



# THE EDGE



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WORLD WAR 2  
Historical Re-enactment Society

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PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN  
REENACTING

**March with us back  
into WWII history!**

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## **Announcements for WW2 Days at Midway Village.**

In order to keep all participants and the public safe during WW2 Days, there are several new rules and procedures being put in place by the Museum and the HRS. They are, in no particular order:

### **Registration:**

Every person attending this event **MUST** check in at registration and present a valid state-issued ID proving their age. Every person **MUST** wear their issued event bracelet at all times during the event. Anyone not wearing an event bracelet will be removed from the event.

### **S&A:**

Everyone who wants to participate during the weekend must attend the S&A briefing Saturday morning near the field battle area.

### **Safety Inspection for Smoke Devices and Crew Served Weapons:**

Starting in 2018, there will be a mandatory safety meeting and inspection for anyone who wants to use a crew served weapon (mortar, bazooka, etc) and/or any type of “smoke” device. This Inspection will be announced at the S&A meeting Saturday morning and will take place immediately thereafter. **ALL** crew served weapons and smoke devices **MUST** be shown to the S&A Staff and exhibited how they work. Anyone using a crew served weapon or uses a smoke device that has not passed the Safety Inspection will be removed from the event.

### **Pyro:**

There will be **NO** “pyro” allowed at the event. Only smoke can be used, weather and conditions permitting, after the device passes inspection by S&A (see above). Anyone throwing “pyro” or “grenades” of any kind that ignite or explode will be removed from the event. Rubber or wooden grenades that do not “ignite or explode” will be allowed for theatrical purposes.

### **Field Battles:**

The Field Battles and participation in them will be strictly controlled and enforced by Chuck Bolanis and the S&A Committee. Participation in any field battle will be at his discretion. Anyone who joins in any field battle without permission will be removed from the event.

### **Woods Battles:**

The Woods Battles and participation in them will be strictly controlled and enforced by Ron Kapustka and the S&A Committee. Participation in any woods battle will be at his discretion. Anyone who joins in any woods battle without permission will be removed from the event.

### **Village Battles:**

The Village Battles and participation in them will be strictly controlled and enforced by Bill Larsen and the S&A Committee. Participation in any village battle will be at his discretion. Anyone who joins in any village battle without permission will be removed from the event.





### To the members of the World War Two Historical Reenactment Society:

It is with great enthusiasm that I submit my candidacy for Allied Representative for this upcoming election. When I decided to run for Allied Representative in the election two years ago, I ran with the mindset of 'service to others,' a motto that has only grown as my time in this position has gone along. It is a motto I live my life by, and one that I want to implement in a society that has given me so much and so many friends. Putting others above one's self is the same motto as the men and women we portray held, and one that we need to strive to always remember and teach to others through this hobby. As I tell every Reenactor and prospective Reenactor I meet, we truly become like family trying to accomplish the same mission: to teach the history of those that came before us and shaped us into who we are today; to keep history alive.

Working on this mission isn't always easy; we're all very different people, facing many different challenges. However, we all share the same passion for the past, wanting to learn as much as we can, and to remember and be thankful. We're all united, and a united organization is what we need to ensure that this hobby keeps going and growing. We've seen recent attacks on Civil War Reenactors for what they do, and it isn't a stretch to imagine that we may witness the same thing in World War Two. However, if we are united and focus on the missions of service to others and 'In the Tradition of Those Before Us,' we WILL continue to thrive as an Organization.

To tell a little about who I am, I currently work as a Special Education Instructional Assistant at Clarksville Middle School. Previously, I have taught 8th Grade U.S. History and Language Arts at this same school, as well as an introductory U.S. History course at the Mid-America College of Funeral Service. Teaching and History have always been in my blood; the desire to help others learn about where we come from so we know where we are going. I currently hold a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History (with a Minor in Sociology) from Indiana University Southeast, which I received in 2013. I am an Assistant Scoutmaster for a Boy Scouts of America Troop, and I earned my Eagle Scout award in 2009.



