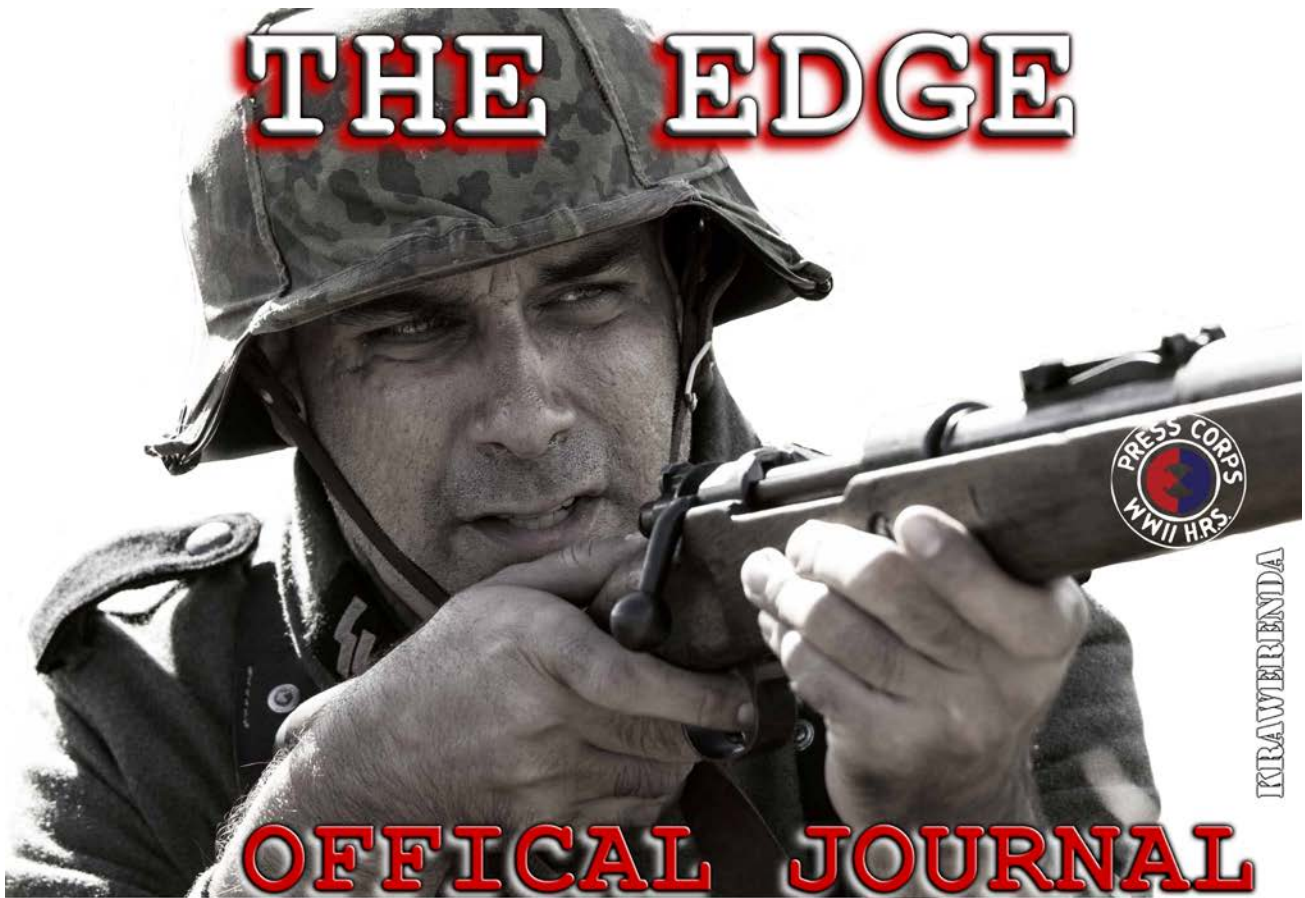


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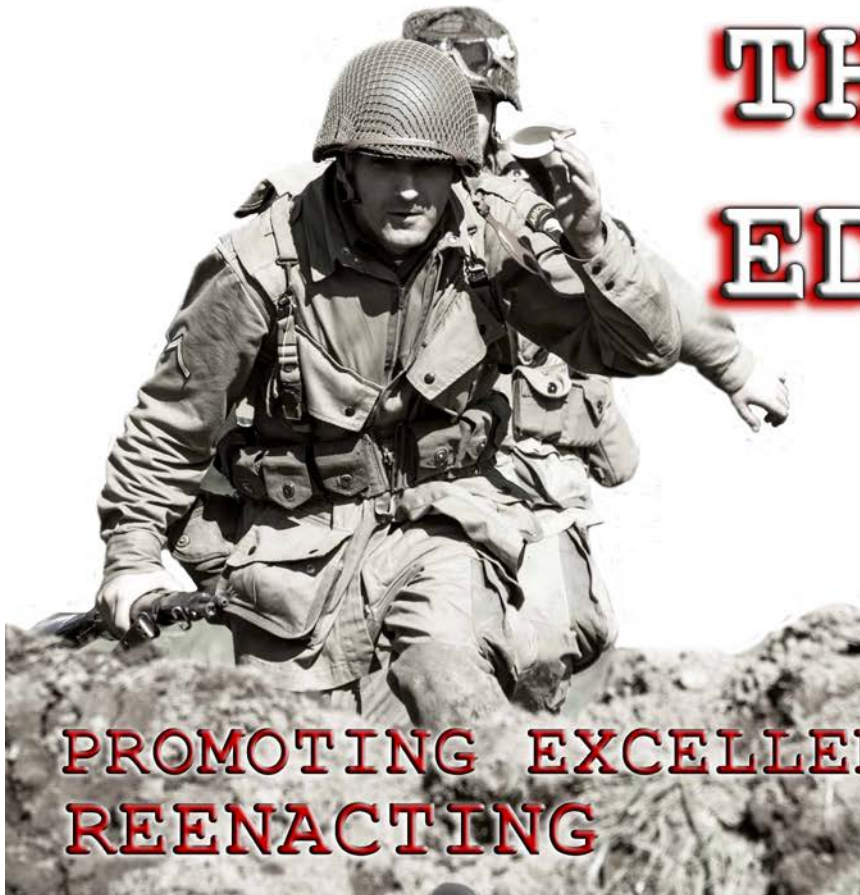


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WWII HRS Secretary Resignation Notice

December 20, 2016

I hereby resign as Secretary of the HRS.

I will save all of the HRS the drama.

Best of luck to the current and future BOD.

Sincerely, Doug Loge

There will be delays in getting your 2017 HRS membership cards since we do not currently have a Secretary and are contemplating a new position of Membership Coordinator.

