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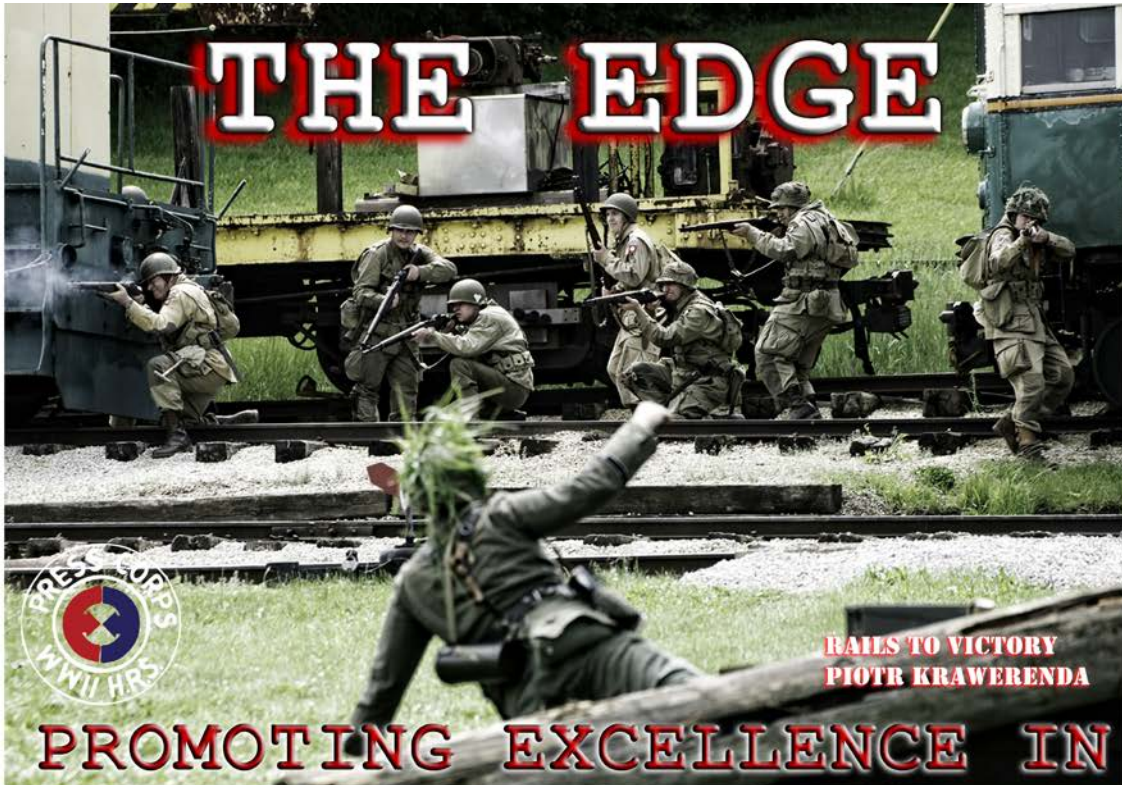


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# WORLD WAR 2 Historical Re-enactment Society

Dixon, IL World War 2 Veteran Photos by Heinz Thiel, WW2 HRS Press Corps





RAILS TO VICTORY  
PIOTR KRAWERENDA

PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN  
REENACTING



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World War 2 Event Photos by Piotr Krawerenda, WW2 HRS Press Corps





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U.S. Navy World War 2 Veteran Master Chief Robert Reeners  
With Chuck Roberts

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## Meeting World War 2 Veterans The Best Part of a Re-enactment

By Heinz Thiel

Hopefully you will have noticed the World War 2 Veterans on the cover of this issue.



Ed Strelow served with the 6<sup>th</sup> Army 469<sup>th</sup> Anti-Aircraft unit in the Pacific Theater from 1943 to 1946. This was the second time I was lucky enough to video him talking about his experiences during WW2.



Frank A. Johnson (from Chicago) served with the 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force 454<sup>th</sup> Bomber Squadron as a B-26 Marauder Pilot. He flew 26 combat missions over France from 1942 to 1945.



Their stories are fascinating, riveting at times. At the time of this printing I have not yet released their video, but plan on doing so soon.

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U.S. Navy Veteran Master Chief Robert Reeners was a coxswain on a Higgins boat at Utah Beach on D-Day. He never imagine that more than seven decades later, and at the age of 90, he would be back at the controls of a Higgins boat.

On a rainy Saturday (30 May 2015) Honor Flight volunteer David Gee drove Master Chief Robert's down from Oshkosh Wisconsin to Roberts Armory in Rochelle, Illinois.

I meet the Master Chief with video camera rolling inside the Armory where he was talking about Top-Secret missions leading up to the D-Day Invasion. The now 90 year old Chief was acting like he was 20 years old again reliving events that took place 70 years ago.

Master Chief Reeners admits World War 2 was Hell and he struggles with memory's that never go away. The anniversary of D-Day is only a few days away, the day he transported troops to shore (Utah Beach) on a Higgins Boat just like the one at Roberts Armory.

Master Chief Reeners explains he ate, slept, and lived on the boat. No luxury, everything about it was uncomfortable. It is just a boat with an engine and four-man crew. But the first words from the Master Chief as he came aboard the LCVT boat at Roberts Armory; "We kept the beer in the bilge."

