

# THE EDGE



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## WORLD WAR 2 Historical Re-enactment Society

May 2019 Saukville, WI Photos by Jim Meldrum





**THE EDGE**

PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN  
REENACTING

**MARCH WITH US BACK  
INTO WWII HISTORY!**

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**Jim Meldrum – May 2019 – WW2 HRS Press Corps Photographer**



To all WWII Re-enactors,

Many of today's re-enactor participants are veterans of real wars. Real combat or even service, fate has denied me. The closest I got to *service* wars was fighting the Battle of the F4 Phantom at McDonnell Aircraft here in St. Louis during Nam. Today I find myself musing over the realization that I have spent almost my entire life, now approaching 70 years, playacting at war both as a child in those alley wars of Jennings, Missouri and as an adult albeit on the wishful higher plain of re-enacting. Have you ever asked yourself, what has been the point as I do now? Do I regret all the work getting WWII re-enacting kick-started? Oh, those pre-computer years of phone calls, meetings, and letters.

Last year at Jefferson Barracks (site of the World's longest continuously running WWII re-enactment) a man come up to me and told me that he had brought his 90-year-old father, a WWII veteran, out to WWII Weekend as a treat.

*"Dad has been in poor health and could barely get about. You should have seen the grin upon his face as he beheld the olive drab canvas tents of the encampment surrounded with OD vehicles ranging from jeeps to tanks. It took him immediately back to his youth. You could see it in his eyes and the spring came back to his gate as he ambled about as he hadn't done in years. Thank You."*

Remembering how before the WWII HRS began I recall being told, "You cannot re-enact WWII because those veterans were still alive." That man who told me about his veteran father coming to JB made it all worthwhile. Multiply that single WWII vet by the dozens, hundreds or perhaps thousands that went to our WWII re-enactments across this country and across the waters to places as far off as Stalingrad to relive a bit of their youth. Cherish those vets that come to our events and welcome also those youths with their plastic helmets and weaponry that strain against the spectator barrier at a re-enactment for their today is where our future stands. Do I regret? Hell no!

I have three joys re-enacting today:

1. No longer having to convince somebody to come out. Today's attendance exceeds my wildest dreams of forty years ago!
2. Watching those kids among the spectators as I am reminded of my childhood.
3. Seeing the WWII vets and having them shake my hand.

No doubt many of you have absorbed the recent ceremonies marking the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day. Do you recall President Reagan's visit to Point de Hoc marking the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day? Forty-three years ago the WWII HRS was founded. Does this make you pause? I recently watched a stick of re-enactor paratroops exiting from a C47 on YouTube. Twenty-five years ago I watched from a field near St. Mere Eglise, Normandy, as modern US paratroopers of the 82nd deployed. Did you notice the re-enactors in costume and their restored vehicles in the background of the D-Day news coverage? I wish to point out that there was a much earlier beginnings to this.

First, was the real 1944 event, nothing I can say of this can add nor distract, to paraphrase A. Lincoln.





Back in 1976, after the WWII HRS was initiated, the UK based magazine, AFTER THE BATTLE, published an article that I wrote about our early recreations of WWII at Weldon Spring, MO. It was issue #13, in which we announced to the world that the WWII HRS had arrived! Back to my second point, it was about this time that ATB magazine published an article, that I well remember, how Peter Gray had led a group of UK based WWII vehicle collectors back to the shores of Normandie to commemorate a much earlier anniversary of D-Day. Wow, I thought! I recall that very first group to do so, included only about a half-dozen vehicles.

When I attended the 45th anniversary festivities I was in awe at the great number (hundreds) of restored WWII vehicles at the South sea show near Portsmouth. Five years later I returned for the 50th to be amazed that this event had also grown. The day before it officially opened I noticed some folks who were laying a bit of railroad track onto the grass of the commons. "What's up?" I asked. I received the incredulous reply that they were preparing to bring their family's restored war-era WD locomotive and a few cars to the show! My jaw dropped. Later, the cars and locomotive arrived as the Imperial War Museum's Spitfire fighter aircraft practiced their scheduled performances overhead! The Brits. Know how to put on a show.