Christof Baumer

Unit Commander - 10th SS "Frundsberg"

WW2 Historical Reenactment Society Vice President



2016 WWII HRS Board of Director Elections

For WWII HRS Vice President (2 year term)

Response	Count	Percent	Rank
Charles "Chuck" Bolanis III	193	63	1
Doug Loge	108	35	2
John Stevens (Write In)	1	0	3
Kevin Henessey (Write In)	1	0	3
Andrew Dean Garrison (Write In)	1	0	3
Rich Russo (Write In)	1	0	3
Robert Blecke (Write In)	1	0	3

For WWII HRS Treasurer (2 year term)

Response	Count	Percent	Rank
Wayne McCulley	277	97	1
Dave Fornell (Write In)	2	0	2
Doug Slygh (Write In)	1	0	3
Tito (Write In)	1	0	3
(Write In)	1	0	3
Tom Guillou (Write In)	1	0	3

For WWII HRS Allied Representative (2 year term)

Response	Count	Percent	Rank
Corey Vaughn	179	58	1
Ronald Kapustka	125	40	2
Mike Beth (Write In)	1	0	3
Robert Leinweber (Write In)	1	0	3

913	Total Voters Notified
317	Total Members Voted
35%	Participation Rate

Vote conducted: 5 Dec 2016 - 18 Dec 2016



H.R.S. Jeep Authenticity Requirements

DISCLAIMER

The historical reenactment society, and the vehicle committee fully understand that many field modifications, lend lease changes and adaptations of vehicles were made during WWII by various countries, units and individuals. It is not the desire or directive of the H.R.S to undermine these changes or adaptations but to recognize them. Therefore, any modification done to a WWII vehicle that can be supported by period photographs and- or documentation shall be taken into consideration and likely accepted.

- 1) Front grille shall be stamped 9 slot or early fabricated "slat" with recessed lights, no chrome or painted headlamp or turn signal bezels or flush mounted lamps.
- 2) No movable tailgate visible, Rear body panel should be of a one-piece design.
- 3) No visible gas filler neck on outside of body. WWII jeep filler necks were located under the driver's seat.
- 4) Correct windshield frame. WWII style is 2-piece moveable glass panels mounted in a tube style frame with a height not to exceed 24 inches from the top of the cowl to the top of the windshield frame. Incorrect windshields may be stowed in the down position and covered with the canvass cover.
- 5) Seats must be WWII style tube frame with separate upper and lower cushions with a height not to exceed 22 inches from the rear compartment floor to the top of the seat frame.
- 6) WILLY's stamped letters must be removed from hood and windshield frame.
- 7) Axe and shovel indentations must be installed on driver's side lower panel.
- 8) Rear bumper should be WWII style bumperettes. Rear bumperettes may be omitted or modified for glider or aircraft designation.
- 9) Front bumper should be WWII style C channel or tube style bumper with the correct tow bar. Front bumper may show shortening - modification due to space restrictions in gliders and aircraft.
- 10) CJ2a style rear drawbar hitch must be removed and correct WWII style pintle hitch installed.
- 11) Top bows should be installed but need not function.

- 12) Instrument panel should be correct WWII style with correct appearance period gauges.
- 13) If footman loops or grab handles are installed on rear panel corners and body sides they should be of correct style.
- 14) Front and rear blackout lamps of WWII type should be installed in correct locations but need not function.
- 15) Jeep tires should be military NDT tread or period and theatre proper style, no modern tubeless radials.
- 16) Jeep wheels must be early stamped solid, combat wheels, or later stamped style. No mag style or modern off road wheels will be allowed.



Willys MB

Things to note:

- Grill – 9 slots
- Combat rims
- Rear axle hub
- Height of windshield
- Seats
- Pioneer tools



CJ2A Conversion:

Things to note good:

- Correct grill
- Correct early war rims
- Correct body/tub – no gas filler by pioneer tools
- Correct windshield
- Correct early war hood blocks for the windshield

Things to note not so good:

- Wrong black out lights on front (below headlights)
- Rear axle is cj2a type

Overall, a very acceptable conversion (without seeing the inside)

Some unacceptable conversions:



Things to note

(forget the desert camo color – if doing Brit N.Afr. it's okay)

- Wrong front grill (7 slots vs. 9 slots, larger protruding headlights, blackout lights)
- Gas filler neck on side panel
- Wrong front axle (simply remove the locking hubs and it's acceptable)
- Wrong rear axle
- Wrong seats.
- Wrong windshield
- CJ2a rims (called slotted rims). By themselves could be overlooked but combined with the rest of the package, FAIL!



Things to note:

- Wrong bridging plate
- Wrong axles (again, take off the locking hub on the front and it's passable.)
- Wrong front grill (slots, headlights mainly)
- Wrong windshield
- Gas filler neck on the side panel
- Wrong seats

Based on the grill alone, this Jeep does not pass inspection



Proper rear panel for Jeep:



- Proper Bumperettes in the proper “up facing” configuration, Good markings on the bumperettes, Jerry can bracket, proper jerry can and one of two types of spare tire mount (3 stud)
- Pintle, trailer receptacle, proper placement of the reflectors and correct taillights.
- NO TAILGATE



- Shipping label on passenger side
- Winter top
- Note the “deep mud exhaust” – different from the under-passenger exhaust. Still correct.



Al Brass Pic

- Instrument layout. 2 panel lights. L – R, B-O driving light switch, master light switch, choke, ignition switch, throttle, panel light switch, instrument cluster, handbrake, glove box with data plates.
- Smooth wheel well panels, smooth flooring, low-back seats, foot rests.



- Single light over instrument cluster, location of keyed ignition
- Grab handle instead of glove box
- WILLYS stamped windshield with tall panel
- High-back seats, raised floor of passenger seat (hidden tool box under seat)
- Ridges on wheel well panels.
- Raised floor for shifter tower & transfer case selectors for the different transmission (T-90 vs the military T-84)



- Note tailgate behind jerry can.
- Ridged rear floorboard and wheel well panels
- High seatbacks
- Side gas filler neck.



Acceptance Standards for Kubelwagens Used at HRS Sanctioned Events

Rev 21 April 2016

The Kubelwagen was a light weight personnel carrier built from 1940 thru 1945. Minor changes were made during those years, most notable being the color which transitioned from Dunkelgrau (grey) to Dunkelgelb (tan) during the 1943 calendar year.

- 1) Vehicle must be based on Volkswagen Type 1 chassis (for example, a VW Thing is a Type 3 chassis vehicle).
- 2) Side body panels should have 6 "ribs", all running parallel to the road surface.
- 3) Body markings / license plates should only replicate those used by the Wehrmacht from 1940 - 1945. Personalized markings must be supported by photographic evidence and pre-approved by HRS Authenticity Committee (for example, there is no evidence the "Baltic cross" was ever used on Kubelwagens). Modern license plates must be removed during HRS Sanctioned events.
- 4) Tires must be military, or "off road" style (original tires were 5.25 x 16). Civilian street style tires are not allowed.
- 5) Wheels should be stamped "smooth" style. Modern off-road wheels are not allowed.
- 6) Brake drums and wheels should be of the "5 wide" style. 4 lug wheels and drums should be covered by early style (nipple style) hubcaps (note that there is no evidence VW "baby moon" hub caps were ever used in the field).
- 7) Stabilizer Bars (applies to reproductions) should be removed from the front suspension.

- 8) Exhaust systems must be contained under the body of the vehicle with only the exhaust outlet pipes exposed.
- 9) Owners wishing to employ machine guns on the vehicle should strive to match historical photo evidence (painted appropriately....gray matched to center post gun mounts....tan matched to hood gun mounts).
- 10) Steering wheel must be of correct appearance and construction (early war 3 plastic spokes; late war 3 metal spokes) to support the year of production intention.
- 11) Windshield should be of construction to match original 1940 - 1945 design. Incorrect windshields may be stowed in the down position and covered with the canvas cover.
- 12) Instrument panel must match period for which vehicle is themed (early war pod style or late war Schwimmwagen style).
- 13) Turn signals (or representations of) should match period for which vehicle is themed (early war windshield mount; mid-war stalk mount; late war none). Modern turn signals, if present, must be covered.
- 14) Taillight(s) should be period correct construction (orange/amber over red round style). Re-painted modern plastic lights should be avoided.
- 15) Non-period correct accessories are not allowed.



