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Patton Battalion - USABOT is a chapter of the US Army Brotherhood of Tankers and is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit.

Patton Battalion - USABOT covers Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky & Tennessee.

The Blood and Guts Newsletter covers events and activities within our area and USABOT National.

EIN:  
And registered with the state of Kentucky

**Patton Battalion - USABOT**

**Total: 93 paid members**

**24 Lifetime Members**

**53 Annual Members**

**2 Associate Member**

**454 on Battalion Facebook Page**

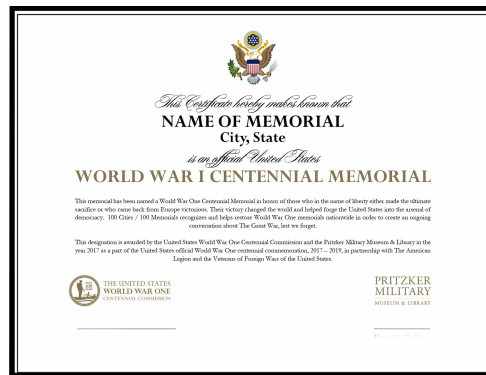
# PATTON BATTALION - USABOT

ILLINOIS - INDIANA - KENTUCKY - TENNESSEE

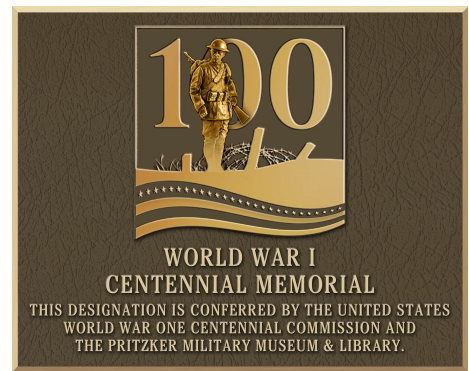
This issue is going to cover the selection of the Patton and the US Tank Corps monument project. Much of it will cover the recent selection as one of the 100 Cities/100 Memorials. This is a major step in our monument project. This makes our monument an Official World War 1 Centennial Memorial. Ours is the only memorial in the state of Kentucky selected! It will put us in a position to be advertised on the World War 1 Commission website and on the social media that they have. I have noticed that some of the other memorials selected are starting and have been on the commission pod cast.

To update everyone, on April 5, 2018 we were one of the last 50 memorials selected for the 100 Cities/100 Memorials. One of the other unique items about our selection is we are one of few that are building new memorials. Most of the memorials selected are cleaning and restoring current memorials. As part of the selection we will get a grant of up to \$2,000. April 29, 2018 marked one year since being granted permission via the Fort Knox Garrison Command to place the monument in Memorial Park. We have come a long way in a year and we have a long way to go.

As of May 4th, we are in the process of setting aside funds to cover WW1 Commission certificates and a plaque for our memorial. These certificates are for select people who have helped with the monument. The plaque is a marker that we can attach to the monument once completed that will let everyone know that this is a World War 1 Centennial Memorial. The cost of the certificates is \$17 each and the plaque is \$275. The certificates and plaque order was placed on 8 May, 2018



WW1 Commission Certificate



WW1 Commission Plaque

We now have 3 Gold Star Mothers in the battalion area. Becky Manning Woods Johnson is the first Gold Star Mother we had. Her son is SSG Gary Lee Woods. She is the GSM who attended the 3rd Annual Tanker Homecoming and the movie Fury with us.. We now have Beverly Light from Tennessee. Her son is CPL Robbie Light. And we have Candy Spencer from Illinois. Her son is PFC Cole Spencer.

These Gold Star Mothers are always welcome to attend any meeting or gathering held by USABOT or the Patton Battalion. We are working on getting them their Honorary Memberships in USABOT.

The end of July, first of August is going to be the cutoff date to get the monument in place by November. We are busy doing all we can to get the funds necessary to make this happen. Phil Wilburn and I will be on the World War 1 Commission Podcast on June 27th. Go to the WW1 Commission website and sign up for their newsletters and you can learn more about it.

