



Third Army LH Newsletter

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## A Word from the Commander



"Patton" and Willie"

For some time we have been working on a "National Level" to bring WWII History to the public and perpetuate and Honor the Memory of the Greatest Generation.

To accomplish our goals we have put on public displays and demonstrations in several states over the last several years. We are now taking it to a greater level and

organizing what we do into an even larger and better organized effort to accomplish these goals.

Needless to say, doing this on a national level takes a huge amount of planning, paperwork and delegation. To those ends we had a National board of directors meeting in Texas and our national staff flew down. After a weekend of intense planning we are going forward. The paperwork to form all of this is complicated and when it is completed it will be announced. To those ends, we are expanding the board. I am pleased to announce the following board of directors for our organization. Alan Jones, Dave Weakley, Chris O'Connor, Carlos Manning, David Davis, Michael Maloney, Carlos Manning, William "Bill" White, Thomas Pachalos, and Denny Hair.

The Third United States Army consisted of over 42 different divisions over a period of 281 days from August 1944 through May 7 1945. In addition they came in contact with the German Army relentlessly during this time. We have expanded our Living History and public displays to include those like-minded units of both the allied and axis to help us teach and demonstrate, nationwide.

In the newsletter logo above, you will see the "Der Spiess" 1kp Gren Regt 331 Division Commander 167 Volksgrenadier Division who is now represented in our table of organization. We plan to add units both allied and axis nationwide.

To do our impressions correctly, we will be sponsoring both tactical and public events on a local, regional and national level. To get this done correctly, our National staff has had a TUSA organization in operation in several

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*Lucky Forward* newsletter where we keep you informed and up to date on our current activities, and articles pertaining to our continued study of the Third Army. We want your contributions and experiences; send your stories to

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states other than Texas and has been actively recruiting. We are now doing so in Texas as well.

Look for a Texas training and demonstration announcement in this newsletter that will take place at my ranch in Texas. It is a local and small get together and it is hoped this can be duplicated over and over nationally.



Denny Hair  
(Patton)  
CG, Patton Third Army Living Historians



## Old Soldier's Association Live Shoot – After Action Report

By Dave Davis  
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If you missed this you missed a great time. We were treated to a wonderful time by our host Billy Pyle and his lovely wife. The event was well attended. I think we had 24 attending, as that was the best count I got. We want to thank Charles Wallace and Ken Rose for the excellent job they did as range Masters. Additional thanks goes to Charles Wallace for providing the targets. David Davis gave range information going back to his service as the Command Sgt. Major. The first shoot of the day was a demonstration by Charles Wallace and Chip Walker on the M1 shooting a Practice rifle grenade, which went a good distance. As folks arrived we went to the shooting range. If I tried to tell you all of the weapons we got to shoot or everyone that was there, I know I'll folks out. I make sure I attached some good pictures.

I was trying to remember all the guns we finally got to shoot live. Ken Rose made a list of them but here some I know we sent rounds into targets with: 1851 Navy, 36 cal, German P 38, WWII 1911 ACP, M1 30 cal. M1 30 cal (Garand) Johnson .30 cal, 8 mm Mouser, Sks Russian, AK 47, 22 long rifle, M1A NM 762, BAR, Thompson SMG 45 Cal, WW 1917a1 Air Cooled 30 Cal MG and a few more I know I missed. We had about 24 folks there and all of them had a chance to shoot just about all of what I just mentioned. It was fun for you and not so old alike. Helen Manning, who will celebrate her 90th birthday next January, shot a pretty fair score with a 22 rifle.

We had a new comer to shooting. This was the first time Zack Maloney has fired a gun live. He went through a rigorous learning curve with safety first and he tried his hand at just about all of the weapons. At no surprise to anyone, on the way home he told his Dad he really would like to own an M1. 30 (Garand). Here is a YouTube video of him shooting put together by his Dad.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AN1T\\_sSQS1E](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AN1T_sSQS1E)



## CJMMP's First WWII Navy Jeep

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Patience and virtue, hard work commitment and a little help from our friends realize dreams!



Jeep before paint

and VU-3).

