



Military History Fest 2016 Displays – RAF Hut (Top) and Soviet Weapons (Bottom)

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Military History Fest 2016 Displays – Blind Field Strip (Top) and FT-17 Tank (Bottom)

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**Military History Fest 2016 Displays – German Rifles (Top) and Radio Repair (Bottom)**

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It is where we promote what we do.

The EDGE promotes and features the works of WW2 HRS Members.

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If your unit has news it would like to 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.

I am willing to spend a day with your unit to get photos and video.  
Please contact me if you would like some special coverage of your unit or event.

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I have some updates:

1. Unit Charters are finally being created and updated. This has been a huge goal of mine as new charters have not been issued in years. Some units don't have digital copies of charters or even anything on paper and I'm working to making a new charter for every HRS Unit. All charters will have the current date on it but will come with a note attached about when (according to records) the unit was originally chartered. Digital versions of all charters will then be placed on the HRS Google Drive for archiving. The template (both Microsoft Word and PDF) will be transitioned to the next HRS Vice President by me. I will need to reach out to each Unit Commander in the coming months to get them their new Charter. The first issue of some of them will come in March. Patience is greatly appreciated.

2. The face of the WW2 Safety and Authenticity Committee is changing. I have openings on the committee for German, Soviet and Commonwealth Representatives. I am looking for experienced, positive and active reenactors who are willing to take an active part in discussion on our Committee Yahoo Group and also assist with Safety and Authenticity inspections in the field. A broad knowledge of all factions (not just the one you are applying for) will enhance your application. High standards for Safety and Authenticity as well as being an exemplary embodiment of these characteristics is a must. You must be an HRS Member in good standing to apply (dues must be paid) and to remain on the Committee, you must fulfill your membership obligation (pay your dues) for the current year by the end of every January. For example, to be a member in good standing for the year of 2017, you must have your HRS dues paid no later than January 31st, 2017.

Best regards,  
Chuck Bolanis

*Christof Baumer*

Unit Commander - 10th SS "Frundsberg"  
WW2 Historical Reenactment Society Vice President

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### Comments Received Via the 2015 HRS Vote and Responses

A total of 36 comments were received through the 2015 Board of Directors ballot. Similar comments are grouped together in the left column with responses in the right column. Note some commentators ran out of space and these appear to be truncated but this is what was actually received verbatim. A couple comments were not included as they were simply nasty. (You know who you are, you meanies.) In any case read on! And thanks for the responses. Jon Stevens, President WWII HRS.

Facial hair (stubble not full beards) should be allowed.	Stubble is already allowed. See Authenticity rule # 4. If not I would be in trouble.
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".	We take some liberties with history as we do <i>not</i> allow celebration of Nazism, Fascism, or Communism. I cannot really think how WWII reenacting is "politically correct" by the current definition. We have weapons that fire, some wear symbols that are still banned in many parts of the world, and we study military history which at some universities is mostly ignored. I cannot think of a much more politically incorrect activity as WWII reenacting in some people's narrow politically correct mindset.
get rid of the bag of ammo	Assuming this is referencing blanks in bags for safety inspections, this procedure is required by some military installations where WWII events are held. I would suspect we will see more of this and not less.
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	Quiet hours are listed by most all events and are mentioned in the HRS Bylaws. I would agree that a photo ID should be used for registration.
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	If this was followed to the T then most events would be much smaller to say the least. If a man at age 65 can adequately tell the story of the WWII soldier I see no problem with them portraying a dogface GI. There is merit to getting in shape for anyone who is overweight in WWII reenacting. That does make for better living history and also a more enjoyable reenacting experience. If a unit wanted to limit their members to 19, 20, or 21 year olds that would be their business. In a few years they would likely be changing their rules.
Enforce rules against no period eyeglasses	Yes, I agree this is a problem. Units need to work with new recruits to make sure they know where to get period frames and glasses.
expand unit organization structure	This comment is a little brief but I assume this means to allow units to expand beyond a company if they reach a certain level of members?
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	Term limits have been suggested before. There are of course positive and negatives. With a term limit if there is a person who works hard and completes their task then the Society would be losing a good board member. On the other hand it is helpful to protect the volunteer from getting burned out and also is a good way to limit the service of an ineffective board member. I would agree a limit on board members from the same unit is good.
Find a way to encourage more people to run for office Find a way to use the HRS surplus funds to improve reenacting.	This is the main problem with any non for profit organization: qualified volunteers. There are few who step forward which means they will have to be sought out. This will likely require formation of a Governance Committee to identify and encourage qualified members to serve.

