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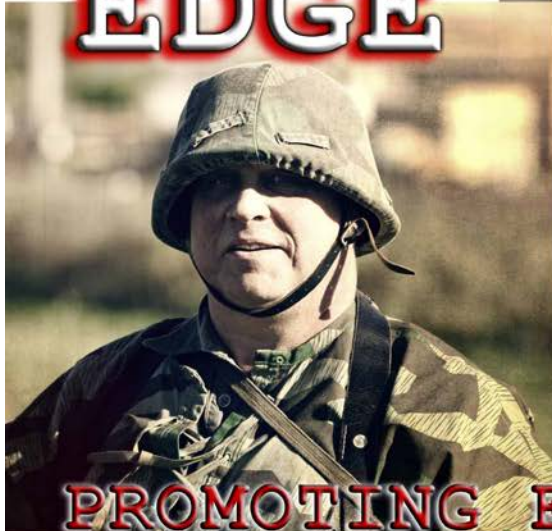


WORLD WAR 2
Historical Re-enactment Society

Franklin Park, Illinois – October 2015



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Big Fun at a Small Yearend Event



The WW2 HRS WEB Master hard at work



**Dave Fornell with daughter in uniforms as spectators
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Not sure, but it looks like Jon is lecturing this tank gun about proper eudicot

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Photos By Piotr Krawerenda - WW2 HRS Press Corps



**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
OCTOBER 2015

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2015
PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account \$11,796.00
PNC Bank Money Market Account \$53,384.97
Wells Fargo Bank Account \$302.20
Account Totals \$65,483.17

INCOME FOR SEPTEMBER 2015
September Membership Income \$2,065.22
Interest from Money Market Account \$5.27
Total Income \$2,070.49

EXPENDITURES FOR SEPTEMBER 2015
Email Marketing Service \$12.80
Reimbursement of Double Paid Eventbrite Memberships \$15.00
Event Support for Midway Village WW2 Days \$1,000.00
(Gas Card prizes for Vehicle Inspection Raffle)
Total Expenditures \$1,027.80

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Year To Date Interest Income \$31.51
Year To Date Miscellaneous Income \$300.00
Year To Date Total Income \$14,101.73
Year To Date Expenditures \$8,703.78
Year To Date Income Less Expenditures \$5,397.95

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

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF OCTOBER 31ST 2015
PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account \$10,579.95
PNC Bank Money Market Account \$53,390.97
Wells Fargo Bank Account \$302.20
Account Totals \$64,273.12

INCOME FOR OCTOBER 2015
October Membership Income \$60.00
Interest from Money Market Account \$5.26
"Reimbursement From Rockford Midway Village for Meals, and Vehicle Raffle" \$500.00
Total Income \$565.26

EXPENDITURES FOR OCTOBER 2015
Email Marketing Service \$12.80
Postage \$13.25
Event Support for Midway Village WW2 Days \$200.00
(Gas Card prizes for Vehicle Inspection Raffle)
Event support for Midway Village WW2 Days HRS Breakfast \$900.00
Event Support for Dakota City, Farmington MN WW2 Days \$150.00
Scholarship Payment to Western Michigan University \$500.00
Total Expenditures \$1,776.05

Year To Date Membership Income \$13,830.22
Year To Date Interest Income \$36.77
Year To Date Miscellaneous Income \$800.00
Year To Date Total Income \$14,666.99
Year To Date Expenditures \$10,479.83
Year To Date Income Less Expenditures \$4,187.16

Respectfully submitted
Wayne McCulley, HRS Treasurer



Honor Flight October 2015

By Corey Vaughn

I just did another Honor Flight, so thought I'd write a quick article for the EDGE:

October 31st was the 15th successful Indianapolis Honor Flight. Even with it being Halloween, there was a TREMENDOUS amount of people there for the homecoming. The program has gotten so large that two planes are now needed to hold the Veterans and the Guardians each trip, with 178 veterans on the flight this time.



Photographer, Mark L. Kidd

From a reenactor's standpoint, we all get burned out from time to time on events and doing the same things and putting in hard work. I think we often focus so much on what we have to do for an event, that we lose sight of the bigger picture. I will be the first one to admit that I've had the same problem. Making sure you've got the correct gear and equipment, making sure your firearm is ready and functioning, getting camp set up, socializing with friends, eating, shopping, worrying about battles and formations and other small events during the weekend takes a lot of your focus and energy, and your focus is on so many different things. You're split so much, that you can lose sight of the larger picture, of WHY you're at the event and what your larger job is.



