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PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN
REENACTING

Midway Village Museum Rockford Illinois – September 2015
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Dave Fornell receives an award from Terry Johns

These were for long-term contributions to WWII re-enacting and the founders of the HRS that are still around from 1976.

The awards were the idea of Terry Johns from St. Louis (pictured in Canadian uniform handing out the plaques). He was one of the founders of the HRS and decided to do this.
Troops,

it is my pleasure to present to you
your candidates for the
2016-2017 WW2 HRS Board

The positions up for election this year are President, Secretary, Axis Representative and Commonwealth Representative. As in any society, volunteers are greatly needed, so please join me in extending gratitude to these members for stepping up to help lead the World War 2 Historical Reenactment Society.

Best Regards,
Chuck Bolanis
WW2 HRS Vice President

President - Jonathan E. Stevens
(9th Infantry Division)

I plan to run for WWII HRS President for the 2016-17 term. This will be my last term if I am reelected. When the Society just about hit bottom in the early 1990s a few people picked up the remains and declared, “Quality over quantity!” This decision has once again pushed the Society back up to over 1000 members to where it is today as the leading WWII reenactment group in the US if not the world. I believe myself and others in the recent past have carried that banner forward along with many members who see the importance of the WWII story for future generations. I think we, as an organization, are on the right path but need to continue to always press safety in our presentations and never let up on that. If we do let up, it is likely that some reenactor will be heading for the hospital rather than home at the end of the weekend. Avoidance of over complicating the functions of our Society is important as well but we should be open to experiment with new ways of operating. Lastly, those on the board serve the membership and need to have a keen ear toward the members. Losing that connection is always a danger for those in leadership of any group. One of my goals has been to communicate to the membership what the board is doing on their behalf. With the monthly communications, Facebook page, and Edge publications we have done that in my opinion. A few members are good in responses and constructive criticism but the WWII HRS Board will always welcome more communication from the membership. In any case, I would like to be elected to the WWII Historical Reenactment Society Board of Directors President for the 2016-17 term.

Jonathan Stevens
Secretary - Doug Loge  
(2/SS Panzer Pionier Battalion 5 "Wiking"

My name is Doug Loge and I would like to announce my candidacy for the HRS Secretary position. I am the current HRS elected Secretary. Previous to this position, I was the HRS Axis Representative for 2 years. I have also been an active member of the HRS S&A Committee for the past 6 years, and an active HRS member for the past 11 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 HRS Secretary, I have -
- Attended the vast majority of monthly HRS meetings.
- Spearheaded the effort to lower the dues for the majority of HRS members. It was good to see that 70+ percent of HRS members took advantage of $10 dues.
- Created and administered the HRS' online membership website. Right now 98% of HRS members sign up for their membership this way.
- Answered all membership inquiries in a timely manner.

If reelected as HRS Secretary, I will -
- Continue to attend BOD meetings and accurately transcribe the meeting minutes.
- Further 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.

Axis Representative - Dave Fornell  
(353rd Infantrie Division)

I have interest in helping the HRS as Axis Rep. I have more than 25 years experience as a member of the HRS. I have been a German re-enactor with multiple impressions including Allied secondary impressions. I have served as a German unit as commander of the 353rd Infantrie. I am a former HRS president and vice-president and former Edge editor. I also have served as an organizer or co-organizer of numerous re-enacting event events, including Rockford WWII and WWI days.

Dave Fornell

- Initiate another proposal to continue to discounts future HRS member dues. The HRS has clearly overcharged its membership in the past.
- Help keep the HRS events safe, authentic, and fun.

Thank you for your consideration.
Doug Loge
Commonwealth Representative - Brian Jones
(41st Royal Marines Commando)

Hi, my name is Brian Jones. I have been a member of the HRS since 1995. I started out as a GI in the 84th Division, but as I am British born and raised, it only made sense to start my own British unit. (41 Royal Marines Commando). I started this unit after being in the HRS for a few years.

As the Commonwealth Rep, I consider it my duty to address any concerns, but to also encourage and improve the standards within the ranks.

To put your mind at ease, I have held the position of the Rep for two terms in the past.

Let’s show them how it’s done, chaps!