As if the South sea show and the nearby D-Day Museum was not enough, that Bank Holiday was also the annual Portsmouth Naval Days where I saw the HMS Warrior (the Royal Navy's first iron ship), the iconic ship-of-the-line, HMS Victory (Lord Nelson's flagship during the Battle of Trafalgar), and the USS Jeremiah O'Brien (WWII Liberty ship) that I toured. They had sailed the O'Brien all the way from the USA and ultimately planned to tour it all the way to Murmansk and Leningrad. Incredible!! It all gives me, as actor Rod Steiger said in the film, THE LONGEST DAY, goose bumps to have been just a so small part in it all.

I do have one as yet unfulfilled wish. Someday the organizers of a big WWII event will invite us founders of the WWII HRS, those of us still alive, to make an appearance as their guests. As John Wayne said, *"That'll be the day!"*

Thank You,  
Terry L. Johns,  
WWII HRS founder



June 5, 1994, St. Mer Eglise, Normandie from my book, A BRIDGE TO TIME,  
A Re-enactor's Journey (with permission).  
Photo by Jim Osborne founder of the Indiana Military Museum; Vincennes, IN.



## **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.

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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**

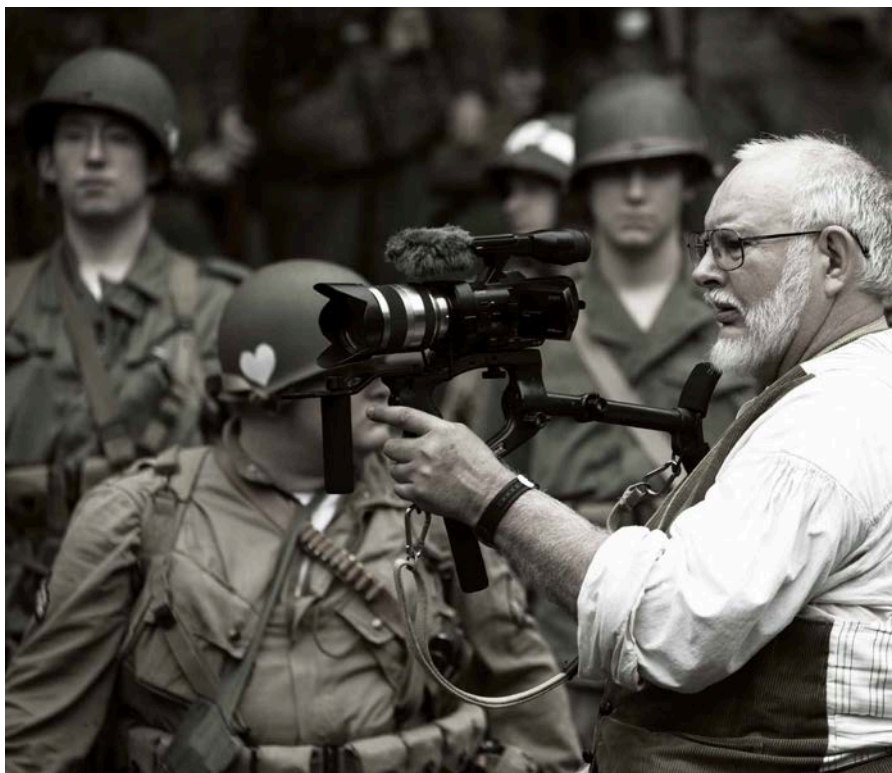
If your WW2 HRS unit has news it would like to publish in The EDGE,

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](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.

