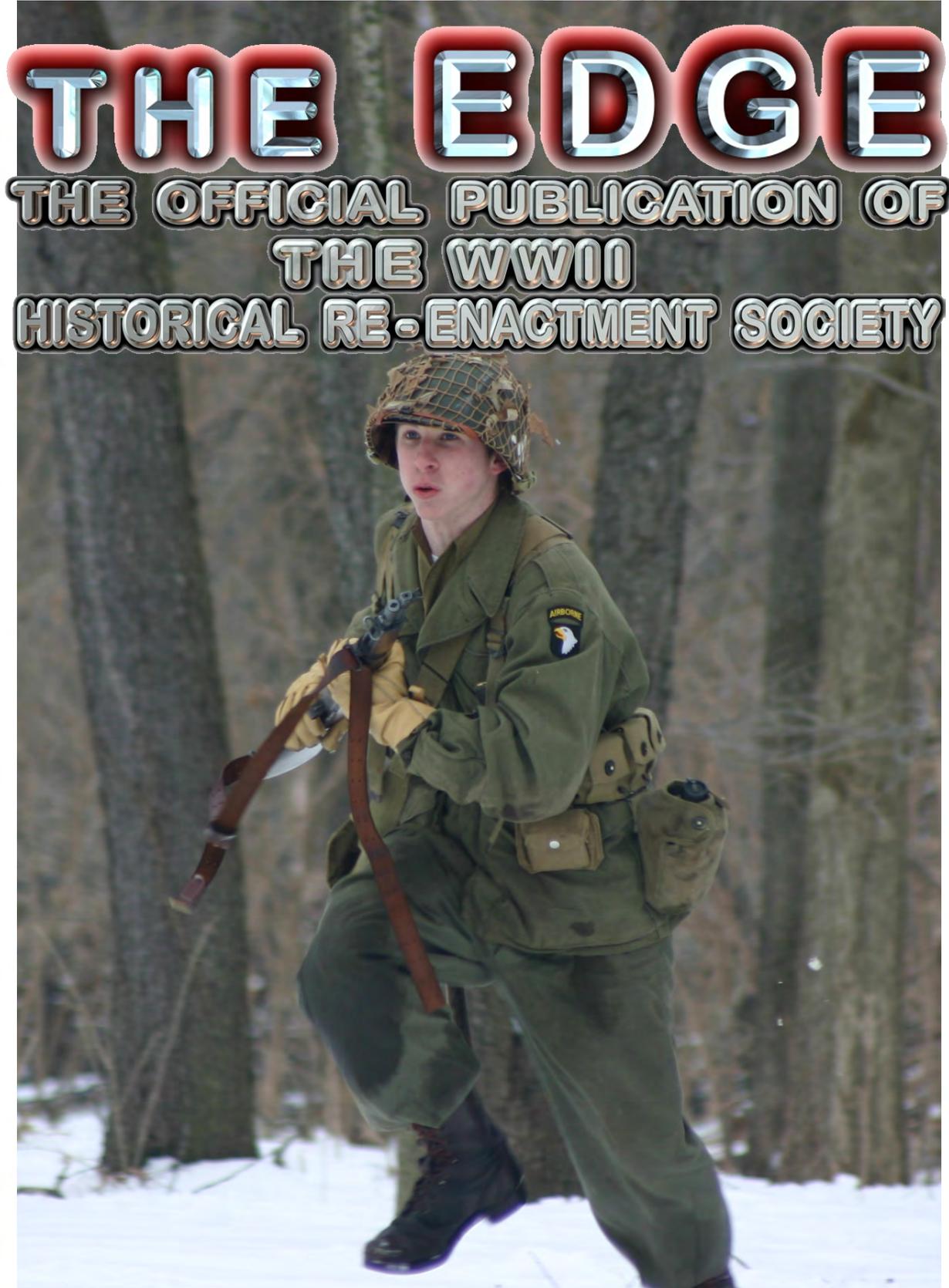




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# THE EDGE

1940s MILITARY TRADE PUBLICATION



FOR THE PROFESSIONAL RE-ENACTOR

The Second Cover Page

These are pictures from a February 2010 Stone House Park Re-enactment

FYI: The reports are that Stone House Park failed to pay its taxes and is no longer in operation.



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## COMMANDERS CORNER

**FROM: Carlos Ramirez**  
**SUBJECT: Letter 01 to the Society**

I am Carlos Ramirez - your new president. It is a great honor and a privilege, to be elected to serve the Society and you.

I look forward to serving you and the Society for the 2013-14 years; along with the other newly elected or reelected members of the Board of Directors. I wish to thank each and every Society member who voted, regardless of candidate preferred, for taking part in the 2012 election process.

I realize fully, like most members, that all of us elected members on the new B.O.D. have a really large task ahead of us - in either gaining, or regaining your confidence in our Society. A few of the challenges we have as it pertains to our Society, is to produce quarterly financial statements, our Society newsletter, quick membership application processing, the charter application process, challenges to maintaining our event insurance, and also supporting the big Society event that most of us consider as the national battle event. These are just some of the tasks we must come to grips with and bend them to our will.

I am the type of guy who has grabbed many a bull by the horns in order to get things moving forward. I ask in behalf of the new B.O.D., for your patience and your support to allow us to work some magic. With all this said, allow me to set some guidance for all to know about how I operate, and how I wish for the Society to also operate.

1) **Communication** – “Two-way and Open Door” for all members of the Society. You may call me (without an appointment, or an email). An email does help to alert me that you need to call me, or me to call you. Whatever works best for you?

Call me too, when you feel that you are not getting the support from the B.O.D. as you feel you should, and inform me or suggest to me how to get the ball across the goal line.

