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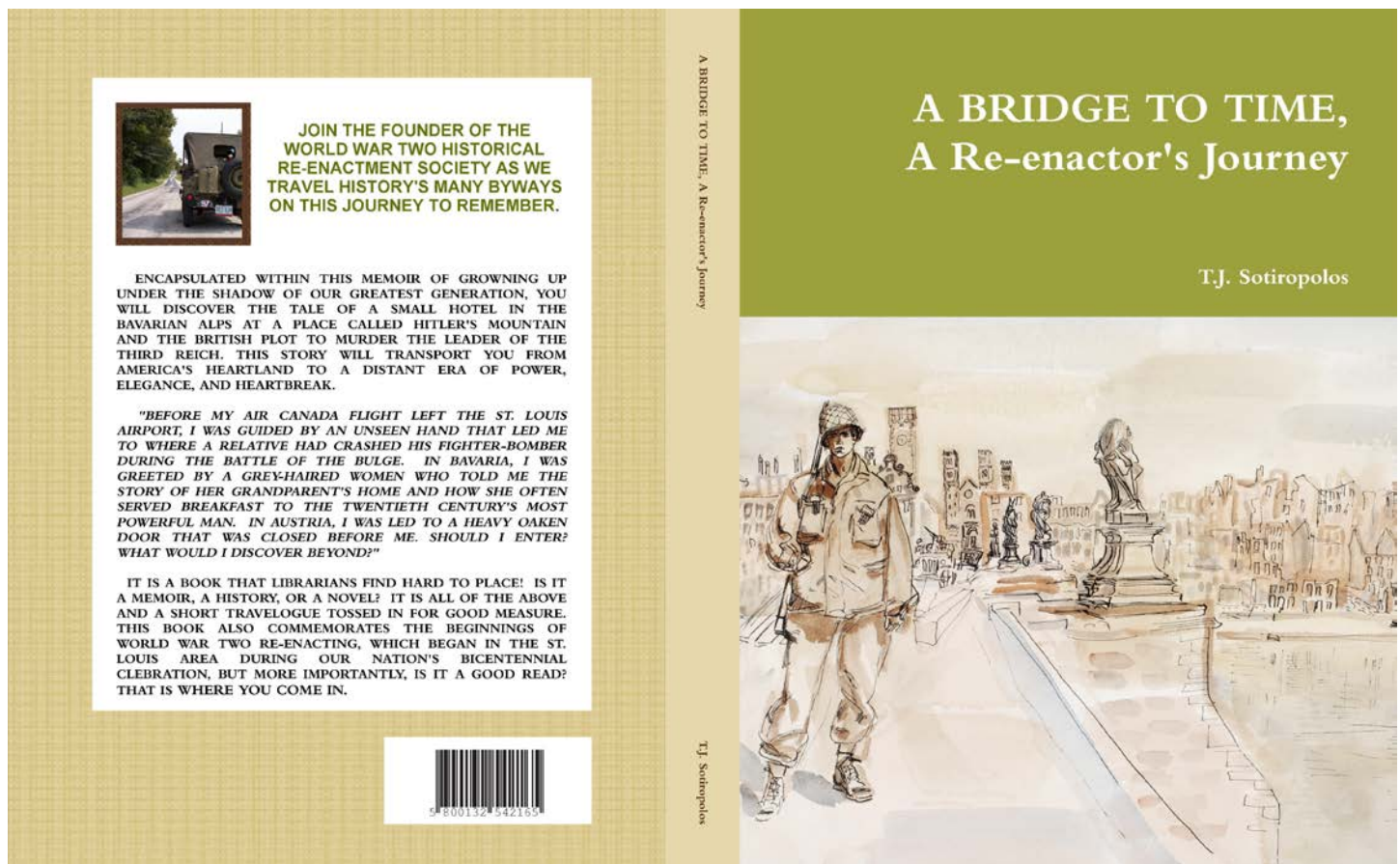


