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COMMUNICATIONS

UPDATE

Regarding the Waukegan WW2 Event

The June 12, 13,14 2015 Salute the Armed Forces "Then and Now Breakout from Carentan Battle Reenactment HAS NOT BEEN canceled. It will no longer, however, be held at the originally proposed site in Waukegan, Illinois. The reason for this is that the Waukegan Park District late in the planning process was requiring a rental fee of \$14,000 for use of the site. As one of the main goals of the event was to be a fundraiser for the "Salute the Armed Forces Charity Organization" this cost was not possible to accept.

We have been actively looking for an alternative location in Northeastern, Illinois and are negotiating with a couple agencies regarding the use of their property. As a result in the change in venue this year's event will not include an improved battle field.

The event will still include period aircraft, pyrotechnics etc., etc. The event will include major involvement by the U.S. military as one of the major contributors to the event is the U.S. Army Chicago Area recruiting battalion. Heavy Armour and vehicle transportation will be provided by various National Guard and Reserve transportation units. A reenactor registration website is anticipated to be open mid-March 2015 with more specific additional information on the event.

Richard A. Russo
aka: Feldwebel Ernst Humes
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2015 BATAVIA VFW GARAGE SALE

The annual Batavia VFW Militaria Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

Particulars of this event are noted below:

- Where: Batavia VFW
645 S. River Street (Rte. 25)
Batavia, IL 60510
- When: Saturday, March 28th
(8:00 am to 3:00 pm)

Vendor Set-up - 8:00 a.m.
Open to Public - 8:30 a.m.

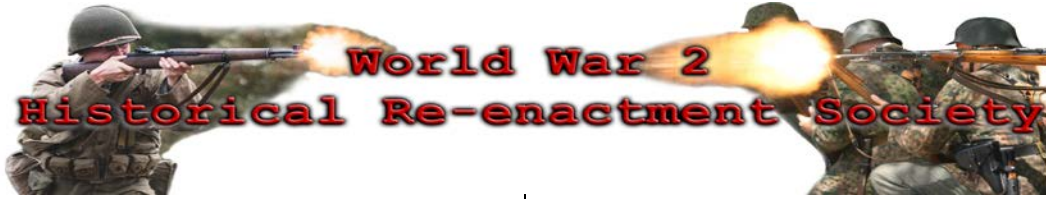
- Cost: Admission - \$5 per person
(kids 12 and under are free)

Tables - \$10 per table

Food and beverages available at the VFW at Noon.

If you have any questions, please contact
Ted O'Sullivan at
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From HRS Treasurer
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TREASURER'S REPORT
WORLD WAR II HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY
FEBRUARY 2015

Account Balances as of January 31, 2015

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$ 8,334.73
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$44,356.18
Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$ 302.20

Account Totals	\$52,993.11
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Income

Membership Income	\$ 20.00
Interest from Money Market Account	\$ 2.72

Total Income	\$22.72
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Expenditures

Liability Insurance	\$6,205.75
Directors and Officer's Insurance	\$ 744.00
Post Office Box Rental 1 year	\$ 80.00
Postage	\$ 33.19
Office Supplies	\$ 29.09
Mad Mimi Email Marketing Service	\$ 12.80
Illinois Secretary of State Annual Report	\$ 10.00

Total Expenditures	\$7,114.83
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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
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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)
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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

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

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2014 TREASURER'S REPORT
WORLD WAR II HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY
Fiscal Year: January 1 to December 31, 2014

BEGINNING BALANCES

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$ 4,472.15
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$48,315.63
Wells Fargo Bank Account	<u>\$ 586.20</u>
TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCES	\$53,373.98

INCOME

Membership Dues Income	\$16,350.00
2013 Membership Dues Income	\$ 4,064.34
Payment from Rockford Midway Village for meals at Rockford WW2 Days	\$ 500.00
Payment From Rockford Midway Village for Insurance Coverage For WW1 Event	\$ 300.00
Money Market Account Interest Income	<u>\$ 37.83</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$21,252.17