HRS Vehicle Committee Vehicle Detail Guidelines

WW2 Kubelwagen Guidelines

21-April-2016

Dash Board and Steering Wheel Details



This is the early style dash and instrument panel.
It was used from 1940 thru mid-1943.
Also, note the early style steering wheel.



This is the instrument panel used after mid-1943.
Also, note the late style steering wheel
(spokes are metal rather than plastic).



For comparison, this is an example of a VW "Thing" dash
It does not share any design features of the original Kubel.



This is an example of a modern Volkswagen steering wheel.
Not appropriate for ww2.

Historical Note: Due to material shortages and delivery problems,
Kubelwagens were converted to use the
Schwimmwagen instrument panel mid-war as it was simpler and less expensive
to make.

Note to Owners: Reproductions of both early and late style instrument panels
and steering wheels are available from Europe.



Body Structure



Restored original VW Kubelwagen (1943)



Reproduction Kubelwagen

The Kubelwagen was built on the "Type 1" chassis, meaning the body starts to narrow

Note that the original Kubelwagen and the reproduction pictured above both have:

- * 6 body ribs, all running parallel to the ground. from between the doors to the front.
- * Round Fenders.
- * Body taper (sides) begins at "B" pillar (between doors).
- * Door handles turn (like a door knob).

2 images of "converted" VW Things



The VW Thing is a vehicle in which the design was "influenced" by the wartime Kubelwagen. However, the Thing was built on the VW "type 3" chassis, which is wider than the original vehicle.

Differences between converted Things real and authentic reproductions include:

- * Only 4 sets of body ribs, of which the forward portion does not run parallel to the ground.
- * Body taper (sides) begins at the "A" pillar (in front of front door)
- * Ventilation slots on rear quarter panels.
- * Door handles are partially recessed and do not turn.



Wheel Coverings



Early production Kubelwagens were shipped from the factory with "nipple" style hubcaps (the vehicle, wheels and hub cap would have been painted grey).



Factory prototypes and experimental vehicles were equipped with "baby-moon" type hub caps.

There is NO photographic evidence to suggest VW ever shipped this type of hub cap to the field.

The HRS would like to encourage all Kubelwagen owners (real and reproduction) to use authentic style hub caps when so equipped. ONLY Nipple type hub caps should be used on grey vehicles, or grey vehicles which have been over-painted with dunkelgelb (yellow/tan) with some evidence of grey paint remaining (such as the interior or wheels). Late war impression vehicles should have no hub caps.

Historical Note: All hub caps were eliminated from production by mid-1942.



Exhaust Systems



Early War Pre - June 1942) Exhaust



Post June 1942 Late War Exhaust



Reproduction Exhaust with wide style skid plate



Reproduction Exhaust with narrow style skid plat



Non-authentic reproduction exhaust system

Kubelwagen exhaust systems should be tucked under the body with the muffler(s) not exposed.



Tail Light Fixtures



This is a poor representation of the type of light used on early Kubelwagens. It is of all plastic construction and the orange "lens" is just painted over the red plastic. This example also has "Philips" type screws (should be slotted).



This light is a nearly identical reproduction of the actual lights used on early Kubelwagens. It is of metal and glass/plastic construction. It is manufactured by the same company who made the original lights in WW2.

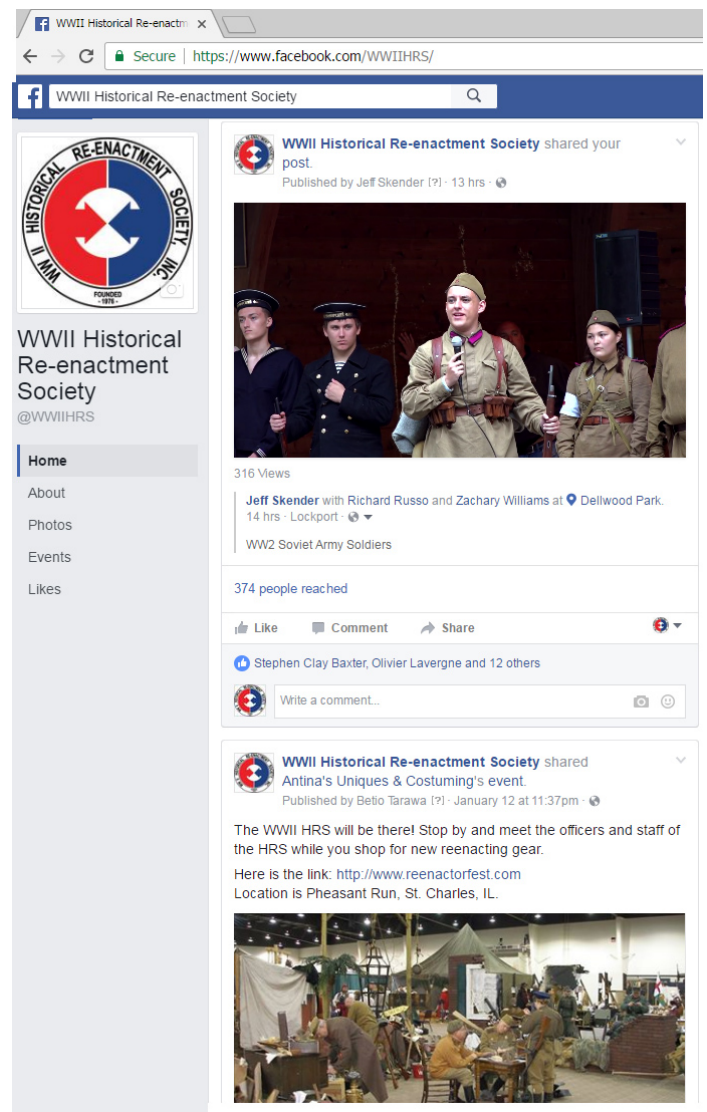
Some versions of this light have a raised "eyebrow" molded on the orange lens. It should be removed for a proper appearance.

The HRS would like to encourage all Kubelwagen owners (real and reproduction) to use authentic style lighting fixtures. Accurate reproductions can be purchased for less than 75 dollars through many on-line sources (search "Hella tail light").

Historical Note: The right-side tail light was eliminated from production by mid-1942 (vehicles still painted Grey). Some owners who drive their vehicles on public roads choose to retain the right-side tail light for safety reasons.

Did You Know?

The World War 2 HRS has a Facebook Page!





The EDGE is the WW2 HRS's own publication.

This is where we promote what we do.