Our recent new Member, Tim Lohan, Assist. Chief of the NHFD, in New Hope, PA, today at Dave Peters Shop realized the dream to honor his father, Arthur Lohan whom served our country in the US Navy, from 1952 – 56. Arthur was stationed at San Diego, Squadron VU-7 and then Guam, Okinawa (VU-5

To honor his Dad, Tim purchased a WWII Jeep on July 4th, 2012 and making it drivable by end of 2012. In the winter months that followed under hibernation, mechanical repairs were patiently rendered with the guidance of Dave, a foremost notable expert on Jeeps. On 1st., June 2013, the Dream became reality at Dave's Shop. Dave and Ray assisted Tim with set up and photographed the sequence of the painting operations. The paint color for the Navy Jeep was formulated exactly to the same color-codes batch from the Battleship New Jersey.

It was a beautiful day to paint outside and the humidity was optimum for painting outdoors. Showtime was around 7:30 AM. Dave and Ray helped Tim in preparing the outdoor staging of the jeep and parts. The painting pad area was ready. Tim prepped the jeep till 9:30 AM and began painting the 1st coat with Club Treasurer Greg Seamen's paint Sprayer, complete at 1:00 PM. Ray provided lunch. This paint "dries to the touch" very quickly. Amazingly, it's a water-based paint!



Disassembled and ready for paint

The 2nd coat was applied in the afternoon. Tim also acquired a vintage Fire CO2 extinguisher from the '40's Era inclusive of a rare bracket; plus red lights and a WWII Navy Siren. Dave supplied era music and radio show programs for the background beaming from the shop.



Painting vehicle parts

Tim's follow-up planning of the Jeep's comeback are the installations of Combat rims, stenciling his Dad's jeep ID serial number and Squadron data. Reinstalling seats, bows, spare tire and original Navy helmet and his fathers Toolbox. With an alternate set of eyes, Dave and Ray inspected the paint surfaces

and finalized a punch list for Tim. A “Follow Me” Rear mounted Multi--plank sign board is planned in the future.

We all are proud of Tim’s exhaustive efforts to present the Jeep to his living father and accompany him to the MAAM Air show in Reading PA the week of June 6-9th. This kind of endeavor, emulates the diversity of CJMMP and its Members whom have a multi-Era of MVs to enjoy for Generations Young and Old to come.

Love is the strongest Power in the World. NO MAN IS A FAILURE IF HE HAS FRIENDS. Our hobby is unique and we all preserve American’s Institution of saving, preserving thru Restoration and Education, resulting in enjoying these MVs of our Military Heritage. To honor the Scarifies of the

Greatest Generation and all prior and moving forward thru Multi- Era Wars and conflicts thru modern day and the future is a privilege earned. This includes the folks, from the US Home front and our Allies whom built these magnificent machines.

Teamwork thru education is the key for our Public Citizenry and “Want to be Americans”. Comradely is the underling culture we all instinctively have. With this “ healthy ingredient”, CJMMP shall install this pride in new members and Education to all.



Painting the body



Final product

Folks, our hobby is a great hobby. It is hard work, a lot of pride, time and money but most of all; its FUN! Like the “Big Little Railroad of NJ”, We are the Big Little Military Vehicle Club of NJ. When we members leave our shops or an event, we say in confidence, “WE ARE AMERICANS!”



## 167 Volksgrenadier Division Germans in Third Army?

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The 167 Volksgrenadier Division is a Texas based re-enactment/living history organization. The Division offers three levels of membership so those with a busy professional and home lives can; pick the level that suits your lifestyle and time. The Division currently has members in Austin, Houston and Dallas, but well will no limit membership to just Texas; if you can make it to our events, you’re welcome to join. The Division will be



167<sup>th</sup> in the field

glad to help anyone with a genuine interest in the legitimate pursuit of historical re-enactment/living history. The Division is an active group, we camp out whenever possible and engaged in both tactical (not open to the public) and show (open to the public) events. If you have a keen interest in history and a passion to do it the right way the first time, we may be what you are looking for.

Please, take a moment to check out our website:  
[www.167thvolksgrenadierdivision.com](http://www.167thvolksgrenadierdivision.com)

Click on the Contacts section and email the Division Commander, for more information.



## Maggie the Indestructible the Woman who brought the war home

By Capt. Karie Hubnik  
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In this issue of the 3rd Army Lucky Forward we are going back in time to introduce you to a woman who made history amid history itself. Even if you do not know who she is, you will know her photos. Margaret Bourke-White would make history



Margaret Bourke-White in 1942

as the first female war correspondent and first woman to be allowed to work in combat zones during WWII. Born in New York City in 1904 she would eventually earn a degree in Photography from Cornell University. Her work in commercial photography would land her a job at Fortune magazine as the first photographer and first female to be hired as a photojournalist in the industry. In 1930, she was the first Western photographer allowed into the Soviet Union. Her work in Fortune magazine

led her to be the first female photojournalist hired for Life magazine in 1936. Margaret Bourke’s list of photographic journalist accomplishments is vast covering iconic historical moments such as the Dust Bowl or victims of Nazism, Joseph Stalin smiling, Gandhi, and the iconic photo of the beheading of a POW in the Korean war. I would like to focus on her work during WWII as she would be one of the first photographers to enter and document the death camps, and ironically enough, her assignment to General Patton’s 3rd Army.



