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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

451 on Battalion Facebook Page

PATTON BATTALION - USABOT

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I am still in shock that we are nearing the end of January 2019!

This newsletter this month is very short and sweet. I have a report on the year of 2018 for the monument project and the battalion. We did make some huge progress in the monument fund last year and we still have a long way to go. I still wish we could get straight donations. If we had just got donations and not offered any items we would probably be very close to completion. But I know that we just couldn't do that. Our first few months when we tried that we received \$0. So, we do what we have to do to bring in the donations.

I have not met with David the WWII Tanker from the 737th Tank Battalion. Seems that there have been some health issues but we are planning to meet him in February. Stay tuned for that.

We have some new Bourq tees and we now have a M4 Sherman tee shirt and an M1 Abrams tee shirt. All of the proceeds from these are going to the Patton Monument Project. You can get the tee at the 19 Series website, <https://19seriesclothing.com/>

Jandi and I will be attending the funeral for BG Albin F. Irzyk on Tuesday January 29th. I will have more on that next month.

The OVMS Show of Shows will be February 21-24 at the KY Expo Center. Its always a good time!

I believe that February always seems to be the month for a meeting so I think we will try and plan that. It may not be when I met with the WWII Tanker but we will have to figure that out. Stay tuned!

KP Morris
Patton 6

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Report of the Patton Battalion (2018)

As we begin 2019 we begin with a report on 2018. At the beginning of 2018 the Monument Fund was at \$5,518.50.

In 2018 we paid in USPS shipping:
Jan \$87.14
Feb \$10.50
Mar \$19.00
Apr \$262.12
May \$42.00
Jun \$122.01
Jul \$168.65
Aug \$41.93
Sep \$6.58
Oct \$3.75
Nov \$0
Dec \$114.03
Total = \$877.71 Shipping

Cost of Shirts \$1,977.26 from Grunt Style
“ “ Stickers \$139.40 for 100 from Rockin’ Monkey cost \$1.39 Ea
“ “ Lapel Pins \$576 for 200 from DOD Coins for a cost of \$2.88 Ea
We also purchased 2 picture frames for \$15.00
We paid \$411.00 for the 11 WW1 Centennial Certificates and Plaque.
Total Expenses \$3,118.66

Paypal Account on December 31, 2018 was at \$286.74
Paypal Transaction fees were \$111.25.

The Patton Monument fund was at \$14,736.00.

We finished off the year getting rid of the last of the 400 coins we had on hand. I still have some select numbers that we may raffle off at a later date. 1-5 is still reserved for the top 5 donors.

The Patton Battalion started the year at \$314.40. We ended the year with \$434.26.



On January 12, 2019 I won the Treat'Em Rough Magazine issue Vol. I, No. 13, November 1918. It is listed as the Mid-Month Issue.

This is the third one of these magazines that we have secured for USABOT. This copy I bought on my own.

I have scanned the entire issue and have it posted on the Patton Battalion Facebook page and the USABOT Armor History A2 Facebook page.

The issue is 34 pages and filled with little bits of information and interesting little items.

I will share some of the stories in the upcoming months.

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Mid-Month Issue

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Vol. 1, No. 13.

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Contributions and photographs from officers and enlisted men are always welcome. Every member of the Tank Corps is, or may be, by virtue of his insignia, a regular contributor. Suggestions for the improvement of the magazine are always in order. Address the Editor.

Manuscripts and photographs from civilians are welcomed and will receive due consideration.

Return of manuscripts cannot be guaranteed. All efforts are made to return photographs unharmed.

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Picking the Right Men for the Tanks

By GEORGE MARTIN

The Kind of Men They Are.

THIS war has reached the point where the picked fighter, the man who is chosen for the most dangerous and difficult tasks, must be much more than merely brave. Just going out and getting one's self killed is not enough. There are plenty of men to do that.

What is needed now is the man who doesn't fear getting killed, but who is resourceful, quick-thinking, shrewd, and courageous enough to do the job in which death walks at his side, and not die.

There is no branch of the service in which this kind of man shows up better than in the tanks. No man is more thoroughly proved before he goes out to battle than the tank fighter. Before he is taken for service with the monster fleets of these modern engines of war, he must bring forward definite proof that his fighting mettle is of the proper temper—that he will fight intelligently in a pinch where one man's head-work may mean a battle lost or won.

Perhaps you will say there is no way of proving this before a man has been put to the test in battle. The best answer would be for you to go to the Tank Corps camp and see the tank fighters recruited for the American Army. Or to go down and talk to Capt. Arthur Jackson at the Tank Corps Recruiting Office, 140 W. 42nd St., New York, one of the men who picks them. It would give you confidence in the tanks. It would prove to you that brains and bravery wear their own badge, and that those who look for them may see.

Smiling With Their Eyes.

THEN how are the signs of bravery depicted?

"Bravery," Capt. Jackson said, "shows as nowhere else in men's eyes." And this, then, is the supreme swivel-chair test of a brave man.

"If he smiles with his eyes when you talk of danger, he is your man. If he scowls or looks away, he's a coward."