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Would you please let the WW2 HRS members know the all-new 2019 edition of my book is now available from Lulu.com. It has a slightly new name, A BRIDGE TO TIME, A Re-enactor's Journey. This version comes with more pages (450), more photos of the HRS' early days, personal account's from others, and (hopefully) even fewer typos. Price is \$21.95 but as always you can save a few bucks buying it from me at one of the reenactments I attend; Weldonkrieg, WWII Days at Jefferson Barracks, Salute to WWII veterans at the Indiana Military Museum. I also hope to attend D-Day Conneaut and possibly the D-Day event in June at the LST 325. Costumed re-enactors can get it at a \$5 discount and if you bought an earlier (poor fellow) you can buy one at 1/2 price.



You can go to my Author Page at Lulu here: <http://www.lulu.com/spotlight/Halftrack> and have a look.

You may have noticed that my email includes my old moniker, halftrack. When the HRS began I was a Tool & Cutter Grinder, a position that Ira Hays once held. A co-worker told me about the halftrack in an auto salvage yard in St. Cloud, Mo. I located the neglected M16 Multiple Machine Gun Carriage and bought it (this too is in the book), named it Grapeshot Belle and began its resurrection. Soon I became known as "Halftrack" at work. I drove it to work a few times, twice to a local Steak & Shake for lunch with a few other grinders. It was my first WWII vehicle, the first of many. Have you driven your halftrack to a drive-in theater lately? Guess which war films I watched from it comfy interior?



I was 24-years-old when I produced the very first WWII re-enactment at the old Weldon Spring Ordnance Works, the World's largest explosive factory-this too is in my book. That was Armed Forces Day weekend, 1975. Ever wonder how what we do came to be? Here you will find the answer contained in my book, which is four books in one if you count the short travelogue. My alternate WWII history novel is encapsulated within my story.

It all began as a child that was fascinated by his family's B & W photos, particularly those depicted WWII soldiers. My brother prompted my interest in firearms and one thing led to another. My father having noticed this interest in WWII items, pulled his Gott mit Uns buckle that he brought back from Algeria from his machinist's tool box and gave it to me. I was off and running! When I approached age 60, I decided a trip to my Great Grandparent's Heimat was in order. A seed was planted during that trip as I walked Hitler's favorite walk to the Mooslahnerkopf overlook in Bavaria. When I returned from my nine-country tour in 2009, I made a video slide-show of the trip and shared it with co-workers. One suggested I watch her video of THE INGLORIOUS BASTARDS. Now I would not go to a theater and pay money to see such fictionalized tripe but as it was free and I could watch it at home... Afterwards, I could not help but think that the idea I got as I strolled along that footpath at Obersalzberg was a far more believable story. Hmm, how would this play out? Nine years later and I think I've finally got my tome finished!

Tanks
Terry Johns
OIC 22 IPC

PS: And remind them about my video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=06TwDM-I784>

The WW2 HRS has a new PO Box.

Our new address is:

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This is where we promote what we do.