EXPENDITURES

Liability Insurance	(\$ 6,949.25)
Directors and Officers Insurance	(\$ 334.75)
Event Support	(\$ 2,775.00)
Eventbrite Service Charges	(\$ 1,826.02)
Email Marketing Service	(\$ 153.60)
Post Office Box Rental	(\$ 79.00)
Postage	(\$ 262.15)
Office Supplies	(\$ 571.22)
Reimbursement of 2013 Expenses	(\$ 388.32)
Vehicle Inspection Supplies	(\$ 143.62)
Scholarship Payments	(\$ 1,000.00)
Illinois Secretary of State	(\$ 26.00)
Bank Service Charges	(\$ 27.00)
Refund of Membership Overpay	<u>(\$ 5.00)</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	(\$14,540.93)

ENDING BALANCES 2014

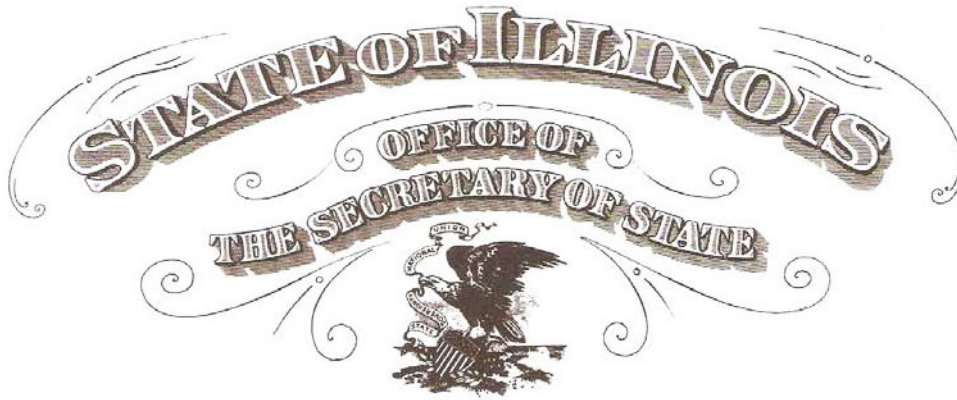
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Respectfully Submitted
Wayne McCulley
WWII HRS Treasurer

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File Number 6264-192-4



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.



Authentication #: 1503800316

Authenticate at: <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com>

In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois, this 7TH day of FEBRUARY A.D. 2015 .

Jesse White

SECRETARY OF STATE

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EVENTS

March	March
27-29	WELDONKRIEG 2015 (Western Front Event)
Mar	<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 WSTS 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>

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April	
28	OPERATION SPRING AWAKENING 1945 (WW2 TACTICAL BATTLE)
Apr	<p>Event Name: OPERATION SPRING AWAKENING 1945(WW2 TACTICAL BATTLE) Loc: TRAXLERS WILD LIFE PRESERVE 37699 HUNTING PRESERVE LANE Le CENTER MN. 56057 Dates: SAT. APRIL 25TH 2015 Event Times: REGIS Registration Times: FRIDAY APRIL 24TH 5PM-9PM AND SAT. APRIL 25TH 730AM-830AM Pre-Registration: FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE (Click Here) Fee: \$10 gate fee Contact: Scott Steben 952-607-0856 or badsteben666@hotmail.com Website: http://www.12sspanzermw.com Authenticity: HRS REGULATIONS- ALL WW2 EUROPEAN THEATRE REENACTORS WELCOME Prohibited Vehicles/Items: WW2 VEHICLES ENCOURAGED Restrictions on Minors: 18+ Other restrictions: NO LIVE AMMO Sponsoring Unit(s): 12.SS PZ DIV 'HJ' MIDWEST(HRS)</p>



May	
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 as 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://wwiirecreated-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

Dakota City Heritage Village

Located next to the Dakota County Fairgrounds 4008 220th Street W. Farmington, MN



Sicily 1943 Themed Battles,
Stalingrad 1943 Themed Battles,
WWII Living History,
Soldier Camps,
Homefront Civilian Life,
Civilian Fashion Show,
Weapons Demonstrations,
WWII Military Vehicles,
Authentic Military Displays,
Field Hospital Demos & Display,
WWII Veterans Symposium,
Educational Talks and Demos,
Korean War Display,
Vietnam War Living History Display

Authors, Veterans & Military Swap Meet, Food & Drinks Available

\$8 with a Non-Perishable Food Item, \$10 Without
Kids Under 7 & WWII Veterans Free

Fun for the Whole Family!

