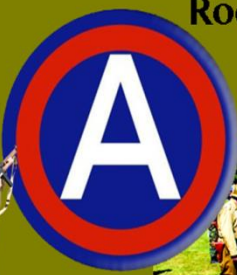


# Rockford Illinois After Action Report

General Eisenhower joins the Third Army



## Lucky Forward

Fourth Quarter 2013

**PATTON  
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THIRD ARMY  
LIVING HISTORIANS**





## A Word from the Commander



"Patton" and Willie"

There are a lot of topics to touch on and many will be covered in depth elsewhere in this newsletter.

### World War II Days at Rockford, Illinois

This event shows what can be done with great teamwork and dedication. We had constant crowds around our War Room tent and many who came and paid the

entrance fee to see the 3rd Army Patton presentation in the War room. It was recorded by an unknown individual and the performance is on YouTube. David Davis made his national debut as General Eisenhower and was an instant hit. He was able to add another level to the war room show and was a favorite among the airborne troops who all wanted pictures taken with him.

A lot of effort went into this event, followed by the Annual Award Ceremony and many individuals received awards. The 2012/2013 Soldier of the Year award, which is a full size M1860 Cavalry Sabre, went to Major Chris O'Connor. He has dedicated himself to making our 3rd Army better by constantly doing a multitude of tasks and spending his own money and time to get it done. Well done!

### Camp Brushy Creek

Combine Forces Event Weekend

There is more in a separate article but we now have about 25 acres of land for events and battles in Texas. The parcel will permit nearly 100 participants and will be utilized more in the future.

### 167th Volksgrenadier Division

Our first outing with our German contingent was a total success. You could not hope to be with a better bunch of folks to camp with and battle against. We are pleased to have them join us and will actively work to recruit for them and make their numbers grow.

We intend to bring back our hobby to large national coalition of like-minded historians and keep military history alive and well and growing. We are a friends and family group. We care about each other and help each other. That is the way it should be and will remain so.

Denny Hair (Patton)  
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## Old Soldier's Association Live Shoot – After Action Report

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Saturday the 26 of October the OSA held its second live fire event at the home of Billy Pyle near Bedias, Texas. The weather was beautiful and mild. More than 50 people showed up and after visiting for a bit, we held a range familiarization and safety class, before beginning a fun filled day of firing different weapons brought by the members to Billy's range.

The range itself is a great site, with the firing points all located under shade. M1 rifles predominated, but there were Mauser 98s, AK type weapons, Springfield M1903s, rare Johnson M1941s and my new SMG replica FG42. The FG42 was a show stopper and fired as well as it looked. Most folks had never seen one up close and it truly is a work of art. Very few things get a 66 year old man excited, but this is one of them. To see what I am talking about visit <http://smgguns.com>. Rick Smith, the owner is just a great person to deal with and truly is bringing history back to life.

Denny made a special guest appearance as General Patton, at Mr. Pyle's request, and did an absolutely brilliant job portraying the general. His attention to detail and knowledge is just beyond description. The crowd was enthusiastic in their applause and he knocked one out of the ball park. I am continually impressed with the depth of research Denny has put into his performance. He literally transforms and becomes the man himself.

I really cannot begin to tell you how much fun it was visiting old friends, sharing memories of past events, and actually being able to fire the many historical weapons on site. I urge you to join us at the next event and enjoy the camaraderie that makes the OSA a fun organization. It is your participation that makes the difference. We are not getting older just better. There is still within all of us that desire to mount up and ride to the sound of cannon.

I wish to thank Charles Wallace for his most excellent job as range master. He made it safe for all concerned

**It is foolish and wrong to  
mourn the men who died.  
Rather we should thank God  
that such men lived.**

**GSP**



## Third Army Hero Col. Robert S. Allen

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



**Col. Allen, ca. 1946**

Date and place of birth: 14 July 1900,  
Latonia, Kentucky

Date and place of death: 23 February  
1981, Washington, District of  
Columbia

Col. Allen enlisted in the United States Army Cavalry on 6 September 1916 at Columbus Barracks, Missouri, at age 16, having lied about his age. He was assigned to Troop F, 6th Cavalry at Indio, Texas with service on the Mexican Border. In January 1918, he was accepted to officer's

training, receiving his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant on 6 June 1918 at Leon Springs Training Camp, Texas, and he was then assigned to Troop C 17th Cavalry. Col. Allen also had service overseas in France, until his discharge on 9 January 1919.

After his active service, Colonel Allen continued his military service with the Wisconsin National Guard. On 8 July 1921, he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant and was assigned to Headquarters Troop, Veterinary section of the 22nd Cavalry Division in Madison, Wisconsin. He was promoted to Captain on 15 August 1923 and subsequently assigned as Adjutant to Headquarters, 53rd Cavalry Brigade 22nd Cavalry Division.

On 6 July, 1942, Colonel Allen was recalled to active duty as a Major, and was assigned to Third Army as the G-2 Executive Officer; also he was responsible for the Third Army War Room. In April 1945, Col. Allen was captured and wounded which necessitated amputation of his right arm below the elbow. General Patton permitted Col. Allen to remain in his role, provided he would learn to write with his left hand, which he did and later he led the effort to develop the one handed typewriter.

In 1946, Allen published *Lucky Forward: The History of Patton's Third Army* and was also medically retired from the Army due to his injuries.

During his service Col. Allen was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Mexican Border Service Medal, the World War I Victory Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, and the Croix de guerre avec Palme.

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



## Third Army Appears At World War II Days

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Early January 2013, General Patton was informed by Lt. Col. Jones about World War II Days in Rockford, Illinois, and Jones recommended that Third Army register to attend the event. With General Patton's approval, Jones contacted the event coordinators and was able to register Third Army as event attendees. Third Army would put on its first major Midwest appearance with General Patton! The event at Midway Village Museum is one of the Midwest's largest events with over 1000 participants from 40 states representing soldiers from the United States, Great Britain, France, Poland, Ukraine, Soviet Union, Japan, Italy and Germany. The event site includes battle locations in open fields, wooded locations, and a small village. Further, units who attend are able to choose from an open area display or create an outpost display. Rockford is no stranger to WWII history, as it was home to the former Camp Grant – a WWII induction center, POW camp, and separation center.



**3<sup>rd</sup> Army's stake in the ground!**

Planning for Third Army to attend the event began immediately, with Jones coordinating with the event staff for a location for Third Army to set up. Also, Jones was able to coordinate for vehicles for Third Army to use on site, resulting in two Jeeps for use at the event. Jones was also able to borrow a mess tent for use as the War Room. Maj. O'Connor initiated the drafting of the event plan, where details for event attendees were assembled for use prior to the event. With the initial coordination and event plan drafted, Third Army staff then held conference calls to coordinate with individuals in Third Army and work out the logistics of getting General Patton and Third Army to Rockford. The final event plan was approved in July by General Patton, and Jones then began to ensure Third Army personnel were available to attend the event, which included MP and staff personnel. Further, Third Army was informed that lodging was made available to General Patton, and the main body would be permitted to stay overnight at the event site.



**Gen. Eisenhower receiving a briefing**

With all preparation activities completed, General Patton's equipment was shipped to Wisconsin and arriving safely at Jones' house. Third Army's first elements arrived at the event site on Thursday, September 19th in the early afternoon for set up of the War Room

tent and coordination of the lodging for General Patton. Set up was completed in the late afternoon, and the team was able to walk around and meet other event attendees. By 18:30, General Patton and Col. White had arrived settling in their

hotel room and some last minute coordination with Jones.

