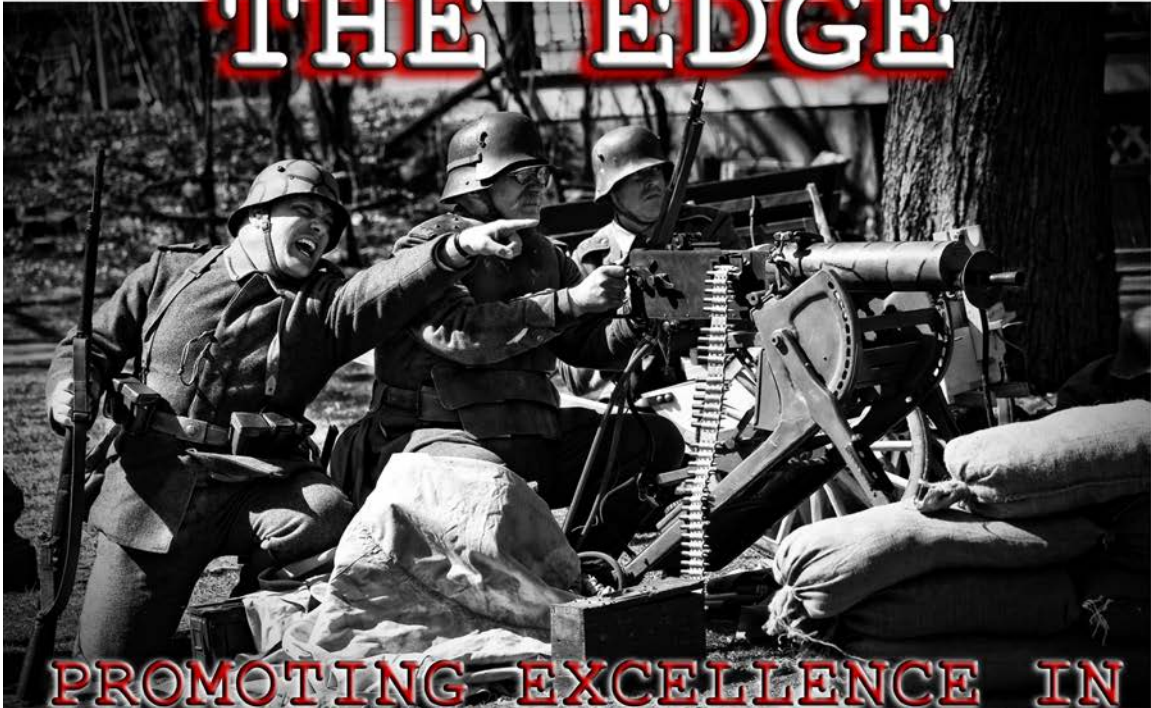




Fort Custer, MI World War 2 Tactical Photos submitted by Chuck Bolanis, WW2 HRS Vice President



THE EDGE



PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN
REENACTING



Rockford, IL World War 1 Event Photos by Piotr Krawerenda, WW2 HRS Press Corps



Rockford, IL World War 1 Event Photo by Rebecca Tulloch, WW2 HRS Press Corps

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COMMUNICATIONS

WEAPONS SAFETY



Greetings fellow HRS Members,

One of the primary responsibilities of the Board is to maintain safety standards for our members and public. As many of you know, earlier this year a reenactor was shot with a live round during a public World War II reenactment battle in Texas.

The circumstances that led to the accident are not fully known, but it did not involve the WW2 HRS. Fortunately the reenactor who was shot survived and will recover.

I did ask our Safety and Authenticity Committee for a prompt an immediate review of our safety procedures, this included a conference call with unit commanders in February as well.

The general consensus was that additional layers of safety precautions should be implemented (primarily at major events) to ensure that we are doing everything we can to avoid this sort of accident. An exploratory committee of Unit Commanders, Board Members and Safety and Authenticity Committee members has been created to make recommendations to the HRS board in regard to enhancing safety procedures. Updates on their progress will be coming over the next several months.

The World War II Historical Reenactment Society has done an exceptional job of policing itself, enforcing its own safety regulations and continues today to be a leader in setting the standard for how our hobby manages its unique safety challenges.

I would please ask for your full cooperation in helping us initiate these additional safety standards over the coming months. Event safety starts with each of us individually. Thank you for your time.

See you in the field,
Chuck Bolanis
2/SS Pz. Pi. Bt. 5 "Wiking"
WW2 HRS Vice President



WWII HRS Scholarship 2015

In 2010 the membership approved the creation of an HRS scholarship. The effort behind the scholarship was twofold. The primary goal is to assist the younger members of our organization in their pursuit of higher education. Obviously historical reenacting is an expensive hobby that can be a near impossibility for some students. Secondly we will help grow interest in historical reenacting as an educational endeavor which is part of the mission of our Society. The scholarship will be awarded to a full time undergraduate or graduate student. The preferred majors are history, museum studies, or archeology however all HRS member students are encouraged to apply. The award can be used towards tuition or books and will be paid to the student's college or university to be credited to their account. Note that any family or relations of any board of directors or staff of the WWII HRS will be ineligible for this award.

Please send the applications to the WWII HRS Vice President. The amount of the award is \$500.

Eligibility:

1. Must be a current member of HRS in good standing in at least their second year of membership.
2. Must be registered as a full-time student; undergraduate or graduate; at an accredited college or university.
3. Must demonstrate a minimum GPA of 2.75.
4. Must currently be a history or associated major, however if there is not any history or associated major that apply then all majors are eligible.
5. Must not have received a previous HRS scholarship.

Requirements:

The student should write a 500-word essay describing their qualifications and justification for receiving the HRS scholarship. It should also include the student's future plans in reenacting. A letter of recommendation from their unit commander should also be included. If the student is the unit commander for their unit, then another commander can supply the letter. Unofficial transcripts or a letter from the student's college or university stating that the student's current major and GPA needs to be included along with a recent picture in WWII uniform of the student.

Deadline: July 1

Notification: August 1

An article highlighting the student will be in the Society publication, The Edge, after the scholarship is awarded.

