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Patton Battalion - USABOT is a chapter of the US Army Brother-hood 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

451 on Battalion Facebook Page

PATTON BATTALION - USABOT

ILLINOIS - INDIANA - KENTUCKY - TENNESSEE

On August 2nd, Larry Kehrwald and I attended the monthly member meeting of the American Legion Post 113 in Elizabethtown, KY. I was asked to attend so that I could talk about our monument project. There were several Armor types in attendance. When I got up to speak I went right to the Preamble that we recited when the meeting started, "To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars;". I pointed out that our monument is to commemorate the service of Gen Patton and the men of the US Tank Corps in WWI.

Each of the 10 clauses of the Preamble, though brief, has a world of meaning. From the American Legion Preamble.

TO PRESERVE THE MEMORIES AND INCIDENTS OF OUR ASSOCIATIONS IN THE GREAT WARS...Service in defense of America is the greatest experience in the lifetimes of all veterans. Recalling the highlights of that service means more than flashbacks to tense moments of excitement and danger in battle, the grime of muddy trenches, the perils of sub-infested oceans, the combats in the wild blue yonder. It means also the un-erasable recollection of the comradeship, the bravery of pals, the teamwork, the sacrifices, the miseries and hardships of military campaigns shared in common. It means the bond that binds all ex-servicemen and women together in mutual affection, respect and gratitude. It also means keeping green forever the memories of the supreme sacrifices of gallant American patriots, sacrifices necessary to the winnings of wars. It means faithful annual observance of Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

The American Legion Preamble has been the beacon light of The American Legion for more than 90 years. It has been amended only once in all that time. That amendment consisted of adding the letter "S" to the word "war." It makes the Preamble read today "Great Wars," so as to embrace all wars

I went back on Saturday August 11 for the breakfast again. There was a Legion Rider event and the parking lot was full of motorcycles. Again I was amazed at the number of veterans and their significant others, and children. I saw members of all ages and they were all very open and friendly. I did see a younger veteran with his wife and 2 small girls, they all had their riding vets with the patches. It was very uplifting to see the activity and friendship.

I did speak with one man for nearly thirty minutes. He was formerly an officer with either a Armor or Cavalry unit. We talked a lot about training and trust among junior leaders. I talked to him about our monument project and what we do.

On Monday August 13 I stopped in to VFW Post 4075 here in Frankfort, KY and dropped them off the July Newsletter and some brochures. There was a group preparing to do a military funeral when I walked in the door. They were all wanting to sign me up as member but I am not eligible. Again this was another group that was open and friendly for my first time through the door. There was a 99 year old WWII veteran playing cards also.

They allowed me to speak at their meeting the following night. The members voted to donate to our project at the meeting. They will be sending a check for their donation. It was at the meeting that I found out that I could become a member of the Auxiliary. So I am getting the information needed to become an Auxiliary member of the VFW.

At the meeting I ran into Charles Mutchler who is a Vietnam Veteran 11th ACR that served on the Sheridan, M60A1 and M60A3. he mentioned that he bounded back and forth between the 11th ACR and 3rd ACR during his service. We talked for a long time. He has looked at the USABOT page on Facebook but it has been a few years ago.

I did see Foxxy Tracy there and I was going to talk to him but he left before I could catch him. There were probably thirty people at the meeting, and two new members joined that night. A younger man was one of the new members.

I went to the KY State Fair on Sunday August 19th and did meet with Heather French Henry from the KY Dept of Veteran Affairs. They have a great exhibit for WW1 at the fair. She did say that after the fair she would be able to help us in any way that we needed.

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World War 1 Turning the Tide Stamp



KANSAS CITY — Post Offices across the nation are selling the newest stamps to honor the millions of Americans, both home and abroad, who participated in World War I, considered the seminal conflict of the 20th century. World War I: Turning the Tide Forever stamps were dedicated in a special ceremony today at the National World War I Museum and Memorial in Kansas City, MO.