It is important—very important—that we have men with smiling eyes to man our tanks. Just how important this is we may not realize until after the war. The tank is in its childhood. No one knows what it may be when it grows up. But it is a fact that, ever since that gloomy September morning in 1916, when the mists rolled up like a theater curtain from the battle on the Somme and revealed them for the first time—great steel beasts, crawling viciously forward and crushing a relentless path with their iron bellies through wassa's nests of machine guns, over concrete walls, gaping trenches, old houses, and camouflaged gun-pits, spitting death and destruction from their gray sides and lurching into the heaviest fire unscathed—ever since then the battle lords of both empires have been frantically redrafting their ideas to fit the tanks into a decisive smash that might end the war. Already they have to their credit the only real surprise attack by land in the present war—Gen. Byng's great advance of a few months ago, in, out of the down by the tanks, without artillery preparation.

Some deep student once said that every act we perform, every move we make, be it great or small, is indelibly photographed somewhere in nature; that as we go through the world we unknowingly leave behind a daily history of ourselves in pictures; that if our shadow falls on a wall the outline of it remains there; that if we touch a glass with our finger-tips and, returning weeks later, breathe upon that spot, the ghostly image of our fingerprints will reappear.

Thus also do men mirror their deeds, their ways, their minds, and their characters in their physical bodies. The record of what they have done is in them; and the right man can find it out. Especially is it in their faces; and more especially in their eyes.

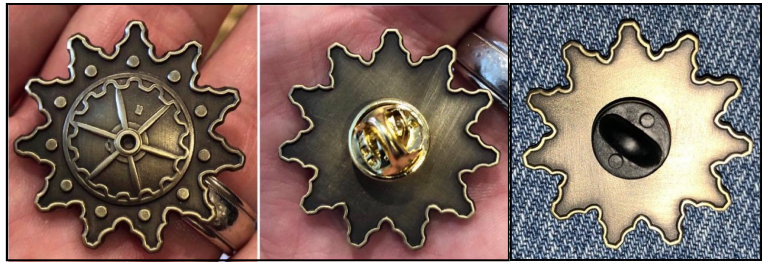
Patton Monument Report for 2017

All shirts have been shipped out but 1 pending payment.
As of January , 2019, the Monument fund has \$14,736.00.

Total in Monument Account: \$14,736.00

Lapel Pins have arrived!!!!

We are looking at \$12 each for these and includes shipping.
These are 1.25" and come with 2 clasps.



I have over 40 of the Treat'em Rough stickers again! We are asking \$5 each, which includes shipping. If you want some please contact me!

Patton Battalion Funds / Memberships / Dues

The Patton Battalion, as of January 25th, has 451 members on our battalion Facebook page. Out of those 451 members we are currently at 93 paid members. The Patton Battalion has \$1,060.50 in funds in the PayPal account. We have \$435.19 in the Patton Operating account.

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:

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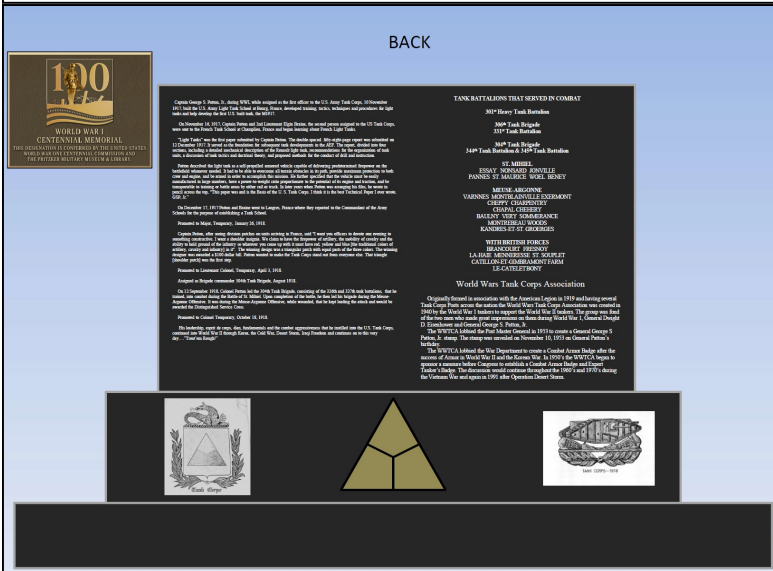
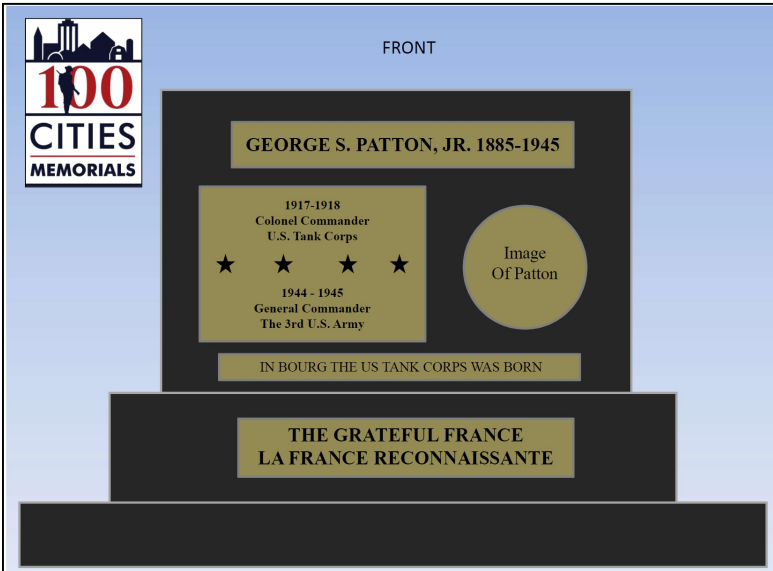
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Patton Joins the US Tank Corps Monument