Review:

A committee consisting of an Allied, an Axis, and a Commonwealth member will review and give recommendation to the Society board of directors for awarding the scholarship based on the submitted applications.



From HRS Treasurer
Wayne McCulley
9th Infantry Division
WMcCulley45@Gmail.com



TREASURER'S REPORT
WORLD WAR II HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY
APRIL 2015

Account Balances as of March 31, 2015

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account | \$11,580.79 |
| PNC Bank Money Market Account | \$48,360.86 |
| Wells Fargo Bank Account | \$ 302.20 |

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| Account Totals | \$60,243.85 |
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Income

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| February Membership Income | \$ 3,338.69 |
| Interest from Money Market Account | \$ 2.54 |

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| Total Income | \$ 3,341.23 |
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Expenditures

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| Mad Mimi Marketing | \$ 12.80 |
| Eventbrite Fees for the Month of February | \$ 481.69 |

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| Total Expenditures | \$ 494.49 |
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Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.
Wayne McCulley
HRS Treasurer

Kennekuk WW2 Remembrance Days May 2 and 3rd 2015

By Wayne McCulley 9th US Infantry Div.

On May 1-3 we will kick off the summer WW2HRS reenacting season with the Kennekuk World War 2 Remembrance Days at Kennekuk County park near Danville Illinois. This will be the fifth year for this event. We are hoping public attendance will continue to grow this year. The 2014 attendance was much improved over previous years. It is our goal to make WW2 reenacting better known in an area where it is largely unknown.

Danville is in East Central Illinois, forty minutes from Champaign-Urbana and near the Indiana state line. Kennekuk Park is a 3000 acre park with plenty of open space for encampments and battles. It also features a town display of 10 vintage buildings. On Friday evening we will have a WW2 vehicle convoy that will start at Kennekuk, travel through Danville. We will be having one large field battle each day on Saturday and Sunday. The main field battle will feature Warbird flyovers courtesy of local Warbird owners weather permitting. We are also planning to have a few small unit skirmishes during the weekend. There will also be opportunities for small unit tactical battle in the wooded areas of the park. We will also have USO Shows featuring the USO Camp Show group. On Saturday evening we will have a 1940's Barn Dance at the Red barn at Kennekuk. The dance will be preceded by Swing Dance lessons offered by the ladies of USO Stateside Operations. This event is open to all World War 2 impressions. We would appreciate it if the WW2 reenacting community will add Kennekuk to the events they will be attending this year.



Kennekuk WW2 Remembrance Days
May 2 and 3rd 2015



Sponsoring units: 33rd US Infantry Div. and Great Lakes Waves

Registration site: www.kennekuk.eventbrite.com

Event site: Kennekuk County Park 22296 Henning Road Danville, IL 61834

Friday Schedule

3:00pm- 9:00pm Registration at the Red Barn

5:00pm: Vehicle Convoy to Danville

10:00pm Quiet Time

Saturday's Schedule:

7:30am- 8:30am Registration

9:00am: Camp is open to public

9:30am: S & A

10:00am: Flag Ceremony (Located Near Barn)

2:30pm: Public Battle

5:00pm: Event closed to public

7:00pm – 11:00pm: Re-enactor Dance

10:00pm Quiet Time

Sunday's Schedule:

9:00 am Church Service at the Chapel Building.

10:00 am Camp open to the public

12:00 pm- 1:00 pm Event Vehicle Parade (All are Welcome)

1:30 pm Public Battle

3:00 pm Camp is closed to public/ Re-enactors Pack up Camp



EVENTS

| May | | May | |
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| 01-03 | | KENNEKUK WWII REMEMBRANCE DAYS | |
| May | | Loc: Kennekuk County Park 22296 A Henning Road. Danville IL Dates: May 1-3 2015 Event Times: Saturday May 3rd 9:00am till 5:00pm Sunday May 4th 10:00am till 3:00pm Registration Times: Friday May 2nd 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 wiikennekuk@yahoo.com Website: http://vccd.org/qikennekuk.html Authenticity Notes: HRS Rules apply Prohibited Vehicles/Items: No vehicles over 15tons/All viewable items must be WWII era Restrictions on Minors: HRS Rules apply Sponsoring Unit(s): 33rd Infantry Division/Great Lake WAVES | |
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| 15-17 | | 6th ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY - WWII WEEKEND | |
| May | | Loc: Dakota City Heritage Village 4008 220th Street West, Farmington, MN 55024 Dates: May 15-17, 2015 Event Times: Open to the Public Saturday 10-6 & Sunday 10-3 / Swing Dance at the Farmington VFW 8pm-Midnight Sat. May 16. Registration Times: Friday noon-10pm & Saturday 7am through the rest of the day Pre-Registration: Email Jon Boorum ivanthecutthroat@Hotmail.com to confirm a campsite for your unit. Fee: Free for WWII Veterans & Reenactors/Volunteers & Kids under 7. Public admission is \$8 with a non-perishable food item. \$10 without. Contact: Axis contact and overall event coordinator, Jon Boorum 612-432-2231 ivanthecutthroat@Hotmail.com American/commonwealth contact and battle/skits coordinator, Ben Lund 612-554-0302 lundgrillo@yahoo.com Soviet contact, Dave Pasbrig 319-350-3005 redkommissar@hotmail.com Swap meet contact, Eric Andringa 612-269-6900 eric_andringa@hotmail.com Non reenactor contact, Ray Rygula 651-999-9187 rfr1921@hotmail.com Website: http://www.DakotaCityWWII.yolasite.com Authenticity Notes: all HRS rules apply Prohibited Vehicles/Items: all HRS rules apply Restrictions on Minors: all HRS rules apply Other restrictions: The public battles this year will be themed for Sicily 1943 and Stalingrad 1943. Sponsoring Unit(s): Fox Company, 502 PIR, 101 AB | |
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15-17

SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS

May



Loc: Elkhart Municipal Airport 1211 County Road 6 West

Dates: May 15-17, 2015

Event Times: Saturday 9:00am to 5:00pm/Sunday 9:00am to 4:00pm

Registration Times: Friday 8:00am till 8:00pm/Sat. 7:00am till 10:00am

Pre-Registration: Sign up on Eventbrite, walk-ons will be welcomed, however, they will have to pass all S&A rules.

