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# WORLD WAR 2 Historical Re-enactment Society

4 July Parade – Brookfield, Illinois Photos by Piotr Krawerenda





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## PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN REENACTING



Pioneer Village – Saukville, Wisconsin May 2018 Photos by Pete Mowat





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From Terry Johns  
23 June 2018

I really enjoyed the article about the reenactment held in the Czech Republic. (By **Mike Kaczorowski**).  
It was AWESOME!!

Apparently, this type of event has been happening in Europe these last few years.

I got an invite to do the GARDEN route into Holland once and I have US reenactor friends who went to Normandy living the experience over so many days.

I wish there were more immersion type events here even if they weren't a week in length.

Now an event lasting for multiple days is a lot to ask but why cannot a tactical event last for 24 hours?

Is this too much to ask?

Way back when, I remember trying to have an all-day in the field tactical at Weldon Spring.

Everyone was to be prepared to tough it out and stay in the field.

So, there I was, sitting in my old mortar pit (near the SS redoubt) all alone munching on my rations, listening to a coyote howl while the sun was setting.

Every other reenactor was back at base!

It was and apparently still is hard to keep folks from gravitating back to their cars or HQ which ever, is most convenient after a short burst of mucking about.

Large tactical events are few and far between.

The closest thing to it that I am aware of is: Weldonkrieg.

Yes, there is the Tifton, MO tactical but (unfortunately) it is too small.

Weldon has this potential as it is large enough.

Not to complain but I wish Weldon would be more immersion and less socialization.

Weldon is listed as actually taking place over both Saturday & Sunday

but come Sunday almost nobody is around-they've all gone home.

On my bucket-list is a Tunisian Campaign event happening in Utah or Colorado (perhaps) that would start on Saturday morning and last through Sunday afternoon.

Am I dreaming?

Thanks  
Terry Johns



## The 3 Line Rifle, Model of 1891 By Kerwin Law



During the Russo-Turkish War, the Russians were many times on the receiving end of Winchester lever action firepower. While their three different models of single shot rifles (Berdan, Karle & Krnka) coupled with superior numbers eventually allowed them to be successful, it was clear they would need something better going forward. In 1882 Russia officially began the quest to find a suitable repeating rifle. Their first and ultimately unsuccessful attempt was to add a magazine to the existing Berdan rifle. After this plan was abandoned, the playing field had changed drastically, first by the development of the French 1886 Lebel and later the German 1888 Commission rifle. These new rifles were game changers. They were bolt action repeaters using smaller caliber cartridges that utilized smokeless powder, which in turn pushed bullet velocities to levels never before realized. A year later, Austria-Hungary, Denmark, England and Switzerland would adopt their own similar rifles. This would leave one of Europe's major military powers at a huge disadvantage should hostilities arise with an opponent armed with such a rifle.



The quickest way to get into this new “wonder weapon” game would have been to adopt one of the aforementioned rifles, but like many countries they decided to come up with one of their own. As the search continued, Sergei Mosin (Mo-seen) using experience gained working on repeaters starting in about 1883 was able to have a decent weapon ready for submission by 1889. His main competition was a rifle made by a Belgian named Leon Nagant (Nah-GON). Both submissions were liked well enough to be used in field trials by certain Russian Army units from 1890-1891. It was a split decision it seems with what many believe to be politics tipping the scales in Mosin's favor. It's said Nagant was thrown a bone however, as namely his feeding system was allowed to be incorporated into Mosin's rifle, although the validity of that statement will provoke an argument in certain circles.



In 1891, Russia finally had a rifle that helped get them to a more level playing field with the rest of the world. It was officially known as the “3 Line Rifle, Model of 1891”. The three-line designation would come from the old Russian measurement in which a “line” equaled .10 of an inch. While it was often the norm for a firearm to be named after its inventor, Mosin's name wouldn't officially be associated with the rifle until the Soviet era, when it was re-designated the “Mosin-System 7.62mm Magazine Rifle, Model of 1891”. It's also important to note here, the fact that its common name “Mosin-Nagant” is a fabrication of those outside of Russia as there was never any official recognition given to Nagant in their reference to it. I'd bet Leon Nagant would have felt much better had he known of its more common name around the world later on, although I'm thinking, not quite as good as he felt when he was finally given 200,000 rubles for his contributions. The rifle would also be the first to use the potent 7.62x54R cartridge that's still common today.