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

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

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

HOW TO SUBMIT an item for Publication within The EDGE

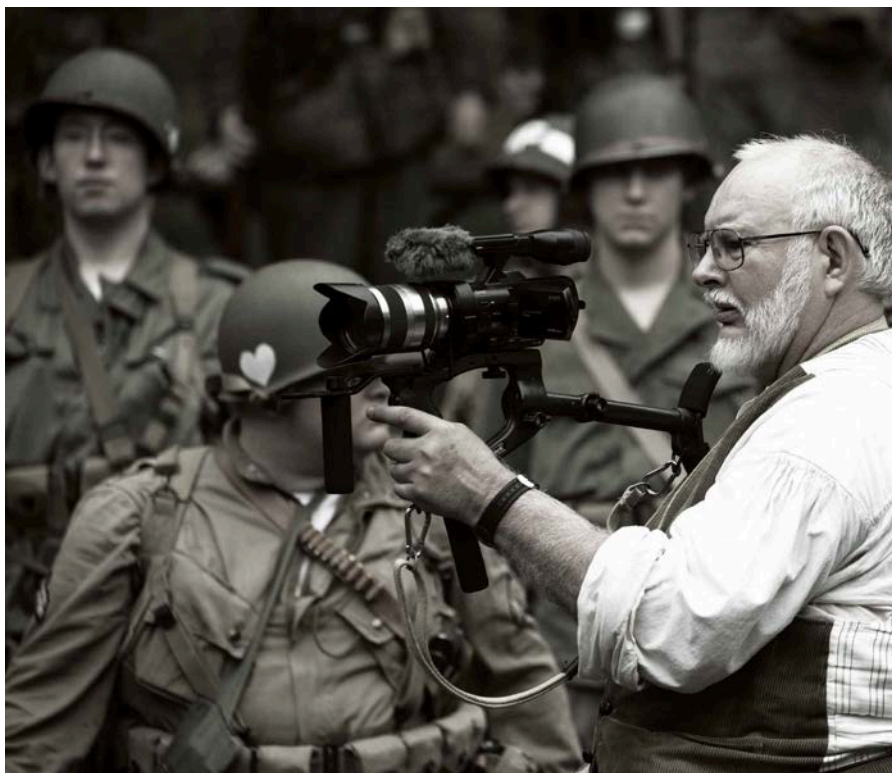
If your WW2 HRS unit has news it would like to publish in The EDGE,

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

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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.

HELP WANTED

The WW2 HRS is seeking out someone to be the EDGE Editor

Anybody interested please contact me at

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ANNUAL REPORT 2018
WORLD WAR II HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY
For the period January 1st through December 31st 2018
January 20th, 2019

BEGINNING ACCOUNT BALANCES

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$7,823.63
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$49,500.46
Account Totals	\$57,324.09

2018 INCOME

Membership Income	\$11,965.00
Interest from Money Market Account	\$45.68
Liability Insurance Reimbursment from Rockford WW1 Weekend	\$300.00
Reimbursement from Midway Village for Rockford Sunday Breakfast	\$500.00
Total Income	\$12,810.68

2018 EXPENDITURES

Liability Insurance	\$9,377.12
Director's and Officer's Insurance	\$744.00
Event Support	\$2,530.00
Eventbrite Service Fees	\$1,633.68
Rockford WW1 Days Liability Insurance	\$699.00
HRS Scholarship	\$500.00
Email Marketing Service	\$153.60
Post Office Box Rental	\$90.00
Membership Card Supplies	\$77.29
Refund of Membership Overpay	\$26.77
Postage	\$316.90
Illinois Secretary of State Fees	\$29.00
Marketing	\$70.00
Bank Service charge	\$78.00
Total Expenditures	\$16,325.36

ENDING ACCOUNT BALANCES

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$9,263.27
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$44,546.14
Total Ending Account Balances	\$53,809.41

2018 INCOME LESS 2018 EXPENDITURES **(\$3,514.68)**

HRS SUPPORT TO EVENTS IN 2018



Delay the Inevitable	\$300.00
Weldonkrieg	\$600.00
Kennekuk (Danville) WW2 Days	\$355.00
Rails to Victory	\$250.00
Midway Village WW2 (\$500 reimbursed by Midway Village)	\$900.00
Battle of St Lo Tactical	\$125.00
TOTAL HRS SUPPORT TO EVENTS	\$2,530.00

Respectfully Submitted

Wayne McCulley

Treasurer

World War 2 Historical Re-Enactment Society Inc.



