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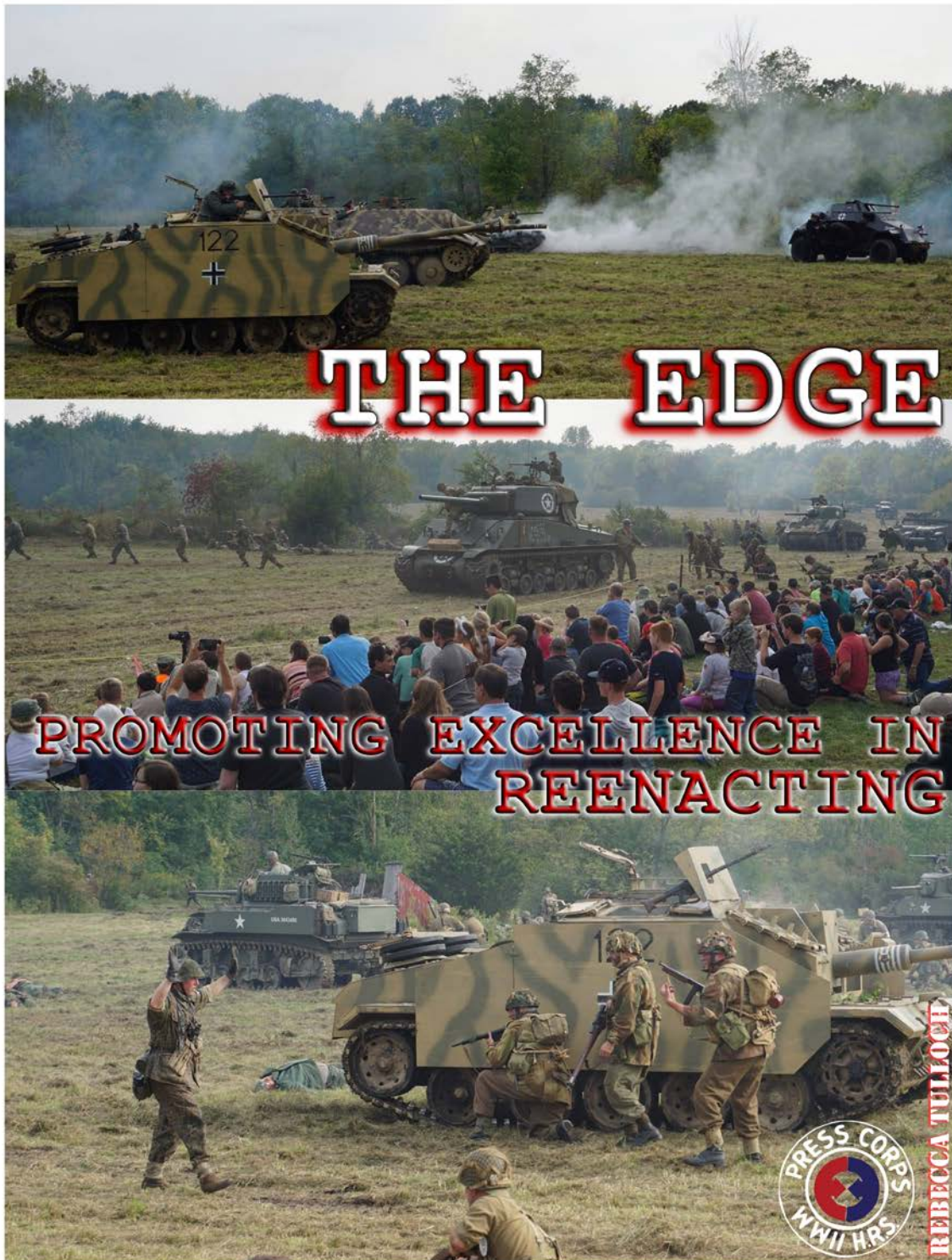
WORLD WAR 2 Historical Re-enactment Society

(Left) Mr. Rogers a WWII veteran that served in the Canadian Army after being turned down by all the other branches.
He got wet on D-Day with the base plate of the 2 inch mortar.

Photos by Rebecca Tulloch taken at Rockford, ILL WW2 Days – September 2016

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Rockford, ILL – Midway Village Museum September 2016
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2016 WWII HRS Board Elections

The positions up for election this year are
Vice President,
Treasurer,
and Allied Representative.

The terms are for two years. The qualifications to run for a board position are listed below and found in the WWII HRS bylaws under “**ARTICLE X: ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**, Section 3. Board of Directors Elections”:

“Any individual wishing to run for a Board position, who is at least 21 years of age and has been a member in good standing of the Society for at least two years, may announce his or her candidacy for office by September 1 of an election year. A written statement of intent and goals shall be delivered to at least two (2) Board members and the editor of the Society's publication(s).”

The expectations for any WWII HRS board member is to regularly attend board meetings, participate civilly in any discussions and decisions on WWII HRS business, and be available at events if needed. This means the position does require time and effort. If you have neither time nor effort please do not apply! In general the duties of the Vice President are to chair the Safety and Authenticity Committee, to regulate the new and existing unit charters, and encourage new units to seek an HRS charter. The Treasurer is to track and report on the organization finances and regularly report to the board and membership a complete picture of the financial situation. The Allied Representative's job is to ensure the needs of the Allied units, including Soviet units, are well met for the organization along with other assigned duties.

If you think you can meet these requirements and serve your fellow members, submit a no longer than one page written statement of your intentions for a position, a bio, and why you are qualified to serve on the board. Also include an image of yourself in your WWII uniform. This will be sent to the membership through the HRS media so the members can make their choice. The deadline is September 30 and the candidates will be announced in the October issue of the Edge. A committee of three people will review the submissions and make sure all seeking a board position meet the qualifications. Voting will take place in November.