<http://www.DakotaCityWWII.YolaSite.com>

For questions call Jon 612-432-2231



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EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT: Fallschirmjaeger-Lehrkompanie Battle of Crete Weekend at VA Beach Airshow 14-17 May (FJ-LK 2015)

Hosted By: II./FJR6

We're hosting the next FJ-Lehrkompanie event in conjunction with the "Warbirds Over the Beach" WW2 Airshow in Virginia Beach, VA, on 15-18 May 2014. Our annual theme here is "Battle of Crete 1941", and like last year, we'll conduct our exclusive FK-Lehrkompanie immersion event on Friday, 16 May, and then conduct our interactive public display during the Airshow on Saturday and Sunday.
BILLETING IN AN ORIGINAL LUFTWAFFE HANGAR!



YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE WITH OUR BATTLE OF CRETE/FJ-LK 2014 GROUP !!

1. Go to the official FJ-Lehrkompanie 2015 site by clicking on this link:

<http://www.fjr6.com/FJ-LEHR/fjlehrkompaniecom/index.htm>

2. Print out the pre-registration forms, fill out/sign them, return per instructions on the form, and PayPal your pre-registration fee ASAP! (The \$25 pre-registration fee covers Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner on Friday & Saturday (6 meals), and some special gear used by all of us during the event.

WE CAN ONLY TAKE THE FIRST 45 PRE-REGISTRATONS: Because of the museum's maximum occupancy restrictions for the German hangar, We will return all pre-registrations & fees received **AFTER** the 45-person cap or **AFTER** 30 April, whichever occurs first.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: A link to the event site at the Military Aviation Museum is provided on our FJ-Lehrkompanie event site. *****Be sure you make Thursday, 14 May, your travel day!*****

Please read the entire FJ-Lehrkompanie event web site to understand the event rules and to ensure you show up with the proper gear! This truly is a unique opportunity for any FJ reenactor with a proper early war kit – it will be the largest gathering of early-war FJ reenactors within the USA. Looking forward to seeing you there - Nach Kreta!



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OFFICIAL INFO

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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.

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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.

<p>2014 Minutes</p> <p>January</p> <p>February</p> <p>March</p> <p>April</p> <p>May</p> <p>June</p> <p>July</p> <p>August</p> <p>September</p> <p>October</p> <p>November</p> <p>December</p>	<p>2013 Minutes</p> <p>January</p> <p>February (canceled)</p> <p>March</p> <p>April</p> <p>May</p> <p>June</p> <p>July</p> <p>August</p> <p>September (canceled)</p> <p>October</p> <p>November</p> <p>December</p>
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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.

www.WorldWarTwoHRS.Org

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MEETING MINUTES

Board Meeting 20 January, 2017 7:00 pm

Welcome and Roll Call:

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

HRS Members Present: Anthony Noce, Jim Schouten, Yuriy Soroka, Mike Alexander, Nick Zubenko, Andrew Rowden, Polly Blanton, Dave Goodwin, Alan Jones, David Serikaku, Nicole Fornell, Dave Fornell

Previous BOD meeting minutes

DL - Motion to not read previous minutes at future BOD meeting - not seconded
December minutes read by DL
November December Minutes - Approved by BOD vote.

President's Report -

Vice President Report -

New Charters -

Yugo partisans - Motion to approve probationary charter - passed.
34th Inf. - Just introduced in to S&A - need info. David Serakaku of existing 34th unit mentioned some other info on the new unit is needed. He doesn't object to their unit, but still would like to talk to their leadership.