KP Morris  
Patton 6

## 2018 Sullivan Cup Best Tank Crew Competition

The 2018 Sullivan Cup was held the first week in May. There were 15 teams that competed this year. Teams were from the following units:

- 1-1CD – 1<sup>st</sup> ABCT – 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division- A/2-12 CAV – A32
- 2-1CD – 2<sup>nd</sup> ABCT – 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division – B/1-8 CAV – B-12
- 3-1CD – 3<sup>rd</sup> ABCT – 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division – A/3-8 CAV – A33
- 2-1AD – 2<sup>nd</sup> ABCT – 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division – D/1-1 CAV – D22
- 3-1AD – 3<sup>rd</sup> ABCT – 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division – B/1-77 AR – B-34
- 1-1ID – 1<sup>st</sup> ABCT – 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division – C/1-16IN – C24
- 2-1ID – 2<sup>nd</sup> ABCT – 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division – C/1-18IN – C22
- 1-3ID – 1<sup>st</sup> ABCT – 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division – B/3-69 AR – B22
- \* 2-3ID – 2<sup>nd</sup> ABCT – 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division – B/3-67 AR – B22
- 11<sup>th</sup> ACR – C/1<sup>st</sup> Squadron – C31
- 3-4ID – 3<sup>rd</sup> ABCT – 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division – B/1-68AR – B22
- AUS – School of Armour – B Squadron – 3/4 CAV – T21-A
- NCNG – 30<sup>th</sup> ABCT – D/1-150<sup>th</sup> CAV – D31
- KUW – Kuwaiti Land Force



### 2018 SULLIVAN CUP FINAL STANDINGS

1. 2ND BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 3RD INFANTRY DIVISION
2. 1ST BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION
3. 2ND BATTALION, 2ND MARINE DIVISION
4. 1ST BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION
5. 3RD BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 1ST ARMORED DIVISION
6. 1ST BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 3RD INFANTRY DIVISION
7. 3RD BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION
8. 3RD/4TH CAVALRY REGIMENT, AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF ARMOUR
9. 2ND BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 1ST ARMORED DIVISION
10. 3RD BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION
11. 35TH ARMORED BRIGADE, KUWAIT
12. 30TH BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, NORTH CAROLINA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
13. 2ND BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION
14. 2ND BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION
15. 11TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT



\* 2-3ID – 2<sup>nd</sup> ABCT – 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division – B/3-67 AR – B22

#### From 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division

“Ever since the U.S. Army announced the Spartan Brigade would convert and become its 15th Armored Brigade Combat Team (ABCT), Spartans vowed to become the most lethal and fit ABCT in the Army.

Today is proof that we are.”



### Sullivan Cup / 7th Annual Tanker Homecoming



Kevin Colson - Gen. Robert Abrams - Paul Crawley  
5th Battalion 5th Battalion  
Blackjack Blackjack

Years ago before the 3rd ATH we talked about moving the Homecoming around to different locations and connecting with the Active Force. The Sullivan Cup and 7th ATH combined gave us a chance to meet some big hitters from the Active Force. General Robert Abrams, FROSCOM Commander, was one of those big hitters. There were several division commanders and Command Sergeants Major there also. It's a chance to make a connection and build our presence. It's also a chance to get up to speed on all things current within the Armor Branch.



Gen Abrams speaking with Korean War Tanker Warren MacDonald.



RETREAT CEREMONY



## 7th Annual Tanker Homecoming 2018 Fort Benning, GA



Homecoming, good stories, good food, chow lines and great times!!



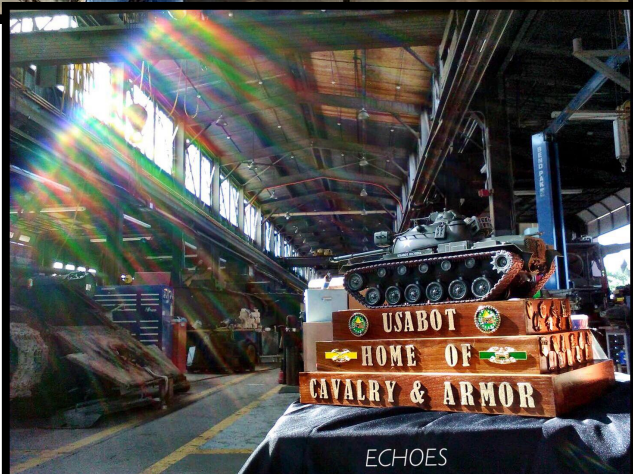
7th Annual Tanker Homecoming at Fort Benning, GA



