

WWIIHRS Board Meeting Sept 20, 2007

In attendance were Elliott James, Greg Lee, Dave Jameson, Jonathan Stevens, Rob Coffman, and Tim Sherer.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

Old Business discussed included the cancellation of the National Battle at the Joliet Training Area due to possible closure of the facility. A comment was made that the military is consolidating many training areas around the country which is making finding areas for tacticals difficult. Elliott James said that the December Stille Nacht will be designated the National Battle and also the November Branson, Missouri "WWII Remembered" event will also be designated the National Battle. EJ further explained that the National is generally a tactical battle not a public event but this year there will be a northern and southern event so that more people could attend a National. Greg Lee felt this was a good idea.

EJ inquired as to the condition of Mike Lipe after the accident at the Indianapolis event. From reports he was recovering well.

The Treasurer reported that reimbursement for the Vice President was in the mail and Secretary has been reimbursed. Dave Jameson stated he was preparing a financial statement and that the accounts totaled approximately \$18,000. The external audit has been paid. The Treasurer reported 915 paid members and would be sending on the new applications to the Secretary.

The Secretary reported 901 HRS cards issued to members in good standing.

The Vice President reported a number of units looking to charter. The pending charters for the 4th ID, A Co., FRJ 6, and 216th MP Co. were individually voted on and all passed with no objections. The following unit charters were still pending: OKW, 110th Panzergrenadier Regiment, 29th ID, 4th Armored Div, 401/325th GIR. The OKW charter needed more information, the 4th Armored Div had recently submitted more information for their pending charter, the 29th ID charter was on hold due to personnel issues, the 401/325 GIR needed permission from the 401st and 82nd Abn, and the 110th had just submitted their charter. The 116th Panzer Division still could not be contacted. The LST 325 Museum had inquired about chartering a unit to plan events. If this would only be for using the HRS insurance then they would not be granted a charter. They would also need to portray a specific unit.

Rob Coffman, from the 505th PIR, was given the floor to discuss a problematic unit, 36th Inf. Div which was not an HRS chartered unit. The unit cited had caused numerous problems in the last few years for example, attending Renslear without paying in 2005, bringing minors to Stille Nacht in 2006, and use of illegal substances at Evansville in 2007. The actions of these individuals

had directly caused the closing of the Rensselaer site and the Lowell site to tacticals. Rob wanted the HRS to be aware of this problem lest any more WWII reenacting venues were closed. Also reported were the serious problems at the Evansville event where there was no checking of HRS cards and lack of a safety and authenticity check.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.