Probationary Charters -

USO Camp Shows - Motion to charter as full unit - Approved by BOD vote.
3rd SS - Still waiting on proper report from unit, in order to submit to S&A

Defunct Charters -

6th US Naval Beach Batt. - Motion to defunct per UC's email - Approved by BOD vote.
39th Soviet Guards - Motion to defunct per UC's email - Approved by BOD vote.

Charter Updates -

3rd ID - Motion to approve charter amendment - There will be no variance for less than 5 members in the unit. - Approved by BOD vote.
360 Kossaken - Nick Z. gave an overview of the amendment. Motion to approve charter amendment - Approved by BOD vote.
Change of Command form received from Alan Miltich to Steve Roersma for 2/SS-Panzer Pioneer Battalion 5 Wiking

Treasurer's Report -

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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	(\$1575.00)
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
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Total Income \$ 3.50

Expenditures

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

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Secretary Report –

Memberships – 295 members as of now.

Possible defunct units - 704th Tank Destroyer Batt., 10 Commando

Allied Report – No info on Mid-Michigan 101st Airborne Division Association.

Axis Report – None.

Commonwealth Report – None.

Edge Report

Jeff Skender - None.

Business Manager Report – David Jameson said insurance same cost and policy as last year. Noted that HRS should look into requiring events to provide additional named insured if the HRS provides it for them. Vote to pay insurance in full by BOD – Approved by BOD vote. David sd will provide copy of new policy and declaration page to BOD when he receives it.

Event Development Committee Report – None

S&A Committee Report – 2 members resigned and 1 new member added.

Unit Commanders Group – None.

Vehicle Committee -

Jim Schouten – finishing verbage on Jeep authenticity. Requested information on HRS member ownership of vehicles. DL said will send him information.

Civilian Committee – None.

New Business -

Banners – js asked for any proposal from units for individualized banners to be sent to the VP.

Open Forum -

Nicole Fornell – Asked for clarification on the Parental Consent Form wording concerning age. JS said will review the form and should be able to change the ages on it.

Dave Fornell – Asked about the HRS sponsorship of the upcoming WWI Rockford event. DL told Dave will send him an Event Request form shortly.

Next BOD meeting tentatively Tuesday February 17th.

Meeting adjourned 8:36pm



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WWII reenactors

Give students historical experience

By The Journal Times, AARON KNAPP,
aaron.knapp@journaltimes.com

RACINE — As about 135 elementary and middle school students boisterously found seats in the auditorium at Jerstad-Agerholm Wednesday afternoon, they grew quiet and attentive when two men in unusual military garb began to introduce themselves.

The two men, and eventually a third — wearing the clothes and equipment typical for German and American soldiers during World War II — would spend the next hour showing the students what soldiers in that war dealt with on a daily basis.

The men — Robert Starr Sr., 67, of Caledonia, his son Robert Starr Jr., 45, of Caledonia, and Tyler Stevens, 22, of Crystal Lake, Illinois — are re-enactors who devote their free time to educating the public about World War II by helping make an interactive experience of the period. “People need to know the history of what it took to get our country to where it is at today,” said the younger Starr, who was dressed as a U.S. paratrooper. “We are here today because of what our history, our veterans did to get us where we are at today.”

In its third year, the presentation comes as a group of seventh-graders at Jerstad-Agerholm Middle School, 3601 LaSalle St., is finishing the novel “Soldier Boys” by Dean Hughes, according to Sandy Faulkner, a special education teacher who organized the visit. The book documents the experiences of two young soldiers — one German and one American — who eventually meet during the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944.

The Starrs dressed as and spoke to the experiences of American soldiers and Stevens did the same as a German soldier, all three in the uniforms that some of their relatives would have worn during the war. They explained that they travel hours sometimes to participate in living history re-enactments, not just to experience what their relatives faced, but also to pass on that understanding to others, especially children. “This kept someone warm,” said Starr Jr., picking up a U.S. Army blanket from the period. “You can feel how itchy it is, how thick it is, how warm it is ... that’s what I like. More people will treasure and learn history through touch than reading it, is how I look at it.” Faulkner, who has also been participating in World War II re-enactments for more than a decade, explained that the conflict is being covered less and less in school, and students only begin to get that history in ninth grade. She conceived of the project to give students an earlier introduction to the time period.