Send all submissions to President Jon Stevens at jstevensww2@sbcglobal.net.



September 29, 2016

Ladies and Gentlemen of the WW2 HRS,

After discussing things with my unit at Rockford and with many HRS members, I have decided to run for re-election for the Vice-Presidency of the WW2 HRS. I would like to state that it is also my intent to run for the Presidency next year when that Board position becomes available at the end of 2017.

There is still work that I've started that I'd like to see through, including getting paper charters into the hands of the Unit Commanders, some already have gotten them but there are more I need to get to. One of my goals was to improve the membership and participation on the S&A Committee and it has seen a lot of fresh and valuable newcomers over the last two years. 2017 should see the change of about another 6 to 8 committee members and I'm looking forward to a net increase in participation from the committee as a whole.

During my term I've also managed positive results in new "quality" charters, 2015 saw the addition of 5 units, and so far 2016 is on the verge of producing six new units including 2 Finnish units which the HRS has never had before. 2017 will prove to also be a good year and I look forward to finishing strong.

I had thought about not running for re-election as it would only amount to one year of a two-year term but after reflection, I feel that I would serve the HRS better by staying on for one more year rather than not running for re-election at all. Feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions at charles_bolanis_03@yahoo.com I look forward to your support and your vote later this Fall.

Best Regards,

Chuck Bolanis

Unit Commander – 3./SS Panzergrenadier Regiment 21. "Fruntsberg"
Vice President, World War 2 Historical Reenactment Society



Chuck Bolanis



Danville 2016

Photo Credit: Alexia Thoms

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My name is Doug Loge and I would like to announce my candidacy for the HRS Vice President position. I have previously served on the HRS BOD in several positions, including as the current elected HRS Secretary. I have also been an active member of the HRS S&A Committee for the past 7 years, and have been an active HRS member for the past 12 years.

As the current HRS Secretary, I have -

- Attended the vast majority of monthly HRS meetings, taking accurate minutes.
- Continued to spearhead the effort to lower the dues for HRS members. Lowering dues is one way to “give back” to the HRS membership.
- Created and administered the HRS' online membership website. This has proven to be a great and easy way for reenactors to sign up for HRS membership.
- Answered all Unit Commander and general membership inquiries in a timely manner.

If elected as HRS Vice President, I will -

- Help make the chartering process for new and probationary units quicker and easier.
- Stress, and promote safety and authenticity.
- Continue to keep HRS membership affordable for all HRS members.
- Help keep the HRS events safe, authentic, and fun.

Thank you for your consideration.

Doug Loge

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HRS Members,

I, Wayne McCulley am writing to declare my intent to run for re-election to the position of Treasurer of the World War II Historical Re-enactment Society.

HRS Background:

I have been a member of the WW2 HRS since 2005. I am currently a member of the Hampshire Regiment and the 9th US Infantry Division. I have been an active member of 9th ID since 2005 and the Hampshire's since 2015. I was appointed to the Safety and Authenticity Committee in 2011 and have been an active contributing member. I was appointed interim Treasurer in January of 2014 and was elected to a 2 year term in the fall of 2014.

Accomplishments as Treasurer:

Memberships have been processed in a timely manner.

Society Bills have been paid promptly.

Financial Reports have been completed for review by members.

I have been quick to respond to inquiries by members.

I have been involved in facilitating HRS activities such as Rockford vehicle raffle, and Rockford HRS meals.

I have attended all HRS board meetings.

Future Goals If Elected Treasurer:

If re-elected I will continue what I have been doing. I would like to see continued growth in the quality and diversity of impressions within the society. I would also like to see HRS resources be used to facilitate new events getting started and to help older events to continue to thrive. I would also like to see HRS dues kept as low as possible by using existing financial resources for HRS expenditures.

I hope to continue to work in the society's best interest as treasurer. I ask for your vote.

Respectfully,
Wayne McCulley

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Ladies and Gentlemen of the HRS:

My name is Ronald J Kapustka, from Chicago, Illinois and I am running for re-election to the position of Allied Representative with the HRS. I have served as the Allied Representative since 2014 and served on the Board as Secretary prior to that. I am a practicing attorney, licensed in both Illinois and Wisconsin, and I feel that my business and legal real world experience will be beneficial to the HRS and its members. I act as Corporate Counsel for over 4000 not-for-profit corporations and have everyday experience that will be useful to the HRS.

I have been involved with reenacting since 2002, when I started with Vietnam. In 2003, I got involved in WW2 when I joined Easy Company, 2/506th, 101st Airborne. I was with that Unit for 6 months, after which a group of ten split away and formed my current Unit, C Company, 1/502nd, 101st Airborne. I have been the CO of the Unit since 2003, running the Unit as a Private, until 2009, when I assumed the rank of Captain. I previously let others, more experience in reenacting help me direct the Unit during the early years, taking advantage of their leadership and guidance, until I assumed the rank of Captain.

I have been a member of the HRS since 2003, have seen things done different ways, some I agree with others I don't. I have started my own successful Unit, which has kept a great core group of 20+ members since its formation in 2004. My Unit stays together because I try to lead by example and I try to make decisions that benefit the Unit as a whole, rather than one man or one small group.

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September 29th, 2016

To the Ladies and Gentlemen of the WWII HRS,

It is with great enthusiasm that I submit my application to be considered for the position of Allied Representative of the WWII Historical Reenactment Society. This decision to run does not come lightly, as this is a large and prestigious group, but it is a group filled with excellent and wonderful people.

