



Dixon, Illinois, June 2015 (Top) and Roberts Armory, May 2015 (Bottom)



Rockford, Illinois – September 2015



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It is raining on these Guys and they are all Smiles.

Roberts Armory, May 2015



WWII Historical Reenactment Society December 2015 Election Results

General Information

Total Eligible Voters: 946

Total Voted: 122

Participation Rate: 13%

Voting Means: Ballotbin.com

Dates of Vote: 18-31 December 2015

Board of Directors Election Results

WWII HRS President - Jonathan E. Stevens

(9th Infantry Division)

Jonathan Stevens
Chuck Bolanis (write-in)
Alan Jones (write-in)
Not Jonathan Stevens (write-in)
TIMOTHY CLAUSS (write-in)

Count	Percent	Rank
113	96	1
1	0	2
1	0	2
1	0	2
1	0	2



WWII HRS Secretary - Doug Loge

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

Doug Loge
Anyone Else (write-in)
John Doe (write-in)
Craig Devorak (write-in)
Not Doug Loge (write-in)
Robert Kovacs (write-in)
Dolf Schimdt (write-in)
Leave vacant anybody but the guy running
Someone Else (write-in)
Rick Pennigton (write-in)

Count	Percent	Rank
100	90	1
2	1	2
2	1	2
1	0	3
1	0	3
1	0	3
1	0	3
1	0	3
1	0	3
1	0	3





WWII HRS Axis Representative - Dave Fornell (353rd Infantry Division)

Dave Fornell
Not Dave Fornell (Write-in)
Rich Russo (Write-in)
Anyone else (Write-in)
Kevin Hennessey (Write-in)

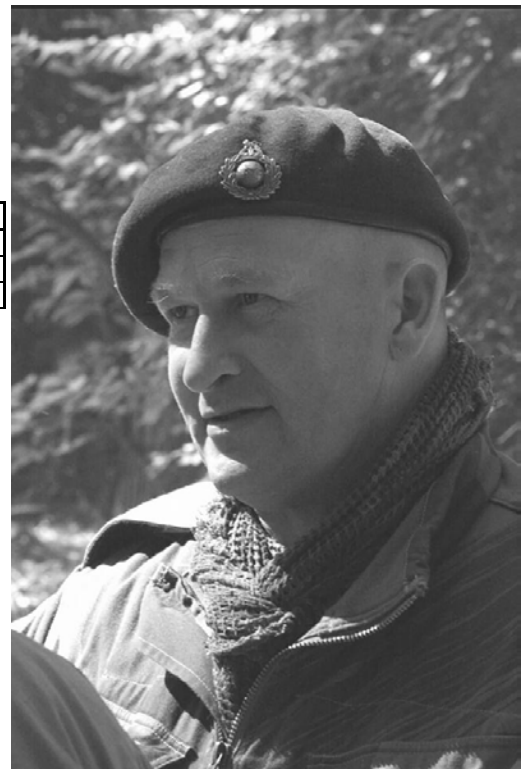
Count	Percent	Rank
112	95	1
2	1	2
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1	0	3



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

Brian Jones
Hainey (Write in)
Anyone else (Write in)

Count	Percent	Rank
112	98	1
1	0	2
1	0	2





WWII HRS Bylaw Amendments Dec.2015

Bylaw Amendment #1	Count	Percent	Rank
Yes	106	92	1
No	8	7	2
Bylaw Amendment # 2	Count	Percent	Rank
Yes	104	91	1
No	10	8	2
Bylaw Amendment # 3	Count	Percent	Rank
Yes	101	89	1
No	12	10	2
Bylaw Amendment # 4	Count	Percent	Rank
Yes	102	91	1
No	10	8	2
Bylaw Amendment # 5	Count	Percent	Rank
Yes	102	89	1
No	12	10	2
Bylaw Amendment # 6	Count	Percent	Rank
Yes	107	93	1
No	7	6	2
Bylaw Amendment # 7	Count	Percent	Rank
Yes	104	92	1
No	8	7	2
Bylaw Amendment # 8	Count	Percent	Rank
Yes	106	93	1
No	7	6	2
Bylaw Amendment # 9	Count	Percent	Rank
Yes	101	90	1
No	11	9	2
Bylaw Amendment # 10	Count	Percent	Rank
Yes	103	90	1
No	11	9	2
Bylaw Amendment # 11	Count	Percent	Rank
Yes	100	87	1
No	14	12	2
Bylaw Amendment # 12	Count	Percent	Rank
Yes	93	82	1
No	20	17	2

WWII HRS Bylaw Changes

The original wording is followed by the new wording with a purpose listed for each change.

Bylaw Vote #1

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP Section 2. TYPES OF MEMBERSHIPS

C. AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER is any person or business that wishes to receive the SOCIETY official publications or buy advertising in its publication(s), but cannot take part in any event private or public. An associate member can vote and must have all dues/fees paid as prescribed in Society by-laws.

Proposed New Wording

C. AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER is any person or business that wishes to receive the SOCIETY official publications or buy and be eligible to advertise in its publication(s), but cannot take part in any event private or public. An associate member can vote and must have all dues/fees paid as prescribed in Society by-laws.

Purpose: to clarify associate membership; remove reference to buy/selling.

Bylaw Vote #2

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP Section 3. ANNUAL DUES

The membership shall determine by vote all dues and fees to be accessed. All renewals must be paid by January 1st of each year. This will insure delivery of the official publication(s) are uninterrupted. Elected officers must have their dues paid in order to hold office. An elected officer who does not have his/her dues paid on time shall lose their office and membership and the office shall be declared vacant.

Proposed New Wording

The membership shall determine by vote all dues and fees to be assessed accessed. All renewals must be paid by January 1st April 1 of each year to ensure unit standing. This will insure delivery of the official publication(s) are uninterrupted. Elected officers must have their dues paid in order to hold office. An elected officer who does not have his/her dues paid on time shall lose their office and membership and the office shall be declared vacant.

Purpose: Change renewal deadline from Jan 1 to April 1; remove unneeded clause since to be a board member you have to be a member which means your dues must be paid to be in office.

Bylaw Vote #3

Section 1. UNITS FORMING ARTICLE IV UNIT RECOGNITION

A unit forming shall have no less than five (5) individuals of REGULAR or FAMILY membership. Each unit forming shall have two (2) years from its date of acceptance to apply for a charter and gain status as a recognized chartered unit. A Unit Forming that has not applied for a charter by it's second year anniversary may apply for a one year extension to the Board of Directors or disband. Said unit may join with another chartered unit or a Unit Forming, but cannot simply change it's name to stay in existence. Any unit which has received a charter, which falls below the five (5) member requirement for more than two (2) continuance years, must also disband and cannot revert to unit forming status or reapply under a new name.

Section 1. UNIT FORMATION

Any new unit applying for a SOCIETY unit charter, must submit a unit application; then be considered by the Safety and Authenticity Committee; and if approved will be granted a probationary charter A unit forming shall have no less than five (5) individuals of REGULAR or FAMILY membership. A unit may have at least one (1) year and no more than up to two (2) years from its date of acceptance approved probationary charter to apply for a full charter and gain status as a recognized chartered unit. A Unit Forming that has not applied for a charter by it's second year anniversary may apply for a one year extension to the Board of Directors or A probationary unit that is not able to gain status as a fully chartered unit shall disband. Said unit may join with another chartered unit or a Unit Forming, but cannot simply change it's name to stay in existence. Any unit which has received a charter, which falls below the five (5) member requirement for more than two (2) continuance years, must also disband and cannot revert to unit forming status or reapply under a new name.

Purpose: Removes unit forming status and changes to probationary charter, removes outdated clauses.



Bylaw Vote #4

Section 4. UNIT DISBANDMENT

Chartered units that have no members that belong to the Society and/or have had no active participation in any World War II Historical Re-Enactment Society, Inc. event for a period of two (2) years will be deemed to have disbanded and the unit charter shall be revoked.

Section 4. UNIT DISBANDMENT

Chartered units that have no members that belong to the Society and/or have had no active participation in any ~~World War II Historical Re-Enactment Society, Inc.~~ reenacting/living history event for a period of two (2) years will be deemed to have disbanded and the unit charter shall be revoked. **Chartered units, with the exception of non-combat, with more than one (1) member but less than five (5) members in the current calendar year, may revert to probationary status and must be notified of the change. At the end of the second probationary year, if the 5 member threshold is not reached by the unit, with the exception of a non-combat unit, it may be disbanded by vote of the Safety and Authenticity Committee and board of directors.**

Purpose: Consolidate unit disbandment so that it is not in two different places. Units with no activity for 2 years are to be disbanded. Units falling below 5 are placed into probationary unit status and removed after 2 years of that status. If there is some interest in a chartered unit with less than 5 members and several secondary members there is some flexibility to consider keeping a charter or disbanding. With no consideration of secondary members the "Other Nations" and PTO units may likely fold.

Bylaw Vote #5

ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 7. QUORUM FOR A BOARD MEETING

There must be three (3) Board members present to conduct any Board meeting and at least one of these must be an officer of the corporation, either President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer.

Proposed New Wording

~~There must be three (3) A simple majority of all Board members must be present to conduct any Board meeting including at least one officer and at least one of these must be an officer of the corporation, either President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer. In the event a quorum is not attained, or an officer of the corporation not present, a meeting may be called to order by any current Board member for informational purposes only with no possibility of any binding resolutions or expenditures of funds.~~

Purpose: change board meeting quorum and clarify informational meeting.

Bylaw Vote #6

ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 8. BOARD APPOINTED POSITIONS

The Board of Directors has the authority to appoint persons to the following positions: Registered Agent, Officer's Assistants, Editors of the Society's publications, and committees

Proposed New Wording

Section 8. BOARD APPOINTED POSITIONS

The Board of Directors has the authority to appoint persons to the following positions: Registered Agent, Officer's Assistants, ~~Editors of the Society's publications~~ media staff, and committees.