On Saturday 30 May 2015 Master Chief Reeners explains he went back in time; "When Chuck kicked over the engine and I heard the familiar roar of that boat's diesel, I was back aboard 70 years ago."

As a coxswain Master Chief Reeners navigated the landing craft long enough to have traveled around the world in it.



Robert Reeners surprised Chuck Roberts when he took the helm of his Higgins boat like it was 1944 again. The Master Chief knew everything about the boat. He opened the throttle fully, spun the boat about, and was looking for the beach. The entire time he was teaching Chuck the proper way to make a landing.



David Gee met Master Chief Reeners on an Old Glory Honor Flight and they became friends. D-Day, he was there. When Gee discovered Chuck Roberts had restored a Higgins boat, one of only 11 still in existence, he arraigned to bring the Chief down to see it. When David got back to Oshkosh he got his video of the Master Chief at the helm again on the local news.

D-Day was arguably the most important date of the 20th century, certainly the most important date of World War 2, the Master Chief was there; to be able to watch him operate the Higgins boat, ride on it with him, and video him was priceless.

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**German WWII Reenacting:**  
**The Wehrmacht in Living History,**

By Scott Lee Thompson,  
Atglen, PA: Schiffer Military History, 2015.  
200 pages. \$34.95.

Of course any book on WWII reenacting should be of interest to a WWII reenactor since there are so few books on this topic. After reading a recent Schiffer Military History flyer on upcoming books I saw a new listing on WWII reenacting featuring images from around the world. Of course I my interest was piqued since I follow WWII reenacting the way some follow baseball. Further the way our activities are perceived through the camera lens can either help or hinder our efforts in the recreation of history. Scott Thompson's book helps to fill this gap on WWII living history through excellent photography to tell the story of WWII German reenacting covering the entire repertoire of WWII living history from the lowly rifleman to recreated or restored armor and everything in between. Through his camera lens and a number of others the story of German WWII reenacting is told. For those not familiar with Scott Thompson he has been an HRS member with 2<sup>nd</sup> Panzer for a number of years and also spearheads the Peoria WWII event held each June, that has become one of the largest gatherings of WWII armor in the country. With this background Scott is well placed to describe the efforts of the Wehrmacht reenactor.

The goal of the book appears to be to inform the reader there is much more to reenacting than simply dressing up. No matter what unit or what country a reenactor hails from their goal is to help remember the typical soldier who lived and bled during WWII. Events from across the United States to England, the Czech Republic, and Russia all have reenactors doing their utmost to keep the memory of these soldiers alive are depicted here. Panthers, Opel Blitzes, k98 rifles, horses, HQ, field kitchens, and even chaplains are all shown noting the utmost details. Some of the best pictures show a convoy of German trucks and halftracks filled with troops, a tired soldat at his Flak 37, and one of my favorites showing a long line of troops waiting for the order to fill their mess kits from the steaming field kitchens. On a critical note, not every reenactor shown has a perfect impression nor does every back ground have perfect European features which Scott does note in his introduction. I think this shows that in spite of some historical setting imperfections at events we all can strive to do our best presentation with the uniform we wear or display we setup or knowledge we pass onto an interested person at a public event. Another point is that if your impression has a significant defect it will be noticed especially at a public event through the many pictures generated and seen possibly worldwide. One caution I find in the book is the overuse of Third Reich flags by some reenactors in a few images. In my opinion this type of display will only create controversy by distracting from the overall goal: the experience, presentation, and transmission of historical knowledge.

As an introduction to German WWII reenacting this book is ideal. A person unfamiliar with reenacting will get an idea of what this endeavor is all about and likely strike an interesting conversation. For a personal evaluation of a historical impression this book is again ideal. What can be done to delve further into living history with one's own impression? Lastly, an interesting effect is that each time I go through the book more familiar faces come into focus. If you have been involved in WWII reenacting on the German side within the last 10 years your likeness is probably found in this book and maybe on more than one page.

As an introduction and catalogue to WWII living history of the Wehrmacht this is the book to own. What? You say I can find all this electronically? Possibly so, however the information is contained in one place that will be there with your WWII books the next time you need it, requires no batteries, and you can hold it in your hands.

Scott has also written The Gulaschkanone: The German Field Kitchen in WWII and Reenacting and he is President of the nonprofit Central Illinois WWII Reenactors. You should be able to find him behind a steaming pot armed with a large ladle in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Panzer camp. At the next WWII reenactment you can have him autograph your copy of his book after your mess tin is being filled.

