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WW2 Historical Reenactment Society Vice President

WW2 HRS GUEST EDITORIAL –

an opinion piece from the admin of Reenactor Highlights.
Check them out at <https://www.facebook.com/reenactorhighlights/>

Bullying and Harassment in Reenacting and how to solve it

Bullying and Harassing seem like something from our school days and most of us leave it there. For some, it follows into adulthood and into our hobby.

As reenactors, we are a unique and rare creed. We are not cosplayers. when we put on the uniform we are the embodiment of the person we are trying to honor, whether it be from ancient times or as early as desert storm.

As such we abide by a code of conduct much like the military. However, for some it is less than ideal.

But we are more than reenactors, we are a family. We celebrate with each other in the good times and lament in the bad.

Bullying can come in many ways, by causing humiliation to either raise the bully's self-esteem, or thinking it's a joke. Now we are all adults and should know the difference between a joke and bullying. if both laugh and the one affected knows it's in all fun it's a joke but when only the oppressor laughs its much worse.

Another form is rumors that can ruin reputations. Sadly, the bullying can extend off the field and into social media. With this platform, it makes the harassing easier because the bully hides behind a keyboard, saying things that they would never say to another's face. Because of this, it has become an issue that cannot be ignored anymore and we need to address it head on no matter how ugly or how popular the bully is. Now, how can we solve this and make a profound positive difference in the hobby? There are several ways: One way to speak up and embrace those who fall through the cracks. If you see a reenactor who doesn't seem to fit in, invite him over, pour him a drink and make him feel welcome. If he is sitting alone, take several men over and sit with him. If he seems troubled, listen to his story. Also, if you see bullying, say something. The Bible says In Matthew 25:
" For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:
36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.
37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?
38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?
39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?
40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Many have been taught to ignore those people and we must break that. Another is to hold those who bully and treat fellow reenactors badly responsible. Too many times I have seen where when one is attacked the one doing the bullying was never held accountable for his actions. That causes them to think its ok to continue the behavior and do so. There are many reasons why no one reprimands them. One is that they use their ability to supply events, another is that they are well liked and extremely popular. Whatever the reason, that needs to stop. Think about it, in high school what happens when no one, not even the school administration reprimands a bully? The behavior continues until either the recipient either quits school or takes their life.

Mind you I don't think any reenactor would go to that extreme but you understand the analogy. We can't force out those we don't like, that puts us in the same place as the Nazis when they forced the Jewish people out.

There needs to be a policy on this type of behavior. We are adults and therefore are accountable for our own actions. When bullying is seen either on the field or off there must be consequences to the actions such as suspension or expulsion. There also needs to be a place where people can report such things and know they are heard and safe from retaliation. As reenactors we hold ourselves to a higher standard because we honor veterans.

For some reasons the German reenactors seem to be better at curbing this behavior than the allies.

But all reenactors have the power for change as long as they listen and are willing to do it.

The page Reenactor Highlights was created to help heal wounds, lift up those who bring a positive light to the hobby, and bring us together as a family.

We have a long way to go and hopefully because of this, policies will be created and enforced to keep Reenactors safe and positive from any and all types of Harassment.

Admin,
Reenactor Highlights.



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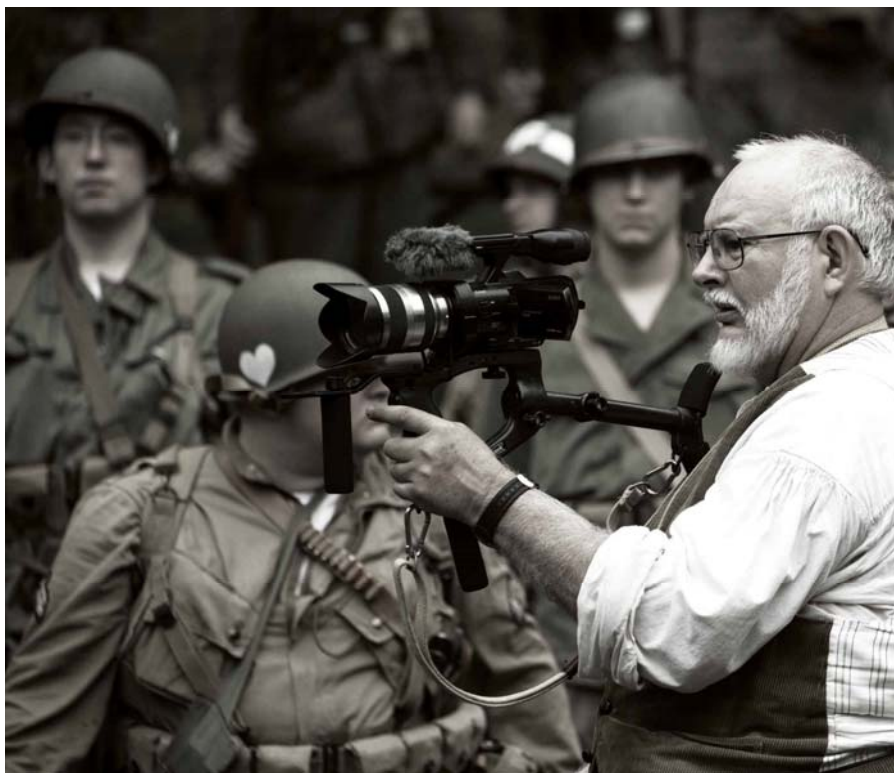
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Then simply e-mail it to me and I will put it in The EDGE.

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.