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

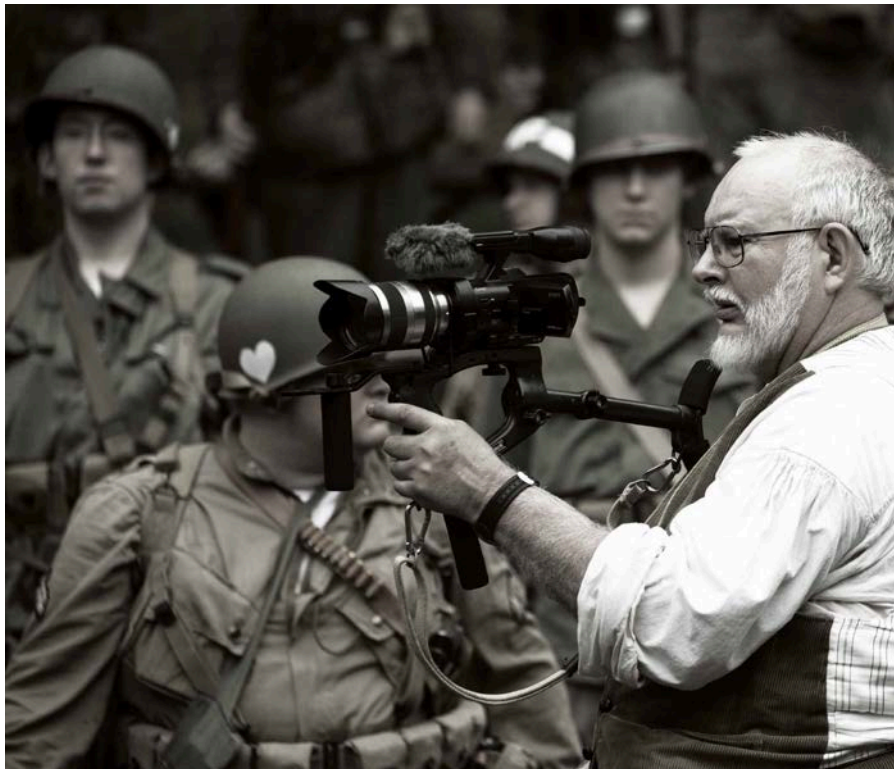
WW2 HRS Units are welcome to advertise their Events and Accomplishments in The Edge.

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

HOW TO SUBMIT an item for Publication within The EDGE

If your WW2 HRS unit has news it would like to published in The EDGE,
Or if are a WW2 HRS member and would like to submit an article or photo,
Then simply e-mail it to me and I will put it in The EDGE.

Heinz Thiel - WW2 HRS Press Corps
GD5.Heinz.Thiel@Gmail.Com



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.



Treasurer Wayne McCulley

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

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF OCTOBER 31ST 2016

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$8,327.19
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$52,447.96
Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$302.20
Account Totals	\$61,077.35

INCOME FOR OCTOBER 2016

Interest from Money Market Account	\$4.43
Total Income	\$4.43

EXPENDITURES FOR OCTOBER 2016

Legal Fees for review of waiver forms	\$1,600.00
Postage	\$9.90
Refund of Overpaid Family Memberships	\$5.00
Food for Rockford Sunday Breakfast	\$900.00
Event Support for Dundas Minnesota WW2 weekend	\$300.00
PNC bank charge	\$7.50
Disputed Credit Card Transaction	\$150.00
Total Expenditures	\$2,972.40

2016 Membership Income	\$12,545.00
2016 Interest Income	\$46.84
2016 Miscellaneous Income	\$300.00
2016 Total Income	\$12,891.84
2016 Expenses	\$15,547.26
2016 Total Income Less 2016 Expenditures	(\$2,655.42)





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

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF NOVEMBER 30TH 2016

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$7,588.48
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$52,451.83
Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$302.20

Account Totals	\$60,342.51
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INCOME FOR NOVEMBER 2016

Membership Income	\$30.00
Resolution of Disputed Credit Card Transaction	\$150.00
Interest from Money Market Account	\$3.87
Total Income	\$183.87

EXPENDITURES FOR NOVEMBER 2016

Payment of 2016 WW2 HRS Scholarships	\$750.00
Eventbrite Service Charges	\$3.48
Event Support for Advance to St. Lo Tactical Event	\$165.23

Total Expenditures	\$918.71
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2016 Membership Income	\$12,575.00
2016 Interest Income	\$50.71
2016 Miscellaneous Income	\$450.00
2016 Total Income	\$13,075.71
2016 Expenses	\$16,465.97
2016 Total Income Less 2016 Expenditures	(\$3,390.97)



**TREASURER'S REPORT FOURTH QUARTER 2016
WORLD WAR II HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY
JANUARY 15TH 2017**

BEGINNING BALANCES 4TH QUARTER 2016

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$11,299.59
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$52,443.53
Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$302.20

TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCES \$64,045.32

4TH QUARTER INCOME

Membership Income	\$85.00
PNC Bank Money Market Account Interest Income	\$12.17

TOTAL 4TH QUARTER INCOME \$97.17

4TH QUARTER EXPENDITURES

Legal Fees for review of waiver forms	\$1,600.00
Food for Rockford Sunday Breakfast	\$900.00
2016 WW2 HRS Scholarships	\$750.00
Event Support for Dundas Minnesota WW2 Weekend	\$300.00
Event Support for Advance to St. Lo Tactical Event	\$165.23
Email Marketing Service	\$38.49
Eventbrite Service Fees	\$10.19
Postage	\$9.90
PNC bank charge	\$7.50
Refund of Overpaid Family Memberships	\$5.00

TOTAL 4TH QUARTER EXPENDITURES \$3,786.31

ENDING BALANCES 4TH QUARTER 2016

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$7,598.28
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$52,455.70
Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$302.20

TOTAL ENDING BALANCES \$60,356.18

2016 MEMBERSHIP INCOME	\$12,630.00
2016 INTEREST INCOME	\$54.58
2016 MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$300.00



2016 TOTAL INCOME	\$12,984.58
2016 EXPENSES	\$16,511.17
2016 INCOME LESS 2016 EXPENDITURES	(\$3,526.59)

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

TREASURER'S REPORT
WORLD WAR II HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY
JANUARY 2017

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF DECEMBER 31ST 2016

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$7,598.28
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$52,455.70
Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$302.20

Account Totals	\$60,356.18
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INCOME FOR DECEMBER 2016

Membership Income	\$55.00
Interest from Money Market Account	\$3.87
Total Income	\$58.87

EXPENDITURES FOR DECEMBER 2016

Email Marketing Service	\$12.80
Eventbrite Service Charges	\$6.71
Reimbursement of October & November Email Marketing Service Charges	\$25.69

Total Expenditures	\$45.20
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2016 Membership Income	\$12,630.00
2016 Interest Income	\$54.58
2016 Miscellaneous Income	\$450.00
2016 Total Income	\$13,134.58
2016 Expenses	\$16,511.17
2016 Total Income Less 2016 Expenditures	(\$3,376.59)



