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20 September 2014 World War 2 Event Rockford, Illinois

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The WW2 HRS Press Corps Presents History – Close and Personal – Veterans Stories

These WW2 Veteran video interviews were done by Rebecca Tulloch and Chris Cundiff (WW2 HRS Press Corps) at the Lockport, Illinois WW2 Event.



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LST-243 Interview https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hvlPquqaJdk



Battle of the Bulge Interview https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4WqsppyROHY



Philippine Islands Interview https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=154SLk-QS50

This is why we Re-enact ... To Honor Men like these!

Heinz Thiel WW2 HRS Press Corps

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WWII HRS Scholarship 2014

The WWII HRS 2014 scholarship winner is Anthony Giordano



WWII HRS Scholarship Application Essay 2014

My name is Anthony Giordano, and reenact with the German name Gunther Hermann, in the 2nd Kompanie, fifth Pionier Bataillon of the 5th SS panzer division "Wiking" under the leadership of Alan Miltich. I am a full time student at Olivet College in Olivet, Michigan. I just finished my third year there as a history major and hold a 3.72 overall GPA. Some of my academic extra circular activities include being a member of the League of Extraordinary Historians, an on-campus student group comprised of the history majors as well as a member of the national honor society, Phi Alpha Theta. I am also a student athlete, being a member of the Wrestling and Track and Field teams. As a member of the Wrestling team, my GPA has been used towards two academic national championships. On the track team, I hold the school record for the Hammer throw.

I have been reenacting with Wiking since I was 16 years old, the experience has taught me many new things and introduced me to many great people. Reenacting has even gone so far as to help shape my career choice and paths in life. I first joined for two reasons, I had a mild love of History, and my father was also a member in the unit. As I grew up, my love of history grew as well, so did my passion for working with my hands. When it finally came time to choose between the two, I was torn. After a lot of thought and a trip to Greenfield village. I had a revelation, why not combine the two things I love most and get a job that focuses on history and working with my hands. I now attend college with my dream job being working in a museum doing vehicle restoration and preservation work. My future career plans involve applying to an internship at the National Air and Space Museum to work as an intern in the aircraft restoration field.

My future Plans for reenacting include staying with Wiking. The guys in the unit are great guys who I look forward to reenacting with for years to come. As my involvement with Wiking grows, I plan to add more pionier equipment to my impression. It is not an impression that is seen a lot, but is an interesting one. After I graduate from college, I plan on picking up a second impression. The impression I would like to portray is of the 29th SS "Italia" before they were officially recognized as a true SS unit, and wore red collar tabs and cuff title. I would like to portray the unit partially because of my Italian heritage but it would bring an interesting aspect to reenactments because you do not see many Italian impressions. I look forward to my continued involvement in reenacting for years to come.



From HRS Treasurer

Wayne McCulley 9th Infantry Division WMcCulley45@Gmail.com



TREASURER'S REPORT WORLD WAR II HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY OCTOBER 2014

Account Balances as of September 30, 2014

DNC Park Non-Drofit Checking Account

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account PNC Bank Money Market Account Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$12,272.70 \$48,343.71 \$302.20
Account Totals	\$60,918.61
Income AugustEventbrite Online Gross Membership Income September Mailed Membership Income Interest from Money Market Account Payment from Rockford Midway Village for HRS meals	\$ 815.00 \$ 150.00 \$ 3.39 \$ 500.00
	\$1,468.39
Total Income	
Expenditures Mad Mimi Marketing Eventbrite Fees for the Month of September Exxon/Mobil Gift Card prizes for Rockford Raffle Reimbursement to Craig Dvorak for Stamps and membership card supplies Reimbursement to Jim Schouten for supplies for Rockford vehicle authenticity inspections	\$ 12.80 \$ 101.50 \$ 900.00 \$ 71.64 \$ 143.62
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,229.56

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Wayne McCulley HRS Treasurer

Treasurers Report Third Quarter 2014

World War II Historical Re-Enactment Society

BEGINNING BALANCES

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account PNC Bank Money Market Account Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$10,765.16 \$48,333.96 \$ 302.20
TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCES	\$59,401.32
INCOME Membership Dues Income Payment From Rockford Midway Village for meals at Rockford WW2 Days Money Market Account Interest Income TOTAL INCOME	\$2,735.00 \$500.00 \$9.75 \$3,244.75
EXPENDITURES	93,244.73
Email Marketing Service Post Office Box Rental For Veteran tent for Dakota City MN WW2 days Event Support- Rockford Raffle Eventbrite Service Charges Postage for Membership cards Office Supplies Vehicle Inspection Supplies	(\$ 38.40) (\$ 40.00) (\$ 300.00) (\$ 900.00) (\$ 233.80) (\$ 49.00) (\$ 22.64) (\$ 143.62)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	(\$1,727.46)
ENDING BALANCES 3 ^{ED} QUARTER 2014	
PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account PNC Bank Money Market Account Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$12,272.70 \$48,343.71 \$ 302.20
TOTAL ENDING BALANCES	\$60,918.61
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Let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Wayne McCulley HRS Treasure

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

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

Jon (the HRS President) does review this publication and asks that submissions reflect the POSITIVE aspect of our Society.