Treasurer Wayne McCulley

**TREASURER'S REPORT
WORLD WAR II HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY
FEBRUARY 2018**

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF JANUARY 31ST 2018

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$7,717.38
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$49,504.93
Account Totals	\$57,222.31

INCOME FOR JANUARY 2018

Interest from Money Market Account	\$4.47
Total Income	\$4.47

EXPENDITURES FOR JANUARY 2018

Annual Post Office Box rental	\$90.00
Email Marketing Service	\$12.80
Postage	3.45
Total Expenditures	\$106.25

2018 Membership Income	\$0.00
2018 Interest income	\$4.47
2018 Total Income	\$4.47
2018 Expenditures	\$106.25
2018 Income less 2018 Expenditures	(\$101.78)

WW2 HRS 2018 Membership Report

As of 28 February 2018 we have 719 Members.

Unit commanders may request a report of member who have signed-up with their unit by contacting the WW2 HRS Membership Coordinator

Jeff Skender at GD5.Heinz.Thiel@Gmail.Com



EVENTS

March	March
09-11	OST FRONT 44
Mar	<p>Loc: Camp siman Events, 10135 Oakland Tiff, MO 63674 Dates: 9-11 March 2018 Event Times: Gates open 5 pm 9 March, tactical 9 am - 4 pm 10 March, gates close 12 noon 11 March Registration Times: 5-8 pm 9 March, 6-8 am 10 March Pre-Registration: (click here) Fee: \$15 at the gate Contact: papaioadfssf@sbcglobal.net Website: https://www.facebook.com/events/1898084883843748/ Authenticity Notes: Per HRS guidelines. Prohibited Vehicles/Items: NO live ammo Restrictions on Minors: Per HRS guidelines Other restrictions: NA Sponsoring Unit(s): First Special Service Force 6th Co 3rd REG HRS</p>
16-17	STALINGRAD LYUDNIKOV'S ISLAND TACTICAL
Mar	<p>Loc: 4136 East Dennick Ave Youngstown Ohio 44504 Mahoning County Dates: March 16-17 2018 fri arrival sat main battle Event Times: Sat 9-4 Registration Times: Fri 12-8 sat 6-9am Pre-Registration: http://www.facebook.com/groups/ostfrontfactory Fee: \$35.00 German/ Russian \$25.00 Russian Civilians , Partisans, Factory worker needed! Contact: John Keaton Website: jkeaton@peoplepc.com text me 216-904- 3638 Or my helper Jeff kemilitaria@yahoo.com Authenticity Notes: Pre -1942 please! Prohibited Vehicles/Items: Russians lend lease Vehicles welcome / German Vehicles welcome Restrictions on Minors: No minors See HRS rules Other restrictions: Early war kit please. Sponsoring Unit(s): Battalion IX September</p>
23-25	WELDONKRIEG 2018 (WESTERN FRONT EVENT)
Mar	<p>Loc: Weldon Spring Training Area (WSTA), 7301 Hwy 94 South, St. Charles, MO 63376, 636-329-1200 X 2401 Event Date: March 23-25, 2018 Event Fee: \$25.00 Includes Saturday Night Dinner Event Registration: (click here) Contact: Dave Goodwin: dpty635g@aol.com, Dave (Earl) Overschmidt: 38jager1@gmail.com Tim Scherrer: soldierboy440@yahoo.com Website: http://soldierboy440.wixsite.com/weldonkriegofficial 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. Prohibited Vehicles/Items: Authentic or Period vehicles only. Host unit(s) will be using several administrative vehicles to facilitate the event 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. Minors: HRS Rules Apply. Minors not accompanied by their parents must have signed/notarized permission slip identifying adult supervision. Limited Billeting (Barracks) available: There is a 60 bed barracks (open bay.. no bunks) available for use. Those wishing to use</p>



the barracks must bring their own cot and bedding. Priority of housing will go to Host Unit and then first come first serve.
Sponsoring unit(s): 38 Jager (Axis) and 84th Railsplitters (Allied)

April

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27-29

RAILS TO VICTORY

Apr



Loc: Fox River Trolley Museum 361 South LaFox Street South Elgin, IL 60177

Dates: April 27-29, 2018

Event Times:

- Friday, April 27th: School Day Presentations, 9a-2p;
- Friday, April 27th: Reenactor check-in, 4pm to 10pm.;
- Saturday, April 28: Reenactor check-in, 8 am to 9:15am;
- Sunday, April 29: 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).

Registration Times: FREE ON-LINE Registration through APRIL 25, 2018.

Registration: Eventbrite ([click here](#))

Contacts:

- Rebecca Tulloch, US10th Mtn LHDG and
- Robert Hodill, 3rd Gebirgsjaeger Division

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

Authenticity Notes: HRS safety and authenticity rules apply.

Invited Vehicles/Items: All WWII vehicles including tracked vehicles are welcome, weather conditions permitting; tracked vehicles may be limited to the gravel road and battlefield. Smaller vehicles such as Jeeps, Motorcycles, Kubels & Lightweight Trucks may drive on the grassy areas. Boats and other period water crafts such as 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. Camp sites are assigned on a first come first served basis.