TREASURER'S REPORT
WORLD WAR 2 HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY
January 2019

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF 31 January 2019

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$9,275.08
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$44,549.92
Bank Account Totals	\$53,825.00

INCOME FOR January 2019

Eventbrite - Dec 2018	\$13.26
Wire Fee Refund	\$16.00
Interest from Money Market Account	\$3.78
Total Income	\$33.04

EXPENDITURES FOR January 2019

Membership Supplies	
Liability Insurance	
Email Marketing	\$12.80
Total Expenditures	\$12.80

2019 Total Membership Income	\$13.26
2019 Total Interest Income	\$3.78
2019 Total Miscellaneous Income	\$16.00

2019 ALL Income	\$33.04
2019 ALL Expenditures	\$12.80
2019 Total Gain or Loss	\$20.24



WW2 HRS 2019 Membership is Open

Contact your Unit Commander for the link to our 2019 Eventbrite Membership WEB site.

WW2 HRS 2019 Membership Report

As of 28 February 2019, we had 599 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
18-20	WELDONKRIEG 2019 (WESTERN FRONT EVENT)
Mar	<p>Loc: Weldon Spring Training Area (WSTA), 7301 Hwy 94 South, St. Charles, MO 63376 636-329-1200 x2401</p> <p>Dates: March 22-24, 2019</p> <p>Fee: \$25.00 Includes Saturday Night Dinner</p> <p>Registration: (click here)</p> <p>Contact: Dave Goodwin: dpty635g@aol.com, Dave (Earl) Overschmidt: 38jager1@gmail.com Tim Scherrer: soldierboy440@yahoo.com</p> <p>Website: http://soldierboy440.wixsite.com/weldonkriegofficial</p> <p>Facebook Page: (click here)</p> <p>Authenticity Notes: All German, American and other Western Front Impressions are Welcome. WW II HRS safety and authenticity rules apply & strictly enforced. All reenactors participating will have proper period hairstyles for their respective nationality.</p> <p>Prohibited Vehicles/Items: Authentic or Period vehicles only. Host unit(s) will be using several administrative vehicles to facilitate the event</p> <p>Other restrictions: No alcoholic beverages permitted on Weldon Spring Training Site. No smoking inside of buildings. Smoking in designated areas only. Non-period camping is not allowed. No live ammo of any kind, NO ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES, Pyro & smoke must be pre-approved, no exceptions.</p> <p>Minors: HRS Rules Apply. Minors not accompanied by their parents must have signed/notarized permission slip identifying adult supervision.</p> <p>Limited Billeting (Barracks) available: There is a 60 bed barracks (open bay.. no bunks) available for use. Those wishing to use the barracks must bring their own cot and bedding. Priority of housing will go to Host Unit and then first come first serve.</p> <p>Sponsoring unit(s): 1./Jagerregiment.38 (HRS) (Axis) and 84th Railsplitters (Allied)</p>



April

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RAILS TO VICTORY

Apr

Loc: Fox River Trolley Museum

Dates: April 26-29, 2019

361 South LaFox Street

South Elgin, IL 60177

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

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

On-Line Registration: Eventbrite ([click here](#))

Rails to Victory 2019, presents "Operation Market Garden". The Fox River Trolley Museum in South Elgin, Illinois, just West of Chicago, is once again hosting the 9th annual Rails to Victory WW2 weekend on April 26-28, 2019. RTV is a Western Front European Theater event. In keeping with the theme of "Market Garden", the bridge battle along the trolley line shall stand in for the bridge at Nijmegen. The Allies will battle with the German Army for control of the bridge reenacting parts of the war that was fought there in September 1944. On Saturday, the Allies will capture the bridge during the trolley adventure runs, and on Sunday, there will be a single large Showcase battle for final control of the Nijmegen Bridge. American, British, Polish and German soldiers are needed for the bridge battles and other small action skirmishes on the newly named "Dolle Dinsdag Express" from Amsterdam to Cologne. RTV is a great event for reenactors to immerse the public into history by putting them on a trolley and leading them through various skirmishes, skits and battles. Period civilians and Dutch Resistance reenactors are particularly needed for the various stops along the trolley line. We are also looking for medical units to participate, particularly in Sunday's Nijmegen battle. The museum offers interesting landscapes for both reenactors and spectators along the picturesque wooded and sloping terrain along the Fox River which shall stand in for the Waal River in Holland.