Upon request I will also come out and visit with HRS Members and Units. I am happy to take some pictures or video and do a write up about your WW2 Living History efforts.

Please contact me if you would like to be a part of the The EDGE staff or The WW2 HRS Press Corps. All current HRS Members are welcome to join. Non-HRS members will have to be approved. This is an old video And maybe you have seen it before ... But for Veterans Day... Maybe everyone in the WW2 HRS should watch it (again).



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AgYLr_LfhLo

Chris Cundiff, Rebecca Tulloch and I shot video of the WW2 Event in Lockport, ILL. The video came out great. Here is some of it on YouTube.



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cdolBkkpDk&list=UUxFcEYP2-vd2TfMS2b3noDQ



This is a fully restored U.S. Navy World War 2 (1945) LCVP Higgins Boat - Landing Craft at Roberts Armory in Rochelle, Illinois on 13 September 2014. This video shows the first Combat Mission re-enactment with this restored boat.



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This video-mix shows the WW2 HRS 101st Airborne 502 PIR Company C and 5th Company GrossDeutschland 2014 Woods Battle engagements at the Rockford, Peoria and Danville Illinois Public Re-enactments.



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTWfS9NtU2Q&list=UUxF cEYP2-vd2TfMS2b3noDQ



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HOW TO ATTEND a Board Meeting:

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

They need to contact their unit commander for the call information to include phone number and password. This creates less of a choke point and gets the information out to more with less hassle.

The monthly board meeting time/dates will change to accommodate the board members time schedules. Please contact your unit commander for more information regarding date, time, and log on information.

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All of the HRS Board Meeting Minutes from the past six years are posted on the HRS WEB Site. Current HRS By-Law call for these official business reports to be re-published here in The Edge. See the BOD Minutes Page at <u>http://WorldWarTwoHrs.org/Business.htm</u> for past meeting Minutes <u>W W11 HRS Minutes</u> Click to go to a PDF file of the minutes.

Click to go to a PDI	- file of the minutes.
2014 Minutes	2013 Minutes
January	January
<u>February</u>	February (canceled)
<u>March</u>	March
April	April
May	May
June	June
July	July
August	August
September	September (canceled)
October	October
November	November
December	December
2012 Minutes	2011 Minutes
January	January
<u>February</u>	<u>February</u>
March	March
April	April
<u>May</u>	<u>May</u>
June	June
July	July
August	August
September (canceled)	September
October	October
November	November
December (No quorum)	December
2010 Minutes	2009 Minutes
January	January
<u>February</u>	February
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<u>September</u>	<u>September</u>
October	October
November	November
December	December





The World War Two Historical Re-enactment Society is an organization of over 1200 men and women members from coast to coast, as well as Canada and Europe. Our mission is to bring the history of World War Two to life with public displays, simulated battles, participation in parades, and a variety of other community activities.

The society strives to honor and preserve the memory of those who served in World War Two, as well as preserve the artifacts of that period.

Our members carry out a wide range of historical impressions, including those of The United States, the United Kingdom, the Soviet Union, Poland, and Germany.

Our focus is entirely on the military history of World War Two. We have no sympathy for the ideology of Nazism or fascism. Such beliefs are not welcome here.

If this exciting and rewarding hobby appeals to you, please consider joining us. Our hobby is dependent upon the talents and enthusiasm of its members and there is always room for new interest! Please contact any of our board members today for more information.

The WWII Historical Reenactment Society Inc. has never hosted, supported, or financed any events, or dinners at the Minneapolis based Gasthof Zur Gemutlichkeit Restaurant.

The only officially sponsored WWII HRS events are listed on our website: http://worldwartwohrs.org/Events.htm.

Information about our non for profit organization can be found here: http://worldwartwohrs.org/AboutUs.htm

Any activities by our members and member units that violate the stated bylaws and regulations of the Society are reviewed for disciplinary action up to dismissal and banning from future participation.

On behalf of the WWII HRS Inc. Board of Directors, Michael Kaczorowski WWII HRS Inc. Vice President WWII HRS Inc. Head of Safety and Authenticity







Board Meeting 17 July 2014, 8:00 pm

Attending the meeting was Jonathan Steven:, President; Mike K.: Vice President; Doug Loge: Axis Rep; Wayne McCulley: Treasurer; Ron Kapustka: Allied Rep; Jeff Skender: The EDGE Craig Dvorak Membership Coordinator; Jim Schouten Vehicle Committee;

Al Jones; Su Miller; Mike LAexander; Rachel Brown; Carlos Ramirez

The June minutes were approved by board vote.