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 Division inment 83; 3rd Gebirgsjaeger Division



May	
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4-6	KENNEKUK WWII DAYS
May	<p>Loc: Kennekuk County Park – 222296 Henning Rd. , Danville, IL</p> <p>Dates: May 4-6</p> <p>Event Times: Fri 1 PM – Sun 3:45 PM</p> <p>Registration Times: Fri 5 PM – 10 PM / Sat 7 AM – 8:30 AM</p> <p>Pre-Registration: (click here)</p> <p>Fee: None</p> <p>Contact: Robert Leinweber</p> <p>Website: https://www.facebook.com/events/141748406624073/</p> <p>Authenticity Notes: All period impressions welcome from all theaters of operation of WWII</p> <p>Prohibited Vehicles/Items: As per HRS</p> <p>Restrictions on Minors: As per HRS</p> <p>Other restrictions: None</p> <p>Sponsoring Unit(s): 9th Soviet Airborne</p>
June	
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22-24	WWII RECREATED, DIXON, ILLINOIS
Jun	<p>Loc: Elks Page Park, 7883 Lowell Park Rd., Dixon, Illinois</p> <p>Dates: June 22, 23, and 24</p> <p>Event Times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Friday June 22: Arrival, setup, evening public event preview, and militaria flea market. Please RSVP for a table.- Saturday June 23: 10am to 5pm open to the public, two public battles, weapons demos, veteran recognition, militaria sale- Sunday June 24: 11am to 4:00pm open to the public with one public battle; militaria sale <p>Registration Times: Check in - Friday June 22 and Saturday June 23 7 to 9 am</p> <p>Pre-Registration: https://wwii-recreated-dixon-il-2018.eventbrite.com</p> <p>Fee: None</p> <p>Contact: Jonathan Stevens (istevensww2@sbcglobal.net)</p> <p>Website(s): http://wwii-recreated-dixon.weebly.com https://www.facebook.com/WWIIRecreatedDixonIL</p> <p>Map: http://wwii-recreated-dixon.weebly.com/map.html</p> <p>Authenticity Notes: All HRS rules apply.</p> <p>Minors: All HRS restrictions apply</p> <p>Prohibited Vehicles/Items: All vehicles welcome.</p> <p>Sponsoring Unit (s): 9th Infantry Division</p>



July	
20-22	OPERATION PACIFIC
Jul	<p>Loc: Camp Siman Events, 10135 Okland, Tiff, MO 63674</p> <p>Dates: 20-22 July 2018</p> <p>Event Times: Gates open 12 noon Friday 20 July and close 12 noon Sunday 22 July, S&A 8am Saturday and the Tactical will start @ 9am Saturday 21 July, night battle if enough interest on Saturday night.</p> <p>Registration Times: Upon arrival Friday and Saturday morning.</p> <p>Pre-Registration: (click here)</p> <p>Fee: \$15 at the gate</p> <p>Contact: papaioadfsf@sbcglobal.net</p> <p>Website: https://www.facebook.com/events/189516611610019/ http://campsimanevents.webs.com/</p> <p>Authenticity Notes: All impressions which fought in the Pacific from all nations 1941-1945, camping from Friday to Sunday, secure on-site parking</p> <p>Prohibited Vehicles/Items: NO Live Ammo! All Period correct military vehicles ARE welcome.</p> <p>Restrictions on Minors: Per HRS rules</p> <p>Other restrictions: N/A</p> <p>Sponsoring Unit(s): First Special Service Force, 6th CO 3rd REG HRS / Camp Siman Events.</p>
21	SICILY: OPERATION HUSKY WWII LIVING HISTORY EVENT PUBLIC DISPLAY
Jul	<p>Loc: Walnut Blvd and Lake Ashtabula, Ohio 44004 Ashtabula county</p> <p>Dates: July 21 2018</p> <p>Event Times: 10-5pm Friday arrival camp out on the beach!</p> <p>Registration Times: 7-10am Saturday</p> <p>Pre-Registration: Email jkeaton@peoplepc.com</p> <p>Fee: None free open to reenactors/ Open to the public</p> <p>Contact: jkeaton@peoplepc.com Text me at 216-904-3638</p> <p>Website: See YouTube " El Alamein Re-enactment "</p> <p>Authenticity Notes: American, German ,Italian , Italian Civilians Welcome</p> <p>Prohibited Vehicles/Items: American can bring Jeeps and halftracks ..Ect / German can bring Kubelwagan , Motorcycles</p> <p>Restrictions on Minors: Display only per HRS rules</p> <p>Other restrictions: Period camping only . May camp out overnite Friday.</p> <p>Sponsoring Unit(s): Battalion IX September</p>
August	
Aug	No events listed.
September	
Sep	No events listed.



October	
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26-28	ASSAULTING FORTRESS EUROPE
Oct	<p>Loc: Camp Siman Events, 10135 Okland, Tiff, MO 63674 Dates: 26-28 October 2018 Event Times: Gates open 12 noon Friday 20 July and close 12 noon Sunday 22 July, S&A 8am Saturday and the Tactical will start @ 9am Saturday 21 July, night battle if enough interest on Saturday night. Registration Times: Upon arrival Friday and Saturday morning. Pre-Registration: (click here) Fee: \$15 at the gate. Contact: papajoadfssf@sbcglobal.net Website: https://www.facebook.com/events/755780071295906/ http://campsimanevents.webs.com/ Authenticity Notes: All impressions which fought in the ETO, MTO and Eastern Front. camping form Friday to Sunday secure on-site parking. Prohibited Vehicles/Items: NO live ammo, ALL correct Military Vehicles are welcome. Restrictions on Minors: Per HRS rules Other restrictions: NA Sponsoring Unit(s): First Special Service Force, 6th CO 3rd REG HRS / Camp Siman Events.</p>
	