TIM WILLIAMS  
Texas  
Battalion



Warren MacDonald  
Korean War Tanker



ECHOES



Our Man  
Tom Salo  
As  
Minnie  
Pearl



### This month 100 years ago

#### Today in Tank Corps 100:

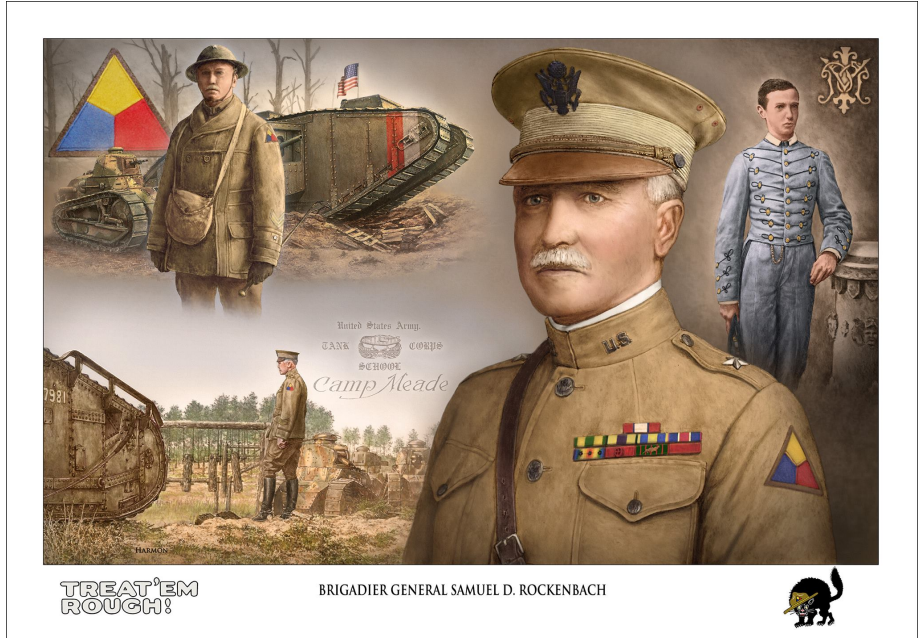
Headquarters, 1st Tank Center, Memo on the bridging of Trenches and the essential qualities of a Tank, April 29, 1918

It appears to me that the single feature of crossing very large trenches easily has so obsessed the minds of the designers of tanks that they have neglected other and more important essentials. In order to discuss this question I set down here in the order of importance the desirable features of a tank as I see them.

1. Mobility of strategic employment.
2. Speed and radius of action on the battle-field.
3. Ease and cheapness of construction.
4. Command of the guns and vision.
5. Ability to cross trenches.

From The Patton Papers Vol I, p526

This new Jody Harmon Special print dedicated to BG Rockenbach has come out. It is not available as individual release. Jody has sent a copy to the Town of Bourg as request from me.



#### MVPA National Convention Table Manning Roster

##### Wednesday June 13

After 5pm table set up  
Who can come that night?

##### Thursday June 14

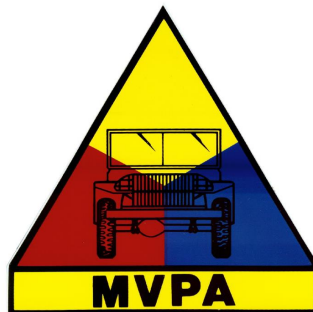
Joseph Theriot  
Noel Amulong  
David Skaggs

