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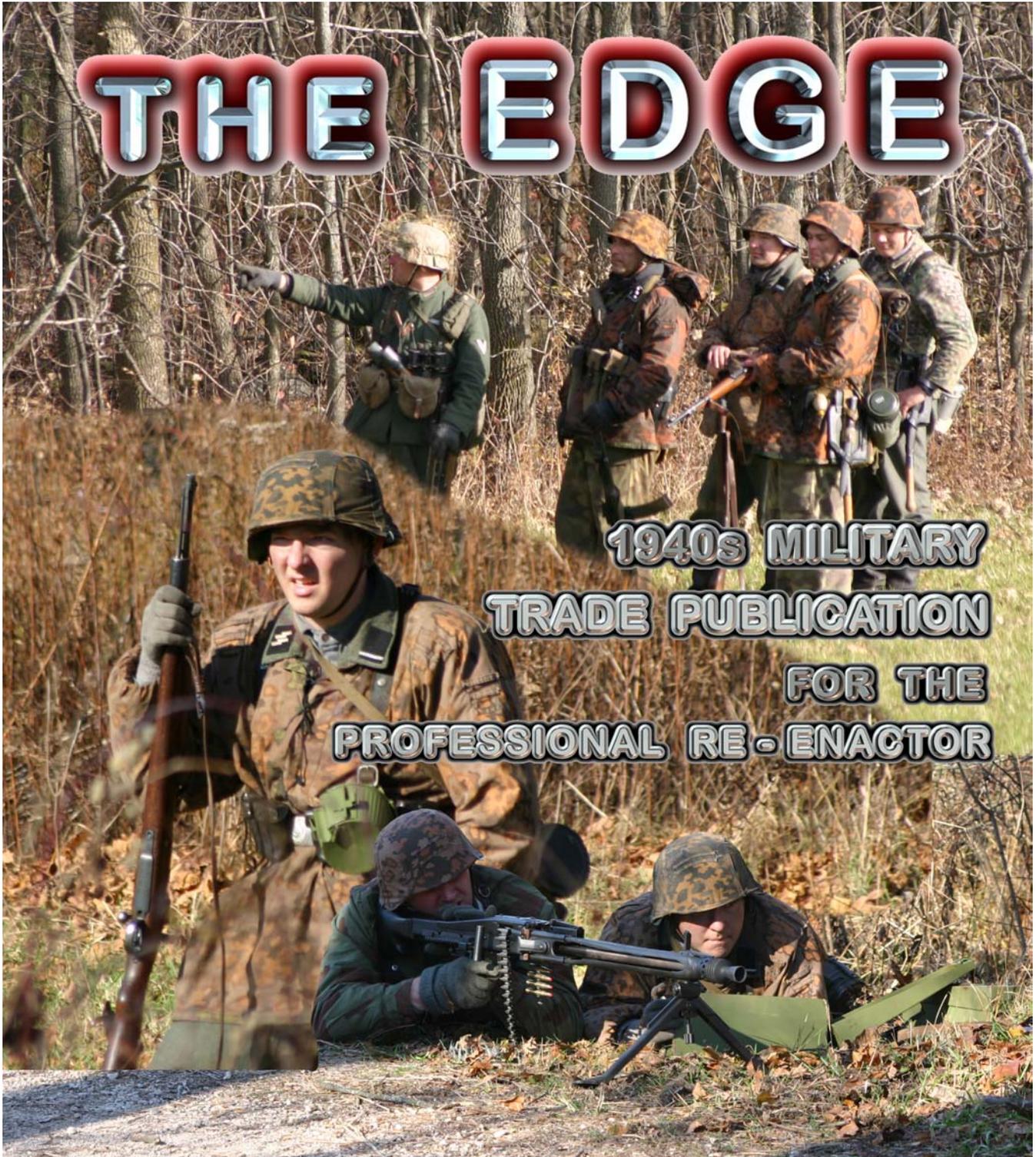
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COMMANDERS CORNER

FROM: Carlos Ramirez
SUBJECT: Letter 03 to the Society

February has come and gone the Society continues to move forward. Should you have an event you would like posted on the event web list - please submit the required forms and your request for insurance ASAP to allow for ample time for posting.

The EDGE: Our Editor is working hard to keep the Society informed. Please send your articles and your comments to our EDGE Editor Jeffrey (JeffreyS39@Comcast.Net).

Things to know on wearing the American uniform of W.W. II, or any American uniform: Do you know the uniform code: USC 771 and 772-F.? Is it legal? Can you dress up like Big Rambo? Federal laws concerning the wear of United States Military uniforms by people not on active duty are published in the United States Code (USC). Specifically, 10 USC, Subtitle A, Part II, Chapter 45, Sections 771 and 772. I direct your attention to USC 772-F. While portraying a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps, an actor in a theatrical or motion-picture production may wear the uniform of that armed force if the portrayal does not tend to discredit that armed force. The following uniform items are distinctive and will not be sold or worn by unauthorized personnel: I direct your attention to line (2) Badges and Tabs (identification, marksmanship, combat, and special skill). This indicates that the Army would not be happy if they learned that a civilian was wearing one of the items listed above. Be sure, while in uniform you have your Society membership card handy to be able to produce it when and if asked.

Support your local VFW/American Legion. In Colorado we have supported Purple Heart dedications and Veterans memorials. I attend several meetings at both the VFW and American Legion who are asking for support from us. Support our Veterans on VE day and all events in which they ask for support. This allows for your unit members to learn more from our Veterans; to hear their real stories and hear the types of uniforms they used. Take pictures with them, and honor them when you can. Should you have a banner with the HRS logo on it - by all means display it.

To the membership - Thank you for the words of encouragement and phone calls during this difficult time. Your support is greatly appreciated. Continue on with asking questions of our members elected to office. This is your privilege as a dues paying member. Show that you belong to a proud organization that is transparent and open to its membership. Please keep in mind when contacting a fellow member. ARTICLE XIII: WWII H.R.S., INC. ETIQUET 6. Do not use profanity, slander or libelous statements in correspondence to convey any threat, implied or real, to any member. Do not settle for less.

Reminder - I have an open door policy and will return your phone calls within 24 hours; or email me at: carlos@worldwartwohrcolorado.com.

Respectfully, Carlos
President - WW II H.R.S.





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WWII HRS Grant Proposal

With the growth of the society over the past 10 years and with the decision to publish the Society newsletter electronically, funds are available to consider other types of projects that the WWII HRS could support. One such project is the HRS scholarship which awards an HRS member for academic excellence. Another means of furthering our goals of perpetuating the memory of the Second World War could be to create an HRS grant awarded yearly to a project as Society funds allow that would promote this ideal that we strive for. The credo of the organization states:

"[The] ... purpose is to preserve the history of the Second World War by re-enacting battles, living historical campsites, displays, and collecting and preserving memorabilia of the era."

In keeping with this statement support of non for profit organizations such as museums or historical societies, that are undertaking to preserve and promote some aspect of WWII, may

be worthy to consider for our support as an organization. Additionally, a benefit for the WWII HRS would be to bring awareness to the public of our activities as an organization and historical reenacting in general. Some types of examples of projects that could qualify for an HRS grant could be large projects that require numerous donors and sponsors such as repair of the WWII Victory ships in California, the U505 in Chicago, or restoration of a Higgins boat at the National WWII Museum. Other smaller projects such as preservation and restoration of a WWII troop train car, rebuilding WWII Quonset huts at an open air museum, or upgrading a WWII display at a historical society would also greatly benefit from a grant.

Strict guidelines and ample opportunity for debate would need to accompany any proposal submitted for such a grant. Further the current WWII HRS bylaws state any donations must be approved by a vote of the membership. See:

"ARTICLE VII: FINANCES AND CONTRACTS
Section 2. CHECKS, DRAFTS, ETC.

No donations of any kind shall be made with corporation funds without the approval, by vote, of the General Membership."

Any group receiving funding must be a federally tax-exempt, section 501C(3) type of non for profit organization in existence for at least two years with a purpose of perpetuating the memory of the Second World War with some portion of their museum or a specific WWII themed historical project. The organization must have a permanent building and verifiable address. The project must clearly state in a permanent fashion that the project was funded in part or wholly by a grant from the WWII HRS. A brief background of the organization applying for funding and a description of the project for which the organization is seeking funds, along with proof of non-for-profit status and a list of their board of directors should be included. Also a budget statement of the organization with a sustainability plan for the future of their project should be included. The reason for these guidelines would be so that the grant could be demonstrable as going to a stable, legitimate organization oriented toward historical preservation that would complement the mission of the WWII HRS. The grant would be no more than \$2000 per organization in a three year period. Submission of an application would be made by May 1. Discussion, vote, and awarding the grant would be completed by July 1. Payment of the grant would be done shortly after. A report on the use of the grant would be required by the end of the calendar year.