Fee: None

Contact: Greg Champion gchampion@kirbyrisk.com

Matt Iverson miverson1228@gmail.com

Craig Morehead cdmorehead@aol.com

Christian Dvorak thecman.13@gmail.com

Website: <http://salutetoourveterans.weebly.com>

Authenticity Notes: Strict S&A per event guidelines & HRS rules

Prohibited Vehicles/Items: No non-military vehicles unless they are from the period represented by the event, No Live ammo, No Political Flags or Impressions

Restrictions on Minors: All HRS rules apply to minors

Other restrictions: No inflammatory pictures or pamphlets, No firing weapons in Camp, No firing towards the Audience.

Sponsoring Unit(s):

L. Co, 16th Inf. Regt (WWII HRS)

II. Btn, Gren. Regt. 984, 275. Inf-Div (WWII HRS)

SALUTE TO VETERANS (ELKHART WWII RE-ENACTMENT)



Our sponsors:

'Salute to Veterans' is financially sponsored by the City of Elkhart, IN, and the Elkhart Municipal Airport and is an HRS event co-sponsored by L Co., 16th IR (US), and the 275. Infanterie-Division (Wehrmacht).

What will be happening:

In addition to honoring veterans of all wars, the weekend's schedule will include: public battles, USO shows, weapons/medic, signal corps demonstrations, a parachute packing demo, skirmishes, militaria vendors, food vendors, aircraft fly overs and pyrotechnics.

What's scheduled to be there:

Sherman tank, Tiger (mockup) tank, Sexton, STUG, several Jeeps, Bren Carrier, Weasel, several halftracks, 2-1/2 ton trucks, 3/4 ton trucks, artillery, numerous warbirds.

Who should attend:

Experienced WWII re-enactors and vehicle owners who are serious about authenticity!
FARBS need not apply!

Why you should attend:

Unlike most public events, 'Salute to Veterans' is financially sponsored! Our sponsors will be furnishing reenactors a small ammo stipend for the event. This is a high profile premiere event with high expectations, so throw away your normal assumptions. Media coverage is expected to be substantial. This is an opportunity to step up your authenticity while enjoying an open-to-the-public, fully-immersive re-enacting weekend unlike any other. No more "Cowboys and Indians" field battles. Our public battles will be better scripted and better managed than any public event you've ever been a part of. Battles will be based on specific historical engagements and involve only the nationalities involved. Pyrotechnics combined with warbird fly overs will add to the realism. Also unlike any other public event, visitors will be given a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the experience by becoming active participants as German civilians and witnessing the final terrible weeks of the war first hand through *German eyes*.

As mentioned earlier, **authenticity at this event is paramount**. By registering for this event, you are agreeing to adhere to detailed event standards which are posted to the Eventbrite Registration Page. If you are like many re-enactors and don't give S&A a second thought, you will be in for quite a surprise at 'Salute to Veterans.' *Again, FARBS need not apply!*

More information:

Eventbrite Registration Page:

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/elkhart-wwii-re-enactment-may-2015-tickets-15053404137>

Facebook Event/Discussion Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/537516436351041/>

Event staff:

Event Organizer: **Greg Champion** gchampion@kirbyrisk.com

S&A Coordinator (US): **Matthew Iverson** miverson1228@gmail.com

S&A Coordinator (Germans): **Christian Dvorak** thecman.13@gmail.com / 630-430-5839



29-31

RAILS TO VICTORY

May



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

Dates: May 29-31, 2015

Event Times:

- 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).

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

Pre-Registration: <http://railstovictory2015.eventbrite.com> (No Walk Ons accepted)

Fee: none

Contact: Rebecca Tulloch becky1861@sbcglobal.net

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

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

- 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 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.

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.

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.



- 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.

Camp Amenities: Flush Toilets on site. Shaded Camp sites can be reserved by early registrants on a first come first served bases.


Hotels: 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): US10th Mtn LHDG; WW2 Girls Baseball Living History League;



| June | |
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| 06 | 13TH ANNUAL HEARTLAND MILITARY DAY |
| Jun  | <p>Loc: Museum of the Kansas National Guard 6700SW Topeka Blvd Topeka, Kansas 66619</p> <p>Dates: June 6th, 2015</p> <p>Event Times: 7:00 AM – 7:00PM</p> <p>Registration Times: 7:00AM to 9:00AM</p> <p>Pre-Registration: E-Mail office@kngmuseum.org & nordland1@cox.net</p> <p>Fee: none</p> <p>Contact: John Colyer nordland1@cox.net & Ed Gerhardt, BG (Ret) office@kngmuseum.org</p> <p>Authenticity Notes: WWII HRS Authenticity & Safety rules will apply</p> <p>Prohibited Vehicles/Items: NO LIVE AMMUNITION OF ANY KIND on event site. No alcohol during the event and display times</p> <p>Restrictions on Minors: Any person under the age of 16 may NOT carry any type of weapon or participate in public or tactical battles in any capacity. 16 & 17 year olds must be accompanied by Parent or Guardian</p> <p>Other restrictions: Camping is allowed Friday June 5 and the museum will have a rest room available. No modern tents in the display area</p> <p>Description: Museum of the Kansas National Guard has decided to make a special effort to recognize the services of all Kansans, including the Kansas Army and Air National Guard, who have been deployed in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kosovo, Bosnia, Africa, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia since 9-11. Special recognition will be given to those who have paid the supreme sacrifice in this war. Reenactors from all time periods are welcome.</p> <p>7-10 a.m. - Pancake Feed</p> <p>8 a.m.-5 p.m. - Exhibit of WW II Military Equipment and Re-enactors, Civil War Exhibits and Re-enactors, and exhibit of Global War on Terrorism exhibit by the KSARNG (MRAP, ASV, HEMMT, HET, Vietnam Veterans Exhibit, etc.)</p> <p>10 a.m. - WW II Battle Reenactment</p> <p>11 a.m. - Band Concert</p> <p>11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Cookout Lunch</p> <p>2 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. - WW II Battle Reenactment</p> <p>Afternoon - Global War on Terrorism Panels</p> <p>6:30 p.m. - Band Concert</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - Ceremony Commemorating the Global War on Terrorism, Reading of Names of GWOT KIA, Gold Star Wreath, etc.</p> <p>We again welcome all re-enactors, exhibitors, and bands. We would like a band for the 6:30 p.m. concert, if possible. Other band concert times in the day are flexible and we will schedule you as desired--whether at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., etc.</p> <p>Contact during the event call the Museum 785-862-1020</p> <p>Sponsoring Unit(s): 11th SS Nordland & 250th Ski Co.</p> |
| 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> |
| 20 | RAY FAGEN MEMORIAL AIRSHOW 2015 |
| | <p>Loc: LENZEN ROE MEMORIAL FIELD - GRANITE FALLS MN 56241</p> |