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<p>Start promoting more events outside of Illinois.</p>	<p>I will assume these two comments are sarcasm. If you can find a site to hold a "BIG" event somewhere beyond Illinois the HRS will support you. If your event is approved by the Board you automatically get assistance in two ways: First with liability insurance and second with publicity by listing events on the HRS media. You can also submit for financial assistance for your event. The bottom line is that the HRS is dependent on individuals and units to hold create and hold events. I think that Connor Prairie would be a great location for a WWII living history event close to Indianapolis. They already have a good living history program and a WWII event would be a great addition. Another great site would be the Living History Farm in Des Moines, Iowa. If someone would like some ideas on how to approach these sites or any other our Event Development Group headed by Rich Russo is a great resource.</p>
<p>Try to get more BIG events near Northern Illinois</p>	
<p>A central Indiana event please -maybe Connor Prairie?</p>	
<p>The society has \$50000+ in its "kitty" just now. Isn't it about time we discussed bringing back the October National Battle?</p>	<p>The "National Battle" was a fixture in the HRS for many years and generally a large turnout of members. Several years ago a bylaw amendment was proposed to change the National to 4 "Regional Battles" per year with financial assistance. Since that time only one event requested this title. I would agree with the desire to bring back the "National Battle." Who will host the event?</p>
<p>Require all WWII HRS event organizers to step up authenticity rule enforcement at all events.</p>	<p>Event organizers are required to list their S&amp;A designee on their event application. This generally should be a member of the S&amp;A Committee and not the event organizer. The reason being is that any event organizer/coordinator has much to do and in most cases needs the assistance with S&amp;A. Nevertheless, I would agree that authenticity enforcement should be increased. One more thing, the individual unit commander should be responsible for the authenticity of their unit members. This is the main level where authenticity should emanate. Do not forget about safety either. At the end of the weekend we want all to go home to our families and not to the hospital.</p>
<p>A BETTER COVERAGE OF UNIT EVENTS DATES PHOTOS MAPS ECT</p>	<p>You probably have an idea of what would be helpful to spread the word about events. We could use some assistance in promoting events through better advertising especially in the Edge (hint,hint). Please contact me to discuss this further.</p>
<p>More media advertising</p>	<p>We are working on a new HRS media group to better organize our efforts on the platforms we currently use. We are looking for more places to advertise our organization and especially events. An event could seek funding for advertising as part of event support.</p>
<p>Improved website the style and layout looks very outdated especially on a high resolution screen</p>	<p>A good suggestion. It has been passed onto the webmaster.</p>
<p>S&amp;A Board members should cleanup their own houses before dictating to another unit.</p>	<p>Well, the S&amp;A Committee is composed of members from many different units. It is their function to keep WWII reenacting as authentic as possible. At times this does mean letting some know they are not meeting the requirements for WWII living history. Be careful to not take this personally.</p>
<p>Dump the entire S&amp;A committee and start from scratch with some standards.</p>	<p>Since in the survey most felt the S&amp;A Committee was doing a fairly good job your comment is in the minority. I would suggest you volunteer for the committee and take some of your time at events to assist in inspections and policing events.</p>

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there needs to be a soviet rep on the board.	The level of membership for Soviet units is about the same as for Commonwealth units. If the HRS would add a Soviet Representative to the board it would make the board an even number of people. In other words if a Soviet Rep was added yet another board member would have to be added to avoid tie votes.
Get a Soviet/Eastern Front Allies Representative; and have Soviet Reenactors on the S&A committee.	Authenticity for Soviet reenactors is definitely on the rise. Two new units were recently added to the HRS. Both these units are raising the bar for the Soviet side.
Have a Soviet/Eastern Front Allies Representative to help tighten up the horrid state of authenticity in Soviet reenacting.	Good idea but it may be more effective for you to write an article for all to read listing the needed improvements for the Soviet reenactors.
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.	Arguments on what country had more of a contribution to the war will be discussed and argued for historians for some time to come. While the Soviet Union obviously had a immense portion of WWII fought on their soil and took tremendous losses the Common Wealth countries fought in every theater of WWII on the land, sea, and, air. If not for their tenacious effort to halt Axis aggression early in the war Western civilization would likely have fallen. Their contribution to WWII should not be diminished either.
Soviet Rep; actually enforce authenticity standards	We want you! Volunteer to help out at the next event.
follow through on authenticity Authenticity standards!	Much has been said about "authenticity" in these comments meaning that the general membership find this to be very important. We are not wearing G.I. Joe costumes. Keep this in mind as you plan your display for the next public event or your next tactical and ditch the chips for a K ration in the field.
More proactive policing of authenticity.	This comment seems extreme compared to other comments and the rather positive views of the HRS authenticity in the survey. There are always those that will may not have perfect impressions down to their skivvies and we as WWII reenactors will always be working on our impressions. In your own unit, if you find problems with individuals, give them assistance or volunteer to be the unit Authenticity officer. For the units that show no desire for improvement they will create a bad reputation for themselves and fade away. The possibility here is that the commentator will likely be seen as a crank if they simply go about pointing fingers at every event and will soon become frustrated and likely eventually quit WWII reenacting altogether. Lastly, I am glad Chuck Bolanis can help all the rest of us incompetents on the board to actually tie our shoes.
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 improrevamp of authenticity in the HRS. In addition	If you are one volunteer! If you know of someone who should be an inspector nominate them! The board members do not personally know the backgrounds of every member so any help identifying these individuals is a great help.
Appointed and trained safety inspectors that really know what they are looking at	Wholeheartedly agree on safety. The unit leadership needs to make sure all their troops are squared away before even thinking about going to the S&A inspection or even to set foot on the event site. This means inspecting every weapon and checking ammo for their unit before S&A. Also giving instrution to your unit members on safe weapons handling will help. Poor safety performance by a unit will lead to penalties for individuals and units.
Make unit commanders accountable for safety for their units and then have that roll up at S&A with sever penalties for safety violations	This year with the new Civilian Committee we will continue and expand civilian S&A in the HRS.
Please continue to do S & A for All civilians	