Patton by Bourke-White

In 1941, Margaret traveled to the Soviet Union just as Germany broke its pact of non-aggression. She was the only foreign photographer in Moscow when German forces invaded. Taking refuge in the U.S. Embassy, she then captured the ensuing firestorms on camera.

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*Maggie the Indestructible (Continued from previous page)*

As the war progressed, she was attached to the U.S. Army Air Force in North Africa, then to the U.S. Army in Italy and later in Germany. She repeatedly came under fire in Italy in areas of fierce fighting. During that time she earned the nickname "Maggie the indestructible". She had been on ships that had been torpedoed, strafed by the German Luftwaffe, shot at by the German army, on a sinking ship (This incident in the Mediterranean refers to the sinking of the England-Africa bound British troopship SS Strathallan that she recorded in an article, "Women in Lifeboats", in Life, February 22, 1943.) and subsequently stranded on an Arctic island, and been in a plane crash. In the spring of 1945 she traveled with Gen. George S. Patton's army when they came across the Buchenwald concentration camp. Some of the most iconic pictures with which we remember the Holocaust by are shot by her, including one of a German woman being led through the camp and turning her eyes from a pile of corpses. Of her experience she remarked, "Using a camera was almost a relief. It interposed a slight barrier between myself and the horror in front of me." After the war, she produced a book entitled, "Dear Fatherland, Rest Quietly," a project that helped her come to grips with the brutality she had witnessed during and after the war.



**Margaret Bourke-White in the field**

While very few people may know about Margaret, her photos have immortalized many of the historical moments associated with WWII. To view Life magazine's photographic edition of the liberation of Buchenwald navigate to the link below:

<http://life.time.com/history/buchenwald-photos-from-the-liberation-of-the-camp-april-1945/#1>



**Prisoners at Buchenwald by Margaret Bourke-White**

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**"You must be single-minded. Drive for the one thing you have decided."**

**GSP**



## Third Army Hero Col. Harold M. Forde

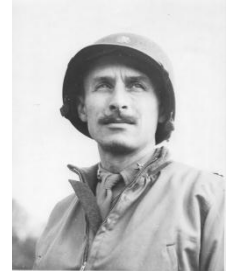
*Third Army Hero is a recurring biography series of individuals who served with Third Army*

Date and place of birth: 15 July 1904, Iowa

Date and place of death: 7 Jan 1994, San Diego, California

Col. Forde was a career Army officer, with his military service beginning with his entry to West Point with the Class of '26. He completed his studies and was assigned as an assistant instructor at West Point for a number of years, and he was also assigned to Fort Riley, Kansas. His service in WWII was with I Armored Corps, and he eventually was assigned to Third Army as the G-2 Air. He also was assigned to 2nd Armored Division as the Assistant G1 and Assistant G2. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for his service during WWII. Col. Forde retired from the Army in June 1956 with 34 years in the service.

Patton's Third Army Living Historians is proud to recognize Col. Forde as the Third Army Hero for the quarter.



**Col. Forde, as a Lt. Col. during WWII**



## Dispatches from the Front

*Updates from Third Army in the field*

**"Lucky Forward" Newsletter** – The Commanding General has announced that the newsletter will be published 4 times a year in August, November, February and May. It is just too much work to do it 12 times a year. As a result the newsletters will be larger and you have more time to write about your passions.

We need your articles. If you have built a model, gone to a reenactment, restored or help restored a Military Vehicle or done anything involving our hobby, please write that article and send it to [patton@pattonthirdarmy.com](mailto:patton@pattonthirdarmy.com)

**Virtual 3rd Army** – Brig. Gen. Maloney announces that the virtual 3rd Army is now activated. This is a gaming group "clan" that performs in the MMO game "World of Tanks." This game has been and is the largest live MMO game in the world with an average of 80,000 players on at any given time on the North American Server, with additional servers in Europe and Asia.

The name of this clan is "3rd Army Group," and the clan has over 20 members with 8-12 on line at any given time. The clan's web site is located at: <http://3rdarmygroupclan.com/>.