Production began at the Izhevsk factory in 1891, followed by Sestroretsk and Tula in 1892. Problems with facilities and workers slowed production and made necessary a contract of about 500,000 more with the Chatellerault Arsenal in France. Years later, with Russia at times losing up to 100,000 rifles a month during WWI, more outside help would be required. From 1915-1918, Remington and New England Westinghouse it's believed, had produced about 1.5 million rifles. While some of these would make it to Russia, a lot of the American production went undelivered when Russia failed to follow through with its purchase agreement. After WWI, production of the 1891 rifle continued until about 1926 at Izhevsk and Tula.



A few early variants of the 1891 rifle include the Dragoon for horse mounted infantry (1893-1932) and the very similar Cossack for cavalry (1894-1922). Then in 1907 a carbine was adopted, which with its limited production numbers are a pretty rare find today. Total production estimates of the types mentioned exceeded 14 million. In my next article, I will continue with the Dragoon inspired spin-off 1891/30 rifle and its cousins.

**Kerwin Law 2018**  
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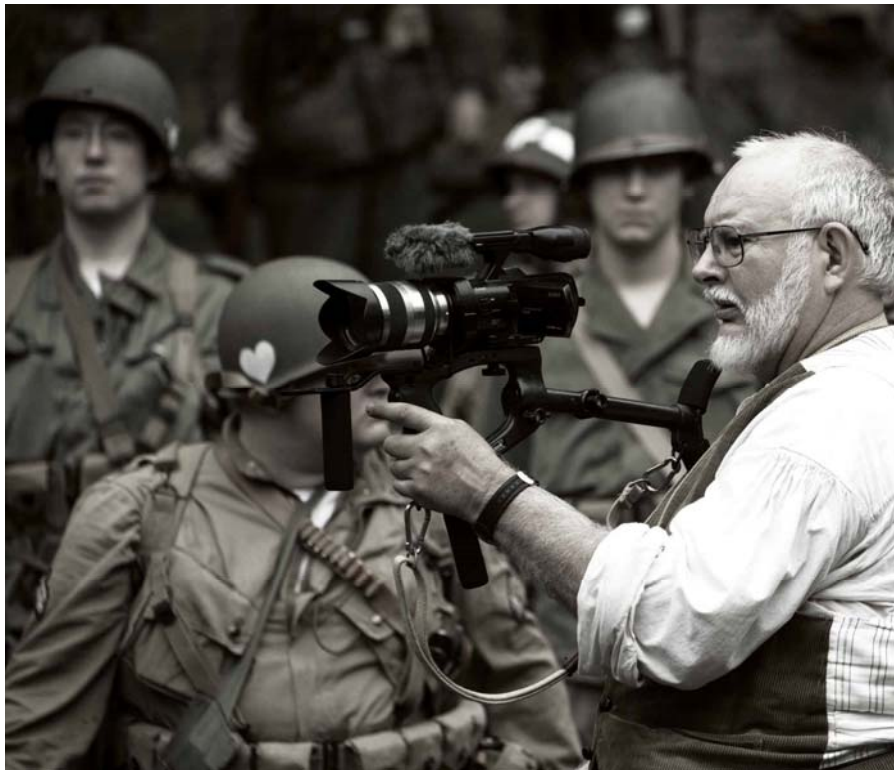
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I am willing to spend a day with your unit to get photos and video.  
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Treasurer Wayne McCulley



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

**ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF MAY 31ST 2018**

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$8,610.07
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$44,520.03
<b>Account Totals</b>	<b>\$53,130.10</b>

**INCOME FOR MAY 2018**

Membership Income	\$1,590.00
Interest from Money Market Account	\$3.78
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,593.78</b>