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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.

More rigorous S&A at events (especially of encampments).

I think HRS is a great organization!

Keep up good work and less drama.

Agree completely. This has been addressed in other answers to comments however if you or your unit is "gigged" for an infraction remember it is not personal but part of historical reenacting to be judged for your historical impression. We are not wearing costumes but uniforms representing fighting men who lived and died fighting for their country. "Army camping" or a half hearted impression does not do them justice. I think the S&A Committee members are all experts in some portion of WWII but no one can be an expert in all facets of WWII.

Totally agree. Any help unit commanders can give by being proactive with their own camp inspections helps a tremendous amount. Good suggestion about campsites but more difficult to enforce. We are not camping out but creating a time traveling experience. Blue coolers and "army stuff" does not cut the mustard. If your campsite and equipment does not resemble a scene from a WWII picture or newsreel you need to rethink your efforts.

I think so too.

This should be the motto we remember at all times.

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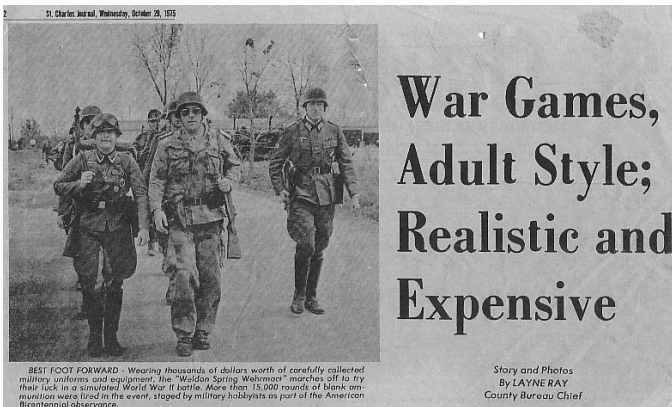
5 February 2016

I have sad news that I wish to share with the old-timers.

Yesterday, I received another 22 copies of my book, which in part tells about the founding of the WWII HRS. This morning I got out two copies to send to the two who helped me most to put on the very first Weldon Spring WWII event; Jerry Hale of St. Louis & Marvin Hilligoss of East Alton, IL.

Sadly, I just discovered that Marvin passed away last November. Marvin was also active in Civil War reenactments, he took me to my first reenactment (its mentioned in my book) and he often played the role of a French officer of the colonial period.

Attached is a page from a local newspaper that shows Marvin on the left.



The other E.R. "Pony" Maples photo shows Marvin as a German NCO at one of the first WWII HRS National Battles.



Thank You  
Terry Johns

Here is his obituary...

#### Marvin Hilligoss

EAST ALTON — Marvin Vern "Sarge" Hilligoss, 76, passed away Friday, November 13, 2015 at OSF St. Anthony Hospital in Alton.

Born in St. Louis on June 8, 1939, he was the son of the late Vern Hilligoss and Zelma (Harrison) and Floyd Porter.

He had worked on the assembly line for the Ford Motor Company before he retired.

A U.S. Marine veteran, serving from 1958-62, he was a member of East Alton American Legion Post 794; served as Sgt.-at-Arms, and had been Post Commander.

Marvin was active in Civil War re-enactments, spent many years as "Commandant" of the Ft. de Chartres Site in Prairie Du Rocher as a French colonel; traveled with the Tippecanoe Ancient Fife and Drum Corps to many events including, Mardi Gras and France. He enjoyed the Renaissance Fair, portraying a Swiss Guard, and was an extra in the movie, "North and South." He married the former Donna Slaughter on April 29, 1967, in Wood River. She survives.