Officer Reports:

Vice President

New Charters: Mike K. reported that the 19th IR and 2nd Armored Division, 41st Armored Infantry proposed unit commanders were on vacation and unavailable for the meeting. Both units were tabled.

Rachel Brown reported on her proposed unit: "Pennsylvania WWII Civilian Reenactor Unit." Some questions asked by the board included were men to be allowed in the unit to which the answer was yes. A suggestion was that stronger stated authenticity rules were needed. A question on French Resistance impression was asked and that was a possibility.

Probationary Charters:

The 53. Aufklarungs-Abteilung, 3rd Infanterie Div (mot) was considered for full charter. IT had passed the S&A Comm and also passed the board vote. The United Press charter had passed their probationary year and the S&A Comm. They were voted in as fully chartered. The 29th Infanterie Rgt. 3rd Infanterie Division had passed their probationary year and the S&A Comm. The board voted to fully accept the unit as fully chartered. E Co, 505th PIR, 82nd Abn was tabled as no information was received from this unit.

Defunct Charters: The 23. SS-Panzergrenadier Regiment, 11th SS was removed from the roles by agreement from the unit commander.

Treasurer Wayne McCulley reported \$10,765.16 – checking; \$48333.20 – Money market and \$302.20 in the Wells Fargo account.

Secretary Report was tabled Commonwealth Report was tabled Allied Rep – working on units with under 5 members Axis Rep - working on units with under 5 members Edge Editor: Election information would be in a following Edge Business Manager report was tabled Membership Coordinator had no information

Committee Reports:

S&A reported working on Bazooka fire safety Unit Commanders had no significant action Vehicle was working on jeep ride prohibition and looking for Axis

Representation Civilian had some discussion on charters and individuals with a

possible umbrella group; no firearm for civilians; and also possible individual units if a group applies.

Old Business

Funding for Dakota City Event was completed.

New Business

Rockford Raffle was introduced by Doug L. \$1375 total was requested to be spent on this at 9 \$150 gift certificates to be randomly given away at Rockford to HRS members. The details would be stated later. A motion was made and the vote was 2 for, with 1 for depending on details, and one against.

Staff Positions:

Press Corps was officially created as part of the HRS staff to better promote the HRS through pictures and video. This would include Jeff Skender and several others. A board vote was taken and passed.

The Event Development Team was also created with Rich Russo as director. The job would be to help event coordinators with ideas and funding and also to find event coordinators for locations that would like to have events. A board vote was taken and passed.

New Event: Vandalia, IL was introduced by Ron Kapustka. This would be the 2^{nd} year.

Announcements

The next meeting August 28 by agreement of the board

Adjourned at 9:09pm by vote of the board.



Board Meeting 28 August, 2014, 7:00 pm

Welcome and Roll Call:

Position - Name	Present
President - Jonathan Stevens	YES
Vice President - Mike Kaczorowski	YES
Secretary - Eddie Mayton	NO
Treasurer - Wayne McCulley	YES
Allied Representative - Ron Kapustska	NO
Axis Representative - Doug Loge	YES
Commonwealth Rep Bryce Seyko	NO
EDGE Editor - Jeff Skender	YES
Business Manager - David Jameson	NO
Membership Coordinator - Craig Dvora	ık NO

HRS Members Present Rich Russo, Jim Shouten, Polly Blanton, George Reinke, Nicole Fornell Carlos Ramirez

Officer Reports

Vice President New Charters: Yugoslav Partisan unit charter is expected to be received soon

Pennsylvania Civilian Unit charter has passed S&A Mike Motioned to proceed with vote. Doug Seconded The Pennsylvania Civilian Group was approved for a probationary charter

 19^{th} Infanterie Regiment Charter is still in S&A and has been tabled 2^{nd} Armored Division has not been given to S&A and has been tabled

Probationary Charters: 7th Infantry Division Report has not been received and has been tabled Latvian Rifles Report has not been received and has been tabled

Defunct Charters

 82^{nd} Airborne Division 505^{th} PIR Company E. Communication was received from Dave Weakley the unit Commander. The unit has no interest in continuing with the HRS.

Wayne motioned for Disbandment

Mike Seconded

 $82^{\rm nd}$ Airborne Division $505^{\rm th}$ PIR Company E has been disbanded as an HRS Unit

101st Airborne Division 321st Glider Artillery. Communication has not been received. Vote has been tabled until next meeting.