EVENTS

February	
11	MILITARY RE-ENACTORS GARAGE SALE
Feb	<p>Loc: 624 McBride PTE DR, Ballwin, MO 63011 Dates: 11 February 2017 Event Times: 8am till ? Registration Times: N/A Pre-Registration: N/A Fee: FREE admission, cash sales only. Contact: papaoad@20thcenturygi.com Website: https://www.facebook.com/events/909383662495842/ Authenticity Notes: N/A Prohibited Vehicles/Items: NO working weapons may be sold. NO live ammo may be sold. Restrictions on Minors: N/A Other restrictions: Blank Ammo and weapon parts OK, must be Military related, edged weapons are OK Sponsoring Unit(s): First Special Service Force 6th CO 3rd REG HRS</p>
March	
10-13	OST FRONT 44 A WW II TACTICAL
Mar	<p>Loc: Camp Siman Events 10135 Oakland Tiff, MO 63674 Dates: 10-13 March , 2017 Event Times: Camping from 12 Noon Friday - 12 Noon Sunday, Tactical 9am - 4pm 11 March Registration Times: 6am - 9am 11 March Pre-Registration: (click here) Fee: \$15 Contact: papaoad@20thcenturygi.com Website: https://www.facebook.com/events/239129723166990/ http://fssf6-3.com/ Authenticity Notes: Per HRS guidelines Prohibited Vehicles/Items: No Live Ammo Restrictions on Minors: Per HRS guidelines Other restrictions: N/A Sponsoring Unit(s): First Special Service Force, 6th CO 3rd REG HRS, Camp Siman Events</p>



24-26	WELDONKRIEG 2017 (WESTERN FRONT EVENT)
Mar 	<p>Loc: Weldon Spring Training Area (WSTA) 7301 Hwy 94 South St. Charles, MO 63376 (636-329-1200 x2401)</p> <p>Dates: March 24-26, 2017</p> <p>Fee: \$25.00 Includes Saturday Dinner</p> <p>Registration: (click here)</p> <p>Contact: Dave Goodwin: dpty635g@aol.com, Dave (Earl) Overschmidt: 38jager1@gmail.com Tim Scherrer: soldierboy440@yahoo.com</p> <p>Website: http://soldierboy440.wixsite.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>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 Spring 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: HRS Rules Apply. Minors not accompanied by their parents must have signed/notarized permission slip identifying adult supervision.</p> <p>Limited Billeting (Barracks) available: There is a 60-bed barracks (open bay. no bunks) available for use. Those wishing to use the barracks must bring their own cot and bedding. Priority of housing will go to Host Unit and then first come first serve.</p> <p>Sponsoring unit(s): 38 Jager (Axis) and 84th Railsplitters (Allied)</p>
April	April
Apr	No events listed.



May	
May	May
12-14	ASSAULTING FORTRESS EUROPE, A WW II TACTICAL
May	Loc: Camp Siman Events 10135 Oakland, Tiff, Missouri 63674 Dates: May 12 – May 14 Event Times: Gate opens 12 noon 19 May, tactical 20 May, Camp siman closes 12 noon 21 May Registration Times: 6am - 9am 20 May Pre-Registration: (click here) Fee: \$15 at the gate Contact: papajoad@20thcenturygi.com Website: https://www.facebook.com/events/1662323104066483/ Authenticity Notes: Per HRS Guidelines Prohibited Vehicles/Items: NO live ammo Restrictions on Minors: Per HRS Guidelines Other restrictions: Sponsoring Unit(s): First Special Service Force 6th CO 3rd REG HRS, Camp Siman Events

June	
June	June
Jun	No events listed.
July	
July	July
21-23	OPERATION PACIFIC
Jul	Loc: Camp Siman Events, 10135 Okland, Tiff, Missouri 63674 Dates: 21-23 July 2017,Tactical 22 July Event Times: 22 July, tactical 9am-4pm Registration Times: 22 July 6-8am Pre-Registration: (click here) Fee: \$15 Contact: papajoad@20thcenturygi.com Website: https://www.facebook.com/events/718541318302470/ Authenticity Notes: Per HRS Guidelines Prohibited Vehicles/Items: NO live ammo Restrictions on Minors: Per HRS Guidelines Other restrictions: Sponsoring Unit(s): First Special Service Force 6th CO 3rd REG



Military History Fest February 17-19, 2017

Military History Fest is an indoor convention for Military History buffs, Reenactors, collectors and Cultural Historians from all time periods, from the Roman Empire through the modern day. This family friendly 3 day celebration features hundreds of quality vendor tables, LIVE demonstrations of historical military & cultural activities every day, musical performances, interesting seminars and lectures on a myriad of topics, and a Reenactor's Ball,



The WWII Historical Re-enactment Society will have a booth at Military History Fest.

Stop by and meet the officers and staff of the HRS while you shop for new reenacting gear!

Pheasant Run Resort and Conference Center
4051 East Main Street
St. Charles, Illinois 60174



Delay the Inevitable March 24-26, 2017

HRS EASTERN REGIONAL TACTICAL

"Infamous Alfons" and members of the WWII HRS Re-enactment groups 5SS Sturmpanzer "WIKING" and US 45th Infantry I&R Platoon invite you to attend our World War II weekend of fun at the Fort Custer Training Center in Augusta, Michigan, just west of Battle Creek.

Event features:

Up to two nights in restored military barracks

High intensity tactical combat system

Saturday night banquet

After dinner entertainment or visit "Custer's First Stand" on base bar

THIS EVENT IS NOW CLASSIFIED AS THE "HRS EASTERN REGIONAL TACTICAL"!!

This does not affect non-HRS attendees ... please note that HRS members must select a separate ticket to take advantage of their membership.

ALL HRS "tickets" will cost \$10 cash "at the door" when you show up to register.

The Saturday banquet is an extra \$5 that must be paid for by credit card when you order your ticket.

You must preregister for this event to get your name on the security gate entry list!

Preregister at <http://delay2017.eventbrite.com/> by noon, Wednesday March 22.

You must be at least 16 years of age to attend this event.

Our event is open to all reenactors that can comply with our Safety and Authenticity standards.

We will be enforcing HRS Safety and Authenticity rules as this is an HRS "sanctioned" event.

For those bringing Class III weapons from out of state, Fort Custer Training Center 2501 26th Street Augusta, MI 49012-9205 is what you'd use for your ATF forms. Do not use this address for GPS directions – they will take you to the wrong gate!

**** NOTE! **** Due to security concerns, the military is becoming more concerned about the ammunition and pyrotechnics that are brought on the base. **NO LIVE AMMO!** No homemade pyro, only store bought, non-aerial (ala rocket) pyro. No ammo in the barracks area! **HAVE ALL YOUR BLANK AMMO PACKED IN SEE THROUGH ZIP LOCK BAGS** with YOUR NAME AND UNIT NAME CLEARLY MARKED to assist in Saturday distribution!! The Security Guards must see the tips of all ammo to ensure they are blanks – **THINK** like a security guard and pack the bags very loosely, **LESS THAN ½ FULL** so the bag can be laid out on a flat surface and contents inspected easily! The larger the bag the better! Have your weapons and ammo readily available for the security check and things speed up!

Belt fed ammo boxes are fine as-is, as the belted ammo is easy to inspect for live rounds. The completed boxes are then collected. Inspected ammo can be put into any kind of marked box or bag for easy carry. The ammo will be collected at the Security Gate by Wiking staff, to be taken to the Wiking Troop Tent on the edge of the tactical area. After your vehicle is inspected, you are welcome to stop at the Troop Tent, as that is also where ammo vendors will be set up. If you want to preload your weapon magazines, you are welcome to do so at this time, please provide a marked bag or box that the loaded mags can be stowed in for the night. After Saturday inspection, all units will pick up their ammo while deploying to the field.

BAYONETS will be allowed on base but **KEEP THEM SHEATHED** and **STOWED AWAY** until the Saturday tactical. **NO WEARING OF BAYONETS** in the barracks area. Anyone wearing a bayonet except for in the tactical will be escorted off base!

