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WWII HRS Scholarship 2019

In 2010 the membership approved the creation of an HRS scholarship. The effort behind the scholarship was twofold. The primary goal is to assist the younger members of our organization in their pursuit of higher education. Secondly, we desire to grow interest in historical reenacting as an educational endeavor which is part of the mission of our Society. The scholarship will be awarded to a full time undergraduate or graduate student. The preferred majors are history, museum studies, or archeology however all HRS member students are encouraged to apply. The award can be used towards tuition or books and will be paid to the student's college or university to be credited to their account. Note that any family or relations of any board of directors or staff of the WWII HRS will be ineligible for this award.

Please send the applications to the WWII HRS Vice President. The amount of the award is \$500.

Eligibility:

1. Must be a current member of the WWII HRS in good standing in at least their second year of membership.
2. Must provide proof of being a full-time student, undergraduate or graduate, at an accredited college or university.
3. Must demonstrate a minimum GPA of 2.75.
4. Must currently be a history or associated major, however if there is not any history or associated major that apply then all majors are eligible.
5. Must not have been awarded a previous WWII HRS scholarship.

Requirements:

1. The student should write a 500-word essay describing their qualifications and justification for receiving the HRS scholarship including the student's future plans in reenacting.
2. A letter of recommendation from the student's unit commander. If the student is the unit commander, then another unit commander acquainted with the student can supply the recommendation.
3. Unofficial transcripts or a letter from the student's college or university stating the student's current major and GPA.
4. A recent picture in WWII uniform of the student.

Deadline: July 1

Notification: August 1

An article highlighting the student will be published in the Society publication, The Edge, after the scholarship is awarded.

Review:

A committee consisting of an Allied, an Axis, and a Commonwealth WWII HRS member, preferably involved in education, will review and give recommendation to the Society board of directors for awarding the scholarship based on the submitted applications.

The WW2 HRS has a new PO Box.

Our new address is:

WW2 HRS
PO Box 957615
Hoffman Estates, ILL 60169 - 7615



WWII HRS Vehicle Transport Reimbursement Request Form

Vehicle transportation reimbursement will be considered based on vehicle weight and distance traveled, from vehicle storage location to event location – one way. Requests for funding will need to be submitted by the event organizer for each vehicle, detailing vehicle type, year, weight, owner, and storage city. One form must be submitted for each specific vehicle requested by the event organizer. Mileage will be calculated by Google Maps shortest route.

The below figures represent the maximum allowable dollar amount per vehicle which can be requested by an event organizer prior to a WW2 HRS event, and there is no guarantee that any funds will be granted. The actual amount granted may be decreased based on needs of the event and the event site's financial capability of providing its own funding.

Event: _____ Event date: _____

Event organizer: _____

(Check one)

- ☐ 0-5,999 lbs, no transport reimbursement
- ☐ 6,000-9,000 lbs, traveling over 100 miles = \$50
- ☐ 9,001-15,000 lbs, traveling over 50 miles = \$150
- ☐ 15,001-40,000 lbs, traveling over 25 miles = \$500
Also requires written justification. (Attach if needed.)
- ☐ 40,001 lbs. and up, traveling over 5 miles = Funding by special request only.
Also requires written justification.
(Attach if needed. Indicate amount requested.)

Facsimile vehicles (modern reproductions) will be reimbursed by actual weight, not the weight of the original WW2 vehicle specification. Proof of weight is required for facsimile vehicles to receive funding for transportation. (Attach if needed.)

Check here if facsimile vehicle: ☐

Vehicle information:

Type: _____ Year: _____

Weight: _____ Owner: _____

Storage city: _____ State: _____

Vehicle insurance policy number: _____ Exp: ____/____



The EDGE is the WW2 HRS's own publication.

This is where we promote what we do.