Any further input on the subject would be welcome.



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Congratulations to Andrew Luce (above)
Who was awarded the
WWII HRS Scholarship for 2012.

For any interested HRS members who are currently students we are now taking applications for 2013. Also thanks goes to those who participated on the Scholarship Committee. Andrew's essay follows.

Becoming a World War II reenactor has been one of the best and most life-changing decisions I have ever made. Never had I dreamed of landing on a beach in an amphibious vehicle, riding in jeeps and tanks, performing nighttime operations in the woods, or taxiing down a runway in a real C-47. My experiences, along with meeting new friends, have changed the way I view the past and the world I live in today.

Being a part of the 401st Glider Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, has given me a newfound respect not only for the "Glider Riders," but for all veterans of all conflicts. I am so proud to be an American, living among such inspiring leaders and heroes. I hope to continue our tradition of great leadership by sharing my experiences and knowledge with others, in hopes of enlightening them and opening their eyes to something they have never seen or thought about before.

My interest in reenacting has directly contributed to my decision of the degrees I am pursuing in college and ultimately my career. While studying history, with a concentration in public history, and political science at Ball State University, I plan to pursue a career working in a museum where I can tap into my personal experiences and leadership skills acquired from school and my reenacting. I have taken part in two internships so far; The Pritzker Military Library in Chicago and Naper Settlement in Naperville, Illinois. I want to continue to broaden my scope of knowledge with internships so I can prepare myself for a bright future. Today, many museums are only offering unpaid internship positions. This scholarship would help offset funds not obtained from those internships.

As I continue to reenact, I hope that one day it will be my turn to take the reins and ensure that the regiment's history is preserved and interpreted accurately. It would be an honor to remain as a participant with the 401st. To me, I have never considered reenacting as a hobby; it has been a series of unforgettable experiences that have taught me so much about history, and myself as a person.

Thank you for the opportunity for this prestigious scholarship.



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WWII HRS Scholarship 2013

In 2010 the membership approved the creation of an HRS scholarship. The effort behind the scholarship was two fold. The primary goal is to assist the younger members of our organization in their pursuit of higher education. Obviously historical reenacting is an expensive hobby that can be a near impossibility for some students. Secondly we will help 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 majoring in areas such as history, museum studies, or archeology however all students are encouraged to apply. The award can be used towards tuition or books.

Note that any family or relations to any of the 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 HRS in good standing in at least their second year of membership.
2. Must be registered as 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 received a previous HRS scholarship.

Requirements:

The student should write a 500-word essay describing their qualifications and justification for receiving the HRS scholarship. It should also include the student's future plans in reenacting. A letter of recommendation from their unit commander should also be included. If the student is the unit commander for their unit, then another commander can supply the letter. Unofficial transcripts or a letter for the college or university stating that the student's current major and GPA needs to be included.

Deadline: June 1

Notification: August 1

An article highlighting the student will be in the Society publication, The Edge.

Review:

A committee consisting of an Allied, an Axis, and a Commonwealth member will review all candidates and give recommendation to the President who will be awarded the scholarship.



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REPORTS

Allied Representative

Ronald Kapustka
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Commonwealth Representative

Bryce Seyko
Report Pending
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Axis Representative

Doug Loge

The German 3rd Infanterie Division was accepted as a probationary unit in the HRS, congrats! This unit will be adding some rolling steel and firepower to the Axis arsenal.

One proposed Axis unit charter was recently introduced to the BOD, and is presently in the S&A Committee for discussion and vote. It should be voted on at the next BOD meeting.

The LAH Living History Association (LAH National) has now been recognized by the HRS. There are several other reenacting organizations that are in the process of submitting information for recognition.

In the next few months, HRS members will be asked for suggestions and then vote on several large donations to be made to other charitable organizations. More information will be forthcoming on this in the next Edge.

See you in the field,
Doug
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OFFICIAL INFO

WWII HRS Authenticity Regulations

(Updated 4 February 2013)

GENERAL

Safety and Authenticity rules are controlled and enforced by members appointed by the Vice-President/Chairperson to the Safety and Authenticity Committees. These rules may be changed at any time by a majority vote of that committee. One (1) general safety/authenticity inspection of both Allied and Axis participants WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE SAME DESIGNATED TIME AND LOCATION at any WWII H.R.S., Inc. sponsored event, so that all participants can observe that it was conducted.

The safety/authenticity inspection formation will be conducted as follows. Units will form up, by unit and nationality, in an area designated by the event organizers. No INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS OR UNITS will retire to the field before the general inspection takes place.

Exception to above:

Event planning staff members who need to enter the field, when an unforeseen incident, accident or emergency requires their immediate attention that would interfere with the smooth running of the event, if not attended to. It will still be the responsibility of said members to be inspected prior to entering the field as a participant or participants.

Violators of safety and/or authenticity rules can be brought before the Board of Directors for disposition. It is the responsibility of each individual member registered at an event to be inspected by an appointed Safety/Authenticity officer at the mandatory event inspection. Willful avoidance of the inspections shall be 125 grounds for removal of the offender from the event. Repeated offenses shall be grounds for removal from the WWII H.R.S., Inc.

AUTHENTICITY

1. We are here to portray the normal look of the WWII soldier, not the exception.
2. Any HRS unit that hosts an event has the authority to determine rank structure and who may participate as Officers and NCOs in the public battles, skirmishes, skits and tacticals for that event. The host unit has the option to create temporary Officer/NCO positions for the purpose of administering the hosted event, and does not change the chartered Officer/NCO structure for the units involved. This rule does not supersede rank structure of a chartered HRS unit for the purpose of a "Living History" static display. Non-HRS units/individuals that are attending as guests to HRS events are also subject to the host unit(s) review to ensure that re-enactment unit rank structure for displays will be fitting to the type of display the unit has set up at the event.
3. Medals or decorations that were not created pre-June 1945 may not be worn. Appropriate awards, badges, campaign, and citation ribbons may be worn if they reflect the credits of the unit being portrayed. US or Allied medals of valor may not be worn by anyone who did not earn them in actual military service, to include medals that may be awarded for both valor and service.



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4. Hair must be cut (trimmed) in a 1940's style. It must be tapered and trimmed to the nape of the neck and around the ears so as not to touch the ears or collar. Blocked haircuts are not permitted. Sideburns can be no longer than mid-ear. Mustaches must be trimmed to 1940's military style (British troops exempt). All mustaches must be trimmed above the upper lip line. It cannot extend past the edge of the mouth more than 1/4 inch and cannot drop down around the corners of the mouth. SS troops may not have any facial hair. A beard shall be defined as any facial hair, other than approved mustaches, which is no longer than a two (2) day growth (about 1/8 inches) and are not permitted except under the Five (5) circumstances listed below:

- a. Persons doing any partisan impressions at events.
- b. Beards no longer than two (2) centimeters are allowed in existing chartered Gebirgsjäger units.
- c. French Foreign Legion and French North African units may wear beards.
- d. Royal Navy units may wear beards.
- e. German U-boat crews

All members of a military unit must have beards in order for 1 person to wear a beard.

5. Modern sunglasses are not allowed.

6. Weapons must be of pre-June 1945 military type used by the unit portrayed, or an acceptable replica. The Safety and Authenticity committee may ban the use of pre-1945 weapons in cases where their use is not authentic. Weapons manufactured after 1945 may be used if they duplicate a WWII weapon. Realistic metallic replicas that are airsoft or air guns are allowed only for display purposes if their propellant method has been made inoperable and received inspection proving no projectile or propellant remains in the replica. Plastic replica weapons are not to be used or displayed.

7. Uniforms, equipment, insignia, and emblems must be of a type, style, and material in use by the unit portrayed during WWII.

8. WWII Italian camouflage may be used by Italian and German units (but must be sewn on the proper pattern for German units). Austrian and West German camouflage are NOT allowed.