Purpose: update wording to agree with revised publications section.

Bylaw Vote #7

ARTICLE VII: FINANCES AND CONTRACTS

Section 4. COMPENSATION & REIMBURSEMENT

Members of the Board of Directors shall not receive any salaries for performing their duties. Members of the Board of Directors, The Registered Agent, and the Editors of the Society's publication(s) may, if the funds exist, apply for reimbursement, but must present to the Treasurer proof through receipts, of legitimate expenses. Refer to the duties of the President, Article VI, Section 3.

PROPOSED NEW WORDING

Section 4. COMPENSATION & REIMBURSEMENT

Members of the Board of Directors shall not receive any salaries for performing their duties. Members of the Board of Directors, The Registered Agent, and the ~~Editors~~ media staff of the Society's publication(s) may, if the funds exist, apply for reimbursement, but must present to the Treasurer proof through receipts, of legitimate expenses. Refer to the duties of the President, Article VI, Section 3.

Purpose: update wording to agree with revised publications section.

Bylaw Vote #8

ARTICLE X: ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Section 1. IMPRESSIONS

Any REGULAR or FAMILY member may do two (2) impressions; the first impression being his/her primary unit; the second impression being from any other nationality. A person doing a secondary impression must gain permission from, and be attached to, a chartered unit while he is in the field.

PROPOSED NEW WORDING

Section 1. IMPRESSIONS

Any REGULAR or FAMILY member ~~may do two (2) impressions~~ **have multiple impressions**; the first impression being his/her primary unit; the second impression being from any other nationality. ~~A person doing a secondary impression must gain permission from, and be attached to, a chartered unit while he is in the field the primary impression is of the chartered unit to which the member belongs. A member can have a secondary impression that is defined as an impression that is the primary impression of a different chartered unit. Any member wishing to wear a secondary impression must gain permission from, and be attached to, the unit chartered for that impression while at any SOCIETY event. Secondary impressions do not count for the chartered unit membership minimum levels. Any impression that is not a primary impression for a chartered unit is not considered a secondary impression. These impressions can be freely worn by members as appropriate at any HRS event, the hosting unit deciding on whether it is appropriate.~~

Purpose: to allow for a person to have a secondary impression to include a different theater of operations that may be the same nationality.



Bylaw Vote #9

ARTICLE X: ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Section 5. BYLAW AMENDMENT PROCESS Add:

6. Any member in good standing may propose a change or addition to the S&A rules following the bylaw amendment procedure.

Purpose: Give the membership a means to change the S&A rules if necessary.

Bylaw Vote #10

ARTICLE XII: OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS

Section 1. NUMBER & PUBLICATION DATES

- A. There shall be at least one (1) official Society publication.
B. This publication shall be published no less than once per quarter annually.
C. Future publications may, in addition to being printed on paper, may be distributed electronically if the membership so chooses and the technology is readily available.

Section 2. PURPOSE

- A. The purpose of the Society's publication(s) shall be to provide the membership a means of communication and to take care of such other official business as needed to keep the Society running smoothly. Official business shall include, but **NOT** be limited to, the printing of:
1. Reports to the membership on Board meetings and decisions.
 2. Ballots as needed.
 3. Listing of units and their commanders.
 4. Unit articles.
 5. Battle/event listings.
 6. Advertising.
 7. A timely source of information on events and/or Society activities.

Section 3. EDITORSHIP

- A. The editor(s) of the Society's publication(s) shall not be officers of the corporation or of the Society and shall not take sides on any political matters via the Society's publications.
- B. The editor of each publication shall endeavor to have the publications printed in the President's directives regarding public relations.
- C. The editors shall submit in writing to the Board of Directors an annual budget for the forthcoming fiscal year, during or before the annual meeting, and shall not proceed to print in the following year unless this budget has been approved by the Board. This budget shall include estimates for:
1. Printing charges.
 2. Labeling charges.
 3. Postage.
 4. Editor's expenses.
- D. The editors shall not allow anything to be printed involving the use of profanity or personal attacks.
- E. Any and all funds collected by the editors for advertising, half-toning of photos, or sales shall be turned over to the Treasurer quarterly.
- F. No copies of Society's publication(s) of a current yearly status may be given out free of charge.
- G. Member s of the Board of Directors may not interfere with the editor's duties as long as the above guidelines are followed.

PROPOSED NEW WORDING (entire section change listed without cross-outs for clarity):

Purpose: Bring the HRS publications into line with electronic media.

**ARTICLE XII:
OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA**

Section 1. SOCIETY MEDIA

- A. There shall be at least one (1) official SOCIETY periodical, one (1) website, and the SOCIETY may have (1) social media outlet per type.
- B. The SOCIETY periodical shall be published no less than once per quarter annually. All electronic media may be updated as needed for the good purposes of the SOCIETY.
- C. All SOCIETY Media (sites/publications) must use the approved SOCIETY Logo or Banner, must have the express permission of the SOCIETY media committee. Unauthorized use is prohibited.

Section 2. PURPOSE

- A. The purpose of the Society's media shall be to inform the membership on all SOCIETY activities, official business, and to promote the general welfare of the SOCIETY. Official business shall include, but NOT be limited to SOCIETY board members and staff contact information; financial reports; board meeting minutes; any elections or votes; unit listings; sanctioned SOCIETY events; living history related advertisements; and other SOCIETY activities.

Section 3. MEDIA STAFF

- A. The media staff must be current members who are not officers of the Society and may include but not be limited to Media Coordinator, periodical editor, webmaster, and social media coordinator.
- B. The media staff shall endeavor to include the President's directives regarding public relations.
- C. The media staff shall submit in writing to the Board of Directors an annual budget for the forthcoming fiscal year by November 1 of the current year and shall not proceed to publish in the following year unless this budget has been approved by the Board. This budget shall include estimates for any printed material, postage, or electronic media expenses.
- D. The media staff shall be impartial to SOCIETY issues and will not allow the publication of profanity, vulgarity, pornography, personal attacks, slander, and to the best of their knowledge any falsehood. The Board of Directors may not interfere with the media staff duties as long as these guidelines are followed.
- E. Any and all funds collected by the media staff for advertising shall be turned over to the Treasurer monthly.
- F. Any media staff may be removed from their position by a majority board of director's vote at any regular Board of Director's meeting.



Bylaw Vote #11

Note: this vote would remove the last two sections in the bylaws (XIII and XIV), replace them with the proposed "Article XIII, Operations Guidebook" and create the first part of the "WWII HRS Operations Guidebook."

The purpose of the Operations Guidebook would be to remove sections from the bylaws that are not necessarily required by law or required for a non-profit organization administration and place them in a separate document. The Bylaws would include the general structure for the management of the Society that would seldom change. The Operations Guidebook would include rules specific to the Society and more detailed explanations of the Bylaws. For example the bylaws would explain what a member of the Society is and the Guidelines would detail the type of membership, how a member joins a unit, how to change units, and so on. The "WWII HRS Etiquette" and "Housekeeping Regulations" are two sections of the bylaws to move to the Guidebook. There are other sections and clauses that would be better suited to the Operations Guidebook as well. These are specific rules that are not describing the structure of the Society but rather the operations of the Society. More can be added in the future as policies develop or change. The bylaws, with sections moved to the Operations Guidebook, would likely not be changed often and would eventually be more difficult to change than the Operations Guidebook. This document would be kept by the Secretary and posted on the Society website the same as the bylaws.

Existing wording to be removed:

ARTICLE XIII: WWII HRS ETIQUETTE

All members of the WWII HRS shall, in keeping with our goals and objectives, be governed by and subject to the following code of ethics:

1. The use of any item that does not belong to you without permission is prohibited. The theft of any item, no matter how small, is grounds for prosecution and dismissal from the Society.
2. While in a camp or barracks area, respect the right of privacy of other campers.
3. The use or possession of illegal drugs/narcotics is cause for immediate expulsion.
4. Failure to follow event posted or announced rules can and will lead to expulsion from the Society and from future Society events.
5. Keep safety and authenticity in mind at all times.
6. Do not use profanity, slander, libelous statements in correspondence to convey any threat, implied or real, to any member.
7. Members of the WWII HRS cannot use WWII HRS publications or events for any political purpose.
8. Proprietary Society membership information cannot be released without the Board of Directors as well and the individual member's approval.
9. It is the responsibility of all members and units present at any event to stand safety and authenticity inspections.
10. As a point of etiquette, keep late night activities reasonable.
11. Unit Commanders shall be responsible for the control and behavior of all minors in their unit.
12. Keep all campsites and barracks policed and secure.

13. Do not leave campfires unattended.

14. Do not argue over the calling of hits.

15. No flag other than the United States, and the British Commonwealth flags are ever to be saluted.
The Nazi or Fascist salute is never to be used. No goose step marching by Axis troops.

16. All non-political flags may be displayed, however only American and commonwealth flags may be flown from a pole or staff.

17. Black SS, Brown SA, and political uniforms and Hitler Youth uniforms and any WWII German uniform that uses a swastika arm band may not be used at any WWII HRS event.

18. When traveling to or from any event, do not display weapons or WWII German uniforms where they may be seen by the public.

ARTICLE XIV: HOUSEKEEPING REGULATIONS

In addition to the by-laws, the WWII HRS shall also be governed by such "Housekeeping Regulations" as the Board of Directors feel necessary to carry out WWII HRS objectives.

1. If a member wishes to change units, the member must notify the WWII HRS Secretary. This will not be done by the Unit Commander.