I decided to run for Allied Representative based on the suggestions and guidance of close friends, and of a wanting to give back to a Society and a Hobby that has given me so much. I have always grown up and lived with the motto of 'service to others', and I feel like I am in a position where I can do that very thing for the HRS. My intentions for this position are to infuse that into the Society: service to others. Because, at the end of the day, that's the very same motto that the men and women we portray held to during the war. Now, this is not to say that the Society does not serve others already; in fact the complete opposite is true! Every member of the HRS works together as a team to get the job done, and we work as a pretty darn good team, if I do say so myself!

I always have a hard time talking about myself; however, I'll give it a shot: I am a Special Educational Instructional Aide for Clarksville Middle School (IN), however currently I am an Emergency Licensed Teacher, specializing in U.S. History and Language Arts. This past summer semester, I taught an introductory U.S. History course at the Mid-America College of Funeral Service. I currently hold a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History (with a Minor in Sociology) from Indiana University, which I received in 2013. I am an Assistant Scoutmaster for a Boy Scouts of America Troop, and I earned my Eagle Scout award in 2009.

As far as my reenacting career, I began reenacting in 2008. I currently reenact the War of 1812, WWI, and the Vietnam War, in addition to a multitude of WWII allied military and civilian impressions. One of my proudest accomplishments is working with the Indianapolis Honor Flight. I gather and coordinate Reenactors to meet and salute every Veteran as they return home from seeing their monument in Washington D.C., and try to give them a small portion of the homecoming that they truly deserve, but never received.

The Honor Flight program is near and dear to my heart, and something that I feel can really help us as Reenactors remember why we put in our blood, sweat, toil and tears into our hobby. In addition, I travel and participate in MANY events, and I am a Sergeant for the unit I am part of: Company G, of the 505th Parachute Infantry Division, of the 82nd Airborne Division.

In conclusion, thank you for your consideration for the position of Allied Representative of the WWII Historical Reenactment Society. The position of Allied Representative requires someone who has immense experience in WWII allied history, as well as someone who can coordinate with others, plan events, and do the behind-the-scenes work at events; experience which I believe I possess and would be of immense help to the Society. I would be more than happy to discuss any questions you may have, and can be reached at cevaughnius@gmail.com. Thank you so much for your time, and I will see you on the field!

Corey Vaughn



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The EDGE is the WW2 HRS's own publication.

This is where we promote what we do.

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

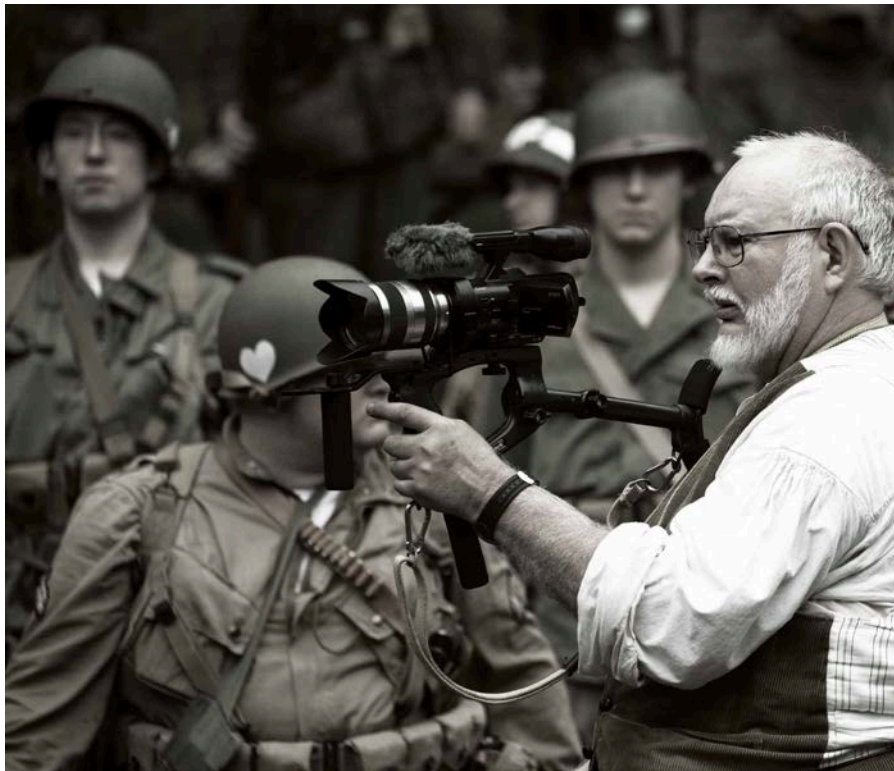
WW2 HRS Units are welcome to advertise their Events and Accomplishments in The Edge.

ANY WW2 HRS Member can submit an item for publication here in The EDGE.

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.



Heinz Thiel - WW2 HRS Press Corps

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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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Treasurer Wayne McCulley

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

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF AUGUST 31ST 2016

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$12,570.24
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$52,438.37
Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$302.20

Account Totals

\$65,310.81

INCOME FOR AUGUST 2016

Membership Income	\$330.00
Interest from Money Market Account	\$5.67
Total Income	\$335.67

EXPENDITURES FOR AUGUST 2016

Eventbrite Service Fees	\$38.28
Email Marketing Service	\$12.80
Postage	\$9.40
Refund of Overpaid Family Memberships	\$10.00
Total Expenditures	\$70.48



2016 Membership Income	\$10,755.00
2016 Interest Income	\$37.25
2016 Miscellaneous Income	\$300.00
2016 Total Income	\$11,092.25
2016 Expenses	\$9,501.41
2016 Total Income Less 2016 Expenditures	\$1,590.84

Respectfully Submitted by
Wayne McCulley
Treasurer
World War Two Re-Enactment Society Inc.