Secretary - No Report

Treasurer's Report

August 2014

Account Balances as of July 31 2014	
PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$10,936.62
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$48,337.25
Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$302.20
Account Totals	\$59,576.07

Income

Eventbrite Online Gross Membership Income\$600.00Mailed Membership Income\$130.00Interest From Money Market Account\$3.29Total Income\$733.29

Expenditures Mad Mimi Marketing \$12.80 US Postal Service for 6 month PO Box rental \$40.00 Reimbursement for Veteran Tent Rental for \$300.00 Dakota City MN WW2 Weekend Eventbrite Fees for the Month of June \$75.74 Total Expenditures \$428.54.

Allied Representative -No Report

Axis Representative 6th SS Nord is being considered for disbandment.

Edge Editor Waiting For Election Letters of Intent for publication in September Edge

Business Manager - No Report

Membership Coordinator - No Report

Safety and Authenticity Committee - No Report

Vehicle Committee

Has a lead on a possible Axis member of committee. Looking into vehicle inspection magnets.

Civilian Committee

There is a proposal to include civilians in events. Polly Blanton expressed concern about Email problems concerning Civilians in the HRS. Jon suggested we have a private conference call to address issues concerning Civilians.

Event Development Committee

Rich Russo reported on potential event in Hammond Indiana at Wicker Memorial Park in Partnership with Veterans Motorcycle Group and the planned event for June 12-14 2015 in Waukegan IL. This event would be in partnership with The Salute our Armed Forces Charity group and sponsored by 5th Troop Grossdeutschland and 101st Airborne 502 PIR.

Old Business

Doug reported on progress on the Rockford Event Raffle. The raffle prizes will be 9 \$150 gift certificates. Six will be vendor gift certificates awarded to those drawn amongst general membership attending the event. 3 will be gas cards awarded vehicle owners who have passed vehicle inspection. Jon expressed concern about this raffle being a violation of by-law concerning using HRS funds to make donations without approval of the members Doug stated that the raffle is not a donation.

Doug is waiting on response to email inquiries to At the Front and Hessen Antique. He is expecting response by first week in September.



New Business

We have received insurance requests from three events Vandalia Event Franklin Park Illinois event October 11 & 12 2014 Waukegan Event

We have also received a bid from Dave Fornell of the 353^{rd} German Infanterie to serve breakfast on Sunday morning at Rockford. The bid is to serve a maximum of 400 people for a flat rate of \$1200. We are waiting for other possible bids to come in.

Jon reported on progress of the Scholarship Committee. The Committee is made up of four members and is reviewing essays from 3 applicants.

General Comments from the attending members

George Reinke reported on his attendance at the D-Day Weekend in Conneaut Ohio. The event has grown substantially in the last few years. He was impressed that the landing was made on two beaches and that authenticity was generally good.

Carlos Ramirez reported that 5th SS Wiking and 3rd US Infantry Division have five additional members. Their applications are on their way. He also reported on a Veterans Event that his unit will be organizing in September. Wayne inquired about parental consent forms for the Wiking/3rd ID group and was assured they will be sent.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM. Motion made by Jon and seconded by Wayne. Who were the only two members in attendance at the end of the meeting.

September meeting was decided to be on September 25.



Board Meeting 25 September, 2014, 7:30 pm

Welcome and ROLL CALL:

Position	Name	Present
President:	Jonathan Stevens	YES
Vice President:	Vacant	
Treasurer:	Wayne McCulley	YES
Interim Secretary:	Craig Dvorak	YES
Allied Representative:	Ron Kapustka	YES
Commonwealth Rep:	Bryce Seyko	NO
Axis Representative:	Doug Loge	NO
Newsletter Editors:	Jeff Skender	YES
Business Manager:	David Jameson	NO

HRS Members Present

Jim Schouten, Brian Jones, Pat Sanchez, Kurt Gustafson, Chuck Bolanz, Kevin Williams, Pollie Blanton, Sean Godfrey (for Rory Silverstein), Rich Russo, Michael Best, Steve Rorerson, Nicole Fornell, Carlos Rameriz

Reading of the July and August, 2014 Minutes:

The reading of the July, 2014 Minutes were highlighted by Jon Stevens. A motion was made by Ron K to approve the July minutes as read, which was seconded by Wayne McCulley. A vote was taken and the July Minutes were approved as read. The August, 2014 meeting minutes were read by Wayne McCulley. A motion was made by Ron K to approve the August minutes as read, which was seconded by Wayne McCulley. A vote was taken and the August Minutes were approved as read

Officer Reports: Vice President

New Charters:

<u>19th IR</u>: Pat Sanchez reported on their charter and advised they will be a 1938-1941 "early war" impression. They will attend late war events as the unit was in existence through the end of the war. They have 12 members and the French troops would be their main opponents. Jon Stevens reported that the charter will be sent to the S&A Committee.