No other knives longer than 4" will be allowed on base.

The tactical will be using the objective based tactical system called "Rules of Engagement for Tactical Objectives" (RETO). The rules are a point-based system of tracking successful strategy during the tactical. More details at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WW2RETO/> or you can stay updated at the event Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/570562592968478/>

The Facebook group is private, so you have to ask to be included or be invited in by someone that is already a member.

There is no "scenario". The forces must use chain of command, reconnaissance and cooperation to win. You might think of this as a tactical with a little bit of "Capture the Flag" and "Scavenger" hunt thrown in!

The P.O.C. for any specific questions about event is

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Battle for Stronghold Castle Public Battle Reenactment May 19-21 2017

Location: Stronghold Camp and Retreat Center
1922 Illinois Route 2 North, Oregon Illinois



WWII at Stronghold Castle

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/232326487189608/>
Check Event Discussion Page on Facebook for future updates

P.O.C. Richard A. Russo vizsla25@sbcglobal.net 1-847-254-8826

The first annual “Battle for Stronghold Castle” Public Battle Reenactment and Encampment will be held on 360 Acres of land owned by the Presbytery of Blackhawk at the Stronghold Camp and Retreat Center.

The event is hosted by 5th Kompaine GrossDeutschland, Feld Lazarette G.D. and The Presbytery of Blackhawk.
The event will be a fundraiser for the Stronghold Organization.

The Reenactment will provide Water, Firewood, Wooded Campsites, food and military vendors and a USO style dance. The site has a medieval castle, which the Axis forces will garrison this year. The castle building will be used to house reenactor displays a European style Bistro/café and German field Hospital.

The event is open to all 1940 era WWII military and Civilian Impression.
Reenactors must belong to a recognized umbrella group organization.

ALL REENACTORS must take part in the Saturday and Sunday Morning Safety and Authenticity (S &A) inspection.
Military reenactors must bring all blank ammo packaged in clear plastic bags to the S & A Inspection.



Transportation assistance will be provided to a limited amount of heavy armored vehicles.
All reenacting vehicles must provide proof of insurance.

A USO Style Dance will be held in the site 225-person banquet hall in the Brubaker Center.

Hotel accommodations are available on site for a fee.
There are several motels available in the Town of Oregon located a few miles from the site.

Women Military, USO and Civilian Reenactors will be provided secure sleeping accommodation in the Castle Building, which has kitchen and flush toilet facilities on site.

We are looking for Men and Women Reenactors that do European peasant impression in particular.

Secure display areas are available for those that have period collections of interest.

The battlefield will be improved with machine-dug trenches, foxholes and berms.
If funding allows pyrotechnics and aircraft strafing runs will be included in the main battle reenactment.

Current plans include for two (2) main battle reenactments and
one small Castle Battle based on the Historic Battle of Itter Castle (see information provided below) on both Saturday and Sunday.

The Battle of Itter Castle

Itter Castle is a small castle on a hill in Austria that was built during the medieval period in the 13th century. By the time of World War II, it was used by the Nazis to incarcerate prominent French prisoners. The castle was first seized by an SS officer in February 1943 and was being used as part of a prison facility by April of that same year. Notable prisoners over the next two years included former French prime ministers and generals, as well as a French tennis star and Charles de Gaulle's older sister. The commander of the prison fled on May 4, 1945 and many of the SS guards departed the castle soon afterwards.

American Lieutenant John C. Lee, volunteered to lead the rescue of the French prisoners at Itter Castle accompanied by Major Gangl and his German soldiers. German major, Josef Gangl, was commanding German anti-Nazi soldiers in the closing days of the war. The rescue party included 14 Americans, 10 anti-Nazi Germans, and two Sherman tanks. While in route, the small party defeated a group of SS troops that had been attempting to block a road. One of the tanks was left behind to guard a bridge on the route. When the Americans and Germans arrived, and freed the French prisoners at Itter Castle, Lee and Gangl placed their men in defensive positions throughout the castle, while the single tank was placed at the main entrance.

On the morning of May 5, 1945, a small force of Nazi SS soldiers began their attack on the castle. The Sherman tank provided machine gun fire for the soldiers inside the castle until it was destroyed by the SS troops. During the ensuing battle, French prisoners fought alongside the American and German soldiers against the Nazi SS. When a relief force of the American 142nd Infantry Regiment arrived, the SS were defeated.

German Major Gangl died during the battle from an SS sniper and has been honored as an Austrian national hero. American Lieutenant Lee received the Distinguished Service Cross and was promoted to Captain for his actions.

The Battle for Castle Itter remains a small, lesser known event of the end of the war. It's notable for being the only battle in which American and German soldiers fought together as allies and the only battle in which American troops defended a medieval castle.



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Contact: Terry Johns at halftrackjohns@att.net for more Information



Melvin Johnson and his Model of 1941 Rifle

By Kerwin Law



The 1941 Johnson Rifle was designed by Melvin Johnson Jr, a lawyer, inventor and officer in the US Marine Corps Reserve. In his teens, Melvin Johnson had an interest in firearms and became quite proficient in the use of them. From shooting thousands of rounds through his father's M1903 Springfield, to shooting on the Arlington Massachusetts rifle team, to regularly hunting ducks with a rifle. After enrolling at Harvard University, He even organized a rifle team there. I'm sure, if that last one were tried today, hunting ducks with a rifle would seem easy by comparison.



In 1933 he received his commission in the USMC Reserve. Soon, his talents with firearms became apparent to his superiors. Sometime after this, he was assigned as an observer for the Marines at Springfield Armory, where he saw deficiencies in the two semi-automatic rifles being tested there for US Military adoption. He therefore wasn't sold on the Garand nor the Pedersen rifles being tested for US Military adoption and thought he could do better. He joined up with the United Automatic Rifle Corporation in late 1934 and worked on modifying the M1903 into a semi-auto. Ultimately this project failed, but if there was one thing Melvin Johnson was not, it was a quitter.



After leaving UARC, he devised the concept of a recoil operated semi-auto action that utilized a multi-lugged bolt (think M16). The idea of the multiple bolt lugs was to allow plenty of locking surfaces with the bolt only having to rotate a few degrees to unlock. This design was very friendly to a recoil operated rifle, where the rest of the limited rearward thrust could now be used to work an action utilizing a large rifle sized cartridge. He borrowed \$500 to prove his basic design theory and was ultimately successful. He now had the “heart” of his rifle. He continued to work on making his rifle a reality with Marlin, then Taft-Peirce before finally forming his own company Johnson Automatics Trust (later Johnson Automatics)



Along the way, a rifle became a reality and slowly evolved in to the Johnson Model of 1941 Rifle. During the process, he was very involved in getting his rifle accepted by the US Military, but problems persisted. He especially had trouble with the detachable box magazines causing feeding problems and conventional bayonets causing cycling malfunctions. One type of bayonet used even caused a point of impact shift of several inches higher! He overcame these problems with the ten round internal rotary magazine and a simple spike style bayonet. As a side note, in 1937 he also came up with a similarly designed light machinegun (LMG), which he continued to develop in conjunction with his rifle. Some of the rifle's bright spots were the ability to quickly remove the barrel, the ability to load the rifle with the familiar M1903 stripper clips and the fact that the rifle magazine could be topped up with single rounds with the bolt open or closed.