Reviewed by: Jonathan Stevens,  
9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division WWII HRS

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From HRS Treasurer  
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**TREASURER'S REPORT**

WORLD WAR II HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY  
 JUNE 2015

Account Balances as of May 31, 2015

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$14,025.39
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$48,364.96
Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$ 302.20
<b>Account Totals</b>	<b>\$62,692.55</b>

Income for May 2015	
Membership Income	\$ 1,450.00
Interest from Money Market Account	\$ 1.92
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,451.92</b>

Expenditures for May 2015	
Email Marketing Service	\$ 12.80
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 12.80</b>

Year To Date Membership Income	\$ 9,830.00
Year To Date Interest Income	\$ 11.50
Year To Date Expenditures	\$ 7,234.17

Respectfully Submitted  
 Wayne McCulley  
 HRS Treasurer

WORLD WAR II HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**1st QUARTER 2015**  
**23 May 2015**

BEGINNING BALANCES	
PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$11,429.56
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$48,353.46
Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$ 302.20
<b>TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCES</b>	<b>\$60,085.22</b>

INCOME	
Membership Dues Income	\$ 7,350.00
PNC Bank Money Market Account Interest Income	\$7.40
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 7,357.40</b>

EXPENDITURES	
Email Marketing Service	(\$ 38.40)
Postage Charges	(\$ 33.19)
Annual Post Office Box Rental	(\$ 80.00)
Membership Card Supplies	(\$ 71.43)
Liability Insurance	(\$ 6,205.75)
Directors and Officers Insurance	(\$ 744.00)
Illinois Secretary of State Annual Report	(\$ 10.00)
Illinois Secretary of State Certificate of Good Standing	(\$ 16.00)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(\$7,198.77)</b>

ENDING BALANCES 1st QUARTER 2015	
PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$11,580.79
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$48,360.86
Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$ 302.20
<b>TOTAL ENDING BALANCES</b>	<b>\$60,243.85</b>



Respectfully submitted  
 Wayne McCulley, HRS Treasurer

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# EVENTS

July	
Jul	No events listed.
August	
15 - 16	<b>WWII REMEMBERED</b>
 <p> <b>Aug</b>            Loc: Seminole Valley Farm, Cedar Rapids, IA            Dates: August 15 &amp; 16, 2015            Event Times: Saturday 0900-1600 &amp; Sunday 0900-1500            Registration Times: Friday 1400-2100 &amp; Saturday 0700-0900            Pre-Registration: <a href="mailto:redkommissar@hotmail.com">redkommissar@hotmail.com</a>            Fee: NONE            Contact: Dave Pasbrig - <a href="mailto:redkommissar@hotmail.com">redkommissar@hotmail.com</a>            Website: <a href="http://www.416rifleregiment.org/cedar_rapids_living_history_event">http://www.416rifleregiment.org/cedar_rapids_living_history_event</a>            Authenticity Notes: Open to all WWII impressions 1939-1945, any theater. All HRS Rules apply.            Prohibited Vehicles/Items: Per HRS Rules            Restrictions on Minors: Per HRS Rules            Other restrictions:            Sponsoring Unit(s): 416th Rifle Regiment, 112th Rifle Division, WWII HRS         </p>	
September	
25-27	<b>WALK BACK IN TIME 2015</b>
 <p> <b>Sep</b>            Loc: Audrain County Historical Society, 501 South Muldrow Street, Mexico, MO 65265            Dates: 25-27 September, 2015            Event Times: Setup can occur from Thursday (Sept. 24) to Saturday (Sept. 26). Friday is the school education day. The event runs from 10-4pm Saturday and Sunday, with Candlelight Tours on Saturday from 6-9pm            Pre-Registration: No preregistration is required although coordination for camping space is required. Camp space must be reserved before the event to ensure adequate space is available.            Fee: There is no fee for the event, and the organizers provide a Saturday night meal to all participants. If your unit participates in the Friday education day, you get a free lunch! For the women reenactors, there will be a tea party on Saturday sponsored by the Helferin of the 29th PGR.            Contact: Chris Adams, 573-680-1244, <a href="mailto:cblackthorne@hotmail.com">cblackthorne@hotmail.com</a>            Authenticity Notes: safety and authenticity rules apply. All theaters are welcome, ETO, PTO, and MTO.            Prohibited Vehicles/Items: No firing of weapons between 2200 and 0800 at night.            Restrictions on Minors: rules apply            Other restrictions: None            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. Reenactors from different timelines will have a great opportunity to talk and share their knowledge and experiences with each other. Thursday morning, a small military convoy is planned that will travel from Fulton to the site in Mexico. The convoy will stop and visit several schools along the way to show off the vehicles to students. The trip distance is about 25 miles. Contact us for more information!            Registration Times: All day Thursday, All day Friday and Saturday 0800-1000 in the 29th Panzergrenadiers Camp            Camp Space pre-registration: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/1458480171108819">https://www.facebook.com/events/1458480171108819</a>            Convoy Information: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/1565514177038022">https://www.facebook.com/events/1565514177038022</a>            Sponsoring Unit(s): 84th Infantry Division Railsplitters and the 29th Panzergrenadier Regiment         </p>	

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October October

15-18

**WELCOME HOME, STARS AND STRIPES PRESENTS:  
REFLECTIONS OF HISTORY, 1860-PRESENT**

Oct



Loc: Stars & Stripes National. Military Museum & Library, 17377 Stars & Stripes Way, Bloomfield, MO 63825  
Dates: 15 - 18 October 2015  
Event Times: 15-18 October 2015  
Fee: NONE  
Contact: [papajoadfssf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:papajoadfssf@sbcglobal.net)  
Website: <http://welcomehomestarsstripesrememberswwii.webs.com>  
Authenticity Notes: Per HRS Safety and Authenticity rules  
Prohibited Vehicles/Items: N/A  
Restrictions on Minors: Per HRS rules  
Other restrictions: NO live ammunition  
Sponsoring Unit(s):  
FIRST SPECIAL SERVICE FORCE, 6TH CO, 3RD REG HRS  
SECOND 25TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION, 25TH BRIGADE, 7TH DIVISION HRS  
116th INFANTRY REGIMENT, 29th INFANTRY DIVISION  
29TH PANZERGRENADIER REGIMENT 3RD PANZERGRENADIER DIVISION