As far as my Reenacting career, I began in 2008 with World War Two, and branched out to include War of 1812, World War One, Korean War, and Vietnam War impressions, on top of a multitude of WWII allied and civilian impressions. I am currently a Sergeant in Company G, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, helping to recruit and train new members, coordinate reenacting events, and ensuring that we always do our absolute best to teach the public about those that came before us. One of my proudest accomplishments has been working with the Honor Flight network, helping to bring World War Two veterans to see their monument in Washington D.C., free of charge. I help coordinate Reenactors to welcome these Veterans home from their trip, and to give them a small portion of the homecoming they deserve, but never received. I really believe that Honor Flights can help us as Reenactors remember why we put so much blood, sweat, toil and tears into this hobby.

In conclusion, thank you for your consideration for the position of Allied Representative for the World War Two Historical Reenactment Society. This position requires someone who has immense experience in allied history and a passion for serving others, in addition to the skills required to do the behind-the-scenes work for events, and to coordinate with others; experience which I believe I possess and that can be of immense use to the Society.

I would be more than happy to discuss any questions you may have, and I can be reached at [cevaughnius@gmail.com](mailto:cevaughnius@gmail.com).

Thank you so much for your time, and I will see you on the field!

Corey Vaughn

Allied Representative, WWII Historical Reenactment Society

G Company, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment - 82nd Airborne Division (Reenacted)



## The Soviet “Rifle Model 1891/30”

By Kerwin Law



Izhevsk M44



M44

After Russia had weathered the storms of both WWI and its civil war, it was decided make some refinements to its “3 Line Rifle Model of 1891”, or more commonly known to us today as the Mosin/Nagant (or Garbage Rod, if you’re a hater). With the 1891 rifles initial adoption, a shorter version called the Dragoon would evolve soon after. The Dragoon would ultimately be the basis for the upgraded rifle. Starting in 1924, they officially began to look into ways of improving their standard rifle and by 1927 a new version was ready for military trials. When the Russians were satisfied with the results, they adopted the new design in mid-1930 as the “Rifle Model 1891/30, often referred to now as the 91/30. The Soviet Union would come to rely heavily on the 91/30, with their production numbers coming in at a staggering 14 million rifles before WWII would end.



1000 Meter  
M44 sight

The 91/30 rifle differed from previous models by, but not limited to, a hooded front sight, rear sights graduated in meters, the method in which the barrel bands were retained and utilization of round receivers. These would be rolling changes, often done as existing old stock was used up. For example, usage of hex receivers has been observed clear into the mid-30s. Therefore an 91/30 can be found with some of the earlier features, as full implementation wouldn’t come until later in production. To further confuse things, many existing pre-1930 rifles and Dragoons were changed to 91/30 configuration. In addition, because the hooded front sight was not compatible with the old bayonet, a new bayonet was necessitated. On the plus side though, the new bayonet would also fit older 1891 variants.



M44



91/30

Most sources list that there were only two Russian manufacturers of the 91/30 rifles, Izhevsk and Tula, but there is some speculation that there may have been a few others. Supposedly there is a 1933 US intelligence report saying as much. If this is true, whether they were made in these other locations or merely put together there, is not known. The fact only two manufacturer receiver marks have been observed casts doubt on this theory, although when Tula was shut down and moved during WWII, as Izhevsk utilized the newly located machinery, it’s believed they stamped Tula on them. If so, this proves the markings can be a gray area. It may never be known, so given the lack of hard evidence, it’s safer to go with only two.



7.62 x 54R





By 1932, a sniper version was approved for service. These sniper rifles fall into three main categories, the PE (32-38), the PEM (36-42) and the PU (42 on). Essentially, the scopes and their mounts were what differentiated each model. Production estimates vary quite a bit, so I'll take the safe road and say the Soviets made over two hundred thousand of them. Many believe 91/30s were hand selected for their suitability as sniper rifles, before triggers were lightened and turn down bolts and scopes added. I have a feeling that some of that went out the window when the Germans came to visit in the 1940s. Special selection or not, the USSR's much revered male and female snipers would use these to great effect against the Axis forces in their "Great Patriotic War"



As was the case with the 1891 rifle, it was realized that a shorter version of the 91/30 rifle would be needed. The "7,62 mm Carbine, Model of the Year 1938" or as its more commonly known M38, started production in 1939 and would continue being made into 1945. Evidence suggests only a relative handful were made in the final year. Izhevsk and Tula would make about 2.5 million M38s in this timeframe, with Tula being by far being the rarest. In addition to being shorter, the M38 had a redesigned rear sight and would no longer accept a bayonet. Before M38 production would end, its replacement would be adopted as the "7,62 mm Carbine, Model of the Year 1944". The M44 is basically an M38 with an attached swing out bayonet. Again Izhevsk and to a much lesser degree Tula would make around 7 million M44s during WWII. In addition, Izhevsk would also kick in a few 100,000 more into the post war years.