On Friday morning at 09:00, 20 September, the majority of the Third Army members attending, a formation was held in which S/Sgt Coulter of Company A, 503rd Military Police was promoted to 1st Sergeant of Company A, 503rd MP Battalion. After the formation, the Staff members continued working on the War Room map boards and finalizing the briefings in preparation for school tours scheduled for the day. Upon the arrival of the students, General Patton began addressing and visiting with the various student groups. Meanwhile, the members Company A, 503rd MP Battalion provided security area around the War Room, and the Staff Officers coordinated for the Staff Briefings on Saturday and Sunday. All day long and into the evening, school and tour groups continued to arrive to see and hear General Patton. As a special treat, the first appearance of Dave Davis as General Eisenhower provided Third Army the opportunity to provide a display with perspective from both the Army and Theater levels. Final tours were completed at about 2045 hours Friday evening.

Over the entire event, Third Army personnel were virtually overrun with visitors, by both public and event participants. The Park was open to visitors from about 10:00 hours until 17:00 hours on Saturday and 11:00 hours until 16:00 hours on Sunday. On both days, the Staff presented briefings to Generals Eisenhower, Patton, and French General LeClerc, the Commanding General of the French 2nd Armored Division. These briefings were also attended by numerous Park visitors, who after the formal portion of the briefings by the Staff, were permitted to ask questions of General Patton. The briefings and press conference were an immense success and greatly accepted by the Park visitors. Generals Eisenhower and LeClerc also fielded questions from the Park visitors related to their impressions or specifics related to their respective organizations.



**War Room Map Display**

On Saturday evening a unit dining out was held with the Annual Third Army Awards Ceremony. Awards were presented by General Patton. Individuals recognized included: Lt. Col. Alan Jones was presented a special commendation coin by General Patton for his efforts to make the Rockford Event a success. Third Army Soldier of the Year Award was presented to Maj. Chris O'Connor for his unquestionable devotion to Third Army during this past year. O'Connor was presented a Cavalry Sabre for his performance of duties above and beyond the 'call of duty' by General Patton. World War II Event attendees were presented Certificates of Achievement or Certificates of Appreciation by General Patton for their efforts to support Third Army and the event as a whole. Also presented was the Third Army Basic Impression award, as represented by the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal ribbon to the following individuals: 1st Lt. Quillen, 1st Sgt. Coulter, Sgt. L. Weakley, Pfc. Bever, Pvt.'s Flemke, Dudgeon, Smith, and Fesko. As a special thank you to the event hosts, the event staff and select individuals, General Patton presented Certificates of Appreciation to:



- Midway Village Museum (MVM)
- David Byrnes, President of the MVM
- Jessica MacDonald, MVM Event Coordinator
- Jonathan Stevens, President WWII HRS
- Scott Koelling, WWII HRS Event Coordinator
- Matt Miller & Charles Roberts for vehicle use



**Gen. Patton  
inspecting troops**

Later Saturday evening, many of the unit members, including Generals Patton and Eisenhower, attended a swing dance at the Memorial Hall in downtown Rockford. This dance was huge hit for event participants and citizens of Rockford. While we were there, many Third Army members showed their skill on the dance floor.

The event as a whole was a great success for Third Army, with excellent exposure to the general public with over 8,600 visitors at the park over the

entire weekend. A park employee mentioned to Lt. Col. Jones that many visitors came to the Park to see General Patton and Third Army, as the employee said he had been asked by some visitors, "Where is General Patton," and he directed them to the Third Army display site. Further, the weather over the weekend was fantastic, in the low 70's during the day, and around the mid 40's at night.

Since the event, Third Army has been contacted by the event coordinator stating how pleased and impressed he was with Third Army, and hoped that General Patton might attend next year's event. While it is impossible to thank all who were involved in Third Army's attendance at the World War II Days event individually, General Patton has stated that there was an overall excellent performance by Third Army and appreciates the assistance by our supporters.



**Assembled staff**

Third Army first person impression attendees included:

- Denny Hair as General Patton
- Dave Davis as General Eisenhower
- Mal Soward-Gatford as General LeClerc – 2nd French Armored Division
- Bill White as Colonel Hammond
- Ray Marino as Colonel Codman

Staff Officers: Lt.Col. Jones, Majors O'Connor, Weakley and, Bonney, Capt. Sauter, 1st Lt. Abbernante and, T/Sgt Daniel Symonds.

Military Police: 1st Lt. Quillen, 1st Sgt Coulter, Sgt L. Weakley, Pfc Bever, Pvt's Flemke, Dudgeon, Smith, and Fesko. Also, Pvt's Vaughn, and Narski who visited but did not participate, due to work restrictions.



## Top of the Line Military Museum

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There are military collectors, enthusiasts & historians, patriots, and protectors of the 2nd amendment and then there is the Dragonman. Who? Well, if you consider yourself any of the above and do not know who Dragonman is, then your passion for the military, its history, our service members, veterans and the 2nd amendment, is not complete.



**Hall of Uniforms**

Hailing from Brooklyn NY, Mel Bernstein, better known as "Dragonman," (the name was coined in the 60's after he built the original dragon bike) was born four years to the day after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Mel was classified by his teachers as "the kid who would never amount to anything." The

highest grade he completed in public school was 8th grade before finishing at trade school. This, along with the hard work ethic that his teachers didn't believe he had, would set him on a path to becoming the owner of 5 successful businesses which includes one of the most complete military history museums in existence. It has been said before, and I will repeat it, "the Smithsonian pales in comparison to Dragonmans military museum." It's true. I witnessed it with my own eyes.

Situated on over 200 acres near Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, sits "Dragonmans", or what I would like to call "Dragonland", 5 businesses: motorcycle machining, paintball park, motor cross park, 3 shooting ranges, Class 3 gun dealer shop, and most importantly a one of a kind 58,000 square foot military museum, which is what I will focus on today.

What makes this museum unique is every single item is original, authentic, the real deal. If it has working parts, it works. There are no reproductions unless you consider the manikin dummies, but they don't count. "Everything works" is an understatement. For instance all 88 military vehicles are in



**Gas mask display**

good working order. The vehicle collection contains some hard to find items including every jeep model that was produced by Ford and Willys from 1942 to 1945 including 1 of the 3500 ever produced 1940 experimental jeeps. Another rare find, scout cars produced in 1938 and 1939, the predecessor to the half track. Also in the lineup is every model of halftrack made including the M15. Visitors will enjoy the M2 & M3 fully equipped, including the men, as it would



**Half-track display**

have been on D-Day June 6, 1944. Dragonman spares no detail, a close look at the halftrack and it includes the c-rations, original 200 lb. armor encased radio, armor piercing bullets and the M10 diaphragm land mines. One rule of thumb, keep your hands to yourself, the guns are loaded. On display is the first truck that Dodge made for the government in 1917. Only 1000 were manufactured. The truck, itself is equipped with the original military tools and accessories. A few other treasures include a 1918, and 1941-1942 staff cars, a Willys M38A1 with 106 recoilless rifle, Marine Mighty Mite's, Mutts, Weasel's (one of the original 1000 that had front and rear steering), Ben Hur trailer's, one of 2500 experimental Willys jeeps with an overhead valve motor, Gama Goats, 1 of only 325 radio command vehicles, an M3 half track with original bullet holes, paint job and m36 backpacks, a 1941 bomb truck, and paratrooper bicycles ... yes paratrooper bicycles. They come apart and fold up, makes it easier to jump with and reassemble. The list could go on but you really need to see it for yourself.

