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Dave Fornell receives an award from Terry Johns

These were for long-term contributions to WWII re-enacting and the founders of the HRS that are still around from 1976.

The awards were the idea of Terry Johns from St. Louis (pictured in Canadian uniform handing out the plaques). He was one of the founders of the HRS and decided to do this.



**Troops,
it is my pleasure to present to you
your candidates for the
2016-2017 WW2 HRS Board**



The positions up for election this year are President, Secretary, Axis Representative and Commonwealth Representative. As in any society, volunteers are greatly needed, so please join me in extending gratitude to these members for stepping up to help lead the World War 2 Historical Reenactment Society.

Best Regards,
Chuck Bolanis
WW2 HRS Vice President"



President - Jonathan E. Stevens
(9th Infantry Division)

I plan to run for WWII HRS President for the 2016-17 term. This will be my last term if I am reelected. When the Society just about hit bottom in the early 1990s a few people picked up the remains and declared, "Quality over quantity!" This decision has once again pushed the Society back up to over 1000 members to where it is today as the leading WWII reenactment group in the US if not the world. I believe myself and others in the recent past have carried that banner forward along with many members who see the importance of the WWII story for future generations. I think we, as an organization, are on the right path but need to continue to always press safety in our presentations and never let up on that. If we do let up, it is likely that some reenactor will be heading for the hospital rather than home at the end of the weekend. Avoidance of over complicating the functions of our Society is important as well but we should be open to experiment with new ways of operating. Lastly, those on the board serve the membership and need to have a keen ear toward the members. Losing that connection is always a danger for those in leadership of any group. One of my goals has been to communicate to the membership what the board is doing on their behalf. With the monthly communications, Facebook page, and Edge publications we have done that in my opinion. A few members are good in responses and constructive criticism but the WWII HRS Board will always welcome more communication from the membership. In any case, I would like to be elected to the WWII Historical Reenactment Society Board of Directors President for the 2016-17 term.

Jonathan Stevens



Secretary - Doug Loge

(2/SS Panzer Pioneer Battalion 5 "Wiking")

My name is Doug Loge and I would like to announce my candidacy for the HRS Secretary position. I am the current HRS elected Secretary. Previous to this position, I was the HRS Axis Representative for 2 years. I have also been an active member of the HRS S&A Committee for the past 6 years, and an active HRS member for the past 11 years. Some of my other qualifications for the HRS Secretary position include; a B.A. in communication, Illinois State Teacher Certification in History, and 10+ years in the customer service industry.

As the HRS Secretary, I have -

- Attended the vast majority of monthly HRS meetings.
- Spearheaded the effort to lower the dues for the majority of HRS members. It was good to see that 70+ percent of HRS members took advantage of \$10 dues.
- Created and administered the HRS' online membership website. Right now 98% of HRS members sign up for their membership this way.
- Answered all membership inquiries in a timely manner.

If reelected as HRS Secretary, I will -

- Continue to attend BOD meetings and accurately transcribe the meeting minutes.
- Further develop and administer the online membership website.
- Ensure all HRS paperwork from the membership and public is processed in a timely manner, and stored correctly.

-Initiate another proposal to continue to discounts future HRS member dues. The HRS has clearly overcharged its membership in the past.

-Help keep the HRS events safe, authentic, and fun.

Thank you for your consideration.

Doug Loge



Axis Representative - Dave Fornell

(353rd Infanterie Division)

I have interest in helping the HRS as Axis Rep. I have more than 25 years experience as a member of the HRS. I have been a German re-enactor with multiple impressions including Allied secondary impressions. I have served as a German unit as commander of the 353rd Infanterie. I am a former HRS president and vice-president and former Edge editor. I also have served as an organizer or co-organizer of numerous re-enacting event events, including Rockford WWII and WWI days.

Dave Fornell



Commonwealth Representative - Brian Jones
(41st Royal Marines Commando)

Hi, my name is Brian Jones.

I have been a member of the HRS since 1995. I started out as a GI in the 84th Division, but as I am British born and raised, it only made sense to start my own British unit. (41 Royal Marines Commando). I started this unit after being in the HRS for a few years.

As the Commonwealth Rep, I consider it my duty to address any concerns, but to also encourage and improve the standards within the ranks.