## **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](mailto:GD5.Heinz.Thiel@Gmail.Com)



**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**WORLD WAR 2 HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY**  
**16 June 2019**

**BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF 16 June 2019**

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$9,580.92
PNC Bank CD	\$30,000.00
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$14,557.23
<b>PNC Bank Account Totals</b>	<b>\$54,138.15</b>

**INCOME FOR May 2019**

Eventbrite Adult - April 2019	\$1,554.40
Eventbrite Minor - April 2019	\$62.54
Interest from Money Market Account	\$0.87
<b>Total Income for May</b>	<b>\$1,617.81</b>

**EXPENDITURES FOR May 2019**

Email Marketing	\$12.80
<b>Total Expenditures for May</b>	<b>\$12.80</b>



**YEAR 2019 Total Income as of 16 June 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
May Minor Membership Income	\$62.54
May Membership Income	\$1,554.40
<b>Total Membership Income</b>	<b>\$10,932.37</b>

January Interest Income	\$3.78
February Interest Income	\$3.42
March Interest Income	\$2.13
April Interest Income	\$0.89
May Interest Income	\$0.87
<b>Total Interest Income</b>	<b>\$11.09</b>

Miscellaneous Income	\$16.00
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<b>2019 ALL Income</b>	<b>\$10,959.46</b>
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**YEAR 2019 ALL Expenses as of 16 June 2019**

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
Email Marketing April	\$12.80
Email Marketing May	\$12.80
Email Marketing June	\$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)	\$150.00
Event Support May Danville, ILL (Toilets)	\$200.00
WW2 HRS Scholarship Award	\$500.00

<b>2019 ALL Expenditures</b>	<b>\$11,343.52</b>
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<b>YEAR 2019 Total - LOSS</b>	<b>(\$384.06)</b>
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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 16 June 2019, we had 890 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

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



October

October

04-06

**BATTLE OF MORTAIN - DEFENSE OF HILL 314  
TACTICAL EVENT**

Oct



Loc: L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation, 2900 16th Street, Haugen, Wisconsin, 54841.

Dates: Friday, October 4th to Sunday, October 6th, 2019.

Event Times: Check-in Friday, 4pm - 10:30pm and Saturday, 7:30am to 8:30am. Gate opens at 7:30am, closes at 8:30am. S & A at 8:45am. Troop deployment to the field at 9am. Battle scenarios go until 5:30pm, gate re-opens at 6pm. Evening meal served at 6:30pm.

Registration Times: Opens in July, closes at 10pm on October 3rd. You must pre-register and pay in advance on Eventbrite, no walk-ons allowed the night before or day of the event.

Pre-registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com> - search for "Battle of Mortain".

Fee: \$23 for tactical & Saturday evening meal (includes Eventbrite fee). Additional \$15 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/835734196788145/>

Authenticity Notes: All Allied and German impressions that would have been in the Normandy area during July/August/September 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. Contact event coordinator for details.

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.

Sponsoring Unit: 105th Engineer Combat Battalion, 30th Infantry Division, St. Paul, MN. Unit website: <http://www.105th.org>





November

November

1-3

### 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](mailto: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

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 [38thjagerjoel@gmail.com](mailto:38thjagerjoel@gmail.com) or [38jager1@gmail.com](mailto:38jager1@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



## 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. 7, 2019

- 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)
- 12:30 p.m. - Civil War Artillery Demonstration
- 1:00 p.m. - Sweet Reminder, 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
- 7:30 p.m. - Civil War Artillery Demonstration
- 8:00 p.m. - USO Show featuring Silver Bullet



A Tribute to Bob Seger

- 10:30 p.m. - Park Closes

#### SUN., SEPT. 8, 2019

- 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)
- 12:30 p.m. - Civil War Artillery Demonstration
- 1:00 p.m. - Sweet Reminder, covering the  
Andrew Sisters, '50s and '60s classics
- 3:00 p.m. - Battle (Battlefield)
- 5:00 p.m. - Camp Closes