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# 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. 12<sup>TH</sup>

- 9:00 a.m. - Park Opens/Flag Raising Ceremony (Performing Arts Center) Hosted by the Lockport VFW Post 5788
- 9:15 a.m. - Re-enactor Safety and Authenticity Check (Performing Arts Center)
- 10:15 a.m. - WWII Weapons Demonstration (Performing Arts Center)
- 11:30 a.m. - Battle (Battlefield)
- 1:00 p.m. - Andrews Sisters Musical Revue by the Legacy Girls (Performing Arts Center) Hosted by the White Oak Library Dist.
- 2:00 p.m. - Homefront Presentation (Volz Fieldhouse Building)
- 3:00 p.m. - Battle (Battlefield)
- 4:00 p.m. - Music & Dance Lessons of the Era featuring Grand Avenue Big Band
- 6:30 p.m. - Battle at Dusk
- 8-11 p.m. - USO Show featuring Raise Your Glass
- 11:30 p.m. - Park Closes

### SUN., SEPT. 13<sup>TH</sup>

**Food Court & Beer Garden available**

- 9:00 a.m. - Park Opens/Flag Raising Ceremony (Performing Arts Center) Hosted by the Lockport VFW Post 5788
- 9:15 a.m. - Re-enactor Safety and Authenticity Check (Performing Arts Center)
- 10:15 a.m. - WWII Weapons Demonstration (Performing Arts Center)
- 11:30 a.m. - Battle (Battlefield)
- 12:30 p.m. - WWII Girls Baseball Living History Demo Meet the Rockford Peaches! (Baseball Field)
- 1:00 p.m. - Andrews Sisters Musical Revue by the Legacy Girls (Performing Arts Center) Hosted by the Dellwood Foundation
- 3:00 p.m. - Battle (Battlefield)
- 5:00 p.m. - Camp Closes



**Hospitality Tent for WWII & Korea War Veterans**  
 Sat., 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
 Located in Beer Garden  
 Sponsored by Kozol Brothers & AARP



**815-838-3621**

**WWW.LOCKPORTWWII.COM**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Lockport Township Park District WWII Days Battle Reenactment Public and Encampment will be held at the Dellwood Park located at Route 171 & Woods Drive in Lockport, Illinois on September 12-13, 2015.

The event will offer 5 Public Battle Reenactments, Aircraft Flyovers, Battlefield Pyrotechnics, Andrew Sisters Musical Revue by the Legacy Girls, Homefront Presentations, WWII Girls Baseball Living History Demo, Veterans Tribute, Military and food vendors, food court and beer garden.

This year we have free transportation available for one addition American Amour vehicle if the vehicle is located within Illinois and is within approximately 100- 150 miles of the Dellwood

Park site. If your unit has a vehicle you wish to bring out that meets this criteria contact Richard A. Russo at [vizsla25@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vizsla25@sbcglobal.net)  
 This year we plan on having a Tiger, Hetzer and Sherman Tank in attendance in addition to various other vehicles.

Free firewood, water and shower facilities are available to the reenactors.

It is anticipated that we will have over 300 reenactors in attendance at the event this year so it's important that you preregister at the Reenactor Registration Link on the Lockport Park District Web page <http://www.lockportpark.org> as campsites are filling fast.

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**World War 2**  
**Historical Re-enactment Society**





**USO Style Dance**  
7 pm, Saturday Night  
SportsCore Two  
8800 E. Riverside Blvd., Loves Park, IL  
\$7 Cover Charge • Registered Re-enactors Free\*

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# ★ WWII ★

## DAYS

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

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<p><b>Saturday</b> September 26th 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Sunday</b> September 27th 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p>
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- ★ Midwest's Largest Reenactment
- ★ Over 1,200 Reenactors
- ★ Battles with Pyrotechnics
- ★ Skirmishes in the Village
- ★ Demos & Displays in Buildings
- ★ Affordable Food for Purchase

**"Behind the Lines" tour**  
Fri., Sept. 25th, \$15 Space is limited. Call for details.



Midway Village Museum  
*Rockford's*  
HISTORY MUSEUM



ROCKFORD  
PARK DISTRICT

**Admission:**

- ★ Advance Tickets Online or Museum Store  
\$14 Adults | \$7 Children
- ★ Museum Members are Free

Save The Date

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

\* Registered card carrying re-enactors are the ONLY guests admitted into the event in vintage military uniform. Visitors to the event may ONLY dress in 1940s civilian costume and must make sure the Visitor sticker is worn prominently.