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| Jun | <p>Dates: SATURDAY JUNE 20TH 2015 - WW2 DISPLAY AND ENCAMPMENTS Event Times: GATES OPEN AT NOON- WW2 PUBLIC BATTLE- AIRSHOW!! Registration Times: FRIDAY EVE JUNE 19TH OR PRE-NOON SAT. JUNE 20TH- REENACTORS ENCOURAGED TO CAMP OVERNIGHT FRIDAY Pre-Registration: SIGN UP ON FACEBOOK EVENT SITE https://www.facebook.com/events/451221201712388 Fee: NO FEE FOR EVENT PARTICIPATING WW2 REENACTORS IN UNIFORM Contact: SCOTT STEBEN 952-607-0856 Website: https://www.facebook.com/events/451221201712388 Authenticity Notes: HRS SAFETY AND AUTHENTICITY RULES APPLY Prohibited Vehicles/Items: WW2 VEHICLES AND PLANES AT EVENT!! Restrictions on Minors: UNDERAGE ACCOMPANIED BY ADULT Other restrictions: NO LIVE AMMO Sponsoring Unit(s): 12.SS PZ DIV 'HJ' MIDWEST</p> |
| July | |
| Jul | No events listed. |
| August | |
| Aug | No events listed. |
| September | |
| 25-27 Sep | <p>WALK BACK IN TIME 2015</p> <p>Loc: Audrain County Historical Society, 501 South Muldrow Street, Mexico, MO 65265 Dates: 25-27 September, 2015 Event Times: Setup can occur from Thursday (Sept. 24) to Saturday (Sept. 26). Friday is the school education day. The event runs from 10-4pm Saturday and Sunday, with Candlelight Tours on Saturday from 6-9pm Pre-Registration: No preregistration is required although coordination for camping space is required. Camp space must be reserved before the event to ensure adequate space is available. Fee: There is no fee for the event, and the organizers provide a Saturday night meal to all participants. If your unit participates in the Friday education day, you get a free lunch! For the women reenactors, there will be a tea party on Saturday morning, a small military convoy is planned that will travel from Fulton to the site in Mexico. The convoy will stop and visit several schools along the way to show off the vehicles to students. The trip distance is about 25 miles. Contact us for more information! Registration Times: All day Thursday, All day Friday and Saturday 0800-1000 in the 29th Panzergrenadiers Camp Sponsoring Unit(s): 84th Infantry Division Railsplitters and the 29th Panzergrenadier Regiment</p>  |



| October | |
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| October | |
| 15-18 | <p>WELCOME HOME, STARS AND STRIPES PRESENTS: REFLECTIONS OF HISTORY, 1860-PRESENT</p> |
| Oct | <p>Loc: Stars & Stripes National. Military Museum & Library, 17377 Stars & Stripes Way, Bloomfield, MO 63825 Dates: 15 - 18 October 2015 Event Times: 15-18 October 2015 Fee: NONE Contact: papaioadfssf@sbcglobal.net Website: http://welcomehomestarsstripesrememberswwii.webs.com Authenticity Notes: Per HRS Safety and Authenticity rules Prohibited Vehicles/Items: N/A Restrictions on Minors: Per HRS rules Other restrictions: NO live ammunition Sponsoring Unit(s): FIRST SPECIAL SERVICE FORCE, 6TH CO, 3RD REG HRS SECOND 25TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION, 25TH BRIGADE, 7TH DIVISION HRS 116th INFANTRY REGIMENT, 29th INFANTRY DIVISION 29TH PANZERGRENADIER REGIMENT 3RD PANZERGRENADIER DIVISION</p> |



German Army
Sketch by Nic McCall



Celebrate the 70th anniversary of Victory in Europe
with *music, dancing, and 1940's fashion.*

May 8th

\$40

Reservations:
630.260.8268
Lbombard@cantigny.org
1940's Attire Encouraged


V-E DAY

SWING DANCE

7:00 DOORS 7:30 SWING DANCE LESSON 8:00 DINNER & DANCING



Live Auction for a Dance with a "GI"

Cantigny Park – 15151 Winfield Road, Wheaton, Illinois






A SALUTE TO VETERANS

May 16th & 17th





City of Elkhart

Elkhart Municipal Airport WWII Reenactments



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6th Annual Armed Forces Day

WWII Weekend

May 16 & 17, 2015

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

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



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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





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-REGISTRATIONS: 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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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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W W I I H R S 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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Fort Custer, MI World War 2 Tactical “Delay the Inevitable” 20-22 March 2015



After Action Report: Fort Custer, Michigan

By Alan Miltich

This was the tenth annual “Delay the Inevitable” tactical held in March, hosted by “Infamous Alfons” and members of 5th SS “Wiking” Sturmpanzer (not to be confused with the Wiking in Colorado). The battle features two nights in the barracks of this small active military base along with a very demanding tactical system called Rules of Engagement for Tactical Objectives (RETO). Maybe it was the cold winter or maybe it was the lower gas prices, but the event had one of the best turnouts since Alfons’ inspiration to start hosting events at Fort Custer, just west of Battle Creek.