We are also planning a rail yard battle in the 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 water-crafts are welcome to participate during the event. New this year, we have scheduled a school day for Friday morning. Please send us an email if you wish to participate in the school day. Those who participate are welcome to set up their camp on Thursday evening.

All Reenactors must be Registered prior to event.

Registration: FREE ON-LINE Registration through APRIL 23, 2019.

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

Event Times:

- Thursday, April 25th: Early check-in for school day participants, 4pm - 9pm;
- Friday, April 26th: School Day Presentations, 9a-2p;
- Friday, April 26th: Reenactor check-in, 4pm to 10pm.;
- Saturday, April 27: Reenactor check-in, 8 am to 9:15am;
- Sunday, April 28: 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).

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 battle field. 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.

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 and 3rd Gebirgsjaeger Division



May	
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11	MISSOURI MILITARY HISTORY WEEKEND 2019
May	<p>Loc: Missouri National Guard Headquarters, Missouri Military History Museum, 2405 Logistics Rd, Jefferson City, MO 65101</p> <p>Dates: May 11, 2019</p> <p>Event Times: Setup can occur starting on Friday afternoon. The event runs from 10-5pm Saturday.</p> <p>Description: This is the 5th year for this event central Missouri. This is a timeline event with displays from various time periods of Missouri's military history starting with the Civil War through the 20th century.</p> <p>Registration Times: Friday 1300-2100 and Saturday 0800-1000</p> <p>Pre-Registration: Contacting the event coordinator is required for reserving your display area.</p> <p>Fee: There is no fee for the event, and the organizers provide a Saturday night meal to all participants</p> <p>Contact: Chris Adams, 573-680-1244, cblackthorne@hotmail.com</p> <p>Website:</p> <p>Authenticity Notes: WWIIHRS safety and authenticity rules apply.</p> <p>Prohibited Vehicles/Items: No firing of weapons except during designated demonstration times.</p> <p>Restrictions on Minors: WWIIHRS rules apply</p> <p>Other restrictions: This is a military installation so no alcohol is allowed.</p> <p>Sponsoring Unit(s): 29th Panzergrenadier Regiment</p>
June	
June	
21-23	'ZENSEN SHORI' (FRONT LINE VICTORY), A PTO TACTICAL
Jun	<p>Loc: Camp Siman Events, 10135 Oakland Tiff, MO 63674</p> <p>Dates: 21-23 June 2019</p> <p>Event Times:</p> <p>Friday 21 June: Gates open 12 noon</p> <p>Live in the field 5pm patrols during the night/ambushes</p> <p>Saturday 22 June: order driven tactical/field craft/patrols</p> <p>Night time patrols/ambushes</p> <p>Sunday 23 June: the final push for the allies to annihilate the IJA and clear the island.</p> <p>12 Noon Break camp and depart for R&R</p> <p>Registration Times: upon arrival</p> <p>Pre-Registration: (click here)</p> <p>Fee: \$10 at the gate, water, firewood and secure parking provided.</p> <p>Contact: papaioadfsf@sbqglobal.net</p> <p>Website: https://www.facebook.com/events/319266935378218/?active_tab=discussion</p> <p>Authenticity Notes: 'Zensen Shori' will encompass all nations who had their military in the field from 1932–1945 in the Pacific Rim in the war against Imperial Japan.</p> <p>This PTO is sponsored and hosted by the First Special Service Force which originally hosted the event in Paris IL for over 10 years. We are the original PTO in the Midwest. PTO tacticals are few and Camp Siman Events has started an Annual PTO Tactical in midsummer a time when there are few events happening and this is our 5th year of operation.</p> <p>Authenticity will be enforced for all impressions. You may have to provide proof of accuracy if you are doing a more obscure impression. Due to the lack of Japanese impressions we will allow a lot of room for interpretation and effort</p> <p>This event will be a total immersion; you will be live after registration and sent to the field. Night patrols on Friday and Saturday with skirmishes and ambushes. Primitive camping, sentry duty, field craft and patrols. There will be a line of fortifications to be defended and assaulted along a pioneer road cut above Lake Clarence with four bunkers strategical positioned. The missions will be order driven.</p> <p>Be prepared to live the life of a soldier in the field, bring only period items, food is the only exception but do your best to be period correct.</p> <p>Prohibited Vehicles/Items: NO LIVE AMMO, NO none period items</p> <p>Restrictions on Minors: Per HRS regulations</p> <p>Other restrictions: NONE</p> <p>Sponsoring Unit(s): First Special Service Force 6th CO 3rd REG HRS</p>