2) **Commanders** - I will be calling all unit Commanders over the next 3-months in order to establish a collaborative communication conduit. I hope to reach each one of you. If a Commander, or Society member wishes to call me, I will accept your telephone call gladly (if not working at my job or attending a function), or return your call within 24-hours. This effort is something that I have already been asked to do by some members of our Society. I will ask the other B.O.D. members to do the same - to return your telephone calls and to get to know you as your B.O.D. representative.

3) **Meeting Agenda** – Each month, on the 3rd Thursday of the month, I encourage all “who wish,” to call into the tele-conference and listen in, ask a question, hear responses, and get informed on the issues, challenges and accomplishments of our Society.

Commanders – I will set aside the first 20 minutes of our tele-conference call night strictly for you to call in and to ask a question, or to hear input from you and about your unit.

I do suggest that should you indeed have a question that you email it to the appropriate B.O.D. member ahead of the meeting - in order to have us provide a reasonably solid response.

4) **The EDGE** – Our By-Laws are clear. The Society is required to formulate and make available a Society publication as least four times per year. This can be done. Allow us to make it happen and look for something by the last week of February bar none. I will be proposing to the other B.O.D. members that the first issue of The EDGE contains the publication schedule for 2013. In this manner, the Society will know both the deadline for submissions, and the subsequent publication dates.





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- 5) **Quarterly Financial Reports** – These are top priority to make known to the Society on a quarterly basis. A review of the last two years of posted newsletters do not show quarterly financial reports were published in our newsletters. The B.O.D. is committed collectively to follow this important By-Law.
- 6) **Allied/Axis/Commonwealth Reprs** – We do not have a Russian representative serving the interests of the Russian units of our Society. There has already been some discussion last year, with more to take place this year.
- 7) **Unit Charter submissions** – Jonathan Stevens has already been working towards selected individuals to do an initial and complete review of the "new unit charter application" submitted by a new Unit. For example, selected S&A committee members, who are willing to work with the chartering unit Commander to review a new charter application completely and to make suggestions for changes. Once the charter application is solid, Jonathan will then send it to the S&A committee and each B.O.D. member for final review.

## COMMUNICATIONS

My name is Doug Loge  
And I am that new Axis Rep for the HRS.

I would first like to thanks all the HRS members that voted.  
This last election is proof that every vote counts.

There are some positive proposals for changes on the way,  
and they will be better communicated to the HRS  
membership.

There should be no reason for the HRS membership to ask  
"What is the HRS BOD doing".

I look forward to representing the Axis units and well as all  
units this year.

See you in the field,  
Doug



## NEWS

**Please remember to renew  
your membership  
In the HRS for 2013.**

This year you can do it one of two ways, either on-line, or in paper.  
You will need to get the on-line password or paper form from you Unit Commander.  
If you choose to do it on paper, your Unit Commander needs to sign off on it.



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## WWII HRS 2012 General Election Results

The election results are posted here.  
The balloting was done via Ballotbin.com. Each eligible member was given a login and ballot to make their choices.  
While some claimed no internet access a paper ballot was also available.

The results were extremely close with one vote deciding the outcome of the only contested race for President.

The paper votes were tabulated by Melissa Lenczewski of the 2629<sup>th</sup> WAC Battalion.  
Verification of the eligibility of the paper ballots were also investigated. This did take some extra time.

The breakdown of the votes along with some analysis of the voting is included.  
The percent voting was slightly less than the interim elections in 2011 however it was still a significant increase from the morbidly low numbers in the paper ballot only elections.

In the future a strong suggestion is that all voting should be conducted via electronic means to lessen the possibility of fraud and increase participation of the membership.  
Also a vote commission should also be established to conduct elections for positions and other votes as they come up.

Ballotbin.com is a cost free means for small non for profit organizations to conduct orderly votes for any number of issues.  
While the service if free donations are accepted with any funds generated by Ballotbin.com donated to several worthwhile causes.  
See their website for further information on that.

Jonathan Stevens  
WWII HRS Vice President

Total Ballots Cast:	397
Total Eligible Members:	1022
Percent Voted:	38.8%
E-Ballot Voted:	371
Eligible to vote:	842
Percent Voted:	44.1%
Paper Voted:	26
Eligible to vote:	180
Percent Voted:	14.4%

**Vote for President**                      **Percent**

David Jameson		
E-ballot:	198	
Paper:	0	
TOTAL	198	49.9%

Carlos Ramirez		
E-ballot:	173	
Paper:	26	
TOTAL	199	50.1%

**Vote for Vice President**

Jonathan Stevens		
E-ballot:	346	
Paper:	25	
TOTAL	371	93.5%



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## Vote for Treasurer

Charles Gallagher  
 E-ballot: 329  
 Paper: 25  
 TOTAL 354 89.2%

## Vote for Secretary

Darryl (Eddie) Mayton  
 E-ballot: 334  
 Paper: 25  
 TOTAL 359 90.4%

## Vote for Allied Representative

Ronald J Kapustka  
 E-ballot: 318  
 Paper: 24  
 TOTAL 342 86.1%

## Vote for Axis Representative

Doug Loge  
 E-ballot: 325  
 Paper: 25  
 TOTAL 350 88.2%

## Vote for Commonwealth Representative

Bryce Seyko  
 E-ballot: 325  
 Paper: 24  
 TOTAL 349 87.9%

## **Non-Binding Survey Questions**

*Would you be in favor of events open to Society membership only?*

<b>Response</b>	<b>Percent</b>
No	36
Yes	33
Somewhat	29

*Would you pay a small convenience fee for an on-line membership renewal system?*

<b>Response</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Yes	64
No	35

*Would you be in favor of a new board level representative for any of the following:*

<b>Response</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Soviet	34
Civilian	31
Pacific	25



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All of the HRS Board Meeting Minutes from the past five 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

<b>WWII HRS Minutes</b> Click to go to a PDF file of the minutes.	
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# WWII HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY Inc.