Private services will be Wednesday, Nov. 18, followed by burial in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

The Marine Corps "Toys For Tots" campaign has been named a memorial.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT 4TH QUARTER 2015**  
**WORLD WAR II HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY**  
**February 22nd 2016**

**BEGINNING BALANCES 4TH QUARTER**

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**

**4TH QUARTER INCOME**

Membership Dues Income	\$200.00
PNC Bank Money Market Account Interest Income	\$16.15

**TOTAL 4TH QUARTER INCOME** **\$216.15**

**4TH QUARTER EXPENDITURES**

Email Marketing Service	\$38.40
Postage	\$16.70
Event Support for Midway Village WW2 Days (Gas Card Prizes for Vehicle Inspection Raffle)	\$900.00
Event Support for Dakota City, Farmington MN WW2 Days	\$150.00
Scholarship Payment to Western Michigan University	\$500.00
Marketing Expenses for Banners and Business Cards	\$750.00

**TOTAL 4TH QUARTER EXPENDITURES** **\$2,355.10**

**ENDING BALANCES 4TH QUARTER 2015**

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

**TOTAL ENDING BALANCES** **\$63,644.22**

<b>2015 MEMBERSHIP INCOME</b>	<b>\$13,970.22</b>
<b>2015 INTEREST INCOME</b>	<b>\$47.66</b>
<b>2015 MISCELLANEOUS INCOME</b>	<b>\$800.00</b>
<b>2015 TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$14,817.88</b>
<b>2015 EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$11,258.88</b>

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**2015 INCOME LESS 2015 EXPENDITURES**

**\$3,559.00**

**Respectfully Submitted by**

**Wayne McCulley**

**Treasurer**

**World War Two Re-Enactment Society Inc.**

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**ANNUAL REPORT 2015**  
**WORLD WAR II HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY**  
**For the Period January 1st thru December 31st 2015**  
**FEBRUARY 22, 2016**

**BEGINNING ACCOUNT BALANCES**

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$11,429.56
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$48,353.46
Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$302.20

<b>Account Totals</b>	<b>\$60,085.22</b>
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**2015 INCOME**

Membership Income	\$13,970.22
Interest from Money Market Account	\$47.66
Event income	\$800.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$14,817.88</b>

**2015 Expenditures**

Liability Insurance	\$6,205.75
Director's and Officer's Insurance	\$744.00
Event Support	\$2,598.41
Marketing (Banners and Business Cards)	\$750.00
HRS Scholarship	\$500.00
Email Marketing Service	\$153.60
Post Office Box Rental	\$80.00
Membership Card Supplies	\$71.43
Refund of Membership Overpay	\$70.00
Postage	\$59.69
Illinois Secretary of State Fees	\$26.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$11,258.88</b>

**Ending Account Balances**

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$9,940.90
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$53,401.12
Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$302.20
<b>Total Ending Account Balances</b>	<b>\$63,644.22</b>
<b>2015 Income Less 2015 Expenditures</b>	<b>\$3,559.00</b>

**Respectfully Submitted**  
**Wayne McCulley**  
**Treasurer**

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

**ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF JANUARY 31ST 2016**

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$8,028.90
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$48,401.12
Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$302.20

<b>Account Totals</b>	<b>\$56,732.22</b>
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**INCOME FOR JANUARY 2016**

Membership Income	\$160.00
Interest from Money Market Account	\$4.53
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$164.53</b>

**EXPENDITURES FOR JANUARY 2016**

Liability Insurance	\$6,205.75
Director's and Officer's Insurance	\$744.00
Post Office Box Rental 1 year	\$86.00
Postage	\$3.45
Membership Refund	\$10.00
Email Marketing Service	\$12.80
Illinois Secretary of State Annual Report	\$10.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$7,072.00</b>

2016 Membership Income	\$160.00
2016 Interest Income	\$4.53
2016 Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00
2016 Total Income	\$164.53
2016 Expenses	\$7,072.00
2016 Total Income Less 2016 Expenditures	(\$6,907.47)

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***To all to whom these Presents Shall Come, Greeting:***

*I, Jesse White, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that I am the keeper of the records of the Department of Business Services. I certify that*

WORLD WAR TWO HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY, A DOMESTIC CORPORATION, INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE ON JANUARY 22, 2003, APPEARS TO HAVE COMPLIED WITH ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ACT OF THIS STATE, AND AS OF THIS DATE, IS IN GOOD STANDING AS A DOMESTIC CORPORATION IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.