Even after these improvements and other refinements, he still could not get any interest from the US Military. This is believed to be partially because of their satisfaction with the M1 Garand and Melvin's at times, difficult personality. It's reported that he thought he had the superior design, but felt the deck was stacked against him. Using his family's political connections, he even tried to stir up controversy around the M1 Garand with a concerted effort by some in the media and on Capitol Hill, saying the M1 was a flawed rifle. Still, this got his rifle no acceptance until 1940, when the Dutch government initially ordered 10,200 rifles and 500 Johnson LMGs chambered in .30-06. In addition, Chile would later order 1000 rifles in 7x57 caliber. By 1940 the Dutch Government was living in exile and intended for the rifles to be used by their troops in the East Indies. Although the Dutch ultimately ordered 70,000 rifles, it's believed that only approximately 21,000 were made before production ended in late 1943. The total actually delivered to the Dutch during WWII before the Japanese eventually overran their colonies is not believed to be great. This caused the majority of the production to go undelivered. The reason for the Dutch contract rifles and LMGs being chambered in .30-06 and not their standard 8x57 caliber is not clear, but it worked out for the better when the Marines later decided to equip their Para-Marine and Raider units with both types. All of the several hundred rifles and LMGs that were later requisitioned by the Marines came from the undelivered portion of the Dutch contracts. Therefore, there were never any of them originally made for the Marines.





As far as their usage by our military in WWII goes, it's reported the Marines used the 1941 Johnson Rifle in the Guadalcanal and Bougainville Campaigns. After Bougainville, they were ordered to turn them in because the M1 Garand had become much easier to get, but a few still remained in Marine hands. There is evidence of sporadic use during the rest of combat in the Pacific Theater in places like Guam and Iwo Jima. The First Special Service Force also used the Johnson LMG in The Aleutians, North Africa and Italy, but so far no hard evidence has shown them using the 1941 Johnson Rifle. It's believed for the most part, Johnson's weapons held up and performed well in combat wherever they were fielded.



After WWII, the Dutch eventually got more of their rifles and LMGs, where they were put into service for a number of years. A majority of the rifles managed to make it back to the states in the mid to late 50s, where a California company called Winfield Arms sold them to the American public. Winfield Arms left some in their original military configuration as well as sporterizing many (Ugh!) As you can imagine, a 1941 Johnson Rifle in original condition is very rare today.

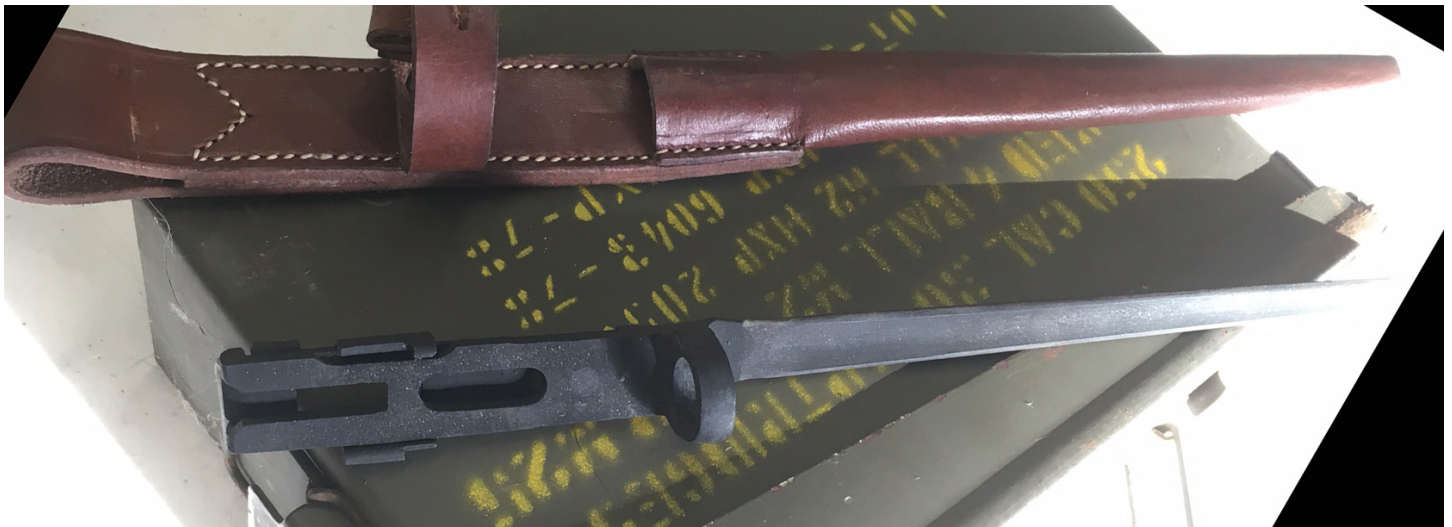


In addition to making small arms, Melvin Johnson also made a recoilless mortar, a 20mm aircraft cannon, flash hiders for various firearms and a way for the military to economically convert the M1 Carbine to a smaller high velocity caliber (5.7 Johnson). He also worked on cartridge related items like fletchettes, duplex and triplex projectiles. His company even made barrels for the M1917 and O3A3 rifles (marked JA). But in spite of his success in producing a good rifle and LMG, along with other well thought out ideas, he still wasn't able to "knock one out of the park". One could blame this on a lot of factors, but a deficiency in talent and a lack of trying wouldn't be among them. In 1949 Johnson Automatics went bankrupt and so ended his dream of being a successful firearms manufacturer.

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1941 Johnson Rifle



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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.



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

18 October 2016

Meeting Start 7:34 PM

Welcome and Roll Call:

Position	Name
President	Jonathan Stevens
Vice President	Chuck Bolanis
Secretary	Doug Loge
Treasurer	Wayne McCulley
Axis Representative	Dave Fornell

HRS Members Present

Matt Raddemacher, Dave Goodwin, Jeff Lecouris

Approval of Agenda

The October agenda was approved by unanimous BOD vote.

Reading of the Minutes

September Minutes - Read by DL - Approved by unanimous BOD vote after a compromise that involved removing HRS staff positions from the minutes from those staff members who were not in attendance at the meeting.

Officer Reports:

Vice President -

HRS scholarship - CB thanked the judges for their efforts. Zachary Williams received the most points and won the \$500 scholarship. The majority of the BOD voted to give an additional scholarship of \$250 to the 2nd place finisher Alexandria Van Tillberg. Scholarships will be paid directly to the schools.

Probationary Charters - CB said the 2. Komppania Jalkaväkirykmentti 11 and Finnish 2nd Jäger Battalion 1st Kp probationary charters are being voted on by S&A committee at this time.

Full Charters -

150th Rifles - CB said he should receive their end of year report shortly.

Treasurer -

TREASURER'S REPORT OCTOBER 2016

Secretary - DL said

Current membership total - 1112 which is similar to last year's totals at this time. Membership cards mailed - 620 for the year so far.

Axis Rep - Jeff Lecouris from Jagerdivision 28 said that he updated their previous charter. CB said it should be resubmitted shortly to the S&A Committee. Jeff discussed several changes to the charter and answered some BOD questions concerning the charter.