“I hope that they continue wanting to know more,” she said. “It sparks interest in kids and they’ll be asking me questions for the rest of this year and probably into next year ... that’s the goal: to make them want to know more.”



World War II re-enactors speak to Jerstad-Agerholm elementary and middle school students on Wednesday at the middle school, 3601 LaSalle St. In the foreground is Robert Starr Jr., 45, of Caledonia, who is wearing an American paratrooper uniform. Speaking to students is his father, Robert Starr Sr., 67, also of Caledonia, wearing an American military uniform. In the back is Tyler Stevens, 22, of Crystal Lake, Illinois, wearing a German uniform.



Robert Starr Sr., 67, of Caledonia, wearing an American military uniform, speaks to students Wednesday at Jerstad Agerholm Middle School, 3601 LaSalle St., and shows them the equipment that both German and American soldiers would have used during World War II. On the left is Tyler Stevens, 22, of Crystal Lake, Illinois, wearing the uniform of a German soldier during the interactive program.



Students and staff look at some of the equipment that would have been used by soldiers in World War II on Wednesday after an interactive program at Jerstad-Agerhold Middle School, 3601 LaSalle St. Standing next to the display is Robert Starr Jr., 45, of Caledonia, who is wearing an American paratrooper uniform.

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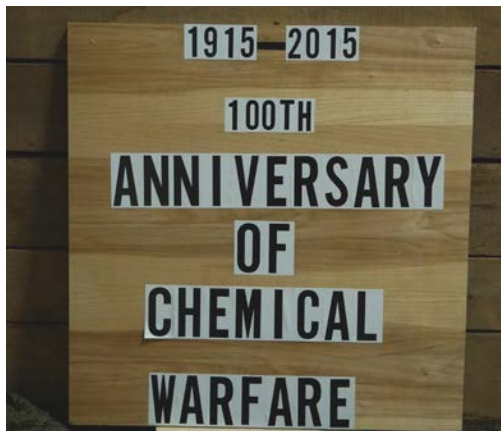
Here are a few pictures from Military History Fest



Wayne McCulley and Jon Stevens at the WW2 HRS Table



Ted O'Sullivan's Fuhrer Bunker Display



Dave Fornell's Chemical Warfare Display took First Place.



Jeremiah Moore – 20th Century Marine
Vietnam 1968 TET Offensive Display

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Rob Leinweber 9th Soviet Airborne

WW2 HRS Press Corps Photo: Davison T.G.

THE RIGHT ATTITUDE FOR THE RIGHT EVENT

(A survival guide for events that weren't what you expected.)

Many of you have probably heard the old saying "use the right tool for the right job." Well that can be applied to many aspects in life as well as to our very own hobby of military re-enacting. Our hobby affords us the chance to take part in events all across the nation. These events often have a diverse set of venues. Not every event is for every re-enactor and that is something we all must learn to deal with in this hobby. If you are pretty sure that an event is not going to be your cup of tea then stay away from it and find something else to do or someplace else to go. Trash talking an event and or attending an event with the intention to cause mayhem does none of us any good.

However, from time to time we may find ourselves at an event that was not exactly as advertised. Maybe it is a situation where Mother Nature has decided to make things interesting with extreme weather or site conditions. Perhaps some fellow re-enactors are at the event with whom you don't get along with. So what do you do? Well you have two choices. You can either pack up and head back home or stick it out and see if you can salvage the weekend. If you decide to stick it out you do have a certain responsibility to make an honest attempt to make it work. This is not only for your own sake but for the sake of your fellow re-enactors and the public who are coming to the event.

I have attended all sorts of events from the local county fair to air shows to official ceremonies, etc. Some of these adventures had the potential of being the worst experiences in my re-enacting career. This was due to a variety of reasons. Some were due to the weather while others were due to the presence of others whom I had issues with. In some cases it was the venue of the event itself. Have you ever done a battle in on the infield of a dirt race track? I have. LOL! It actually turned out to be a neat experience. I know that all of you have had similar experiences at one time or another in the hobby.