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***In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set***  
*my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of*  
*the State of Illinois, this 28TH*  
*day of JANUARY A.D. 2016 .*

*Jesse White*


SECRETARY OF STATE

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# EVENTS

March	
18-20	<p><b>WELDONKRIEG 2016 (WESTERN FRONT EVENT)</b></p> <p><b>Mar</b>  <b>Loc:</b> Weldon Springs Training Area (WSTA), 7301 Hwy 94 South, St. Charles, MO  <b>Dates:</b> March 18-20, 2016  <b>Pre-Registration:</b> (<a href="#">click here</a>)  <b>Fee:</b> \$25.00  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://soldierboy440.wix.com/weldonkriegofficial">http://soldierboy440.wix.com/weldonkriegofficial</a>  <b>Authenticity Notes:</b> All German, American and other Western Front Impressions are Welcome. WW II HRS safety and authenticity rules apply &amp; strictly enforced. All reenactors participating will have proper period hairstyles for their respective nationality.  <b>Lodging:</b> 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:  Staybridge Suites: 11 55 Technology Dr. Weldon Springs, MO 63376 (636) 300-0999  Residence Inn: 101 Progress Point Ct. O'Fallon, MO 63368, (636) 300-3535  Holiday Inn Express: 1175 Technology Dr, O'Fallon, MO 63368(636) 300-4844  <b>Prohibited Vehicles/Items:</b> Authentic or Period vehicles only. Host unit(s) will be using several administrative vehicles to facilitate the event  <b>Other restrictions:</b> 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 &amp; smoke must be pre-approved, no exceptions.  <b>Restrictions on Minors:</b> No Participants under the age of 16. Participants age 16 must be accompanied by a Parent or Legal Guardian.  <b>Other restrictions:</b> 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.  <b>Sponsoring Unit(s):</b> 1./Jägerregiment.38 (HRS) (Axis) St. Louis, MO, 84th Infantry Division (Railsplitters) (HRS) (Allied) Columbia, MO</p>
April	
Apr	<p>No events listed.</p>
May	
May	<p>No events listed.</p>

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June

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## RAILS TO VICTORY

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

**Dates:** June 10-12, 2016

### Event Times:

- 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).

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

**Pre-Registration:** (No Walk Ons accepted)

**Fee:** none

**Contact:** Rebecca Tulloch [becky1861@sbcglobal.net](mailto:becky1861@sbcglobal.net)

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

**Directions:** The Fox River Trolley Museum is located on Illinois Route 31, three blocks south of State Street in South Elgin, IL. at Fox River Trolley Museum, 365 South LaFox Street (Illinois Route 31), South Elgin, IL 60177

- From Chicago and the east: Take the Northwest Tollway (I-90) or US Route 20 west to Elgin. Exit on Illinois 31 southbound and follow posted detour at Spring Street (South Elgin).
- From the west and northwest: Take the Northwest Tollway (I-90) or US Route 20 east to Elgin. Exit on Illinois 31 southbound and follow posted detour at Spring Street (South Elgin).
- From the south: Take Illinois Route 59 north to Illinois Route 64. Turn west on 64 to Illinois Route 31 in St Charles. Take 31 north to the museum.

**Authenticity Notes:** HRS safety and authenticity rules apply.

**Prohibited Vehicles/Items:** All WWII vehicles including tracked vehicles are welcome, weather conditions permitting; tracked vehicles may be limited to the gravel road and battle field. Smaller vehicles such as Jeeps, Motorcycles, Kubels & Lightweight Trucks may drive on the grassy areas. A static vehicle honor display area has been established for all attending vehicles. Boats and other period water crafts such rafts are also welcome on the Fox River, but should contact us first prior to bringing out. River depth is only 2-3 feet in the vicinity of the museum.

**Restrictions on Minors:** HRS Rules

**Other restrictions:** No alcoholic beverages permitted in the Museum and County Park. No digging, but camp fires are allowed in above pits and military stoves and grills. No firing of weapons in the encampment area in County Park by Forest Preserve Ordinance; but okay in the designated battlefield areas on museum property.

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

**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.

**Sponsoring Unit(s):** US10th Mtn LHDG; WW2 Girls Baseball Living History League; 28 Jager Div Reg83

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**Event:** Audie Murphy Museum, World War II Living History Days

**Location:** Audie Murphy / American Cotton Museum, Greenville, Texas.  
Approx. 70 miles E of Dallas on I-30, Exit 95.

**Date:** March 4 & 5, 2016  
Times, Friday 12 Noon - 5 PM, Sat. 9AM-5PM

Event Comments: This is a display / show and tell event only, No battle reenactment  
Fee: There is no fee for visiting our camp and display.  
However, the museum will charge for touring their facility.

**Contact:** Harry Lawrence  
Able Company 502 PIR  
[harry.lawrence@ablecompany502pir.org](mailto:harry.lawrence@ablecompany502pir.org)

**Website:** Audie Murphy Museum W II Living History Days

Authenticity notes: Per HRS rules  
Prohibited items: No live ammo  
Restriction on Minors: Per HRS rules  
Sponsoring Unit: Able Company, 1st Bn. 502PIR, 101st AB Division.