If the vehicle lineup doesn't draw your attention, move on to the 400 uniforms covering every uniform that was issued for all branches of the service from WWI to our current day men and women, and not just the US, this includes the nations we were at war with or along side, Germans (only 6 German uniforms are missing from the collection), British, Japanese, North Vietnamese Army, Iraq and Afghanistan. If you can imagine it, Dragonman has it. Not only does he have it, he knows every uniform personally. He can tell you their names and their stories and when possible, photographs and other memorabilia are included. Follow along the Purple Heart uniform wall of 50 WWII uniforms donated by purple heart recipients, and view the WWI foot locker, items untouched and folded as the owner last placed them, and stand in humility as you look at the Marine uniform worn on the bloody sands of Iwo Jima.

Step in to the WWI room and you can see a horse in full cavalry gear from 1917, a canteen from 1906, the last patented sword made for the US cavalry, and a 100 year old machine gun used on airplanes, along with original ammo cans and search lights. Top it off with a 116 year old 45 star US flag made in 1896.



**Death Camp uniforms**

By far the biggest collections focus on WWII. Enter the German room filled with one of the largest Nazi collections around, including a political uniform Hitler would have worn, and every boot a German soldier could be issued. This room also includes the weapons used from the MG42 machine gun to one of 100 ever made gun belt buckles that Hitler's body guards wore in 1933. All ammunition is dated 1938. Also included are every Maltese cross from 1914 to 1945.

One can't think about the Germans without thinking about the Holocaust. Enter the Holocaust room and among the many items you will see a collection of arm

bands from the Warsaw Ghetto, uniforms from Auschwitz and Dachau and Zyklon gas canisters.

Move on over to Japan and view every gun from 1914 to 1945, 500 year old Samari swords and Japanese machine guns used on Iwo Jima.

The US collection of WWII items is stunning. From personal items that a soldier would have carried, unopened packs of cigarettes, canned water never opened after 68 years, to hand grenades in original shipping crates and canisters with instructions and unopened ammunition, original D-day maps given to platoon leaders. Everything in these rooms is dated, 1941 through 1945. One of the best experiences is entering the machine gun nest with soldiers and their equipment complete with sound and light effects to give you an idea of what it might have been like. This collection is so complete the US Army should be jealous. Stand in awe of the Liberator pistol that the Air Corp dropped all over Europe to help the citizens liberate themselves from Germany, or an original WWII coffin, body bag and box with certificate. Along with the WWII rooms you will find the radio room consisting of every military model radio made during WWII, and every gas mask from 1914 to current day.



**Machine Gun display**

Dragonman has built this collection over 20 years with his own money but some items are donated from current service members, veterans, and widows. Dragonman is well known in the military circle from special forces to high ranking generals who continually bring back items from the field for display and all agree that this is the best military museum in the nation. They are fiercely loyal to Dragonman who is no stranger to the military himself. Both his mother and father served during WWII, his mother a nurse, his father a bombardier, and Dragonman himself served in Vietnam. One can't view the museum without being transported back in time and come out with a greater appreciation for the military, and that is exactly why Dragonman has done this, to honor those who have served. It would take several thick volumes to catalog the thousands of items within Dragonmans collection, I have highlighted just a few here, but rest assured it is nothing compared to the real thing. As a military enthusiast, reenactor, living historian, or anyone who appreciates their freedom, a trip to Dragonarms is a must. Dragonarms is open all year round, but only gives tours on Sundays. Click on the the following link for a news clip on the museum a few years ago.

[http://www.dragonmans.com/museum\\_videos](http://www.dragonmans.com/museum_videos)

Better yet, visit each year during their annual machine gun shoot! Please visit [www.keeping-history-alive.com](http://www.keeping-history-alive.com) in late October for the full article covering Dragonman including more photos.





## 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. We need your articles no later than the first Wednesday of the publishing month, to permit publishing by the second Wednesday of the publishing month. 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).

### 2013 Austin Scale Modeler's Society Show and Contest -

Mike Maloney, Tom Pachalos, and Demma McCain attended this event on 5 October at the Norris Conference Center with a Third Army display. The model contest was well received; this year's show was held at a new venue in Georgetown, just north of Austin, public attendance was lower than expected but over-all it was a good show.

The show organizer's asked Third Army to attend and to set up a display. The display was on 2-8ft. tables, with set up starting at 07:30 and the set up was completed by 09:00 for the show open time.

Throughout the day, both tables had several people stop by where Tom and I spoke and explained the displays and what we do. I had 25 flyers made for the show, and had 8 left by the time the show was over.

At one point during the day, members of the Texas Military Miniature Society came by and offered to us display tables at their March show in Dallas.



## 503d MP Battalion Update

*By Lt. Col. Alan Jones  
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Now that the Rockford event has come and gone, we need to reorganize for the next one plus smaller ones in the meantime. The Rockford event drew 8600 spectators, many of them attended just to see, us, 3rd Army; and of course General Patton. As the spectators approached our area, who were the first ones they saw? Military Police Soldiers are always the first ones visible at any event. This is why I am so strict on what is done, how it's done, and how uniforms are worn and look. These points are as important for our Military Police as it is for actual ones. I'm really proud of these MP's, and would trust them with any mission, they are 1st Sgt. Coulter, Sgt Levi Weakley, Pfc Ryan Bever, Pvt's Tim Flemke, Travis Smith, Doug Fesko, and Brent Dudgeon. These members will be part of our cadre and help guide new members on being Military Police for 3rd Army. Now we have to fine tune those MP's, plus bring new members into our unit, Company A, 503rd Military Police Battalion.

A reminder for all of our Military Police members, don't forget to preregister for our event at Camp Atterbury which is being held the weekend of 6-8 December. Some of our MP's will be included in the tactical portion of the event so be prepared. Watch for details from the Company First Sergeant, Wayne Coulter.

*Of the Troops and for the Troops*



## “Give me the G2”\*

### 162 (Turk.) Infantry Division

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During WWII, the Germans used many troops of Eastern nationalities to fill the gaps created by the huge casualties they were suffering in the East. Although the majority of these troops served in the East, they were encountered in the West. It is a fact that Eastern troops were also encountered by American troops in Normandy.

The Eastern Peoples Military Units of the German Wehrmacht 162. (Turk.) Infantry Division

In late 1941, General Erkilet of the Turkish General Staff visited Hitler's military headquarters in East Prussia and discussed the fate of Soviet prisoners of war of Turkic nationality.

Hitler was greatly interested in getting Turkish participation in his war against Russia, therefore he agreed in principle to raise military units utilizing the services of Turkistan soldiers as volunteers [Freiwillig] in the regular German army. The primary source of man power came from of the 1.5 million Soviet soldiers taken prisoner in the first six months of the German invasion [Operation Barbarossa]

Hitler, after conferring with his staff, ordered the formation of a Turkistani Legion in November of 1941.

On January 13, 1942, the Turkitanisch-Kaukasisch-Mohammedanische Legion was formed and on March 24, 1942 was built into the strengthened Turkistanisch Infantry Battalion 450.