"Even though the United States didn't see action until the last year of the war, in 1918, American troops played an indispensable role in turning the tide of that war in favor of the Allies," said dedicating official U.S. Postal Service General Counsel and Executive VP Thomas Marshall. "Today we pay tribute to the sacrifice of those soldiers, as well as the millions of supporters on the home front."

World War I was a four-year global conflict (1914-1918) that reshaped the map of Europe. The United States remained neutral until April 1917, when it declared war on Germany and entered on the side of the Allies — Britain, France, and Russia. When the American Expeditionary Force, which ultimately grew to nearly 5 million troops, did finally engage in 1918, its actions helped end the war, thrusting the U.S. to the forefront of major world powers.

The stamp art features a close-up of a member of the American Expeditionary Force holding the U.S. flag. Barbed wire can be seen in the background, as well as an airplane in flight and smoke rising up from the battlefield.

The artwork was painted in airbrush on illustration board, a technique that evokes the propaganda posters used during World War I. Art director Greg Breeding designed the issuance with art by Mark Stutzman. News of the stamps is being shared using the hashtag #WorldWarIStamp.

Customers may purchase the WWI: Turning the Tide Forever stamps through the Postal Store at usps.com/shop, by calling 800-STAMP24 (800-782-6724) and at Post Office locations nationwide.

Ordering First-Day-of-Issue Postmarks

Customers have 120 days to obtain first-day-of-issue postmarks by mail. They may purchase new stamps at local Post Office facilities, at the Postal Store usps.com/shop or by phone at 800-STAMP-24. They must affix the stamps to envelopes of their choice, address the envelopes to themselves or others and place them in envelopes addressed to:

FDOI – World War I: Turning the Tide Forever Stamps USPS Stamp Fulfillment Services 8300 NE Underground Drive, Suite 300 Kansas City, MO 64144-9900

After applying the first-day-of-issue postmark, the Postal Service will return the envelopes through the mail. There is no charge for postmarks up to a quantity of 50. For more than 50, customers are charged 5 cents each. All orders must be postmarked by Nov. 27, 2018.

Ordering First-Day Covers

The Postal Service also offers first-day covers for new stamps and stationery items postmarked with the official first-day-of-issue cancellation. Each item has an individual item number and is offered in the USA Philatelic Publication and online at usps.com/shop. Customers may register to receive a free USA Philatelic Publication online at usps.com/philatelic.

Philatelic Products

Philatelic products for this stamp issue are as follows:

477406, Press Sheet, \$60.

477410, Digital Color Keepsake, \$11.95.

477416, First-Day Cover, \$0.94.

477421, Digital Color Postmark, \$1.65.

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses, and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.



Patton Museum Reopens!!!

The Patton Museum of Leadership reopened on Thursday August 16th. I was told that there was no celebrations for the reopening just the fact that they were open again.

These Bobbleheads are available for a limited time only!

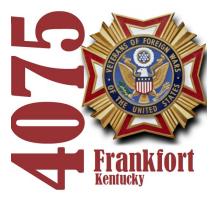
Reports from people who have visited say that the outside is very impressive and beautifully done. There appears to be some items moved around but most items are where they were.

The part of the museum by the 9/11 Fire Truck is still closed off and the Abrams Auditorium is still closed.

Fort Knox Centennial 5k - August 10, 2018



VFW Post 4075 - Frankfort, KY



I attended the monthly meeting of VFW Post 4075 in Frankfort, KY on Tuesday night August 14th. They had a dinner at 5:30pm and the meeting started at 6:30pm. It was at the meeting that I verified that I was ineligible to be a member of the VFW but that with my brothers service I could join the VFW Auxiliary. I also learned more about requirements to be a member of the VFW. So I would like to update you on what it takes to be a member of the VFW.

Branch of Service: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard

Qualifying Foreign Service:

World War II - Korean Service (1950-1954) - Korea Duty (1955-present) - Vietnam Service - Expeditionary Operations - Desert Shield/Desert Storm - Bosnia/Kosovo - Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary - Afghanistan (2001-present) - Iraq (2003-2011) - Inherent Resolve (2014-present) - SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia - Hostile Fire/Imminent Danger Pay

As with other posts I have been to Post 4075 was open and friendly to newcomers. As a matter of fact I think there 3 new members joining the night of the meeting. There were some WWII veterans at the meeting along with veterans in between. I have been impressed with what I have seen from the American Legion Posts and the VFW Posts as to being very friendly and open to new people. Most have something going every day. They have clean facilities and friendly faces when you walk in.