Brian Jones

From HRS Treasurer
Wayne McCulley
9th Infantry Division
WMcculley45@gmail.com

TREASURER’S REPORT
WORLD War II HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY
SEPTEMBER 2015

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF AUGUST 31, 2015

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account $10,578.58
PNC Bank Money Market Account $53,379.70
Wells Fargo Bank Account $302.20
Account Totals $64,260.48

INCOME FOR AUGUST 2015

August Membership Income $290.00
Interest from Money Market Account $5.44
Total Income $295.44

EXPENDITURES FOR AUGUST 2015

Email Marketing Service $12.80
Reimbursement of Double Paid Eventbrite Memberships $30.00
Total Expenditures $42.80

Year To Date Membership Income "$11,705.00"
Year To Date Interest Income $26.24
Year To Date Miscellaneous Income $300.00
Year To Date Total Income "$12,031.24"
Year To Date Expenditures "$7,675.98"
Year To Date Income Less Expenditures "$4,355.26"

Respectfully submitted
Wayne McCulley, HRS Treasurer

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HRS Scholarship

It is with much pleasure that I announce the winner of this year's World War 2 Historical Reenactment Society Scholarship recipient, Hannah Hoffman. Miss Hoffman is a studying Social Work at Central Michigan University and is active in her Sorority, Alpha Chi. I've known Hannah for many years and it's been a pleasure to see her grow as a person and as an advocate of Living History. Please join me in congratulating Miss Hoffman for winning this year's WW2 HRS Academic Scholarship.

Chuck Bolanis
WW2 HRS Vice President

In the future I hope to establish my own unit within the HRS that unifies all of the US civilians that do not have a permeant unit. By creating this unit, I will be able to reach out to the rest of the women and perfect the civilian impression overall at events. My interests in WWII are vast and spanning to the point where I will persist in the exploration of even more impressions as well. My love of history and veterans has inspired me to become a military social worker.

Right now, I am attending Central Michigan University to pursue a major in Social Work with a minor in substance abuse and gerontology. From there I will further my education at Western Michigan University to receive my masters in Social Work with a concentration in working with veterans. I am currently a junior in college with a GPA of 3.71. Presently, I am on the Dean’s List and also have academic honors. I have been actively involved with working with veterans through over one hundred hours of volunteer work at our local homeless shelter and nursing homes that are prevalent in servicing veterans. It is my passion to help active military, veterans, and their families find the right services and comfort they deserve.

The whole reason we reenact is to honor our veterans and educate the public. I believe with my career and education focused on this same principle that it is a relevant request for the scholarship. I would be fundamentally honoring our veterans by providing the most extensive care possible for them that is only possible through comprehensive college courses.

With the five-hundred dollars, I would put the money towards my tuition rates. It would be a social investment on your part to help fund my college education because I am dedicating my life to helping veterans. The Historical Reenacting Society has also dedicated it’s time and efforts to supporting veterans as well, so I believe it would be a perfect fit. Thank you so much for your consideration in regards to this scholarship.

Hannah Hoffman
June 21, 2015

For the past six years I have been dedicated to reenacting in the HRS. My impressions span from Women Army Corps, Navy Nurse, German Red Cross, American Civilian, French Resistance, German refugee and USO Camp Shows. I am officially a member of the 2629th WAC Battalion and the USO Camp Shows unit. I have been an active participant in over eight events per year hosted by the HRS. During my time as a reenactor I have helped present static displays, aided the process of S&A for civilians, and have continuously taken new reenactors under my guidance. I have also volunteered my time and efforts towards helping with registration at the majority of events. I plan on the continuation of my roles in the reenacting community by refining my impressions to the most accurate portrayal possible.
### October Events

#### 15-18 Oct
**Welcome Home, Stars and Stripes Presents: Reflections of History, 1860-Present**

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

#### 16-17 Oct
**2015 Living History 10 Mile Pack March**

- **Event Times:** 1700 Hrs, October 16 – 1700 Hrs, October 17, 2015
- **Registration Times:** Friday, October 16, 1700-2200 hrs; Saturday, October 17, 0600-0830
- **Pre-Registration:** Very Strongly preferred. To Register go to the following:
- **Fee:** $6.00 to march; additional $11.00 for overnight camping onsite (subject to availability, first 80 registered participants)
- **Contact:** 401gliderhq@comcast.net
- **Website:** [https://www.facebook.com/events/691362194329416](https://www.facebook.com/events/691362194329416)
- **Map:** Click Here
- **Authenticity:** WWII HRS rules apply as appropriate.
- **Prohibited Vehicles:** N/A
- **Restrictions on minors:** Per HRS rules
- **Motels:** In neighboring Plymouth, WI
- **Sponsor of event:** C/401GIR (WWII HRS)