The First and Second Turkistanische Legions were formed on July 4, 1943 and on May 21, 1943, the 162 (Turk.) Infanterie-Division was formed in the General Government [Poland] and constituted as follows:

- Infantry Regiment 303, I through III Battalions from the 2nd Turk. Legion
- Infantry Regiment 314, I through III Battalions from the Aserbeidschan. Legion
- Divisional Battalion 162 Artillery Regiment 236, I through IV Batteries from the 1st Turk. Legion

This division fought in the southern sector, in Italy, with some distinction, through 1945 and finally surrendered to the British in Austria in 1945.

*\*This term used in Army vernacular is slang for “give me information on a topic.” This series of articles pertains to intelligence briefs or Order of Battle (OB) information as it relates to World War II.*



## Our New Addition To 3rd Army

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We have a new addition to our group. It is General Ike Eisenhower. He is, portrayed by Dave Davis. If you have read your notifications about the Rockford event you already know he is a hit. I have known Dave over eighteen years and have reenacted with him in many battles. He is ardent student of history. He is truly a hero of the Gulf war. He is a natural leader. He is honest and trust worthy.

On top of all that, he is fun to be around. Enough, about the person with whom we stand. What do you know about Ike's military career?

In 1942 on June 6th (something ironic about this date), fifty two year old Lt. General Dwight D. Eisenhower, commander of the U.S. Army in the European theater, was appointed "Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Expeditionary Force." He was a mechanic's son raised on the wrong side of the tracks in Abilene Kansas. Eisenhower defied his parent's Mennonite pacifism and profound antipathy to the military to accept a 1910 appointment to West Point, from which he graduated with no great distinction. Marooned Stateside during World War One, he helped to organize America's first tank corps. The post war army with its slow promotion and dull duties was no place for a man bent on ambition. His rise to prominence was by his technique of finding the best man for the right job. One of the strongest men in the nineteen thirties was Douglas MacArthur, whom Eisenhower served with during MacArthur's tenure as chief of staff from 1930, and subsequently in the Philippines where he was military commander. During the nine years with MacArthur, Eisenhower gained a reputation as a cautious but courageous and temperamental officer willing to disagree, sometimes volubly, with his imperious boss. But in MacArthur's service, Eisenhower honed "his ability to find common ground between competing priorities and people" his greatest asset, in Carlo D'Este's estimation. (historian). In 1939, his friend Mark Wayne Clark organized Lt Col. Eisenhower's assignment to Washington, where a robust "old boy network" anchored in West Point and the Command and Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, combined with Marshall's patronage catapulted him up the career ladder and kept him there. Eisenhower, Mark Clark, and Patton emerged as stars of the Louisiana maneuvers in 1941.

News of Pearl Harbor caused Marshall to call Brigadier General Eisenhower to Washington to become deputy chief of the War Plans Division. Marshall's reorganization of the War Department advanced him to major general. And by June 1942 he was assigned by Marshall to head the Observer Group in London with Mark Clark as his deputy. When Roosevelt ordered Torch, Marshall decided that Eisenhower, the man on the spot, would be command it. Eisenhower proved to be the right choice. He had to be willing to give all sides a fair hearing before reaching a decision. This was a valuable asset to the Army to be able to weld and hold together the machinery of war when he took over Allied Force Headquarters on August 14, 1942. (to be continued)



## Chief of Staff Update

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A lot has happened since the last newsletter, I will try to recap as best that I can.

The Commanding General and major members of the National Staff made their way to Rockford, Ill. (see elsewhere in this newsletter for in-depth article) where Fdwbl. Tom Pachalos and I were invited to a local model show of AMPS (Armor Modeling and Preservation Society) to set up display and recruiting tables. The show provided a table for each of us where the 167th VG and 3rd Army HQ provided equipment, weapons and uniforms for display, informational flyers was provided for all interested and we were well received. Many modelers were very interested in the colors of the original pieces and lots of questions were asked. While at the show, we were approached and invited to the National Lone Star Miniature Society's regional show in Dallas, Tx. in March where we are being provided tables at no charge. This will give us more exposure and more recruit avenues.

The first tactical get-together that 3rd Army hosted was a complete success. The event was held at Denny's, he and Bill White had done a lot of work in getting the area prepared; the camping area was large and with lots of shade trees and the tactical area was very large with winding trails through-out. Food was provided by Sgt. Chuck Tomey, and as usual the food was first class, Carlos Manning was present with his new PX tent, and the merchandise was in plenty for all. Dave Davis was on hand and gave a class lecture on tactics of the ambush and Robert "van" Vandergrift was also in attendance and gave an excellent lecture on both the MG 34 and 42.

I would like to congratulate Capt. Mike Ditto on his promotion and also would like to welcome Pvt. Kevin Roos to our ranks and family.

The virtual side of 3rd Army has gained momentum; for those of you who are not yet aware, this is an on-line gaming group that plays the MMO game "World of Tanks" where the individual is in command of an historical based tank. The gaming group clan registered with the World of Tanks is "3rd Army Group" and the logo on all of the members vehicles is the 3rd Army flag standard. This affiliation is two-fold, first, it promotes 3rd Army in a new venue to historical gamers and introduces the group clan to 3rd Army members who might would like to relax with a game that some of us used to play many years ago on table top in a new format. In fact, several group/clan members have expressed a genuine desire in joining their Living History counter-parts in the field. For more info on the gaming group, go to: [www.3rdarmygroupclan.com](http://www.3rdarmygroupclan.com) and we encourage all to join the groups forum that can be found through the web site.





## Coffee and Sandwiches, Anyone?

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Before I get too far into this, let me bring you up to date as it has been a long time since I submitted anything for your reading pleasure or education- which ever the case. I took leave to visit Costa Rica to investigate a reasonable source for coffee, sugar, and other needs for the army. Perhaps I'll share more about the trip another time.

The military takes its coffee very seriously and has done so since before the American Revolutionary War. We used to be a colony of "tea sippers" until the intolerable tax was added to the tea shipped to us. Besides dumping many boxes of tea into the Boston harbor, we looked for another source of a quick energy drink. The new congress ordered that every ship in the navy serve coffee to its ships company of officers and men. That made sense as water was carried on board and began to grow all manner of tiny creatures that would cause illness. Boiling the water to make coffee would kill them off. Adding distilled spirits to the water would do the same thing- hence the grog ration.

However, soldiers in the army did not get a daily coffee ration until during the Mexican War- it was one ounce per man per day then. During the Civil War, soldiers were supposed to be issued a coffee ration of 1 ¼ ounces per man per day in addition to a sugar ration. Many soldiers mixed the two together to carry them as a bagged food unit rather than pack them into two different bags. If the army halted for a few moments, a fast fire was made, water was boiled and the coffee-sugar mix tossed in the cup. In moments, the nectar from the dried, roasted, and ground seeds from the green evergreen bush from the genus coffee was ready for consumption.

A buddy of mine, LTC Wright, USN just returned from sea duty and told me of a near mutiny that took place when a new sailor cleaned the coffee pot and mugs when she arrived on board and was ordered to clean up the ward room. It seems her superiors did not take kindly to having the brown layers of old coffee oil scrubbed from the glazed innards of their ceramic coffee mugs. Worse was her scrubbing the decades of oil buildup that had accumulated on the sides of the coffee maker.