## MEETING MINUTES

18 October 2012 Board Meeting

### **Board Member Attending:**

President: David Jameson, Vice President: Jonathan Stevens, Treasurer: Charles Gallagher, Allied Representative: Bill Sheets, Commonwealth Rep: Bryce Seyko

### **Unit CO's and Members Attending:**

Carlos Ramirez, Rey Ramirez, George Rienke, Russ Gordon, Don Prabish, Polly Blanton, Andrew Garrison, John Lind, and Doug Loge

The minutes for August 2012 were tabled.

The September meeting was cancelled due to the majority of the board traveling to the Rockford event.

### **Old Business:**

Regional Event Requested Funds: discussed the process to support regional events.

Should be applied for many months in advance. There will also be cutoff dates to apply for funding.

### **New Business**

Unit Charters

New charters:

10th Mountain Division: The WAC portion of the charter was removed. A vote called, and 2nded. The vote was 5 to approve and none against.

E Co 505th PIR, 82nd Abn: Currently in the S&A Committee 517th PRCT was introduced by Russ Gordon.

He described the reason for the charter was that it was a lesser known unit with many interesting features.

He also discussed some of the unique headwear for the unit.

53rd Aufklarung Abteilung: being considered in the S&A Committee.

Final Charter Approval:

B Co, 502 PIR, 101st Abn: A roster of 5 or more members was needed.

321st Glider Field Artillery Battalion – tabled;

5th Infantry Div – tabled.

### **Officers Reports:**

Treasurer Report: The HRS breakfast at Rockford cost approximately \$400

Secretary Report: None

Commonwealth Rep Report: None

Allied Rep Report: None

Axis Rep Report: None

Edge Report: None

### **Committee Reports:**

S&A: Charter Review Subcommittee is being formed to review and streamline the charter process.

Unit Commanders: No report.

Vehicle Committee: goal is to have a vehicle listing

Scholarship: Awarded to Andrew Luce who is attending Ball State University.

A \$500 award was authorized to be paid to his school on his behalf.

**Election:** The election will take place in November with October 31 the deadline to declare candidacy.

2013 Application Form will be a fill-able PDF format and also use the Eventbright system for online membership with a password.

### **Open Comments:**

John Lind asked for Rockford to move the pizza vendor away from the reenactors.

He also suggested more information on various units be added to the website.

Doug Loge asked about the financial state and a possible use of funds.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.**



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## MEETING MINUTES

14 November 2012 Board Meeting

### Board Member Attending:

President: David Jameson, Vice President: Jonathan Stevens, Secretary: Ronald J Kapustka, Allied Representative: Bill Sheets, Commonwealth Rep: Bryce Seyko

### Unit CO's and HRS Members Attending:

Carlos Rameriz, Rey Rameriz, Will Greenslade, Mike Alexander, Eddie Mayton, Doug Loge, Steve Sloane, Jan Sheets

### Reading of the October Minutes

The minutes for October, 2012 were read by Ron Kapustka. A motion to approve them was made by Jon and seconded by Bill. The Minutes were approved as read.

### Old Business

Regional Event Funding – There will be a written procedure; designated amount to spend for each year (\$4,000); The same event cannot be funded in consecutive years; four events each year; sponsoring unit must be chartered and not on probation; any remaining funds would be rolled into the next year funding. The Procedure will be written up and sent out by Jonathan to the Board for their comments and approval.

Rey Rameriz asked about a funding request for reimbursement for \$175.00 for the July, 2012 event in Colorado. This will be tabled until the next event.

### New Business

#### Unit Charters

#### New Charters:

E Co., 505<sup>th</sup> PIR, 82<sup>nd</sup> Abn: This unit is still in the S&A Committee and will be tabled for now.

517<sup>th</sup> PRCT: This unit is still in the S&A Committee and will be tabled for now.

3<sup>rd</sup> Motorized, 53 Aufklarung Abteilung: A Revised Charter was submitted and sent to the S&A Committee. Tabled for now.

Mike Alexander spoke about his proposed Unit.

They will have a half track and an armored car. The half track is a ground-up built replica built of the 250. They also have 13 members so far, some of which speak German. They hope to have events in Wisconsin and Illinois. Doug Loge asked about the Finnish Sergeant shown on their Charter. This impression would be Eastern Front historically accurate.

Doug also asked about the rank structure as well.

A new charter for the 7th Infantry Division was just received by Jonathan. The Charter will be sent to the S&A Committee.

#### Charter Review:

B Co, 502 PIR, 101<sup>st</sup> Abn: They were left off last month's meeting to make sure they had five members. They listed several members and stated they will have several more in 2013. This will also be tabled until the January, 2013 board meeting.

321st Glider Field Artillery Battalion: They were tabled from last meeting. They plan on being more active in 2013. This should be extended until at least the January board meeting.

5th Infantry Division: They were also tabled from last meeting. They plan on being more active in 2013. This should be extended until at least the January board meeting.

Co. C, 26th Inf Regt ,1st Infantry Division: This should be extended until at least the January board meeting.



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**Treasurer Report** We have a total of \$41,130.95 at PNC Bank.