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

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

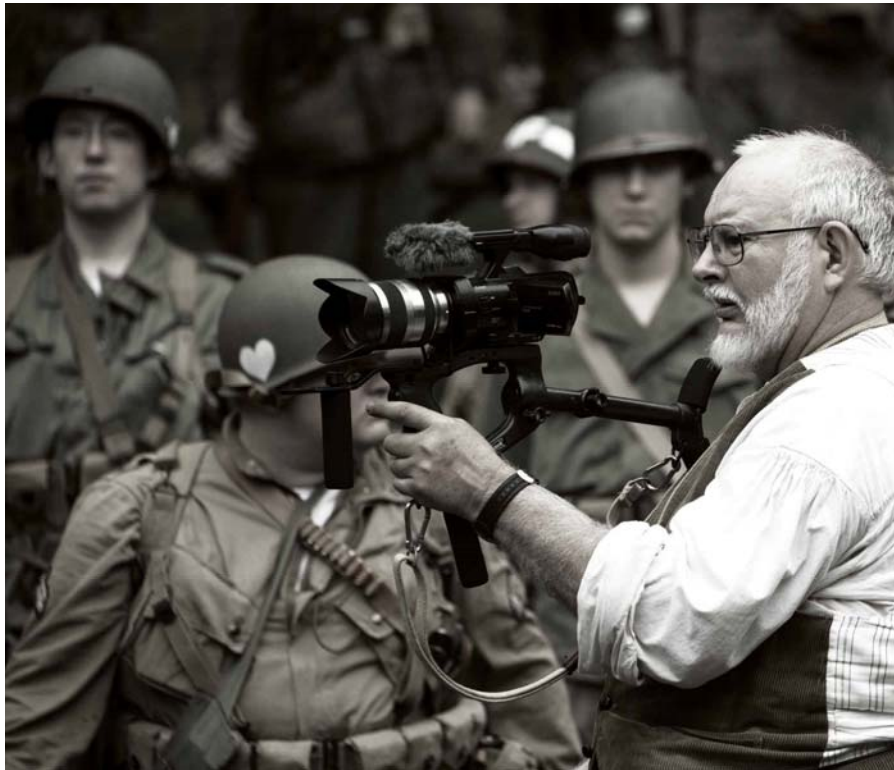
ANY WW2 HRS Member can submit an item for publication here in the EDGE.

HOW TO SUBMIT an item for Publication within The EDGE

If your WW2 HRS unit has news it would like to 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



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

GD5.Heinz.Thiel@Gmail.Com



TREASURER'S REPORT

WORLD WAR 2 HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY

15 April 2019

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF 15 April 2019

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$8,739.58
PNC Bank CD	\$30,000.00
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$14,555.47
PNC Bank Account Totals	\$53,295.05

INCOME FOR March 2019

Eventbrite Adult - February 2019	\$3,039.90
Eventbrite Minor - February 2019	\$83.32
Interest from Money Market Account	\$2.13
Total Income for March	\$3,125.35

EXPENDITURES FOR March 2019

Membership Supplies	\$122.07
Postage	\$250.00
PO Box	\$250.00
Liability Insurance	\$8,446.00
Email Marketing	\$12.80
Total Expenditures for March	\$9,080.87

**YEAR 2019 Total Income as of 15 April 2019**

January Membership Income	\$13.26
February Membership Income	\$4,429.03
March Minor Membership Income	\$83.32
March Membership Income	\$3,039.90
April Minor Membership Income	\$8.51
April Membership Income	\$1,741.41

Total Membership Income	\$9,315.43
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January Interest Income	\$3.78
February Interest Income	\$3.42
March Interest Income	\$2.13

Total Interest Income	\$7.20
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Miscellaneous Income	\$16.00
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2019 ALL Income	\$9,338.63
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YEAR 2019 ALL Expenses as of 15 April

Insurance Payment February	\$744.00
Insurance Payment March	\$8,446.00
Email Marketing January	\$12.80
Email Marketing February	\$12.80
Email Marketing March	\$12.80
PO Box for 2019 Year	\$250.00
Postage February	\$4.65
Postage March	\$250.00
Membership Card Supplies	\$122.07
Event Support March Weldon Kreg (Food)	\$600.00
Event Support April Rails to Victory (Signs)	\$163.00
Event Support May Danville, ILL (Toilets)	\$200.00