Before WW I, ships and navy depots issued grog to the men in addition to the coffee they consumed. The spirit issue ceased because the generation of steam on board insured that all water on board was sterile before it was used. With plenty of boiling water available, coffee really earned its place in the hearts and minds of sailors. Many deep water sailors swore their ships ran on a combination of good coffee and bunker oil. During WW II, the folks back home suffered through a brief coffee ration while the men in uniform had all they could drink (I wrote previously about how quickly coffee replaced the tea the Brits were serving the Yanks while training in England before D Day). There was not a shortage of the beans. There was a shortage of ships to carry them from the producing countries to the states. All ships were engaged in moving men and material necessary for the war effort- that did not include

java for the folks back home! Knowing that Americans were consuming 15 pounds of beans per person per year, congress ordered that barges be used to move coffee from Cuba, a major and somewhat local coffee-growing country, to the US. Rosie could get her coffee break and industrial output was maintained. The war would be won thanks to coffee.

Powdered instant coffee was provided so a man near the front could have some hot coffee if he could obtain some hot water. The idea of instant coffee was not new. During the Civil War, concentrated fresh coffee was brewed and combined with sweetened condensed milk followed by removing most of the moisture until a thick paste remained. It was canned and delivered as "essence of coffee". A spoon of the concoction was stirred into a cup of hot water and a beverage was created similar in taste to sweetened coffee with milk. Note, I said "similar"!

Walk into any modern military installation and you'll find coffee bars- fancy places the GI from the 1940s would have appreciated are serving lattes and cappuccinos. LTC Elliott said they had an espresso machine in the officer's ward room on board the ship on which he last served to make life easier for part of the crew.

Yes, they still brew a pot of Joe and instant coffee is still packed in the MREs they provide. Some things never change! Back in the day, I saw freshly ground coffee measured into muslin bags which were tied and dropped into the hot water to make coffee. The cook's manual goes into great detail on how that cloth is to be rinsed- never washed- left wet, and reused. I have seen coffee placed in a sock and dumped into a coffee pot.

I am not into cloth bags of any sort because the cloth tends to absorb the oil and it is the oil that gives the coffee its best flavor. I boil the water and add the ground coffee to the boiling water, give it a count of 60 seconds, remove the pot from the heat, throw a cup of cold water in to settle the grounds and serve it immediately.

The actual brewing time for coffee is about a minute, based on the size of the ground coffee particles. In that minute, 97% of the caffeine is released along with nearly 100% of the oil. What more does the coffee need at that time? Continuing to boil the coffee tends to boil off the oil and ruin the taste of the coffee.

Now, about those sandwiches to go with the coffee, here are a few ideas from the War Department's 1942 TM-405, Technical Manual for the Army Cook:

**Nut and Raisin:** Chopped nuts, chopped raisins, mayonnaise mixed and spread on bread.

**Cheese and bacon:** Chopped cheese, chopped cooked bacon, pimientos chopped, mayonnaise, sweet pickle relish mixed and spread on bread with lettuce.

**Cheese and peanut butter:** Chopped cheese, peanut butter, and mustard mixed and spread on bread.

More at another time...

## Reenactor Roast

There is a forum on Facebook that is called the Reenactor Roast. It is a sad commentary in that it posts pictures of reenactors who don't meet someone's standards, though it never says whose standards. Many times the photos are a bit raunchy and most are hurtful if you happen to make the image list. On October 7, 2013, this post was written. It just about says it all about the nature of re-enactment today and why it has dwindled in numbers on all impressions.

*"I can remember the days a few years back when reenacting was a fun hobby and everybody got along and left politics and personal grudges at home and we all drank beer after playing guns all day...and also remember we started this to honor those brave souls who fought for our freedoms so we could all play dress up and play with our toys and be free from oppression????? Wouldn't it be great to go back to those days???? Who really cares if the stitches and gear aren't 100 percent dead spot on.....at least they showed up to a hobby that's slowly dying off.....what can we as reenactors do to keep this hobby thriving and get better recruitment for bigger events????"*

We at Third Army are trying our best to change this meanness by being friends and family. We recently had an incident where there was a public display of intolerance on Facebook as well. That person is no longer with us.

The answer to the question "would it be great to go back to those days? When everyday got along and left politics and personal grudges at home... Third Army has the answer, so come join us. If you cannot forgive and forget, or have some sort of chip on your shoulder, this is not the place for you. If you want a place where you can have fun, be accepted for who you are, not be afraid of having your friends and family come around, then come join us!



## Vision Models 75mm Pack Howitzer

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I have been on a towed field artillery kick lately... working on the old Tamiya British 6 pounder which was called the 57mm M1 in US service, the 105mm M2A1 Howitzer from Dragon, the M1A1 155mm Howitzer from Italeri and the M2 Long Tom 155mm Howitzer from AFV Club. I'd long hoped that some model company out there would release my all-time favorite US WWII Towed gun and finally it's happened.

It has been a long time coming but Vision Models of Taiwan has finally done it... They've released a model of the 75mm Pack howitzer M1A1 in 1/35th scale plastic. Before now, we've had to suffice with



the old Replicast resin one or the Tamiya one in white metal, neither of which were very well detailed. That has changed drastically in this kit.

The Vision Models kit, #35001 U.S. M1A1 75mm Pack Howitzer, comes in a box about the size of Dragon or Tamiya's figure kit



boxes and that's okay because the Pack Howitzer in 1/35th scale is a tiny affair. Don't let its size fool you though. The kits is broken down into 55 parts molded in Olive Green Styrene Plastic, a single short

brass tube for the exposed barrel muzzle, an instruction sheet and a walk around page with photos of an actual M1A1. Many of the parts, such as the lifting eyes are tiny...and perfectly in scale. The gun may be built as a WWII or Post WWII version and has two different optional sights. Options also include a choice of road or tactical tread tires and five 75mm howitzer rounds.

If enough care is taken, the gun may be built so it may be disassembled as in the original. The top cover is removable, as is the axle, which slides into place and rotates to lock it in, though it is not mentioned in the instructions. The tube



may be positioned in travelling or firing positions and again, with care the elevating mechanism can be assembled so that the gun may be elevated to any angle. The forward frame is in four parts and the left and right elevating plates are trapped between the two parts for each side and are coupled by a short rod. Follow the instructions, and do your best not to get glue in the movement arc of parts B7 and B8 and you should be fine. The rear trail frame is movable as well with the ability to fold up over the forward frame.



Following the instructions, I began with step 1, assembling the cannon assembly. The lifting eyes and grab handles are small, so take care separating them from the sprues. You will need superglue to attach the lifting eye to the brass tube barrel as well as fine

tweezers and possibly a magnifying glass. Pay close attention to the provided photo sheet that comes with the kit to aid in placing parts. I didn't and wound up gluing the lunette wrong in step two. The directions down show it well, but you can clearly see in the photo sheet that the flat pad on the opposite end from the ring is supposed to rest flat against the aft side of the spade. Attach the two sides of the frame and their cross supports, trapping part B9 between them. Add the spade blade next, rotate the lunette frame (part B9) down against the



top of the spade, and then glue the lunette itself (part B10) to part B9. The flat pad should rest against the spade blade face.

In Step 4, the inner half of the right forward frame has a challenging bit of assembly to fit the elevation drive shaft (part B30) through the cross member (Part B16). Take care to fit these parts carefully. Other than that, assembly goes really well. I was able to assemble the whole thing in about two hours. Though the frame is foldable, I glued the front and rear frames of mine rigid. The remainder of the assembly is straight forward. Take care though with the assembly of the wheels to the axles. They are an extremely tight friction fit and the axle is extremely fragile. Choose which tires you want and install them. The Axle slips into the front portion of the forward frame and rotated to lock it into the frame.