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# OFFICIAL INFO

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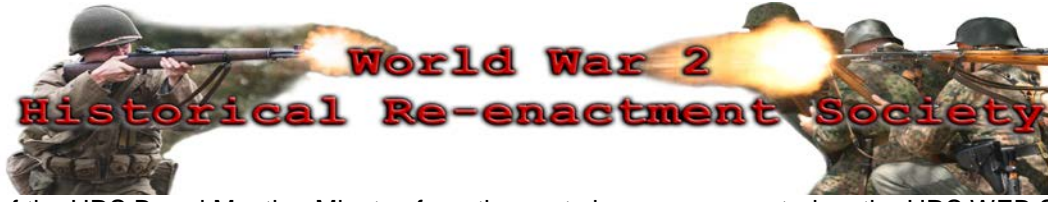
Monthly teleconference Board meetings are open to all members. Members do not need to register for the meetings nor do they need to contact the president or any board members.

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. Please contact your unit commander for more information regarding date, time, and log on information.

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All of the HRS Board Meeting Minutes from the past six years are posted on the HRS WEB Site.  
 Current HRS By-Law call for these official business reports to be re-published here in The Edge.  
 See the BOD Minutes Page at <http://WorldWarTwoHrs.org/Business.htm> for past meeting Minutes

**W W I I H R S M i n u t e s**

<p><b>2015 Minutes</b></p> <p><a href="#">January</a>  <a href="#">February</a>  <a href="#">March</a>  <a href="#">April</a>  <a href="#">May</a>      June      July      August      September      October      November      December</p>	<p><b>2014 Minutes</b></p> <p><a href="#">January</a>  <a href="#">February</a>  <a href="#">March</a>  <a href="#">April</a>  <a href="#">May</a>  <a href="#">June</a>      July  <a href="#">August</a>  <a href="#">September</a>  <a href="#">October</a>      November  <a href="#">December</a></p>
<p><b>2013 Minutes</b></p> <p>January      February (canceled)  <a href="#">March</a>  <a href="#">April</a>  <a href="#">May</a>  <a href="#">June</a>  <a href="#">July</a>  <a href="#">August</a>      September (canceled)  <a href="#">October</a>      November  <a href="#">December</a></p>	<p><b>2012 Minutes</b></p> <p><a href="#">January</a>  <a href="#">February</a>  <a href="#">March</a>  <a href="#">April</a>  <a href="#">May</a>  <a href="#">June</a>      July  <a href="#">August</a>      September (canceled)  <a href="#">October</a>  <a href="#">November</a>      December (<u>No quorum</u>)</p>
<p><b>2011 Minutes</b></p> <p><a href="#">January</a>  <a href="#">February</a>  <a href="#">March</a>  <a href="#">April</a>  <a href="#">May</a>  <a href="#">June</a>  <a href="#">July</a>  <a href="#">August</a>  <a href="#">September</a>  <a href="#">October</a>  <a href="#">November</a>  <a href="#">December</a></p>	<p><b>2010 Minutes</b></p> <p><a href="#">January</a>  <a href="#">February</a>  <a href="#">March</a>  <a href="#">April</a>  <a href="#">May</a>  <a href="#">June</a>  <a href="#">July</a>  <a href="#">August</a>  <a href="#">September</a>  <a href="#">October</a>  <a href="#">November</a>  <a href="#">December</a></p>

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## 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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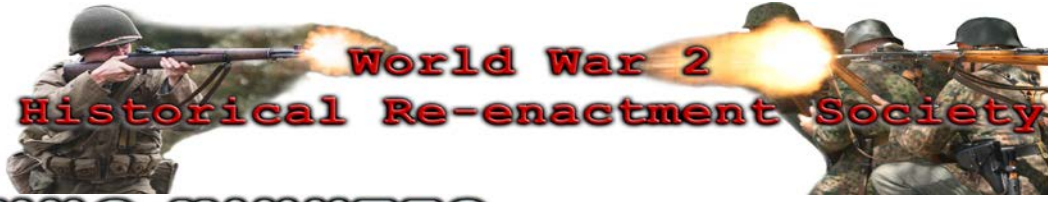
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# MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the WWII Historical Reenactment Society  
Board Meeting  
19 May 2015, 7:30 pm

Welcome and Roll Call:

Position	Name	Present
President	Jonathan Stevens	YES
Vice President	Chuck Bolanis	YES
Secretary	Doug Loge	YES
Treasurer	Wayne McCulley	YES
Allied Representative	Ron Kapustka	YES
Axis Representative	Tyler Stevens	YES
Commonwealth Rep.	Bryce Seyko	NO
EDGE Editor	Jeff Skender	NO
Business Manager	David Jameson	NO

HRS Members Present

Jim Phillips, Kyle Phillips, Chris Adams, George Reinke

Agenda approved by BOD vote.

Reading of the April minutes:

April minutes read by DL

April minutes - Approved by BOD vote.