Your job of teaching others, and remembering those who were in your clothes 70+ years ago.



Photographer, Mark L. Kidd

With Honor Flights, 100% of that focus is on the Veterans. You know why you're there; you're there for them. Not every Veteran got that ticker-tape parade, or was welcomed at the docks with big banners and cheering mobs of people or with bands playing patriotic music. They came back to a different United States and assimilated back into civilian life. They never got the "Thank You" that they deserved, and there is no way that we can give them that humungous of a "Thank You." But, Honor Flights are at least a good starting point.



Photographer, Mark L. Kidd

I've recently been able to start reading "The Day of Battle" by Rick Atkinson, and there was a quote that just kind of stopped me for a second. "A later age would conflate them (Veterans) into a single, featureless demigod, possessed of mythical courage and fortitude, and animated by a determination to rebalance a wobbling world" (page 37). I think we do this a lot today, and it's not necessarily a bad thing. It shows a lot of respect for those who have fought. But, so many people were involved in the War that it's impossible to think about each individual. We can lose a lot of the personal attributes of these men and women, personal attributes that I think can make them even more meaningful to us.

It's kind of the opposite for events, where we worry so much about the details that we lose sight of the bigger picture. With thinking about Veterans, we worry so much about the bigger picture that we lose sight of the details, details that humanize them and make these people so, so, so much more meaningful. With the Honor Flight program, though, we can get back to basics; of thanking each and every Veteran that we can, and give them their own personal Homecoming that each one of them deserves. You can stop and realize that you're not at a Homecoming or on a Flight for yourself; that you're there for them. And the more people who are appreciative of others, the better.



Photographer, Mark L. Kidd

I can write to y'all all day about the Honor Flight program, but the simple fact is this: there's no describing the feeling when a Veteran turns to you with tears in their eyes and returns your salute. And, there is nowhere else where you can get that focused on Veterans who were everything from cooks, to B17 crewmen/POWs, to USS Indianapolis survivors, to Iwo Jima troops, to personnel clerks.



This was a Vet who passed before he could go on the trip:



Photographer, Mark L. Kidd

Honor Flights are magical things that you have to experience for yourself. If you need help finding your local chapter, give either myself or Ally Van Tilburg a holler; we're more than happy to help anyone get involved in this great and noble undertaking.



And then, well, Reenactors being Reenactors.....
Giving out candy to the Veterans for Halloween.



Honor Flight October 2015

By Corey Vaughn



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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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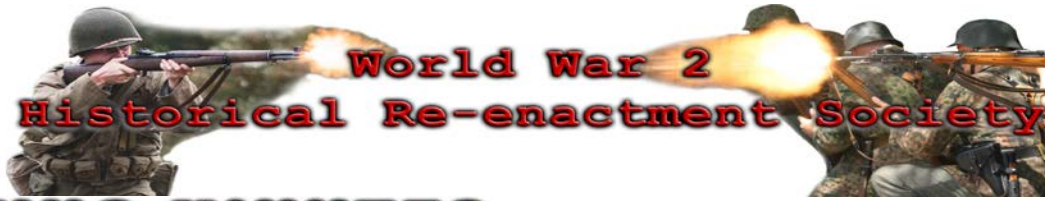
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MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the WWII Historical Reenactment Society

Board Meeting

15 September, 2015

Meeting Start 7:30 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	YES
Edge Editor	Jeff Skender	NO
Business Manager	David Jameson	NO

HRS Members Present

George Reinke, Mike Blazejack, George Reinke, Jim Schouten, Brian Jones

Approval of Agenda

September Agenda - Approved by BOD vote with Electronic Waivers Review in Old Business added back into agenda.

Reading of the Minutes

August Minutes - Read by DL

August Minutes - Approved by BOD vote

Officer Reports:

Vice President -

PA WWII Civilians unit report sent to S&A Committee for vote, tabled till next month.

1st Infantry Division, Intelligence Section, HQ, 16th Inf. Regt. - motion to disband by BOD per Unit Commander request. Approved by BOD vote
2nd Armored Division 41st Inf & Jr. Red Cross probationary units are up for full charter review next month.

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

WM said Farmington bill received - approved to pay by BOD vote.

Secretary -

Current membership total - 1104

Mailed membership cards sent this month - 0

No new events.

Commonwealth Rep -

The Hampshire Regt is looking to change part of charter. CB said items like internal changes didn't need to be approved by S&A

Allied Rep -

The following units don't have 5 members - 1st Marine Division, 3rd Infantry Division, B/1-15/3ID., 32nd Infantry Division, 101st AB 506th PIR.