##### Friday June 15

Noel Amulong  
David Skaggs  
Larry Kehrwald

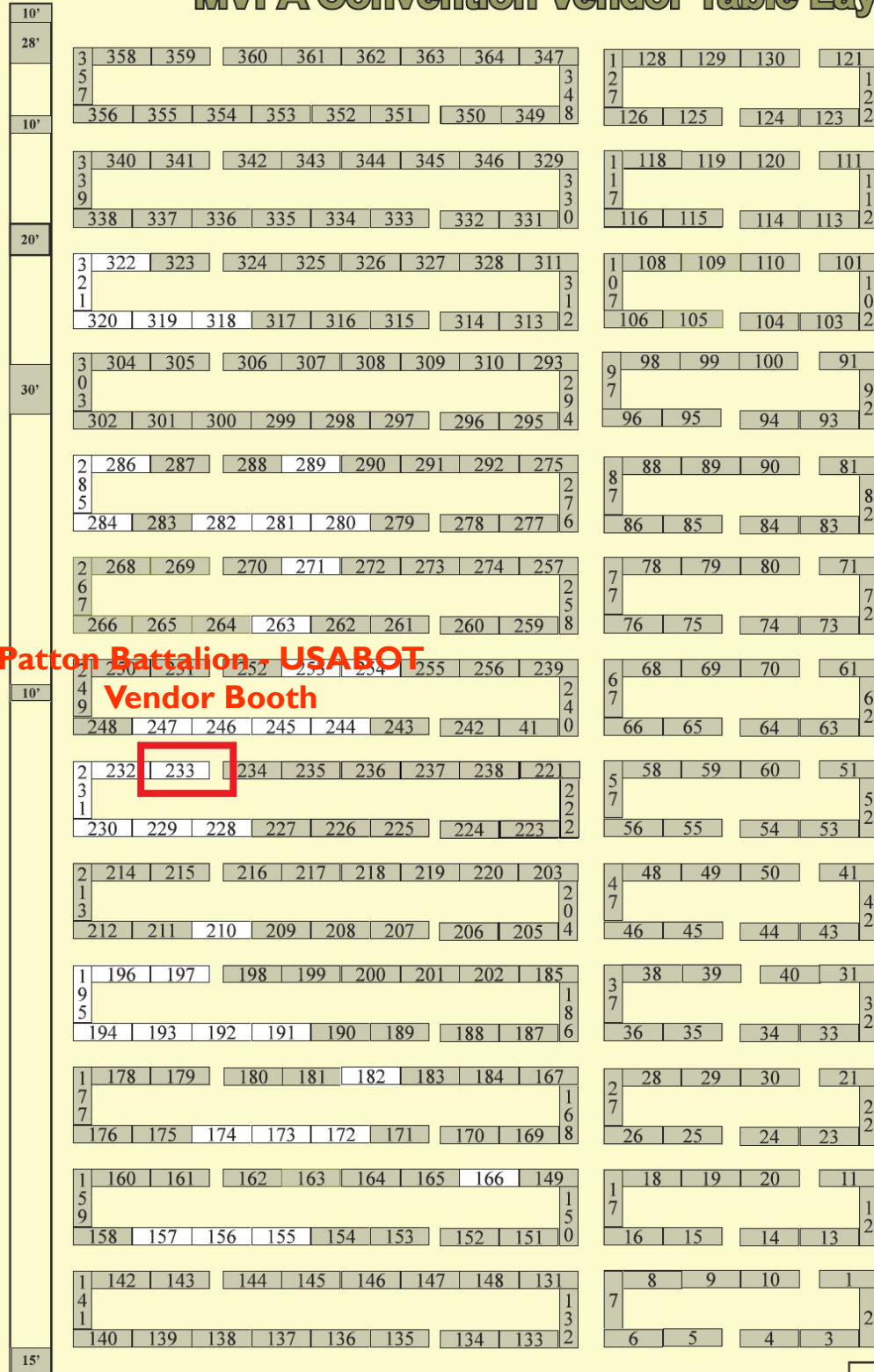
##### Saturday June 16

Karlen Morris – Sofie Morris



7th Annual Tanker Homecoming / Sullivan Cup

# MVPA Convention Vendor Table Layout



**Patton Battalion - USABOT Vendor Booth**

**Shaded tables are sold as of 3/16/2018**

**10' x 30' Outside Vendor Spaces**  
\$350 each  
**MVPA Discount**  
\$200 each  
*Limited number of spaces, all on grass, no camping.*

**Vendor Tables:**  
\$100 each  
**MVPA discount**  
\$75 each  
**Vendor Trailer Space**  
*(30' deep, sold by the linear foot, 10' minimum purchase)*  
\$45 per foot  
**MVPA discount**  
\$35 per foot  
**Payment:**  
*All vendor payments are due within 14 days of reserving your table(s) or space.*

Military Vehicles and Displays  
➔



End caps are sold in at least 3-table sets

Layout not to scale

Registration/Entrance ➔

## MVPA National Convention - Louisville KY

# 2018 Schedule of Events

## Tuesday 12 June 2018

200 pm – 10:00 pm Early Vendor/Vehicle Move-in and pre-judging - **NOT A SHOW DAY!**  
 9:30 am – 3:00 pm Convoy Planning Committee Meeting - KEC - meeting room 103 (for Convoy use daily)  
 10:00 pm South Wing C Closed

## Wednesday 13 June 2018

8:00 am – 5:00 pm Vendor Move-in - **NOT A SHOW DAY!**  
 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Vehicle Move-in and pre-judging - **NOT A SHOW DAY!**  
 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Registration open for **Vendors ONLY**  
 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm MVPA Board of Directors Meeting - KEC - meeting room 102  
 7:00 pm South Wing C Closed

## Thursday 14 June 2018

7:30 am Early Access for **Vendors Only**  
 8:00 am – 5:00 pm MVPA swap meet & vehicle display open to the public **upon payment of registration fees**  
 8:00 am – 5:00 pm 14th Armor Re-creations WWII Armor Encampment - out the East door of South Wing C  
 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Vehicle pre-judging resumes  
 10:30 am – 3:30 pm Bourbon Distillery & Kentucky Derby Museum Tours depart Crowne Plaza - **advance tickets required**  
 10:00 am – 11:00 am Military Radio Demonstration, with Q&A - On the convention floor  
 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Vehicle Paint Seminar with Tim Garrett – KEC - meeting room 110  
 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Convoy Planning Committee - Rt 66 After Action Report - KEC - meeting room 103  
 5:00 pm South Wing C Closed  
 5:15 pm – 9:00 pm Board bus for Belle of Louisville Dinner Cruise - depart/return Crowne Plaza Hotel - **advance tickets required**

