Report

New Charters

JR Red Cross - passed S&A.

Ron Kapustska - motion to accept as probationary unit.

Wayne McCulley - second

RK-yes

WM-yes

DL-yes

Motion passed.

Vice Presidents Report

Yugoslavian partisan unit - Still in S&A

Probationary Charters - 2 upcoming charters Camp Shows & 3rd SS. More info next month.

Defunct Charters

1st ID 16 Regt. Co. K - no contact with unit.

Ron Kapustska - motion to defunct unit.

Wayne McCulley - second

RK-yes

WM-yes

DL-yes

Motion passed.

3rd ID chindits - No interest in staying in HRS.

Ron Kapustska - motion to defunct unit.

Wayne McCulley - second

RK-yes

WM-yes

DL-yes

Motion passed.

36th inf. Cavalry - No response from, or information on unit.
Ron Kapustska - motion to defunct unit.

Wayne McCulley - second

RK-yes

WM-yes

DL-yes

Motion passed.

6th SS Nord - No interest in staying in HRS

Ron Kapustska - motion to defunct unit.

Wayne McCulley - second

RK-yes

WM-yes

DL-yes

Motion passed.

Secretary's Report - None

Treasurer's Report

WORLD WAR II HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY
NOVEMBER 2014

Account Balances as of October 31, 2014

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$11,376.08
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$48,346.99
Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$ 302.20

Account Totals	\$60,025.27
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Income

September Eventbrite Online Gross	
Membership Income	\$ 1,365.00
Interest from Money Market Account	\$ 3.28

Total Income	\$ 1,368.28
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Expenditures

Mad Mimi Email Marketing Service	\$ 12.80
Eventbrite Fees for the Month of September	\$ 170.52
Reimbursement to Dave Fornell for HRS Breakfast at Midway Village Event	\$ 975.00
Reimbursement to Don Coffman for HRS Meal at Midway Village Event	\$ 600.00
Payment to Olivet College for HRS Scholarship	\$ 500.00
Postage	\$ 3.30

Total Expenditures	\$ 2,261.62
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Secretary Report - None

Commonwealth Report - None

Allied Report - None

Axis Report - None

Edge Report

Jeff Skender said is waiting for information for next issue.

Business Manager Report - None

Membership Coordinator Report - None

Event Development Committee Report - None

S&A Committee Report

JS said the S&A Committee worked on the JR Red Cross charter and the Yugoslavian Charter is now being discussed.



Unit Commanders Group

JS said the UCG is discussing some proposed bylaw changes at this time.

Vehicle Committee

Jim Schouten said there was discussion about the Rockford event and that he will summarize findings and give them to JS. He said that an authenticity manual is being worked on for Jeeps presently, and a Kubelkar manual is being looked at.

Civilian Committee

Nicole Fornell said she was still working on a civilian application, and will submit to the S&A Committee and BOD when completed for review.

Old Business

Mid-Michigan 101st Airborne Division Association - RK will follow up with them.

Election -

DL motioned to only accept those candidates that appeared in the November Edge as candidates.
JS said that DL could not call motion because it went against the bylaws and said that Bryce Seyko sent in his intentions. WM who was in charge of receiving candidate intentions did not consider the email from Bryce as fulfillment of his intentions.
JS called a motion to table the discussion
RK seconded the motion.

JS said a ballot should be sent out shortly.

Open Forum

Chris Adams asked about HRS membership for 2015. JS said there should be information by mid-December.

Next BOD meeting Thursday 18 December 2014.

RK - motion to adjourn

WM - second

WM -yes

Ron -yes

Doug-yes

Meeting adjourned 8:42pm

Minutes of the

WWII Historical Re-enactment Society

Board Meeting

18 December, 2014 8:30 pm

Welcome and Roll Call:

Position	Name	Present
President	Jonathan Stevens	YES
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Interim Secretary	Craig Dvorak	
Interim Treasurer	Wayne McCulley	YES
Allied Representative	Ron Kapustska	NO
Axis Representative	Doug Loge	YES
Commonwealth Rep.	Bryce Seyko	YES
EDGE Editor	Jeff Skender	YES
Business Manager	David Jameson	

HRS Members Present

Chris Adams, Andrew Rowden, George Reinke, Su Miller

Previous BOD meeting minutes

November minutes recap read by DL

BS did not receive the November minutes emailed by DL.