2. Membership dues for each fiscal year are as follows:

- A. Regular Membership - \$15.00 per individual via electronic application
- B. Regular Membership - \$20.00 per individual via electronic application
- C. Family Membership - \$10.00 per each additional family member [Jan 2014]

3. For a period of two (2) fiscal years, no elitist units will be allowed to form (1996-1998).

4. No joining or renewing at events. All of this must be done through the mail on the approved application.

5. No new member application or renewals will be processed within 21 days of the National Battle.

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

Proposed New Wording:

ARTICLE XIII: OPERATIONS GUIDEBOOK

Section 1: Description

The administration and management of the SOCIETY will conform to the guidelines, rules, and regulations set forth in the "Operations Guidebook" that do not violate or conflict with the SOCIETY bylaws or any other governmental law. An up to date document will be kept by the SOCIETY Secretary and posted on the SOCIETY website.

Section 2: Amendments

To enact a change to the Operations Guidebook the by-law amendment process must be followed with a simple majority of the membership vote necessary to enact amendments.



Proposed new document:

Section 1: Description

WWII HRS OPERATIONS GUIDEBOOK

ARTICLE I Introduction

The administration and management of the SOCIETY will conform to the guidelines, rules, and regulations set forth in the Operations Guidebook that do not violate or conflict with the SOCIETY bylaws or any other governmental law.

Section 2: Precedence - The SOCIETY order of the rules shall be:

1. The Articles of Incorporation of the Association
2. The Bylaws, as long as they are not in conflict with any other governmental law;
3. The “Operations Guidebook” established by the Board, as long as these policies and procedures are not in conflict with the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, or any other governmental law.

Section 3: Amendments

To enact a change to the Operations Guidebook the by-law amendment process must be followed with a simple majority of the membership vote necessary to enact amendments.

ARTICLE II:

WWII HRS Code of Ethics

All members of the WWII HRS shall, in keeping with our goals and objectives, be governed by and subject to the following code of ethics. Violations may be grounds for disciplinary actions up to termination of membership.

1. The use of any item that does not belong to you without permission is prohibited. The theft of any item, no matter how small, is grounds for prosecution and dismissal from the Society.
2. While in a camp or barracks area, respect the right of privacy of other campers.
3. The use or possession of illegal drugs/narcotics is cause for immediate expulsion.
4. Failure to follow event posted or announced rules can and will lead to expulsion from the Society and from future Society events.
5. Keep safety and authenticity in mind at all times.
6. Do not use profanity, slander, libelous statements in correspondence to convey any threat, implied or real, to any member.
7. Members of the WWII HRS cannot use WWII HRS publications or events for any political purpose.
8. Proprietary Society membership information cannot be released without the Board of Directors as well and the individual member's approval.
9. It is the responsibility of all members and units present at any event to stand safety and authenticity inspections.
10. As a point of etiquette, keep late night activities reasonable.
11. Unit Commanders shall be responsible for the control and behavior of all minors in their unit.

12. Keep all campsites and barracks policed and secure.

13. Do not leave campfires unattended.

14. Do not argue over the calling of hits.

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16. All non-political flags may be displayed, however only American and commonwealth flags may be flown from a pole or staff.

17. Black SS, Brown SA, and political uniforms and Hitler Youth uniforms and any WWII German uniform that uses a swastika arm-band may not be used at any WWII HRS event.

18. When traveling to or from any event, do not display weapons or WWII German uniforms where they may be seen by the public.

19. Sexual Harassment of any kind is unacceptable and prohibited toward any member, spectator, or any person associated with the SOCIETY and are grounds for termination of membership. Any violations should be reported to the Vice President and treated confidentially.

ARTICLE III:

SOCIETY HOUSEKEEPING REGULATIONS

1. If a member wishes to change units, the member must notify the WWII HRS Secretary. This will not be done by the Unit Commander.

2. Membership dues for each fiscal year are as follows:

- a. Regular Membership - \$15.00 per individual via electronic application
- b. Regular Membership - \$20.00 per individual
- c. Family Membership - \$10.00 per each additional family member [Updated Jan 2014]
- d. Associate Membership - \$25

3. No joining or renewing at events. All of this must be done ~~through the mail on the approved application~~ **by appropriate method or application at least one week before the event.**

4. No new member application or renewals will be processed within 21 days of the National Battle.

5. Board of Director Meetings will be held monthly via conference call open to the membership.



ARTICLE IV

SOCIETY MEDIA Section 1. Media Staff: Positions and Structure

The following media staff may be appointed by the board of directors and governed by the rules outlined in the Bylaws,

OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA:

1. **Media Coordinator** – Organize the media staff to coordinate a consistent message and resources across all media for the SOCIETY. If any of the listed positions are unfilled the Media Coordinator will assume those duties.
2. **Periodical Editor** – Compile and edit at least one SOCIETY periodical at minimum quarterly.
3. **Webmaster** – Update and edit the SOCIETY website as needed and directed by the Media Coordinator and board of directors.
4. **Social Media Editor/Coordinator** – Update the SOCIETY with timely information on SOCIETY activities and general information on WWII living history through social media as needed and directed by the Media Coordinator and board of directors.
5. **Society Archivist and Library** - manage, preserve, and coordinate use of any society media (photographs, video/film footage, old publications, etc.) for further use and prosperity.

Bylaw Vote #12

Should the following WWII HRS ETIQUETTE Section be retained?

18. When traveling to or from any event, do not display weapons or WWII German uniforms where they may be seen by the public.

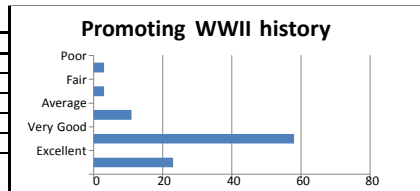
Purpose: Since German uniforms/insignia can be controversial in general, members are discouraged from wearing them in a public location that is not part of a WWII reenactment or display. The same for any weapon, which should generally stay on the designated WWII reenactment site for the duration of the event lest there is any legal problem.



Non-Binding Survey Questions

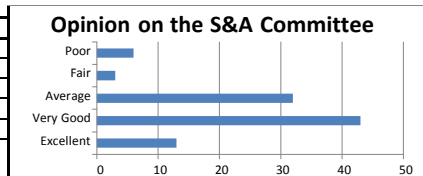
In your opinion how would you rate the WWII HRS on fulfilling the goals of preserving and promoting the history of the Second World War?

	Count	Percent	Rank
Excellent	28	23	2
Very Good	68	58	1
Average	13	11	3
Fair	4	3	4
Poor	4	3	4



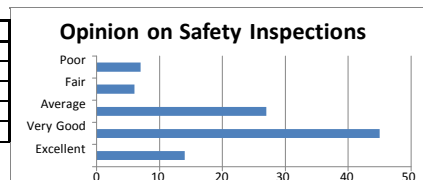
From your experience at WWII HRS events please give your view of the Safety and Authenticity Committee

	Count	Percent	Rank
Excellent	16	13	3
Very Good	51	43	1
Average	38	32	2
Fair	4	3	5
Poor	8	6	4



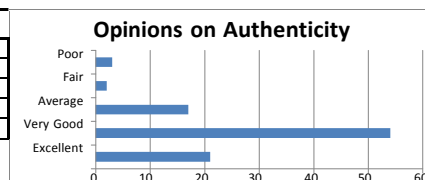
Please rate the safety inspections at events you have attended.

	Count	Percent	Rank
Excellent	16	14	3
Very Good	51	45	1
Average	31	27	2
Fair	7	6	5
Poor	8	7	4



The authenticity of the WWII reenactors in the HRS is:

	Count	Percent	Rank
Excellent	24	21	2
Very Good	62	54	1
Average	20	17	3
Fair	3	2	5
Poor	4	3	4





Please post your suggestions to improve the WWII HRS.

	Count	Percent
N/A	5	10
none	2	4
Facial hair (stubble not full beards) should be allowed.	1	2
Appointed and trained safety inspectors that really know what they are looking at	1	2
Soviet Rep; actually enforce authenticity standards	1	2
Time limits of BOD members No more than 2 terms. No 2 or 3 members from the same unit on the BOD it becomes a one sided vote	1	2
Authenticity standards!	1	2
Section 3 Article II-items 15 16 & 17 do not portray history as it actually occurred. If we are a historical unit need to portray history as it occurred; NOT what is "politically correct".	1	2
I think HRS is a great organization!	1	2
get rid of the bag of ammo	1	2
Please continue to do S & A for All civilians	1	2
Better more thorough S&A at events. S&A officers should be EXPERTS in the field of whichever PARTICULAR GROUP they are inspecting. More emphasis is needed for AUTHENTICITY! Too many modern eyeglasses lately for example.	1	2
Mandatory quiet hours and more enforceable penalties imposed by the Society at including the mandatory presentment of personal identification. All events. More stringent registration checks	1	2
Start promoting more events outside of Illinois.	1	2
The HRS is plagued with horrible authenticity issues. There needs to be a major the individuals in the HRS BOD (aside from Chuck Bolanis) are incompetent and useless at pushing the HRS forward and improvevamp of authenticity in the HRS. In addition	1	2
A BETTER COVERAGE OF UNIT EVENTS DATES PHOTOS MAPS ECT	1	2
I feel there needs to be a bigger focus on impressions according to the persons age and body type. Front or first line troops regardless of nationality should not be obese or senior citizens. There are appropriate impressions that can be portrayed	1	2
More media advertising	1	2
NA	1	2
there needs to be a soviet rep on the board.	1	2
None at this time	1	2
Enforce rules against no period eyeglasses	1	2
expand unit organization structure	1	2
Find a way to encourage more people to run for office Find a way to use the HRS surplus funds to improve reenacting.	1	2
Improved website the style and layout looks very outdated especially on a high resolution screen	1	2
Require all WWII HRS event organizers to step up authenticity rule enforcement at all events.	1	2
Try to get more BIG events near Northern Illinois	1	2
More proactive policing of authenticity.	1	2
Get a Soviet/Eastern Front Allies Representative; and have Soviet Reenactors on the S&A committee.	1	2
follow through on authenticity	1	2
Have a Soviet/Eastern Front Allies Representative to help tighten up the horrid state of authenticity in Soviet reenacting.	1	2
Make unit commanders accountable for safety for their units and then have that roll up at S&A with severe penalties for safety violations	1	2
More rigorous S&A at events (especially of encampments).	1	2
The society has \$50000+ in its "kitty" just now. Isn't it about time we discussed bringing back the October National Battle?	1	2
A central Indiana event please -maybe Connor Prairie?	1	2
Why is there no Soviet Representative? We have a Commonwealth Rep. The soviet contribution to the history of WW II was far greater than the Commonwealth countries.	1	2
S&A Board members should cleanup their own houses before dictating to another unit.	1	2
Dump the entire S&A committee and start from scratch with some standards.	1	2
Keep up good work and less drama.	1	2



To what other historical groups do you belong that has a focus on military history?