November	
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2-4	OST FRONT 44
Nov	<p>Loc: Camp Siman Events, 10135 Okland, Tiff, MO 63674 Dates: 2-4 November 2018 Event Times: Gates open 12 noon Friday 20 July and close 12 noon Sunday 22 July, S&A 8am Saturday and the Tactical will start @ 9am Saturday 21 July, night battle if enough interest on Saturday night. Registration Times: Upon arrival Friday and Saturday morning. Pre-Registration: (click here) Fee: \$15 at the gate Contact: papajoadfssf@sbcglobal.net Website: https://www.facebook.com/events/148497872443331/ http://campsimanevents.webs.com/ Authenticity Notes: All impressions and nations who fought on the Eastern Front. camping from Friday to Sunday, secure on-site parking Prohibited Vehicles/Items: NO Live Ammo! All Period correct military vehicles ARE welcome. Restrictions on Minors: Per HRS rules Other restrictions: N/A Sponsoring Unit(s): First Special Service Force, 6th CO 3rd REG HRS / Camp Siman Events.</p>
	

Ted O'Sullivan

2018 BATAVIA VFW GARAGE SALE

(Saturday, March 10, 2018)

Anything militaries related bought/sold/trade at the annual Batavia VFW Garage Sale.

If you want to reserve a table or more or have any questions,

please contact Ted O'Sullivan

at (312) 505-4616 or tlosullivan1@sbcglobal.net

WHERE: Batavia VFW
[645 South River Street \(Rte. 25\)](#)
Batavia, Illinois 60510

WHEN: Saturday, March 10, 2018
Open to the public from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Vendor setup at 8:00 am

COST: \$15 for first table and each additional table is \$10 (free admission for vendors)
\$5 general admission
Free admission for kids 10 years old and under



The Great War: WWI Event

Saturday, April 7, 10am – 5pm

Sunday, April 8, 10am – 4pm

Largest WWI Public Reenactment in the Country!

Midway Village Museum will host the 6th annual Great War event, a WWI military event that features over 225 reenactors portraying soldiers and civilians from the United States and Europe in the museum's historic village. Visitors engage in this unique historic, immersive experience with the opportunity to enter encampments, tour a reproduction 150 yard trench system, and watch large-scale narrated battle reenactments.

Featured Activities

- Large scale battle reenactments featuring pyrotechnics
- WWI Tanks, including the FT-17 French tank
- Large scale WWI model airplane displays and flying demonstrations
- Tours of the 150 yard trench replica including bunkers
- Explore the exclusive Trench Train, known as a Tin Turtle
- Displays of WWI weapons, equipment, and artifacts
- Live horses from the Cavalry units
- Lectures throughout the day by military experts
- Salvation Army Donut Lassies demonstrations
- Live musical performers with songs from the 1910s
- Battle skirmishes throughout the day in the village
- Movies from the 1910s shown on original equipment
- Militaria sales vendors with real and replicated WWI equipment, clothing, books and artifacts
- Food vendors
- Special Saturday Buster Keaton Silent Film Showing by the Traveling Bijou Theater with live accompaniment by the Rockford Wind Ensemble. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Showing at 7 pm. \$10 adults; \$5 children (ages 3-17); \$5 adult members; \$3 child member (ages 3-17). Call or stop by the Museum for advance tickets or buy tickets at the showing. Admission excludes the World War I event.

World War I Tickets: \$12 adults, \$6 children (3-17 years old), infants (0-2 years old) free, Museum Member are Free! Admission excludes Silent Film showing. Purchase admission for the World War I event online at www.midwayvillage.com, in the Museum's Gift Shop, or at the event.

Event is rain or shine. Free parking and ATMs are available at the event. Bags will be checked by security upon event entry. No pets allowed, service animals are permitted. Only registered reenactors may wear historic military uniforms.



6799 Guilford Road
Rockford, IL 61107
www.midwayvillage.com
Questions? 815-397-9112

Event Sponsored By:



A Partnering Event With:





We are proud to invite you to our 8th annual Rails to Victory (RTV) WW2 reenactment at the Fox River Trolley Museum in South Elgin, Illinois, just West of Chicago. RTV is a Western Front European Theater event which will once again be presenting the Occupied France Trolley Adventure with small action skits and skirmishes along our 3 miles of trolley track. This is an opportunity for reenactors to immerse the public into history by putting them on a trolley and leading them through various period skits and battles. Wooded picturesque and sloping terrain along the Fox River offers unique and interesting landscapes for both reenactors and spectators. Also planned is a large-scale field battle in the trolley museum's bone yard, a period WW2 bicycle ride along the Fox River, and a period WW2 Girls Baseball Home Front Game. Opportunities for historical camp presentations are also welcome by all WW2 impressions and periods. All vehicles including tracked vehicles and watercrafts are welcome to participate during the event. This year we are tentatively scheduling a school day on Friday Morning of the event. Reenactors who agree to help with the school day will be permitted to set up their camps on Thursday evening.

Registration: FREE ON-LINE Registration through APRIL 25, 2018.

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

Camp Amenities: Flush Toilets on site. Camp sites are assigned on a first come first served bases.