**Secretary Report** We have 1101 members as of today.

**Commonwealth Report** No Report

**Allied Report** No Report

**Axis Report** No report

**Edge Report** Mike mentioned to Jon that the next Edge will just have the Election information.

## **Committee Reports**

**S&A:** Charter Review Subcommittee

**Unit Commanders:** The 2013 Membership Application Form will be posted to the Unit CO's soon.

**Vehicle** – HRS vehicle listing is being worked on.

**Election** Information will go out with the next Edge.  
The field of candidates is:

President	David Jameson and Carlos Rameriz
VP	Jonathan Stevens
Treasurer	Charles Gallagher
Secretary	Eddie Mayton
Allied Rep	Ron Kapustka
Axis Rep	Doug Loge
Commonwealth Rep	Bryce Seyko

**Insurance Update:** David was notified by our insurance carrier that our policy will not be renewed because our current insurance company was bought out by Travelers and the new owner does not want to write this type of insurance.

## **Open Comments:**

Bryce discussed the EventBrite HRS Membership Application and the fees associated with getting paid from EventBrite. Jan Sheets asked questions about EventBrite as well.

A motion was made by Ron Kapustka and seconded by Bill Sheets to accept the EventBrite process as an electronic option for the 2013 HRS Membership Applications. A vote was taken and was approved. The traditional "paper" process still remains an option for all members.

A motion was made by Ron Kapustka and seconded by Bryce Seyko to have the HRS member pay the EventBrite fee and the HRS to pay the credit card fees for the 2013 HRS Membership Applications. A vote was taken and was approved.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.**



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## The National Veterans Museum

Submitted By: Rich Russo – 5<sup>th</sup> Company GrossDeutschland

Staff of the National Veterans Museum have been to HRS events, and are very impressed by our re-enactments. The museum has asked for HRS member participation, in the ground breaking ceremony and the opening day event. If you would like to participate in this historic event then read the information below.



The United States of America stands unique among nations. People of all lands and backgrounds have come to America to seek a better future, because we are a democracy of free will. We can become anything and anyone if we so choose. And yet, American freedom is far from free. Generations of despots, tyrants, and terrorists have attacked our way of life. They have tried to undercut our foundations of liberty and justice for all, never with success, in large part, because of the millions of men and women in uniform.



PROUD ★ COMPELLING ★ EVERLASTING

### OUR MISSION

Honor ★ Educate ★ Preserve

To honor the contribution and sacrifice of the more than 40 million men and women who served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. The museum will educate visitors about the times our troops served and preserve the legacy of our veterans through state-of-the art, immersive displays, animatronics and an extensive collection of artifacts and archival documents. At the National Veterans Museum, military history will come alive and be presented in a manner that's relevant to a generation accustomed to absorbing information through various media.

### OUR VISION

Establish a resource where everyone will find something; where the old can remember, where the young can learn, where you can reflect on the achievements of those who served.





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The National Veterans Museum intends to honor those who served, those who put others ahead of themselves, those who sacrificed so others might live and prosper. It's easy enough on national holidays to reflect on D-Day, or Iwo Jima, or San Juan Hill. It's more difficult to recognize the less glorified achievements and duties of citizen soldiers. The National Veterans Museum will help us remember and appreciate all who served and preserve their legacy.

The National Veterans Museum will be a state-of-the-art museum experience, Honoring all American veterans from the Revolutionary War and into the future ... we will educate our visitors to the great service and sacrifice of all those who wore/wear the uniform ... we will preserve American veterans legacy.

**1. NO taxpayer dollars or government funding will be used in the building or operation of the National Veterans Museum Project.**

**2. Our leadership team is comprised of distinguished, highly-decorated military officers and highly respected, accomplished visionaries in all key areas:**

- Organization and financial management
- Planning and operations
- Architecture, design and construction
- Veterans affairs
- Dining and catering services
- Marketing and public relations
- Public outreach and event planning
- Exhibit care and artifact preservation
- Educational programming and communication
- Retail/gift shop management and merchandising

**3. A world class, state-of-art museum campus spanning 200 acres in America's Heartland!**

- 3-D and 4-D interactive technology, hologram theater and animatronics presentations in a 325,000 square foot main building
- 3 outdoor adjacent buildings for land, air and sea equipment
- Features ALL U.S. conflicts and the troops, equipment and stories defining each conflict
- In-house television/radio production facility to interview veterans, document their stories and produce original programming
- 14-acre veterans garden with Heroes of Freedom Memorial
- 3 concert areas and parade grounds
- 4 baseball diamonds and 4 football/soccer fields for hosting athletic tournaments
- Housing for wounded warriors, homeless veterans and families of service members with medical and financial hardships



The National Veterans Museum will have 3-outdoor venues for entertainment, 3-indoor venues (rentable) for entertainment (up to 2,000 people per room) a hotel and convention center, 8-athletic fields for sports tournaments.

A 14-acre Memorial Garden featuring the Heroes of Freedom Memorial, all on a 300 campus.

There will be a beautiful "wedding tent" in the gardens.

Joe Cantafio is CEO and President of the National Veterans Museum Campus and Experience.

For photos, Board of Directors and contact information ... See:

<http://nationalveteransmuseum.org>



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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON

MAY 03 2012

General James T. Conway, USMC (Ret)  
Chairman of the Board  
National Veterans Museum  
73 Leach Drive  
Mifflintown, PA 17059

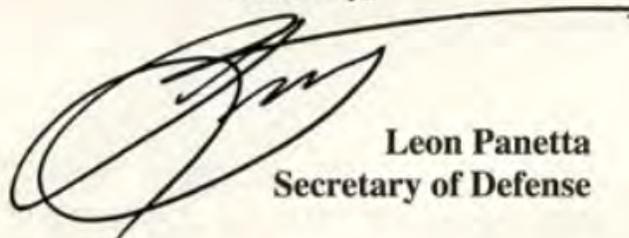
Dear General Conway,

On behalf of the United States Department of Defense, I am writing to congratulate you on your new endeavor as Chairman of the National Veterans Museum Board. I am sure you are excited about this most worthwhile challenge.