After 31 years of re-enacting I have found the key to my enjoyment and or survival of these events had a lot to do with my positive attitude as well as the positive attitude of my fellow re-enactors. Some of those "potentially worst events ever" turned out to be some of the most fun and most memorable events due to a positive attitude displayed by those who were at the event. I have experienced some of the worst weather conditions a person can endure and still be able to laugh about it later because my pards and I maintained a positive self-attitude. A positive self-attitude has carried me and my pards through some of the worst event venues you can imagine. I have learned how to be civil and work in a professional manner with those whom I have differences in re-enacting philosophy. Never underestimate the power of a smile, a good joke, and words of encouragement or civil treatment towards your fellow re-enactor in times of distress. It can make a big difference and the rewards can be amazing.

The demographics of our hobby are as diverse as the rest of the general population. The reasons which have drawn each of us to this hobby are numerous and diverse. We need to remember that none of the reasons are any more noble or valid than any other reason. Some members like firearms while others are honoring a relative or Veterans. The love of history draws others to our ranks while some just like to dress up and hang out with the guys to get away from the family. Many are current or former military who like the comradery they experienced in the military. I joined the hobby at age 14 as a way to not only escape the reality of the bitter divorce of my parents but also take my love of military history to a new level that books and movies could not equal. Like I said we all have our reasons. Mine are no better or no worse than any other.

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Another thing to remember is we are the ambassadors not only of military history and our hobby to the public whether we like it or not. So the way we present ourselves to and how we conduct ourselves around the public has an impact on how good or bad their experience is going to be at an event. So needless to say it is more than just about us and our quest for enjoyment and fulfillment. Some of the simplest acts of kindness can make a big difference. For example: I was at an event where it rained heavily and made the site a mud bog. It was really bad. I noticed a family had made the long trek of 200 yards through nasty mud from the nice hard road clear out to our Soviet camp. A little boy was crying while he and his sister were struggling to navigate through the mud in our camp. The mom and dad were clearly distressed by the discomfort of their kids so I decided to see if I could help. So I offered to give them a jeep ride from our camp back to the hard road. The kids stopped crying and had big smiles on their faces and the parents were elated with the ride and profusely thanked me for the lift.

So the next time you find yourself at an event that isn't quite up to your expectations. Please take a moment to realize that your attitude can make or break the event not only for you but those around you. Life is too short to spend it being upset so why not smile and enjoy the ride.

See you in the field!

Sincerely,

Dima - Aka Rob Leinweber 9th Soviet Airborne



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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.

OUR WORST NIGHTMARE

**A man was wounded during a WW2 reenactment
7 February 2015**

A WW2 Re-enactment in Texas turned tragic when a reenactor was wounded with live ammunition.

The first battle of the day was underway when a cease fire was called. All reenactors were ordered to stop where they were and put their weapons on the ground with chambers open.

A German reenactor received an injury to the stomach from a live round. He was transported by ambulance to a Hospital. Scott Fullerton, a man in his forties from the Dallas area, had suffered from a bullet wound to the stomach area. Scott is in stable condition and can be seen on video talking about his injury.

Fort Richardson State Park Superintendent Robert Frie reported that park services had inspected all ammunition and weapons to be used in the reenactment that morning. Everything that was inspected at 9 a.m. was crimped, blank ammo.

Jacksboro, Texas Police Department, Jack County Sheriff's Office and park officials are investigating this incident.

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This tragic event did not occur at a WW2 HRS Event, but the WW2 HRS is talking about this incident and what can be done to better prevent this from happening at one of our events.

Consult your unit commander or a WW2 HRS Board member to find out more about this.

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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.



Planning the reenactment battle, Geneva IL, May 1996

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Jagdpanzer, Geneva IL, May 1996

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Unit inspection, World War II Display, Lake Geneva IL, May 1996

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Anti-tank jeep and gunners,
World War II Display, Lake Geneva IL, May 1996
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