EVENTS

October	October
01-02	MISSOURI MILITARY HISTORY WEEKEND 2016
 <p>Oct</p> <p>Loc: Missouri Military History Museum, 2302 Militia Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65101 Dates: Oct. 1-2, 2016 Event Times: 10:00am - 4:00pm each day. Setup on Friday starting in the afternoon. Registration Times: Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Pre-Registration: Space is limited so please contact the event coordinator to reserve your display area, Chris Adams at cblackthorne@hotmail.com Fee: None Contact: Chris Adams, 573-680-1244 or cblackthorne@hotmail.com Website: None Authenticity Notes: WWII HRS safety and authenticity rules apply. All theaters are welcome, ETO, PTO, and MTO. Prohibited Vehicles/Items: No firing of weapons except during designated demonstration times. Restrictions on Minors: WWII HRS rules apply Other restrictions: None Sponsoring Unit(s): 29th Panzergrenadier Regiment</p>	
07-09	ADVANCE ON SAINT LO - PRELUDE TO OPERATION COBRA TACTICAL EVENT
 <p>Oct</p> <p>Location: L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation, 2900 16th Street, Haugen, Wisconsin, 54841. Dates: Friday, October 7th to Sunday, October 9th, 2016. Event Times: Check-in Friday, 4pm – 10pm and Saturday, 7:30am to 8:30am. S & A at 8:45am. Scenarios go from 9:15am to 5:30pm. Saturday evening meal at 6:30pm. Registration Times: Until midnight, October 4th. You must pre-register, no walk-ons allowed. Pre-registration: (click here) Fee: \$20.00 for tactical and Saturday evening meal. Additional \$15.00 if staying overnight 1 or 2 nights. Barracks style accommodations, bunk beds with mattresses, restrooms, showers, limited availability. Contact: Ross Hedin (Event Coordinator), ross_hedin@yahoo.com, 763-267-3704 Website: https://www.facebook.com/events/274470642927491/ Authenticity Notes: All WWII HRS authenticity rules will apply and be strictly enforced. Timeframe is July, 1944, European Theater, Normandy area of France. All Allied and German impressions correct for the ETO and that time period are welcome. No partisan or civilian impressions allowed and this event is not open to public spectators. Rules of engagement will be designed to make the event as realistic as possible. Battle scenarios will be objective oriented. Units must maintain squad strength to be an effective fighting force. Prohibited Vehicles/Items: NO LIVE AMMO! Authentic or period reproduction vehicles are allowed but use on site may be limited depending upon weather conditions. Restrictions on minors: All participants must be at least 18 years old. Other restrictions: No alcoholic beverages or illegal substances. No pyrotechnics or smoke allowed. No digging holes. No smoking in or around buildings, allowed in wooded areas only, please leave no trace. Sponsoring Unit: 105th Engineer Combat Battalion, 30th Infantry Division, St. Paul, MN.</p>	

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<p>14-16</p> <p>Oct</p> 	<p align="center">WINTER LINE, A WW II MTO TACTICAL</p> <p>Loc: Camp Siman Events, 10135 Oakland, Tiff, MO 63674 Dates: 14-16 October 2016 Event Times: 12noon 14 October - 12 noon 16 October 2016 Tactical 9am - 5 pm on 15 October. Camping from Friday - Sunday Registration Times: 0600 - 0800 15 October 2016 Pre-Registration: (click here) Fee: \$15 at the gate Contact: Gary Adkins papaioad@20thcenturygi.com Website(s): https://www.facebook.com/events/1132691540108726 http://campsimanevents.webs.com http://fssf6-3.com Authenticity Notes: Per HRS Prohibited Vehicles/Items: NO live Ammo Restrictions on Minors: Per HRS Regulations Other restrictions: N/A Sponsoring Unit(s): First Special Service Force 6th Co 3rd REG HRS / Camp Siman Events</p>
<p>November</p> <p align="center">November</p>	
<p>04-06</p> <p>Nov</p> 	<p align="center">17TH ANNUAL OTTAWA KANSAS VETERANS DAY EVENT</p> <p>Loc: Forest Park 600 N Locust Ottawa, Kansas Dates: 11/4-6/2016 The WWII Camp site and Battle will be on Saturday 11/5/2016 at 3:00PM Event Times: Saturday 11/5/2016 8:00 AM til 5:00 PM Registration Times: Saturday 11/5/2016 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM Pre-Registration: none Fee: None Contact: John Colyer nordland1@cox.net Website: http://www.ottawaveterancelebration.com Authenticity Notes: WWII HRS Safety & Authenticity rules will be enforced Prohibited Vehicles/Items: No alcoholic beverages in camp sites during the public display on Saturday. No live ammo of any kind in camp or near battle site Restrictions on Minors: HRS rules on minors will be in effect Other restrictions: No One will be allowed on the Battle field who has not signed a waiver Sponsoring Unit(s): 11th SS Nordland</p>
<p>04-06</p> <p>Nov</p> 	<p align="center">1944 OST FRONT WW II TACTICAL</p> <p>Loc: Camp Siman Events - 10135 Oakland Tiff, MO 63674 Dates: 4-6 November 2016 Event Times: Gate opens 12 noon 4 November, Event 9am - 4pm 5 November, gate closes 12 noon 6 November 2016 Registration Times: 7-9 am 5 November Pre-Registration: (click here) Fee: \$15 at the gate. Contact: papaioadfssf@sbcglobal.net or sapphiredragon495@gmail.com Websites: https://www.facebook.com/events/557586434419564 http://fssf6-3.com http://www.6thcorpslhq.com http://campsimanevents.webs.com Authenticity Notes: Per HRS regulations Prohibited Vehicles/Items: NO live ammo. Restrictions on Minors: Per HRS regulations Other restrictions: All blanks need to be in a clear plastic bag. End blocks, stripper clips and belts may be preloaded, all Magazines must be empty for inspection. Sponsoring Unit(s): First Special Service Force 6th CO 3rd REG</p>