Over 173 re-enactors and umpires converged on the base to enjoy one of the nicest weather days experienced by Michigan this entire month! The base allowed use of four two-floor barracks and a dining hall. The battle took place in Training Area 5, a one square mile area a little more than three miles from the barracks.

The military now requires that all blank ammo be collected at the gate. The Wiking staff has developed a very efficient method of collecting pre-labeled bags of ammo and magazines to be stored overnight. After turning in the ammo, the re-enactor follows the signs to the dining hall where the registration tables are set up, along with the vendors, the classroom for the RETO rules seminars, and the snack bar operated by the HRS 45th Infantry I&R Platoon.

After being assigned to the barracks, the re-enactor is free to unload and mingle. All re-enactors must attend a course on the RETO battle system.

To supplement the battle, various vehicles participated: On the Allied side there were an M20 “Greyhound” and M3 halftrack from the Arsenal of Democracy museum, four Jeeps, and a WC52 weapons carrier. On the Axis side there were the perennial Wiking vehicles of two Kubelwagen and the 1941 V3000 Ford Truck “Heidi”, this year bolstered by the wonderful Opel Blitz and 247 armored scout car of 2nd Panzer (Chicago). We were able to transport all the troops out in one convoy.

The few umpires we had to monitor the command posts were volunteers from the Michigan 82nd Airborne Veteran’s Association. These veterans really enjoy the weekend with us and are often seen with a display at WWII public events here in Michigan. They come dressed in fairly good Allied and Axis impressions, wearing soft caps to designate a non-combatant role.

After the conclusion of the battle (The Allies were victorious this year!) we concluded with a dinner of grilled chicken breasts and red skin potatoes for 99, followed by a WWII themed trivia contest with prizes for all the teams. As usual, the “Custers First Stand” bar on base was open and welcomes the re-enactors.

For many of the re-enactors, this tactical is a highlight and also marks the beginning of the new season. If the event gets much more popular, we may have trouble fitting everyone into the barracks! The fall “Westwall” tactical is scheduled for October 16-18, so put it on your calendar!

You can also friend us on Facebook

at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/570562592968478/>

and there is a RETO rules discussion group on Yahoo

at: <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/WW2RETO/info>

The primary units attending were: Axis: 5th SS “Wiking” Sturmpanzer (not to be confused with the Wiking from Colorado), 2nd Panzer, 275 ID. The primary Allied units were: 45th Infantry I&R Platoon, 5th Rangers, 9th ID, and the 82nd Airborne (various companies).



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World War 2 Tactical
“Delay the Inevitable” 20-22 March 2015
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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.

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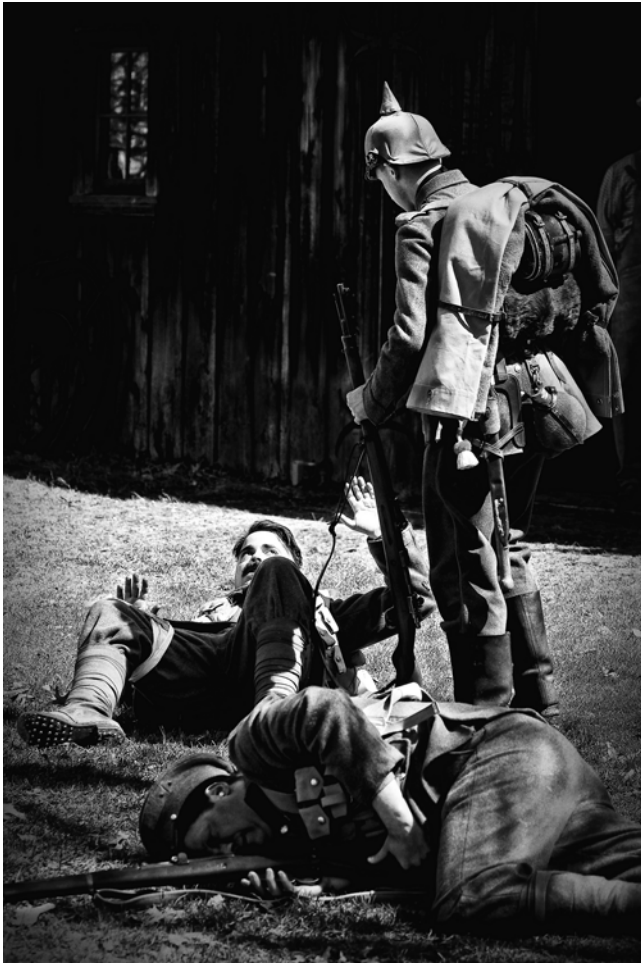