2019 ALL Expenditures	\$10,818.12
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YEAR 2019 Total LOSS	(\$1,479.49)
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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 30 April 2019, we had 833 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

May	
03-05	KENNEKUK WII DAYS
May	<p>Loc: Kennekuk County Park – 222296 Henning Rd. , Danville, IL Dates: May 3-5 Event Times: Fri 1 PM – Sun 3:45 PM Registration Times: Fri 5 PM – 10 PM / Sat 7 AM – 8:30 AM Pre-Registration: (click here) Fee: None Contact: Robert Leinweber Website: https://www.facebook.com/events/141748406624073/ Authenticity Notes: All period impressions welcome from all theaters of operation of WWII Prohibited Vehicles/Items: As per HRS Restrictions on Minors: As per HRS Other restrictions: None Sponsoring Unit(s): 9th Soviet Airborne</p>
11	MISSOURI MILITARY HISTORY WEEKEND 2019
May	<p>Loc: Missouri National Guard Headquarters, Missouri Military History Museum, 2405 Logistics Rd, Jefferson City, MO 65101 Dates: May 11, 2019 Event Times: Setup can occur starting on Friday afternoon. The event runs from 10-5pm Saturday. 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. Registration Times: Friday 1300-2100 and Saturday 0800-1000 Pre-Registration: Contacting the event coordinator is required for reserving your display area. 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 Website: Authenticity Notes: WWIIHRS safety and authenticity rules apply. Prohibited Vehicles/Items: No firing of weapons except during designated demonstration times. Restrictions on Minors: WWIIHRS rules apply Other restrictions: This is a military installation so no alcohol is allowed. Sponsoring Unit(s): 29th Panzergrenadier Regiment</p>



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@sbcglobal.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 strategic 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	
September	
Sep	No events listed.
October	
October	
Oct	No events listed.
November	
November	
1-3	THE VICTORS, A CAMPAGINER TACTICAL
Nov	<p>Loc: Camp Siman Events, 10135 Oakland, Tiff, MO 63674</p> <p>Dates: 1-3 NOVEMBER 2019</p> <p>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</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@sbcglobal.net</p> <p>Website: https://www.facebook.com/events/643012812785137/</p> <p>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.</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. 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.</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. Large groups of nationalities will have their own camp site small units may be combined.</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.</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>



December

December

13-15

**UNTERNEHMEN WINTERGEWITTER,
EASTERN FRONT TACTICAL BATTLE**

Dec



Loc: 20823 Bockelman Lane, Peculiar Mo 64078

Dates: December 13-15th, 2019

Event Times: Period camping on Friday 12/13/2019 after 1500hrs through Sunday 12/15/2019. Battle Saturday 12/14/19, from 0900-1800 S&A Inspection at 0830 on Saturday. Must be off property by 1500hrs 12/15/2019

Registration Times: Onsite registration will be 1500-2100 Friday and 0700-0830 Saturday.

Pre-Registration: Facebook "[Unternehmen Wintergewitter 2019](#)" under "Tickets", however not necessary.

Fee: \$15, includes cold style breakfast and light dinner.

Contact: Joel Bockelman - 816-258-3331 38thiagerjoel@gmail.com or 38iager1@gmail.com

Website: Facebook "[Unternehmen Wintergewitter 2019](#)"

Authenticity Notes: All HRS Safety & Authenticity Rules Apply. Eastern Front Event. WW2 Germany SS, Heer, Soviet Russia, and Partisan impressions.

Prohibited Vehicles/Items: No animals, vehicles bigger than a Troop Truck, alcohol, illegal substances, American or British impressions are not allowed, No live ammo.

Restrictions on Minors: No one under 18 without parent or legal guardian.

Other restrictions: All Pyro must be pre-approved at the event Safety & Authenticity Inspection.

Sponsoring Unit(s): 1./ Jägerregiment



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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.