It is always humbling and a great privilege to be part of an effort that honors our veterans and brings them the respect they so richly deserve. Indeed, the stories of their sacrifices and their legacies should be preserved. I am confident that this monumental project will be hugely successful with you at the helm.

In closing, I wish you the very best in your new pursuit and look forward to the grand opening. Congratulations, again.

Sincerely,



Leon Panetta  
Secretary of Defense



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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**  
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62706

**Pat Quinn**  
GOVERNOR

June 21, 2011

Joe Cantafio  
Executive Director  
National Veterans Museum  
Hoffman Estates, IL

Dear Mr. Cantafio,

As residents of the State of Illinois, we must do everything we can to support our Veterans and servicemembers. It is our duty to honor the men and women in uniform who have selflessly served our state and country. That is why I was pleased to hear about the newly proposed National Veterans Museum, which will be headquartered in Hoffman Estates.

No other time in history has a sense of urgency existed to embrace an institution dedicated to the cause of honoring the patriotic sacrifices of American Veterans and servicemembers. I am glad that this museum plans to include educational and inspirational outreach programs to veterans throughout the United States.

I offer my best wishes for a successful endeavor, and please keep my office informed of your progress.

Sincerely,

Pat Quinn  
Governor



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**The National Veterans Museum  
Is being built in  
Hoffman Estates, IL.**

Ground Break is scheduled for  
May 31, 2013.

Grand Opening is scheduled for  
July 4, 2016.

The National Veterans Museum is  
Looking for Reenactors doing  
Any and All U.S. Military Impression  
to take part in their May 31, 2013  
Ground Breaking Ceremony in  
Hoffman Estates, Illinois.

The ground breaking ceremony will  
be a daylong event attended by the  
National Press and many  
governmental and active military  
officials.

If you or your unit has an interest in  
taking part in this historical event  
please contact the  
P.O.C. for reenactor coordination  
Richard A. Russo  
by telephone 1-847-254-8826  
or by email at [vizsla25@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vizsla25@sbcglobal.net)



To Make Men Free  
By: Norman Rockwell 1943



## Tent Fire Safety

Submitted By LTC Tim Scherrer, Railsplitters Living History Company

This Hartford, CT Circus Tent fire killed 168 people and injured another 700 on 6 July 1944.

The tents we use are of similar materials and construction as this deadly tent. It was blamed on the waterproofing material used on the tent. One circus employee claimed it was arson, but he had a history of mental illness and was never charged in the case.

When we are at our homes, we have safety devices that keep us safe. Smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and other safety devices provide a service to keep us protected. When we go to reenactments, we lose those safety devices. We need to be cognizant of the threats we face by mitigating them.

Canvas tents can provide good shelter against the elements, but also provide another potential source of danger. While many tents have a fire retardant coating on the canvas most will still burn in the right circumstances. US tents typically are made from treated canvas, while some reproduction tents and original items are not treated. Even treated canvas will burn when given enough time and heat.

Authorities attempting to identify the bodies from the Hartford 1944 Circus fire.

Several entire families were lost in the tragedy.

Tent fires are something we watch for in the military and while are very rare today but can have big consequences. A tent catching on fire will quickly destroy in the contents before they are extinguished.

Tent fires can be divided into internal and external ignition sources. Preventing fires takes addressing both of these possible threats.





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This Afghan Army tent fire in 2010 was started by a burning ember, and destroyed 7 other tents. It nearly ignited a nearby ammunition storage building.

Camp fires are an integral part of reenacting and provide a place for congregation, but I have always thought of them to be very unauthentic in a front line setting. Building a fire close to the enemy just advertises your location and is usually an invitation for artillery to fire on your position. I enjoy a good campfire as much as anyone, but I also try to remember this is a luxury most WWII soldiers could not afford.

External fires come from camp fires, trash fires, thrown cigarettes and other ignition sources. An ember may blow from a fire on to the tent, catching it on fire.

The location of fires in relation to your campsite increases or decreases your relative safety.

The first factor you need to look at is prevailing winds for they determine which direction embers will float.

A minimum of 10 feet should be cleared around the fire of flammable material like leaves, dry grass or sticks. Placing the fire more than 20 feet from your campsite should decrease the threat of fire but this is a judgment call. The stronger the winds, the further you should separate the fire and tents. Place the fire downwind from your own tent and also be cognizant of other tents. You don't want to destroy someone else's tent accidentally. Burn only wood, charcoal or other approved fuels and use minimal lighting fluids. Throwing newspaper, cardboard, or other flammable items in the fire can create more embers and cause a tent fire. Keep gasoline, kerosene and other fuels upwind and away from fires to avoid accidental ignition.



This electrical fire destroyed a tent in Kuwait in 2003.

Internal fires are started by items inside the tent. There are two general categories of these: electrical and flame ignition.

Electrical fires come from overloaded power circuits that overheat, and cause items in the tent to catch fire. These are the most common in the military today when soldiers are deployed and living in semi-permanent tents. Multiple power strips get connected to run a myriad of devices, causing overloading, heat and a fire. Fortunately in reenacting we usually aren't anywhere long enough to have this problem.

The reenacting threat is more so from heaters, candles and lanterns. Many times our tents have straw on the ground, so if a candle or lantern gets knocked over a fire can start quickly. Our wooden cots, wool blankets, sleeping bags and other gear can catch fire and quickly engulf a tent. All it takes is a strong wind to blow the tent flap into a table, causing it to knock over. The table goes over, taking the candle or lantern on to the ground or cot, starting a fire.





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Marines at Camp Dwyer Afghanistan set up this tent fire scenario as a training and education tool in December of 2010.