Axis Rep -

4th SS Polizei & 250 Inf. Have no members.

Will get Change of Command Form from 709th at Rockford event.

Staff Reports

Press Corps - Not in attendance.

Business Manager - Not in attendance.

Event Development Group - Not in attendance.

Committee Reports:

S&A - PA. Civilians charter recently put to vote.

Unit Commanders - Mike Blazejack requested to dissolve his 1st Polish Parachute Brigade unit at the end of 2015.

Vehicle Committee - Jim Schouten said he will purchase new magnets for vehicle inspections at Rockford. Kubel regulations put on hold

Civilian Committee - Not in attendance.

Special Committee Safety Inspection Review - Mike Blazejack said he received 4 member applications for committee.

Old Business:

Event Support Payouts- Farmington, MN. WM said just received the receipt, and will pay it.

Rockford Support - Vehicle support - 20 gift cards at \$50 each total \$1000.00 random drawing approved by BOD vote. Food by Dave Fornell Max \$1000.00 approved by BOD vote.

Election Extension - CB said election intentions extended until 10/1/15. JS & DL have put in their intentions so far. The HRS President, Secretary,

Commonwealth Rep & Axis Rep are the positions opening on the BOD.

Banners - \$500 budget for banner printing, mailing etc.. CB said cost is \$100.00 per banner not including shipping. BOD approved extra funds for shipping costs.

Proposal for Elimination of Paper Applications - WM called for motion to eliminate paper apps. Approved by BOD vote.

Electronic Waivers Review - Approved by BOD vote as an option

New Business:

Germany - Request for assistance - JS received a request for recognition from German Group. CB said that the HRS could possibly note them on a friend status. CB sd will explore other options.

Open Comments:

Jim schouten brought up reenactors riding on vehicles. HRS Insurance was discussed along with various hypothetical situations.

Announcements: next meeting Oct 20

Adjourn: 9:00 pm



**Minutes of the WWII Historical Reenactment Society
Board Meeting
27 October, 2015
Meeting Start 7:30 pm**

Welcome and Roll Call:

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

HRS Members Present

Jim Schouten, Rick Schell, Rachael Brown, Chris Adams, Dave Goodwin, Kirk Gustafson, Carlos Ramirez

Reading of the Minutes

Reading of September minutes was tabled.

Officer Reports:

Vice President -

Pennsylvania WWII Civilians report has passed S&A.

Rachael Brown was present and answered questions regarding her group. Jon requested information about groups' activities which included 6 USO shows, classes for female civilian re-enactors, and US Homefront displays.

Motion to vote was proposed by Jon and seconded by Ron. Penn. Civilians were approved for full charter status by BOD vote.

The following units are up for full charter review. Infantry Regiment 19 41st Armored Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Division, Junior Red Cross Review of these units was tabled until we receive unit reports and review by S&A

TREASURER'S REPORT - OCTOBER 2015

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Secretary – Not in Attendance

Commonwealth Rep – Nothing to report.

Allied Rep – Nothing to report.

Axis Rep - Not in Attendance

Staff Reports

Press Corps – Not in attendance.

Business Manager - Not in attendance.

Event Development Group - Not in attendance.

Committee Reports:

S&A – Nothing to Report.

Vehicle Committee – Jim Schouten reported on vehicle inspections at Rockford. 37 vehicles were inspected with 3 inspectors. Jim reported inspections were difficult due to lack of inspectors. He was seeking idea regarding recruiting more inspectors for next year's events. He is also working on creating inspector kits.

Civilian Committee – Not in attendance.

Special Committee Safety Inspection Review – Mike Blazejack contacted Jon reporting that report will be ready for November BOD meeting.

Old Business:

Wayne reported that we have received invoice for Banners and Business cards in the amount of \$750. BOD approved payment of invoice.

New Business:

Jon outlined 2016 budget. Proposed dues will be \$15 per person with a \$5 discount through the first quarter of the year. Budget was tabled until November meeting.

Open Comments:

Dave Goodwin- 38 Jager reported planning is in progress for 2016 Weldonkrieg scheduled for March 18-20, 2016. He reported 2014 attendance was 200 reenactors. 2015 attendance was 250 reenactors and 25-27 vehicles. He is optimistic this event will continue to grow in size.