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Minutes of the WWII Historical Reenactment Society Board Meeting 19 March 2019

Call to Order at 7:33 - Board Members Attending: Jon Stevens, President; Chuck Bolanis, Vice-President; Ron Kapustka, Secretary; Jeff Skender, Treasurer; Matt Rademacher, Commonwealth Rep; Corey Vaughn, Allied Rep; Doug Strong, Axis Rep

Members Attending: David Goodwin, Michael Lazorchek, Steve Sloane, Larry Johnson, Wayne McCulley

Approval of Agenda

CB motioned to approve the agenda, Jeff S seconded. Agenda was approved by BOD vote.

Approval of February Meeting Minutes

The February, 2019 Minutes were sent out prior to the meeting for review by the BOD. RK motioned that the February Minutes be approved as prepared and reviewed by the board members. That was seconded by JeffS. The February Minutes were approved by BOD vote.

Officer Reports:

Vice President:

New Charters: The S&A Committee has approved a new Charter for the 2nd Platoon, 3rd Company, 1st Battalion, 91st Gebirgsjaeger Regiment, 4th Gebirgs Division. It was revised and the revised Charter was approved. CB made a motion to grant them a Probationary Charter, which was seconded by DS. A BOD vote was taken and the Unit was granted a Probationary Charter.

Probation Review: (coming up in April) 29th ID, 115th Reg; 63rd Legione; 3rd Gebirgs. Frank DeBartolo recently contacted CV about their Probationary Charter Review and CB asked that it be tabled until April, 2019. The other two Units will be asked for their end of the Probationary Year Report and it will be presented in April.

Treasurer:

See the Treasure Report in this issue of The EDGE

Secretary – Ron K reported that there are 682 through today plus 8 Minor members.

Commonwealth Rep - Matt reported nothing new at the moment.

Allied Rep - CV has been contacted Units who has not met their minimum numbers yet.

Axis Rep - DS has nothing to report.

Staff Reports

Membership Coordinator – JeffS has sent all membership cards out. As individual CO's have asked for their reports, he has sent them out directly. Every Unit CO will also get a membership report at the end of each month..

The Edge Editor - JS will remain as the Interim Edge Editor until a full-time Editor is found. JeffS reported that he has had no luck getting an editor for The Edge.

Committee Reports:

S&A – CB is looking for one German member, 2-3 more American, 2 Commonwealth and 2 more Soviet members. Overall, CB is happy with the make-up of the S&A Committee but would like to add those few newer members. With regard to pyro, there have been discussions about pyro and CB expects that there will be an official pyro guideline in place by Rockford.

Unit Commanders - JS reported that the UC group e-mail addresses have been updated. JS will add JeffS as an "admin" in that group.

Vehicle Committee – There were some questions about German motorcycles which were recently fielded by the Committee.

Civilian Committee – Report tabled.

Old Business:

HRS Accounts: JeffS has been added and Wayne McCulley was removed. JS moved \$30,000 to 8 month CD @ 2% Interest at PNC, per the last BOD vote, which was into a Higher Yield Account.

Insurance Renewal - has been completed and the policy has been paid for the year.

Regional Events or National Event: “Advance on Metz” Camp Atterbury submitted by Alan Jones for October. This event to be tabled until CV has made contact with Alan Jones to further discuss details.

Funding Request - Camp Atterbury request of \$1500 is tabled. Weldonkreig has asked for \$2500 for their March, 2019 event. Dave Goodwin reported that they had 140 HRS members last year and have 230 or so registered so far for 2019. There was a discussion by the BOD about what type of funding the HRS can offer. CB made a motion that the BOD approve a \$600.00 request for the event which was seconded by DS. A BOD vote was taken and was approved by the BOD. The funding will be distributed after the event provides the necessary receipts.

New Business:

Heartland Event: This event was approved by the BOD via e-mail and added as a HRS event

Danville Funding Request: They have asked for \$200.00 to cover porta-johns. CB made a motion to approve which was seconded by DS. A BOD vote was taken and the funding request was approved. JeffS will contact the event organizer and let him know about the approval.

Open Comments: None

Announcements: The next meeting is April 16, 2019.

Adjourn RK motioned to adjourn, DS seconded. Approved by BOD vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.



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