I painted my howitzer with Testors Model Master Green Drab 34086 and Model Master Flat Black 34070. I dry brushed the green drab portions with model master faded olive drab, followed by another dry brush with Model Master Panzer yellow. The tires were dry brushed with Floquil grimy black first, then panzer yellow.

The finished howitzer fits in the palm of your hand and is tiny, but is a long sought after addition to the WWII field gun line up.



## 3rd Army Combined Arms Event Weekend - After Action Report

By Gen. Denny Hair  
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We had a great time on Denny's ranch in Hockley Texas. Friday night saw quite a few show up and some arrived the next day.

### MG 34/42 Instruction - Robert "Van" Vandergrift

This event opened up with Robert "Van" Vandergrift giving a great history lesson of the MG 34 and MG 42, both of which he owns. He explained their history, operations, production and field usage. This was one of the best classes I have heard on them. This was not an overview but went deep into how they were made, function, accuracy, use in the field, metal composition, loading and unloading, belt function, ammunition, feeding, design flaws, design innovations, production and deployment. He then went into squad tactics, field usage and how the develop of other



"Van" & Dave

machine guns came from the concept developed through these two machine guns.

### Ambush Techniques in the Field - Command Sgt Major Dave Davis, US Army Retired

This was a "hands on" lesson in ambush techniques. He



Allied Camp

explained the purpose of the ambush and several formations that encompassed the classic ambush and then used the troops present to demonstrate the L shaped configuration and how it worked in the field. He explained the pros and cons of

using it and how to avoid common mistakes in deploying it. Sgt Major Davis then went into depth on Target acquisition. Cover and concealment and target acquisitions and finished up and covered Patrolling techniques. "Van" Vandergrift then covered counter ambush techniques and after lunch the class went to the field

### Mess call

We ate well. Charles "Cookie" Toney cooked pancakes with fresh eggs. How fresh were they you asked? There are chicken coops on the property and they were gathering eggs on Friday morning and cooked Saturday and Sunday morning. Now that's fresh. We had a great lunch with vegetables, meat and bread, very filling and quite a lot of it.

Supper was well received, and Breakfast on Sunday saw more fresh eggs and a great breakfast. All were full as they wanted to be with seconds available.

### Field Exercises

Sgt. Major Davis then brought the allied/axis contingents to the field and deployed them to practice the techniques taught in class. The allies went to the field with a .50 duce, jeep and small quad and set up an ambush. After conducting several exercises with the Germans attacking, the Allies and axis reversed rolls. The exercises were then critiqued and evaluated. Many lessons were learned.

### Field PX

Col. Manning set up his mess in a newly acquired officer's tent. We have visitors who wanted to participate but could not leave work or school to participate all day but came by just the same. Among them were Butch Thomas, John Buchannon and his wife and family and Jack Slattery.



Field PX

### The property

All were driven in the jeep around the property and the many trails associated with it. These are not paths. They are bulldozed and will take a ¾ ton truck without taking the paint off or scratching it. They are designed in a maze so you must pay attention to where you are.

### The bonfire

We are continuing to clear the land for camping and there is an abundance of logs and so forth left over from the drought of two years ago. We had a large bonfire and all enjoyed it. A lot of old jokes were told but the most fun was the family and

**Evening bonfire**

friends. We really enjoyed seeing each other and talking about years and years of folks and hobby related friendship.

#### **The weather**

Saturday night the front came in with a little rain so sleeping was cool and well received after the long day.

Sunday morning was cool and damp.

The dampness soon burned off and the sun came out so we were able to let the canvas dry before we broke camp.

#### **The plan**

I would like to tell you that this was an absolute labor of love by all concerned. All want our hobby to grow and this is a great start in doing just that. We will use this property to develop the hobby. All are welcome and we will have many events here.

#### **Future plans**

Some have asked if they could go back to their organizations and get permission to build bunkers, slit trenches, tent flooring, add water pipes and electricity. The answer is yes to all of it.

**Camp Bushy Trails**

## **Camping Out at Denny's Place**

By Lt. Col. Dave Davis  
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I was pleased to be invited out to Denny Hair's home and land to participate in a 2 day training camp event. The weather was hot and humid but the event was great. Many old friends were in attendance and there were folks I had not seen in years, present. There were also new faces, and more importantly young new faces, that we really need to keep the hobby going and to continue the great work of telling and retelling the story of America's fast disappearing heroes of the war that saved Western Civilization.

We spent the first evening remembering the past and honoring the memories of departed friends. Saturday morning, after First Call, we assembled for breakfast and afterwards began a series of lectures on the German MG34 and the MG42, ably presented by Bob Vandergrift, a man who has forgotten more about these weapons than most of us will ever know. Bob and I then taught basic ambush and counter ambush techniques, patrolling, target acquisition and cover and concealment.

Lunch came and then we "saddled up" and ran 2 scenarios with myself as the trainer / observer/ controller on Denny's extended acreage [a really challenging bit of terrain, by the way]. I think all involved enjoyed the hand on training.

I was forced by family events to depart that evening and missed the planned bonfire set for that evening to cap the event. But I have to say the event went well in my estimation and Denny is to be commended for putting up with us and

setting up this event.

Now about his Patton Command / Sleeping vehicle. It is an absolutely amazing recreation of the original. He has hit one out of the ball park with it. If we could have had it at Rockford it would have stolen the show.

I also want to thank the guys who helped / encouraged me to do the "Ike" impression at Rockford. I loved it and I was so impressed with the camaraderie and attention to detail you folks exhibited. Thank all of you for all you did for both me, and my wife.



## **Air Reconnaissance Liaison Debut**

By Lt. Col. Jim Miles  
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**Bad Bug**

Much to our surprise, delight and glowing support, 3rd Army's Lt Col Jim Miles flew air reconnaissance for our event. Lt. Col. Miles was in his L-3 "Bad Bug" and flew several passes over the ambush area at Camp Brushy Creek, Hockley, Texas on Saturday October 5, 2013. It was a welcome

sight to see him aloft above us. We plan to build on this and ask like-minded individual to consider joining 3rd Army's air force as it grows. Lt. Col. Miles will command this wing of our air force and help build it to a nationwide organization to help us teach history and bring realism to battle field scenarios both on a tactical level and a public performance.

*Historical Note: There were 32 L-5 assigned to 3rd Army and they were used throughout the war. They often referred to them as flying "peeps." The word "peep" was a slang term often used in place of "jeep"*

**Bad Bug over Camp Brushy Creek**

## **G-3 Operations Update**

By Maj. Dave Weakley  
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The Rockford event was lots of fun! For those of you that missed it you need to attend. The public liked seeing Gen. Patton at the War Room and then his tour around the village and encampment area in the jeep with SGT Weakley driving with the siren whaling.

There are a number of upcoming events during the winter season, see the upcoming events section for additional detail.





## Wanted – A Real Chaplain

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Third Army is looking for a real Chaplain, by that I mean an ordained minister who is and or has experience as a real preacher or priest. This role is critical that no longer can be filled through a non-clergy living historian. I hope to form the Chaplains Service and be able to call upon them in our National events and local events. This should be someone available to our membership they can go to privately with real issues and it be held in confidence. Someone willing to come out in a WWII uniform and assume the real role as chaplain. He must be respected and taken as a real leader and example. The head of the service will then help build it throughout the US so there is a real one always present at our WWII events. They will conduct voluntary Sunday services, lead prayers and meals and bless our events both public and private. If you assume the role of Head of chaplains 3rd army, you will be a staff member with the Rank of colonel. If you wish to do this on local bases only, we will discuss your role with the appropriate rank.