Any fire source inside of a tent can also create a carbon monoxide problem inside the tent. While a single lantern or candle will not likely cause this, heaters that are not properly ventilated can quickly fill a tent with deadly levels of carbon monoxide, putting its occupants into a slow permanent sleep. Any heaters must be properly ventilated. If there is a smoke stack, make sure it has proper sleeving through the tent canvas to avoid starting a fire.

Here are a few tips that can save you from an internal tent fire. The best way to avoid this is to not have anything burning inside a tent. If you choose to use a candle or lantern, it should never be unattended inside the tent, especially not with people sleeping inside the tent.

I quit using flammable items inside my tent a few years ago, switching to battery operated camping lanterns. Fortunately now, several manufacturers have some out with hurricane style battery operated LED lanterns that look more authentic and increase safety. These are fairly cheap, and can be had for \$10-20 off ebay and various distributors. While you lose the flicker of a real flame, I think this is offset by increased safety.



I still use fuel lanterns outside of my tent for the ambiance and authenticity at night.

These are some of the LED type replica hurricane lanterns. They run off standard sized batteries, have 10-20 LEDs and cost about \$10-20. The knobs on them are dimmers to increase or decrease light output.

If you want to continue to use flame devices, make sure they are watched at all times. Never allow anyone to sleep inside a tent with a lit flame device. Make sure they are on a stable platform like a table. If you don't need straw on the ground inside the tent don't use it.



I have a plastic backed flame retardant canvas floor I use in my tent to avoid the muck inside my own tent. Having fire extinguisher or a 5 gallon water jug nearby can also save you in case something goes awry.

Being cognizant of the threats caused by tents and fire can save you a lot of grief and injury later. It just isn't worth it to me to have a lit flame inside a tent compared to the potential costs. Taking these simple precautions can avoid you have a too hot of time in your tent. Maybe I have become cautious as I reach my late forties, but I just can't see taking unnecessary chances when an alternate is available.



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## ON THE INTERNET

Editor's Note:

We have seen book reviews published in the Edge.

This is something new.

Here I can list some of great items of interest to us that can be found on the Internet.

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Submitted By: Pete Kidera – Never Forget

This is something I never knew and I feel that you too might like to see it.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MgE2KiPd3xg&feature=youtube\\_gdata\\_player](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MgE2KiPd3xg&feature=youtube_gdata_player)

**Eternal Peace** - World War II Valor in the Pacific – USS Arizona

**By** WWIIValorNPS



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**www.WorldWarTwoHRS.Org**

## WWII HRS Galleries

### HRS's Flickr Photo Group



[View the slideshow in fullscreen.](#)

#### Have a Flickr account?

To join or view the WWII HRS's Flickr photo group, click the banner below.

photos 1704 members 76

**WWII HRS Reenactments**

Not a member of Flickr? No problem!  
[Click here to submit photographs for the gallery.](#)

Check out all the great pictures on the HRS WEB site.



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Unit Galleries	
<a href="#">WWII Combat Photographer</a>	<a href="#">9th SS-"Hohenstaufen"</a>
<a href="#">117th / 30th Infantry Division</a> <i>Charles City, Iowa 2005</i>	<a href="#">2. SS "Das Reich"</a>
<a href="#">105th Engineers, 30th Infantry</a>	<a href="#">Railsplitters</a>
<a href="#">2nd Infantry Division</a>	<a href="#">Großdeutschland 2. Zug</a>
<a href="#">9th Infantry Division</a>	<a href="#">6. SS "Nord"</a>
<a href="#">2nd Panzer Division</a>	<a href="#">70th Tank Bn. gallery</a>
<a href="#">502nd PIR 1st battalion, A Co.</a> <b>NEW!</b>	

Videos	
<a href="#">Heinz Thiel's YouTube Home Page</a> by Heinz Thiel	<a href="#">WWII 60mm Mortar Fire Mission</a> by johnny_z_e_r_o

Check out all the great HRS Videos.

Note: There is video from the following Events

- Union, IL – Anzio Express – May 2012
- South Elgin, IL – Rail to Victory – June 2012
- Peoria, IL – June 2012
- Dixon, IL – June 2012
- Kuiper's Farm – Sept. 2012
- Rockford, IL - Sept. 2012

There is more to be published



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## EVENTS

February		February 2013
<b>09</b>	<b>10TH ANNUAL WINTER HIKE</b>	
<b>Feb</b>	 <p> <b>Loc:</b> Hawn State Park, Sante Genevieve, MO  <b>Dates:</b> 9 February 2013  <b>Event Times:</b> 8:00 am till sunset  <b>Registration Times:</b> n/a  <b>Pre-Registration:</b> Send email to <a href="mailto:papajoad@20thcenturygi.com">papajoad@20thcenturygi.com</a>  <b>Fee:</b> none  <b>Contact:</b> Gary Adkins <a href="mailto:papajoad@20thcenturygi.com">papajoad@20thcenturygi.com</a>  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.20thcenturygi.com/index.php">http://www.20thcenturygi.com/index.php</a>  <b>Directions:</b> Take I-55 south to Highway 32, exit #150, (Sante Genevieve), turn right, (west), 12 miles, follow signs to park entrance and to parking lot/trailhead  <b>Authenticity Notes:</b> Per HRS rules  <b>Prohibited Vehicles/Items:</b> No Vehicles  <b>Restrictions on Minors:</b> Must have parent.  <b>Other restrictions:</b> NO AMMO of any kind  <b>Motels:</b> one day event  <b>Sponsoring Unit(s):</b> First special Service Force, 6th CO, 3rd REG HRS </p>	
<b>09</b>	<b>OSTFRONT I</b>	
<b>Feb</b>	<p> <b>Loc:</b> Blastcamp Paintball park. Lowell, IN.  <b>Date:</b> February 9, 2013  <b>Event Times:</b> 1000 - 1600 CST  <b>Registration Times:</b> Saturday February 9, 0730-0930  <b>Pre-Registration:</b> Yes  <b>Fee:</b> \$15.00  <b>Contact:</b> Doug Loge - <a href="mailto:dbloge@yahoo.com">dbloge@yahoo.com</a>  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://ostfront.eventbrite.com">http://ostfront.eventbrite.com</a>  <b>Map:</b> see website  <b>Directions:</b> see website  <b>Authenticity Notes:</b> WWII HRS rules apply.  <b>Prohibited:</b> see website  <b>Restrictions on Minors:</b> No  <b>Other restrictions:</b> see website  <b>Motels:</b> yes, hotels.com  <b>Sponsor:</b> none </p>	