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Westwall - Defense of Aachen 2016

by 5 SS "Wiking" Pionier (HRS) Yeah,
not the one in Colorado

\$0 - \$28.50

Alan Miltich
5SS Wiking Pionier

www.Westwall2016.eventbrite.com

Westwall - Defense of Aachen
October 21-23, 2016
Fort Custer Training Center, Augusta MI

Preregistration w/ Saturday banquet \$28.50,
Without banquet \$20 tactical

Organizer: Alan "Infamous Alfons" Miltich of 5SS Wiking
Phone/Text: 517-414-1164

Email for event: WikingPionier@comcast.net

Registration: www.Westwall2016.eventbrite.com

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Friday 23 September 2016 School Day at Midway Village Museum
Photo By Heinz Thiel – WW2 HRS Press Corps

[Lonna Converso](#)

Rockford, ILL – Midway Village Museum

The numbers.....20th Anniversary World War II Days

The grand total attendance for all four days of the World War II Days last week at Midway Village Museum was 10,479. The visitor attendance figures for the World War II Days special event on Saturday and Sunday was 7,546 with the majority of visitors attending the event on Saturday with a total of 4,535. This is one of the largest one day attendance totals for the World War II Days special event since it started 20 years ago.

The grand total for attendance over the course of the four days includes educators and students during the Friday School day program, guests to the USO dance, visitors attending the special Thursday Dinner with General Patton and Friday Behind The Lines tour, and the more than 1,300 reenactors.

The Friday School Day program was also the largest to date.

Again, thank you to everyone contributing to the success of this special event!!

Midway Village Museum

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Friday 23 September 2016 School Day at Midway Village Museum
Photo By Heinz Thiel – WW2 HRS Press Corps



Saturday 24 September USO Dance
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The Little Carbine That Could (sort of)

By Kerwin Law August 2016



The US Carbine, caliber 30, M1 was a pretty successful design when you focus on its primary role. It was envisioned to give our more heavily laden troops a lighter weight “rifle” than the M1 Garand. One would certainly have to admit it did accomplish that, as it was several pounds lighter than our rifles in use at the time.



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It was also designed to give our less heavily armed troops, which would normally be carrying a pistol, more range and firepower. Having the rear guard and support troops heavier armed was deemed quite valuable after seeing how the German Blitzkrieg tactics could break through the lines and create havoc in the rear areas. The 15 shot M1 Carbine could make hits well out to 200 yards and often beyond that. Compare that to the 6 shot revolvers and 7 shot 1911 pistols that weren't likely to get hits beyond 25-50 yards. So, in my opinion it did both originally envisioned jobs quite well. What it did not do very well was, replace the M1903 Springfield or M1 Garand in battle. It was pushed into that job mainly because we had such a huge demand in WWII for weapons and because it was made in such large numbers, it was issued to troops who should probably have had a .30-06 based rifle. Although it was usually not as reliable under battlefield conditions as the M1 Garand, it's main short coming when pushed into this secondary role was its relatively weak cartridge (30 Carbine). Often times the 30 Carbine simply wouldn't stop an enemy immediately like the .30-06 would. As you might imagine, this could prove deadly to its user. The Carbine's recoil was mild and it could be fired quite rapidly, but stopping the enemy from doing harm quickly rates right up there in warfare. From firsthand accounts that I've read, it had fairly adequate stopping power close up, but it just couldn't be relied on to do the job down range. It seems the M1 Carbine has a love/hate relationship with the troops who used it, with little middle ground. All in all, I feel it did the job it was intended to do. As for the less successful job it did in the role for which it was not originally intended, more of the blame should go to the decision to issue it as a frontline weapon rather than its design.



The M1 carbine was unique in that, unlike other US military carbines it was not a shortened version of an existing service rifle, but rather a design all of its own. As mentioned above, it used a completely new, lower powered cartridge than what our standard infantry rifle used. One of the more remarkable things about the M1 Carbine is, the relatively short time between the concept being on the drawing board and the US having a pretty successful working firearm. Like the 1917 US Enfield, it relied solely on civilian contractors for its manufacturer. They were made by Inland, Winchester, Underwood, Saginaw, National Postal Meter, Quality Hardware, IBM, Standard Products, Rockola and Irwin Pedersen. As a side note, I included Irwin Pedersen in this list because they were awarded an M1 Carbine contract, but they couldn't meet production demands and never got any M1 Carbines approved by the military. Saginaw Steering Gear Division of General Motors was allowed to pick up the contract and after the Irwin Pedersen receivers were used up, marked their remaining carbines 'S'G' Grand Rapids. Probably the most remarkable thing about this group of contractors is, only Winchester had ever made a firearm before. Combined, these contractors produced over 6 million M1 Carbines from 1942-1945. The M1 Carbine and it's variants remain the most heavily produced military firearm in US history. Although some other designs submitted to the US military for consideration had some influence on the M1 Carbine design, it was for the most part a Winchester invention. More information about the development and individual manufacturers can be found in the book "War Baby" by Larry Ruth.



Inland in WWII configuration.



Inland in WWII configuration.