With the dissolution of the Soviet Union and the fact the 91/30s were long obsolete, train loads of these have made their way to the US in exchange for hard currency. In spite of increasing prices, right now they are still the bargain of the milsurp rifle market. While there are many who deride the 1891 family of rifles, I can't help but to think what Mr. Spock would have said if he were to examine one, "Crude but effective Captain". That's a pretty good summation I think.

**Kerwin Law**



## **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.

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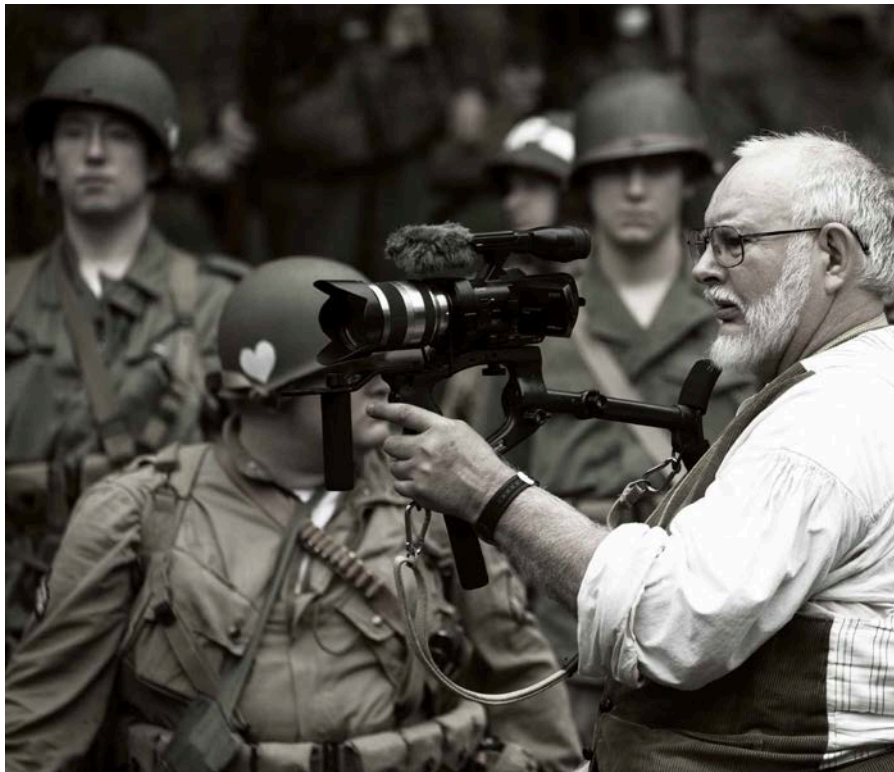
**ANY WW2 HRS Member can submit an item for publication here in the EDGE.**

### **HOW TO SUBMIT an item for Publication within The EDGE**

If your WW2 HRS unit has news it would like to publish 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](mailto: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  
JULY 2018**

**ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30TH 2018**

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$7,692.27
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$44,523.57
<b>Account Totals</b>	<b>\$52,215.84</b>

**INCOME FOR JUNE 2018**

Interest from Money Market Account	\$3.54
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3.54</b>

**EXPENTITURES FOR JUNE 2018**

Event Support Rails to Victory	\$250.00
Event Support Danville WW2 Weekend	\$355.00
Email Marketing	\$12.80
Event Support Delay the Inevitable	\$300.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$917.80</b>

2018 Membership Income	\$8,790.00
2018 Interest Income	\$23.11
2018 Miscellaneous Income	\$300.00
2018 Total Income	\$9,113.11
2018 Expenditures	\$14,221.36
2018 Total Income less 2018 Expenditures	(\$5,108.25)





## 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  
Jeff Skender at [GD5.Heinz.Thiel@Gmail.Com](mailto:GD5.Heinz.Thiel@Gmail.Com)