9. To serve as a member of the Authenticity Committee a person must be a member of the WWII H.R.S., Inc. for at least two (2) years, and send a letter to the chairman of the Authenticity Committee. A committee member serves until either he resigns or is dismissed. Members of the Authenticity Committee should be selected, whenever possible, from units showing the highest levels of authenticity.

10. A member of the Authenticity Committee must be willing and able to attend events and make on-the-spot judgments about authenticity matters.

11. Members of the Authenticity Committee may be removed from office for the failure to enforce the WWII H.R.S., Inc. authenticity rules or failure to renew their WWII H.R.S., Inc. membership on time. Any members of the WWII H.R.S., Inc. may challenge a committeeman's position on the committee. The challenge must be voted on by the other members of the Authenticity Committee. Removal is by a majority vote.

12. Appeals on matters of authenticity may be made by the submission to the chairman of the authenticity committee in writing with six (6) photographs; three (3) of the items used by the re-enactor and three (3) photographs taken during the WWII period. These pictures must be proven original and/or copies from a published source and must show the disputed item in use by troops of the same unit, type, and rank as the re-enactor. A majority vote by the members of the authenticity committee shall decide the issue.

13. The Authenticity Committee shall have the power to recommend to the Board of Directors the removal from the WWII H.R.S., Inc. of any person or unit that is flagrant or repeated violator of authenticity rules. The Board of Directors must then pass judgment on the recommendation.

14. All members, units, or chapters of the WWII H.R.S., Inc. sponsoring a WWII H.R.S., Inc. event must maintain minimum authenticity standards.

15. In the enforcement of the authenticity rules, the committee will make allowances for the extreme cold and/or wet conditions, where the safety and health of the members may be threatened.



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16. Any and all members and/or dealers of the WWII H.R.S., Inc. who manufacture reproduction uniforms and equipment for sale to other WWII H.R.S., Inc. members for the use at WWII H.R.S., Inc. events must provide a money-back guarantee (upon buyer's request) that the item (s) will pass authenticity inspection. Persons not honoring this guarantee, either written or otherwise, are subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors and/or removal from the event or from the WWII H.R.S., Inc.

17. The Authenticity Committee may rule that certain modern items, which have been allowed for use due to lack of available reproductions, may be banned when authentic reproductions or that item itself becomes widely available at reasonable prices.

18. All vehicles will be judged on a case-by-case basis and must be manufactured before 1946 or must represent a type used by Allied or Axis powers during the 1939-1945 period. All post 1945 vehicles must be altered to duplicate a pre-1945 vehicle and be properly painted. Photographs of all altered manufactured vehicles must be submitted to the Authenticity Committee along with authentic photos or photocopies of original photos of the same type vehicle. If judgment is in favor of the rebuilt vehicle, a permit will be issued by the chairman of the Authenticity Committee.

19. Due to the availability of good quality affordable reproduction uniforms, Swedish tunics are not acceptable, converted or otherwise, for use by German WWII units.

20. Partisans are NOT allowed at WWII H.R.S., Inc. events unless an announcement is published in THE POINT, or THE EDGE, or the website inviting them.

a. Partisans must use the type of clothing and equipment normally worn in that country portrayed.

b. Equipment to be used by partisans will be limited to German, Russian, Italian, French and British where appropriate.

c. Partisan re-enactors must be able to provide documentation of their appearance and equipment for that particular country portrayed, if a question of authenticity arises. In that situation, Authenticity rule #12 will apply.

21. Members under 16 years old shall not wear a military uniform, but may wear either civilian period clothing or a youth organization uniform without armband.



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Violators of safety and/or authenticity rules can be brought before the Board of Directors for disposition. It is the responsibility of each individual member registered at an event to be inspected by an appointed Safety/Authenticity officer at the mandatory event inspection. Willful avoidance of the inspections shall be grounds for removal of the offender from the event. Repeated offenses shall be grounds for removal from the WWII H.R.S., Inc.

SAFETY

1. Any person, unit or chapter sponsoring any event where WWII H.R.S., Inc. people are participating and/or the WWII H.R.S., Inc. name is used, MUST have a safety officer on site to oversee all aspects of safety. This safety officer must be registered with the chairperson of the Safety Committee at least thirty days prior to the event. Safety Officers may be registered on a permanent basis each year.

2. Participants in all SOCIETY sanctioned events must be SOCIETY members in good standing belonging to a chartered unit. Non members may attend SOCIETY events if their unit or organization is recognized as being in good standing; meeting the SOCIETY bylaw defined criteria for recognition; and must follow any event specific rules. Participants without unit affiliation or without unit recognition will not be allowed to participate in any SOCIETY events in any capacity.

3. Any person under the age of 16 may NOT carry any type of weapon or participate in public or tactical battles in any capacity.

4. Unit CO's must be at least twenty-one (21) years old, and agree to be responsible for the education of all unit members about the WWII H.R.S., Inc.'s safety rules and the safe conduct of his unit members. Free-lancing or participating without unit affiliation is grounds for dismissal from an event.

5. Absolutely no ignitable devices are to be thrown or fired at any vehicle. Nothing (NO MATTER WHAT IT IS) will be thrown or fired at the driver, nothing is to be thrown at or near a horse. Weapons are not to be fired at wildlife.

6. All action in or around buildings or bunkers must be under the control of at least two (2) safety officers who have the authority to halt the event if they spot any dangerous circumstances. Appointments may be made on site.

7. Alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs may not be consumed at any event, in violation of civil laws.

8. No weapon is to be fired directly at anyone closer than fifty (50) feet or whenever anyone is close to the muzzle of a rifle. This applies to the persons who are next to you, as well as in front of the muzzle. Watch out for the other persons hearing.

9. All pyrotechnics must be approved by the on site safety officer.



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10. No projectile may be fired at less than a forty-five (45) degree angle from the horizontal. Signal flares must be fired at (90) degree angle from horizontal.

11. No live ammo is to be in possession of any participant at a SOCIETY sanctioned event EVER! A violation of this rule is grounds for dismissal from the SOCIETY.

12. No one may fix any bayonet to any rifle, except for controlled (posed, staged) photographs. Violations of rules 10 and 11 are grounds for dismissal from the WWII H.R.S., Inc.

13. Wood tipped blanks may only be used in semi-automatic and automatic weapons equipped with blank adapters, NEVER IN A BOLT ACTION RIFLE.

14. Homemade weapons must have a safety check on site at each event, whenever and wherever they are used. There is no such thing as a blanket permit or letter of registration for homemade replicas. Shot guns may not be loaded or fired whatsoever.

15. The use of metal body parachute flares, military artillery, and grenade simulators are not allowed, except for staged spectator events under the supervision of a WWII H.R.S., Inc. approved safety officer, to be used in controlled areas ONLY.

16. Star crimped blanks may be used in a non-blank adapted bolt action rifles. The rifle must be fired at a forty-five (45) degree angle and not less than fifty (50) feet at anyone. The bore must be clean of any debris prior to the safety/authenticity inspection. Blank adapting bolt-action rifles are optional at the time.

17. Helmets must be worn by all participants during public battles.

Except for the following:

- Gebirgsjagers
- Army Commandos
- Royal Marines
- Russian troops
- Other individual soldiers whose impression

requires a softcap to operate equipment or vehicles authentically or safely.

-These impressions must wear their impression correct headgear.

18. All glasses must have safety or shatter-resistant lenses.

19. All shoulder weapons must be on safe when a person is loading or unloading from a vehicle and in the field, except when actively engaging a target.

20. Refusal to follow the instructions of a safety official are grounds for dismissal from the WWII H.R.S., Inc. Safety officials have the authority to remove any safety offender from any event and file for the offender's dismissal from the WWII H.R.S., Inc. by mailing or emailing his complaint to the chairman of the safety committee within thirty (30) days of the event.

21. If a member of the safety committee is at any event he becomes the senior safety officer for that event. If two (2) or more safety committeemen are at an event, the commission date establishes seniority. The senior safety officer or the chairman of the safety committee has the final say in all on-the-spot safety decisions.

22. All safety rules must be printed in newsletter at least once a year.

23. Members 16-17 may participate in public or tactical battles but must sign any waivers and must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian or their designee.

24. All firearm laws and regulations that apply to a particular location whether federal, state, or local must be followed at a WWII HRS event. It is the responsibility of the event sponsor to make known the particular firearms laws and regulations pertaining to that location for those attending the event.



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VEHICLE SAFETY

1. All motor vehicles must be driven by a licensed driver, regardless of off or on road use. The driver must be knowledgeable of the type of vehicle he is driving. PROPER LIABILITY INSURANCE IS MANDATORY.