<u>2nd Armored Division, 41st Armored Infantry</u>: Mike Best has members from the 2nd Panzer Division and they'll focus primarily on tactical events. They'll focus on a 1944-45 impression. They have 9-10 on the charter and 2-3 more guys interested. They'd like to keep the unit to 20 or so, a couple of squads. They are working through the dual membership issues. Jon Stevens reported that the charter will be sent to the S&A Committee.

Junior Red Cross: Nicole Fornell reported that they will not be doing any tacticals, but public displays. They'll have a place for civilians and minors, especially younger children, at events. They'll be working from/following the Junior Red Cross Manual. They'd like to be based either in a building, a shelter or a covered area. They may also possibly use an Army or a civilian tent. Jon Stevens reported that the charter will be sent to the S&A Committee. <u>7th Banija Division (Yugoslavian partisans)</u>: Sean Godfrey reported that they were known as the National Liberation Army of Yugoslavia. They'll focus on the 1943-45 years, with Allied equipment. They'll attend tacticals and other events. In general, they were considered the "shock troops" of the Yugoslavian Army. They used a wide variety of weapons as well. Jon asked if they could narrow their unit designation down from a "Division" sized unit to a smaller sized unit. Sean advised that their division size could be as small as 20-30 men, not what one would normally consider as a division sized unit of men. Sean reported extensively on the weapons that the Unit would be "authorized" to use, based upon history. Jon Stevens reported that the charter will be sent to the S&A Committee.

Probationary Charters:

<u>7th Infantry Div</u>: The S&A Committee did not complete their review of this unit and it will be tabled until the October meeting.

<u>201st Latvian Rifles</u>: The S&A Committee did not complete their review of this unit and it will be tabled until the October meeting.

Defunct Charters:

101st Airborne Div., 321st Glider Artillery Battalion, A Co:

This unit has not contacted any of the Board nor have they had any members for two years. Ron K made a motion to defunct the charter which was seconded by Wayne McCalley. A vote was taken and the unit will be removed from the rolls.

Treasurer:

\$12,037.26	
8,340.32	
302.20	
60,679.78	
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173.07	
12.80	
56.60	
69.40	

Secretary: Craig Dvorak reported that he received waivers for the 416th Rifle Regiment event in Cedar Rapids, IA. He received the Wade House tactical Request Form. 1121 members as of today's date.

Commonwealth: No Report Allied Rep: Nothing to Report Axis Rep: No Report

Edge Editor: The next issue is waiting for the approval of Jon Stevens.

Business Manager: No Report Membership Coordinator - unfilled



Event Development Group: Rich Russo reported on the event in Highland, IN, and a new event he is working on with Bensenville. Planning for the Waukegan event is on-going.

Committee Reports:

S&A: They are reviewing several Rockford reports, including a Jeep conversion guidelines for post-war Jeeps. They are also discussing the two safety violations at Rockford, including hot brass hitting a spectator and the discharge of a weapon at S&A.

Unit Commanders: Nothing happening at the moment

Vehicle: Working on the post-war Jeep conversion standards. There were 56 vehicles that passed S&A; 2 that failed and 3 that failed (for insurance and/or lights) but allowed to stay for display only.

Old Business:

Rockford Report: The HRS sponsored Saturday lunch; Sunday breakfast and a raffle for 3-\$100.00 gas cards (Phil Lauricella, Don Pilchers, and Sam Snell)and 6 members who were chosen at random and received a \$100.00 gift card (Zack Okeli; Cameron Gertz; Zach Hardin; Craig DeBartolo; Rafal Deriga; and Daniel Daeg). The details on the expenses will be in the next issue of The Edge and available at the October Board Meeting. Midway Village contributed \$600.00 towards the meals as well. There were 895 HRS members registered for Rockford.

New Business:

Interim Vice President:

Event Insurance: Vandalia, IL; Franklin Park, both need their insurance documents asap.

New Event: Wade House Tactical. This will be on the website shortly.

Civilian Committee: There was lengthy discussion of a new Civilian Committee and how to manage civilian impressions at Rockford. This committee would be a "sub-committee" of the S&A Committee. There was meeting and the decision was to create a fairly detailed document which includes pictures, etc., and will be presented to the Board next month and would than go to the membership for a vote to be approved. There will be a future article in The Edge as well. The committee would be in a mentor-mentee relationship for newer civilian members. Once the written proposal is submitted to the Board, it will be reviewed and considered.

2015 Dues Schedule: There has been a proposal for the 2015 dues for a possible reduction for early payers and a penalty for late payers of dues. Thus will be considered by the Board and tabled for now.

2015 Scholarship Announcement: The 2015 scholarship was awarded to Anthony Giordano, from the 5th SS Wiking, and a check for \$500.00 will be sent to his school.

Open Comments: Rich Russo brought up an issue of "the press" being outside of the safety line, this will be watched at future events.