DL to email minutes to BS.

Motion to table November minutes approval - passed

President's Report

New Charters

Yugo partisans - JS said S&A voting complete but still need to receive info on charter.

Motion to conditional charter - Failed

Motion to table - Passed

Probationary Charters

USO Camp Shows - End report received and S&A discussing

3rd SS - Still waiting on proper report from unit, in order to submit to S&A

Defunct Charters - None

Charter Updates

3rd ID - Andrew Rowden said he will resubmit amendment striking reference to combat unit. Unit is located in S. Illinois area and not close to other 1st ID unit.

360 Kossaken - Still in S&A. DL and JS are hopeful that the Unit Commander can find definitive proof of a POA DRK, so that impression can be added to the unit via their proposed amendment.



TREASURER'S REPORT
WORLD WAR II HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY
DECEMBER 2014

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Interest from Money Market Account	\$ 2.97

Total Income	\$ 92.97
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Expenditures

Mad Mimi Email Marketing Service	\$ 12.80
Eventbrite Fees for the Month of October	\$ 10.92

Total Expenditures	\$ 23.72
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Secretary Report - None

Commonwealth Report - BS said had no information on 10 commando intentions in HRS. Not sure about Polish Para intention in HRS either.

Allied Report - None

Axis Report - DL wanted to note that the following combat units have had less than 5 members in their units for the past 2 years -
Polish Para Brigade
3rd ID. 7th IR
6th Naval Beach Batt.
82nd Airborne 307 Airborne Engineer Batt.
39th Soviet Guards
704th Tank Destroyer Batt.

Edge Report

Jeff Skender said no plans for Edge in January

Business Manager Report - None

Event Development Committee Report - JS said that the upcoming Waukegan event is dead. Event request forms for the S. Elgin Trolley, Camp Clark, and Marseilles training area have been received.

S&A Committee Report - JS said Voting on 3rd ID & 360 Kossaken amendments has just started and the Yugo partisan was voted on.

Unit Commanders Group

JS said the UCG has discussed some proposed bylaw changes.

Vehicle Committee

Jim Schouten said no new info for committee.

Civilian Committee

JS said the committee is still working on a civilian application.

Old Business

Mid-Michigan 101st Airborne Division Association - RK not present so there is no new info.

Election -

JS said all candidates are running unopposed. Ballots have been sent out with bylaw proposals.

New Business

JS asked for new events for 2015 asap.

Open Forum

DL asked about a definite fee schedule for 2015 membership. Various options were discussed by the BOD. The following was approved by vote.

The following dues schedule was approved

\$10+EB fees for Individuals and Family memberships Jan-Feb
\$15+EB fees for Individuals Mar-May
\$10+EB fees for Family Mar-May
\$20+EB fees for Individuals June till end of year
\$15+EB fees for Family till end of year

Membership cards and minor memberships were discussed as well.

Next BOD meeting tentatively Thursday 15 January 2015.

Meeting adjourned 10:20pm



Rockford 2013 Event Photos By: Jim Meldrum - World Was 2 HRS Press Corps





Hi Jim

What camera did you use to take those Rockford 2013 Photos you sent to me? Did you use the German Army Leica Cameras I photo/videoed you with?



The photos have a grainy look, is that a natural thing, or something you do/did in processing them?

These days our fellow re-enactors are so used to seeing photos taken with modern day digital cameras, that many may not know what a period correct photo really looks like.

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These pictures were taken NOT with the Leicas but rather with a Minolta Maxxum 9 35mm SLR which is late 1990-early 2000 technology. This is in contrast to my Leicas which are period correct and first appeared on the photographic scene in 1925.

The film I use is Kodak Tmax 3200. A distinguishing characteristic is the graininess of the film - which is obviously coarse grained. As film speed (or sensor speed in a digital camera) increases, apparent film grain size (or noise with a digital camera) increases as well. This is an occupational hazard when using this film since I wish to avoid shooting with flash; actually this works out well because the graininess emphasizes the brutality of ground combat and life in the field. It is also consistent the film grain structure of 1940s era film. Unfortunately the grain doesn't do much for portraits in most cases, especially women's portraits but I just have to live with that.