Any vehicle driven off road MUST HAVE A GROUND GUIDE, to avoid personnel hiding in foliage.

2. Service brakes shall function on all wheeled vehicles.
3. Emergency brakes (parking brakes) should be functional, if a vehicle was originally equipped with such brakes.
4. Tires shall have a minimum tread depth of 2/32 inches.
5. Tracks shall be properly adjusted.
6. Steering system shall be functional.
7. Lighting shall be operational if used for night operation.
8. An onboard fire extinguisher is required

INSURANCE COVERAGE

For safety, all WWII H.R.S., Inc. sponsored tactical and/or public events must be insured. An Event Request Form may be attained from the Secretary, from the website, or posted in THE EDGE. This signed form must be submitted by the requestor to the Secretary at least 30 days prior to the event. Proof of insurance, or if requested by the event host a certificate of insurance, will then be issued however a fee may be imposed for a certificate of insurance.

If this procedure is not followed and/or the requester's current membership dues are not paid in full, the event will not be advertised in any official HRS publication nor will proof of insurance be provided or a certificate of insurance be issued to the requestor.



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EVENTS

April 2013	
13 Apr 	BATTLE OF ARDEN HILLS EAST MEETS WEST EVENT Loc: Arden Hills, MN Dates: April 13, 2013 Event Times: 7 am - 4 pm Registration Times: 7 am - 8 am Pre-Registration: No Fee: \$10 Contact: Steve Shumaker Website: http://home.comcast.net/~30thhrs/arden1.html Map: http://goo.gl/maps/nxpNC Directions: See online map Authenticity Notes: HRS rules apply - Late WW2 European impressions Prohibited Vehicles/Items: No smoke Restrictions on Minors: No minors Other restrictions: No on-site camping, digging, or ALCOHOL. Motels: Many within 5 miles of the site Sponsoring Unit(s): 117th Infantry Regiment / 30th Infantry Division - HRS
May 2013	
04-05 May 	KENNEKUK WWII REMEMBRANCE DAYS Loc: Kennekuk County Park 22296 A Henning Rd. Danville IL Dates: May 4th and 5th, 2013 Event Times: Saturday May 4th 9:00am till 5:00pm Sunday May 5th 10:00am till 3:00pm Registration Times: Friday May 3rd 3:00pm till 10:00pm Saturday 7:30am till 8:30am Pre-Registration: http://kennekuk.eventbrite.com/ Fee: None Contact: Polly Norman-Blanton 217-621-9899 or wwiikennekuk@yahoo.com Website: http://vccd.org/gikennekuk.html Authenticity Notes: HRS RULES APPLY Prohibited Vehicles/Items: No vehicles over 15tons / All viewable items must be WWII era Motels: Best Western Riverside Inn 217-431-0020 / Day's Hotel 217-703-4505 Sponsoring Unit(s): 33rd Infantry Division/Great Lake WAVES
14-16 May	DRIVEN TO VICTORY MILITARY SHOW 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



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18-19

4TH ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY WWII WEEKEND

May



Loc: Dakota City Heritage Village 4008 220th Street W. Farmington, MN 55024

Dates: May 18 & 19, 2013

Event Times: Open to the Public 10am-6pm Sat. & 10am-3pm Sun.

Registration Times: Noon-10pm Fri. 7am Sat. 9am Sun.

Pre-Registration: email Jon at ivanthecutthroat@hotmail.com Let him know what unit and about how many are planning to attend.

Fee: meals are \$5 each to reenactors, please let us know if you are interested.

Contact: Jon Boorum ivanthecutthroat@hotmail.com 612-432-2231

Website: <http://dakotacitywwii.yolasite.com>

Map: ([Click Here](#))

Directions: Contact ivanthecutthroat@hotmail.com for details.

Authenticity Notes: All HRS Rules Apply

Prohibited Vehicles/Items: All WWII vehicles are welcome, even tracked vehicles.

Restrictions on Minors: All HRS Rules Apply

Other restrictions: None

Motels:

Motel 6 Minneapolis South - Lakeville 11274 210th Street, Lakeville, MN 7.2 mi W (952) 469-1900 () • motel6.com

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Minneapolis - Lakeville 20800 Kenrick Ave, Lakeville, MN 7.3 mi W (952) 469-1134 () • holidayinn.com

Americinn Hotel & Suites Apple Valley 15000 Glazier Ave, Apple Valley, MN 7.9 mi NW (952) 431-3800 () • americinn.com

Comfort Inn 17605 Kenrick Ave, Lakeville, MN 8.2 mi NW (952) 898-3700 () • comfortinn.com

GrandStay - Apple Valley 7083 153rd St W, Apple Valley, MN 7.4 mi NW (952) 953-6111 () • grandstayapplevalley.com

UpdAmericinn Lodge & Suites of Lakeville 17145 Kenyon Ave, Lakeville, MN 8.5 mi NW (952) 892-5422 () • americinn.com

Hampton Inn Minneapolis/Burnsville 14400 Nicollet Ct, Burnsville, MN 10 mi NW (952) 435-6366 () • hamptoninn.hilton.com

Sponsoring Unit(s): 12. SS Panzer Div. & Fox Co/2nd BN/502nd P.I.R./101st ABN

18-19

LEST WE FORGET - PUBLIC DISPLAY AND BATTLE

Military Encampment and Battle Recreation

Benton Harbor, Michigan

May



Loc: Southwest Michigan Airport, 1123 Territorial Road, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022

Date: May 18 - 19, 2013

Event Times:

Friday May 17, Open for setup 1pm, vehicle parade 4:30pm

Saturday May 18, Gates open 8am – 5pm, displays, ground battles 11am/3pm, dance 8pm

Sunday May 19, Gates open 8am – 3pm, ground battle 1pm

Airport-wooded encampment, displays, vintage planes, veteran's presentations, mock battles and hangar dance with swing band

S&A Saturday 9am. Attendance required by all participants

Unit Commanders Briefing Saturday at S&A - Overview of event schedule and updates

Registration Check-in Times: Friday June 29, 4pm – 10pm

Pre-Registration: Individual registration required <https://wf2013.eventbrite.com>

Fee: None

Contact: Jan & Bill Sheets Email jsheets@1812@gmail.com Phone (317) 788-1836

Map: See <http://www.swmiairport.com/1336.html>

Website: none

Authenticity Notes: All HRS rules apply.

Prohibited Vehicles/Items: All viewable items must be from WWII era.

Motels:

Saint Joseph Travel Site <http://www.michigan.org/City/Default.aspx?city=G3516>

Benton Harbor Travel Site <http://www.michigan.org/City/Default.aspx?city=G2817>

<http://www.swmichigan.org/lodging.html>

<http://www.michigan.org>

Sponsoring Unit: 82ndAB 505th G Co.



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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 as 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

Map: <http://foxtrolley.org/Default.aspx?pagelid=1146775>

Directions: The Fox River Trolley Museum is located on Illinois Route 31, three blocks 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 Mountain LHDG, 709th German Infantry, the 509th PIB and the Vintage Rockford Peaches Softball Team of the WW2 Girls Baseball Living History League.

15-16

TRIMBORN FARMS WWII ENCAMPMENT



Jun

Loc: 8881 W. Grange Ave Greendale WI 53219

Dates: June 15-16

Event Times: Set up Friday June 14th Event hours 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Sat. and Sun.

Registration Times: Friday starting at noon and Sat. and Sun starting at 8:00 AM

Pre-Registration: N/A

Fee: N/A

Contact: Unit contact: TJ Wendel nigelwick1776@yahoo.com

Authenticity Notes: HRS Authenticity Standards apply

Prohibited Vehicles/Items: None

Other restrictions: No political units or paraphernalia

Sponsoring Unit(s): 32nd Division 128th Infantry Regiment



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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: militaria 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, campsites 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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Event

Operation Husky 2013

Dates: 5, 6, 7 July, 2013

Location: Ft. Collins/Loveland, Airport
4900 Earhart Road Loveland, CO 80538

The Allied invasion of Sicily, codenamed Operation Husky, was a major World War II campaign, in which the Allies took Sicily from the Axis (Italy and Nazi Germany). It was a large scale amphibious and airborne operation, followed by six weeks of land combat. It launched the Italian Campaign.