Announcements: Next Meeting is October 16

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the Meeting was made by Wayne McCulley and seconded by Craig Dvorak. A vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 8:53pm.



World War II Items For Sale

Contact Ed Fahrner, WW II HRS, 34th ID 630-858-4597 fahrnerlsa@aol.com

M1 Carbine Magazine Pouches - B	elt \$25.00 Each
Officer's Custom Summer Tans - 1944 Issue Shirt Size 16, Pant Size 40 x 30	\$125.00
Officer's Wool Shirts - Sizes 15 & 16	50.00 Each
Officer's Service Trousers - Size 38x36, Repro Pinks	\$50.00
Officer's Service Trousers - Size 40x28, Repro Pinks	\$50.00
Officer's Service Trousers - Size 42x30, Repro Pinks	\$50.00
Officer Rank Insignia - BG, LTC, MAJ, CPT, 1LT	\$10.00 Each
Officer Branch Insignia - INF, CAV, TANK	\$10.00 Each

Shoulder Patch - 1ID, 30ID, 45ID, 84ID, 2 nd Ranger \$ 3	3.00 Each
M1943 Field Jacket - Size 48, 1944 Issue	\$150.00
M1941 Field Jacket Size 46 Reproduction	\$125.00
Shoe Pacs - Size 12W 1944 Issue	\$100.00
Tanker Jacket - Size 46 Reproduction	\$100.00
Double Buckle Boots - Size 10D, Repro	\$75.00
M1938 Leggings - Size 3R	\$25.00
M1936 Pistol Belt	\$50.00
M1916 Holster - 1944 Issue	\$45.00
45 ACP Magazine Pouch	\$25.00
First Aid Pouch / Bandage	\$15.00
Canteen & Cover	\$50.00
Jeep Cap - Reproduction	\$30.00
Practice Grenades \$1	0.00 Each
Musette Bag - 1943 Issue	\$50.00

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WW2 HRS Board Election Candidate Letters

My Letter of Intent for President



Jonathan Stevens 9th Infantry Division

Hometown: Wheaton, IL

Education: BA History; MA Russian History

Occupation: Facilities Project Manager for a small Midwestern college.

Reenacting Experience:

I have been involved in WWII reenacting since 2005 when I joined the 9th Infantry Division WWIIHRS. I have been unit commander since late 2012. I have served in several positions on the HRS board since 2007 and as President since 2013. I enjoy the challenge of working through issues that come to the HRS board and finding an equitable solution. I believe that encouraging member participation in the operation of our organization in very important. Finding and implementing procedures that lessen paperwork is a goal to allow more focus on WWII living history by all members. Growing the WWII HRS through strong attention to authenticity along with an increased focus on safety is a further goal.



Greetings, my name is Chuck Bolanis of Indianapolis, Indiana and I'd like to introduce myself as a candidate for your Vice President of the World War 2 Historical Re-enactment Society. I'm currently an active member of 2 HRS units, the 9th Parachute Battalion (British) and 2/SS Pz.Pi.Bt. 5 "Wiking" (German). I've been a member of the HRS since 2008 and have been in both of these units since I began re-enacting. I don't wish to bore you with too many details about me, but before I get into what I'd like to bring to the HRS board, I'll tell you a little bit about me. I'm currently 43 years old and married to my lovely wife Esther (many of your know her as one of the WAAC re-enactors). I'm employed as a Business Security Consultant with ADT Security and my wife is a PhD Candidate at the Indiana University School of Medicine. I've been in business my entire life, including a brief entrepreneurial stint with my own Advertising and Marketing firm after my collegiate years at Indiana University were I pursued a degree in Communication and Culture.

I have many years of Board of Advisor experience with the world's largest student run organization, the International Association of Students in Business and Economics (AIESEC). I served on the Board of AIESEC United States in 1997 and am currently serving my 3rd term on the Board of Advisors for the Indiana University Chapter of AIESEC. I also am serving my 3rd term on the Leadership Council (Current Council Spokesman) of "Wiking" and am one of three Squad Leaders (Gruppenführers) of the unit. I am also the website administrator of "Wiking". I'm a lowly private with the 9th Paras, I can't convince Nook that I'm nothing other than a German spy. Haha! I'm asking for your support for the Vice Presidency of the WW2 HRS because I feel that I'm very qualified to bring *Experience, Stability, Professionalism* and *Creativity* to the HRS Board.

Experience – I am not new to the hobby or to business. I've been reenacting for over 6 years and attend (on average) 14 events per year. I'm very familiar with the craft of Living History as well as how to run a business and how to be a valuable member of a Board. This experience will immediately be put to use as I actively engage with the Board, the various Committee's as well as the Public. *Stability* – I'm not going anywhere. I've been with the same unit(s) for 6 years, my wife and I have a wonderful home in Central Indiana and have just celebrated our 6th year of marriage. I absolutely love my career working with small businesses on behalf of ADT Security and continue to serve the public through my involvement with Indiana University. I feel that right now, the HRS Board needs *stability* and *consistency*, I've proven both over the years.