There were several refinements to the M1 Carbine later on in its production. The pushbutton safety was deemed a problem because the magazine release button could be mistaken for it. A rotary type safety took its place and helped solve the risk of that potentially fatal error. Part of the stock was trimmed away for more slide to stock clearance. This was hoped to stop debris from becoming stuck in that area and causing a jam. The simple “L” shaped flip sight was replaced by a much better rear sight that allowed for windage and finer elevation adjustments. M1 Carbines were originally painstakingly zeroed at the factory and a “one size fits all” approach to sight adjustment could be problematic. To add to its offensive capabilities, a bayonet lug was installed as well. Sometime after the war, most of these refinements were added to the M1 Carbines with the early features, thus the making unaltered ones fairly rare. There were a few M1 Carbine variants that appeared later in WWII. Around 1942 Inland made a Paratrooper model called the M1A1. It was basically a standard M1 Carbine with a metal folding stock. Late in 1944, Inland and Saginaw were asked to manufacture a select fire version called the M2. Later on, our military converted other brands to M2 configuration to meet demand. A 30 round magazine was adopted to double the ammunition capacity for the full auto version. The strangest variant would have to be the M3 Carbine with its selective fire and infrared “night vision” scope. These were used on a very limited basis at the closing stages of WWII in the Pacific theater. They had somewhat of resurgence during the Korean War, but were still quite rare on the battlefield.

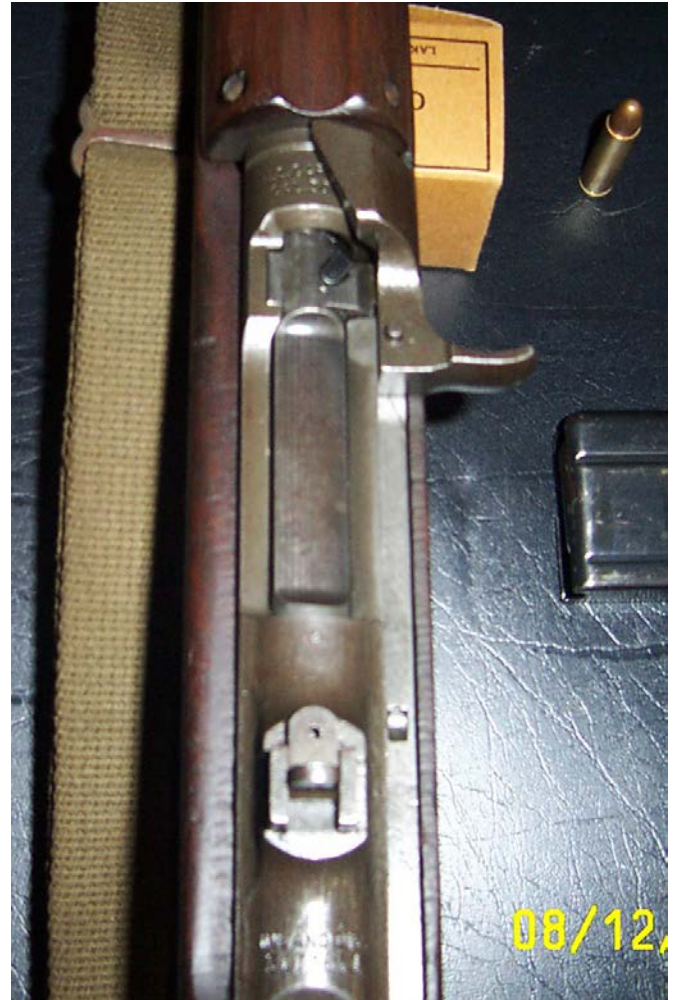
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Inland in WWII configuration.

The M1 Carbine family served the US not only in WWII, but in Korea and early in Viet Nam as well. Like most other US weapons of the 20th century, it was given and loaned to our allies in great numbers. Dozens of countries have used it at one time or another, and believe it or not, some still do. After they were rendered obsolete like the M1 Garand, many were sold through the DCM (Director of Civilian Marksmanship) and its later incarnation the CMP (Civilian Marksmanship Program). With existing stocks of the M1 Carbine at the CMP nearly exhausted (auction site only) and an increased interest with collectors, prices have been driven up considerably in recent years. So, couple that with ten USGI manufacturers and a few different variants, and you have your work cut out for you completing your M1 Carbine collection today.

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Inland in WWII configuration.



A typical post war rebuild.

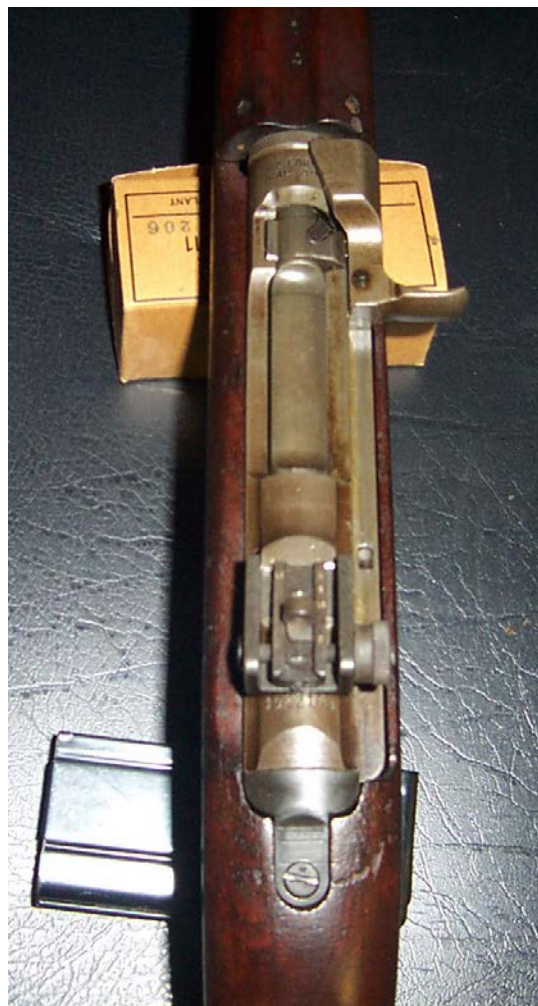


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HOW TO ATTEND a Board Meeting:

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.