	Count	Percent
None	18	35
N/A	5	9
NWTA	3	5
EAA Warbirds Living History Group	2	3
Tri-state Living History Association	1	1
only HRS	1	1
Turner Brigade - Civil War	1	1
Civil War, WWI, Frontier	1	1
LHRA, NWTA, BAR	1	1
TEXAS MILITARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	1	1
1st Federal Division - Civil War	1	1
LHRA	1	1
NA	1	1
9th ID, IR 23 (GWA)	1	1
2nd Rangers Infantry Battalion - St. Louis	1	1
10th Mountain LHDG	1	1
American Civil war, WW1, 1820s American Fur Trade, Wild West, Spanish Civil War, A number of historic sites	1	1
1630's Scotland (30yrs War)	1	1
MVPA	1	1
English Civil War Society of America;	1	1
Volksturm Historical Reenacting Group	1	1
US Army Veteran	1	1
I7 Ct	1	1
Northwest Territory Alliance	1	1
Formerly GWA and GWPS	1	1
many	1	1
Past member NWTA	1	1
none currently	1	1

What was your favorite event of 2015?

	Count	Percent
Rockford	46	53
Lockport	8	9
Elkhart	5	6
Farmington	4	5
Weldonkrieg	4	5
Conneaut	3	3
Peoria	3	3
Wade House Tactical	3	3
Dixon	2	2
Jefferson Barracks	2	2
WAXAHACIE TX	2	2
Airventure Oshkosh	1	1
Colorado Springs event	1	1
Custer	1	1
Pioneer Farm	1	1

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From the WW2 HRS Treasurer Wayne McCulley
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TREASURER'S REPORT
WORLD WAR II HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY
DECEMBER 2015

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2015

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$10,703.70
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$53,395.68
Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$302.20
Account Totals	\$64,401.58

INCOME FOR NOVEMBER 2015

November Membership Income	\$140.00
Interest from Money Market Account	\$5.45
Total Income	\$145.45

EXPENDITURES FOR NOVEMBER 2015

Email Marketing Service	\$12.80
Postage	\$3.45
Total Expenditures	\$16.25

Year To Date Membership Income	\$13,970.22
Year To Date Interest Income	\$42.22
Year To Date Miscellaneous Income	\$800.00
Year To Date Total Income	\$14,812.44
Year To Date Expenditures	\$10,496.08
Year To Date Income Less Expenditures	\$4,316.36



TREASURER'S REPORT
WORLD WAR II HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY
JANUARY 2016

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$9,940.90
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$53,401.12
Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$302.20
Account Totals	\$63,644.22

INCOME FOR DECEMBER 2015

Interest from Money Market Account	\$5.44
Total Income	\$5.44



EXPENDITURES FOR DECEMBER 2015

Email Marketing Service	\$12.80
Marketing Expenses for Banners and Business Cards	\$750.00
Total Expenditures	\$762.80

2015 Membership Income	\$13,970.22
2015 Interest Income	\$47.66
2015 Miscellaneous Income	\$800.00
2015 Total Income	\$14,817.88
2015 Expenditures	\$11,258.88
2015 Income Less 2015 Expenditures	\$3,559.00



EVENTS

February	February
19-21 Feb 	<p align="center">THE CHAMPAGNE CAMPAIGN ASSAULTING THE VAR RIVER LINE, A WW II TACTICAL</p> <p>Loc: Camp Siman, 10135 Oakland, Tiff, MO 63674 Dates: 19-21 February 2016 Event Times: 19 February, open 12noon, 20 February registration 6am, tactical 9:30, 21 February, close 12noon. Registration Times: Friday 12noon - 2200, Saturday 0650 - 0800 Pre-Registration: (click here) Fee: \$15 at the gate Contact: Gary Adkins (papajoad@20thcenturygi.com) Website: CAMP SIMAN EVENTS https://www.facebook.com/events/466147833566800/ Authenticity Notes: Per HRS Rules Prohibited Vehicles/Items: NO live ammunition all WW II vehicles welcome Restrictions on Minors: Per HRS Rules Other restrictions: N/A Sponsoring Unit(s): First Special Service Force 6th CO 3rd REG HRS</p>
26-28 Feb 	<p align="center">ENCIRCLEMENT OF BERLIN</p> <p>Loc: Marseilles Training Center 1700 Army Rd, Marseilles, IL 61341 Dates: February 26-28, 2016 Event Times: Friday 12-11pm, Saturday 7am to 6pm, Sunday 8am to 6pm Registration Times: Friday 12pm to 11pm, Saturday 7am to 8 am. Pre-Registration: (click here) Fee: \$30.00 pre-pay online, \$35.00 if at the door. Contact: Frank DeBartolo (150kommisar@gmail.com) Website: https://www.facebook.com/groups/BFU2015 Authenticity Notes: Eastern Front/Late War only. Prohibited Vehicles/Items: No unapproved pyro, NO alcoholic beverages Restrictions on Minors: Parental waiver required for those under 18. Sponsoring Unit: 150 Rifle Division (HRS)</p>
26-27 Feb	<p align="center">WW2 EAST MEETS WEST WINTER TACTICAL/ PRO MOVIE FILM SHOOT 20th ANNUAL IOWA WW2 FEBRUARY TACTICAL EVENT</p> <p>Loc: 22251 HAMILTON STREET ACKWORTH IOWA 50001 Dates: Friday February 26(eve battle) Saturday February 27(day battle) 2016 Event Times: Fri. Feb. 26th 5pm -10pm - Sat. Feb 27th 9AM- 5PM Registration Times: FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26th 3-4PM and Saturday Feb. 27th 730am-830am Pre-Registration: https://www.facebook.com/events/1744143412482851/ Fee: \$10 Contact: Scott Steben at : badsteben666@hotmail.com Website: http://www.12sspanzermw.com Authenticity Notes: HRS STANDARDS Prohibited Vehicles/Items: ALL WW2 SOVIET, US AND GERMAN VEHICLES WELCOME Restrictions on Minors: 18+ Sponsoring Unit(s): 12.SS PZ DV 'HJ' and SOVIET 416th REG 112 DV Professional movie crew(WAR PIGS FAME) FILMING DURING BATTLES- come Friday for evening battle starting at 5pm with flares!!! Documentary and interviews b4 and after battles Fri- Sunday- Camping on property encouraged- local motels in South Des Moines, Carlisle, Knoxville and Indianola 100s of acres of diverse topography: woods, creeks, hills, bridges, period ruins etc Warming station- bathrooms at property homes</p>



March	
March	
18-20	WELDONKRIEG 2016 (WESTERN FRONT EVENT)
Mar	<p>Loc: Weldon Springs Training Area (WSTA), 7301 Hwy 94 South, St. Charles, MO</p> <p>Dates: March 18-20, 2016</p> <p>Pre-Registration: (click here)</p> <p>Fee: \$25.00</p> <p>Website: http://soldierboy440.wix.com/weldonkriegofficial</p> <p>Authenticity Notes: All German, American and other Western Front Impressions are Welcome. WW II HRS safety and authenticity rules apply & strictly enforced. All reenactors participating will have proper period hairstyles for their respective nationality.</p> <p>Lodging: Limited Billeting (Barracks) available: There is a 60 bed barracks (open bay) available for use. Priority of housing will go to Host Unit and then first come first serve. Camping: Period Camping is authorized in designated areas only. Motels: 3 Motels are located within a couple miles of WSTS:</p> <p>Staybridge Suites: 11 55 Technology Dr. Weldon Springs, MO 63376 (636) 300-0999</p> <p>Residence Inn: 101 Progress Point Ct. O'Fallon, MO 63368, (636) 300-3535</p> <p>Holiday Inn Express: 1175 Technology Dr, O'Fallon, MO 63368(636) 300-4844</p> <p>Prohibited Vehicles/Items: Authentic or Period vehicles only. Host unit(s) will be using several administrative vehicles to facilitate the event</p> <p>Other restrictions: No alcoholic beverages permitted on Weldon Springs Training Site. No smoking inside of buildings. Smoking in designated areas only. Non-period camping is not allowed. No live ammo of any kind, NO ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES, Pyro & smoke must be pre-approved, no exceptions.</p> <p>Restrictions on Minors: No Participants under the age of 16. Participants age 16 must be accompanied by a Parent or Legal Guardian.</p> <p>Other restrictions: Water: The ground water at WSTS is non-potable (you can't drink it without getting sick) Standalone water points are available. Units/participants are required to bring water cans / bottled water for their soldiers. Fires: Units/ participants who will be camping and who wish to have a fire will have to provide their own above ground fire pit or 55 gal drum cut in half. 55gal drums will have to be elevated as well. Wood will be available but units will have to go to the site and cut it themselves. Units WILL NOT be allowed to dig fire pits on WSTS property. Fires will only be built in designated areas. Units desiring to have fires will be required to have a fire extinguisher on hand. Stoves: Units intending to use stoves will have a fire extinguisher on hand at all times. Stoves will not be placed directly on bare ground. A stone or metal buffer will be used to prevent grass fires. The stove will only be used when personnel are present.</p> <p>Sponsoring Unit(s): 1./Jägerregiment.38 (HRS) (Axis) St. Louis, MO, 84th Infantry Division (Railsplitters) (HRS) (Allied) Columbia, MO</p>
April	
Apr	No events listed.
May	
May	No events listed.