To put your mind at ease, I have held the position of the Rep for two terms in the past.

Let's show them how it's done, chaps!

Brian Jones

From HRS Treasurer

Wayne McCulley

9th Infantry Division

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TREASURER'S REPORT

WORLD War II HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY
SEPTEMBER 2015

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF AUGUST 31, 2015

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$10,578.58
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$53,379.70
Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$302.20
Account Totals	\$64,260.48

INCOME FOR AUGUST 2015

August Membership Income	\$290.00
Interest from Money Market Account	\$5.44
Total Income	\$295.44

EXPENDITURES FOR AUGUST 2015

Email Marketing Service	\$12.80
Reimbursement of Double Paid Eventbrite Memberships	\$30.00
Total Expenditures	\$42.80

Year To Date Membership Income	"\$11,705.00"
Year To Date Interest Income	\$26.24
Year To Date Miscellaneous Income	\$300.00
Year To Date Total Income	"\$12,031.24"
Year To Date Expenditures	"\$7,675.98"
Year To Date Income Less Expenditures	"\$4,355.26"

Respectfully submitted
Wayne McCulley, HRS Treasurer



HRS Scholarship

It is with much pleasure that I announce the winner of this year's World War 2 Historical Reenactment Society Scholarship recipient, Hannah Hoffman. Miss Hoffman is a studying Social Work at Central Michigan University and is active in her Sorority, Alpha Chi. I've known Hannah for many years and it's been a pleasure to see her grow as a person and as an advocate of Living History. Please join me in congratulating Miss Hoffman for winning this year's WW2 HRS Academic Scholarship.

Chuck Bolanis
WW2 HRS Vice President



For the past six years I have been dedicated to reenacting in the HRS. My impressions span from Women Army Corps, Navy Nurse, German Red Cross, American Civilian, French Resistance, German refugee and USO Camp Shows. I am officially a member of the 2629th WAC Battalion and the USO Camp Shows unit. I have been an active participant in over eight events per year hosted by the HRS. During my time as a reenactor I have helped present static displays, aided the process of S&A for civilians, and have continuously taken new reenactors under my guidance. I have also volunteered my time and efforts towards helping with registration at the majority of events. I plan on the continuation of my roles in the reenacting community by refining my impressions to the most accurate portrayal possible.

In the future I hope to establish my own unit within the HRS that unifies all of the US civilians that do not have a permanent unit. By creating this unit, I will be able to reach out to the rest of the women and perfect the civilian impression overall at events. My interests in WWII are vast and spanning to the point where I will persist in the exploration of even more impressions as well. My love of history and veterans has inspired me to become a military social worker.

Right now, I am attending Central Michigan University to pursue a major in Social Work with a minor in substance abuse and gerontology. From there I will further my education at Western Michigan University to receive my masters in Social Work with a concentration in working with veterans. I am currently a junior in college with a GPA of 3.71. Presently, I am on the Dean's List and also have academic honors. I have been actively involved with working with veterans through over one hundred hours of volunteer work at our local homeless shelter and nursing homes that are prevalent in servicing veterans. It is my passion to help active military, veterans, and their families find the right services and comfort they deserve.

The whole reason we reenact is to honor our veterans and educate the public. I believe with my career and education focused on this same principle that it is a relevant request for the scholarship. I would be fundamentally honoring our veterans by providing the most extensive care possible for them that is only possible through comprehensive college courses.

With the five-hundred dollars, I would put the money towards my tuition rates. It would be a social investment on your part to help fund my college education because I am dedicating my life to helping veterans. The Historical Reenacting Society has also dedicated its time and efforts to supporting veterans as well, so I believe it would be a perfect fit. Thank you so much for your consideration in regards to this scholarship.