Officer Reports:

Vice President:

New Charters:

11<sup>th</sup> Guards Rifle Division – UC Jim Phillips reduced officers on charter from 2 to 1. Agreed to keep unit rank appropriate at events. Approved for probationary charter by BOD

Probationary Charters: None

Defunct Charters: None

Charter Updates: None

## TREASURER'S REPORT WORLD WAR II HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY MAY 2015

Account Balances as of April 30, 2015

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$12,588.19
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$48,363.04
Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$ 302.20

Account Totals \$61,253.43

Income

Membership Income	\$1,153.34
Interest from Money Market Account	\$ 2.18

Total Income \$1,155.52

Expenditures

Mad Mimi Marketing	\$ 12.80
Eventbrite Fees for the Month of March	\$113.34
Postage	\$ 9.80

Total Expenditures \$135.94

Secretary:

New Events -

**15 - 18 October 2015 – Welcome Home, Star & Stripes Presents:  
Reflections of History,1860-Present. Location: Stars & Stripes National.  
Military Museum & Library, Bloomfield, MO.**

**Discounted online membership ends at the end of this month.**

**930+ HRS members so far this year.**

Commonwealth Rep: Not in attendance.

Allied Rep: No information.

Axis Rep: TS talked to Rich Russo and Nurse contingent will be separate in the future. No information regarding Change of Command form for 709<sup>th</sup>.

Staff Reports: Press Corps – Not in attendance.

Business Manager – Not in attendance.

Event Development Group – Not in attendance.

Committee Reports:

S&A – CB said there was the 11<sup>th</sup> Guards vote. No new discussion otherwise.

Unit Commanders – none

Vehicle Committee – CB said committee was working on German vehicle regulations at this time.

Civilian Committee – Nicole Fornell discussed a proposed Rules for Civilian Membership in the HRS and its accompanying application. Several BOD asked various questions, and there should be a vote on the document at the next BOD meeting.

Special Committee on Safety Protocols – JS said they have not met again, so there is no new information.

Old Business:

82 AB referees

RK said he talked to their commander and that they do not want to be unit, but would like to offer their services at tactical events for a small fee for gas money etc.. DL suggested that maybe their information can just be submitted to The Edge or the HRS Facebook page as a “recommended vendor” instead of pursuing this further by the BOD. RK said he thinks they don’t need insurance because they don’t carry weapons and don’t move tactically at events. CB stated that they have always signed waivers at every they have attended. RK will continue to follow up on this.

New Business:

New Events – WWII Rockford event – DL said he just received the Event Request form and it appears it is incomplete due to lack of 2 signatures. He will contact the Event Coordinator Scott Koelling, and the event should be voted on at the next BOD meeting.

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Event Support:  
 5th Annual Rails To Victory HRS event at the Fox River Trolley Museum in South Elgin, IL.  
 An Event Funding request form was received by DL for \$257.39, for event wristbands and park rental fees. Approved by BOD vote to fund event.

12<sup>th</sup> SS probation  
 TS said 12<sup>th</sup> SS did not notice any violations of probation. They worked well at events and have been quiet. RK said 12<sup>th</sup> SS has very reliable at events. CB said 12<sup>th</sup> SS helpful and reliable, and said that did notice their Unit Commander Steben posting a pic of himself in black Allgemeine uniform in December on Facebook. CB recommended that TS contact Steben and discuss the picture with him. TS said he did invite Steben to this meeting, and will invite him again for the next BOD meeting. All additional research should be done by the June BOD meeting.

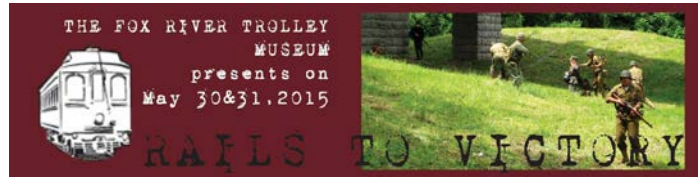
Comments -  
 HRS Insurance  
 DL expressed his concern that Business Manager David Jameson has not forwarded a copy of the HRS Insurance policy to the BOD. DL said that the insurance was paid for over 3 months ago and that Jameson emailed to BOD that he received the policy one month ago, and was going to scan it and send it to the BOD.

HRS Bank account  
 WM expressed his concern that Business Manager David Jameson has still not closed the Wells Fargo account and sent a check for its remaining funds. WM has requested this happen for close to one year.

Electronic event waivers  
 DL expressed his concern that electronic event waivers have been authorized for HRS events without approval by the BOD. JS stated that e-waivers are legal and approved. CB proposed that the Rails to Victory event be allowed to use the electronic waivers as a single test case to see if this system works. The BOD approved the Rails to Victory event as a single test case. The BOD agreed to vote on adopting electronic waivers as an option for event in the future.