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## EVENTS

March 2013

22-24

### 2ND ANNUAL BATTLE OF BOHEMIA AND MORAVIA

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**Location:** MACON ARMY NATIONAL GUARD TRAINING SITE, 29614 Jaguar St, Macon, MO 63552

**Dates:** March 22-24, 2013

**Event Times:** 0900 March 23-noon March 24

**Registration Times:** 1400 March 22-0800 March 23

**Pre-Registration:** Email [dptydover@gmail.com](mailto:dptydover@gmail.com) to pre-register.

**Fee:** \$15.00

**Contact:**

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**Map:** ([click here](#))

**Directions:** From Kansas City, MO take Hwy 70 or Hwy 36 East to Hwy 63 Macon Mo. From St Louis take Hwy 70 or Hwy 36 West to Macon Mo. Travel South on Hwy 63 from Hwy 36 or North on Hwy 63 from Hwy 70. Turn right (West) onto Kohl St 0.2 mi, Continue onto E 6th St 0.2 mi, Continue onto Coates St 0.9 mi, Continue onto Coates Street Rd 0.3 mi, Turn right onto Co Rd 718 B/Jaguar St. Destination will be on the left (South Side) of Jaguar St.

**Authenticity Notes:** All German, Soviet, and other East Front Impressions are Welcome.

Partisans will have 100% period attire and weapons, No exceptions.

WW II HRS safety and authenticity rules apply & strictly enforced. All soldiers German or Soviet will have proper period hairstyles.

**Prohibited Vehicles/Items:** Light wheeled vehicles permitted only with prior approval from the event coordinator. Authentic or Period vehicles only. All vehicle operators s will provide proof of a valid operator's license. A copy of valid Auto Liability Insurance to be kept on record by event coordinators. All vehicles will have a DOT approved fire extinguisher

**Other restrictions:** No alcoholic beverages permitted on Missouri National Guard Property. No smoking inside of buildings. Non-period camping is not allowed. Non-period items prohibited. No live ammo of any kind, NO ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES, All late-war German, Soviet, and Partisan impressions are welcome. Partisan weapons must be of European origin; NO US weapons will be allowed. Pyro & smoke must be pre-approved, no exceptions.

**Motels:** Several in area, but PERIOD Camping space is provided with registration.

**Sponsoring Unit(s):** JAGERREGIMENT .38 (HRS)



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## May May 2013

**14-16**

### **DRIVEN TO VICTORY MILITARY SHOW**

**May**

**Loc:** Van Hoosen Farm Rochester Hills Mi  
**Dates:** May 10,11 2013  
**Event Times:** 9am – 4pm  
**Registration Times:** 7am  
**Pre-Registration:** required  
**Fee:** FREE  
**Contact:** John Lind  
**Website:** <http://www.driventovictory.com>  
**Map:** ([click here](#))  
**Directions:** East of Rochester rd south off Tieken Rd (25 mile)  
**Authenticity Notes:** HRS rules apply  
**Prohibited Vehicles/Items:** NONE  
**Restrictions on Minors:** HRS rules  
**Other restrictions:** NONE  
**Motels:** Camping on site  
**Sponsoring Unit(s):** 704TDB Arsenal of Democracy Museum

## June June 2013

**07-09**

### **3RD ANNUAL RAILS TO VICTORY**

**Jun**



**Loc:** Fox River Trolley Museum, 361 South LaFox Street (IL 31), South Elgin, IL 60177  
**Dates:** June 7-9, 2013  
**Event Summary:** Rails to Victory is a great event for all impressions: Military and Civilians.  
 - Daily Large Scale Field Battles on newly enlarged battlefield. This year's battle field will be twice as large at last year's field including last year bone yard with all the obstacles and a new wide open area that essentially doubles the size of last year's battlefield. All vehicles including tracked vehicles and watercrafts are welcome to participate;  
 - Additional smaller daily Skirmishes on the unique river battlefield under the Stearns Rd. Bridge during the Occupied France Trolley Tours. This was a huge success with the public last year, a lot of fun for the reenactors, and sure to get the crowd again this year.  
 - Saturday evening period WW2 Girls Baseball Home Front Game and Social Event.  
 - Shaded Encampments and Flush Toilets on site.  
**Event Times:**  
 - Friday, June 7: Reenactor check-in, 4pm to 10pm.;  
 - Saturday, June 8 : Reenactor check-in, 8 am to 9:15am;  
 - Sunday, June 9: 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).  
**Website:** <http://www.railstovictory.com>  
**Pre-Registration:** <http://railstovictory2013.eventbrite.com> (No Walk Ons)  
**Fee:** none  
**Contact:** Rebecca Tulloch [becky1861@sbcglobal.net](mailto:becky1861@sbcglobal.net)  
**Map:** <http://foxtrolley.org/Default.aspx?pagelid=1146775>  
**Directions:** The Fox River Trolley Museum is located on Illinois Route 31, three blocks



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south of State Street in South Elgin, IL.

- From Chicago and the east: Take the Northwest Tollway (I-90) or US Route 20 west to Elgin. - - Exit on Illinois 31 southbound and follow posted detour at Spring Street (South Elgin).