As a matter of fact the night that I was at the meeting talking about our monument another man got up and talked about the WW1 monument here in Frankfort. His family was part of the founding members of the VFW Post and had served in WW1. They are in the process of restoring the flagpole and cleaning up the monument for the 100th Anniversary. This monument sits on the hill of the Frankfort Cemetery and is close to the grave of Daniel Boone. They have a light on the monument and it can be seen from the State Capitol. We talked afterwards and I gave him some links that might be able to help him.

Again, don't be afraid to pay a visit to your local post. Go in and see for yourself. You might be surprised.

KY WW1 Centennial Exhibit - KY State Fair - Louisville, KY



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This month 100 years ago

Today in Tank Corps 100:

Presenting a lecture to his officers on the "points to be considered in the execution of a tank attack," he concluded:

Having to the best of my ability told you what to do and so far as is possible how to do it I will now tell you what not to do.

Do not cross trenches diagonally.

Do not cross on traverses. You will fall off.

Do not run away from your infantry.

Do not stall your motor.

Do not bunch. The rally [position] as defined previously is abolished.

If one tank sticks [gets knocked out] thank God it is not your tank and go on.

Do not take prisoners. [There is no way of getting them to the rear].

Do not go nearer than five yards to a trench when you are mopping up. You may slip into it.

Do not allow your tank to be taken [by the enemy].

To sum up. You must be elastic like a rubber.

Patton Papers, Vol I, page 557.

Patton's scenario of the tank demonstration held for the Army General Staff College on August 16 included such problems as how to replace a dead tank driver and how to knock out an enemy 37mm gun. On the program described to the observers to enable them to follow the events being staged, Patton had written:

Note to observers. The infantry taking part are only tank soldiers and may not do as well as trained infantry... Other problems may have been spoiled by staff officers and other observers getting into the ranks of the infantry and fearlessly braving the supposed barrage. It is requested that this be not done.

At this time he had 900 men and 50 fully trained officers in his center. They were still using 25 tanks. The French said that tanks had to be completely overhauled and parts replace every 50 miles of operational use; Patton's tanks often ran for 500 before being refurbished.

Since July the tankers had been working hard on target practice. At first they fired from a makeshift wooden tank mounted on and rolling along an uneven track, which gave them the motion of a "seagoing platform." Later they worked on a more orthodox range constructed by Major L. K. Davis a few kilometers west of Bourg.

In August, to harden his men physically, Patton instituted a new program. Every morning before breakfast, each company ran one kilometer at double time in a column of squads. It was the forerunner of special physical conditioning that elite units, such as Rangers and paratroopers, later took such pride in.

About this time Rockenbach rated Patton's performance:

The splendid results obtained by this officer in the Tank School show him to be zealous and of good judgment and intelligence. His command is well disciplined and very soldierly in appearance.

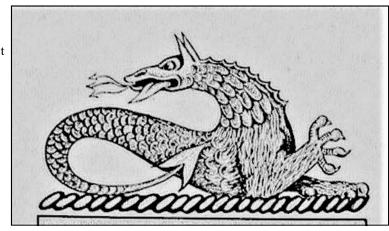
Another rating by Rockenbach in the summer of 1918 read that Patton was "energetic, efficient, does much good work with little assistance. Qualified and especially fitted to command a tank brigade."

Patton Papers, Vol I, page 561-2.

He published and had put up on the tank center's bulletin boards a list of 18 don'ts. For example:

"Don't fool with the magneto or carburetor and don't dissect them...Don't tolerate loose wires or poorly made connections, FIX THEM AT ONCE...Don't leave your tank standing with motor running." The last one was: "Don't read this only ONCE and think you know all the Don'ts."

Patton Papers, Vol I, page 558.



Patton Monument Report for 2017



All shirts have been shipped out but 2 pending payment.