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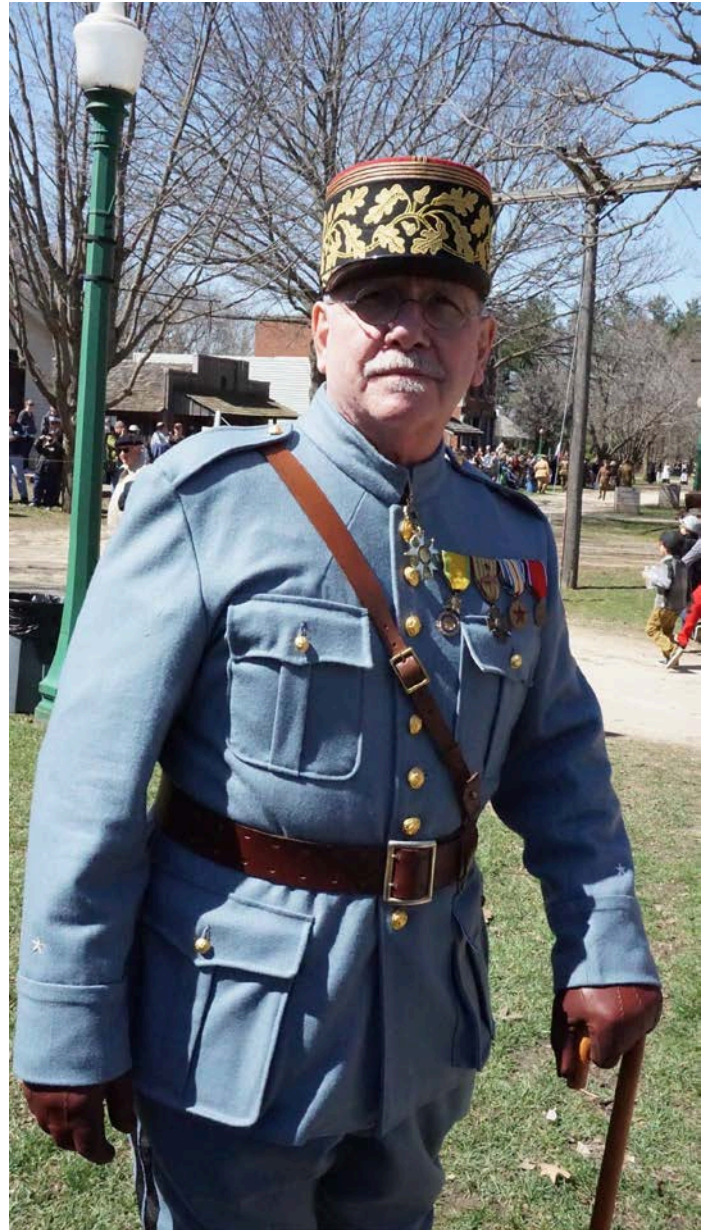


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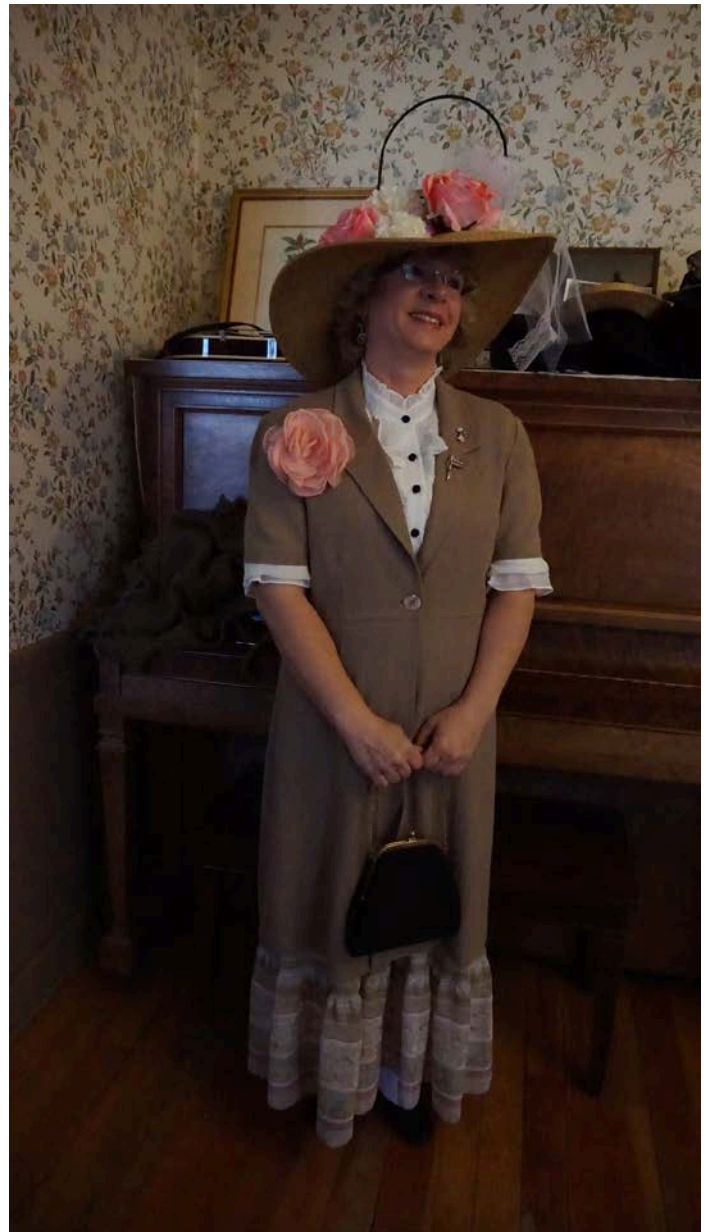
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ITEMS FROM Terry Johns WWII HRS, Founder

In regards to M1 Carbines with bayonet lugs...
A correct WWII U.S. M1 Carbine:

Some fifteen years ago I sent a letter to the editor of ARMY MOTORS of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association (MVPA) regarding a M1 Carbine. It was in response to an article someone wrote about their jeep restoration marked for the ETO's 104th Division. In the article the writer described adding a M1 Carbine with bayonet. This carbine had the late war bayonet lug and adjustable sight.

My response revolved around my opinion that no bayonet lugged M1 Carbines ever reached combat units during WWII as I had never once seen one after many decades of looking. I questioned if the bayonet was proper. I ended by challenging the author to provide me with any information that could prove otherwise. I'll omit his response but suffice that it did not include any documentation to the contrary.

The MVPA editor, Reg Hodgson, later told me that short item generated more responses than any single article in the history of ARMY MOTORS.

When the HRS first formed (1970's) many GIs were cutting off the bayonet lugs (very carefully) and searching vainly (then) for the simple flip sight. Now perhaps my GI friends more knowledgeable regarding the carbine than I ever was, will excuse me if I continue...

Years ago I happened across a bookstore that had one of those large coffee table books about WWII in color. Inside I found a GI wearing HBT holding a M1 Carbine which sported the oddest looking bayonet lug the likes of which I have never seen. It was an extremely flimsy looking device in comparison to the ones we are all familiar with. The caption stated this was a training photo and I would suspect that this bayonet lug was perhaps one of the very first prototype attempts to attach a bayonet to the Carbine.