**Food Court &  
Beer Garden**



New Vietnam  
Living History  
+  
Civil War  
Living History



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



**Flyovers** (Weather Dependent)

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**WWW.LOCKPORTWWII.COM**





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Discount for  
ALL Veterans

Midwest's  
Largest

# WWII

DAYS

AT MIDWAY VILLAGE MUSEUM ★ ROCKFORD, IL

★	Saturday	Sunday	★
★	September 21	September 22	★
★	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.	★

- ★ Over 60 Authentic Military Vehicles
- ★ Over 1,200 Reenactors
- ★ Battles with Pyrotechnics
- ★ Skirmishes, Demos & Displays
- ★ Militaria Sales Vendors from around the Midwest
- ★ Tour General Patton's Command Center
- ★ Affordable Local Food Vendors

Admission:

- ★ \$14 Adults
- ★ \$12 Veterans and Active Duty Military Personnel\*
- ★ WWII Veterans FREE
- ★ \$8 Children (3-17) ★ Infants (0-2) Free
- ★ Museum Members are Free
- ★ \$2 per car parking fee for non-members

Midway Village Museum  
Rockford's  
HISTORY MUSEUM

Golf cart shuttles available for guests with special needs.

TICKETS: ONLINE [WWW.MIDWAYVILLAGE.COM](http://WWW.MIDWAYVILLAGE.COM), MUSEUM STORE & AT THE GATES | INFO: 815-397-9112

\*If you are a Veteran and Active Duty Military Personnel simply show proof of military service with your Military ID card, Veterans Affairs card, or Discharge papers to receive discounted tickets.

Registered wristbanded re-enactors are the ONLY guests admitted into the event in vintage military uniform. Visitors to the event may dress in 1940s civilian costume if they wish as long as the Visitor sticker is worn prominently.





# WWII DAYS

AT MIDWAY VILLAGE MUSEUM \* ROCKFORD, IL  
Located near I-90 on Rockford's east side



## Behind the Lines

Friday, September 20 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

This year's Friday evening visitor experience at World War II Days will include an up-close preview of the special event and is always a popular part of the weekend's activities. Watch for exciting details about new features.

## Saturday and Sunday Event Parking Lots



TICKETS: ONLINE [WWW.MIDWAYVILLAGE.COM](http://WWW.MIDWAYVILLAGE.COM), MUSEUM STORE & AT THE GATES | INFO: 815-397-9112

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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](http://www.WorldWarTwoHRS.Org)

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## Minutes of the WWII Historical Reenactment Society Board Meeting 16 April 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 Serikaku, Jim Schouten, Robert Hodill, Carlos Rameriz, Zack Williams, Bill Sheets

### Approval of Agenda

DS motioned to approve the agenda, as revised to include the New HRS Event in Indiana, CB seconded. Agenda, as revised, was approved by BOD vote.

### Approval of March Meeting Minutes

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

### Officer Reports:

#### **Vice President:**

**New Charters:** No new Charters.

**Probation Review:** CB has not heard anything from the 29<sup>th</sup> ID, 115<sup>th</sup> Reg, so their review will be tabled. CB has heard back from the 63<sup>rd</sup> Legion, and their review will be tabled as they are finalizing their report. CB did speak with Robert Hodill from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Gebirgs and he was asked to submit photos of their Unit in action. CB suggested that their review be tabled for another month so they can submit a few photos of them at events. Jeff S and JS added that they were aware of the Unit's participation and suggested that their Unit be voted on now. Based on that feedback and CB's information, CB moved to approve the Unit as a full charter. DS seconded the motion. A BOD vote was taken and was approved. CB congratulated Robert, who was on the call, that his Charter was approved and the Unit will be added to the rolls as a fully chartered Unit in the HRS

#### **Treasurer:**

See the Treasurers Report in this issue of The EDGE

**Secretary** – Ron K reported that there are 804 through today plus 8 Minor members.

**Commonwealth Rep** - Matt had nothing new to report.

**Allied Rep** - CV tried to contact Frank DeBartolo about their charter, who advised that he was taking his name off that charter and would be submitting it to another member.