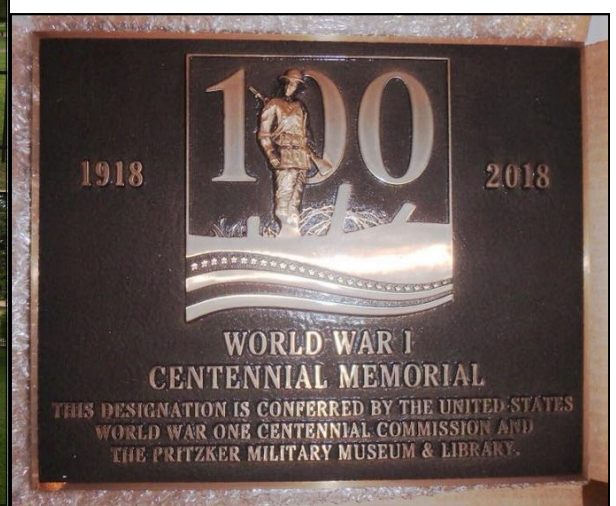
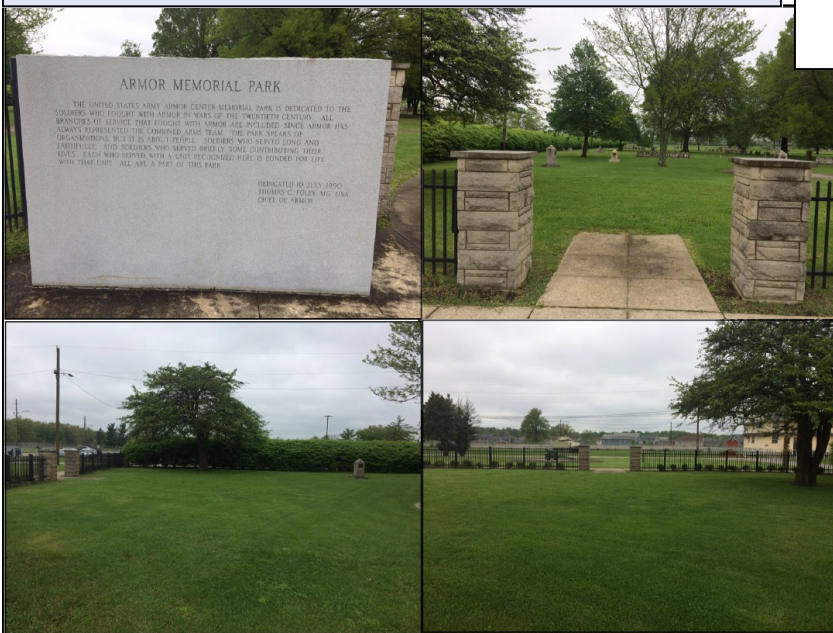


Coins are all gone except certain numbers that we kept.

We do have new tee shirts available now! These are not through Grunt Style or Nine Line Apparel.



<https://19seriesclothing.com/>



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

304th Tank Brigade
344th Tank Battalion & 345th 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 •

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MEDAL OF HONOR

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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

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WORLD WARS TANK CORPS ASSOCIATION

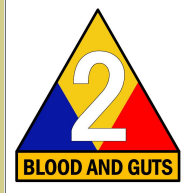
In 1919 the movement began to create Tank Corps Posts as a part of the newly formed American Legion. The purpose of the organization was to promote and maintain public interest in tanks as an arm of the service and to form a bond between its members by means of social and fraternal activities. These 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.



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American Tanks passing in review before President Wilson at Langres (Hûmes pour être précis) Haute-Marne. 25 December 1918.

Coming up in the February Issue - BG Albin F Rzyk funeral at Arlington National Cemetery.

Upcoming Events

The Show of Shows, OVMS - KY Expo Center - Louisville, KY - February 21-24, 2019.

The Indiana Military Museum - Vincennes, IN - 2019 WW1 Event - March 30th and 31st .

The 22 Challenge 10K Ruck March - Jeffersonville, IN - May 18, 2019

Patton and the US Tank Corps Monument - Fort Knox - *Spring 2018 (If we reach the \$30,000)*

I got my helmet back from J. Murray 1944, Inc. and I was dumbfounded when I opened the box!!!