# EVENTS

August	
Aug	No events listed.
September	
19-23 Sep	<b>WWII DAYS AT MIDWAY VILLAGE MUSEUM</b>  <p>Loc: Midway Village, 6799 Guilford Road, Rockford, IL 61107 Dates: September 19-23, 2018 Event Times: Thursday 5pm-9pm; Friday 5pm-10pm; Sat 8am-12pm; Sun 9:30am-10am Registration Times: Friday 9am-2pm; Sat 9am-5pm; Sun 9:00am-5pm Pre-Registration: Yes, Register at the website Fee: None Contact: Ron Kapustka – <a href="mailto:fourboys@ix.netcom.com">fourboys@ix.netcom.com</a> – 847-682-6460 Website: <a href="http://www.ww2rockfordevent.com">http://www.ww2rockfordevent.com</a> Registration: <a href="http://www.ww2rockfordevent.com">http://www.ww2rockfordevent.com</a> Map: <a href="http://www.ww2rockfordevent.com">http://www.ww2rockfordevent.com</a> Directions: <a href="http://www.ww2rockfordevent.com">http://www.ww2rockfordevent.com</a> Authenticity Notes: ALL WW2 HRS Safety &amp; Authenticity Rules will be applicable Prohibited Vehicles/Items: None Other restrictions: Sponsoring Unit(s): 353rd German Infanterie / 101st Airborne, 502nd PIR / C Company</p>
28-30 Sep	<b>WALK BACK IN TIME 2018</b>  <p>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, <a href="mailto:cblackthorne@hotmail.com">cblackthorne@hotmail.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.audrain.org">http://www.audrain.org</a> and go to Walk Back in Time Authenticity Notes: WWIIHRS safety and authenticity rules apply. Prohibited Vehicles/Items: No firing of weapons between 2200 and 0800 at night. Restrictions on Minors: WWIIHRS rules apply Other restrictions: None Sponsoring Unit(s): 84th Infantry Division Railsplitters and 29th Panzergrenadier Regiment</p>



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### BATTLE OF SAINT LO - PANZER LEHR COUNTERATTACK TACTICAL EVENT

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Loc: L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation, 2900 16th Street, Haugen, Wisconsin, 54841.  
Dates: Friday, October 5th to Sunday, October 7th, 2018.  
Event Times: Check-in Friday, 4pm - 10:30pm and Saturday, 7:30am to 8:30am. S & 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.  
Registration Times: Now until 10pm, October 4th. You must pre-register and pay in advance, no walk-ons allowed the day of the event.  
Pre-registration: ([click here](#))  
Fee: \$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.  
Contact: Ross Hedin (Event Coordinator), [ross\\_hedin@yahoo.com](mailto:ross_hedin@yahoo.com), 763-267-3704  
Website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/151949415485790/>  
Authenticity Notes: 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.  
Prohibited Vehicles/Items: NO LIVE AMMO! Authentic or period reproduction vehicles are allowed but use on site may be limited depending upon weather conditions.  
Restrictions on minors: All participants must be at least 18 years old.  
Other restrictions: No alcoholic beverages or illegal substances. No pyrotechnics or smoke allowed. No digging holes. No smoking in or around buildings, allowed in wooded areas only, please leave no trace.  
Motels: There are many hotels in Rice Lake, 12 miles south of the camp. See this link: <http://ricelakewis.com/lodging/hotels-motels/>  
Sponsoring Unit: 105th Engineer Combat Battalion, 30th Infantry Division, St. Paul, MN.

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### ASSAULTING FORTRESS EUROPE

Oct



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](mailto: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.





November

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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

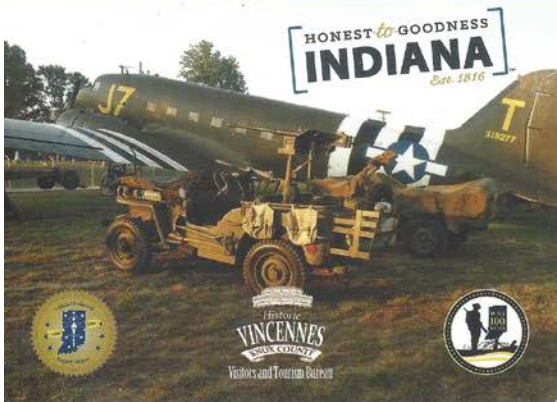
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## INDIANA MILITARY MUSEUM

hosts its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Salute to the Veterans  
of

**WWII**  
73rd Anniversary  
of the end of WWII  
**SEPTEMBER 1ST & 2ND**



## History Comes Alive!

Join us as we commemorate the  
**73rd Anniversary**  
of the end of **WWII.**  
**Sept. 1st & 2nd**