You will be assuming the Role of Chaplain James O'Neil

Rt. Rev. Msgr. (BG) James Hugh O'Neill was a US Army Chaplain for twenty-six years, including World War II. He was perhaps best remembered as the Chaplain, then Colonel, who authored the "Weather Prayer" on December 8, 1944 at Caserne Molitor in Nancy, France, just before the Battle of the Bulge, for Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., who at the time was commanding the Third US Army.

His awards and decorations include:

The Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Croix de Guerre with Palm from France, the Croix de Guerre with Palm from Belgium, the Croix de Guerre from the Duchy of Luxembourg, the American Defense Medal, the American Campaign Medal, and the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, with campaign stars for the campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe.

**In case of doubt, attack**

**GSP**



## "Patton's Household Cavalry"

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Historically, the 6th Cavalry Group was assigned to the Third Army Headquarters and participated in the guarding of the headquarters, Army Information Service (AIS) operations, and was a combat army that operated independently and assigned where Patton wish to use them.

We are pleased to announce the promotion of Michael Ditto to Captain of Cavalry, and his selection to command the 6th Cavalry Group and will be responsible of our M-20 for tactical operations when the 6th Cavalry Group is operational in the field.

This is the branch of Third Army we are promoting for all of our younger members to participate in who want to engage the enemy at private tactical battles and public display battles.

In Texas, events will be conducted at Camp Brushy Creek. On a national level, Lt. Col. Jones will decide where and when 6th Cavalry events will occur.

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Lt. Col. Jones can be contacted at [atj53@att.net](mailto:atj53@att.net)

Soon, there will be an organization table published on the web site, you will also find Uniform and Authenticity standards that are required to be met by organization members.



## Patton Show Performance

By Gen. Denny Hair  
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Ellington Field Houston Texas, Friday October 25, 2013

I can think of nothing more humbling and no greater honor than to be able to walk among the Greatest Generation. I was asked to speak at the Texas flying legend Museum as they and I were able to honor the air men, "fighter pilots" and support crew of WWII. In front of me, seated, were indeed legends and heroes. I cannot tell you exactly the full flight history or their personal history. They would not want me to. The eat sleep and fought as a team. When you talk with them they mention others accomplishments and play down their own. When you call them heroes, they say no, they just did their duty. When you salute them they say no, it was done for God and country. When they do talk, they tell of their fallen buddies and the heroism of others. There is a reason they are called the greatest generation.

I also want to tell you of the Texas Flying Legend Museum and a very special lady, Rene Armstrong. Rene is a special love for these veterans and has written a book about them. She took the time to organize and plan this event for many months. She did this to ensure the veterans were honored. She did know by working through and with one of the nicest group of folks you would want to meet,

those of the Texas Flying Legend Museum.

There was a seminar during the day as the airmen from several generations told their story. "a panel discussion consisting of an active-duty Air Force combat pilot along with WWII pilots from the 345th Bomb Group and the 352nd Fighter Group. " You should have heard the great stories they told. One that came to mind was one of the Tuskegee airmen told of being shot down, put in a German POW camp, and then being liberated by Patton's Third Army.



**Gen. Patton addressing the troops**



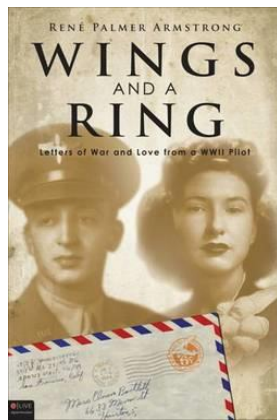
**Panel Discussion**

Later there were guest speakers including a retired four star general who was a key note speaker. The big band music was provided by the 3rd Coast Swing Orchestra, and there was a hanger dance and competition for the best dance team.

Our on Third Army Living Historians and General Patton then made their way to the forefront. General Patton was accompanied by Michael Maloney and Bill White, who assumed the roles of 503rd MP's of Third Army. Zack Maloney was assigned to the signal corps and took the photographs for the evening, of which he excelled in and did a great job.

Special thanks go to Third Army's Rene Armstrong. We do have a published author in our army and I am pleased to ask you to visit her site and buy her book.

I urge you to go to Rene Armstrong's web site and order one of her books, it is called, *Wings and a Ring: Letters of War and Love from a WWII Pilot* <http://www.wingsandaring.com>



### 11 – 13 April 2014 – Camp Atterbury, Indiana

A full immersion event with a Normandy scenario, additional information will be out soon. Hosted by Third Army

Future Third Army hosted events at Camp Atterbury can be found on the web at: <http://cpatterburyww2ne.webs.com/>

### G-4 Supply

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

### Wanted

Dave Davis is still 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](mailto:sgtmajorsattic@yahoo.com)



### General Patton's Favorite Recipes

*Beatrice Patton 1945*

#### Wine Cakes

4 medium size eggs 1 tea spoon vanilla  
1 cup sugar 1 /4 tea spoon salt  
1 cup of flour 1 tea spoon baking powder

Beat egg yolks and sugar thoroughly, add flour, baking powder and salt with beaten egg whites/ Pour in muffin pan and bake in moderate oven 350 degrees for about 15 min. Make 12 cup cakes

Sauce: ½ cup of sugar, four eggs and one wine glass sherry wine. Put ingredients in bowl and cook over boiling water. Beat while cooking with rotary egg beater and remove when creamy and fairly thick. Be careful not to let eggs curdle while cooking. After removing, pour over cake and serve at once



## Headquarters Notes

### Upcoming events

#### 6 - 8 December 2013 – Camp Atterbury, Indiana

An Ardennes 1944 scenario tactical event, and you can register for this one at: [www.atterburyardennes13.eventbrite.com/](http://www.atterburyardennes13.eventbrite.com/). Hosted by Third Army.



## Event Photos

### 2013 Austin Scale Modeler's Society Show and Contest



### World War II Days – Rockford, Illinois





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## Texas Flying Legend Museum – Ellington Field Houston, Texas



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## 3rd Army Group (World of Tanks) on the offensive!!!!

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Latest from the front!

Commander 3rd Army Group aka (Gen-Patton3)

Since, the formation of 3rd Army Group we have really grown in size and scope. We now have 45 members and a very strong alliance with (TBW) The Black Watch. We started in making commercials and posting them to the world of tanks community and have had tremendous results. Within 2 days we already had over 700 views. Major Rampage and The Chieftain contacted us and re-posted it on their social network. This commercial was a test run of our advertisement strategy. Our commercials in development will be advertising for people in the world of tanks community to visit both websites Historians and 3rd Army Group. This will bring a lot of traffic our way on the world wide web. In other news we have had a great success with recruiting and have scheduled a major historical battle operation for 10/13/13. This historical battles event will be an all day fun day event hosted by 3rd Army with our allies invited to take part. Battles start at ten hundred hours central time zone. There will be in-game rewards given out to winners 1st through 7th place.