Event Times:

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Sponsoring Unit(s): US10th Mtn LHDG; WW2 Girls Baseball Living History League; 28 Jager Division Regiment 83; 3rd Gebirgsjaeger Division



Armed Forces Weekend

May 19th-20th 2018

2nd Annual WWII Battle Reenactment and Public Display

Stronghold Camp and Retreat Center

WWII Aircraft Flyovers
Hundreds of Uniformed Re-enactors
WWII Tanks, Jeeps, Motorcycles and MORE
Saturday Evening Period Style 1940s Dance and Canteen Show
Food, Beverages and Vendors
Allied and Axis Camps Open to Public
"Battle for Castle Itter" within Castle Walls
Large Scale Battlefield Demonstrations
German Field Hospital Demonstrations



Richard Russo
Event Coordinator
strongholdww2@gmail.com





Each June WWII is recreated in Dixon, IL at Elks Page Park to commemorate the Second World War. This spectator event gives a glimpse of life on the front lines in France, 1944 through Living History by members of the World War Two Historical Reenactment Society. You will be able to see firsthand the typical life of "Willie and Joe", the American dogface soldier, along with battle hardened German troops, and experience the sights and sounds of a WWII battle. Original American armored vehicles and rare examples of German equipment will be on display and operational during the weekend. Do not miss this opportunity to bring history off the pages of a book! Mark your calendar to attend this educational experience today!

- **When:** June 22, 23, and 24, 2018
- **Where:** 7883 S Lowell Park Rd., Dixon, IL



Schedule for WWII Recreated 2018

Friday Evening

Get a **Sneak Peak** and drop by the militaria sale!

Saturday

Event Open to the public - 9:30 am to 5 pm

Battles at 11 am and 3 pm

WWII girls basegame game featuring the Rockford Peaches at 12:30

Sunday

Event Open to the public - 10:30 am to 3:30 pm

Battle at 2 pm

ENTRANCE FEE:

\$5 single admittance with children under age 10 free.

Save and bring a carload of people! Only \$10 per car.

ANY WWII Veteran free

A full menu is available at the Banquet Hall. All proceeds benefit the Youth Frontler group. (A coed group of Boy scouts/Girl scouts).

Stay the entire day!

Militaria Sale

PUBLIC INVITED! Friday through Sunday

For selling or vending information contact **Dale Grobe** (mailto:dalebob65@hotmail.com)

Limited indoor table space available at \$10/table.

Outdoor vending space is available.



Join the "Show Me" Missouri Convoy #2

September 28 - October 7, 2018



This 10-day convoy starts from and returns to
the Auto World Museum in Fulton, MO!

Convoy Highlights:

Let us **Show You**
Missouri Wine Country & scenic Ozark hills
National Churchill Museum
Museum of Missouri Military History
Historic Daniel Boone Home & Route 66
Fort Leonard Wood's 3 U.S. Army Museums
Montauk State Park & Resort
Missouri's Capitol & much more!

Point of Contact:

Trooper Tyree * halftrackjohns@att.net

Convoy is limited to 25 vehicles



"Show Me" Convoy Sponsors: Visit Fulton, Auto World Museum, Visit Hermann and Montauk Resort

"First and foremost, the event kicks off with a tour of the National Churchill Museum. For those who arrive for our preliminary, we will depart from Auto World Museum at 10:30 AM, this allows time for people to arrive on Friday morning of Sept. 28, 2018. It is a short drive from Auto World down Westminster Avenue to the Churchill Memorial located at Westminster College in Fulton in central Missouri. We will begin with a luncheon at the college's Backer Dining Hall and what a place it is, it reminds me of St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle, minus the regalia. During my recon of the museum last October, I was walked through our projected tour that begin at the Church of Saint Mary, the Virgin, Aldermanbury. This 16th-century church, which is now a functioning place of worship, was destroyed during the London Blitz of 1940. Designed by renowned architect, Christopher Wren, it was moved to Fulton, in honor of Winston Churchill's visit to Westminster College in 1946. We entered the church as the organist was delivering a recital just as those who participate in this convoy will experience. Next, we descended into Winston's Inner-Sanctum, where you will be immersed into the life and times of Sir Winston Churchill after a reception of tea and "bickies" (cookies to you non-Anglophiles). To conclude, we will have a group photo-op at the staircase overlooked by a statue of Winston beside a section of the Berlin Wall. Remounting, we will return to our host hotel to freshen up before our evening meal. Tiffany Genaro of Baymont Inn has reserved a block of twenty rooms for us that vary from basic rooms to jacuzzi rooms, all at a discounted rate. For those looking for posher accommodations, the Loganberry Inn B&B is where Margaret Thatcher and Nobel Peace Prize winner, Les Walesa have stayed. The B&B is located a short two-minute walk from the Churchill Museum. Joe Kalal is planning on attending as Winston Churchill and will be arriving in my Canadian LaSalle Staff Car.



The convoy officially begins at 10:30 AM the following morning, Saturday, which is when the *Walk Back In Time* event will occur in Mexico, Missouri, while the convoy stops at the Museum of Missouri Military History and makes its way to Hermann in the heart of Missouri's Wine Country. Any HRS personnel who attend *WBIT* event might consider taking part in our tour of the National Churchill Museum. If this is the case, please contact me at the email given and let me know you wish to partake in our tour of the Churchill Memorial. If you can only make the Churchill Tour there will be a small charge and advance registration is a requirement. If you do attend the Churchill Memorial Tour, please do so in Allied uniform, if possible. We will try and get you into a military vehicle, if not you may follow us in your car. Additionally, the convoy will make an appearance at the *WBIT* event on Sunday. Convoy participants are welcome to take part in all or any portion of the 10 adventures."

Thank You
Terry Johns



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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

WWII Historical Reenactment Society Board Meeting 30 January 2018, 7:30 pm

Call to Order at 7:31 pm– Board Members Attending: Jon Stevens, President; Chuck Bolanis, Vice President; Ron Kapustka, Secretary; Corey Vaughn, Allied Rep; Wayne McCulley, Treasurer, Doug Strong, Axis Rep, Matt Rademacher, Commonwealth Rep.