Soon after that I found another WWII history book with a color photograph of the 17th A.B. Div. following the Rhine River crossing in 1945. This photo showed a wood stocked M1 Carbine lying near a soldier with (clearly) a M1 Carbine Bayonet strapped to his leg. Significantly the Carbine has no bayonet lug!

Years pass...
During a History Channel program depicting the 45th Div. entry into Dachau, Germany in April 1945; two M1 Carbines were shown, neither if which sported bayonet lugs but both had the late adjustable rear sight.

As Arte Johnson said during the LAUGH-IN TV show, "Very interesting!"

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Anyone born in the mid-thirties knew Kilroy. We didn't know why but we had lapel pins with his nose hanging over the label and the top of his face above his nose with his hands hanging over the label too. I believe it was orange colored. No one knew why he was so well known but we all joined in!

KILROY WAS HERE! WHO THE HECK WAS KILROY?

In 1946 the American Transit Association, through its radio program, "Speak to America" sponsored a nationwide contest to find the REAL Kilroy, offering a prize of a real trolley car to the person who could prove himself to be the genuine article. Almost 40 men stepped forward to make that claim, but only **James Kilroy from Halifax, Massachusetts**, had evidence of his identity.

Kilroy was a 46-year old shipyard worker during the war who worked as a checker at the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy. His job was to go around and check on the number of rivets completed. Riveters were on piecework and got paid by the rivet. Kilroy would count a block of rivets and put a check mark in semi-waxed lumber chalk, so the rivets wouldn't be counted twice. When Kilroy went off duty, the riveters would erase the mark. Later on, an off-shift inspector would come through and count the rivets a second time, resulting in double pay for the riveters. One day Kilroy's boss called him into his office. The foreman was upset about all the wages being paid to riveters, and asked him to investigate. It was then he realized what had been going on.

The tight spaces he had to crawl in to check the rivets didn't lend themselves to lugging around a paint can and brush, so Kilroy decided to stick with the waxy chalk. He continued to put his checkmark on each job he inspected, but added **KILROY WAS HERE** in king-sized letters next to the check, and eventually added the sketch of the chap with the long nose peering over the fence and that became part of the Kilroy message. Once he did that, the riveters stopped trying to wipe away his marks.

Ordinarily the rivets and chalk marks would have been covered up with paint. With war on, however, ships were leaving the Quincy Yard so fast that there wasn't time to paint them. As a result, Kilroy's inspection "trademark" was seen by thousands of servicemen who boarded the troopships the yard produced. His message apparently rang a bell with the servicemen, because they picked it up and spread it all over Europe and the South Pacific. Before war's end, "Kilroy" had been here, there, and everywhere on the long hauls to Berlin and Tokyo.

To the troops outbound in those ships, however, he was a complete mystery; all they knew for sure was that some jerk named Kilroy had "been there first." As a joke, U.S. servicemen began placing the graffiti wherever they landed, claiming it was already there when they arrived.

Kilroy became the U.S. Super-GI who had always "already been" wherever GIs went. It became a challenge to place the logo in the most unlikely places imaginable (it is said to be atop Mt. Everest, the Statue of Liberty, the underside of l'Arc De Triomphe, and even scrawled in the dust on the moon.) As the war went on, the legend grew. Underwater demolition teams routinely sneaked ashore on Japanese-held islands in the Pacific to map the terrain for coming invasions by U.S. troops (and thus, presumably, were the first GIs there). On one occasion, however, they reported seeing enemy troops painting over the Kilroy logo!

In 1945, an outhouse was built for the exclusive use of Roosevelt, Stalin, and Churchill at the Potsdam conference. Its' first occupant was Stalin, who emerged and asked his aide (in Russian), "Who is Kilroy?"

To help prove his authenticity in 1946, James Kilroy brought along officials from the shipyard and some of the riveters. He won the trolley car, which he gave to his nine children as a Christmas gift and set it up as a playhouse in the Kilroy front yard in Halifax, Massachusetts.

So, now you know the rest of the story. I wonder what became of that trolley.



The Vickers Goes Hollywood! By Terry L. Johns, Florissant, MO

Hooraay for Hollywood and Vickers, which is credited with helping launch actor David Niven (1910-1983) on his movie career. Niven was a graduate of the Royal Military College at Sandhurst and as a young subaltern; Niven grew tired of the peacetime Army of the early 1930s. As he related in his memoirs, *THE MOON'S A BALLOON*, his ultimate decision to resign from the army came: After a lengthy lecture on the Vickers machinegun which was interfering with his plans for dinner with a particularly attractive young lady. At the end of the speech, the major general giving the lecture asked if there were any questions. Showing the typical rebelliousness of his early years, Niven stated that he felt compelled to ask, "Could you tell me the time, sir? I have to catch a train."

Years after his encounter with the Vickers as a junior officer in the Highland Light Infantry he would return to England after the start of the Second World War and be reunited with this old acquaintance during the filming of the classic 1944 war film starring himself as Lieutenant Jim Perry in *THE WAY AHEAD*. The movie had a bit of a convoluted history. It started life as a British Army training film, *THE NEW LOT*, which ran 44 minutes. Winston Churchill approached then Major Niven about creating a film that would do for the British Army what *IN WHICH WE SERVE* had done for the Royal Navy. Niven then contacted Carol Reed, the film's director, and suggested expanding *THE NEW LOT*. The result, written (at London's Ritz Hotel) by Niven, Eric Ambler and twenty-one year old Peter Ustinov, was the acclaimed *THE WAY AHEAD*. For its U.S. release in 1945, the film was edited to a shorter length and re-titled *THE IMMORTAL BATTALION*. In either of its feature length forms, the film is concerned with the training of a bunch of raw recruits. Niven, as the lieutenant and former gas station attendant, finds that he must learn to take a tough line in order to make his wildly diverse crew come together and understand the importance both of the war and of their place in it. Although it takes time and effort on the part of Lt. Perry and his sergeant, William Hartnell, the men eventually transform themselves into a fighting unit thus preparing them for their climatic battle against the Desert Fox in North Africa.