## Friday 15 June 2018

7:30 am Early Access for **Vendors Only**  
 8:00 am – 5:00 pm MVPA swap meet & vehicle display open to the public **upon payment of registration fees**  
 8:00 am – 9:00 am Vehicle judges' breakfast and meeting - KEC - meeting room 106  
 8:00 am – 5:00 pm 14th Armor Re-creations WWII Armor Encampment - out the East door of South Wing C  
 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Vehicle judging begins  
 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Gen. George S. Patton Museum - depart/return Crowne Plaza Hotel - **advance tickets required**  
 10:00 am – 11:00 am Military Radio Q&A on the convention floor  
 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Vehicle Paint Seminar with Tim Garrett – KEC - meeting room 110  
 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm Cross-Country Convoy Committee - TMC'19 planning and discussion - KEC - meeting room 103  
 5:00 pm South Wing C vendor area closed and secured  
 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm **Vehicles and displays remains open for viewing**  
 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm Cash Bar Open - KEC - Rooms 109 & 112  
 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Dinner Buffet opens - KEC - Rooms 109 & 112 - **advance tickets required**  
 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm MVPA Auction - KEC - meeting rooms 109 & 112 - **Everyone Welcome**

## Saturday 16 June 2018

7:30 am Early Access for **Vendors Only**  
 8:00 am – 4:00 pm MVPA swap meet & vehicle display open to the public **upon payment of registration fees**  
 8:00 am – 5:00 pm 14th Armor Re-creations WWII Armor Encampment - out the East door of South Wing C  
 9:30 am – 3:30 pm Falls of Ohio State Park & Frasier Museum Tours depart Crowne Plaza, **advance tickets required**  
 10:00 am – 11:00 pm Military Radio Q&A on the convention floor  
 11:00 am – 12:00 pm **MVPA General Membership Meeting – KEC - meeting room 102**  
 1:00 am – 3:00 pm Vehicle Paint Seminar with Tim Garrett – KEC - meeting room 110  
 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Early Vendor Move-Out (Vendors must wait until 4 pm Saturday to pack-up, not before)  
 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm Cash Bar - Ballroom at Crowne Plaza Hotel Louisville Airport  
 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm Awards Dinner - Ballroom at Crowne Plaza Airport - **advance tickets required**  
 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm Awards Ceremony - Everyone Welcome - Ballroom at Crown Plaza Hotel Airport

## Sunday 23 June 2018

7:00 am – 12:00 pm Final Move Out

*Schedule subject to change without notice - Hosted by the KILROY MVPA*

### Patton Monument Report for 2017



We are going to fire up and run one last run of the Bourg shirts. All of the shirts we have run before plus a new one and some changes to the OD Green shirts.

New is the Gold tee shirt with black ink. General Patton wore a gold sweater while in Bourg in WW1. It was on display in the Patton Museum.

The OD Green I have changed to Tan Ink. The Sweatshirts were very dark and I think the Tan ink will make the image stand out more. This was a color change we looked at last year but didn't use.

As of May , 2018, the Monument fund has \$7,315.00. We have \$511.54, in the Patton Account for the certificates and the plaque.

19 Series Clothing has these on their website also.

<https://19seriesclothing.com/>



Zip up Hoodie



### Patton Battalion Funds / Memberships / Dues

The Patton Battalion, as of May 16, has 454 members on our battalion Facebook page. Out of those 454 members we are currently at 93 paid members. The Patton Battalion has \$486.02 in funds in the PayPal account, \$20 of that is for the battalion. We have \$7,315.00 in the Patton Monument Account. There is \$100 in the USABOT Donation Bin. We have \$834.19 in the Patton Operating account. Of that \$322.65 is Patton Battalion funds.

In order to be a paid member of the battalion you must be a paid member of USABOT National. Again, a paid first year membership of \$15.00 which gets you a free battalion patch. Since we now have the battalion patch in the larger size both in color and subdued you have a choice as to which one you want free with your paid membership.

Both patches are also available for \$5 EA.

Your annual membership renewal will be \$10.00 every year after that.

You can pay for your battalion membership through Paypal at: [pattonbattalion@outlook.com](mailto:pattonbattalion@outlook.com) or [patton.battalion@usabot.org](mailto:patton.battalion@usabot.org).