Sat: 9 a.m.—5 p.m. • Sun: 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

Museum Admission: \$5 Adults • \$3 Children

Seniors and Veterans \$1.00 discount

WWII Veterans—Free admission

Parking \$3.00 per vehicle

**Indiana Military Museum**

715 S. 6th Street, Vincennes, Indiana 47591

## Free Admission to Outdoor Events



- WWII Veteran Speakers
- Authentic Camps
- Military Vehicle Parade
- Living History Interpreters
- Battle Reenactments
- Weapons Demonstrations
- Food & Drink Vendors

- Special Exhibits
- Speakers and Presentations
- WWII Aircraft Flyover
- WWII Music



**HELP SAY THANK YOU  
TO OUR WWII VETERANS**

Reenactors and special exhibitors wishing to participate should contact  
the Indiana Military Museum at: (812) 882-1941 or email:  
[sianoil@hotmail.com](mailto:sianoil@hotmail.com)

Visit our websites: [indianamilitarymuseum.org](http://indianamilitarymuseum.org)





**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 are 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.vincennescvb.org/>

***Vincennes observes Eastern Daylight Time***



## LOCKPORT TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT'S WORLD WAR II EVENT SCHEDULE

Schedule is subject to change

### DELLWOOD PARK

Rte. 171 & Woods Drive  
Lockport, IL

#### SAT., SEPT. 8<sup>TH</sup>

- 9:30 a.m. - Park Opens
- 10:15 a.m. - The Tonetts  
Big Band songs of the 40's  
(Performing Arts Center)
- 11:30 a.m. - Battle (Battlefield)
- 1:00 p.m. - Sweet Reminder, formerly the Legacy Girls,  
covering the Andrew Sisters, '50s and  
'60s classics
- 3:00 p.m. - Battle (Battlefield)  
  
Field Hospital Demo at German Camps  
following Battle
- 4:00 p.m. - Music & Dance Lessons of the Era  
featuring Grand Avenue Big Band
- 6:30 p.m. - Vietnam bridge skirmish
- 8:00 p.m. - USO Show featuring  
The Ron Burgundy's
- 10:30 p.m. - Park Closes

#### SUN., SEPT. 9<sup>TH</sup>

- 9:30 a.m. - Park Opens
- 10:15 a.m. - The Tonetts  
Big Band songs of the 40's  
(Performing Arts Center)
- 11:30 a.m. - Battle (Battlefield)  
  
Field Hospital Demo at German Camps  
following Battle
- 12:30 p.m. - WWII Girls Baseball Living History Demo  
Meet the Rockford Peaches!  
(Baseball Field)
- 1:00 p.m. - Sweet Reminder, formerly the Legacy Girls,  
covering the Andrew Sisters, '50s and  
'60s classics
- 3:00 p.m. - Battle (Battlefield)

**Food Court &  
Beer Garden  
available and new  
Wine Tasting**

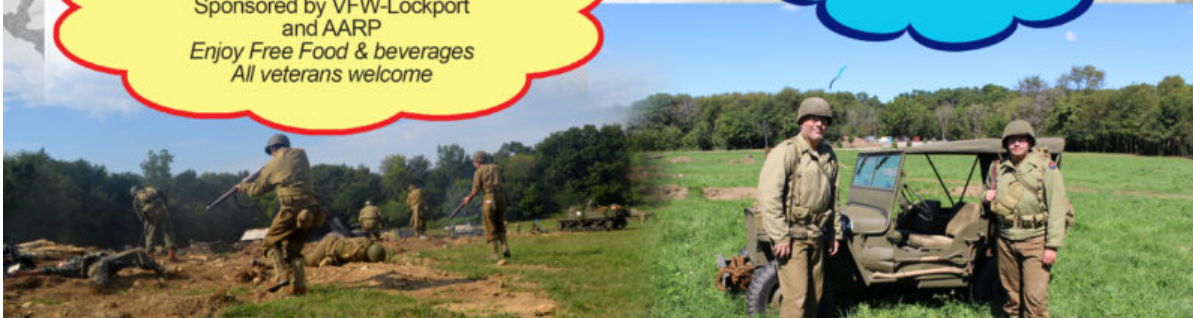


**Hanson**  
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&  
C ASSOCIATES**

**Veteran Hospitality Tent**  
Sat. and Sun., 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Located in Beer Garden  
Sponsored by VFW-Lockport  
and AARP  
*Enjoy Free Food & beverages  
All veterans welcome*

**New Vietnam  
Living History**



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# 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!