Carlos Ramirez reported that 5th SS Wiking is involved in the production of a new World War 2 film. He also commented on vehicle inspection procedures of HRS units in Colorado. He reported they have a Group Vehicle inspection committee that conducts their vehicle inspections. This committee includes a trained mechanic.

Announcements: next meeting Nov. 17th at 7:30 PM CST.

Motion was made to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:27PM CDT

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Heinz Thiel
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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.

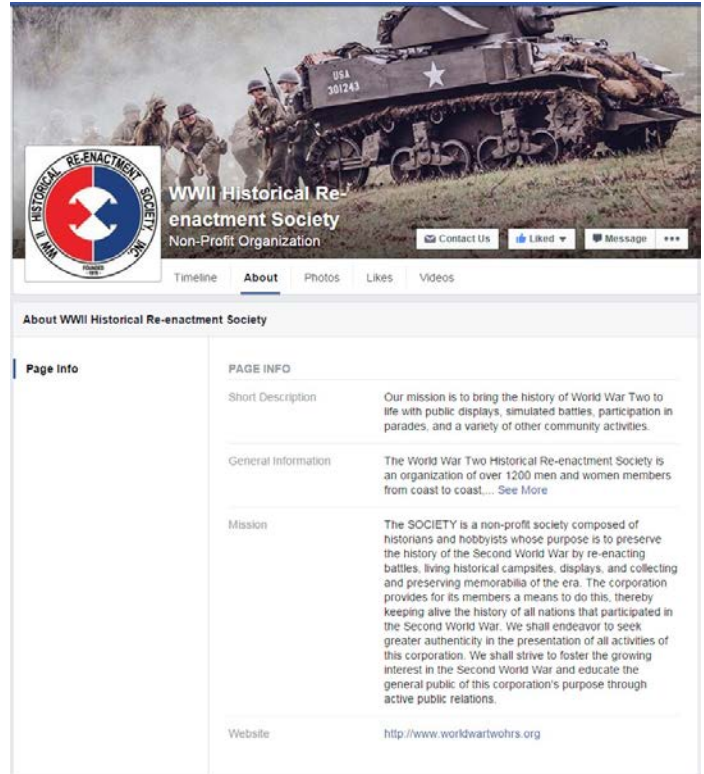
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YOUTUBE

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>



WW II weekend at Waxahachie, [walk-sa-hat-chie] Texas

By Harry Lawrence



Waxahachie, Texas, is a city approximately 30 miles south of Dallas. For the past twelve years, around Veteran's Day, a section of the town turns into a city somewhere in Europe 1944- 45.



In that "European town" and a few blocks away from the historic 1890 era red brick courthouse, is a train Depot that was occupied by German troops. As the Allies push east toward Germany they need to capture and clear the Germans out, as it is an important point along the rail system.



On Saturday, 14 Nov., Able Company, 1st Bn., 502PIR, 101st Div. [HRS member in Texas] along with help from other 101st units, some British Airborne, French Resistance and various other units engaged the Germans in battle and captured the strategic point.



Generals Eisenhower and Patton even arrived on the scene to congratulate the troops. Of course, over the course of the weekend, there was also time for Allied and Axis alike to share several rounds of spirits at a local pub in the city.



November 2015 Waxahachie, Texas WW2 Event



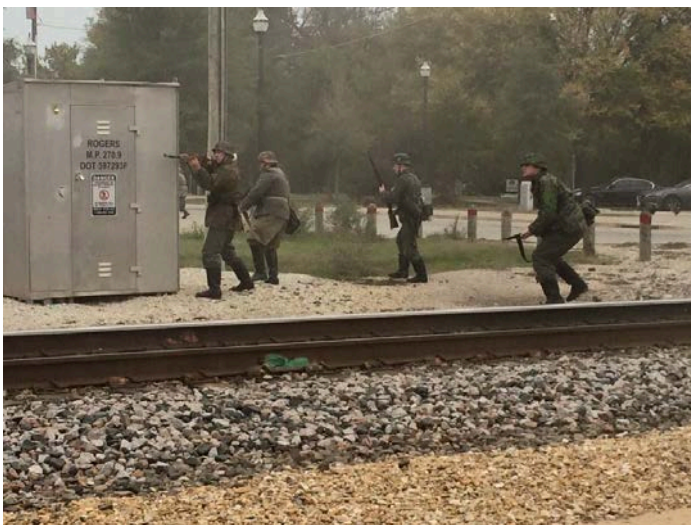
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Franklin Park, Illinois Photo By Heinz Thiel - WW2 HRS Press Corps

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To: _____