Hannah Hoffman
June 21, 2015



EVENTS

October	October
15-18 Oct 	WELCOME HOME, STARS AND STRIPES PRESENTS: REFLECTIONS OF HISTORY, 1860-PRESENT 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: papajoadfssf@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
16-17 Oct 	2015 LIVING HISTORY 10 MILE PACK MARCH Event Times: 1700 Hrs, October 16 – 1700 Hrs, October 17, 2015 Registration Times: Friday, October 16, 1700-2200 hrs; Saturday, October 17, 0600-0830 Pre-Registration: Very Strongly preferred. To Register go to the following: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2015-10-mile-full-pack-march-tickets-17758425930 Fee: \$6.00 to march; additional \$11.00 for overnight camping onsite (subject to availability, first 80 registered participants) Contact: 401gliderhq@comcast.net Website: https://www.facebook.com/events/691362194329416 Map: Click Here Authenticity: WWII HRS rules apply as appropriate. Prohibited Vehicles: N/A Restrictions on minors: Per HRS rules Motels: In neighboring Plymouth, WI Sponsor of event: C/401GIR (WWII HRS)
16-18 Oct 	FRANKLIN PARK WWII DAYS Loc: 9451 Belmont Ave Franklin Park, IL 60131 Dates: Oct 16,17,18 Event Times: 9am – 5pm Sat ; 9am to 3pm Sun Registration Times: Oct 10, 7pm-9pm; Oct 11 7am to 9am Pre-Registration: https://franklin-park-military-days-2015-registration.eventbrite.com Fee: No fee for reenactors; donation for vendors Contact: Jon Stevens , Ron Ruhl Website: http://franklin-park-military-days.weebly.com Authenticity Notes: Fall 1944 theme Prohibited Vehicles/Items: Weapons only in designated reenactor area Restrictions on Minors: No under 18 with weapons Sponsoring Unit(s): 9th Inf Div



16-18		WESTWALL DEFENSE OF AACHEN 2015 TACTICAL	
Oct			
		<p>Loc: Ft. Custer Training Center, Augusta, MI Dates: 16 Oct – 18 Oct Registration Times: 16 Oct, 1300 registration opens; closes 17 Oct 0845 Pre-Registration: http://www.westwall2015.eventbrite.com Fee: \$20; \$28.50 with dinner Contact: Otto709thInf28@yahoo.com Authenticity Notes: late 1944-45 German, American, British impressions Prohibited Vehicles/Items: Vehicles must stay on roads Restrictions on Minors: No participants under age 16 Other restrictions: All blanks must be packed in plastic bags; Must attend RETO seminar on site Sponsoring Unit(s): 2/SS Pz. Pi. Btl. 5, Wiking</p>	
November		November	
13-15		WADE HOUSE FALL TACTICAL	
Nov			
		<p>Event Times: 1500 Hrs, November 13 – 1200 Hrs, November 15, 2015 Registration Times: Friday, November 13, 1500-2300 hrs; Saturday, November 14, 0600-0800 Pre-Registration: Strongly preferred. To Register go to the following: http://www.eventbrite.com/e/wade-house-fall-tactical-2014-tickets-12160086145 Fee: \$12.00 for the event; additional \$10.50 for a barracks spot (subject to availability, first come first served) Contact: 401gliderhq@comcast.net Website: https://www.facebook.com/events/1834279016796673 Map: Click Here Authenticity: WWII HRS rules apply. Setting is Fall, 1944 ETO. Prohibited Vehicles: Wheeled vehicles allowed. Contact us regarding tracked vehicles. Restrictions on minors: Per HRS rules Motels: In neighboring Plymouth, WI Sponsor of event: C/401GIR (WWII HRS)</p>	



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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

<p>2015 Minutes</p> <p>January February March April May June July August September October November December</p>	<p>2014 Minutes</p> <p>January February March April May June July August September October November December</p>
<p>2013 Minutes</p> <p>January February (canceled) March April May June July August September (canceled) October November December</p>	<p>2012 Minutes</p> <p>January February March April May June July August September (canceled) October November December (<u>No quorum</u>)</p>
<p>2011 Minutes</p> <p>January February March April May June July August September October November December</p>	<p>2010 Minutes</p> <p>January February March April May June July August September October November December</p>