Announcements: Next meeting 16 June 2015

Meeting adjourned 8:28pm



**Rails To Victory World War 2 Event Photos  
 By Rebecca Tulloch, WW2 HRS Press Corps**

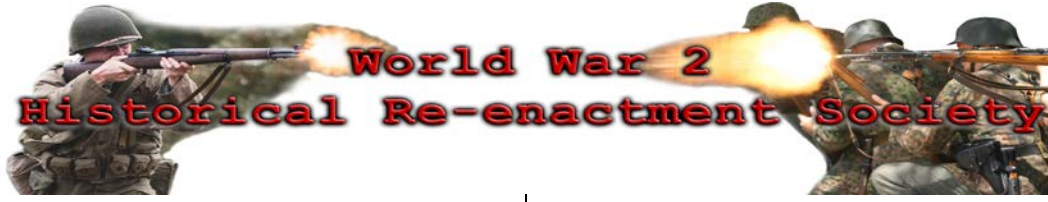
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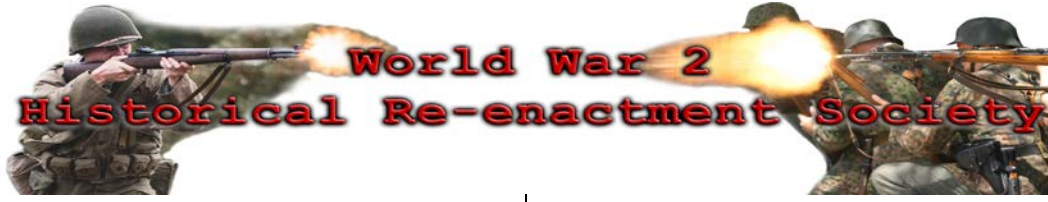
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If your unit has news that it would like to published in The EDGE, Or if a member would like to submit an article, Then simply e-mail it to me and I will put it in The EDGE.

Also I am willing to spend a day with your unit to get photos and video. The HRS Press Corps has 8 members so now we should be able to get wider coverage at events, you do need to contact me if you would like some special coverage of your unit or event.

The EDGE is the WW2 HRS's own publication. It is where we promote what we do. The EDGE promotes and features the works of WW2 HRS Members. I welcome HRS Units to advertise their Events and Accomplishments in The Edge.

ANY WW2 HRS Member can submit an item to me for publication here in The EDGE.

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My videos are posted on my "Heinz Thiel" Channel  
If you search (Google) Heinz Theil you should find them.

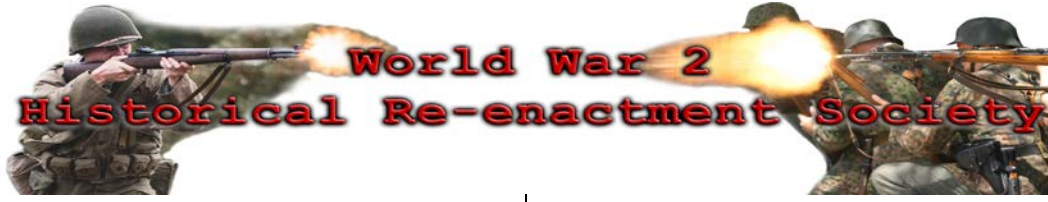
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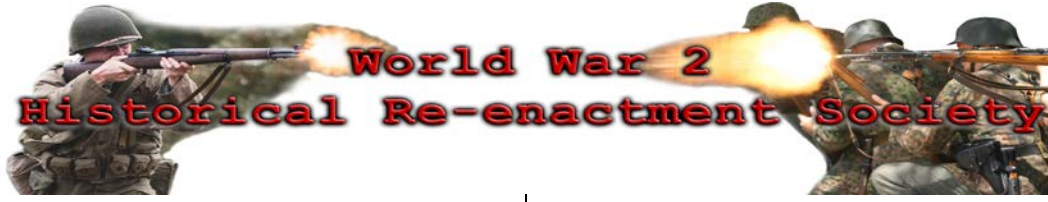
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Central Illinois World War 2 Reenactors  
6 June 2015  
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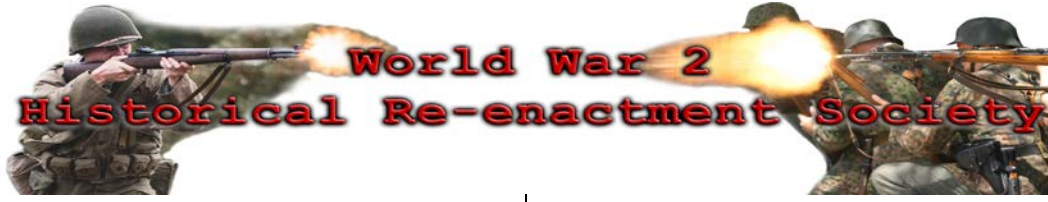




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German Army 275<sup>th</sup> Camp