July	
Jul	No events listed.
August	
Aug	No events listed.
September	
Sep	No events listed.
October	
Oct	No events listed.



November

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THE VICTORS, A CAMPAGINER TACTICAL

Nov



Loc: Camp Siman Events, 10135 Oakland, Tiff, MO 63674

Dates: 1-3 NOVEMBER 2019

Event Times: Friday 21 November: Gates open 12 noon

Live in the field 5pm patrols during the night/ambushes

Saturday 22 November: order driven tactical/field craft/patrols

Night time patrols/ambushes

Sunday 23 November: the final push for the allies to annihilate the Axis forces.

12 Noon? Break camp and depart for R&R

Registration Times: Upon Arrival

Pre-Registration: ([click here](#))

Fee: \$10 at the gate, water, firewood and secure parking provided.

Contact: papaioadfsf@sbcglobal.net

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/643012812785137/>

Authenticity Notes: This is a full immersion WW II tactical encompassing all nations involved from 1939-1945 in Europe. This event will be campaigner style for those wanting to experience the daily routine life of a soldier in the front lines, 70% of hurry up and wait to intense moments of combat that will shake you to the core.

This event will be a total immersion; you will be live after registration and sent to the field. Night patrols on Friday and Saturday with skirmishes and ambushes. Digging fighting positions, setting up OP and LP positions, sentry duty, field craft and patrols and the moving of supplies. There will be a line of fortifications to be defended and assaulted along a pioneer road cut above Lake Clarence with four bunkers strategical positioned, a radar installation to be destroyed and a supply dump to be captured. The event will be sealed order driven.

Be prepared to live the life of a soldier in the field, bring only period items, food is the only exception but do your best to be period correct. Large groups of nationalities will have their own camp site small units may be combined.

Authenticity will be enforced for all impressions. You may have to provide proof of accuracy if you are doing a more obscure impression.

Prohibited Vehicles/Items: NO live ammo, NO none period items

Restrictions on Minors: Per HRS Regulations

Other restrictions: None

Sponsoring Unit(s): First Special Service Force, 6th CO 3rd REG HRS



Ted O'Sullivan

2019 BATAVIA VFW GARAGE SALE (Saturday, March 23, 2019)

Anything military related bought/sold/trade at the annual Batavia VFW Garage Sale.
If you want to reserve any table(s) or have any questions,
Please contact Ted O'Sullivan at
(630) 505-4616 or tlosullivan1@sbcglobal.net

WHERE:

Batavia VFW
645 South River Street (Rte 25)
Batavia, Illinois 60510

WHEN:

Saturday, March 23, 2019
Open to the public from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm
Vendor setup at 8:00 am

COST:

\$15 for the 1st table and additional tables are \$10 (free admission for vendors)
\$5 general admission and kids 10 years of age or younger are free.



The LAH Living History Association is hosting Operation Overlord:
The Allied Foothold on June 29, 2019 at the Wendell H. Ford Regional Training Center located in Greenville, KY. We hope to provide a unique experience for World War Two enthusiasts to simulate a battle reenactment that incorporates a game of Capture the Flag.