Told in a semi-documentary style, it features the screen debut of Trevor Howard as an un-credited naval officer and Sgt. Hartnell who is perhaps best remember for playing the original "The Doctor" on the TV series *DOCTOR WHO*. Stanley Holloway can also be found in the likes of; *THE LAVENDER HILL MOB*, *MY FAIR LADY* and *IN HARM'S WAY*, plays Private Brewer. James Donald who plays the impressionable Private Lloyd would later appear as the insightful Major Clifton in *THE BRIDGE ON THE RIVER KWAI*. Leo Genn as the Captain would come our way again, after promotion, in the film *THE LONGEST DAY*. The Scottish soldier Luke was played by John Laurie, would reappear to us in that British Telly comedy *DAD'S ARMY*. Also cast is the young Peter Ustinov as the French-speaking proprietor of the Café Rispoli who comes to the rescue of one overheated Vickers by providing some fine vintage Claret. What an ensemble, eh? Indeed, what a legacy!

Below are scans of the front and back of the post card. It was a promotional card put out by Wham-O (owned by Mattel) for the Hula Hoop, and I would guess that would make it the 1950s or 1960s. I made the file for the back small to save you download time but I can send that full size if you like. I have seen this photo before with other humorous writing other than Hula Hoop. You might send the photo to someone you know who is an old movie buff and see if you can identify any of the actors. I have done every search I can think of but come up empty.



Here is a caption for that Vickers photo for Hula-Hoop1

Meeting at the Café Rispoli members of the Motion Picture Academy seen here are about to cast their votes. "Hands up all those who wish to vote *THE IMMORTAL BATTALION* as Best War Picture!" It looks unanimous. This promotional card was used to promote, of all things, Wham-O's Hula-Hoop. J. Moran Collection



The US .50 Caliber M2 Browning By Terry L. Johns, Florissant, MO



A Universal Carrier mounting a .50-inch heavy machine gun, April 1945.
Note the cloth ammunition belt.
IWM BU 4589

From its belated start as an antitank gun following the First World War, the M2 just keeps going and going. Today the gun is still in production at the Fabrique Nationale factory in Herstal, Belgium and at General Dynamic's facility located in Saco, Maine. That a weapon conceived during the waning days of the First World War could serve so long and outlive so many other designs is a testament to the genius of John M. Browning, whose other contributions to America's military arsenals included the 1911 series of automatic pistols, and the Browning Automatic-Rifle.

Over 347,000 M2 heavy barrel infantry .50 caliber machineguns were manufactured during World War II and most of these by the AC Spark Plug Company of all folks! I suspect most of this heavy iron was found attached to some sort of motorized conveyance. I would have thought 'Old Bill' had it rough enough lugging that forty pound Vickers about but pity the 'Sad Sack' who had to pound the ground with eighty-two pounds of this hunk of iron on his shoulder! The weight of just the recoiling parts of the gun when it was fired weighed in at more than thirty-eight pounds in of itself. What could I add in praise to the famous "Ma-Deuce"? Instead I would like to cite a quote from Mr. Bruce Canfield's book U.S. INFANTRY WEAPONS OF WORLD WAR II.

"In the Solomons on one occasion the Marines surprised a Jap transport column that appeared to consider itself out of machinegun range and shot it up with .50 caliber Brownings. The heavy slugs smashed up the Jap trucks and made the Jap soldiers who were hit by them look as if they had been run over by the trucks."

The fifty is basically an enlarged thirty-caliber Browning machinegun. Enlarged to handle a cartridge capable of penetrating the tanks of the First World War. They accomplished this by starting with the cartridge of the German 13.2 mm antitank rifle of the period. But in a rare case of inspired one-upmanship the Doughboys opted to go for a machinegun rather than just an enlarged bolt-action rifle as the Germans had and the British would later. Both Winchester and then Frankford Arsenal were involved with the development of the big .50 BMG cartridge as we know it today. Both the refined cartridge and the gun began testing in 1919. We might scoff today with the idea of the .50 BMG round penetrating today's tank but even as late as 1939 that big slug in its armor-piercing mode could penetrate most of the world's rolling armor.

For some M2 fun albeit in the Japanese language go to: <http://youtube.com:80/watch?v=b16954RSKKs>



This T16 of Canada's Highland Light Infantry has a .50 caliber US M2 machinegun added for extra firepower.
Donald I. Grant/Library and Archives Canada/PA-130222



Requiem to the Carter Carburetor By Terry L. Johns, Florissant, MO

The Carter Carburetor Company of St. Louis, MO was established in 1909. It was founded by William Carter, who started experimenting with automotive carburetors while running a bicycle shop. He sold his carburetor company 13 years later to American Car and Foundry Company.

Carter adapted carburetors for Willys' four-cylinder engines, waterproofing them for water crossings and making it possible to keep the engine going even on a steep incline. In 1984, with fuel injection having replaced carburetors, the plant closed. In 1985 American Car and Foundry shut down the entire Carter Carburetor foundry, a year later ceding the PCB-contaminated property to the City of St. Louis.

In the 13 February, 2015 issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch newspaper, reporter Jacob Barker reported that workers have nearly completed removing asbestos from the vacant factory located on North Grand Boulevard and Dodier Street next to the former site of Sportsman's (baseball) Park. The EPA is overseeing the demolition and cleanup of the site, which is contaminated with cancer causing toxins left over from the carburetor manufacturing process. The St. Charles, MO based American Car and Foundry Industries, LLC, is responsible for much of the \$27 million cleanup project.

How many WWII era vehicles can you name that had Carter Carburetors?
Credits: Jacob Barker, St. Louis Post-Dispatch and Wikipedia



World War II Items for Sale

Contact Ed Fahrner, WW II HRS, 34th ID
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World War 2 German Tanks spotted at Fort Benning GA.
I saw these on a ride to a mortar range.
Who would of imagined there are 3 panthers all side by side! A tiger 2 as well.
Kyle Daily
17 April 2015



Heinz Thiel Photo by Esther Schleper

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