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# **ALLIES BREAK OUT OF REMAGEN BRIDGEHEAD!**



COME JOIN US AT THE  
**2ND ANNUAL SALUTE TO VETERANS WWII EVENT**

**MAY 14 & 15, 2016**

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**NEW LOCATION! 4 MAIN BATTLES, MILITARIA VENDORS,  
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**THIS EVENT WILL BE EVEN BIGGER THAN THE 2015 EVENT SO DON'T MISS OUT!**



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## 2ND ANNUAL SALUTE TO VETERANS WWII EVENT

Bristol, Indiana WWII Re-enactment March 1945

### Schedule

#### Thursday, May 12th, 2016

- 1:00 PM – Setup begins, re-enactors are allowed to register and bring in their POVs.
- 11:00 PM – Setup Closes, re-enactors will have to wait until the following morning to enter the event grounds, register, and set up.

#### Friday, May 13th, 2016

- 8:00 AM – Setup re-opens, re-enactors are allowed to register and bring in their POVs.
- 11:00 PM – Setup closes, re-enactors will not be allowed to bring in their POVs past this point. Any re-enactors with POVs on the event site must move them to the re-enactor parking lot at this time.
- 12:00 AM – Registration closes, re-enactors will not be allowed to enter the event grounds until the following morning.

#### Saturday, May 14th, 2016

- 6:00 AM – Re-enactors are allowed to once again enter the event grounds to register and set-up. No POVs are allowed in from this point onward and must be parked in the re-enactor lot.
- 8:00 AM – Re-enactors will be forced awake and notified that they must be present at the S&A meeting.
- 9:00 AM – The Safety and Authenticity Meeting begins, along with the battlefield session in which **everyone will attend**. It will last roughly 45 minutes.
- 10:00 AM – The event is open to the public.
- 10:30 AM – Weapons demonstration on the battlefield.
- 11:30 AM – Public cleared from camp areas and re-enactors begin staging for first battle.
- 11:45 AM – No public are allowed to enter the grounds as the battle is about to begin.
- 12:00 PM – First battle begins, Commonwealth vs. Germany, March 1945 (Commonwealth Victory)  
[If enough commonwealth are not present at the event, this will be a US vs. Germany battle with a German victory]
- 1:15 PM – USO Demonstration.
- 2:15 PM – Infantry Tactics Training for Kids.
- 3:30 PM – 2nd Battle, United States vs. Germany, March 1945 (US Victory).
- 5:00 PM – Event closes to the public.
- Note\* Re-enactors will not be allowed to bring in their POVs after the event closes to the public.**
- 7:00 PM – USO-style dance for re-enactors and guests.

#### Sunday, May 15th, 2016

- 9:00 AM – Church Services at "T" Junction in small field behind Allied Wooded camps.
- 10:00 AM – Event opens to the public.
- 10:30 AM – Weapons demonstration on the battlefield.
- 11:30 AM – 1st Main Battle, United States vs. Germany (German victory).
- 12:30 PM – USO Demonstration.
- 1:15 PM – Infantry Tactics Training for Kids.
- 2:30 PM – 2nd Main Battle, United States vs. Germany (US Victory).
- 3:30 PM – Event begins closure for the public, all public should be removed from site by 4:00 PM. At 4:00 PM, re-enactors will be allowed to bring in their POVs as long as all of the public have exited the event grounds.

#### Event Contacts

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**MORE INFO: [HTTP://SALUTETOOURVETERANS.WEEBLY.COM](http://salutetooourveterans.weebly.com)**

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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.

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All of the HRS Board Meeting Minutes from the past six years are posted on the HRS WEB Site.  
Current HRS By-Law call for these official business reports to be re-published here in The Edge.  
See the BOD Minutes Page at <http://WorldWarTwoHrs.org/Business.htm> for past meeting Minutes

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## About Us



The World War Two Historical Re-enactment Society is an organization of over 1200 men and women members from coast to coast, as well as Canada and Europe. Our mission is to bring the history of World War Two to life with public displays, simulated battles, participation in parades, and a variety of other community activities.

The society strives to honor and preserve the memory of those who served in World War Two, as well as preserve the artifacts of that period.

Our members carry out a wide range of historical impressions, including those of The United States, the United Kingdom, the Soviet Union, Poland, and Germany.

Our focus is entirely on the military history of World War Two. We have no sympathy for the ideology of Nazism or fascism. Such beliefs are not welcome here.

If this exciting and rewarding hobby appeals to you, please consider joining us. Our hobby is dependent upon the talents and enthusiasm of its members and there is always room for new interest! Please contact any of our board members today for more information.