**EXPENDITURES FOR MAY 2018**

Eventbrite Service Charges	\$189.88
Email Marketing Service	\$12.80
Bank Service Charge	\$78.00
Postage	\$150.00
Membership Card Supplies	\$77.29
Event Support Weldonkreig	\$600.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,107.97</b>

<b>2018 Membership Income</b>	<b>\$8,790.00</b>
<b>2018 Interest Income</b>	<b>\$19.57</b>
<b>2018 Miscellaneous Income</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>
<b>2018 Total Income</b>	<b>\$9,109.57</b>
<b>2018 Expenditures</b>	<b>\$13,303.56</b>
<b>2018 Total Income less 2018 Expenditures</b>	<b>(\$4,193.99)</b>





## WW2 HRS 2018 Membership Report

As of 1 July 2018, we have 916 Members.

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

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





September

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28-30

WALK BACK IN TIME 2018

Sep



**Loc:** Audrain County Historical Society, 501 South Muldrow Street, Mexico, MO 65265

**Dates:** September 28-30, 2018

**Event Times:** Setup can occur from Thursday to Saturday. Friday is the school education day. The event runs from 10-4pm Saturday and Sunday, with Candlelight Tours on Saturday from 6-9pm

**Description:** Walk Back in Time is the premier living history timeline event in the state of Missouri. It usually draws 300 participants in all time periods and 10-15,000 spectators. There is a WWII Battle on Saturday and Sunday. This year will feature the role of animals in support of the US military.