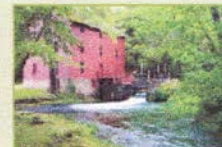
## Convoy Highlights:

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](mailto: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 begins 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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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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## Minutes of the WWII Historical Reenactment Society Board Meeting 22 May 2018

**Call to Order at 7:32** - Board Members Attending: Jon Stevens, President; Chuck Bolanis, Vice President, Ron Kapustka, Secretary; Wayne McCulley, Treasurer; Matt Rademacher, Commonwealth Rep; Doug Strong, Axis Rep.

Members Attending: John Keaton, David Serikaku,

### Approval of Agenda

RK motioned to approve the agenda. DS seconded. Agenda was approved by BOD vote.

### Reading of April Meeting Minutes

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

### Officer Reports:

Vice President: CB has nothing new to report for Charters. No new charter submissions have been made. Still waiting on end of the year reports from Jarger Div. 28. CB also recently submitted a request to the 82nd AB, 507th, H Company out of Nebraska, and that is supposed to be submitted to CB by the end of the month.

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

**Secretary** – Ron K reported as of 22 May 2018 we have 861 Members and 15 Minor members. 675 Members (about 81%) have requested (and have been mailed) Membership Cards. All unit commanders have been e-mailed there (monthly) unit membership reports by Jeff Skender.

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

**Allied Rep** - RK reported that he spoke with someone interested in chartering a 1st Infantry Division. They will be submitting their Charter Application.

**Axis Rep** - Doug tried to reach out to those German Units that have 0-1 members, but received no response from any of them. 1st SS Panzer LAH; 5th SS Panzer; 11th SS Feldgendarme; 7th Panzer, 7th Grenadier Regiment; and GrossDeutschland Feldlazarett.

### Staff Reports

**Membership Coordinator** –  
SEE the Membership Report Section in this EDGE.

Jeff Skender Report provided by RK in the Secretary Report. JS heard some very positive comments from UC's lately about Jeff. Thanks for the hard work Jeff!

### Committee Reports:

**S&A** – Nothing to report.

**Unit Commanders** - No report

**Vehicle Committee** – Jim Schouten sent a note that he was resigning as the Chair of the Vehicle Committee due to a lack of participation and responses from members on the committee.

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

### Old Business:

**2018 HRS National Event** – No news. Tabled for now.

**Event support:** Dundas, MN Event sent a request for event support, and the event was this past weekend, but because the meeting was postponed last week, it was not considered. The Event Funding will be tabled as it was not received in enough time to consider their funding request.

**Ohio Event** JS received a request for a copy of the HRS Insurance Policy from the event that John Keaton is putting on July 21st, 2018. JS will send them a copy of the policy.

### New Business:

Vehicle Transport Reimbursement MR reported as follows:

It can all be based on vehicle weight and distance travelled. (From vehicle storage location to event location - one way.) Most standard modern cars/trucks are under 6,000 lbs, so that's where I started. All allocated funds will be based on a flat dollar amount per vehicle. Requests for funding will need to be submitted for each vehicle, listing vehicle type, year, weight, owner, and storage city. Mileage calculated by Google Maps shortest route.

0-5,999 lbs, no transport reimbursement

6,000-9,000 lbs, travelling over 100 miles = \$50

9,001-15,000 lbs, travelling over 50 miles = \$150

15,001-40,000 lbs, travelling over 25 miles = \$500, and written justification required

40,001 lbs. and up, travelling over 5 miles = Funding by special request, written justification required.

Anything under 9,000 lbs, I figure can be towed by fairly standard equipment.

A normal truck with a normal trailer, which any vehicle owner will already own. The \$50 covers the added fuel expense due to towing.

9-15k would require special towing equipment, but that would be relatively readily available, and would likely also be privately owned by the vehicle owner. The mileage requirement drops, and the allocated funds increases.

15-40k lbs. would likely need to go by semi, or some sort of special hauling vehicle. The mileage requirement drops to 25, and the available funding increases to \$500. Specific justification for why THAT vehicle is needed at the event would be required.