If you don't have a Paypal account you can send a check or Money Order to:

Patton Battalion - USABOT  
1432 Flood Road  
Shelbyville, KY 40065



### ATTENTION

**USABOT Memberships can be renewed and purchased By mail at**

**USABOT  
68 West Marion ST  
Doylestown, OH 44230**

**Make checks payable to USABOT  
If at all possible try to go the USABOT Store Online  
and register there so that the G4 can track.**

**WWW.USABOT.ORG**



# Patton Joins the US Tank Corps Monument

**FRONT**

**GEORGE S. PATTON, JR. 1885-1945**

1917-1918  
Colonel Commander  
U.S. Tank Corps

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1944 - 1945  
General Commander  
The 3rd U.S. Army

Image  
Of Patton

IN BOURG THE US TANK CORPS WAS BORN

**THE GRATEFUL FRANCE  
LA FRANCE RECONNAISSANTE**

**BACK**

**WORLD WAR I CENTENNIAL MEMORIAL**  
THE DEDICATION IS CONTINGENT UPON THE STATE LEGISLATURE'S APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED MONUMENT DESIGN AND LOCATION.

**TANK BATTALIONS THAT SERVED IN COMBAT**

38th Tank Battalion  
40th Tank Battalion  
41st Tank Battalion  
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100th Tank Battalion

**World War Tank Corps Association**

Originally formed in association with the American Legion in 1919 and formerly known as the World War Tank Corps Association, the World War Tank Corps Association was reorganized in 1975 and is now known as the World War Tank Corps Association. The association is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to the preservation of the history and heritage of the U.S. Tank Corps. The association is currently working to raise funds for the construction of a monument to the U.S. Tank Corps in Bourg, France.

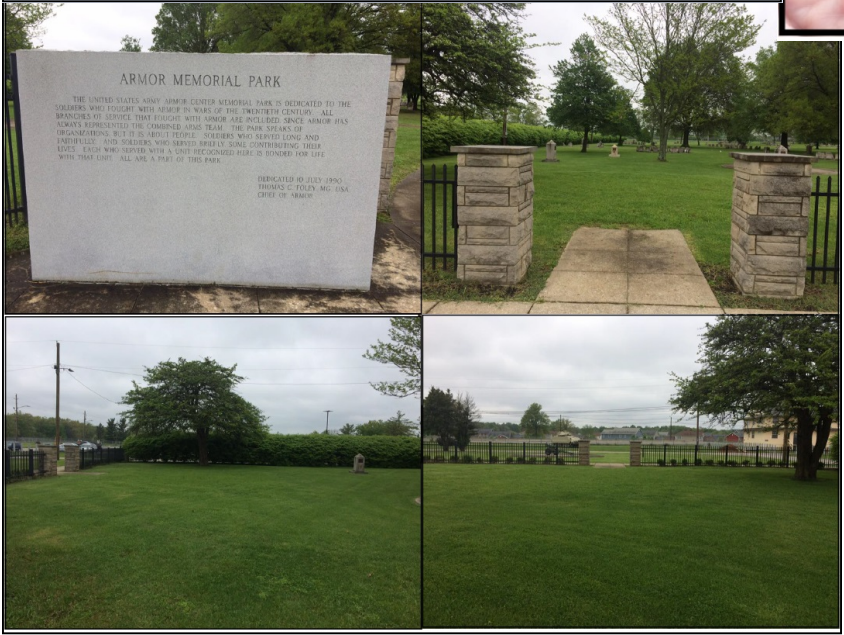


We have some Green Tee Shirts On hand



We are currently suspending the Tan and OD green tee shirts for the time being. Looking at some different options. I do have some OD Green tee shirts on hand from the last printing mistake. The sale of these will be split between the Monument fund and shipping for future items. I have Small - 1, Large - 5, XL - 3, 2XL - 4, 3XL - 2.

The Coins I still have: 308-309, 313-315, 337, 339-342, 346-349, 356, 358-359, 361-362, 370-376, 378-394.



## Patton Monument Report for 2017

### *Proposed wording for back of monument - Left Side*

Captain George S. Patton, Jr., during WWI, while assigned as the first officer to the U.S. Army Tank Corps, 10 November 1917, built the U.S. Army Light Tank School at Bourg, France, developed training, tactics, techniques and procedures for light tanks and help develop the first U.S. built tank, the M1917.

Letter from Captain Patton to Commander-in-Chief A.E.F, Subject: Command in the Tank Service. October 3, 1917.

1. I understand that there is to be a new service of "Tanks" organized and request that my name be considered for a command in that service.
2. I think myself qualified for this service for the following reasons.
  - A. The duty of "Tanks" and more especially of "Light Tanks" is analogous to the duty performed by cavalry in normal wars. I am a cavalryman.
  - B. I have commanded a Machine Gun Troop and know something of the mechanism of Machine Guns. I have always had a Troop which shot well so think that I am a good instructor in fire. It is stated that accurate fire is very necessary to good use of tanks.
  - C. I have run Gas Engines since 1917 and have used and repaired Gas Automobiles since 1905.
  - D. I speak and read French better than 95% of American Officers so could get information from the French Direct. I have also been to school in France and have always gotten on well with Frenchmen.
  - E. I believe that I have quick judgement and that I am willing to take chances. Also I have always believed in getting close to the enemy and have taught this for two years at the Mounted Services School where I had success in arousing the aggressive spirit in the students.
  - F. I believe that I am the only American who has ever made an attack in a motor vehicle.
3. This request is not made because I dislike my present duty or am desirous of evading it but because I believe that when we get "Tanks" I would be able to do good service in them.