Husky began on the night of 9–10 July 1943, and ended 17 August. Strategically, Husky achieved the goals set out for it by Allied planners. The Allies drove Axis air, land and naval forces from the island; the Mediterranean's sea lanes were opened and Italian dictator Benito Mussolini was toppled from power. It opened the way to the Allied invasion of Italy.

Event Times: Friday: 1000 hrs – 1700 hrs

Saturday: 0700-2200 hrs

Sunday: 0700 hrs 1700 hrs

Registration Times: For pre-registered participants ONLY:

Friday 5 JULY - OPEN 1000 hrs - CLOSE 1700 hrs Saturday 6 JULY - OPEN 0700 hrs – Close 1900 hrs Sunday 7 JULY - OPEN 0700 hrs - CLOSE 1700 hrs

Pre-Registration: Beginning March 1 and ending June 25, 2013.

*Unit CO's please e-mail participant information to
(carlos@worldwartwohrscolorado.com). First come, first served.

Event Fee: Reenactors - \$25 USD by check: Make check to Carlos Ramirez

E-mail: carlos@worldwartwohrscolorado.com

Vendors of militaria - \$30 (limit 2 tables). *Must be a member of the HRS or other recognized organization. There will be 20 tables available for vending. First come, first served. SO submit your Vender Form for tables ASAP. Website: (<http://worldwartwohrscolorado.com>) for or the full Event Announcement with details.

Map: You may use Google Earth link (www.googleearth.com) and type in Ft. Collins/Loveland Airport Colorado to get a map.

Check in will be at the entrance at Commanders tent. Times as noted above/under Registration Times.

Authenticity Notes:

Western/Eastern Front Axis/Allied impressions ONLY.

ALL H.R.S By-Laws, Rules for Safety and Authenticity and appearance standards apply and are in effect beginning 1000 hrs 5 JULY 2013 and ending 1700 hrs 7 JULY 2013.

*Rules of Engagement will be provided upon arrival to all participants. Period era weapons or modified to appear of WWII era.

Prohibited Vehicles/Items: (Vehicles) Period era or visually modified to look like WWII armor/ halftracks/ wheeled & motorcycle vehicles ONLY. NO post-war vehicles allowed. (Items) Landowner rules

Prohibit: ALCOHOL/Substances of any kind. LIVE ammunition of any kind. Pyrotechnics of any kind. No pets! No flares.

Vehicles/Blank firing weapons – Both MUST be WWII or visually modified to represent WWII vehicles, armor and weapons.

Other restrictions:

1. AMMUNITION – Blank ammunition ONLY will be allowed. ALL participants and vehicles entering the Maneuver area are subject to personal and vehicular search.

2. CAMERAS – Allowed.

3. COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES (Radios) – Period era handheld, man-portable and vehicular radios ONLY are allowed.

4. EXPLOSIVES/SMOKE

a. PYROTECHNICS – NOT allowed.

b. Smoke – allowed.

c. Live Flares – NOT allowed.

d. Grenade Simulators – NOT allowed.

5. FIREARMS - Period weapons ONLY.

a. Rifles – BLANK adapted ONLY, Period era or visually modified to represent W.W. II German, French, American, British, Italian or Russian ONLY.

b. Sub-machine guns* – BLANK adapted ONLY, German, American, British, Italian, Russian ONLY.

c. Machine guns* – BLANK adapted ONLY, German, American, British, Italian, Russian.

6. FLAMETHROWERS – Inert ONLY, German, British, American, Russian.

NOTE: Water dispersing capable Flamethrowers ONLY allowed.

7. HEAVY WEAPONS:

a. MORTARS – BLANK/GAS fired ONLY ALLOWED. Safety and care must be observed at ALL times. Projectiles of ALL TYPE ARE NEVER TO BE FIRED at troops/personnel.

b. ARTILLERY – BLANK/GAS OPERATED ONLY ALLOWED

c. CANNONS – TANK CANNONS, etc., BLANK FIRING/GAS OPERATED ONLY ALLOWED

8. TRACKED VEHICLES – ALL are allowed

9. WHEELED VEHICLES – ALL WW 2 wheeled vehicles are allowed.

10. AIR DEFENSE WEAPONS – BLANK FIRING or gas operated ONLY.

11. GPS/Cellular telephones, SAT phones, PDA devices – NOT ALLOWED on the Event field. YOU are solely responsible for these devices and loss is your responsibility.

12. ANY buildings marked as “OFF LIMITS” must be avoided.

13. ATF F 5320.20 IN EFFECT - A copy of the Application to Transport Interstate or to Temporarily Export Certain National Firearms Act (NFA) Firearms MUST be presented when you sign in. The address is: Ft. Collins/Loveland Airport 4900 Earhart Rd Loveland, CO 80538 (970) 962-2850

NOTE 1. – Loveland Colorado is a small city strictly enforcing violations of weapons, live ammunition and explosive devices. ALL participants attending the Mountain States Regional will be required to Undergo a safety check BEFORE entry to ensure these items are indeed of blank ammunition Condition, and/or inert; or safe to use on the event field.

NOTE 2. – Due to extreme dry winters of 2012 and 2013 in Colorado, smoking on the maneuver area is Prohibited. Smoking is allowed in the camp area.

NOTE 3. - Political flags and/or uniforms will not be permitted.

NOTE 4. – Participants exiting the maneuver area for food or lodging for WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE OUT OF UNIFORM before leaving the maneuver area. We do not suggest you have weapons carried Openly, but secured away in the trunk of your automobile and in locked containers BEFORE departing



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The maneuver area. Motels:

There are many other hotels/motels outside the maneuver area and can be easily found along Hwy I-25. Below are listed a few of these locations:

BEST WESTERN PLUS Crossroads Inn & Conference Center
5542 E US Highway 34
Loveland, CO 80537 1-866-234-0268

Budget Host 254 Inn Loveland
2716 South East Frontage Road
Loveland, CO 80537

Food/Dining (located off of Hwy I-25) McDonalds, Waffle House, Burger King, Subway, Texas Roadhouse, Applebee's, Chilies, Red Lobster
*Many other eateries are also near the maneuver area and along I-25

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. **PARKING:** Civilian/commercial vehicular traffic is allowed onto/into maneuver area for unloading/loading ONLY. All participating personnel will be required to park ONLY at the designated parking area. Parking signs will be visible and a designated parking area with signs will be made available. For personnel with prime movers and low-boys, parking will be made available in a designated area.

2. **CLIMATE & ALTITUDE:**
Loveland Colorado is typically very dry during July. Altitude is 5016 feet above sea-level. Personnel new To the area may experience respiratory problems when exerting themselves physically, or else may experience fatigue and/or light-headedness. Personnel should bring sun screen, lip balm, lots of insect Repellent and lots of drinking/washing water. Water should be carried on your person at all times. Night Time temperatures are typically in the 70's.

3. **SAFETY/FIRE:**
ALL participants must collectively watch and control to prevent any and all open flames Located in the camping area.
*Participating Units - please appoint a member for the following below listed positions, and turn in the Unit Name, Unit member name and location of the Camping tent(s) in use by your Unit(s) to the Camp Area Command Post tent or HQ

A. **SAFETY OFFICER:** Jess Webb Safety Officer to assist with safety.
B. **FIRE SAFETY** ALL participants should be aware and assist with fire safety in the camping area, vendor tent, and the Dining area.

4. **SMOKING**
Smoking is allowed ONLY at designated areas, which will be clearly marked. Butt cans will be located at each designated smoking area. Smoking will NOT be allowed on the maneuver field due to dry conditions.

5. **FIRE WATCH/CONTROL**
Each participating Unit utilizing any tent must be aware and assist with ensuring fire safety.

6. **OFF LIMITS AREAS** Gates will be posted

7. **CASEVAC (Casualty Evacuation)**
NOTE 1 – Any individual requiring emergency medical treatment will be evacuated to the nearest medical facility as follows:
A) Nearest Emergency Medical Facility:
Medical Center of the Rockies
2500 Rocky Mountain Avenue
Loveland, CO 80538

970-244-2500

*There will be an Ambulance designated at and standing by at all times for immediate transport to the nearest emergency room available.

8. **Local Law Enforcement:** Ft. Collins/Loveland Security on site
Patrol by Loveland Police Department
810 E. 10th Street
Loveland, CO 80537
General Information: (970) 667-2151

Larimer County Sheriff
2501 Midpoint Drive
Ft. Collins, CO 80525 970-498-5100

9. **Latrine Restroom Facilities Description**
Male & Female latrine facilities (Porta-potties) are available and clearly marked. All individuals using these facilities must assist with keeping them clean and orderly. NO SHOWERS will be available. There is a truck stop near the I-25HWY with showers available.