Members Attending: Jim Schouten

Approval of Agenda

RK motioned to approve the agenda as sent out. WM seconded.
Agenda was approved by BOD vote.

Reading of December Meeting Minutes

The December Minutes were read by WM. RK motioned that the December Minutes be approved as read. That was seconded by CV. The December Minutes, as read, were approved by BOD vote.

Officer Reports:

Vice President:

New Charters: NO new Charters for 2018

Probationary charters: End of Probation Period Report:

2nd Jaeger Battalion (Payton)(Finnish) - CB did receive the end of the year report from 2nd Finnish Battalion. It was posted a week or so ago and is being currently voted on. CB asked if we should wait for a few more votes on the Unit before approving them as a Unit, but a motion was made by CB, seconded by DS. A roll call vote was taken and the 2nd Jaeger Battalion was approved as a Full membership.

Matt Iverson's 3rd Division, 2nd Company (Finnish) This Unit has not responded to CB's request for a year-end Report. CB will contact him again for the Report. This will be tabled until next month.

FeldLazarette Grosdeutschland This Unit has also not submitted their end of year Report and will be tabled until next month.

First Co, 1st Battalion, Jaeger Div 28 This Unit has also not submitted their end of year Report and will be tabled until next month.

CB further reported that there are currently 106 chartered or pending chartered Units. 8 of them are on Probation, 1 is waiting for a vote to be put on probation and there were 4 new Charters adopted by the HRS in 2017 and there were two Charters disbanded in 2017.

Treasurer Report By Wayne McCulley
SEE the Treasures Report Section in this EDGE.

Secretary - Ron K reported. We had 1117 members in 2017 and have 384 members and 3 Minor members for 2018 as of 1/30/2018.

Commonwealth Rep.– Matt Rademacher reported that he did not have much to report, except that MR has spoken to No, Ten Commandos and has been assured that he will have his five members signed up by the end of January, 2018. CB mentioned they were put on Probation on March 28, 2018, so they have until the end of that period to comply.

The First Canadian Parachute BN was placed on Probation on 2/21/2017. WM reported that they met the member requirements for 2017 so that they can be removed from Probation. MR made a motion that they be removed from Probation, CV seconded the motion. A vote was taken and they were removed from Probation.

Allied Rep - Corey reported that there are two Units that have been under strength. CV has had no contact with F Co., 2/5 Marine. CB mentioned that their Probation period ends Feb 21, 2018.

2nd ID was placed on Probation on 3/28/2017 so they have until March 28, 2018 to meet their member requirements. CV spoke with Jameson who only asked for the registration information.

The 29 ID 116 IR (Forrest) met the needed number of members.

1st ID has also met the required members.

17th Airborne has not responded to CV and neither has 32nd Infantry, Kissinger's Unit. Lastly, the 34th Infantry, Serakaku, has not responded to CV.

The 325th GIR has lost their UC and the Unit is working on getting a new UC. They do have a few members already signed up.

Anthony Noce's 307th Engineers are working on getting registered.

Alan Jones is working on his Charter Revision.

CV asked whether the Finnish Units are Axis, and it was confirmed that they are.

Axis Rep - Doug Strong reported what was done regarding the Finnish Units, as reported by CB. Nothing new to report. CB mentioned that the 250th Azule Ski Company (A Spanish Division) was placed on Probation in 2017. WM reported that they had five members for 2017. DS made a motion, which was seconded by CB. A vote was taken and they were removed from Probation.

Staff Reports

Membership Coordinator – Jeff Skender is not in attendance, so his report will be tabled.

Committee Reports:

S&A Committee- Chuck mentioned that the S&A Committee members must be members in the HRS to retain their position on the S&A Committee. CB mentioned that the Vehicle Rules be used as Guidelines. The speed limit should be set as "manageable and safe" and that speed limit meets the site's speed limit policy of the host site.

The other issue is vehicle riders. The Committee is split.

Lastly, the Commonwealth and Axis Rep have traditionally been on the S&A Committee. There is a membership limit. In order to add DS, Dave Fornell would have to be removed. CB will remove DF and DS will be added.

Unit Commanders Committee- Jon reported there is an issue with messages being sent to the Yahoo groups. WM and RK to periodically post membership info to the group. A discussion was held regarding moving from Yahoo to another provider. It was decided that the move may not be able to be done due to the amount of info on the Yahoo group.



Vehicle Committee – JS reported that his Unit formed a "Pro Board" years ago on their Yahoo Group, as an option for the Yahoo issue. JS went on to report that he will post the change in the speed limit wording on the Vehicle Committee group and asked that it be made clear that events should post the max speed limit for their event. JS mentioned regarding the riders on vehicles issue and that the Vehicle Committee will follow whatever the S&A Committee comes up with. Lastly, Jim is working on splitting up Rockford encampments into inspector areas for vehicles, to be assigned to specific inspectors. The only other thing JS had was regarding the Stronghold Event, and that the town of Oregon was interested in getting involved in the event and adding other activities to the event. They are also thinking of adding a military vehicle show and swap meet to the event. Anyone interested should contact Rich Russo.

Civilian Committee – Nicole Fornell not in attendance, report tabled.

Old Business:

2018 HRS National Event – There have been a few inquiries into the National Event for 2018 and the BOD needs to work on HOW the HRS would support the National Event so that this info can be provided to anyone interested in hosting the National Event. There have not been any actual proposals submitted as of yet.