November 10, 1917: Order for tanks approved by GHQ AEF General Order 153, Paragraph 37.

On November 16, 1917, Captain Patton and 2nd Lieutenant Elgin Braine, the second person assigned to the US Tank Corps, were sent to the French Tank School at Champlieu, France and began learning about French Light Tanks.

"Light Tanks" was the first paper submitted by Captain Patton. The double-spaced, fifty-eight-page report was submitted on 12 December 1917. It served as the foundation for subsequent tank developments in the AEF. The report, divided into four sections, including a detailed mechanical description of the Renault light tank, recommendations for the organization of tank units, a discussion of tank tactics and doctrinal theory, and proposed methods for the conduct of drill and instruction.

Patton described the light tank as a self-propelled armored vehicle capable of delivering predetermined firepower on the battlefield whenever needed. It had to be able to overcome all terrain obstacles in its path, provide maximum protection to both crew and engine, and be armed in order to accomplish this mission. He further specified that the vehicle must be easily manufactured in large numbers, have a power-to-weight ratio proportionate to the potential of its engine and traction, and be transportable to training or battle areas by either rail or truck. In later years when Patton was arranging his files, he wrote in pencil across the top, "This paper was and is the Basis of the U. S. Tank Corps. I think it is the best Technical Paper I ever wrote. GSP, Jr."

On December 17, 1917 Patton and Braine went to Langres, France where they reported to the Commandant of the Army Schools for the purpose of establishing a Tank School.

In late December Patton and Braine reconnoitered land that would be suitable for the tank School. They found and looked over ground near Bourg and decided that it was exactly what was needed for a school, tank park and maneuver ground. At Bourg, five miles south of Langres on the road to Dijon, the land was in the Bois d'Amour, a rising piece of ground crowned by a wood and flanked by two good roads and a railroad. Bourg, with nearby villages of St. Geosmes and Brennes, as well as Langres, were conveniently located for billets.

Promoted to Major, Temporary, January 26, 1918.

Assigned formally as the Commandant of the 1<sup>st</sup> Light Tank School, February 14, 1918.

Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, Temporary, April 3, 1918.

Organized 1<sup>st</sup> Light Tank Battalion with himself commanding, April 28, 1918.

Organized 2<sup>nd</sup> Light Tank Battalion, with himself in command of the Regiment, June 6, 1918.

Captain Patton, after seeing division patches on units arriving in France, said "I want you officers to devote one evening to something constructive. I want a shoulder insignia. We claim to have the firepower of artillery, the mobility of cavalry and the ability to hold ground of the infantry so whatever you come up with it must have red, yellow and blue [the traditional colors of artillery, cavalry and infantry] in it". The winning design was a triangular patch with equal parts of the three colors. The winning designer was awarded a \$100 dollar bill. Patton wanted to make the Tank Corps stand out from everyone else. That triangle [shoulder patch] was the first step.

Student, General Staff College, Langres, France, August 20, 1918.

Organized and assigned himself Brigade commander 304th Tank Brigade, August 24, 1918.

On 12 September 1918, Colonel Patton led the 304th Tank Brigade, consisting of the 326th and 327th tank battalions, that he trained, into combat during the Battle of St. Mihiel.

Led the 304<sup>th</sup> Tank Brigade during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. The Distinguished Service Cross Citation reads: for extraordinary heroism in action while serving with the Tank Corps, A.E.F., near Cheppy, France, 26 September 1918. Colonel Patton displayed conspicuous courage, coolness, energy, and intelligence in directing the advance of his brigade down the valley of the Aire. Later he rallied a force of disorganized infantry and led it forward, behind the tanks, under heavy machine-gun and artillery fire until he was wounded. Unable to advance further, Colonel Patton continued to direct the operations of his units until all arrangements for turning over the command were complete. General Order No. 113 (1918)

Promoted to Colonel Temporary, October 18, 1918.

His leadership, esprit de corps, élan, fundamentals and the combat aggressiveness that he instilled into the U.S. Tank Corps, continued into World War II through Korea, the Cold War, Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom and continues on to this very day...."Treat'em Rough!"

