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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.

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And registered with the state of Kentucky

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Total: 93 paid members

24 Lifetime Members

53 Annual Members

2 Associate Member

453 on Battalion Facebook Page

PATTON BATTALION - USABOT

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As April is slowly easing its way out I think that everyone will be glad to see this time roll on. January seemed to drag by and February flew by and then there was March. The beginning of the COVID-19 and all the lock downs and shut downs. And April was just a hard month to deal with. It is hard to think that it is May without the KY Derby!

One of the things I have been doing on Saturday mornings is Facebook live on the Patton Battalion Facebook page. So far we have had two Saturday morning coffee chats.



They haven't been very long chats over coffee but at least we are having some time to connect. We talked about doing a Zoom video chat but not sure if we are technical enough for that. I try to do those between 0600 and 0700. We have been working in the yard the last two weekends so I had to get them done early.

Shifting gears, where do you see USABOT and the Patton Battalion in 10 years? I want you to think about that for a minute. That's kind of a difficult thing to think about. What would you like to see in ten years? Besides the Tank Corps monument I don't know if I know where I see us in ten years. Which when you think about it, that would put USABOT as almost twenty years old as an organization.

Hard to believe that we have been around this long. A lot of accomplishments in the short time we have been around. A lot of fun had at Tanker Homecomings!! Here are some things that comes to mind when I think of ten years down the road.

- More chapters in IL, IN, KY & TN. The great thing about our group is when we get together. I would like to see more groups in our battalion area.
- More stories on Tankers from Korea, Vietnam, Cold War and Desert Storm. As the WWII tankers fade away we need to be looking at the follow on tankers and document their stories.
- I would like to see a mentorship program for USABOT with active tank battalions both AC and Guard. We have talked about this but would really like to see something from this.
- I know that some have mentioned a museum of some kind but I think we need to support the museums that are already out there. Maybe work to create some tanker specific displays.
- A national newsletter/magazine.

I hope this newsletter finds everyone doing okay. It has been a strange month and very strange to see how this month has transpired. We shall gather together down the road and celebrate our friendship when we are able to do so. Be safe and take care!

KP Morris
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Soldier focuses on setting example for future female combat troops

By Joseph Lacdan, Army News Service, March 30, 2020

FORT MEADE, Md. -- Before 1st Lt. Hanna Rozzi climbed into an M1 Abrams tank as one of the first female armor officers in the Army, the soccer field dominated her life.

(1st Lt. Hanna Rozzi, a platoon leader assigned to 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division preps a jumper cable during port operations at Kaiser Hafen port in Bremerhaven, Germany, Feb. 2, 2019. After graduating from West Point Class of 2016, Rozzi became one of the Army's first female officers. (Sgt. 1st Class Robert Jordan))

She had competed in the sport from an early age while growing up in Redlands, California. She never imagined herself in an Army uniform until she visited the U.S. Military Academy's West Point campus and marveled at the institution's dedication to service.

After graduation from West Point in 2016 and four years competing for the Army women's soccer team, Rozzi saw that the Army was changing and granting more opportunities to women following the opening of combat career fields to women in December 2015.

She had set her sights on applying to a combat career field. But an ankle surgery sidelined her after graduation, limiting her in any strenuous physical activity.

She later received an assignment as an armor officer and served as a platoon leader for the 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas.

It didn't take Rozzi long to acclimate to her tank crew, whom Rozzi said welcomed her to the squad.

"I had a really good platoon sergeant," Rozzi said. "He was a huge fan of having me (in the platoon)."

(1st Lt. Hanna Rozzi (lower left) sits with her M1 Abrams tank crew. Rozzi is only one of 137 female armor officers in the Army. (Courtesy photo))

Still, Rozzi felt the pressure of being a pioneer for female Soldiers. When she commissioned into the Army in 2016, she became one of only 23 female armor officers at the time. That number has since climbed to 137 as of October 2019.