Professionalism – I've been in business (sales) and serving on advisory boards for many, many years. I think I've done rather well at mastering the art of compromise but even when I'm unsuccessful, I don't quit. As a top producer for ADT Small Business Security, a Board Member of both "Wiking" and AIESEC Indiana University, I often don't get my way... but I'm still there. My business approach to decision making, experience in dealing with Public Relations along with my ability to compromise and reason will bolster the standards of Professionalism that we all should expect from the WW2 HRS Board.

Creativity – I like coming up with ideas and implementing them. I'm the website creator and administrator for "Wiking" (www.5sswiking.com) and am the creator of the Facebook Group "Reenactors Committed to Losing Weight". All of these endeavors have helped my fellow re-enactors enjoy and succeed in the realm of Living History. As an HRS Board Member, I look forward to creatively exploring more ways for our members to have a safe and rewarding experience in the hobby as well as being healthy and happy. Lastly, I'd say that to those who know me, you know all of these characteristics I've listed will benefit the HRS Board. You've seen me execute all the above during my years in the Hobby. To those who don't know me, feel free to explore my work at www.5sswiking.com, ask for references from those who do know me (on both the Axis and Allied side of the hobby) or simply ask me direct questions via email at charles bolanis 03@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your attention and please take the time to vote this year for your World War 2 HRS Board.

Your friend, Chuck Bolanis





I, Wayne McCulley am writing to declare my intent to run for the position of Treasurer of the World War II Historical Re-enactment Society.

HRS Background:

I have been a member of the WW2 HRS since 2005. My primary unit is the 9th US Infantry Division and my secondary the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. I have been an active member of 9th ID since 2005 and DCLI since 2009. As a member of 9th ID, I have been involved in organizing the unit mess operations. I was appointed to the Safety and Authenticity Committee in 2011 and have been an active contributing member.

I was appointed interim Treasurer in January of this year.

Professional Back Ground:

My professional background is in Electronics Technology. I have been working in my current position as an Electronics Technician in the Radio Controlled Hobby Industry for 15 years. My job requires a great attention to detail. This is also necessary in the treasurer's position.

Accomplishments as Treasurer:

Memberships have been processed in a timely manner. Society Bills have been paid promptly. Financial Reports have been completed for review by members. I have been quick to respond to inquiries by members. I have attended all HRS board meetings.

Future Goals If Elected Treasurer:

If elected I will continue what I have been doing. I would like to see continued growth in the quality and diversity of impressions within the society. I would also like to see HRS resources be used to facilitate new events getting started and to help older events to continue to thrive. I have been involved in helping to organize the Kennekuk WW2 weekend in Danville IL. In my experience I have seen how difficult it can be for new events to get started especially with limited resources.

I hope to continue to work in the society's best interest as treasurer. I ask for your vote.

Respectfully, Wayne McCulley





My name is Doug Loge and I would like to announce my candidacy for the HRS Secretary position. I have been the HRS Axis Representative for the past 2 years, an active HRS S&A Committee member for the past 5 years, and an active HRS member for the past 10 years. Some of my other qualifications for the HRS Secretary position include; a B.A in communication, Illinois State Teacher Certification in History, and 10+ years in the customer service industry. As the Axis Representative and a BOD member, I have -- Attended every monthly BOD meeting, as well as every special BOD meeting.

- Initiated a proposal to lower some HRS dues. It was approved, thus lowering the dues for most members more than 25%.

- Revamped and administered the online membership website. It has been very successful, making HRS record keeping and membership card mailing, accurate and efficient.

-Helped defunct non-active units, and helped new Axis units prepare their probationary charters. Several new quality Axis units have joined the HRS ranks.

As the HRS Secretary and BOD member, I will -

-Continue to attend all BOD meetings and accurately transcribe the meeting minutes.

-Continue to develop and administer the online membership website.

-Ensure all HRS paperwork from the membership and public is processed in a timely manner, and stored correctly.

-Initiate another proposal to lower HRS dues once again. The HRS should not be charging its members money it does not need to operate, nor should it hold an excessive reserve of funds. -Help educate the public by continuing to promote WWII public events.

-Help keep the HRS events safe, and authentic, and fun.

Thank you for your consideration.

Doug Loge





My Letter of Intent for Allied Representative

Name: Ronald J Kapustka

Hometown: Chicago

Education: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a minor in Business Law; Juris Doctor in Law.

Occupation: Lawyer, licensed in Illinois and Wisconsin, practicing for 25 years, partner in a 35 lawyer firm since 1998.