As of August 22, 2018, the Monument fund has \$13,779.00. We have \$411.00, in the Patton Account for the certificates and the plaque. On June 13, I got a call to pay for the certificates and the plaque. That total is \$411.00. The certificates arrived but we have not been billed and have not receive the plaque yet.

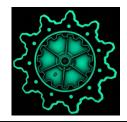
On Thursday July 27th the check from USABOT National of \$3,000.00 arrived and was deposited on July 28th.

On Saturday August 11th the check from the World War 1 Commission grant check arrived and was deposited on August 13th.

On Monday August 20th I received a donation check form the VFW Post 4075, Frankfort, KY for \$300.00 and was deposited on August 22nd.

Total in Monument Account: \$13,779.00





We are SOLD OUT of the Sprocket stickers and currently have but 15 left. We are asking \$4 each for these.



Patton Battalion Funds / Memberships / Dues

The Patton Battalion, as of August 22, has 451 members on our battalion Facebook page. Out of those 451 members we are currently at 93 paid members. The Patton Battalion has \$186.61 in funds in the PayPal account. We have \$865.00 in the Patton Operating account. Of that \$404.00 is Patton Battalion funds, \$411 for plaque and certificates, which leaves \$50.00 for shipping.

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. Annual dues for the battalion are now due in June of each year!

You can pay for your battalion membership through Paypal at: pattonbattalion@outlook.com or 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



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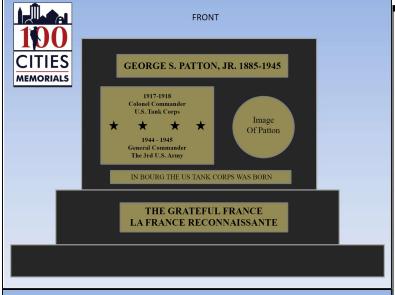
USABOT Memberships can be renewed and purchased By mail at

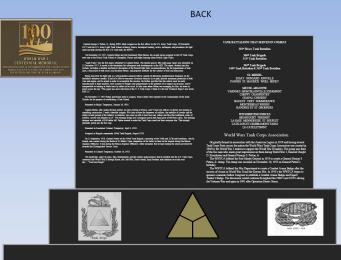
USABOT 68 West Marion ST Doylestown, OH 44230

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.

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Patton Joins the US Tank Corps Monument













We are currently suspending the Tan and OD green tees 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-3, 3XL-1.

The Coins I still have: 339-341, 346-349, 359, 361-362, 370-376, 378-389, 391-394.

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 judgment 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 1st Light Tank School, February 14, 1918.

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

Organized 1st Light Tank Battalion with himself commanding, April 28, 1918.

Organized 2nd 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 304th 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

301st Heavy Tank Battalion 306th Tank Brigade 331st Tank Battalion

 304^{th} Tank Brigade 344^{th} Tank Battalion & 345^{th} Tank Battalion

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• 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

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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

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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.



Patton Battalion - USABOT

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Executive Officer Dion Walker, Sr.

<u>Battalion Sergeant Major</u> Steven Vaughn



Coming up in the September Issue - 11th Annual Salute to Veterans of WWII at the Indiana Military Museum.

Upcoming Events

11th Annual Salute to Veterans of WW II (Indiana Military Museum) Vincennes, IN - September 1 & 2 Saturday 0900-1700, Sunday 0900-1600, www.indianamilitarymuseum.org

Patton and the US Tank Corps Monument - Fort Knox - November 11, 2017 (If we reach the \$30,000)



On August 19th the KY State Fair had their Veterans Day at the fair. I took the whole family and we went to the fair. I planned to met Heather French Henry the Deputy Commissioner of the KY Dept of Veteran Affairs.

I took her some brochures for the Patton and the US Tank Corps Monument and some business cards. I also presented her with one of our coins. I left her a copy of the July Newsletter also.

The KY WW1 Centennial Exhibit was something to see. They had a model of the National WW1 Centennial Monument planned for Washington, D.C. It was something to see. There were also several display cases packed full of WW1 items and items for Camp Zachary Taylor.