As an "MMO\*" style game patches are released from time to time that enhance and improve it as time goes on. The 8.9 patch will bring out a whole new tech tree of German tank destroyers along with a new company battle style game mode. 3rd Army Group will be taking the field when the patch is released and will be doing training operations with TBW. This of course is all a prelude to Clan Wars. Those players who reach a high skill level will join the "Patton's Immortals Brigade" and will be on a regular battle schedule throughout the week! As commander of the gaming side of 3rd Army i always encourage everyone who is interested in some fun at home on the computer and with a good healthy since of humor to come visit us on the web at <http://3rdarmygroupclan.com/>

\*Massively-Multiplayer Online



## Third Army Recruiting Drive

3rd Army's General Hobart Gay aka: Mike Maloney and 167 Volksgrenadier Division's Division Commander Thomas Pachalos, will be recruiting this Saturday November 16, 2013 in San Antonio on the behalf of the 3rd Army Historical Society. VFW Post 8541, 2222 Austin Highway (Loop 368), San Antonio, Texas 78218



## Close Assault 1944 Event

By Oberst Tom Pachalos  
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Close Assault 1944, is an event that the Texas Arm Forces Museum at Camp Mabry in Austin, Texas puts on each May and November. The event is both educational and visual in that the audience is given details about uniforms, weapons and tactics from both American and German forces, with a mini battle at the end.

The 167 Volksgrenadier Division is tasked with providing: German Infantry, German weapons demonstrations and visual display of weapons, tents, uniforms, field equipment, as well as, interacting with the audience; before, during after each of the 4 shows over the 2 day event. We fielded 15 German en-actors, with 2 MG42 machine guns, 1 MG 34 machine gun, 3 G43 semi-automatic rifles, 3 MP40 machine pistols, 10 Mod. 98K rifles, 2 4 zeltbahn tents, 1 8 zeltbahn tent and 1 Staff tent. In addition 167 Volksgrenadier Division show cased German Medical display and a German Division clerks desks, files, rubber stamps and 1934 Erica portable type writer.

Visitors to program on Sat. = 700 and on Sun = 610

Total visitors on Sat between program and museum = 1522 and on Sun. 1196

Donations and gift shop sales for weekend = \$3253







## “Ducit Amor Patriae” Led By Love Of Country

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It was hot that day; Silence was the only noise when we were in final formation for the furling, or retiring of the Colors. the setting was in a dirt arena at the Montgomery County Rodeo grounds, There were no big crowds, just a few of the Troopers families were there, there were a couple of Photographers there to take some snap shots but they acted like they had some other place to be, more important places. This would be the last time we would see our Guidon, it was held high that day, waving proudly in the air, a final salute of respect to all of the Troopers who had stood under it before us, we stood proud that day, more rigid at attention than most other days, there was an electricity in the air, you could almost feel them there with you, next to you in that formation looking at you, so you carried yourself sharply, dress right dress, only one word for them, Respect. There was a sadness about the whole thing, no one really spoke about it but you knew what the thoughts were, “How could they do this to our beloved 6th”? So then it was over, the formation was dismissed, everyone kind of milled about, or went home, you could see some tears. No more Cavalry now, no more Stetsons, no more Boots and Spurs, no more Sabers, No more Trumpets calling Boots and Saddles, Revelry, Formation, or retreat. Just on note would play on our Bugle now, Taps. The Cavalry for me was about being a part of something much more bigger than I. My love for it will always be there with me and any other Trooper who ever wore the crossed sabers will be my brother, there is not a day that goes by that I do not think about my time in the Cavalry. The rest is an exert I took from an article I found on the internet about my unit.

### 7th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment

#### "Fast Guns"

During a ceremony on 7 September 2008, the 7th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment was inactivated and its personnel and equipment reflagged as the 1st Battalion (Attack Reconnaissance), 158th Aviation Regiment, which was concurrently activated. The change had officially been made effective 16 June 2008.

The 7th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment was headquartered at Conroe, Texas a suburb of Houston and southeast of Fort Hood. The unit operated out of the Montgomery County Airport. The Squadron operated and maintained 24 Apache helicopters, with a support structure of more than 370 enlisted soldiers, officers, aviators, and civilians.

The 7th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment was originally activated in Conroe, Texas on 17 September 1988. Members of 7th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment fired the first shots in combat from an AH-64 Apache attack helicopter during Operation Just Cause in Panama in 1989. The unit itself completed fielding of the type in 1992. The Squadron

participated in Operation Desert Spring in Kuwait between 2001 and 2002.

In 2004, a group of 140 soldiers joined the 8th Battalion, 229th Aviation Regiment in supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. After Hurricane Rita in 2005, the unit distributed fuel, food, and water to local residents. In 2006, C Troop, 7th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment deployment to Afghanistan. The unit had over 300 Soldiers deploy overseas in support of the Global War on Terrorism between 2003 and 2008.

In 2007, the decision was made to activate a command to serve as the functional command and control element over all Army Reserve aviation units. With the activation of the 11th Aviation Command and the reorganization of Army Reserve aviation elements, 7-6th Cavalry was reassigned from the 244th Aviation Brigade to the 11th Aviation Command.



## Houston West Chamber of Commerce - Salute to Veterans

We received an invitation to participate at a luncheon to Salute the Veterans, The Greatest Generation on Friday November 1, 2013. This was a very large very well attended event. Many of the movers and shakers in Houston attended and there were city and state politicians as well and many business men and women.

General Patton was given the high honor of leading the Pledge of Allegiance and asked consider being the speaker for next year.

There was a CAF fly over, and a moving Key Note speech from Donna Fujimoto Cole, founder and president of Cole Chemical. She spoke of the 442nd's valor and history of the all Japanese American Unit.

The Master of Ceremony was Bill Balleza, News Anchor, KPRC TV CH 2.

Texas State Senator, the Honorable Dan Patrick, District 7 presented the "Heart of Service" Award

Houston City Council member Helena Brown (R) District A, sang God Bless America. She has a great voice and gave a good rendition of the song!

The 6th Cavalry Historical Association provided WWII Vehicles and the Patton Third Army Living Historians provided the Patton Command Car which was a great hit.

Patton's Third Army's Bill White came as Patton's Aide de Camp.

## Salute to Veterans



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November 8, 2013

Mr. Denny Hair  
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Dear "General Patton",

On behalf of the Houston West Chamber of Commerce Staff and Board of Directors, I want to extend my personal thanks to you for your support in leading the Pledge of Allegiance and bringing historical military vehicles to our recent Salute to Veterans Luncheon last Friday, November 1st at the OMNI Houston Westside Hotel.

Salute to Veterans is an annual heartfelt tribute that gives the Chamber and our guests an incredible opportunity to show our gratitude to the men and women who so bravely served or currently serve. As Americans, it is our privilege to live in a country in which freedom is protected – the freedom to be an entrepreneur, the freedom to own a company, the freedom to stimulate the economy, and the freedom to give back to the community and our nation.

This year, we were able to highlight our Greatest Generation: the Veterans of World War II. We heard stories about their courage and perseverance along with honoring hometown World War II heroes with the Heart of Service award.

We truly appreciate the dedication of your time and resources and could not have done this without The Third Army Living Historians's direct support. A portion of proceeds from this event are benefiting: the Houston Parks Board, the Houston Wing Commemorative Air Force, the 6th Cavalry Historical Association, Jim Morton Historical Fund, and Patton's Third Army Living Historians.

Sincerely,

*Jeannie M. Bollinger*      *You were Outstanding!*

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