HRS Media Staff Reports

Media Coordinator - Dave Fornell - DF asked about BOD goals for FB page. The BOD offered goals of promoting the idea of HRS as governing body, promoting individual units, promoting membership renewals, giving general information to the membership. Suggested additions to information posted included possible AAR's from various WWII Reenactment events.

Committee Reports:

S&A -

Rockford violations -

CB spoke about the general issues of Soviet inspections at the event. CB said he has added an additional Soviet Representative to the Committee and is looking to add female Soviet and German Representatives to the committee. CB spoke of the responsibilities of committee members when they attend HRS events. DF said is following up on several infractions that occurred at the event.

Unit Commanders - JS said the group has been quiet.

Vehicle Committee - Jim Schouten said 61 vehicles were inspected at Rockford checked by 9 inspectors. He said they were not able to inspect all of the armor properly due to owners not be present at the time of inspection. He said that non-functioning parking brakes and brake lights on vehicles could be a safety issue and he is looking to make them part of the checklist in the future.

CB said that there was no further discussion for vehicle regulations in the S&A committee. Regulations for Jeeps and Kubelwagons should be voted on by the S&A Committee by the next BOD meeting.

DF brought up problems of infantry and armor moving together during battles. Several solutions were discussed.

Civilian Committee - DF said there were some minor authenticity infractions at Rockford and they were addressed by committee members. Several sexual harassment complaints were received and addressed.

Old Business:

MN Event support "Advance to St. Lo" - WM said he has not received any receipts from the organizers for reimbursement from the event.

New Business:

Election

Candidates for Vice President -

Chuck Bolanis
Doug Loge

Candidate for Treasurer -

Wayne McCulley

Candidates for Allied Representative -

Ron Kapustka
Corey Vaughn

JS said there was an additional candidate for the VP position but their letter of intent was turned in after the official deadline. The BOD voted unanimously to deny their letter of intent. DL and CB abstained from the vote.

Membership Coordinator

JS said he was looking for a volunteer for the position.

2017 Membership Dues

WM said he will compile figures from the last several years and report back to the BOD.

Open comments -

JS said he will contact The Edge Editor about adding page to The Edge noting all HRS staff positions.

Announcements: Next BOD meeting 11/15/16

Adjourn: 9:22pm



**Minutes for the WWII Historical Reenactment Society
Board Meeting
November 15, 7:32 pm**

Welcome and Roll Call:

Position	Name	Present
President	Jonathan Stevens	YES
Vice President	Chuck Bolanis	YES
Secretary	Doug Loge	YES
Treasurer	Wayne McCulley	YES
Allied Representative	Ron Kapustka	YES
Commonwealth Rep.	Brian Jones	YES

HRS Members Present
Matt Raddemacher, Jeff Lecouris, Dave Overschmidt

Approval of Agenda

The November agenda was approved by unanimous BOD vote.

Reading of the Minutes

October Minutes - Read by DL – Approved by unanimous BOD vote.

Officer Reports:

Vice President –
Full charters - 150th Rifles; end of year report received and sent to S&A

Probationary Charters -
Finnish 2nd Jager Batt; - Approved by BOD vote

Finnish JR 11 – Approved by BOD vote with right to reserve to extend probation to 2 years if 5 member minimum not met.

Jaegerdivison 28 – CB said that he received additional information from Jeff Lecouris and posted a vote to the S&A Committee recently. Jeff Lecouris answered questions concerning optional basic equipment.

Treasurer –

TREASURER'S REPORT NOVEMBER 2016

Secretary – DL said
Current membership total – No information at this time since he is not involved in Eventbrite.
Membership cards mailed – No information at this time since he is not involved in Eventbrite.
DL said is waiting for the information. JS said DL would get the information.

Commonwealth Rep – BJ said nothing new.

Allied Rep – RK said nothing new.

Committee Reports:

S&A – CB said there has been more discussion concerning vehicles.

Unit Commanders –

JS said no new information, except for standard notifications.

Vehicle Committee – Jim Schouten said is investigating safety equipment requirements by states.

Old Business:

MN Event support “Advance to St. Lo” - WM said check has been sent out.

Election – JS said that election information will be placed in The Edge again. JS said that there will be an electronic ballot and survey emailed out in the next 2 weeks

Membership Coordinator – JS said there was an interested party and he will be working with them.

2017 Membership Dues – WM gave a brief report concerning the difference in income if the current dues were altered. There was a discussion by the BOD regarding doing more for the membership regardless of the dues. DL proposed the following due schedule - \$10 for all dues until April 1. After that the dues would be \$10 for all dues plus Eventbrite and credit card fees. DL's motion was not seconded.

New Business:

None

Open Comments:

Matt Rademacher brought up need to have pyrotechnic standards. The topic will be brought up in the S&A Committee.

Announcements: Next BOD meeting 12/20/16

Adjourn: 8:40pm



**Minutes for the WWII Historical Reenactment Society
Board Meeting
December 20, 7:30 pm**

Welcome and Roll Call:

Position	Name	Present
President	Jonathan Stevens	YES
Vice President	Chuck Bolanis	YES
Secretary	Doug Loge	YES
Treasurer	Wayne McCulley	YES
Allied Representative	Ron Kapustka	YES
Commonwealth Rep.	Brian Jones	YES

HRS Members Present
None

Approval of Agenda

The December agenda was approved by unanimous BOD vote.

Reading of the Minutes

November Minutes - Read by DL – Approved by unanimous BOD vote pending BOD receiving written minutes.

Officer Reports:

Vice President –

Disband

SS Felgedarme group 4 – CB received email to disband unit. Approved by unanimous BOD vote to disband unit.

275th Infanterie – CB said has reached out to Unit Commander to see if they still want to be part of the HRS. Will have more information at next meeting.

Full charters - 150th Rifles – Passed SA vote. Approved by unanimous BOD vote.

Probationary charters -

Jaegerdivision 28 – Passed SA vote. Approved by unanimous BOD vote.

Treasurer –

TREASURER'S REPORT DECEMBER 2016

Secretary –

Current membership total – DL said 1125 members.

Commonwealth Rep – BJ said nothing new.

Allied Rep – Waiting on news for new event next year.

Committee Reports:

S&A – None.

Unit Commanders – nothing new

Vehicle Committee – CB said that the committee concluded a review of jeep/kubel guidelines and the guidelines passed.

Coruling Committee concerns included state law overruling vehicle guidelines.

Approved by unanimous BOD vote

Old Business:

Election Results

Vice President –

Chuck Bolanis 193,
Doug 108

Treasurer –

Wayne McCulley 277

Allied Representative –

Corey Vaughn 179,
Ron Kapustka 125

2017 dues - Same schedule as last years. Approved by BOD vote.

New Business:

None

Open Comments:

None

Announcements: Next BOD meeting 1/17/17

Adjourn: 8:18pm

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



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Battle of the Bulge, Peoria, Illinois

10 December 2016

By Alexia Thoms

Despite the freezing temps, about 150 reenactors came out on Saturday, December 10th for Peoria's winter event.

Units included 10th SS Frundsberg, 2nd Panzer, Wiking, 275 Infanterie, 517th PRCT, 502nd 101st Airborne, 90th ID, 82nd Airborne, 106th Cav Recon, and the Polish Lancers, as well as many individual reenactors.

Between 400 and 500 spectators braved the cold as well, making for an excellent turnout for the event.





Peoria, IL December 2016 Photos by Alexia Thoms





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