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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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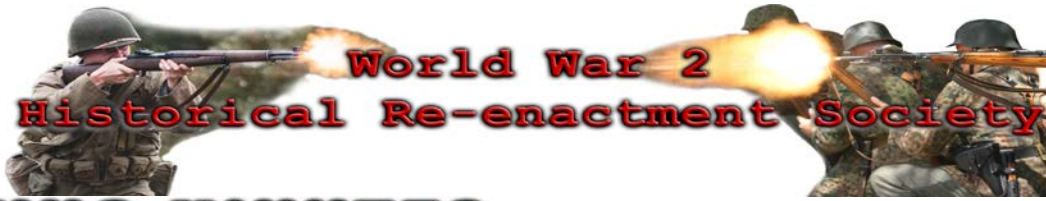


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MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the WWII Historical Reenactment Society

Board Meeting

16 August 2016

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	YES
Axis Representative	Dave Fornell	NO
Commonwealth Rep.	Brian Jones	YES

HRS Members Present

Jim Schouten, Matt Rademacher, Chris Adams, George Reinke

Approval of Agenda

The August agenda was approved by unanimous BOD vote.

Reading of the Minutes

July Minutes - Read by DL - Approved by unanimous BOD vote.

Officer Reports:

Vice President -

D Co., 135th Rgt., 34th Infantry Div. - CB said under review at this time.

11th Guards Rifle Div., - CB said under review at this time.

New charter - GD Feldlazeratte - CB said being discussed at this time.

Jaegerdivision 28 - CB said being voted on at this time.

Treasurer -

TREASURER'S REPORT

WORLD WAR II HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY

AUGUST 2016

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF JULY 31, 2016

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$12,310.72
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$52,432.70
Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$302.20
Account Totals	\$65,045.62

INCOME For JULY 2016

Membership Income	\$435.00
Interest from Money Market Account	\$4.98
Total Income	\$439.98

EXPENDITURES FOR JULY 2016

Eventbrite Service Fees	\$50.46
Email Marketing Service	\$12.80
Postage	10.29
Total Expenditures	\$73.55
2016 Membership Income	\$10,435.00
2016 Interest Income	\$31.58
2016 Miscellaneous Income	\$300.00
2016 Total Income	\$10,766.58
2016 Expenses	\$9,440.93
2016 Total Income Less 2016 Expenditures	\$1,325.65

Secretary - DL said

Current membership total - 1032 which is similar to last year's totals at this time.

Membership cards mailed - 560 for the year so far.

New events - New events are listed on the HRS website.

Commonwealth Rep - BJ said nothing new.

Allied Rep - RK said nothing new.

Axis Rep - Not in attendance.

HRS Media Staff Reports

Media Coordinator - Dave Fornell - Not in attendance.

Periodical Editor - Jeff Skender - Not in attendance.

Webmaster - John Olsen - Not in attendance.

Social Media Editor/Coordinator - Vacant.

Society Archivist & Library - Vacant.

Other Staff and Groups

Business Manager - David Jameson - Not in attendance.

Event Development Group - Rich Russo - Not in attendance. JS said that a new event was being worked on for the summer on 2017 in IN. which included armor.

Committee Reports:

S&A - CB said that is working on charter previously stated.

Unit Commanders -

JS said HRS membership registration information was posted several times on the group.

Vehicle Committee -

Jim Schouten said still working on getting volunteers for inspections at Rockford event.

Civilian Committee - Nicole Fornell - Not in attendance.

Special Committee Safety Inspection Review - Mike Blazejack - Not in attendance. JS said received a 5 page report of recommendations and it will be discussed in the future.

Old Business:

Legal Review of Waivers - JS said will work on setting up conference call.

New Business:

Rockford Support -

Promotional materials - \$1000.00 for 40th HRS anniversary - JS in charge.

Thursday dinner - \$500.00 for Thursday dinner - RK in charge.

Sunday breakfast - \$1000.00 - CB in charge.

Vehicle support - 20 x \$50.00 (\$1000.00) - WM in charge.

Announcements: Next BOD meeting 9/13/16

Adjourn: 8:35pm

All of the HRS Board Meeting Minutes from the past six years are posted on the HRS WEB Site.
Current HRS By-Laws 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



AN HISTORICAL FIND IN A SKI BOOT

By Chuck Roberts

History enthusiasts are often excited when acquiring a new item or document to enhance their collection of artifacts. Archeologists get excited about a new dig, anthropologists are excited about a new skull, and military history buffs get excited about a new uniform or piece of equipment. At a recent WWII reenactment, a pair of ski boots was purchased to augment a 10th Mountain Division impression.

Figure 1 is a view of the ski boots, a fairly standard pair, similar to that used by skiers of the early 1940's as well as mountain troops.



Figure 1



Figure 2

Figure 2 shows the manufacturer as Bryntesson with the Swedish three crowns stamped on the sole. The boots looked like they had never been used.

While trying on the ski boots, there appeared to be something stuffed up by the toe of the ski boot. A wad of newspaper was found at the toe and removed. It was common practice in the 1930's and 1940's to stuff newspaper in the toe of shoes to keep the shape while not in use.

Out of curiosity, the paper was opened up, laid flat, and ironed. Parts of the paper are shown in Figures 3 through 7.