Operation Overlord is a tactical war game utilizing an extreme “Capture the Flag” concept. Our goal is to have 300 reenactors divided into three separate sectors of operations. Within each sector, each opponent will have three flags (6 total per sector) randomly placed which they will have to locate, protect, and capture. Each opponent is also responsible for accomplishing the objective they are assigned within their sector. We hope that this modified capture the flag concept will ensure continual momentum during the event. Each side will be trying to either protect or capture a flag, making it unnecessary to “reset” for the next scenario. This will not just be a tactical event, it will be a war game with a definitive winner.

Participants are welcome to arrive Friday June 28th and depart Sunday June 30th. The Wendell H. Ford Regional Training Center has modern barracks and chow hall facility for our convenience.

Event registration is \$30, and meals are \$8.

For more information and registration, please visit www.operationoverlord1944.com or www.lssah.com.



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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 15 January 2019

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

Members Attending: Brad Buddehagen, Brian Jones, Dave Serikaku, Jim Schouten

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of December Meeting Minutes

The December, 2018 Minutes were sent out prior to the meeting for review by the BOD. JS motioned that the December Minutes be approved as prepared and reviewed by the board members. That was seconded by DS. The December Minutes were approved by BOD vote.

Officer Reports:

Vice-President:

New Charters: CB received one new Charter submission, from the 4th Gebirgs out of Indianapolis, Indiana. CB should have the results by the February Board meeting. CB is familiar with the Unit from other events and sees no issues and DS has been working with them. There will be two Units coming up in April for Charter approval.

CB reported that the 1st Kompanie, 1st BN, Jaeger Regiment 83, Jaeger Div 28 is over a year overdue on their end of Probation Unit Report, which was due in December, 2017. CB will move the Unit to the disbanded List.

Frank DeBartolo's, 115th Infantry, 29th Infantry Division, is way behind in submitting their end of the year report as well. CV will follow-up with Frank and CB will extend their period to do so for one more month.

Lastly, the issue of Units that did not have 5 members in 2018 will be tabled until the February, 2019 BOD Meeting. At the end of January, 2019, any Unit that did not have at least 5 members in 2018 and does not have 5 members by January 31, 2019, will be eligible for disbandment.

Treasurer: PNC asked for copies of the Board Meeting Minutes providing that Jeff Skender is to be put on and Wayne removed from the bank accounts. The Board approved the addition of Jeff Skender on the PNC accounts for the WW2 HRS, as he was elected to the board position of Treasurer, and that Wayne McCulley be removed from the accounts.

Secretary – Ron K reported that there has been a steady stream of members signing up since we released the 2019 membership info, which is 207.

Commonwealth Rep - Matt reported that the Unit records needs to be amended to change No. 10 Commandos as a fully chartered Unit, and off probation. JS made the change.

Allied Rep - Corey reported on several Units that do not have a UC and is continuing to work with those Units. Further, Units that had no members in 2018. CV made a motion that the 17th Airborne Division, 513th Parachute Regiment, G Company, which has not had a member for over two years, be removed as a chartered Unit in the HRS. CB and DS seconded. A BOD vote was taken and the Unit will be removed as a fully chartered Unit in the HRS. CB brought up the 2nd Infantry Division 23rd Inf. Rgt. I Co., David Jameson, has not had any members for several years as well. CB made a motion to disband the Unit and make David Jameson an Associate Member of the HRS, which JS seconded. A BOD vote was taken and was passed. JS will contact David Jameson and pass on the information.

The 4th Armored Division 704th Tank Destroyer Batt. Unit was on probation in 2016, taken off in 2017 and had no members in 2018. CB made a motion to place the Unit on probation, which was seconded by CV. A vote was taken and the Unit is put on Probation. CV will contact him.