**Axis Rep** - DS reported that there is a new German Unit, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Gebirgs.

### Staff Reports

**Membership Coordinator** – Jeff S has sent all membership reports through March to all Unit Commanders.

### Committee Reports:

**S&A** – CB reported that Steve Sloane joined the Committee on the Soviet side. He is still looking for 1 German, 2 Soviet, 2 Commonwealth and 2 Allied members.

**Unit Commanders** - JS reported that the UC group e-mail addresses have been updated.

**Vehicle Committee** – Jim S had nothing new to report. CB added that Larry Johnson was added as a member of the Vehicle Committee. Jeff S started a discussion on the Vehicle submission form, which was added to by CB. A lengthy discussion occurred that the "form" as approved by the BOD was to be

used as a guideline for use by event coordinators to apply for funds, but that there was no guarantee that any funding would be approved. Matt R will make a few revisions to the "form" and send it to Jeff S to be included in the May issue of The Edge.

**Civilian Committee** – Report tabled.

### Old Business:

**Regional/National Event:** There was a submission for an event called "Advance on Metz" to be held at Camp Atterbury in Oct as well as a request for funding of \$1,500.00. CB suggested that the event be approved as a "regular" HRS event, but not a National Event. Dave Serakaku reported that Alan Jones was willing to assist the HRS with a National Event at Camp Atterbury. CB suggested that the request be tabled until there is clarification on exactly what Alan Jones is proposing.

**Funding Request** - Camp Atterbury request of \$1500 is tabled.

### New Business:

**New event requests** – CB discussed a new Event Request Form which he received from Bill Sheets for a Camp Atterbury Event in January. The event is called "Race to the Elbe" which is an event that would include all ETO Units in one event. There are four HRS Units that have committed to co-hosting this event. FJR 6 (Thomas Haynes); 82nd Airborne (Bill Sheets); 1st SS LAH (Dave Burch) and 10th SS Frundsberg (Chuck Bolanis). Additionally, they have a verbal commitment for co-sponsorship from 2nd Panzer as well.

Bill Sheets reported that he has been in contact with the organizers from Conneaut and others from "out East" who wanted to do the event as "Race to the Muse" as a Battle of the Bulge event. Bill would like the event to be the HRS National Battle. CB suggested that the event organizers continue to work on the event specifics before it can be decided as a National Event. JS asked about numbers, and CB thought there may be in excess of 300 out of the HRS alone, without counting the "out East" units. CB made a motion that the event be approved as an HRS event, which was seconded by DS and CV. A BOD vote was taken and the event was approved as an "HRS event", with no funding or other commitments at this time.

JS mentioned the 19th Annual Military Heartland Event which applied as an HRS event, which was approved.

**Funding Request** – No new requests

**353<sup>rd</sup> Probationary Period** - The end of the probationary period expires on May 22, 2019. JS asked for a brief report and a statement from the 353<sup>rd</sup> in connection with the end of the probationary period.

**Individual 1 Yr Ban 2017 Rockford Incident** - Dave Gordy's one year ban also ends on May 22, 2019. CB asked Dave to submit a report about his past year experiences in connection with the expiration of the probation. DS mentioned concerns that surfaced June 11, 2018 with regard to Dave Gordy, but there has been nothing on those since the initial report.

**2019 Scholarship** - JS asked about getting the scholarship procedure started and advised Jeff S to use the same outline that was used in past years. JS suggested that the HRS increase the \$500.00 award by another \$500.00 through the use of a "Go Fund Me" site. CB liked the idea and JS will submit a proposal. DS mentioned that he would be interested in getting involved in the Committee as well.

**Open Comments:** No open comments from the BOD. Carlos Rameriz mentioned that they have started sending in their membership applications to the HRS. Further, Carlos reported on what their Units have been working on the past months and thanked the HRS for the past support it has provided to them.

**Announcements:** The next meeting is May 21, 2019.

**Adjourn** RK motioned to adjourn, DS seconded. Approved by BOD vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.



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