Figure 3

Figure 3 is a partial view of a photograph, which appears to be of a parade in Casablanca, Morocco. Note the date in the upper right corner: February 2, 1943. Roosevelt and Churchill met in Casablanca in January 1943, to plan strategy for the next move against the Axis powers after the North African victory. This is probably the parade in their honor; as historical records from the 70th Tank Battalion indicate the unit's participation in a parade in honor of Roosevelt during his visit. In the photo, there appear to be a marching band, a Dodge Weapons Carrier vehicle with photographers on board, and an over flight of A26 aircraft. Stalin was invited to attend, but declined. At the conference, it was concluded that the assault across the English Channel was not feasible in 1943.



Figure 4

Figure 4 is an ad for the famous 1942 movie “Mrs. Miniver,” starring Greer Garson; a story about a typical English family coping with the ravages of WWII. The story dealt with the Dunkirk defeat, a relative lost in an air attack, discovery of a wounded German pilot and the Royal Air Force. The movie ends with a moral boosting speech typical of WWII movies. Greer Garson received an academy award for this movie.



Figure 5

Figure 5 is an article that is titled "New Terrible Raid on Messina." Messina, in northern Sicily, was apparently a bomber target long before the invasion of Sicily in July of 1943. The decision to invade Sicily was made at the Casablanca Conference in January, 1943.



Figure 6

The article in Figure 6 is entitled "Goring's Speech Too Openhearted." This suggests that this Swedish writer was not totally buying everything that Goring had said in a speech. Even in 1943, there was spin.

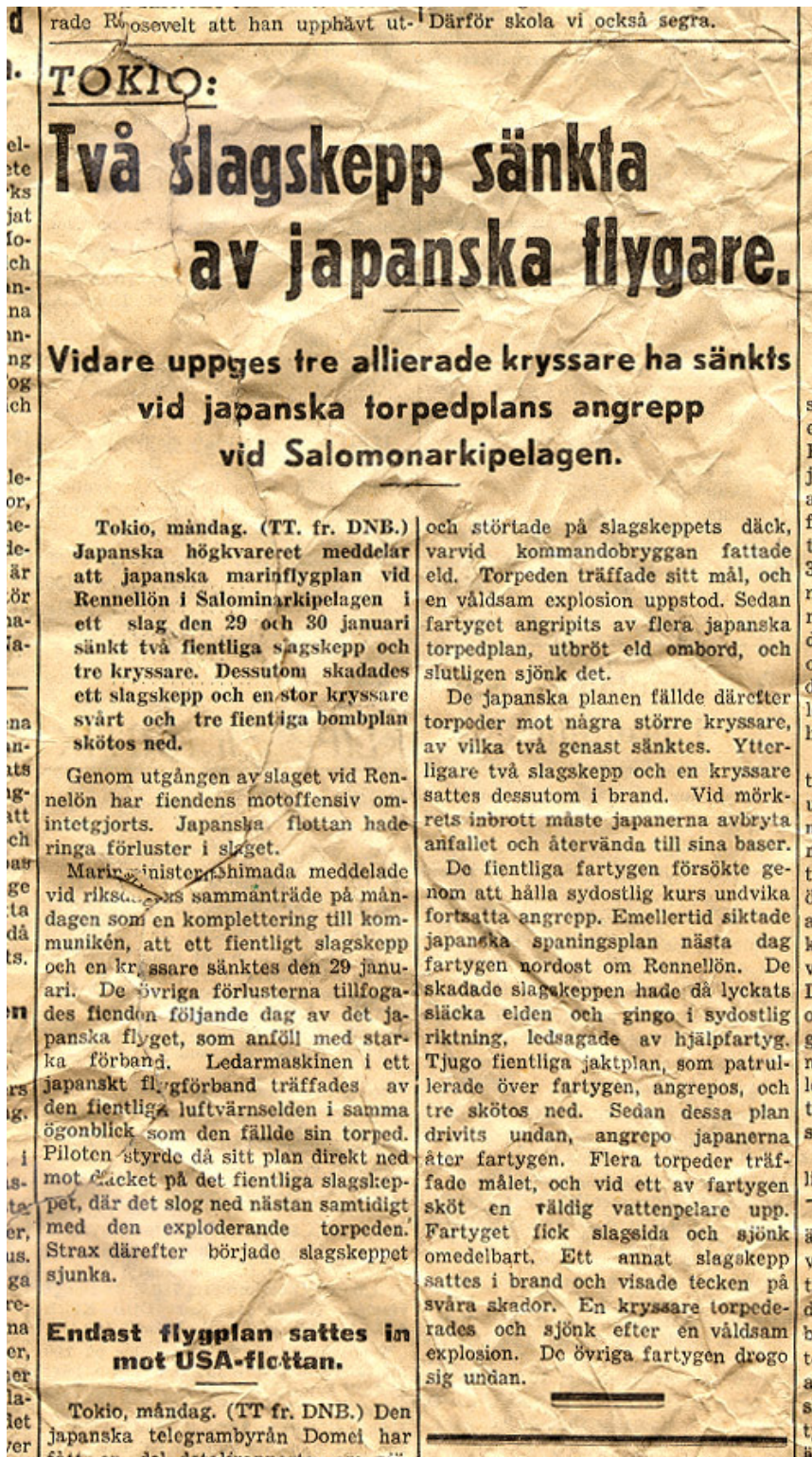


Figure 7

The title of the article in Figure 7 reads “Two Battleships Sunk by Japanese Pilots.” Unfortunately, the names of the two battleships were not given.

Sweden had a free press in February of 1943, as indicated by the variety of articles as well as opinions regarding current events. The discovery of this newspaper inside these ski boots indicates that they were most likely manufactured in 1943 or earlier.

It’s amazing what you can find in old ski boots!



Saturday 2 PM Medical Aid Station Skit

Photo by Rebecca Tulloch - Rockford, ILL WW2 Days – September 2016

From: _____



To: _____

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