**Registration Times:** Friday 1300-2100 and Saturday 0800-1000 in the 29th Panzergrenadier Camp

**Pre-Registration:** Contacting the event coordinator is required for reserving your display area. NO EXCEPTIONS!

**Fee:** There is no fee for the event, and the organizers provide a Saturday night meal to all participants

**Contact:** Chris Adams, 573-680-1244, [cblackthorne@hotmail.com](mailto:cblackthorne@hotmail.com)

**Website:** <http://www.audrain.org> and go to Walk Back in Time

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

**Prohibited Vehicles/Items:** No firing of weapons between 2200 and 0800 at night.



**Restrictions on Minors:** WWIHRs rules apply

**Other restrictions:** None

**Sponsoring Unit(s):** 84th Infantry Division Railsplitters and 29th Panzergrenadier Regiment





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<b>05-07</b>	<b>BATTLE OF SAINT LO - PANZER LEHR COUNTERATTACK TACTICAL EVENT</b>
<b>Oct</b>	
	<p><b>Loc:</b> L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation, 2900 16th Street, Haugen, Wisconsin, 54841.</p> <p><b>Dates:</b> Friday, October 5th to Sunday, October 7th, 2018.</p> <p><b>Event Times:</b> Check-in Friday, 4pm - 10:30pm and Saturday, 7:30am to 8:30am. S &amp; A at 8:45am. Troop deployment to the field at 9am. Battle scenarios go until 5pm, gate re-opens at 5:30pm. Evening meal served at 6:30pm.</p> <p><b>Registration Times:</b> Now until 10pm, October 4th. You must pre-register and pay in advance, no walk-ons allowed the day of the event.</p> <p><b>Pre-registration:</b> (<a href="#">click here</a>)</p> <p><b>Fee:</b> \$23.00 for tactical and Saturday evening meal (includes Eventbrite fee). Additional \$15.00 if staying overnight 1 or 2 nights on site. Barracks style accommodations, bunk beds with mattresses, restrooms, showers, limited availability. Bring your own pillow, blankets, sleeping bag.</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Ross Hedin (Event Coordinator), <a href="mailto:ross_hedin@yahoo.com">ross_hedin@yahoo.com</a>, 763-267-3704</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/151949415485790/">https://www.facebook.com/events/151949415485790/</a></p> <p><b>Authenticity Notes:</b> All Allied and German impressions that would have been in the Normandy area during June/July/August 1944 are welcome. No partisan or civilian impressions allowed. No females portraying male combat impressions. War Correspondent impressions are allowed. No public spectators allowed. All WWII HRS safety and authenticity rules will apply and BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. All uniforms and equipment will be authentic WWII or correct reproduction, including footwear, in use during this time period. No modern eyewear, including sunglasses. Everyone will have proper period haircut and trimmed facial hair (or lack thereof) for their respective nationality. NO BEARDS, no more than 2 days beard growth (this is not Bastogne). Rules of engagement will be designed to make the event as realistic as possible. Battle scenarios will be objective oriented. Squad tactics will be employed, and objectives will need to be taken and held. Squad strength must be maintained in order to be an effective fighting force.</p> <p><b>Prohibited Vehicles/Items:</b> NO LIVE AMMO! Authentic or period reproduction vehicles are allowed but use on site may be limited depending upon weather conditions.</p> <p><b>Restrictions on minors:</b> All participants must be at least 18 years old.</p> <p><b>Other restrictions:</b> No alcoholic beverages or illegal substances. No pyrotechnics or smoke allowed. No digging holes. No smoking in or around buildings, allowed in wooded areas only, please leave no trace.</p> <p><b>Motels:</b> There are many hotels in Rice Lake, 12 miles south of the camp. See this link: <a href="http://ricelakewis.com/lodging/hotels-motels/">http://ricelakewis.com/lodging/hotels-motels/</a></p> <p><b>Sponsoring Unit:</b> 105th Engineer Combat Battalion, 30th Infantry Division, St. Paul, MN.</p>
<b>26-28</b>	<b>ASSAULTING FORTRESS EUROPE</b>
<b>Oct</b>	
	<p><b>Loc:</b> Camp Siman Events, 10135 Okland, Tiff, MO 63674</p> <p><b>Dates:</b> 26-28 October 2018</p> <p><b>Event Times:</b> Gates open 12 noon Friday 20 July and close 12 noon Sunday 22 July, S&amp;A 8am Saturday and the Tactical will start @ 9am Saturday 21 July, night battle if enough interest on Saturday night.</p> <p><b>Registration Times:</b> Upon arrival Friday and Saturday morning.</p> <p><b>Pre-Registration:</b> (<a href="#">click here</a>)</p> <p><b>Fee:</b> \$15 at the gate.</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> <a href="mailto:papaoadfssf@sbcglobal.net">papaoadfssf@sbcglobal.net</a></p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/755780071295906/">https://www.facebook.com/events/755780071295906/</a> <a href="http://campsimanevents.webs.com/">http://campsimanevents.webs.com/</a></p> <p><b>Authenticity Notes:</b> All impressions which fought in the ETO, MTO and Eastern Front. camping from Friday to Sunday secure on site parking.</p> <p><b>Prohibited Vehicles/Items:</b> NO live ammo, ALL correct Military Vehicles are welcome.</p> <p><b>Restrictions on Minors:</b> Per HRS rules</p> <p><b>Other restrictions:</b> NA</p> <p><b>Sponsoring Unit(s):</b> First Special Service Force, 6th CO 3rd REG HRS / Camp Siman Events.</p>





November

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OST FRONT 44

Nov



**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](mailto: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.

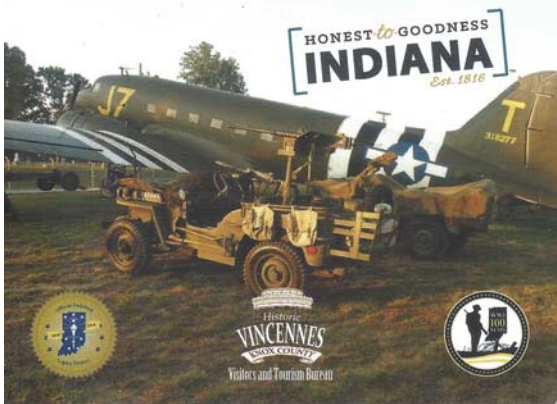


## INDIANA MILITARY MUSEUM

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**Salute to Veterans of WWII  
Indiana Military Museum  
Vincennes, Indiana  
Public Battles and Living History Displays  
August 31 - September 2, 2018**