"There aren't a lot of women in my field," Rozzi said. "So trying to be a good example for the Soldiers ... I think that's something that's usually in the back of my mind. Everything that I do is going to directly change how people view women doing my job in the future."

While women have made significant strides in Army combat arms in recent years, the number of women in those jobs still lags significantly behind males, though growing.

Enlisted female infantry troops increased from just two in fiscal year 2016 to 365 in 2019. Enlisted women in armor rose from 147 during the first year the career field opened to females and steadily climbed to 333 in 2019. Female infantry officers went from 18 in 2016 to 76 in fiscal 2019.

Maj. Melissa Comiskey, chief of command policy for the Army's G-1 office, said that multiple factors have contributed to the full integration of women into combat career fields. More mentorship opportunities have become available for women interested in applying, she said.

The Army's marketing strategy also aims at attracting Soldiers from diverse backgrounds regardless of gender, race or ethnicity.



Soldier focuses on setting example for future female combat troops - cont.

Women in Combat MOSs

In 2016, women gained the right to choose any military occupational specialty, including infantry and armor MOSs that had been previously closed to them. As of January 31, 2020 there are **73,955** ACTIVE ARMY WOMEN

01 | WOMEN vs. MEN In comparison to male soldiers, female soldiers make up just over **14%** in combat career fields and are steadily growing.

02 | ARMY COMBAT CAREER FIELDS

- CMF 11 | INFANTRY
- CMF 12 | ENGINEER
- CMF 13 | FIELD ARTILLERY
- CMF 14 | AIR DEFENSE
- CMF 15 | AVIATION
- CMF 19 | ARMOR

Overall the Army has gone from just 2% females in the service in the early 1970s, to its current peak of 15 percent. Last month, officials confirmed that female Soldiers were currently enrolled in the Green Beret’s qualification course.

“It’s a steady progress,” Comiskey said. “It doesn’t happen overnight and takes time to grow leaders. These are junior Soldiers and lieutenants that are coming into the career fields and as their experience grows, they will become leaders and begin to influence additional women down the road.”

As of October, 38 women had graduated from the Army’s Ranger School and 25 of those currently serve in combat arms specialties.

Rozzi deployed to Germany last year in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve, an annual readiness exercise with partner European nations that builds interoperability. She recently served as the military aide to Maj. Gen. Scott Efflandt, a deputy commanding general of III Corps at Fort Hood, Texas.

Rozzi served as platoon leader for the 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Team. She recently served as military aide to Maj. Gen. Scott Efflandt, now the deputy commanding general of III Corps at Fort Hood, Texas.

Rozzi also competed with the U.S. Armed Forces Women’s Soccer team at the World Military Games in Wuhan, China, in October.

After serving as an aide, Rozzi will return to the field as a company commander. The game of soccer will remain a part of her, and the center midfielder said she will attempt to try out for the team again to compete in the next World Military Games games. But her primary focus will remain on her Army career in combat arms.

“I’m trying to be a good example as a woman in my field,” Rozzi said.

Lt Rozzi is now on the USA Brotherhood and Tankers Facebook page!



2-69 ARMOR - 2nd ABCT - 3rd ID



M1A1SA Abrams crews with 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 2nd ABCT, 3rd Infantry during gunnery qualification at Drawsko Pomorskie Training Area, DPTA, Poland in support of DEFENDER Europe 20 exercise.





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New Patton and the US Tank Corps Monument Items

So we have some new items on top of the tees and the mugs. I have decals/stickers that we have had made. The first is the Bourg oval decal/sticker. These are just like the Treat'em Rough decals. They are made for indoor and outdoor use. These are small but I wanted to see how these would do before diving head first. These are 2" tall and 4" long. I have 10 of these on hand.

The other item is the Tank Nerds Armor in History decal/sticker. These are slightly larger than the Bourg decal. These are 3" tall and 5" long. It is a clear decal with the image on it. I made the mistake of selecting Option II, black ink, for the first set. We can always get white ink but I will have order those. I have 20 on these on hand.