Reenacting Experience:

I have been involved with WW2 and Vietnam, since 2003. I initially joined Easy Company, 2/506th, 101st Airborne for 6 months, after which I split away from them with ten members and formed my current Unit, C Company, 1/502nd, 101st Airborne. I have been the CO of the Unit since 2004, first running the Unit as a Private, until 2009, when I assumed the rank of Captain. I let other unit members, more experienced in reenacting help me direct the Unit during the early years, taking advantage of their experience and guidance. I served on the HRS Board of Directors as Secretary for one year and as the Allied Representative for the past two years.

Reason to get Involved:

Having been a member of the HRS since 2003, I have seen things done in many different ways, some I agree with and others I don't. I started my own successful Unit, which has kept a great core group of 20+ members since its formation in 2004 and which has grown to 50 members today. The Unit stays together because of the camaraderie we have and because I try to lead by example and try to make decisions that benefit the Unit as a whole. I feel that my business and legal real world experience will be beneficial to the HRS and its members. I act as Corporate Counsel for over 4000 not-for-profit corporations and have everyday experience that will be useful to the HRS. IN short, I want to continue to make a difference in the HRS and reenacting hobby as a whole.





My name is Tyler Stevens

I'd like to submit my letter before the HRS to run for the position of Axis representative. I have been reenacting WWII German since May of 2009. In the last 5 years I have had the pleasure of meeting many great people through the hobby from various Allied and Axis units. Through my friendships within various units I'll be able to network and coordinate with fellow German reenactors to help grow the Axis side of reenacting as well as the entire community as a whole.

Thank you for your consideration.







Welcome To Military Events Weekend Public Invited

11 October 2014 World War 2 Event Franklin Park, Illinois





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Fee: Donation to Operation Comfort Warrior only for ver Contact: <u>Craig Dvorak, Jon Stevens, Ron Ruhl</u> Website: <u>http://franklin-park-military-days.weebly.com</u> Authenticity Notes: Fall 1944 theme Sponsoring Unit(s): 9th Inf Div, 2nd Marines







The American Legion





This event was supported by the Village of Franklin Park And American Legion Post 974



Weapons Demonstration - Franklin Park WW2 Event







Jon Stevens – Franklin Park WW2 Event Host



The U.S. Navy Band Great Lakes at Franklin Park, Illinois WW2 Event

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September 29, 2014

To the Men and Women of the Historical Reenactment Society:

We want to offer our immense gratitude and thanks to all of you who participated in Midway Village Museum's World War II Days event September 20-21.

Your dedication to history, accuracy and education of the public is truly impressive and I know that the 7,600 visitors heartily enjoyed their experiences with you.

The Museum is very appreciative of all the time, talent and treasure that goes into spending the weekend with us—not to mention all the preparations beforehand. It is due to all of you that we are able to offer the public a top-notch event!

Many thanks and we'll see you next year,

Qu

Laura B. Furman, Curator of Collections and Education Midway Village Museum

Kenna Johnson, Special Events Coordinator Midway Village Museum



WORLD WAR TWO, HISTORICAL REENACTMENT SOCIETY

ROCKFORD, JL WWII EVENT 2014 Public Battle and Living History Displays September 18, 19, 20, 21



This web site is for reenacters to receive information on the Rockford, IL. WWII HRS event

Located at the Midway Village & Museum Center

All inquires on this event, thoughts, comments, ideas, should contact <u>Scott Koelling</u> (Overall Event Coordinater)





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<u>Photos from the Past</u>

Mr. Roberts has given his permission for The EDGE to re-print photos from his 2003 sold-out book. 12 Years ago he got \$25 per book because of the high quality color photos provides. The book is out of print but Mr. Roberts can make copies.

There are over 500 pictures in this book, look for more photos from it in future issues of The EDGE

Photographic Archive of World War 2 Reenactments November 2003

By Charles C. Roberts 70th Tank Battalion

This book is a compilation of photographs taken from World War 2 reenactments that took place in the Midwest from 1990 to 2003. The photographs are a pictorial history of reenactors and their participation in an endeavor to keep the memory of World War 2 Veterans alive.



British assault gun crew, DuPage Air Show, St. Charles IL, July 1995

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Jagdpanzer Hetzer crew, DuPage Air Show, St. Charles IL, July 1995

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Tanker display, Elburn IL, August 1995 Photo Copyright 2003 by Charles C. Roberts, Jr.





Sd Kfz 251 on way to the front, World War II HRS National Battle, Camp McCoy, October 1995

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Photos from the Past



I got these un-dated photos from Rich Russo This look like Lowell, Indiana about 20 Years ago.



Note: Looks like Rich is wearing the same uniform as he does today ... with a little less dirt.



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