June	
June	June
10-12	RAILS TO VICTORY
Jun	<p>Loc: Fox River Trolley Museum, 361 South LaFox Street (IL 31), South Elgin, IL 60177</p> <p>Dates: June 10-12,2016</p> <p>Event Times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Friday, June 10: Reenactor check-in, 4pm to 10pm.;- Saturday, June 11: Reenactor check-in, 8 am to 9:15am;- Sunday, June 12: Reenactor check-in, 9am to 9:50am;- Daily morning formations and S&A check;- Museum Opens at 10 am on Saturday and Sunday;- Visit the Event Web Site for Additional event details (schedules, maps, and updates). <p>Website: http://www.railstovictory.com</p> <p>Pre-Registration: (No Walk Ons accepted)</p> <p>Fee: none</p> <p>Contact: Rebecca Tulloch becky1861@sbcglobal.net</p> <p>Map: http://foxtrolley.org/Default.aspx?pagelid=1146775</p> <p>Directions: The Fox River Trolley Museum is located on Illinois Route 31, three blocks south of State Street in South Elgin, IL. at Fox River Trolley Museum, 365 South LaFox Street (Illinois Route 31),South Elgin, IL 60177</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- From Chicago and the east: Take the Northwest Tollway (I-90) or US Route 20 west to Elgin. Exit on Illinois 31 southbound and follow posted detour at Spring Street (South Elgin).- From the west and northwest: Take the Northwest Tollway (I-90) or US Route 20 east to Elgin. Exit on Illinois 31 southbound and follow posted detour at Spring Street (South Elgin).- From the south: Take Illinois Route 59 north to Illinois Route 64. Turn west on 64 to Illinois Route 31 in St Charles. Take 31 north to the museum. <p>Authenticity Notes: HRS safety and authenticity rules apply.</p> <p>Prohibited Vehicles/Items: All WWII vehicles including tracked vehicles are welcome, weather conditions permitting; tracked vehicles may be limited to the gravel road and battle field. Smaller vehicles such as Jeeps, Motorcycles, Kubels & Lightweight Trucks may drive on the grassy areas. A static vehicle honor display area has been established for all attending vehicles. Boats and other period water crafts such rafts are also welcome on the Fox River, but should contact us first prior to bringing out. River depth is only 2-3 feet in the vicinity of the museum.</p> <p>Restrictions on Minors: HRS Rules</p> <p>Other restrictions: No alcoholic beverages permitted in the Museum and County Park. No digging, but camp fires are allowed in above pits and military stoves and grills. No firing of weapons in the encampment area in County Park by Forest Preserve Ordinance; but okay in the designated battlefield areas on museum property.</p> <p>Camp Amenities: Flush Toilets on site. Shaded Camp sites can be reserved by early registrants on a first come first served bases.</p> <p>Motels: Accommodations available in nearby Elgin and St. Charles Illinois: Hampton Inn, the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites and West Dundee's Marriott International-Courtyard & Towne Place Suites; and in St. Charles: Best Western, Country Inn & Suites, Fairfield Inn & Suites, Geneva Motel, Hampton Inn & Suites, Hilton Garden Inn, Holiday Inn Express, Hotel Baker, Pheasant Run Resort, and Super 8. Restaurants: There are eating establishments with in a very easy walk of the museum ranging in variety from hot dogs to pizza.</p> <p>Sponsoring Unit(s): US10th Mtn LHDG; WW2 Girls Baseball Living History League; 28 Jager Div Reg83</p>



The WW2 HRS will have a table at
Military History Fest 12
5-7 FEBRUARY 2016

At the [Pheasant Run Resort and Conference Center](#)
In St. Charles, Illinois



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LIVE SCHEDULE

ENCAMPMENT STAGE

Friday
3:00 - 3:45 - Sons of Temperance (songs of the 19th C.)
5:00 - 6:00 - Barb Sorensen (traditional German folk songs)

Saturday
10:00 - 10:30 - Battlefield Balladeers (Civil War Music)
11:00 - Noon - Barb Sorensen (traditional German folk songs)
12:15 - 1:15 - The Culver Pipes and Drums
1:30 - 2:00 - Sons of Temperance (songs of the 19th C.)
2:15 - 2:45 - "How Weapons Work" - GSM Bristol
3:00 - 4:00 - Tim McDonald (Scottish / American fiddle)
4:15 - 5:00 - "How Not To Die" - GSM Bristol
5:15 - 5:45 - Three Pints Gone (18th and 19th C. songs)
8:00 - Reenactor's Ball in the New Orleans Ballroom (must have Ball ticket)

Sunday
10:30 - 11:30 - Battlefield Balladeers (Civil War Music)
12:00 - 1:00 - Barb Sorensen (traditional German folk songs)
1:15 - 2:00 - Three Pints Gone (18th and 19th C. songs)

NEW ORLEANS BALLROOM EVENTS

Friday
8:00 - Historical Jeopardy (MHF wristband required). Jeopardy is followed by open gaming, Cards Against Humanity? Catan? Monopoly? BRING IT!

Saturday
10:00 - 3:00 - Historical Dance Classes
10-10:50 Elizabethan dance
11-11:50 Colonial dance
12-12:50 Civil War dance
1-1:50 Victorian dance *NEW CLASS!
2-2:50 swing dance
4:00 - 5:00 - Historical Fashion Show
8:00 - Reenactor's Ball (must have Ball ticket)

PRESERVATION "A" EVENTS

Saturday
11:00 - 3:00 - USO CLUB and CANTEN

4:00 - 5:00 - Tomahawk Instruction: Col. Reed of the St. Charles Special Regiment of Foot calls upon both new recruits and veterans to partake of the training with the tomahawk or hatchet. For as the Governor has declared that at this time of restrained budgets the Legislators shall be unable to provide swords for the Regiment to carry in the upcoming campaign. Both men and women who wish to learn how to defend themselves with the tomahawk are encouraged to partake of the training.

- Allen Reed of Gallowglass Academy

MEGA CENTER SKY BOX

Saturday
4:00 - 5:00 - Speed Dating! You must register at the Information Desk at least ONE HOUR prior!



SEMINAR SCHEDULE

Marsalis I

SATURDAY

10:00-10:45 **Doing Doughboy 1916-1917**
All about how to make your doughboy impression correct and the best it can be for the upcoming 100th. Learn from a published expert who has devoted the last 30 years of his life studying the subject.
- Robert J. Laplander

11:00-11:45 **What's holding that dress up, Momma?**
Focus will be on supporting and creating the proper silhouette for ladies of many differing time periods (mainly late 18th century through WWII). Original examples will be examined as well!
- Jackie Jacobs

12:00-12:45 **Reflections on the Civil War**
Don't miss the rare chance to sit and listen to the greatest Generals of the American Civil War share their personal reflections on the war from a post-war perspective.
- Grant, Lee, Custer and Co.

1:00-1:45 **Doing Doughboy Part 2: 1918-1920**
All about how to make your doughboy impression correct and the best it can be for the upcoming 100th. Learn from a published expert who has devoted the last 30 years of his life studying the subject.
- Robert J. Laplander

2:00-2:45 **Pyrotechnics in Reenacting**
Join us for a discussion of the safety aspects and regulations regarding close proximity pyro used in military reenactments.
- Steve Kaiser (Legendary Entertainment)

3:00-3:45 **Making the Man: Mid-19th Century Menswear and Accessories**
A look into the wardrobes of American men c. 1850-1870, what types of clothes were worn and how they got them.
- Janet Gasel

4:00-4:30 **A Visit With Jennie Wade's Mother**
A first person look at what life was like as a civilian during the Battle of Gettysburg and the circumstances surrounding the death of Jennie Wade from the perspective of her mother, Mary Wade.
- Connie Hansen

SUNDAY

12:00-1:00 **Firearms Through History**
A show and tell of firearms through out history. From cannons on a stick to modern military equipment, firearms have shaped our battlefields and the way we fight wars.
- Chris Last

Marsalis II

SATURDAY

10:00-10:45 **Context and Character**
Understanding the person or time frame you represent to the public is the cornerstone of recreating a persona from history. We show you how we "get in the heads" of the people we portray at the Bristol Ren Faire.
- Chris Last

11:00 - 11:45 **Historically-Informed Performance: How to Research Early Music.**
Accomplished musician and historian Tim McDonald shares his experiences and techniques to help you master the daunting task of recreating historical music.
- Tim MacDonald

12:00 - 12:45 **Historical Brewing**
In this panel we'll take a look at historic brewing techniques, how to incorporate it into your presentations, and sample some historic brews. Must be 21+ to sample.
- Chris Last & Scott Borlick

1:00-2:00 **The Hollywood Betrayal of Spain**
Discussion about the inaccuracies regarding Spain as portrayed in movies and media. We examine the historical prejudices against Spain and the roots of these false perceptions.
- C. Maragh, N. Heath, M. Alesia

2:15-3:00 **The Soldiers' Aid Society of Springfield II.**
How the ladies of Lincoln's hometown supported the boys in blue during the war.
- Mary Hudgins

3:15-4:00 **Out of the Ashes: We Will Dance**
Dance, the physical expression of human experience is riddled with emotion. We explore the history of several dances developed within cultures ripe with violence and strife. Live demonstrations also!
- James Sayson and Carolyn Maragh

4:15-5:00 **Navigation in the Age of Exploration**
We concentrate on plotting a near-shore course using Elizabethan era historical charts and practical methods. Dead reckoning, astrological charts and the tools used to explore the seas in the age of exploration!
- Jeff Shoemaker

SUNDAY

11:00 - 12:00 **General Grant in the Civil War**
A first person presentation about the role of General Ulysses Grant as seen from his personal perspective.
- Larry Werline





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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.