Anything over 40,000 lbs. would most likely end up being an oversized semi load, and any distance travelled over 5 miles would be a financial burden. This is mostly just tanks falling into this category, and funding should be by special request, again with justification as to why that specific vehicle is required.

Additional funds may be allocated on a case by case basis depending on distance travelled and justification by the event organizer for a specific vehicle, pending board approval.

Facsimile vehicles will be reimbursed by actual weight, not the weight of the original WW2 vehicle specification. Proof of weight will be required to be on file for facsimile vehicles to receive funding for transportation.

These amounts are not designed to cover the total cost for transporting a vehicle. They're only meant to make it easier for the vehicle owners to bring their toys out to events. I'm of the opinion that if the event requires a specific vehicle, then the event itself should be covering all or part of the cost for transportation. We should also require some sort of verification that the approved vehicle did in fact participate in the event before funds are released. Additionally, requests should be made for each specific vehicle, not a list of vehicles the event organizer hopes will show up.

JS mentioned that he liked what MR started with. CB mentioned that the BOD should consider that a cap be put the funding for each year; how many times a vehicle owner can apply for the funding; etc.



### Rockford Accident Report

CB finished his investigation and submitted his report to the BOD earlier this month. The key findings are as follows:

It is inconclusive as to who threw the grenade or who gave the order to throw the grenade. Mason Valdivia was the one who possibly threw the grenade. Further, it was learned that Mason was an unauthorized minor participating in the event. There was a breakdown in the chain of command as the 353rd; there was a breakdown of the procedures set up for registration; there was a lack of safety inspection prior to the major battle.

CB's recommendations are:

1. In regards to Dave Gordy, the S&A Committee voted to ban Dave Gordy from attending HRS events for one year.

The BOD held a discussion and it was suggested that there be a one year ban with a one year probation period after the ban is lifted. Further, it was suggested that he be prevented from forming a Unit in the HRS. However, he has already chartered his Unit with the LHRA, so his chartering a Unit with the HRS won't likely happen. CB made the motion to ban Dave Gordy from any HRS event for one year, and possibly a lifetime ban if there were any infractions after the one year ban, which was seconded by DS. A BOD vote was taken and it was passed.

2. In regards to Mason Valdivia, the S&A Committee voted to ban him from any involvement with any HRS Unit or HRS Event until he reaches the age of 18.

The BOD held a discussion and CB made a motion to ban Mason Valdivia from any involvement with any HRS Unit or HRS Event until he reaches the age of 18, on June 12, 2019. DS seconded the motion. A BOD vote was taken and was passed.

3. In regards to the 353rd, the S&A Committee voted to a one year Unit Charter Probation and a two year oversight on any event that they host.

The BOD held a discussion and CB made a motion that the 353rd be put on Unit Charter Probation for one year, which was seconded by DS. A BOD vote was taken and was passed.

4. In regards to the Rockford/Midway Village Event, if the Midway Village wishes to use the HRS insurance, the HRS will have total oversight on the planning and administration of battles, skirmishes or engagements, the firing of firearms, use of pyrotechnics, and safety inspection issues, etc., and oversight on registration procedures.

The BOD held discussion. JS mentioned that the HRS oversees S&A anyway at Rockford, but asked how would the HRS manage or have oversight over the registration process. CB mentioned that administration should require proof of age with ID's; a limit on times for registering people at Rockford, etc. JS's concern was with regard to the HRS involvement in registration. CB reminded that the HRS would have oversight over, not have to actually handle the registration, of the reenactors at Rockford. CB suggested that this be tabled until June to give Dave Fornell a chance to attend the next BOD meeting to discuss the issues that the S&A Committee is suggesting. CB will prepare an e-mail to be sent to DS who will send it to Dave with an invitation to attend the June meeting.

CB will send out the information to the parties affected by points 1-3.

### Open Comments:

MR had a comment regarding standards for homemade pyro and is suggesting that the S&A Committee adopt standards for homemade pyro. Further, perhaps the HRS should ban the use of homemade pyro until such standards are adopted. He copied the GWA Rules and guidelines on pyro and sent them to the S&A Committee in 2016. MR will resubmit those suggestions to the BOD for review and consideration. JS will review the insurance policy to see whether the policy even allows homemade pyro before the BOD or the S&A Committee discusses standards for homemade pyro.

Announcements: The next meeting is June 26, 2018.

Adjourn RK motioned to adjourn, WM seconded. Approved by BOD vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.





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