Axis Rep - Doug reported that Großdeutschland Combat Trains, UC, Todd Machin said he has been having health issues and would be stepping down. They have a new unit commander selected and DS forwarded him the change of command form. The 3rd SS Totenkopf, advised that they would take care of memberships in 2019. The 7 Fallschirmjager Rgt. 6 also reported that they would get their memberships in.

CB reported that 1st SS Panzer Division, LAH, recently signed up with the HRS, but is a competing society. CB suggested that the HRS not allow competing societies charter Units in the HRS. They are merely holding the Charter to tie up the 1st SS Panzer Division in the HRS. A discussion was held regarding not allowing competing societies hold Units in the HRS. Doug Strong will speak to Dave Burch about the issue.

Staff Reports

Membership Coordinator – JS will continue to do the work of the Membership Coordinator.

The Edge Editor - JS will remain as the Interim Edge Editor until a full-time Editor is found. Something will be posted in The Edge asking for an editor.

Committee Reports:

S&A – CB reported that their only current topic of discussion is the 4th Gebirgs Division.

Unit Commanders - JS reported that the UC had nothing new except the 2019 EventBrite info posted.

Vehicle Committee – Jim Schouten reported that he is sitting on several years of Vehicle Inspection Reports which will be scanned at Kinko's and put on a flash drive and turned over to the Secretary.

Civilian Committee – Report tabled.



Old Business:

2018 Election: Corey Vaughn was re-elected as Allied Rep; Chuck Bolanis was re-elected as Vice-President; and Jeff Skender was elected as Treasurer.

By-Law Vote Report:

By-Laws, Article III, Membership, Section 3, Annual Dues:

The previous wording:

The membership shall determine by vote all dues and fees to be assessed. All renewals must be paid by April 1 of each year to ensure unit standing. Elected officers must have their dues paid in order to hold office. (Dec 2015)

The NEW change:

The Annual Membership Dues, charged to all members, shall be set by a majority vote of the Board of Directors each December for the upcoming year. The Board shall consider the current financial strength of the HRS; the projected upcoming annual budget; the expenses and income for the past year; and projected growth, if any, of the HRS, into consideration when setting the amount of the Annual Dues. The Board may apply a reasonable "early pay" discount to the membership dues if the dues are paid before March 31st of each year. Elected officers must be current with their dues in order to hold office.

WWII HRS OPERATIONS GUIDEBOOK, Article III, SOCIETY HOUSEKEEPING REGULATIONS, Section 2:

The previous wording:

...2. Membership dues for each fiscal year are as follows: a. Regular Membership - \$15.00 per individual via electronic application b. Regular Membership - \$20.00 per individual c. Family Membership - \$10.00 per each additional family member [Updated Jan 2014] d. Associate Membership - \$25

The NEW change:

...2. Membership dues for each fiscal year are set by the Board per the By-Laws. The suggested Fee Schedule is: a. Regular Membership - \$20.00 per individual; b. Family Membership - \$10.00 per each additional family member [Updated Jan 2014]; and c. Associate Membership - \$25

New event requests: Need 2019 requests for additional insured from events as soon as possible in order to save the HRS the (later in the year) charge of \$100.00.

New Business:

HRS Accounts: Discussed above

Treasurer Supplies: JS asked for a budget of \$250.00 for 500 stamps, which was seconded by DS. A vote was taken and was passed. JS may purchase the stamps and will be reimbursed by the HRS. JS also needs a PO Box for the HRS. CB made a motion to approve the purchase of a PO Box, which was seconded by RK. A vote was taken and JS may spend the \$250.00 for the PO Box and will be reimbursed by the HRS.

Regional Events or National Event: The BOD received a submission from 3rd Armored to host a National Event at Camp Atterbury in October, 2019 and the BOD discussed numerous options. CV and CB will speak with Alan Jones and Dave Weakley about the possibility.

Open Comments: The issue of pyro guidelines has stalled in the UC and S&A Committees.

Announcements: The next meeting is February 18, 2019.

Adjourn RK motioned to adjourn, DS seconded.

Approved by BOD vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.



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