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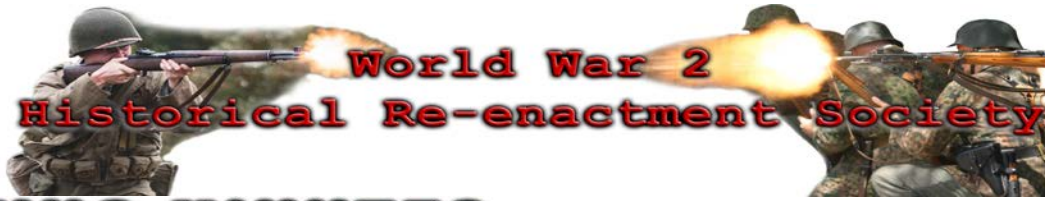
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# MEETING MINUTES

## Minutes of the WWII Historical Reenactment Society

### Board Meeting

15 December, 2015

Meeting Start 7:35 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	NO
Axis Representative	Tyler Stevens	NO
Commonwealth Rep.	Bryce Seyko	NO
Edge Editor	Jeff Skender	NO
Business Manager	David Jameson	NO

#### HRS Members Present

Dave Goodwin , Brian Jones , George Reinke, David Serakaku

#### Approval of Agenda

December Agenda - Approved by BOD vote.

#### Reading of the Minutes

November Minutes Read by DL – Approved by BOD vote.

#### Officer Reports:

##### Vice President –

##### New Units-

150<sup>th</sup> Rifle Division, 756<sup>th</sup> Regiment – CB said their probationary charter was passed by S&A. The probationary charter was approved by BOD vote.

##### Probationary Charters-

Infanterie Regt. 19 – CB said that the Unit Commander contacted him via email last month and is choosing to disband the unit and charter.

41st Armored Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Division – CB said he received their final report, and the unit passed their S&A vote. Full charter approved by BOD vote.

Junior Red Cross – CB said the Unit Commander requested a one month extension for their final report, and he granted it.

JS mentioned the 1<sup>st</sup> Polish Para wanted to resign their charter at the end of the year, and may need a BOD vote to do so. DL said that the resigning of the charter by the Unit Commander was mentioned in previous minutes that it was BOD approved already.

##### Treasurer –

#### 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

#### Secretary –

Current membership total 1127

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 - Not in attendance.

Axis Rep – Not in attendance.

#### Staff Reports

WWII Press Corps – Jeff Skender - Not in attendance.

Business Manager – David Jameson - Not in attendance. JS said he expects to receive insurance information shortly.

Event Development Group – Rich Russo - Not in attendance. JS said he is presently working with Cook County IL. on some ideas.

#### Committee Reports:

S&A – CB said the S&A Committee discussed soviet weapons used by German reenactors. He said he is looking to fill some vacancies in several different nationality positions.

Unit Commanders – JS said consideration of his bylaw proposals was discussed.

Vehicle Committee – Jim Schouten - Not in attendance.

Civilian Committee – Nicole Fornell - 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 his bylaw proposals in the ballot.

#### New Business:

Bylaw Proposals – Proposed by Jon Stevens

Bylaw proposal #10 that was previously voted down by majority vote of the BOD at the November BOD meeting, was reintroduced by JS to the Unit Commanders Group and enough additional votes were received to override the BOD's decision. All of JS's proposals will be sent out for a membership vote shortly.

#### Open Comments: -

JS made a proposal to bring back the same questions to the EB site that were on it last year to include a mailed membership card, vehicle, and secondary impression questions, and well as trimming down questions concerning members age. His proposal was approved by majority BOD vote.

JS said he received an annual report application for the HRS.

Announcements: Next BOD meeting 19 January 2016

Adjourn: 8:33pm

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## **Board Meeting 19 January, 7:37 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	Dave Fornell	NO
Commonwealth Rep.	Brian Jones	YES
Edge Editor	Jeff Skender	NO
Business Manager	David Jameson	NO

### **HRS Members Present**

Mike Saltzgeber, Chris Adams, George Reinke, Logan King

### **Approval of Agenda**

January Agenda - DL asked that agenda should be sent to him at least 24 hours in advance so he can better prepare for the meetings.

The January agenda was approved by BOD vote.

### **Reading of the Minutes**

December Minutes - Read by DL - Approved by BOD vote.

### **Officer Reports:**

#### **Vice President -**

New Unit- CB said that he originally submitted a charter for the 9<sup>th</sup> SS to the S&A Committee, and then it was changed to the 10<sup>th</sup> SS to avoid any conflict with other regional units in reenacting. CB gave a brief history of the unit, noted that 10 members were submitted with the charter, and said that the new charter should be for up for BOD vote at next BOD meeting.

#### **Final review -**

41st Armored Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Division; - CB noted that this unit was approved by BOD last month.

Junior Red Cross - CB said that their final report was just submitted to S&A and should be ready for a BOD vote at the next BOD meeting.

Disband review - 506 PIR - RK will try to contact the Unit Commander. CB said he will recommend dissolving the unit if they don't have 5 members by the next BOD meeting.

#### **Treasurer -**

### **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

#### **Secretary -**

Current membership total - 298

Membership cards sent this month - 0

New events - New events listed on the HRS website as they are approved.