Also feel free to visit the forums page at <http://generalpatton.forumchitchat.com/>, and I encourage all to register on the forums to keep in touch with what the clan does and also keep the clan informed on what the "real" 3rd Army is doing and where we will be.

For those who are not familiar with the game, here is a short video showing clan members vehicles in actual game use:  
<http://youtu.be/xNOYk1BW1ng>

**WWII Comic Books** – Most all of you grew up reading comics. Most of the WWII Comics and before and quite a few after are no longer in copyright. Here is a web site you will enjoy using.  
<http://comicbookplus.com>

In addition you will find you may not be able to read them as they are in .cbr and .cbr form cannot be read by most pc or macs. ...however you can down load this program and down load and read them. They can later be converted to PDF and shared. I would like to see out web site have some of them that pertain to what we are doing.

Links:

[www.comicbookplus.com](http://www.comicbookplus.com)  
[www.dancingtortoise.com](http://www.dancingtortoise.com)

**Social Media** – We have a Facebook page. Please join it and upload the images of what we do and you do as part of Third Army. The page is at:

<https://www.facebook.com/PattonsThirdArmyLH>



## 503d MP Battalion Update

By Lt. Col. Alan Jones  
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The World War II Days event hosted by Midway Village Museum and the WWII Historical Reenactment Society in Rockford, on September 20-22, will be our big event this fall as we host the Commanding General and Signal Officer. We need your assistance and attendance as this is a maximum effort to show Third Army at the largest event in the Midwest.

To prepare for this event ensure you that you familiarize with the FM's that I sent you by email, especially the Drill and Ceremony section of FM 21-100, and the section in FM 29-5 on the duties of a Military Policeman. Also, work on your impression, and continue reading on 3d Army and General Patton.

I look forward to seeing you all in September.

*Of the Troops and for the Troops*



## Americans and Russians meet at Torgau on the Elbe

By Col. Carlos Manning  
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Who was the American Soldier that made that famous meeting near the Elbe River in the after math of the great battle for Europe. The official time was 4:20 P.M., April, 25th, 1945. Most G.I.s thought the war was almost over even though they

encountered pockets of resistance. There were many claims as usual when something historical happens. Only one meeting was officially accepted by SHAEF (SUPREME H.Q. ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCES) and Allied newspapers. That is the one I will disclose. I researched old newspaper articles and military reports and this is what I found.

At approximately 3p.m., 2nd Lt. Bill Robertson of Headquarters from First Battalion, of the 273rd Infantry, U.S. 69th Division, was assigned to recon the rail bridge at Torgau, over the Elbe River to see if it was any condition to cross with troops and or armor. Other bridges would also be checked by others. Lt. Robertson (he was from Los Angeles) selected Corporal Jim McDonald (from Massachusetts), Pvt. Frank Huff (from Virginia), Pvt. Paul Staub (from the Bronx) to accompany him in the Jeep for the recon. Everyone took enough ammo with them, for they could hear a lot of gun fire in that direction.

Shortly after four p.m. they could see the rail bridge they sought. It did not look good. From a distance it was a twisted mass of steel beams. A careful scan of the area no German movement could be seen. 2nd Lt. Robertson decided to move in closer. He drove the Jeep as far as the debris would let him. The group got out and approached the bridge, cautiously. They could still hear firing of small arms and artillery fire on the other side of the river. To look closer at the damage Lt. Robertson climbed onto the twisted, wreckage of the steel beams of the rail bridge.

There was movement on the other side of the beam he was looking at. A head with a Russian cap appeared on the other side. It was a Russian Private. Lt. Robertson said, "I did not know what to say." "I pounded him on the back, shook his hand and said "Hello in English". "The Russian Private quickly brought his Officer to Lt. Robertson.

His name was Lt. Alexander Sylvashko in charge of the Russian Platoon on the bridge. Lt. Robertson said, "I did not know what to say to his motioning to me and talking very excited to me". , to drink vodka with them or whether to go riding with them or go and fight the Germans with them". They were from Koniev's First Ukrainian Army. Out came the cameras, and everybody posed. "It was an exciting night."

The Russian H.Q. was in an old German barracks at the site of one of the largest German stalags not only in Torgau but in Europe. It had housed at one time thousands of British prisoners. It was empty now and Lt. Robertson was taken to the mess hall where he was greeted by Lt. Ivan Feodor Kuzminski, the Major with him was commander of the 173rd Regiment of the Ukrainian 58th (Honor Guard) Division. The river Elbe was only two hundred yards away. Lt. Robertson said "out came the vodka, the hand shaking and slapping on the back. It seemed everyone had a camera."