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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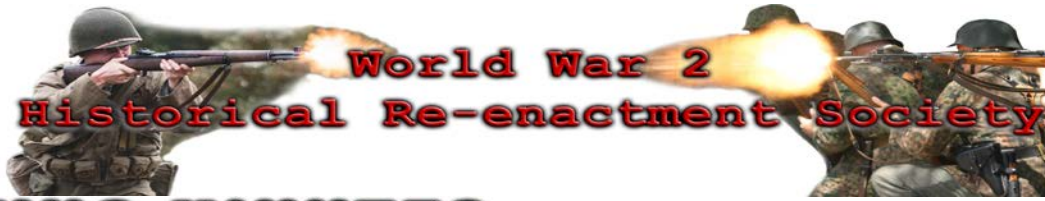
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MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the WWII Historical Reenactment Society

Board Meeting

18 August, 2015

Meeting Start 7:32 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 Kapustka	YES
Axis Representative	Tyler Stevens	YES
Commonwealth Rep.	Bryce Seyko	NO
Edge Editor	Jeff Skender	NO
Business Manager	David Jameson	NO

HRS Members Present

George Reinke, Joe Kleffman, Sue Miller, Joe Karr

Approval of Agenda

August Agenda - Approved by BOD vote

Reading of the Minutes

July Minutes - Read by DL

July Minutes - Approved by BOD vote

Officer Reports:

Vice President -

CB will reach out to the PA. Civilian Reenactors unit concerning full charter membership.

Nothing new on sidearms.

No new charter business.

Treasurer – Financial Report

TREASURER'S REPORT

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PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$53,374.26
Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$302.20
Account Totals	\$64,187.84

INCOME FOR JULY 2015

June Membership Income	\$505.00
Interest from Money Market Account	\$5.43
Total Income	\$510.43

EXPENDITURES FOR JULY 2015

Email Marketing Service	\$12.80
Reimbursement of Double Paid Eventbrite Memberships	\$25.00
Total Expenditures	\$37.80
Year To Date Membership Income	\$11,415.00
Year To Date Interest Income	\$20.80
Year To Date Miscellaneous Income	\$300.00
Year To Date Total Income	\$11,735.80
Year To Date Expenditures	\$7,633.18
Income Less Expenditures	\$4,102.62

Secretary –

New Events – DL said working on 2 new events from the GIR 401st

Approved BOD events - Ashtabula OH., Rockford, IL.

Vincennes event will supply their own insurance.

HRS Membership - 1038 paid members so far this year. 23 members this month. 2 traditional membership cards mailed out earlier this month. 25 mailed so far this year.

Commonwealth Rep - Not in attendance.

Allied Rep – RK said nothing new.

Axis Rep –

TS said looking at units under 5 members

250 Inf. Division

No info on Change of Commander form for 709th Inf.

Staff Reports

Press Corps – Not in attendance.

Business Manager – Not in attendance.

Event Development Group – Not in attendance.

Committee Reports:

S&A – CB said no new info.

Unit Commanders Group – CB said no new info.

Vehicle Committee – Jim Schouten still working on Kublewagen regulations.

Civilian Committee – Not in attendance.

Old Business:

Event Support Payouts– Farmington, MN – WM said will follow up with them.

Electronic Waivers Review – Tabled

Proposal for Elimination of Paper Applications – JS suggested that the proposal be tabled for 1 month. DL mentioned that 98% of membership already use Eventbrite. DL motioned for a BOD vote, it was not seconded.

Proposal for HRS Background Checks – JS said that costs around \$50 per member. He will look into this further.

Proposal for Ad Hoc Special Committee Safety Inspection Review – Approved by BOD vote. CB will be the BOD representative for group.

New Business:

Rockford Support – HRS support of a meal and/or “best of” was discussed. JS will reach out to Rockford organizers for info. It was agreed that the maximum cost to the HRS would be \$2000.00 whatever was decided.

Banners – Proposal by JES for \$500 for HRS banners printing, mailing.

Approved by BOD vote.

Open Comments - None

Announcements: Next meeting September 15th or 17th. TBD.

Adjourn: 8:29 pm



Heinz Thiel
 WW2 HRS Press Corps
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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.