10. **Tents**
Participating Units/individuals are permitted to pitch tents in designated areas first come, first served.

11. **Drinking Water WILL BE PROVIDED**

12. **Meal Cost –2 meals INCLUDED in fee.** Saturday breakfast/Saturday evening dinner. Carry out your own trash.

A. **Reenactor Night –Friday Night WWII Movie and Beverage.**

13. **Camping - Non-Authentic Camping (Encouraged).**
Police call your own area for trash/litter.

14. **Vendors of Militaria –. Limit of 2 tables per Vendor. BRING TENT & YOUR OWN TABLES AND CHAIRS.**

15. **Event Location/Name of Facility (Also to be used on BATF forms):**
Address: Ft. Collins/Loveland Airport 4900 Earhart Rd Loveland, CO 80538
(970) 962-2850

NOTE: The tactical maneuver area is private property and therefore is subject to cancellation based on landowner requirements. If this occurs, notices will be posted immediately to all known websites where the announcement was made. If this occurs, FULL refund of the Event Fee will be provided.

Sponsoring Unit(s):
5th SS-DIVISION WIKING “reenacted”
CO B, 15TH RGT, 3RD INFANTRY DIVISION (US) “reenacted”

This Event is hosted by the Colorado Chapter WWII HRS and Co-sponsored as follows:

1) **Sponsoring Unit(s):** 5th.SS-DIVISION WIKING “reenacted”
POC: Unit Commander: Rey Ramirez
E-mail: cdr@worldwartwohrscolorado.com
Telephone: 720.621.6339

2) **Sponsoring Unit(s):** CO B, 15th RGT, 3d Infantry Division (US) “reenacted”
POC: Unit Co- Commander: Carlos Ramirez
E-mail: carlos@worldwartwohrscolorado.com
Telephone: 303.596.7879

Other Sponsor as follows:
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HOW TO ATTEND a Board Meeting:

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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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

WWII HRS Minutes
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<p>2012 Minutes</p> <p>January February March April May June July August September (canceled) October November December (No quorum)</p>	<p>2011 Minutes</p> <p>January February March April May June July August September October November December</p>
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MEETING MINUTES

January 2013 HRS Board Meeting

Welcome and Roll Call

Board of Representatives

President- Carlos Ramirez- Present

Vice-President- Jonathan Stevens- Present

Treasurer- Charles Gallaher- Absent

Secretary- Eddie Mayton- Present

Allied Rep- Ron Kapustka- Present

Axis Rep- Doug Loge- Present

Commonwealth Rep- Bryce Seyko- Absent

Unit Commanders: Allen Jones, Vito Abbinante, Holly Normanlanten,

Others: Westfall, Norman McKinney, Rey Rameries,

Reading of the November minutes; December meeting no quorum
Ron Kapustka read the November minutes as there was December Meeting. Carlos Ramirez motion to accept, Ron Kapustka Seconded Minutes approved.

Election Results were read by Jon Stevens.

Old Business

2013 Application Form / EventBrite

A result of usage was discussed and it is considered a success.

Regional Event Funding – review wording

Tabled for next month

New Business

New Unit Charters: E Co., 505th PIR, 82nd Abn; 517th PRCT; 3rd Motorized, 53 Aufklarung Abteilung; 7th Infantry Div; UPI; 1st Infantry Div.

E Co., 505th PIR, 82nd Abn- Passed S&A, was reviewed, Doug asked about females in the Unit. There are and their position in a combat unit was questioned. The females are a non-combat role in the unit. No further questions.

Vote: Carlos- Yes, Jon- yes, Eddie- Yes, Ron- yes, Doug- yes.

Charter Accepted.

517th PRCT- Charter well written and review.

Vote: Carlos- Yes, Jon- yes, Ron- yes, Doug- yes, Eddie- Yes

Charter Accepted

3rd Motorized, 53 Aufklarung Abteilung- Still under review by S&A. Jon motioned to table. It was tabled.

7th Infantry Div- Ron had a few questions for the unit. Charter rules for promotion needs worked on. Ron offered to help. Charter is tabled for next month.

UPI- Tabled for next month.

1st Infantry Div- (L company) Charter change.

Vote: Carlos- Yes, Jon- yes, Ron- yes, Doug- yes. Eddie- Yes

Charter Accepted

Charter Review: B Co, 502 PIR, 101st Abn; 321st Glider Field Artillery Battalion; Co. C, 26th Inf Regt ,1st Infantry Division; Brandenburg Jager Rgt 1.

B Co, 502 PIR, 101st Abn- End of their probationary year. Questions on quantity of personnel, according to Roster there was enough. Eddie had a question for Vito about respect and rank issues with other events.

Carlos made some comments and suggestions for Vito. Jon suggested if there are issues later on and the charter is approved it can be revoked.
Vote: Carlos- Yes, Jon- Yes, Ron- No, Doug- No, Eddie- No
Charter Not Accepted

321st Glider Field Artillery Battalion- Tabled until May
5th ID- Tabled Until May

Co. C, 26th Inf Regt ,1st Infantry Division- Not a new Unit but there were several issues. Charter was voted for review. The charter is being sent to the S&A committee and is tabled for next month.

Brandenburg Jager Rgt 1.- Passed S&A motion. Doug had a few questions answered. Jon Motioned.

Vote: Carlos- Yes, Jon- yes, Ron- yes, Doug- yes, Eddie- Yes

Charter Review Accepted

Treasurer Report – 2012 reimbursements

Charlie was absent. Jon discussed reimbursements from last year.

Secretary Report

Currently close to 200 members paid. Eddie discussed the streamlining of membership cards and how event bright is the way to go.

Commonwealth Report - Absent

Allied Report: N-A

Axis Report: N-A

Edge Report

Jon discussed the new editor and the future of The EDGE.

He also wants to implement a Press Corps.

Eddie mentioned getting Units involved.

Ron discussed having members send in pictures that they take at events. Jon mentioned the HRS flicker group.

Committee Reports

S&A – Charter Update Subcommittee

Charters are being discussed.

Unit Commanders

Jon discussed memberships and Cards.

Vehicle – HRS vehicle listing. Goal is to have more safety policies and inspections. EventBrite is collecting data on vehicles and a list will be made.

Legislative Committee

Goal is to work on reenacting related laws and getting them passed.

Business Manager

Jon mentioned creating this position. Ron motioned, Eddie Seconded.

Vote: Carlos- Yes, Jon- yes, Ron- yes, Doug- yes., Eddie- Yes

Position Accepted

Insurance Update

Research is ongoing. There are two possible companies but nothing has been finalized. NRA declined supporting Historical Reenactment Clubs. Our deadline is February 1st as that is where our current policy expires. A full update was provided. Updates will be provided to the board in between now and the next meeting.

Amended during the March meeting on 3/22/13; it was stated for the record that in between the meetings information about the insurance conundrum was provided to the members of the board. The board took care of the issues in order to procure insurance for the HRS.



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Protecting Unit Charters – Doug Loge

Doug discussed by-laws and the creation of new units in similar divisions. A change may not be needed but clarification will be needed. A discussion and problem solving ideas were discussed. Most felt a few guys should not hold up a division. Perhaps unit charters should be made harder and more restrictive. Changes should be made for the future but a grandfather clause should be made for current units. New unit numbers should be raised to 10 guys not 5. Further discussion is required.

Open Comments

Rey Ramirez brought up reimbursement for a 2012 event. It will be handled.

Meeting Adjourned At: 1/17/2013 9:17:57 PM



World War II era Workhorse Airplane

Many aircraft would fit the bill as the plane that won the war. Many would say the B-17 Flying Fortress or the B-29 Bomber that dropped the two atomic bombs on Japan did the trick. If you were connected with the P-51 Mustang or the P-38, you'd most likely say that they were the dominating factors in winning the war.

If you lived in Oklahoma City during the war you would say the C-47 won the War. More than 5,354 C-47s were built in Oklahoma City in the Douglas plant from March 1943 until August 1945. More than 10,000 C-47s were built during World War II.



Assembly line of C-47 Skytrains (the flying mules of the War), at Douglas Aircraft Company, Oklahoma City - 1943.