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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MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the WWII Historical Reenactment Society

Board Meeting

17 November, 2015

Meeting Start 7:34 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

Frank Debartolo, Steven Sloane, Brian Jones, George Reinke

Approval of Agenda

November Agenda - Approved by BOD vote.

Reading of the Minutes

September and October Minutes Read by DL – Approved by BOD vote.

Officer Reports:

Vice President –

New Unit- 150th Rifle Division, 756th Regiment – CB said their charter was introduced to S&A previously and the vote started today. Frank Debartolo the Unit Commander told the BOD of reenacting history and the history of the proposed unit.

Final review - Infanterie Regt. 19, 41st Armored Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Division; Junior Red Cross – CB said has sent out a request to those Unit Commanders about receiving an end of probation report from them.

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

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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

Secretary –

Current membership total 1131

Membership cards sent this month – 0

New events – Several in review at this time. New events listed on the HRS website as they are approved.

Commonwealth Rep - Not in attendance.

Allied Rep - Nothing to note.

Axis Rep – Nothing to note.

Staff Reports

Press Corps – Not in attendance.

Business Manager - Not in attendance.

Event Development Group - Not in attendance.

Committee Reports:

S&A – CB said Committee is discussing new Soviet charter.

Unit Commanders – JS said group is discussing new bylaws proposals.

Vehicle Committee – Jim Schouten – 2 new German Representatives should be added to the group shortly, and he is working on Vehicle Inspection kits.

Civilian Committee – Not in attendance.

Special Committee Safety Inspection Review – Mike Blazejack - Not in attendance.

Old Business:

Election 2015 – JS said there is one 1 candidate for each position. He will include some bylaw proposals with the ballot.

Budget - JS reviewed the 2016 budget.

Germany - Request for assistance from unit looking to be recognized by the HRS - tabled by BOD until January



New Business:

Bylaw Proposals – Proposed by Jon Stevens

Approved by the following /unit Commanders -

Proposal

Supporters	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1 Troy LaFaye	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y			Y
2 Brian Jones	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
3 Nicole Fornell	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
4 Dennis Sullivan	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
5 Erik Jones	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
6 Tim Cook	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
7 Gary Adkins	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
8 Jeff Leser	Y	Y	Y				Y		Y	Y	Y	
9 Dave Goodwin	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10 Dave Serikaku	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
11 John Ryan	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
12 Scott Bacon	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
13 Yuri Soroka	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
14 Tim Clauss	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
15 Jon Stevens	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Proposed WWII HRS Bylaw Changes

----- Bylaw Vote #1

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 2. TYPES OF MEMBERSHIPS

C. AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER is any person or business that wishes to receive the SOCIETY official publications or buy advertising in its publication(s), but cannot take part in any event private or public. An associate member can vote and must have all dues/fees paid as prescribed in Society by-laws.

Proposed New Wording

C. AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER is any person or business that wishes to receive the SOCIETY official publications or buy and be eligible to advertise in its publication(s), but cannot take part in any event private or public. An associate member can vote and must have all dues/fees paid as prescribed in Society by-laws.

----- Bylaw Vote #2

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 3. ANNUAL DUES

The membership shall determine by vote all dues and fees to be accessed. All renewals must be paid by January 1st of each year. This will insure delivery of the official publication(s) are uninterrupted. Elected officers must have their dues paid in order to hold office. An elected officer who does not have his/her dues paid on time shall lose their office and membership and the office shall be declared vacant.

Proposed New Wording

The membership shall determine by vote all dues and fees to be assessed accessed. All renewals must be paid by January 1st April 1 of each year to ensure unit standing. This will insure delivery of the official publication(s) are uninterrupted. Elected officers must have their dues paid in order to hold office. An elected officer who does not have his/her dues paid on time shall lose their office and membership and the office shall be declared vacant.

----- Bylaw Vote #3

ARTICLE IV UNIT RECOGNITION

Section 1. UNITS FORMING

A unit forming shall have no less than five (5) individuals of REGULAR or FAMILY membership. Each unit forming shall have two (2) years from its date of acceptance to apply for a charter and gain status as a recognized chartered unit. A Unit Forming that has not applied for a charter by it's second year anniversary may apply for a one year extension to the Board of Directors or disband. Said unit may join with another chartered unit or a Unit Forming, but cannot simply change it's name to stay in existence. Any unit which has received a charter, which falls below the five (5) member requirement for more that two (2) continuance years, must also disband and cannot revert to unit forming status or reapply under a new name.

Proposed new wording

Section 1. UNIT FORMATION

Any new unit applying for a SOCIETY unit charter, must submit a unit application; then be considered by the Safety and Authenticity Committee; and if approved will be granted a probationary charter A unit forming shall have no less than five (5) individuals of REGULAR or FAMILY membership. A unit may have at least one (1) year and no more than up to two (2) years from its date of acceptance approved probationary charter to apply for a full charter and gain status as a recognized chartered unit. A Unit Forming that has not applied for a charter by it's second year anniversary may apply for a one year extension to the Board of Directors or A probationary unit that is not able to gain status as a fully chartered unit shall disband. Said unit may join with another chartered unit or a Unit Forming, but cannot simply change it's name to stay in existence. Any unit which has received a charter, which falls below the five (5) member requirement for more that two (2) continuance years, must also disband and cannot revert to unit forming status or reapply under a new name.



----- Bylaw Vote #4

Section 4. UNIT DISBANDMENT

Chartered units that have no members that belong to the Society and/or have had no active participation in any World War II Historical Re-Enactment Society, Inc. event for a period of two (2) years will be deemed to have disbanded and the unit charter shall be revoked.

Proposed new wording

Section 4. UNIT DISBANDMENT

Chartered units that have no members that belong to the Society and/or have had no active participation in any World War II Historical Re-Enactment Society, Inc. reenacting/living history event for a period of two (2) years will be deemed to have disbanded and the unit charter shall be revoked. Chartered units, with the exception of non-combat, with more than one (1) member but less than five (5) members in the current calendar year, may revert to probationary status and must be notified of the change. At the end of the second probationary year, if the 5 member threshold is not reached by the unit, with the exception of a non-combat unit, it may be disbanded by vote of the Safety and Authenticity Committee and board of directors.

-----Bylaw Vote #5

ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 7. QUORUM FOR A BOARD MEETING

There must be three (3) Board members present to conduct any Board meeting and at least one of these must be an officer of the corporation, either President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer.

Proposed New Wording

There must be three (3) A simple majority of all Board members must be present to conduct any Board meeting including at least one officer and at least one of these must be an officer of the corporation, either President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer. In the event a quorum is not attained, or an officer of the corporation not present, a meeting may be called to order by any current Board member for informational purposes only with no possibility of any binding resolutions or expenditures of funds.

Purpose: change board meeting quorum and clarify informational meeting.

----- Bylaw Vote #6

ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 8. BOARD APPOINTED POSITIONS

The Board of Directors has the authority to appoint persons to the following positions: Registered Agent, Officer's Assistants, Editors of the Society's publications, and committees

Proposed New Wording

Section 8. BOARD APPOINTED POSITIONS

The Board of Directors has the authority to appoint persons to the following positions: Registered Agent, Officer's Assistants, Editors of the Society's publications media staff, and committees.

----- Bylaw Vote #7

ARTICLE VII: FINANCES AND CONTRACTS

Section 4. COMPENSATION & REIMBURSEMENT

Members of the Board of Directors shall not receive any salaries for performing their duties. Members of the Board of Directors, The Registered Agent, and the Editors of the Society's publication(s) may, if the funds exist, apply for reimbursement, but must present to the Treasurer proof through receipts, of legitimate expenses. Refer to the duties of the President, Article VI, Section 3.

PROPOSED NEW WORDING

Section 4. COMPENSATION & REIMBURSEMENT

Members of the Board of Directors shall not receive any salaries for performing their duties. Members of the Board of Directors, The Registered Agent, and the Editors media staff of the Society's publication(s) may, if the funds exist, apply for reimbursement, but must present to the Treasurer proof through receipts, of legitimate expenses. Refer to the duties of the President, Article VI, Section 3.

----- Bylaw Vote #8

ARTICLE X: ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Section 1. IMPRESSIONS

Any REGULAR or FAMILY member may do two (2) impressions; the first impression being his/her primary unit; the second impression being from any other nationality. A person doing a secondary impression must gain permission from, and be attached to, a chartered unit while he is in the field.

PROPOSED NEW WORDING

Section 1. IMPRESSIONS

Any REGULAR or FAMILY member may do two (2) impressions have multiple impressions; the first impression being his/her primary unit; the second impression being from any other nationality. A person doing a secondary impression must gain permission from, and be attached to, a chartered unit while he is in the field the primary impression is of the chartered unit to which the member belongs. A member can have a secondary impression that is defined as an impression that is the primary impression of a different chartered unit. Any member wishing to wear a secondary impression must gain permission from, and be attached to, the unit chartered for that impression while at any SOCIETY event. Secondary impressions do not count for the chartered unit membership minimum levels. Any impression that is not a primary impression for a chartered unit is not considered a secondary impression. These impressions can be freely worn by members as appropriate at any HRS event, the hosting unit deciding on whether it is appropriate.

----- Bylaw Vote #9

ARTICLE X: ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Section 5. BYLAW AMENDMENT PROCESS Add: 6.