New Business:

Reenactor Fest is this weekend. The HRS has a table and JS asked for BOD members to sit at the table for a while. JS, WM, CV and DS will all be there and will man the table.

Insurance Renewal. The HRS was given a notice of non-renewal based on "Loss History". The HRS was given a month, until March 8, 2018, to find a new insurer. The BOD voted on paying the interim insurance through March 8, 2018, until a new provider is found. The one claim we have had is still being settled by the carrier for the 2017 Rockford claim. There are 2-3 events during the time before March 8, 2018, so the interim insurance was voted by the BOD.

CV asked whether someone should reach out to other organizations and see who they use for insurance. JS mentioned that he also thought of that, and would look into the issue. WM reported that the checks were delivered to the insurance company for the interim coverage.

Open Comments:

Jon asked for open comments. No open comments.

Announcements: The next meeting will be February 20, 2018.

Adjourn

DS motioned to adjourn, RK seconded. Approved by BOD vote.
Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM. Time: 7:30pm Central



The US Army WWII Chaplain: Part 3

By LTC (ret) Tim. A. Scherrer

Uniforms and Unique Equipment of the Chaplain



The uniforms of the WWII chaplain do not differ greatly from the US Army officer. All chaplains were commissioned officers so they wore the same variety of field and dress uniforms as their peers. Officers in specialized units like mountain or airborne units wore the same special uniform as their peers and many received the same training as other members of the unit. Chaplains tended to be older than most of their peers, since the minimum age was 23. Becoming a minister takes many years of college and seminary. Officers bought their own uniforms with the help of a uniform allowance, so there are a variety of sources for their uniforms. Field and specialized unit items were issued through organizational supply as needed, as well as standard field gear. Chaplain unit gear could be ordered through the supply catalogue, using the stock numbers.



Vestment/Ecclesiastical Wear

If the tactical and weather situation permitted, it was not uncommon for chaplains to wear vestments/ ecclesiastical items for their denomination when performing services. Pictures of chaplains in this role are very common. These items were general acquired through the denomination of the chaplain's endorsement or through ecclesiastical vendors. These were most likely provided by the denomination or from the chaplain's own pocket. Army Regulation No. 600-40 specifically authorized this wear. "When vestments are required or permitted by the church to which the chaplain belongs, he is authorized to use such while conducting religious services."



WWII Chaplain's Insignia

During WWII there were two primary chaplain branch insignia used: Christian chaplain and Jewish Chaplain. Christian insignia was worn by all chaplains that were Catholic or Protestant. While there are many other chaplains' branch symbols used today. These were the only two used during WWII. The vast majority of chaplains were endorsed by Christian denominations, wearing the cross.

The officer branch insignia for chaplains has not changed since WWII for the Christian Chaplain. It is a silver Latin cross, one inch in height. It is silver in color and worn like other branch insignia.



The lessor known of the two primary insignia in WWII is the Jewish tablet. The Jewish Decalogue, bearing the numbers 1-10 symbolizing the Ten Commandments with a Star of David on the top in silver is what was worn by Rabbis. In WWII the Decalogue numbers were Roman numerals, whereas the modern insignia has Hebrew numbers. This change occurred in 1981 with the wear out date being 1983. The left pictures are the older insignia with the right picture being newer model.





Of the 311 Jewish chaplains in the military in WWII, 147 were Conservative, 96 Reform and 68 were Orthodox. While many orthodox rabbis have beards, this was not the case in WWII from all photographic evidence I have seen. All were clean shaven.



Rank versus Branch Insignia on Caps

Army Regulation 600-28 does specify which insignia is to be worn on the cap for the chaplain. The chaplain cap was to have the rank insignia of the chaplain on it, versus the cross or tablet branch insignia. The caps of Chaplain Reisch (size 8 head!) I received in January of 2017 had Captain's bars on them. However, I suspect that the branch insignia was most the common practice with a few exceptions. The insignia worn was based upon a particular chaplain or commander's preference. Most WWII chaplains are wearing their branch insignia on their caps. Being a chaplain was more important than a captain, which was merely a pay grade. They were military ministers first.

Chaplain Helmet Markings

Chaplains were issued standard M-1 helmets and many were marked with chaplain's insignia. This made the chaplain easily recognized especially in combat situations. Christian chaplains usually had a white cross painted on the front, of varying sizes. Unit insignia was sometimes applied above the cross as was customary for a particular unit's practice.





The vertical officer stripe is sometimes seen on the back of the helmet. The stripe depends upon whether the unit viewed the additional paint as a combat leader or as an officer. Chaplains were officers but not a green tab combat leader. If all unit officers wore them, the chaplain did too.

The Jewish chaplain wore the Decalogue/tablet insignia on their uniforms. In about fifteen years of looking, I have yet to see a WWII chaplain helmet painted with a tablet on it. Jewish chaplains in the ETO numbered only 2.5%, 67 of 2669 in the May 1945 census. The US population was about 3% Jewish in 1940, so it was close to being a representative percentage of soldiers in the US

Army. There just weren't that many in the ETO. As the war wrapped up in 1945, Rabbis found themselves in demand among holocaust survivors, so they were seen even less among troops.