When a new C-47 flew from Oklahoma City to the West Coast sometimes the pilots would drop down to a hundred feet directly over the railroad tracks, seeking freight trains. Once a train was spotted, they'd drop even lower and head directly toward the engine. When they were within a few hundred yards of the engine, they'd turn on the landing lights and make a high speed pass directly over the train. The engineers applied the brakes and when the steel wheels locked on steel track sparks lit up the night. The authorities were not too happy with those ferry pilots.

During WW2 the C-47 ferried troops back and forth from Europe. Some towed gliders and others dropped paratroops behind enemy lines. Two thousand were on lend lease to England and the Commonwealth during the war.

A C47 was donated to Wings of Dreams for Re-enactments

On 23 January 2013 the Lee County Florida Mosquito Control District donated a World War II-era Douglas C-47 airplane to the Wings of Dreams Museum in Keystone Heights Florida. This plane was used by the United States military in the 1940s as a freighter. During WW2 this C-47 could accommodate a fully assembled jeep, 28 soldiers in full combat gear or 14 patients on stretchers and three nurses. Versions of the C-47 are still flying in America and are used for mosquito and fire control.

It is an amazing plane. It is 75-years-old and still flying. Its original olive green coat of paint can still be seen under its white paint. It is flying living history. The Douglas C-47 will be restored and re-painted in its original U.S. Army Air Corps colors with black and white D-Day invasion stripes. It will be kept in working condition and will be used for rides and **Re-Enactment Flights**. This airplane is part of aviation history and will be used to engage and educate the public. It will take some time until the restoration of the C-47 completely finished, but public tours are available.



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At a World War 2 Re-enactment in the United Kingdom a Douglas C-47 Skytrain (Dakota) sits at Upottery Airfield, one of 82 that operated from this airfield during D-Night 5/6th June 1944, 69 years ago. Here a re-enactment group replicates a scene from the film the 'Band of Brothers'. Some of the Group's members stand in front of the aircraft, which is painted in its original 1944 markings of 92nd TCS, 439th TCG, complete with D-Day stripes.

The "Tico Belle," is one of few Operational C-47 "Skytrains" That Flew in WWII





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The C-47 was designed by the Douglas Aircraft Company in 1939. First Flight 23 December 1941.
Mass Production in 1943. Primary users: United States Army Air Forces and Royal Air Force

General characteristics

Crew: 4 (Pilot, Co-Pilot, Navigator, Radio Operator)
Capacity: 28 troops
Payload: 6,000 lb (2,700 kg)
Length: 63 ft 9 in (19.43 m)
Wingspan: 95 ft 6 in (29.41 m)
Height: 17 ft 0 in (5.18 m)
Wing area: 987 ft² (91.70 m²)
Empty weight: 18,135 lb (8,226 kg)
Loaded weight: 26,000 lb (11,793 kg)
Max. Takeoff weight: 31,000 lb (14,061 kg)
Power-plant: 2 x Pratt & Whitney R-1830-90C Twin Wasp 14-cylinder radial engines, 1,200 hp (895 kW) each

Performance

Maximum speed: 224 mph (195 kn, 360 km/h)
at 10,000 ft (3,050 m)

Cruise speed: 160 mph (139 kn, 257 km/h)
Range: 1,600 mi (1,391 nmi, 2,575 km)
Ferry Range: 3,600 mi (3,130 nmi, 5,795 km)
Service Ceiling: 26,400 ft (8,045 m)
Climb to 10,000 ft (3,050 m): 9.5 min



DC3 Dakota painting by Pat Speirs

The first commercial version was called DC-3 and was the same model with seating. They were originally built to haul passengers and mail. It's such a versatile plane. It's like a big semi in the air. The dependable aircraft was used in flying goods and personnel over "The Hump" from India to China. Later, the same aircraft would play a major roll in the Berlin Airlift.



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AC-47 "Spooky" Photo By: Greg Gobel - Wikimedia Commons

The C-47 was used in the Vietnam War. In the Vietnam conflict, C-47 aircraft were converted into gun-ships designated as the AC-47 "Spooky" often nicknamed "Puff the Magic Dragon," for the rapid fire power heaped upon enemy combatants ground locations.

During the Vietnam War, guns were added to the planes to protect camps or towns housing U.S. soldiers. The guns could shoot 18,000 bullets per minute at enemy soldiers. A town or camp defended by an AC-47 was never lost to the enemy. An AC-47 could kill up to 75,000 North Vietnamese soldiers.

Today, many of the original C-47 aircraft are used as private aircraft in hundreds of locations around the world.

C-47 Second Chance

Serial #: 44-76717
Construction #: 16301/33049
Civil Registration: 4X-FNK / N15SJ
Model: C-47B-DK

This is the only flying C-47 that is still in the original 1944 paratroop configuration. This plane actually dropped members of the 101st Airborne on D-Day.

Photos By: Garrett O'Donoghue
American Airpower Museum
Farmingdale, New York, September 2012





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Douglas C-47 Second Chance - Cabin Photo By: Daniel Berck - 6 June 2009

This war-bird has earned her invasion stripes, having actually participated in the famous D-Day invasion, June 6, 1944.



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B-29 FIFI



Photo by Bill Crump

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I thought you would like to see a short video of the only flyable B-29 in the world. Someone did a nice job of filming FIFI, the only flying B-29. Turn the sound up as she takes off!!!

<http://vimeo.com/17388627>



Boeing B-29 Stratofortress "FIFI" cockpit.

Commemorative Air Force (CAF) Photo



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Photo By Scott Slocum

To those who may not understand planes from WW2, this is FIFI. The Commemorative Air Force has completely rebuilt this aircraft and those powerful prop engines to bring FIFI back to life. It took years to accomplish, many thousands of donated dollars and thousands of hours of work by many unpaid volunteers to make this happen so that everyone can share this important part of our history.

FIFI is the only flying B-29 Strato-Fortress in the world. This is one of the combat airplanes that flew from Iwo Jima, Saipan, Tinian islands to bomb Japan and help win the war. It was usually escorted by P-51 Mustangs to protect her from enemy fighters but many thousands of planes and aircrews were lost fighting for our country.

WW2 happened at a time in history before we had long range missiles and electronics. These planes were flown by men from our farms and cities who left their families at home and risked their lives in high altitude gun fights. It was up close, brutal and extremely dangerous but they risked it all to protect our country. Many never came home again. We love, respect and honor all of our veterans.

This is a unique flying museum. If you get a chance to see her at an air show, don't pass up the chance. You are watching history and she is the only one left out of thousands. This is truly a rare aircraft.

The Commemorative Air Force has a love affair with WW2 airplanes and preserves these wonderful aircraft so you can see and experience the marvelous machines that preserved our freedom.



B-29 FIFI Repairs



FIFI flies over AirVenture Oshkosh 2011

The Commemorative Air Force (CAF) has completed repairs on its crown-jewel aircraft, the B-29 FIFI, after the airplane's No. 2 engine suffered damage on its last air show flight of the 2012 season. The aircraft returned to touring just a couple of years ago after a multi-year overhaul and restoration period.

The B-29 experienced trouble with the number two engine and returned safely to the ground during a routine photo mission at the conclusion of an Air Show in October 2012. The B-29 is equipped with four radial engines, which are needed to power the massive aircraft. It was determined the number two engine would need major repairs and therefore the aircraft was grounded.

The CAF was determined to repair the engine and put FIFI back in the sky as soon as possible, continuing its mission of preserving the living legacy of the greatest generation's sacrifice and honor. For three months maintenance crews worked tirelessly to repair the engine and get this historic aircraft flying again as quickly as possible.



Installing 1 of 4 modified Wright R-3350's on the B-29 "FIFI"

Commemorative Air Force (CAF) Photo

The Commemorative Air Force's (CAF) famous Boeing B-29 Superfortress bomber, FIFI – the only remaining flying example of the aircraft in the world – returned to the sky on Saturday, 13 January 2013. It was FIFI's first flight since October 2012.

For today's children, FIFI brings a history lesson to life. It's all the difference in the world seeing it fly instead of in a museum. You can smell the exhaust and hear the roar from the engines.



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Patty Andrews of the Andrews Sisters dead at 94

On 30 January 2013 Patty Andrews (the last survivor of the three singing Andrews sisters)
Died in Northridge, California (suburban Los Angeles) at the age of 94.