Any member in good standing may propose a change or addition to the S&A rules following the bylaw amendment procedure.



----- Bylaw Vote #10
(entire section change listed without cross-outs for clarity)

ARTICLE XII: OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS

Section 1. NUMBER & PUBLICATION DATES

A. There shall be at least one (1) official Society publication. B. This publication shall be published no less than once per quarter annually. C. Future publications may, in addition to being printed on paper, may be distributed electronically if the membership so chooses and the technology is readily available.

Section 2. PURPOSE

A. The purpose of the Society's publication(s) shall be to provide the membership a means of communication and to take care of such other official business as needed to keep the Society running smoothly. Official business shall include, but NOT be limited to, the printing of: 1. Reports to the membership on Board meetings and decisions. 2. Ballots as needed. 3. Listing of units and their commanders. 4. Unit articles. 5. Battle/event listings. 6. Advertising. 7. A timely source of information on events and/or Society activities.

Section 3. EDITORSHIP

A. The editor(s) of the Society's publication(s) shall not be officers of the corporation or of the Society and shall not take sides on any political matters via the Society's publications.

B. The editor of each publication shall endeavor to have the publications printed in the President's directives regarding public relations.

C. The editors shall submit in writing to the Board of Directors an annual budget for the forthcoming fiscal year, during or before the annual meeting, and shall not proceed to print in the following year unless this budget has been approved by the Board. This budget shall include estimates for:

1. Printing charges.
2. Labeling charges.
3. Postage.
4. Editor's expenses.

D. The editors shall not allow anything to be printed involving the use of profanity or personal attacks.

E. Any and all funds collected by the editors for advertising, half-toning of photos, or sales shall be turned over to the Treasurer quarterly.

F. No copies of Society's publication(s) of a current yearly status may be given out free of charge.

G. Members of the Board of Directors may not interfere with the editor's duties as long as the above guidelines are followed.

PROPOSED NEW WORDING

ARTICLE XII: OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA

Section 1. SOCIETY MEDIA

A. There shall be at least one (1) official SOCIETY periodical, one (1) website, and the SOCIETY may have (1) social media outlet per type. B. The SOCIETY periodical shall be published no less than once per quarter annually. All electronic media may be updated as needed for the good purposes of the SOCIETY. C. All SOCIETY Media (sites/publications) must use the approved SOCIETY Logo or Banner, must have the express permission of the SOCIETY media committee. Unauthorized use is prohibited.

Section 2. PURPOSE

A. The purpose of the Society's media shall be to inform the membership on all SOCIETY activities, official business, and to promote the general welfare of the SOCIETY. Official business shall include, but NOT be limited to SOCIETY board members and staff contact information; financial reports; board meeting minutes; any elections or votes; unit listings; sanctioned SOCIETY events; living history related advertisements; and other SOCIETY activities.

Section 3. MEDIA STAFF

A. The media staff must be current members who are not officers of the Society and may include but not be limited to Media Coordinator, periodical editor, webmaster, and social media coordinator.

B. The media staff shall endeavor to include the President's directives regarding public relations.

C. The media staff shall submit in writing to the Board of Directors an annual budget for the forthcoming fiscal year by November 1 of the current year and shall not proceed to publish in the following year unless this budget has been approved by the Board. This budget shall include estimates for any printed material, postage, or electronic media expenses.

D. The media staff shall be impartial to SOCIETY issues and will not allow the publication of profanity, vulgarity, pornography, personal attacks, slander, and to the best of their knowledge any falsehood. The Board of Directors may not interfere with the media staff duties as long as these guidelines are followed.

E. Any and all funds collected by the media staff for advertising shall be turned over to the Treasurer monthly.

F. Any media staff may be removed from their position by a majority board of director's vote at any regular Board of Director's meeting.



----- Bylaw Vote #11 Note: this vote would remove the last two sections in the bylaws (XIII and XIV), replace them with the proposed "Article XIII, Operations Guidebook" and create the first part of the "WWII HRS Operations Guidebook."

The purpose of the Operations Guidebook would be to remove sections from the bylaws that are not necessarily required by law or required for a non-for-profit organization administration and place them in a separate document. The Bylaws would include the general structure for the management of the Society that would seldom change. The Operations Guidebook would include rules specific to the Society and more detailed explanations of the Bylaws. For example the bylaws would explain what a member of the Society is and the Guidelines would detail the type of membership, how a member joins a unit, how to change units, and so on. The "WWII HRS Etiquette" and "Housekeeping Regulations" are two sections of the bylaws to move to the Guidebook. There are other sections and clauses that would be better suited to the Operations Guidebook as well. These are specific rules that are not describing the structure of the Society but rather the operations of the Society. More can be added in the future as policies develop or change. The bylaws, with sections moved to the Operations Guidebook, would likely not be changed often and would eventually be more difficult to change than the Operations Guidebook. This document would be kept by the Secretary and posted on the Society website the same as the bylaws. Existing wording to be removed:

ARTICLE XIII: WWII HRS ETIQUETTE

All members of the WWII HRS shall, in keeping with our goals and objectives, be governed by and subject to the following code of ethics:

1. The use of any item that does not belong to you without permission is prohibited. The theft of any item, no matter how small, is grounds for prosecution and dismissal from the Society.
2. While in a camp or barracks area, respect the right of privacy of other campers.
3. The use or possession of illegal drugs/narcotics is cause for immediate expulsion.
4. Failure to follow event posted or announced rules can and will lead to expulsion from the Society and from future Society events.
5. Keep safety and authenticity in mind at all times.
6. Do not use profanity, slander, libelous statements in correspondence to convey any threat, implied or real, to any member.
7. Members of the WWII HRS cannot use WWII HRS publications or events for any political purpose.
8. Proprietary Society membership information cannot be released without the Board of Directors as well and the individual member's approval.
9. It is the responsibility of all members and units present at any event to stand safety and authenticity inspections.
10. As a point of etiquette, keep late night activities reasonable.
11. Unit Commanders shall be responsible for the control and behavior of all minors in their unit.
12. Keep all campsites and barracks policed and secure.
13. Do not leave campfires unattended.
14. Do not argue over the calling of hits.
15. No flag other than the United States, and the British Commonwealth flags are ever to be saluted. The Nazi or Fascist salute is never to be used. No goose step marching by Axis troops.
16. All non-political flags may be displayed, however only American and commonwealth flags may be flown from a pole or staff.
17. Black SS, Brown SA, and political uniforms and Hitler Youth uniforms and any WWII German uniform that uses a swastika arm-band may not be used at any WWII HRS event.
18. When traveling to or from any event, do not display weapons or WWII German uniforms where they may be seen by the public.

ARTICLE XIV: HOUSEKEEPING REGULATIONS

In addition to the by-laws, the WWII HRS shall also be governed by such "Housekeeping Regulations" as the Board of Directors feel necessary to carry out WWII HRS objectives.

1. If a member wishes to change units, the member must notify the WWII HRS Secretary. This will not be done by the Unit Commander.
2. Membership dues for each fiscal year are as follows:
 - A. Regular Membership - \$15.00 per individual via electronic application
 - B. Regular Membership - \$20.00 per individual via electronic application
 - C. Family Membership - \$10.00 per each additional family member [Jan 2014]
3. For a period of two (2) fiscal years, no elitist units will be allowed to form (1996 - 1998).
4. No joining or renewing at events. All of this must be done through the mail on the approved application.
5. No new member application or renewals will be processed within 21 days of the National Battle.
6. Board of Director Meetings will be held monthly via conference call open to the membership.

Proposed New Wording:

ARTICLE XIII: OPERATIONS GUIDEBOOK Section 1: Description The administration and management of the SOCIETY will conform to the guidelines, rules, and regulations set forth in the "Operations Guidebook" that do not violate or conflict with the SOCIETY bylaws or any other governmental law. An up to date document will be kept by the SOCIETY Secretary and posted on the SOCIETY website. Section 2: Amendments to enact a change to the Operations Guidebook the by-law amendment process must be followed with a simple majority of the membership vote necessary to enact amendments.



Proposed new document:

WWII HRS OPERATIONS GUIDEBOOK ARTICLE I Introduction

Section 1: Description The administration and management of the SOCIETY will conform to the guidelines, rules, and regulations set forth in the Operations Guidebook that do not violate or conflict with the SOCIETY bylaws or any other governmental law. Section 2: Precedence - The SOCIETY order of the rules shall be: 1. The Articles of Incorporation of the Association 2. The Bylaws, as long as they are not in conflict with any other governmental law; 3. The "Operations Guidebook" established by the Board, as long as these policies and procedures are not in conflict with the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, or any other governmental law.

Section 3: Amendments To enact a change to the Operations Guidebook the by-law amendment process must be followed with a simple majority of the membership vote necessary to enact amendments.

ARTICLE II: WWII HRS Code of Ethics

All members of the WWII HRS shall, in keeping with our goals and objectives, be governed by and subject to the following code of ethics. Violations may be grounds for disciplinary actions up to termination of membership.

1. The use of any item that does not belong to you without permission is prohibited. The theft of any item, no matter how small, is grounds for prosecution and dismissal from the Society.
2. While in a camp or barracks area, respect the right of privacy of other campers.
3. The use or possession of illegal drugs/narcotics is cause for immediate expulsion.
4. Failure to follow event posted or announced rules can and will lead to expulsion from the Society and from future Society events.
5. Keep safety and authenticity in mind at all times.
6. Do not use profanity, slander, libelous statements in correspondence to convey any threat, implied or real, to any member.
7. Members of the WWII HRS cannot use WWII HRS publications or events for any political purpose.
8. Proprietary Society membership information cannot be released without the Board of Directors as well and the individual member's approval.
9. It is the responsibility of all members and units present at any event to stand safety and authenticity inspections.
10. As a point of etiquette, keep late night activities reasonable.
11. Unit Commanders shall be responsible for the control and behavior of all minors in their unit.
12. Keep all campsites and barracks policed and secure.
13. Do not leave campfires unattended.
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16. All non-political flags may be displayed, however only American and commonwealth flags may be flown from a pole or staff.
17. Black SS, Brown SA, and political uniforms and Hitler Youth uniforms and any WWII German uniform that uses a swastika arm-band may not be used at any WWII HRS event.
18. When traveling to or from any event, do not display weapons or WWII German uniforms where they may be seen by the public.
19. Sexual Harassment of any kind is unacceptable and prohibited toward any member, spectator, or any person associated with the SOCIETY and are grounds for termination of membership. Any violations should be reported to the Vice President and treated confidentially.