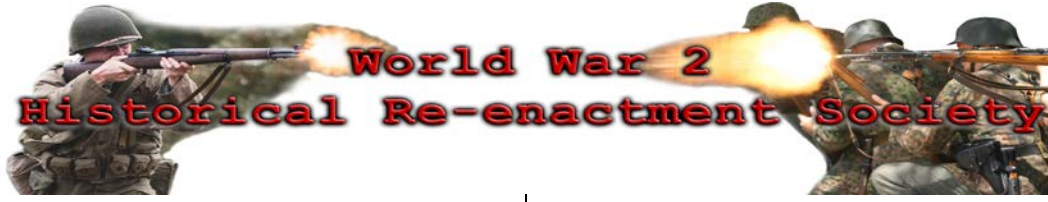


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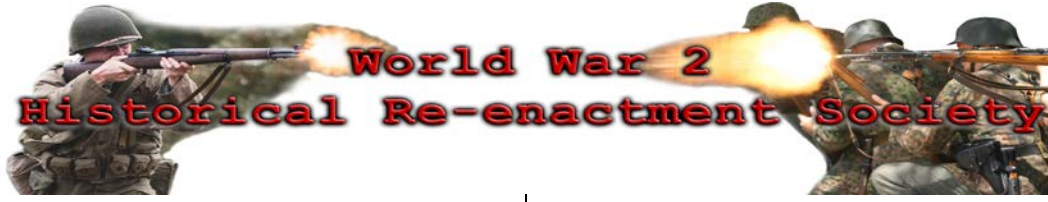
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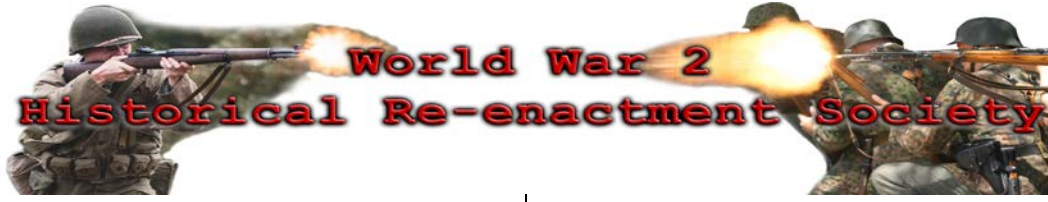
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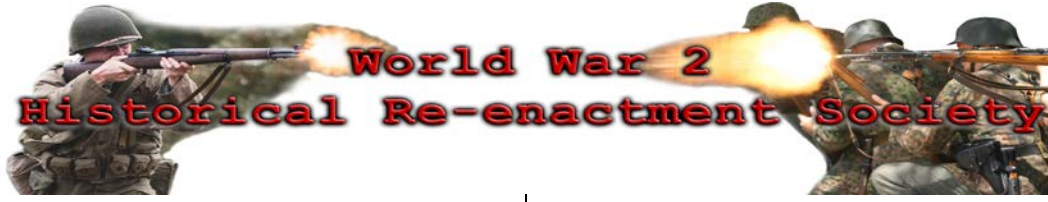
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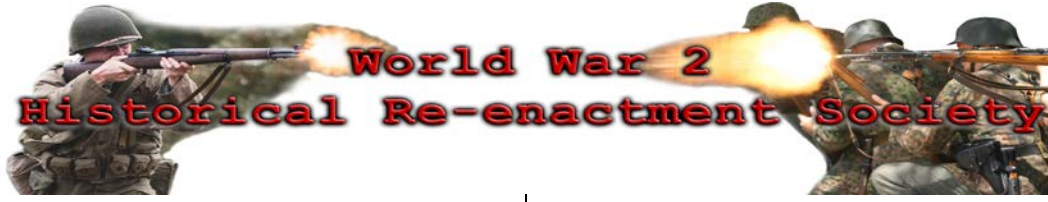
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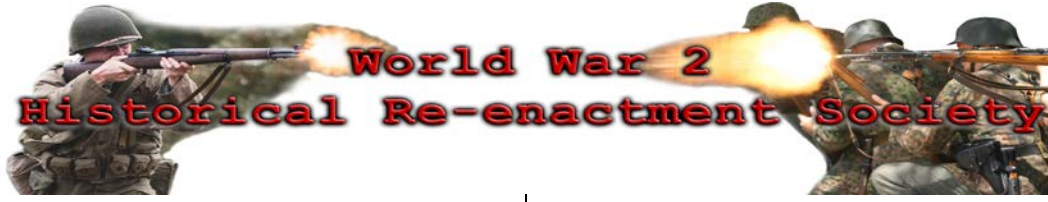




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630-858-4597  
[fahrnerlsa@aol.com](mailto:fahrnerlsa@aol.com)

- M1 Carbine Magazine Pouches – Belt \$25.00 Each
  - Officer's Custom Summer Tans – 1944 Issue  
Shirt Size 16, Pant Size 40 x 30 \$125.00
  - Officer's Wool Shirts – Sizes 15 & 16 \$50.00 Each
  - Officer's Service Trousers – Size 38x36, Repro Pinks \$50.00
  - Officer's Service Trousers - Size 40x28, Repro Pinks \$50.00
  - Officer's Service Trousers - Size 42x30, Repro Pinks \$50.00
  - Officer Rank Insignia – BG, LTC, MAJ, CPT, 1LT \$ 7.50 Each
  - Officer Branch Insignia – INF, CAV, TANK \$10.00 Each
  - Shoulder Patch – 1ID, 30ID, 45ID, 84ID, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ranger \$3.00 Each
  - M1943 Field Jacket – Size 48, 1944 Issue \$150.00
  - M1941 Field Jacket – Size 46 Reproduction \$125.00
  - Double Buckle Boots – Size 10D, Repro \$75.00
  - M1938 Leggings – Size 3R \$20.00
  - M1936 Pistol Belt \$50.00
  - M1916 Holster – 1944 Issue \$45.00
  - 45 ACP Magazine Pouch \$25.00
  - First Aid Pouch / Bandage \$15.00
  - Canteen & Cover \$50.00
  - Jeep Cap – Reproduction \$30.00
  - Practice Grenades \$10.00 Each
  - Musette Bag – 1943 Issue \$50.00
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