



WWII HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY Inc.

WWII Historical Reenactment Society Minutes of the Board Meeting 23 January, 2026

Call to Order at 7:13 CST pm - Board Members Attending: Jon Stevens, President, Don Coffman, Vice President; Ron Kapustka, Secretary (Absent); Wayne McCulley, Treasurer; Adam Bednar, Axis Rep absent; Daniel Rowicki, Commonwealth Rep

Members Attending: Warren Klien, Bob Bleckie, Paul Marchat, Voitek S, Jacob Baraniak, Roman Zolatoski

Approval of Agenda

DC motioned to approve the January, 2026 Agenda, which was seconded by WM. Agenda was approved by BOD vote.

Approval of December, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The December, 2025 Minutes were previously distributed to and reviewed by the board members. JS motioned that the Minutes be approved, which was seconded by WM. The Minutes were approved by BOD vote.

Officer Reports:

Vice President: Working with RK on Safety officers. Contacted about a new event in Poplar Grove; Reviewing the Franklin Grove location for a National Battle.

New Units: None

Probationary Units: None

Dissolved/Disbanded Units: None

Treasurer:

JANUARY 2026 Report

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$3,257.77
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$2,664.34
PNC High Yield Money Market Account	\$36,981.63

Account Totals \$42,903.74

INCOME FOR DECEMBER 2025

Membership Income	\$20.00
Interest Income	\$95.05
Total Income	\$115.05

EXPENDITURES FOR DECEMBER 2025

Email Marketing Service	\$52.25
Bank Service Charge	\$3.00
Total Expenditures	\$55.25

2025 Membership Income	\$8,345.00
2025 Interest Income	\$1,133.74
2025 Total Income	\$9,478.74
2025 Total Expenditures	\$13,278.62
2025 Total Income Less 2025 Total Expenditures	(\$3,800.62)

Secretary: (Report submitted in the Secretary’s absence) The approved December, 2025 Minutes will be sent to the webmaster to be added to the HRS website. There were 139 regular members as of 1/21/26.

Commonwealth Rep: DR reported on a public event in IN being developed. DR also discussed 2 level authentication at events with issuance of a card and secondly a wristband.

Allied Rep: Vacant at this time. Paul Machant of the 502nd PIR and Bob Bleckie of the 401st GIR expressed interest in the position.

Axis Rep: No report.

Staff Reports.

Committee Reports: All tabled

Governance

Safety and Authenticity

Scholarship

Publications and Promotional (The Edge)

Vehicle

Civilian

WWI

Old Business

Victory in the Ardennes Insurance needed by the event – in process.

WW1 Chartered Units – tabled for full board to discuss.

Assistance of HRS members in refurbishing of the WW1 monument at Dellwood Park in Lockport. Dates and further info needed from Rich Russo.

HRS Zoom account for board meetings – secured for 1 year.

Revision of the HRS website – updating and removing defunct units.

2026 potential budget based on 10% increase in membership. – ready for next meeting.

2024 and 2025 report on unit levels – completed by WM.

Ways to increase membership with suggested Target new units – short discussion held.

Holding The Line at Champs Rolle: The report was submitted by the Secretary, RK who advised that a Battle of the Bulge Event was sponsored by C Company, 1st BN, 502nd PIR, 101st Airborne in Eagle River, WI, on January 16-17, 2026. There were 42 attendees most of whom were HRS members. The three feet of snow made the event memorable! This will be an annual event, possibly moved to early December to allow for some, but not so much, snow!

D&O Insurance – invoice was paid and is complete for 2026.

Liability Insurance – renewal process has begun.

New Business:

50th Anniversary of the HRS: Anniversary merch was discussed to include t-shirts, magnets, banners, and a special logo needed.

Midway Village Letters regarding Rockford 2025 Event: a short discussion was held regarding reenactors banned from Rockford and 2 given warnings. Of the 3, none were HRS members.

The Chicagoland Veterans Campus will be having its Grand Opening and Historical Timeline on Saturday, June 27, 2026 in Addison, IL. Perhaps the HRS plan on attending with a table? - need more info.

Open Comments: 12th Lancers reported some unit staff changes.

Announcements: The next meeting will be targeted for February 18, 2026.

Adjourn: JS made a motion to adjourn, seconded by DC. A BOD vote was taken and meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.