## Patton Monument Report for 2017

*Proposed wording for backside of Monument (Right Side Rear)*

### TANK BATTALIONS THAT SERVED IN COMBAT

**301<sup>st</sup> Heavy Tank Battalion  
306<sup>th</sup> Tank Brigade  
331<sup>st</sup> Tank Battalion**

**304<sup>th</sup> Tank Brigade  
344<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion & 345<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion**

#### ST. MIHIEL

● ESSAY ● NONSARD ● JONVILLE ● PANNES ● ST. MAURICE ● WOEL ● BENEY ●

#### MEUSE-ARGONNE

● VARNNES ● MONTBLAINVILLE ● EXERMONT ● CHEPPY ● CHARPENTRY ● CHAPAL CHEHERY ●  
● BAULNY ● VERY ● SOMMERANCE ● MONTREBEAU WOODS ● KANDRES-ET-ST. GROERGES ●

#### WITH BRITISH FORCES

● BRANCOURT ● FRESNOY ● LA-HAIE MENNERESSE ● ST. SOUplet ●  
● CATILLON-ET-GIMBRAMONT FARM ● LE-CATELET BONY ●

#### MEDAL OF HONOR

2

#### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

50



### WORLD WARS TANK CORPS ASSOCIATION

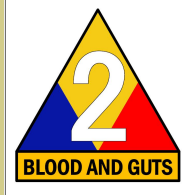
In 1919 the movement began to create Tank Corps Posts as a part of the newly formed American Legion. The purpose of the organization was to promote and maintain public interest in tanks as an arm of the service and to form a bond between its members by means of social and fraternal activities. These tankers created Tank Corps Posts formed in Chicago, New York, St Louis, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. just to name a few. The group was fond of the two men who made great impressions on them during World War 1, General Dwight D. Eisenhower and General George S. Patton, Jr.

The WWTCA lobbied the Post Master General in 1953 to create a General George S Patton, Jr. stamp. The stamp was unveiled on November 10, 1953 on General Patton's birthday.

The official combat badge of the American fighting tankmen was approved and released by the World Wars Tank Corps Association in April, 1957. Centered on the badge is a replica of the British Mark V tank running over the flaming sword symbolic of battle and in particular of Chateau Thierry. The background is blue and the inscription "World Wars Tank Corps." All armored combat men of both World Wars were eligible for the badge which was issued only through the World Wars Tank Corps Association. President Eisenhower received the first combat badge on July 7, 1958, at the White House.

The WWTCA lobbied the War Department to create a Combat Armor Badge after the success of Armor in World War II and the Korean War. In 1950's the WWTCA began to sponsor a measure before Congress to establish a Combat Armor Badge and Expert Tanker's Badge. The discussion would continue throughout the 1960's and 1970's during the Vietnam War and again in 1991 after Operation Desert Storm.

One of the last contributions made by this group was the Armored Force Monument located in Arlington National Cemetery.



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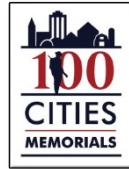
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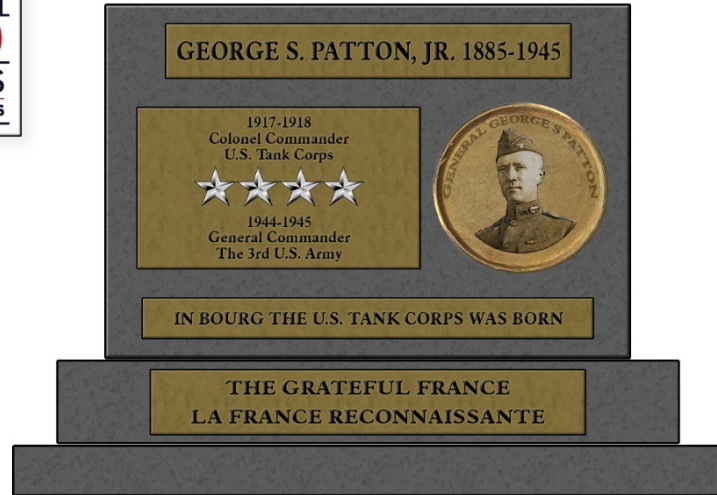
Dion Walker, Sr.

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Thanks to Nathan Snyder who worked up an image of the monument for us. I am not sure if we can get silver stars on the monument but it does make us want to see if we can.

Coming up in the June Issue - MVPA National Convention

Upcoming Events

**MVPA National Convention - Louisville, KY**

Kentucky Expo Center - June 14-16, 2018

A new print by Jody Harmon is now available.  
*Taming the Moselle - 8th Tank Battalion, Canal de l'Est near Bayon, 11 September 1944.* 22 x 17 is \$45.00.

Jody Harmon Esty link is below.  
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*Taming the Moselle*  
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