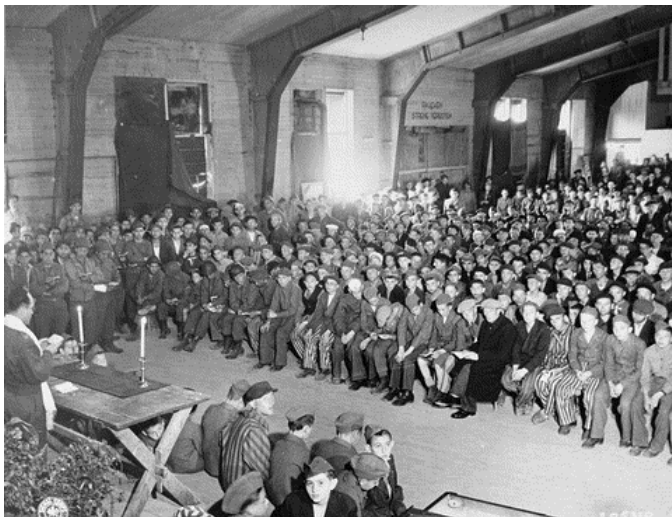


A second reason was practicality. The Nazis and SS conducted the holocaust against the Jewish population of Europe, wiping out entire Jewish communities. US Army Rabbis were very aware of this. Rabbi Chaplains probably wanted to keep a lower profile than Christian Chaplains in war zones, especially near SS troops. Being captured as a Rabbi was an incredibly difficult position. On a side note, a survey of a sources showed that Western country Jewish prisoners of war of the Germans were treated considerably better than their Eastern European counterparts. They were viewed as Western POW's first, and then as Jews. Many were segregated into different camps and worked harder than other Western POWs, although they weren't in death camps like Russian Jewish POWs. They still lived a very precarious life under a regime that was set on their genocide.

Rabbis played a very special role with the liberation of concentration camps, because they were the only Jewish clergy in Central Europe at the end of WWII. Most European Rabbis perished in the holocaust. Their work had to be incredibly difficult and demanding in the camps. Most had families that migrated to the US in the past 100 years, so there was extended family in Europe that made this all very personal to them. Some rabbis worked with the Monuments Men to recover religious artifacts collected and dumped by the Nazis in caves. The picture below is a Rabbi conducting a service in the home of Joseph Goebbels after the war. This was probably less than accidental as a location! They wear traditional tallit or prayer shawls.

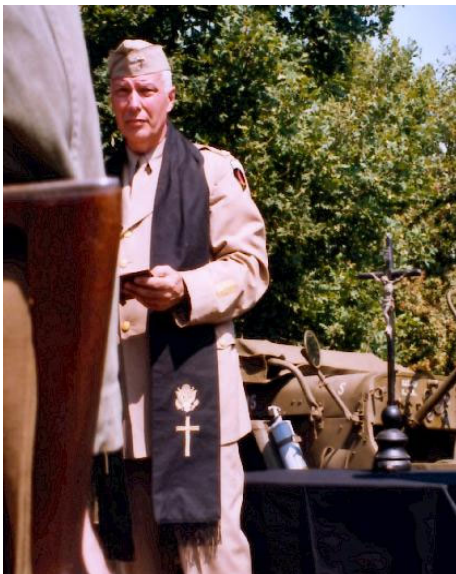


Chaplain Rabbi Hershel Schacter leads Jewish holiday services at Buchenwald shortly after liberation.



The Chaplain's Shawl or Stole

The chaplain's shawl was made of either black or white silk like cloth, and 9 feet long. The Army eagle was the top insignia and the chaplain's branch insignia was 1/2" below it embroidered in either gold or gold metallic thread. The Christian chaplain shawl was **Scarf, Chaplains', Christian Faith, Stock No. 62-S-2505** and was black with a Latin cross and US Army eagle embroidered on it.



The Jewish shawl or tallit was usually in white although at least one tallit is in the National Jewish History Museum in black cloth. The shawl has the US Army eagle with the tablet with I-X Roman numerals on it. The main embroidery was gold or gold metallic thread with the numbers being in black. Many rabbis, especially those that were orthodox, preferred the traditional tallit over the Army issue for Jewish services and celebrations. WWII stoles/scarfs were made by the National Academic Cap and Gown Company and went through the Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot.



Since the shawl was 9 feet long and very unwieldy in most circumstances, many chaplains also carried smaller shawls provided by their denomination or purchased on their own. There was no standard for denominational shawls, although they were usually small enough to be carried in a pocket and a bout 4' long. These are sometimes called reconciliation or visitation scarfs.





Other Chaplain Individual Equipment

These items were standard issue officer items that were available to chaplains per the authorizations in AR 600-40.

- Bedding Roll, including various articles of clothing and toilet articles.
- Clothing Roll, this could also be substituted by a traveling bag or a suitcase.
- Barrack Bag, for use as a receptacle for clothing.
- Shelter Tent, Complete, part of the field equipment (later on, favorably replaced by a Tent, Wall, Small, standard use for 2 Officers in the field).
- Blanket, Wool, Olive-Drab, Regulation, a number deemed necessary for comfort according to climatic conditions (from 2 up to 4 blankets).
- Mattress, usually none, if used very lightweight (a mattress cover was usually taken to be filled with straw or hay, an air mattress or a sleeping bag could also be used if desired).
- Pillow, usually one or two, lightweight and small.

- Sheets and Pillow Cases, sheets were often dispensed with altogether, and pillow cases seldom used.
- Poncho or Raincoat.
- Overshoes or Boots.
- Folding Cot, only when transportation was available.
- Camp Stool or Folding Chair, again only when transportation was available.
- Miscellaneous articles such as a flashlight, candle or acetylene lantern, alcohol or gasoline stove, small rug, canvas bucket, washbasin, and miscellaneous toilet articles.

Part 4 will cover Chaplain's unit equipment including the field organ



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