If you have further questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,
Jim Meldrum





Here are three short items that were in my book that I hope to publish soon which is being pulled to shorten. For brevity, I discovered that I had 109 photos in it. Now there are 37.

Terry Johns

Famed Hollywood director, George Stevens (1904-1975), filmed the Berchtesgaden train station, in color, 1945 using his home movie camera. His 1945 film clearly shows the large mosaic depiction of a man in traditional Bavarian garb holding a shield and an upright banner. In the spring of 1945, the banner displayed the black on white swastika emblem. Today, only the figure's banner emblem has changed-no longer flourishing a swastika, the mosaic marks the location of the post office.

George joined the U.S. Army Signal Corps and headed General Eisenhower's special film unit charged with making an official black and white 16-mm film record of the invasion. In addition to the official film used, George shot roll after roll in color using his personal 8-mm camera. His D-Day color home movie shots were from the deck of the HMS Belfast, a British cruiser which is now part of the Imperial War Museum. Tradition has it that the Belfast was given the honor of firing the first salvo toward the Nazi-held Atlantic Wall that momentous June morning. Today, she sits in the Thames River opposite the Tower of London, its decks open to tourists.

For decades following the war, the film sat in George's den only to be uncovered by his son. These color films provided the then revolutionary use of color photos in the 1985 book, Victory in Europe, D-Day to VE Day in Full Color. A copy of that book sits behind me now. The bar had been raised! There soon followed a History Channel documentary featuring George's son and those forgotten rolls of celluloid.

Today, black and white WWII documentaries are no longer the norm as film producers were sent scrambling for every scrap of wartime color film they could find. Mr. Steven's died having no idea just how much impact his home movies had on the WWII documentary genre.

There is one film which Mr. Stevens directed that deserves mention here, The Diary of Ann Frank (1959) for which he was awarded his fourth Oscar for Best Picture.

Joseph Goebbels, the Nazi Propaganda Minister, was a Doctor of Philosophy. He was afflicted as a youth with a bone marrow disease which affected his right leg and foot. As Minister of Propaganda, he held total control of every facet of the communication media within Nazi-held Europe. In the end, one could rank him as Hitler's most devoted follower. Following Hitler's and Eva's suicide in Berlin, Joseph and his wife, Magda, poisoned their six young children and then committed suicide themselves. An older son Harold, from his wife's previous marriage, served in the Luftwaffe. Harold was captured by the Allies in Italy during 1944 and passed away in 1967.

John Moses Browning was America's most prolific gun designer. Britain adopted his aircraft machine gun, the American Army/Navy M2, as their standard gun for British aircraft. The British version, the Mark II was said to be the gun that saved England. Most were manufactured by the Birmingham Small Arms Company, commonly referred to as BSA. When the RAF was attempting to repel Hitler's Luftwaffe, a prelude to his attempt to invade Britain, their main weapon of defense were the Hurricane and Spitfire fighter aircraft. The Spitfire did just that. It "spit fire" as the plane had eight of Mr. Browning's guns mounted in its wings. The older Hawker Hurricane was the first monoplane fighter of the Royal Air Force and it mounted twelve such guns!

Colonel George Chinn of the U.S. Marine Corps, an authority, noted in his book, The Machine Gun:

"...the most far-reaching single decision in the 20th century was when a small group of British officers, shortly before World War II, decided to mount caliber .303-inch Brownings on their Hurricane and Spitfire fighters. This single act undoubtedly brought about the turning point of the war."



Photos from the Past

Mr. Roberts has given his permission for The EDGE to re-print photos from his 2003 sold-out book. 12 Years ago he got \$25 per book because of the high quality color photos provides. The book is out of print but Mr. Roberts can make copies. There are over 500 pictures in this book, look for more photos from it in future issues of The EDGE

Photographic Archive of World War 2 Reenactments

November 2003

By Charles C. Roberts
70th Tank Battalion

This book is a compilation of photographs taken from World War 2 reenactments that took place in the Midwest from 1990 to 2003. The photographs are a pictorial history of reenactors and their participation in an endeavor to keep the memory of World War 2 Veterans alive.



German armored unit, Geneva IL, May 1996

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Airborne unit jeep, Geneva IL, May 1996
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Correspondent picks up the "tomato," Geneva IL, May 1996

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M8 light armored car, Geneva IL, May 1996

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To: _____