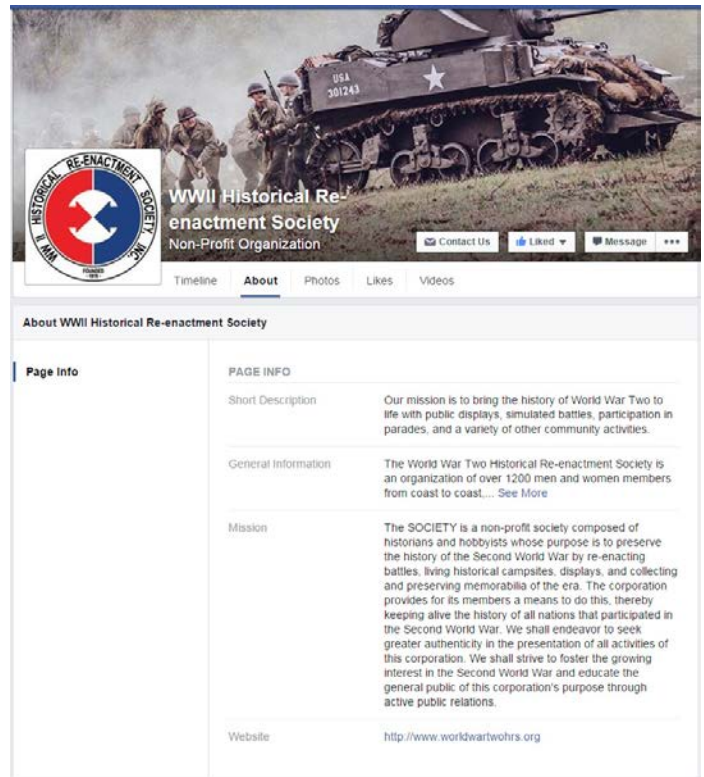
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YOUTUBE

My videos are posted on my "Heinz Thiel" Channel
 If you search (Google) Heinz Thiel you should find them.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxFcEYP2-vd2TfMS2b3noDQ>

Most WW2 HRS Units and Events now have a Facebook Page.
 Links to Events and Units Facebook pages can be found on the WW2HRS Facebook page.



<https://www.facebook.com/WWIIHRS>



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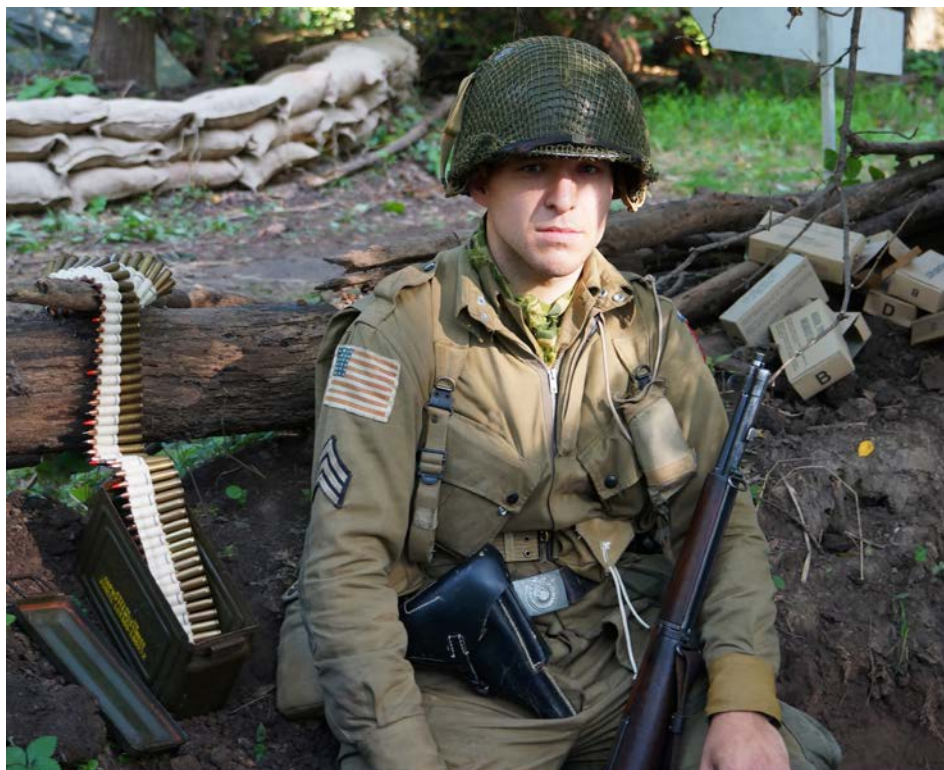





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