#### 16-18 Oct
**Franklin Park WWII Days**

- **Loc:** 9451 Belmont Ave Franklin Park, IL 60131
- **Dates:** Oct 16,17,18
- **Event Times:** 9am – 5pm Sat ; 9am to 3pm Sun
- **Registration Times:** Oct 10, 7pm-9pm; Oct 11 7am to 9am
- **Pre-Registration:** [https://franklin-park-military-days-2015-registration.eventbrite.com](https://franklin-park-military-days-2015-registration.eventbrite.com)
- **Fee:** No fee for reenactors; donation for vendors
- **Contact:** Jon Stevens, Ron Ruhl
- **Website:** [http://franklin-park-military-days.weebly.com](http://franklin-park-military-days.weebly.com)
- **Authenticity Notes:** Fall 1944 theme
- **Prohibited Vehicles/Items:** Weapons only in designated reenactor area
- **Restrictions on Minors:** No under 18 with weapons
- **Sponsoring Unit(s):** 9th Inf Div
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Dates: 16 Oct – 18 Oct  
Registration Times: 16 Oct, 1300 registration opens; closes 17 Oct 0845  
Pre-Registration: http://www.westwall2015.eventbrite.com  
Fee: $20; $28.50 with dinner  
Contact: Otto709thinf72@yahoocom  
Authenticity Notes: late 1944-45 German, American, British impressions  
Prohibited Vehicles/Items: Vehicles must stay on roads  
Restrictions on Minors: No participants under age 16  
Other restrictions: All blanks must be packed in plastic bags; Must attend RETO seminar on site  
Sponsoring Unit(s): 2/SS Pz. Btl. 5, Wiking |
| Nov 13-15 |                      | WADE HOUSE FALL TACTICAL                    | Event Times: 1500 Hrs, November 13 – 1200 Hrs, November 15, 2015  
Registration Times: Friday, November 13, 1500-2300 hrs; Saturday, November 14, 0600-0800  
Pre-Registration: Strongly preferred. To Register go to the following:  
Fee: $12.00 for the event; additional $10.50 for a barracks spot (subject to availability, first come first served)  
Contact: 401gliderhq@comcast.net  
Website: https://www.facebook.com/events/1834279016796673  
Map: Click Here  
Authenticity: WWII HRS rules apply. Setting is Fall, 1944 ETO.  
Prohibited Vehicles: Wheeled vehicles allowed. Contact us regarding tracked vehicles.  
Restrictions on minors: Per HRS rules  
Motels: In neighboring Plymouth, WI  
Sponsor of event: C/401GIR (WWII HRS) |
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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.
All of the HRS Board Meeting Minutes from the past six years are posted on the HRS WEB Site. Current HRS By-Law call for these official business reports to be re-published here in The Edge. See the BOD Minutes Page at [http://WorldWarTwoHrs.org/Business.htm](http://WorldWarTwoHrs.org/Business.htm) for past meeting Minutes.

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About Us

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

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

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

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

If this exciting and rewarding hobby appeals to you, please consider joining us. Our hobby is dependent upon the talents and enthusiasm of its members and there is always room for new interest! Please contact any of our board members today for more information.
Minutes of the WWII Historical Reenactment Society
Board Meeting
18 August, 2015
Meeting Start 7:32 pm

Welcome and Roll Call:

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HRS Members Present
George Reinke, Joe Kleffman, Sue Miller, Joe Karr

Approval of Agenda
August Agenda - Approved by BOD vote

Reading of the Minutes
July Minutes - Read by DL
July Minutes - Approved by BOD vote

Officer Reports:
Vice President -
CB will reach out to the PA. Civilian Reenactors unit concerning full charter membership.
Nothing new on sidearms.
No new charter business.

Treasurer –
New Events – DL said working on 2 new events from the GIR 401st
Approved BOD events - Ashtabula OH., Rockford, IL.
Vincennes event will supply their own insurance.
HRS Membership - 1038 paid members so far this year. 23 members this month. 2 traditional membership cards mailed out earlier this month. 25 mailed so far this year.

Commonwealth Rep - Not in attendance.
Allied Rep – RK said nothing new.

Axis Rep –
TS said looking at units under 5 members
250 Inf. Division
No info on Change of Commander form for 709th Inf.

Secretary –

Old Business:
Event Support Payouts– Farmington, MN – WM said will follow up with them.
Electronic Waivers Review – Tabled
Proposal for Elimination of Paper Applications – JS suggested that the proposal be tabled for 1 month. DL mentioned that 98% of membership already use Eventbrite. DL motioned for a BOD vote, it was not seconded.
Proposal for HRS Background Checks – JS said that costs around $50 per member. He will look into this further.
Proposal for Ad Hoc Special Committee Safety Inspection Review – Approved by BOD vote. CB will be the BOD representative for group.

New Business:
Rockford Support – HRS support of a meal and/or “best of” was discussed. JS will reach out to Rockford organizers for info. It was agreed that the maximum cost to the HRS would be $2000.00 whatever was decided.

Banners – Proposal by JES for $500 for HRS banners printing, mailing. Approved by BOD vote.

Open Comments - None

Announcements: Next meeting September 15th or 17th. TBD.

Adjourn: 8:29 pm
If your unit has news that it would like to published in The EDGE, Or if a member would like to submit an article, Then simply e-mail it to me and I will put it in The EDGE.

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

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

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

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YOUTUBE

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

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxFcEYP2-vd2TfMS2b3noDQ
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