**Friday:** Setup 1pm-10pm

**Saturday:** Open 9am-5pm

- opening colors
- Battle Recreation: museum brings out Sherman, Stewart, US and German half-tracks, PAK40, Bren Gun carrier, Dingo personal WWII jeeps, motorcycles, trucks, and artillery welcome to participate
- military and civilian fashion show
- weapons demonstration
- evening sandwiches and private museum tour
- Tiki Hut social ~ WWII news shorts and movie

**Sunday:** open 9am-4pm

- opening colors
- Battle Recreation
- military and civilian fashion show
- weapons demonstration

The Indiana Military Museum contains one of the best overall collections of military memorabilia from the Revolutionary War to the present day. The museum has a vast array of unique artifacts, vehicles, artillery, weaponry, uniforms, insignia and artwork. The outdoor grounds is a museum in itself. Entering the gate you immediately see a missile, a C-47 and a full size German Atlantic Wall bunker. Additional planes, half-tracks, trucks, jeeps, and tanks dot the landscape.

IMM has plenty of room for camps and displays. Amenities include water, breakfast and a re-enactor recognition dinner. Food (lunch) is available for purchase.

All allied and axis units interested in participating should be members of a recognized re-enactment society. HRS authenticity and safety standards will be followed and can be found at <http://www.worldwartwohrs.org>. Political flags or uniforms are not permitted.

Register on Eventbrite to sign up. Registration ends August 30.

Vendor space is still available. Contact organizers for more information.

Indiana Military Museum - <http://www.indianamilitarymuseum.com/>

Visitor's Bureau - <http://www.vincennesvb.org/>

*Vincennes observes Eastern Daylight Time*



# 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:

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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 16<sup>th</sup>-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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#### HOW TO ATTEND a Board Meeting:

Monthly teleconference Board meetings are open to all members. Members do not need to register for the meetings nor do they need to contact the president or any board members.

They need to contact their unit commander for the call information to include phone number and password. This creates less of a choke point and gets the information out to more with less hassle.

The monthly board meeting time/dates will change to accommodate the board members time schedules.





## 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.

**www.WorldWarTwoHRS.Org**

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## **Minutes of the WWII Historical Reenactment Society Board Meeting 24 April 2018**

**Call to Order at 7:34** - Board Members Attending: Jon Stevens, President; Ron Kapustka, Secretary; Wayne McCulley, Treasurer; Corey Vaughn, Allied Rep; Matt Rademacher, Commonwealth Rep; Doug Strong, Axis Rep.

Members Attending: George Reinke, Brad Montegan, Jim Schouten

### **Approval of Agenda**

RK motioned to approve the agenda as Revised by JS. WM and CV seconded. Agenda was approved by BOD vote.

### **Reading of March Meeting Minutes**

The March, 2018 Minutes were read by RK. RK motioned that the March Minutes be approved as read. That was seconded by DS and WM. The March Minutes, as read, were approved by BOD vote.

### **Officer Reports:**

Vice President: CB is not able to attend the meeting. JS reported that there were two new Charters, the 3rd Gebirgsjaeger; and the 63<sup>a</sup> Legione CC.NN. d'Assalto "Tagliamento".

The 3rd Gebirgsjaeger received 7 Yes and 1 No vote by the S&A Committee. JS made a motion to accept the 3rd Gebirgsjaeger as a Probationary HRS Unit. RK seconded the motion. A BOD vote was taken and the motion was passed. The 3rd Gebirgsjaeger will be accepted as a Probationary HRS Unit.

The S&A vote on 63<sup>a</sup> Legione CC.NN. d'Assalto "Tagliamento" was 14 positive and 1 negative. JS made a motion to accept 63<sup>a</sup> Legione CC.NN. d'Assalto "Tagliamento" as a Probationary Unit. That was seconded by RK. A vote was taken and the motion was passed. The 63<sup>a</sup> Legione CC.NN. d'Assalto "Tagliamento" will be accepted as a Probationary HRS Unit. CB will contact both Units.