The other meeting, later, was 25 miles to the Southeast at Groba, a suburb of Riesa.

The credit was given to Lt. Robertson because he brought back proof of his claim. He brought back a Soviet Major, a Captain, a Lieutenant and a Private.

From the banks of the Volga the Red Army had battled 1,400 miles to the West: from the beaches of Normandy the Americans had fought 700 miles to the East, and at Torgau on the Elbe, in the heart of the Reich, they met. Two of the greatest military marches in modern history ended.



## Chief of Staff Update

By Brig. Gen Mike Maloney  
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Let me start this month of with a special announcement, Sgt. Dan Soza and his lovely wife Rayne have a new addition to their family, a very healthy baby girl. We wish them all a very healthy and happy future.

Work on the tank simulator has been a bit slow this past month due to weather, and that all work is done on the patio of my apartment, but I am happy to say that it is 75% complete, hopefully by the next issue; I will have some photos for you all.

Seeing that this is the month of June, our minds turn towards that one day that changed the outcome of World War 2, D-Day. Not to many of us can say this, I being one of the few can. My father was there.

You see, he was with the 1808th Ordinance of the 9th Army Air Force. Dad was in the second line of ships to hit the beaches right after the main invasion. Being he was ordinance, his unit was assigned the task of assisting in clearing out all unexploded munitions, booby-traps in the rear area and once that was all done, then help in setting up the ammo dumps for the fighter and bomber units that was to come in behind all of them once forward airfields were set up.

June has a little special meaning for me. Here are a few pictures that my father took on D+3 as his unit moved up and a few "behind the scenes" in quiet moments.



**Bombed church in Normandy region**



**Destroyed village**



**Damage along road**

## Old Soldiers Never Die

There is an old cookhouse, far far away Where we get pork and beans, three times a day. Beefsteak we never see, damn-all sugar for our tea And we are gradually fading away. Old soldiers never die, Never die, never die, Old soldiers never die They just fade away. Privates they love their beer, 'most every day. Corporals, they love their stripes, that's what they say. Sergeants they love to drill. Guess them bastards always will So we drill and drill until we fade away. (Partially quoted by Gen. Douglas McArthur in his farewell speech. From a World War I British Army song.)

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## Upcoming events

**19 – 22 September 2013** – World War II Days at Midway Village, Rockford, Illinois. Battle and displays with over 1,000 uniformed participants representing soldiers from the United States, Great Britain, France, Poland, Ukraine, Russia, Japan, Italy and Germany along 1940s era military vehicles. <http://www.ww2rockfordevent.com/>

**4-6 October 2013** – Axis & Allies Get Together. Denny Hair Ranch in Hockley, Texas. We want to get together have a WWII Living History weekend where we set up our tactical camp site and work toward eventually hosting a local and then regional tactical battle. We will have field problems and tactical movement organizational studies. Military Driving 1/4 ton/3/4 ton. Vehicle and weapons safety and familiarization, small tactics and patrol and field first aid. Propane firing and maintenance.

We will start the tactical end of the 6th Cavalry Group for regional and national organization. Other like-minded units Axis and Allied are welcome. Limited space so RSVP requested

Hosted by Patton's Third Army

When: October 4-6 2013 – Friday, Saturday, and Sunday  
Where: Denny Hair Ranch, 30446 Joseph Rd, Hockley, TX 77447

Contact number: (281)787-7783



## Headquarters Notes

### G-3 Operations

By Maj. Dave Weakley  
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I just wanted to let you all know what some people are saying about us and our Camp Atterbury Events up here in Indiana. So, here are a few off of the WWII Forum.

*I'm always looking for full immersion events (did the drive on Stalingrad in Colorado a couple years ago), but they are far & few between. I think reenactors have gotten soft over the years. The best one I've been to was last year's Camp Atterbury "D-day" (for those who went out Friday night &*

stayed thru the rain on Saturday anyway). It was a lot of fun.  
– Fritz5.ss Wiking,

I agree. Last year's Atterbury was awesome. They really are rare anymore. The few that are left are mostly private. Atterbury was a blast last year. Hope I can make the next one.  
– Robb

Wow, I just saw some pics from this year's Atterbury on the LHRA Facebook page, looked like a lot of fun! Thanks for the input everyone. Any idea what the dates will be for next April's Camp Atterbury event? – Ross 105th ECB