- From the west and northwest: Take the Northwest Tollway (I-90) or US Route 20 east to Elgin. Exit on Illinois 31 southbound and follow posted detour at Spring Street (South Elgin).

- From the south: Take Illinois Route 59 north to Illinois Route 64. Turn west on 64 to Illinois Route 31 in St Charles. Take 31 north to the museum.

**Authenticity Notes:** HRS safety and authenticity rules apply.

**Prohibited 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. A static vehicle honor display area has been established for all attending vehicles. Boats and other period water crafts such 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):** Member of the US10th Mtn LHDG, 709th German Infantry, the 509th PIB and the Vintage Rockford Peaches Softball Team of the WW2 Girls Baseball Living History League.

**22-23**

## WWII RECREATED, DIXON, ILLINOIS

**Jun**

**Loc:** Elks Page Park, 7883 Lowell Park Rd., Dixon, Illinois

**Dates:** June 22-23

**Event Times:**

- June 22: Setup Day: Military flea market with free indoor table space for HRS members and others \$5/table.

- June 23: 10am to 5pm with two public battles, weapons demos, camp sites open to the public

**Registration Times:** Friday June 22 and Saturday June 23 7 to 9 am

**Pre-Registration:** (Coming soon...)

**Fee:** None

**Contact:** [Jonathan Stevens](#)

**Map:** [Click Here](#)

**Authenticity Notes:** All HRS rules apply.

**Prohibited Vehicles/Items:** All vehicles welcome.

**Sponsoring Unit (s):** 9th Infantry Division





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#### UPDATE:

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/date will most likely be changed to accommodate the board members time schedules. Information on that will be forthcoming in the next couple weeks.

#### Upcoming HRS BOD meetings

"Monthly teleconference Board meetings are open to all members. Please contact your unit commander for more information regarding date, time, and log on information."



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## FROM THE EDITOR



### **WARNING: You are being watched.**

You are under surveillance from un-known sources.  
They can hear you and are recording your words.  
They can see you from a long distance and take your photo without your knowledge.

### **At any event when you are in uniform you are a Target.**

It does not matter if the Event has not officially started, ended, or if you are just taking a break in the parking lot.

Modern Cameras are small, powerful, and numerous at re-enactments.  
It is best to assume someone is ALWAYS taking your picture and recording what you say.  
The HRS has Edict and Authenticity rules that should be followed the moment you start heading to an event.

For the past 3 years I have been taking your picture and recording you on video.  
I have some amazing photos and wonderful video. The majority of the time what I see is outstanding and very well done.  
However, from time to time I do capture stuff on camera, or video, which just should not be happening at our events.  
I know I am just one of a thousand people with a camera at an event and I wonder what goofiness the general public may occasionally record.

Re-enactors should understand that an average camera today can take a picture of you from 100 yards away. I do it all the time, I get the best photos of re-enactors when they do not realize I am taking there picture.

Re-enactors should also understand that what is said is also being recorded at events. My video camera has 4 very sensitive microphones. Two face forward and two face backwards. It is amazing what I record being said behind me by fellow re-enactors. I know you are joking around and are having fun at these events, but feel lucky it was me who captured what was said in jest. Again I wonder what would happen to our reenactment Society image some one in the general public captured these ill-spoken words and posted them on YouTube.

HRS reenactors put on wonderful displays and perform outstandingly realistic battle scenes. We are there to put on a good show for the public, and do. Yet it never fails, in the middle of an event I will capture some form of goofiness that just should not be happening.

Our goal should be to be the best WW2 show in the country.  
It is a bummer that all it takes in one goof to be captured on camera to ruin our image.



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## FROM THE EDITOR

### THE NEXT ISSUE

I am currently waiting on directives from the HRS Board. Our existing By-Laws call for many official reports to be published. The timing of those reports is under discussion and may determine when certain issues of The Edge will be published this year. The minimum number of official publications is four. However: There is no maximum number.

If you look at the HRS WEB site this is what you will find about The Edge Newsletter.

### Newsletter Information

- Deadlines are the third week of each month.
- All submissions should be typewritten.
- Please credit all copyrighted material.
- The editor reserves the right to edit articles submitted for length and content.

Contact *The Edge* staff:  
[\(Click Here\)](#)

### Advertisement Rates

Ad rates for **The Edge**

- Full Page \$150.00
- 1/2 page \$100.00
- 1/4 \$75.00
- Members receive a limited free ad space

Contact the editor for more details

This information is out-of-date and will be changing: to exactly what will be determined at a future board meeting.

Here is what I can share with you:

1) There is no deadline for an HRS Member to submit an Article. You can e-mail me an article at ANY Time. I pointed out above there is no maximum number of issues per year. So if members submit a lot of articles then there will be a lot of issues published.

2) Submissions need to be E-Mailed to the Edge Editor. Submission should be a Text File, or Microsoft Word File, or JPG Photo. Contact the Editor if you want to use a different file format.

3) Please: You must observe copy-right laws and credit information you submit from copy-righted sources.

4) Yes: The Editor may edit your article/submission if needed. It will most likely get re-formatted to fit into the EDGE.

5) Advertisement Rates are under discussion, but HRS Members still get limited free space.

6) You are right: Much of what is in this issue is taken directly from the HRS WEB site. Our current By-Law basically call-out what is to be published in the Edge. Our By-Laws need to be up-dated to include the HRS Board information posted our WEB site, so it is not needed to duplicate that information here.



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Do you have a good re-enactment picture?  
Send it in to The Edge.

It does not matter when or where it is from.  
Good Pictures are Timeless.

Here are a few of my favorites:  
From past Winter engagements.

Enjoy  
Heinz Thiel





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