ARTICLE III: SOCIETY HOUSEKEEPING REGULATIONS

1. If a member wishes to change units, the member must notify the WWII HRS Secretary. This will not be done by the Unit Commander.
2. Membership dues for each fiscal year are as follows:
 - a. Regular Membership - \$15.00 per individual via electronic application
 - b. Regular Membership - \$20.00 per individual
 - c. Family Membership - \$10.00 per each additional family member [Updated Jan 2014]
 - d. Associate Membership - \$25
3. No joining or renewing at events. All of this must be done through the mail on the approved application by appropriate method or application at least one week before the event.
4. No new member application or renewals will be processed within 21 days of the National Battle.
5. Board of Director Meetings will be held monthly via conference call open to the membership.

ARTICLE IV SOCIETY MEDIA

Section 1. Media Staff: Positions and Structure

The following media staff may be appointed by the board of directors and governed by the rules outlined in the Bylaws,
OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA:

1. Media Coordinator – Organize the media staff to coordinate a consistent message and resources across all media for the SOCIETY. If any of the listed positions are unfilled the Media Coordinator will assume those duties.
2. Periodical Editor – Compile and edit at least one SOCIETY periodical at minimum quarterly.
3. Webmaster – Update and edit the SOCIETY website as needed and directed by the Media Coordinator and board of directors.
4. Social Media Editor/Coordinator – Update the SOCIETY with timely information on SOCIETY activities and general information on WWII living history through social media as needed and directed by the Media Coordinator and board of directors.
5. Society Archivist and Library - manage, preserve, and coordinate use of any society media (photographs, video/film footage, old publications, etc.) for further use and prosperity.

----- Bylaw Vote #12

Should the following WWII HRS ETIQUETTE Section be retained?

18. When traveling to or from any event, do not display weapons or WWII German uniforms where they may be seen by the public. Purpose: Since German uniforms/insignia can be controversial in general, members are discouraged from wearing them in a public location that is not part of a WWII reenactment or display. The same for any weapon, which should generally stay on the designated WWII reenactment site for the duration of the event lest there is any legal problem.

All of the proposed bylaws except for bylaw proposal #10 were passed by the majority vote of the BOD, and will be sent to the HRS membership for a vote.

Open Comments: - None.

Announcements: Next meeting Dec 15

Adjourn: 8:50pm



German WWII Schnurshue (Low Boots) Evaluation

By Doug Strong, 353rd Infanterie

This evaluation does not account for makers that have changed their designs multiple times and only accounts for the newest version as pictured on their website. Some makers may also have old stock from earlier runs with which they are still filling orders. It may also be possible that companies have changed their designs and not changed the photos on their websites.

Grading of the suppliers listed here is based solely on the personal judgment of Doug Strong. No insult is intended, nor does it reflect the opinions of any reenactment organization. The boots have been placed in three tiers. The list is made with US buyers in mind. All prices have been converted into US dollars at a mid August 2015 exchange rate.

Tier 1 boots are made by the company, seller or individual selling them and are high in both quality and authenticity.

Maker/Dealer	Country of dealer	Authenticity rank	Quality rank	Positive features	Negative features	Grade	Price
Lederarsenal	Germany	1	1	Made to order High standard authenticity Excellent materials and workmanship	High Shipping costs Long shipping time Custom construction takes time	A	\$285
Wehrmacht Shoes	Czech	2	1	Made to order High standard authenticity Excellent materials and workmanship	High Shipping costs Long shipping time Custom construction takes time	A	\$263
Vlastislav Koutný	Czech	2	1	Made to order High standard authenticity Excellent materials and workmanship A wide variety of low boot styles.	High Shipping costs Long shipping time Custom construction takes time	A	\$263
Mattimore Harness	USA	3	1	Made to order Excellent materials and workmanship USA made	Toe shape is very blocky. Custom construction takes time	A -	\$240



Tier 2 boots are primarily made by someone other than the company selling them and are moderate in either quality, or authenticity, or both.

Maker/Dealer	Country of dealer	Authenticity rank	Quality rank	Positive features	Negative features	Grade	Price
SM Wholesale	USA	1	1	grain quarter and flesh vamps Can be ordered in black or natural Can be ordered without the Zamak hobnails. typically delivered blackened Soles are pegged. Has halfsoles	Zamak (Zinc Aluminum alloy) hobnails will fall out. Toe shape is very blocky. top hook is an eyelet	B (ordered without hobnails)	\$245
At The Front (New batch)	USA	2	3	Grain quarter and flesh vamps Has half soles	toe plate incorrect style and held on with screws. Aluminum hooks Zamak (Zinc Aluminum alloy) hobnails will fall out. Soles not pegged	B-	\$200
Nicholas Sekela	USA	3	2	Pegged and sewn soles Correct toe plate Leather appears to be oiled in photograph	Most expensive boots on the list Zamak (Zinc Aluminum alloy) hobnails will fall out. Boots entirely flesh side out construction No half sole No hooks	B-	\$299



Tier 3 boots are primarily made by someone other than the company selling them and are poor in either quality, or authenticity, or both

Maker/Dealer	Country of dealer	Authenticity rank	Quality rank	Positive features	Negative features	Grade	Price
Militaria.net	England	1	1	Lowest price of any listed. Pegged soles Decent steel hobnails	Shipping costs and delivery time may be high Incorrect two piece steel hobnails Old Batch--chrome tanned leather quarters seems to be poor quality. New batch--entirely flesh side out construction Toe shape is very blocky. No half soles Strange loops on back of boot cuff	C	\$98
Man the Line	USA	2	2	steel hobnails free shipping Soles sewn on	Incorrect two piece steel hobnails Chrome tanned leather quarters seems to be poor quality. Toe shape is very blocky. No half soles Soles not pegged	C-	\$155
ZIB-Militaria	Germany	3	3	Price is relatively low.	Same as old-run <u>At the Front</u> boots which were very prone to failure Shipping costs and delivery time may be high Zamak (Zinc Aluminum alloy) hobnails will fall out. Boots entirely flesh side out construction No half sole No hooks Soles not pegged	D	\$150
Soldier of Fortune Military	England	3	3	Price is relatively low.	Shipping costs and delivery time may be high Same as old-run <u>At the Front</u> boots which were very prone to failure Shipping costs and delivery time may be high Zamak (Zinc Aluminum alloy) hobnails will fall out. Boots entirely flesh side out construction No half sole No hooks Soles not pegged	D	\$110
Epic Military	England	3	3	Price is relatively low.	Shipping costs and delivery time may be high Same as old-run <u>At the Front</u> boots which were very prone to failure Shipping costs and delivery time may be high Zamak (Zinc Aluminum alloy) hobnails will fall out. Boots entirely flesh side out construction No half sole No hooks Soles not pegged	D	\$140



My recommendation is as follows:

1. Buy from a top tier maker. Their price is VERY similar to a tier two dealer and their quality and authenticity is far superior.

2. If you must buy off the rack then you will not save any money but you may get them more quickly than custom boots. I would suggest that you consider Man the Line's boots ordered in natural leather without the hobnails. Pay someone like me to put hobnails in and you will be happy. You will have ultimately spent more than you would for custom boots but you will have them fairly quickly.

3. If budget is the biggest concern then consider Militaria.net and have a skilled cobbler such as myself fix them and make them wearable for you.

<http://militaria-net.co.uk/german-uniforms-german-field-uniforms-and-boots-german-low-boots-p-834.html>

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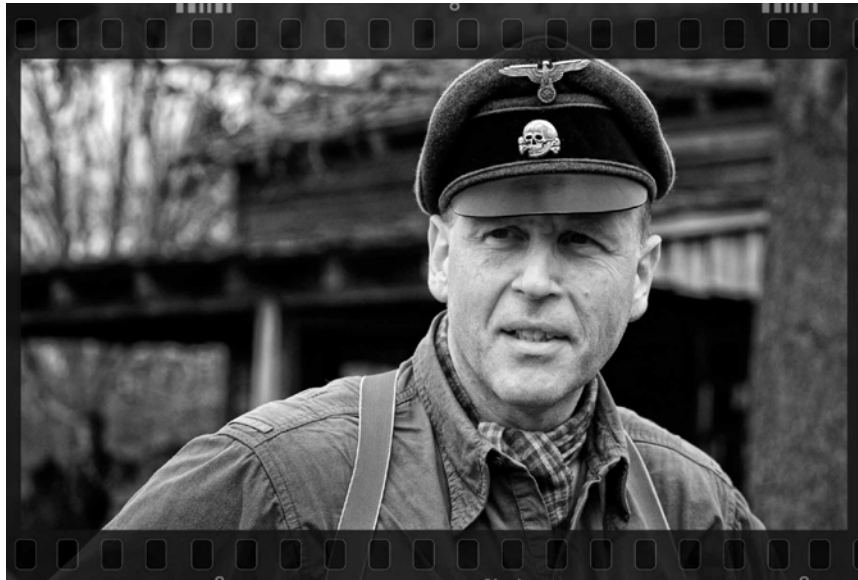




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