The balance of CB's report will be tabled until next month.

### **Treasurer Report by Wayne McCulley**

SEE the Treasures Report Section in this EDGE.

**Secretary** – Ron K reported that we have currently have 802 members and 12 Minor members for 2018 as of 4/24/2018.

**Commonwealth Rep** - Matt has nothing to report.

**Allied Rep** - CV reported that he spoke with Chris Kissinger about the 32nd ID. Chris is either going to get the members signed up or convert to a non-combat Unit.

**Axis Rep** - Doug has nothing to report.

### **Staff Reports**

#### **Membership Coordinator –**

SEE the Membership Report Section in this EDGE.

### **Committee Reports:**

**S&A** – They are working on finalizing the two Incident Reports and should have more at next month's meeting.

**Unit Commanders** - No report

**Vehicle Committee** – Jim Schouten reported that he created a poll on the UC Group, which is functioning and since April 5th, has only one participant. Bill Sheets was invited to be part of the Vehicle Committee but has not responded yet. CV will check with him and advise Jim if Bill received the invite. Jim is not sure on how to proceed with the Vehicle Committee based on the lack of interest so far. JS suggested that Jim send out a final request for participation and go with the results as finalized after the second request for participation. George made a few suggestions as to how to get responses.

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

### **Old Business:**

**2018 HRS National Event** – JS sent out some requirements of the 2018 National Battle. They are:

1. Outline of event costs
2. Cost per person
3. Proof of permission from Range Control or AHJ
4. Insurance Requirements or proof of insurance
5. Security details, including parking plan
6. Space for 350 participants or more
7. Potable water supply
8. Adequate port-o-pots
9. Detailed adequate method of safety inspection
10. Outline of battle plan
11. A means for at least one dinner
12. Vendor area/swap (not required but a good idea)
13. Potential vehicle usage, restrictions, and transport costs
14. Address for ATF paperwork

This will be added to the FB page so anyone who has an interest has the necessary information on what to submit. CV suggested here be something added about lodging/camping, etc.

**Insurance** – JS received the full policy from the insurance company. The HRS did secure insurance for the WW1 Event at a cost of \$699.00, of which Midway Village paid \$300.00 and the HRS paid the balance. Lastly, insurance changes for the rest of the year will be as follows:

Due to changes in insurance, the WWII HRS will no longer insure all participants at HRS events. Only members receive coverage through the HRS liability insurance. This means that either non-HRS members can participate at their own risk by signing a non-member liability waiver which if they cause an accident they are responsible for any all claims resulting from the accident **or** they can provide a liability insurance policy to the HRS that covers the members of their unit. This policy would need to include the WWII HRS as an additional insured and potentially the location owner as an additional insured if the site requests this. A liability policy is greatly preferred and, in the future, we may no longer allow a "non-member waiver" for non-members to participate at HRS events.

Members should be ready to provide proof of current membership and identification at events if asked. Some events have mistakenly used the "non-member" liability waiver for current members. Please be careful to use the correct waivers so that in case of any legal actions there are no questions if a member has coverage under the HRS liability insurance.





#### **New Business:**

**Rockford Accident Report** CB finished his investigation and have provided the results, my conclusion, summary and recommendations. His report will be supplied to the BOD as well as his recommendations which will be reviewed and voted on at the May BOD meeting.

**Event support:** Alan Miltich submitted a request for \$400 for his "Delay the Inevitable" tactical in Ohio. JS explained the request. CV asked about funding support for vehicles at past events. JS reported that the event has 225 reenactors last year with 145 HRS members. RK and WM suggested support, however, at a reduced amount, based on expenditures. WM suggested the HRS supply \$250.00. CV agreed as did Doug Strong and Matt Rademacher. MR further suggested that the HRS come up with guidelines for vehicle funding and that the HRS consider coming up with a budget for vehicle transportation at future events. MR will start working on guidelines for vehicle transportation. DS proposed \$300.00 which was seconded by RK. A BOD vote was taken and \$300.00 was approved for funding. Alan Militch will be notified.