Oct. 1, 1987 Associated Press Photo /Reed Saxon

In this photo, The Andrews Sisters (Patty: left and Maxine)

Hold their star plaques which they received as they accepted a star in the Hollywood Walk of Fame.



Patty Andrews - 1942 Associated Press Photo



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The Andrews Sisters singing trio captured the home-front spirit of World War 2. Patty Andrews was the last surviving member. The trios hits included the rollicking "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy of Company B" and the poignant "I Can Dream, Can't I?".

All three sisters were born and raised in the Minneapolis area, spending summers in Mound, Minn., on the western shores of Lake Minnetonka, about 20 miles west of Minneapolis.

During World War 2 they entertained the Allied forces extensively in America, Africa and Italy, visiting Army, Navy, Marine and Coast Guard bases, war zones, hospitals, and munitions factories. They encouraged U.S. citizens to purchase war bonds with their rendition of Irving Berlin's song "Any Bonds Today?". They also helped actress Bette Davis and actor John Garfield found California's famous Hollywood Canteen, a welcome retreat for servicemen where the trio often performed, volunteering their personal time to sing and dance for the soldiers, sailors and marines (they did the same at New York City's Stage Door Canteen during the war). While touring, they often treated three random servicemen to dinner when they were dining out. They recorded a series of Victory Discs (V-Discs) for distribution to Allied fighting forces only, again volunteering their time for studio sessions for the Music Branch, Special Service Division of the Army Service Forces, and they were dubbed the "Sweethearts of the Armed Forces Radio Service" for their many appearances on shows like "Command Performance", "Mail Call", and "G.I. Journal."



The Andrews Sisters. From top: LaVerne, Patty, Maxene. LaVerne was born in 1911, Maxine (later Maxene) in 1916, Patricia (later Patty, sometimes Patti) in 1918.

Patty was the Andrews in the middle, the lead singer and chief clown, whose raucous jitterbugging delighted American servicemen abroad and audiences at home. Patty could also deliver sentimental ballads like "I'll Be with You in Apple Blossom Time" with a sincerity that caused hardened GIs far from home to weep.

From the late 1930s through the 1940s, the Andrews Sisters produced one hit record after another, beginning with "Bei Mir Bist Du Schoen" in 1937 and continuing with "Beat Me Daddy, Eight to the Bar," "Rum and Coca-Cola" and more. They recorded more than 400 songs and sold over 80 million records, several of them going gold.

The Andrews Sisters voices combined with perfect synergy. As Patty remarked in 1971: "There were just three girls in the family. LaVerne had a very low voice. Maxene's was kind of high, and I was between. It was like God had given us voices to fit our parts."

The Andrews Sisters' rise coincided with the advent of swing music, and their style fit perfectly into the new craze. They aimed at reproducing the sound of three harmonizing trumpets.

"I was listening to Benny Goodman and to all the bands," Patty once remarked. "I was into the feel, so that would go into my own musical ability. I was into swing. I loved the brass section."

Unlike other singing acts, the sisters recorded with popular bands of the '40s, fitting neatly into the styles of Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller, Jimmy Dorsey, Bob Crosby, Woody Herman, Guy Lombardo, Desi Arnaz and Russ Morgan. They sang dozens of songs on records with Bing Crosby, including the million-seller "Don't Fence Me In." They also recorded with Dick Haymes, Carmen Miranda, Danny Kaye, Al Jolson, Jimmy Durante and Red Foley.

The Andrews' popularity led to a contract with Universal Pictures, where they made a dozen low-budget musical comedies between 1940 and 1944. In 1947, they appeared in "The Road to Rio" with Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour. Their only hit was "Buck Privates," which made stars of Abbott and Costello and included the trio's blockbuster "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy from Company B."



This 1947 publicity photo shows the pop vocal trio, The Andrews Sisters. From left, Maxine Andrews, Patty Andrews, and LaVerne Andrews.

The trio continued until LaVerne's death in 1967. "We had been together nearly all our lives," Patty explained in 1971. "Then in one year our dream world ended. Our mother died and then our father. All three of us were upset, and we were at each other's throats all the time."



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KENNEKUK WWII REMEMBRANCE DAYS May 4th and 5th 2013

By Wayne McCulley 9th US Infantry Div.

On May 3-5 we will kickoff the summer WW2 HRS reenacting season with the Kennekuk World War 2 Remembrance Days at Kennekuk County Park near Danville Illinois. This will be the third year for this event. The last event was held in August 2011. Danville is in East Central Illinois, forty minutes from Champaign-Urbana and near the Indiana state line. Kennekuk Park is a 3000 acre park with plenty of open space for encampments and battles. It also features a town display of 10 vintage buildings. On Friday evening we will have a WW2 vehicle convoy that will start at Kennekuk, travel to Danville and conclude at the Vermillion County war museum. We will be having one large field battle each day on Saturday and Sunday. The main field battle will feature Warbird flyovers courtesy of local Warbird owners. We are also planning to have a few small unit skirmishes during the weekend. On Saturday evening we will have a 1940's Barn Dance at the Red barn at Kennekuk. This event is open to all World War 2 impressions. This is a newer event with a new date, and it is our desire for this event to grow. We would appreciate it if the WW2 reenacting community will add Kennekuk to the events they will be attending this year.

Sponsoring units: 33rd US Infantry Div. and Great Lakes Waves
Registration site: <http://kennekuk.eventbrite.com/>

Event site: Kennekuk County Park 22296 Henning Road
Danville, IL 61834

Friday Schedule:

3:00pm- 9:00pm Registration at the Red Barn
5:00pm: Vehicle Convoy to Danville and the Vermillion County War Museum
10:00pm Quiet Time

Saturday's Schedule:

7:30am- 8:30am Registration
9:00am: Camp is open to public
9:30am: S & A
10:00am: Flag Ceremony (Located near Barn)
11:30am: USO Show
12:30pm: Messenger Bid Demonstration
2:30pm: Public Battle
5:00pm: Event closed to public
7:00pm – 11:00pm: Re-enactor USO show & Dance
10:00pm Quiet Time

Sunday's Schedule:

9:00am: Church service (Chaplain Bob Starr)
10:00am: Camp open to public
11:00am: Radio Demonstration
12:00pm-1:00pm: Event Vehicle Parade (All are Welcome)
1:30pm: Public Battle
3:00pm: Camp is closed to public/ Re-enactors Pack up camp



Photographs By: Gary Adkins



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1940's WW2 Army Training Films and HRS Event Video Can be seen on YouTube



For a long time I was skeptical of video on-line on the internet. Most of what I saw was junk that did not interest me. Now I find on-line video to be a great tool for research, especially for World War 2. On YouTube you can find original 1940's Army Training Films and Newsreels.

Anything from how to fly a B-17 Bomber,
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fdc8MJHB0Cc>

The care and maintenance of the M1-Grand Rife,
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJJeBXZeVZU>

To my favorite: How to be a good Army Photographer.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kDlyL1qJyWU>

You can even find original German, Russian, and Japanese Army and Navy film from World War 2.

And Funny Stuff Like "Camera Warfare":
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qYZmFo3_F1g

YouTube is a video-sharing website, created in February 2005, on which users can upload, view and share videos. Most of the content on YouTube has been uploaded by individuals, although media corporations including CBS, the BBC offer some of their material via the site, as part of a YouTube partnership program.

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YouTube now has more than 1 billion people visiting its online video site each month to watch everything from Cat clips of to sobering scenes of current social unrest around the world. The vast audience has given YouTube's owner, Google Inc., another channel for selling online ads beyond its dominant Internet search engine. Google bought YouTube in November 2006. YouTube is based in San Bruno, California, and uses Adobe technology to display a wide variety of user-generated video content, including movie clips, TV clips, and music videos, as well as amateur content such as video blogging, short original videos, and educational videos.

Unregistered users (anybody) can watch videos, while only registered users can upload an unlimited number of videos.

Last year (2012) I posted 18 WW2 HRS Videos on YouTube, Like these:

Issue 16 Rockford 2012 Inspect and Show
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jyPsWYIRqHE>

Issue 13 Rockford 2012 Battle
Part 1
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6axP2CtGcLM>
Part 2
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xbj39HJNA14>

Issue 12 WW2 Veteran Interviews
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M2pl2uu2e5U>

This year "The Point" a WW2 HRS Press Corps Video publication will be posted on YouTube.

The POINT Issue 1
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7dJROFZ2OMo>

The POINT Promo
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mptLRF4zqrQ>



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

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

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