Commonwealth Rep - BJ said nothing to report.

Allied Rep - RK said that the OH. Jeep Land contacted him concerning an event. The event is 7/16/16. RK will send info to HRS webmaster.

Axis Rep - David Fornell - Not in attendance.

### **Staff Reports**

WWII Press Corps - Jeff Skender - Not in attendance.

Business Manager - David Jameson - Not in attendance.

Event Development Group - Rich Russo - Not in attendance.

### **Committee Reports:**

S&A - CB said the Committee is reasonably quiet now. They are just starting to review several probationary and full charters right now.

New additions to S&A Committee -

Chris Adams (German) - Chris gave information on his reenacting background and present unit.

Logan King (US) - Logan gave information on his reenacting background.

CB said he is still looking add one more volunteer each for US, German, and Soviet Representatives.

Unit Commanders - JS said membership information sent out several times on the Unit Commanders Group.

Vehicle Committee - Jim Schouten - Still processing Kubelwagon information. He said he was still looking for additional vehicle inspectors. Several ideas were given to increase inspector participation and improve vehicle inspection logistics.

Civilian Committee - Nicole Fornell - Not in attendance.

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

### **Old Business:**

Election 2015 - JS said the bylaw amendments were passed and all BOD candidates were elected. He said there would be more information in the next publication of The Edge.

### **New Business:**

General Liability and D&O - 2 invoices - JS said he received two invoices, One was for general liability insurance for \$6205.75 and the second for directors & officers insurance for \$744.00. The BOD voted to approve paying those invoices. DL asked JS to ask David Jameson to send the BOD the insurance policy when he receives it. He stated that the BOD received the policy several months late last year. JS said the BOD should receive the policies by the end of February.

Legal Review of Waivers - JS said that he has contacted an Attorney he has worked with before concerning reviewing some HRS Documents. DL said he previously told JS that he was working on a proposal to send to the BOD, prior to JS contacting an Attorney. JS said he sent DL three emails concerning this. DL said he is still working on the proposal and should have information at the next BOD meeting.

Military History Fest - JS said there was going to be an HRS table at the Military History Fest. He said that BOD members will be attending the event.

### **Open Comments:**

RK said he talked to an organizer of a militaria/gun show at Chicagoland speedway 4/9-10 2016 and thought it would be a good idea for HRS recruiting table. RK will gather more information about that.

**Announcements:** Next BOD meeting 15 February, 2016

**Adjourn:** 8:36pm

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## After Action Report

**Phillips Farm Wrights, Illinois**

**WW2 Tactical Event February 2016**

5th Kompanie GrossDeutschland had ten members in attendance including the feldwebel. Arik (Helmut), Joey (Sepp), Tom, Jacob, Jake, Mike (August), Alex (Horst), Alexander (Gunther), AJ (Fredrick) and myself (Ernst). AJ, Alexander, Alex, Joey and I slept out in the log bunker Friday evening. Joey brought a small bunker stove that added some warmth however I believe Alex was the only one who benefitted as he was sleeping next to it. It was a cold night but we all managed it pretty well.

We started the day on the offense with Helmut and Horst on the MG-42 moved north out of the German Bunker complex off the ridge and engaged a large number of Soviets crossing an open field. Since we caught them in the open we chewed them up and they took numerous casualties. The Soviets made several attacks i.e. suicide charges at our position and 5th Kompanie started to take casualties, luckily the firing brought the 3 SS to our defense and we were able to hold the position for some time. 5th Kompanie started running low on ammo an hour into the event and we had to withdraw to our bunker position to resupply. The Soviets made a several pronged attack on our bunker position and 5th Kompanie was wiped out and they took the position. Gunther and Fredrick were the last holdouts in the position and were overrun by approximately 8 soviets ending with hand to hand combat.

At this point were broke for lunch and the event hosts provided us with excellent homemade soup and loaves of freshly baked bread.

The afternoon action saw the Germans on the offense again 5th Kompanie performed a flanking action with 3 SS and came into a Soviets bunker complex located on the east end of the site from the north. Jake, Helmut, Gunther, Jacob and Sepp worked their way up a draw and ravine to within about 25 yards of the Soviets position under the covering fire of Horst on the 42. Sepp took out the eastern portion of the bunker complex with stick grenades he had collected from the members of 5th Kompanie and 3 SS allowing members of 3 SS and 5th Kompanie to attack and take the position.

The event ended at about 3:30 pm as everyone was exhausted.

Joey and I had commented after the event that we thought this was one of the best tactical events we had ever attended due to the amount of action we saw. We saw no hit calling and the judges that the event host provided did an excellent job as well as adding additional bunker and fighting positions to the site from last year.

We will definitely be putting this event on our 2017 calendar.

Richard A. Russo

aka: Feldwebel Ernst Humes

Unit Commander: 5th Kompanie GrossDeutschland

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