**New event requests:** There was an event request for New Bedford, WI. JS will send the info out to the BOD for review before the May meeting.

#### **Open Comments:**

WM received the receipt for the Weldonkreig event but has not received the waivers yet. JS suggested that WM contact them one last time asking for the waivers before paying the receipt.

Jim Schouten mentioned that the recent increase in the insurance premium has caused a possible future shortfall in HRS funds. Membership dues should cover at a minimum, the mandatory operating costs of the organization. If dues need to be increased, the BOD should consider that. DS suggested a slight increase in dues to cover the possible shortfall. WM suggested that any dues increase be considered for 2019. JS mentioned that the By-Laws allow for a late fee. The BOD will look into the shortfall issue and make a decision in the near future. JS asked WM to prepare a report on the regular operating expenses for the past few years, with the event support numbers being taken out, and to send that out to the BOD.

**Announcements:** The next meeting May 15, 2018.

**Adjourn** RK motioned to adjourn, WM seconded. Approved by BOD vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.



## Raincoat Story

By Dave Jeglinski



in a shadow box to preserve and display it.

On April 8th, 2018 I received a friend request from a name I didn't recognize (Loïc Houzé ). Thankfully, I accepted his request and the impossible was about to come true. Those of you that know me well know that I'm incredibly passionate about World War II.

My passion comes from my Grandpa who served in the European Theater of Operations during 1944-1945. He was an infantryman and served with the 30th Division, 117th regiment, Company K. He participated in the Battle of the Bulge and the Rhineland Campaign. He was captured by the Germans on March 1st, 1945 in Lipp Germany and became a Prisoner of War. He was liberated on March 27th, 1945. My Grandpa never spoke of the war and didn't leave behind many memoirs.

Loic is from Northern France and is a World War II reenactor just like me. He purchased a WWII raincoat for reenacting purposes in Belgium. He noticed a name and an army serial number on the inside of the coat. He researched this soldier's name and it turned out to be my Grandpa, Joseph Stanley Jeglinski's raincoat.

I was Shocked and in disbelief! I immediately asked him how much he paid for it and asked if he would sell it to me. He paid 80 Euro which is about \$98 US dollars. Little did I know, Loic wanted me to have the raincoat for free. All I would have to pay is shipping and handling.

After 74 years, my Grandpa's raincoat returned home today. I'm feeling Grateful to say the least. I called my Dad to help open the package and enjoy this special moment with me. I'm going to put the raincoat





Loïc Houzé I can never thank you enough for your unbelievably kind gesture.  
You are an Amazing person and have Tremendous character!  
You touched my life in a very special way and I'm forever grateful to you!  
I consider you a friend for LIFE! This goes to show social media is not always bad and there is a lot of GOOD people in our World! Stay in touch buddy!



Cyril Limousin

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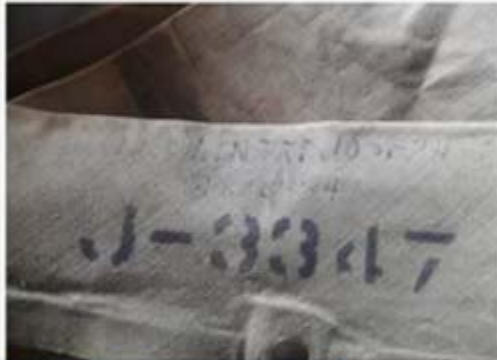
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le 06/04/18 de Loïc Houzé



Loïc Houzé

Hier, à 17:28

Bonjour à tous , voilà je possède un raincoat US avec ces marquages.  
Mais je ne parviens pas à trouvé quoi que ce soit sur le net 🤔 . Le gars  
qui me l'a vendu n'avait rien trouvé non plus . En ce qui concerne le nom  
je lis Jeglinski Joseph S.



J'aime

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