The events at Atterbury now have their own thread in the events section (similar to Rockford and FIG). Dates for the upcoming events are 6-7 December 2013 and 11-13 April 2014. I see there are a few posts on the other thread, but from all I spoke to everyone seemed to have a great time. The weather was a little better but kept our Air support from coming out. 14th Armored had 3 Stuarts in action and some support vehicles. I had several guys say the best part for them was riding in the CCKW's and would be happy to just ride around in them all day. There were only some small issues and they were handled without any problems, The Post was very happy with us and want us back again, I'm already working on it for next year. – Pup

Had a great time at Camp Atterbury this weekend! I only have a couple if gripes;

1. What was the deal with the Girl Scout can driving through the battle several times? I saw a guy in fatigues driving so I figured it was a Dad with "the hook up" to show the van full of people something cool. I would not have minded if they had parked to the side and watched by driving through the fight several times was not only dangerous by ruined the atmosphere a little.

2. Who was in charge of access control? We had a random couple come strolling through a firefight holding hands. Again a big safety concern here! Other than that had a blast. Killed the Stuarts 4 times with the panzerfaust and they seemed to like the challenge of being hunted. lots of running around. I was feeling it on Sunday! Can't wait for next year! Thanks for another fun event!

Those of us "working" the event were just as surprised as the rest of you with those two incidents. It turns out that the Girl Scout Dad was a Major from the base that never checked in with us (not sure about range control), and the couple was a WWII vet with his wife that also never checked in with us (again, not sure about range control). If anyone has constructive suggestions for improvement please let us know. We are trying to make sure that everyone is safe and has a good time. - Keith F Bonney (editor's note – Yes, this is our Keith)

Pup - I would like to thank you and all who organized this event, we had a great time. One first for me in 30 years of reenacting is that I cannot remember a time as a GI that I had such access to original WWII US vehicles. I had several rides in the 6x6 trucks, one time to truck our group back to the barracks when one of our guys lost a contact lens! At the least just being a part of a convoy of 6x6 trucks and 3/4 ton trucks moving us into the field and out of the field and around the

battle areas was tremendous. The trucks were a great asset given the distances from the battle area to the barracks area. So, thanks to all you vehicle drivers!! Also, seeing three Stuart tanks out in the field was a real treat as well - So kudos to you guys from bringing all three out. Hopefully next year there will be equal amounts of German armor/vehicles! As far as the tactical portion was concerned, IN MY OPINION, the action in and around the MOU'T site quickly degenerated into a "blank busting" fest and really bogged down by late morning. Kudos to Mike Lipe and some others in charge who saw this and re-directed the action back away from the MOU'T site back into the field. The second half of the day our group really got involved in some good tactical maneuvering and one really excellent firefight. Combined with the vehicle experiences, this made for an excellent weekend for us and we plan to be back next year for sure! Thanks again to all who organized the event and all attendees! Best regards, – Bill K.

Another great year at Atterbury! I had a blast - kudos to the organizers. I was tired, but a bit disappointed that everyone gave up on the action mid-afternoon on Saturday. Either way it was a great event. I went out with a squad at 0300 Saturday morning to recon and hold an OP if possible. No contact was made till the late morning, so that was nerve-racking. The night was very overcast, it was easy to get spooked seeing things in the dark. A big thank-you shout out to all those who brought out the period vehicles. It was terrifying to run off the road with the haltrack flying by, have the captured T16 blast our rear during a raid, and absolutely thrilling to catch a ride on the back of one of the Stuarts. Definitely a first-class experience in my book. Can't wait till next year!

We always have a few bugs in the system, but we keep moving forward to make the events better. Our {Third Army HQ Section G-1,G-2,G-3/G-4} is working very hard to have Quality Events. We are now working on the 4th event to be held at Camp Atterbury to be on Dec. 6 & 7 Then our 5th event is to be on Apr. 11,12,13 2014 at Camp Atterbury with a Normandy scenario with Airborne drops for Friday night and lots of room to maneuver for Armor as well as the troops in the field.

So as you can see the HQ staff is working very hard to get the Third Army on the Radar for Go to Events!

## G-4 Supply

Third Army Mugs. If you want one with your name on it, contact Mike Maloney at moonshadow5739@sbcglobal.net. It is \$10 with your name and \$8 without, plus shipping.



## Wanted

Dave Davis is looking for a restored WWII Jeep. He wants to be able to get in it, hit the starter and go. If you know of one like that for sale, please contact him at sgtmajorsattic@yahoo.com



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