Another new item is the Tank Destroyer sticker. After some asking if this is something we would do I finally broke down and had Cricket Press make us a design that we could use. As always, they did a great job. I have 25 of these Tank Destroyer stickers.

All of these stickers we are offering at \$5.00 each.



New Tank Corps Monument Item



The 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Bulge tee shirt. These are on a run like the shirts we did before. Colors are White, Grey, and OD Green. Sizes will run from Small through 3XL. These shirts are athletic cut and do run small in size. These are \$30 each, 3XL shirts are \$35 each. Shipping can be included. These shirts are printed as ordered.

On Hand - 1 - Grey - XL

Patton Battalion has a new item for the Patton US Tank Corps Monument Project.

Its an 11oz Diner Mug made here in the USA by Deneen Pottery. These are available for \$25 each and shipping if needed is between \$8 and \$10 depending on quantity and distance.



We now have Gloss/White (17) and Black (24) on hand. So they are going quick. Contact me or look for them on the 19Series Website.



Patton Monument Report for 2020

As of April 28, 2020, the Monument fund has \$15,267.40. After paying for the second run of mugs and moving funds over to cover shipping costs.

Total in Monument Account: \$15,267.40.

The Bourg Tee Shirts we have on hand.

Large: Yellow - 3, Tan - 2, **2XL:** Yellow - 4, Tan - 3, OD - 4, **3XL:** Yellow - 2, Tan - 2, OD - 1, **4XL:** Yellow - 2.

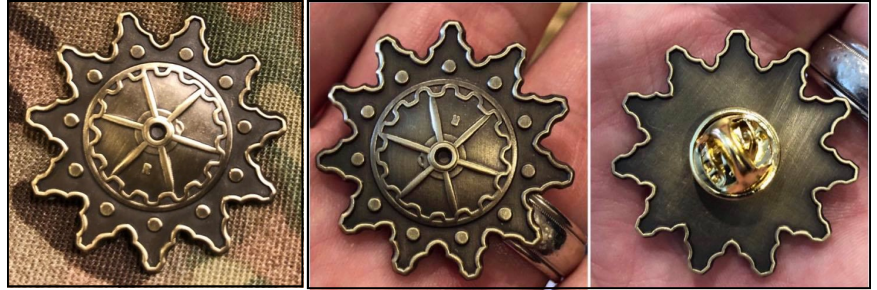
M4 Tee Shirt

Large: Tan - 1, OD -1.

2XL: Tan - 1

Lapel Pins

We are looking at \$12 each for these.



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 April 28, has 451 members on our battalion Facebook page. Out of those 451 members we are currently at 93 paid members. The Patton Battalion has \$80.66 in funds in the PayPal account. We have \$883.38 in the Patton Operating account. Battalions funds are \$422.67. Monument funds are \$460.71. *The \$80 in PayPal is for Battalion so after moving it BN Fund will be \$502.67.*

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

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68 West Marion ST
Doylestown, OH 44230

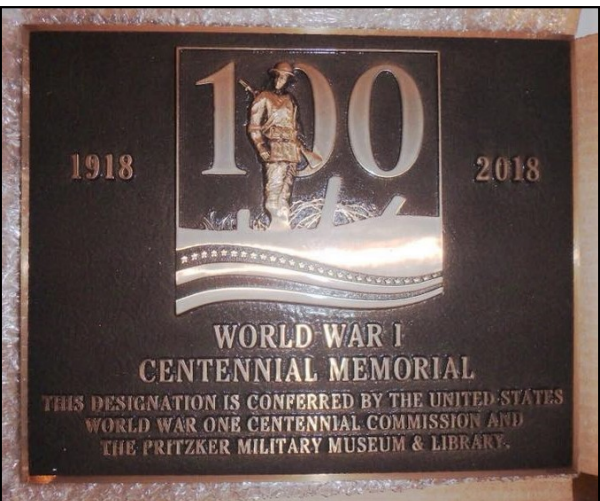
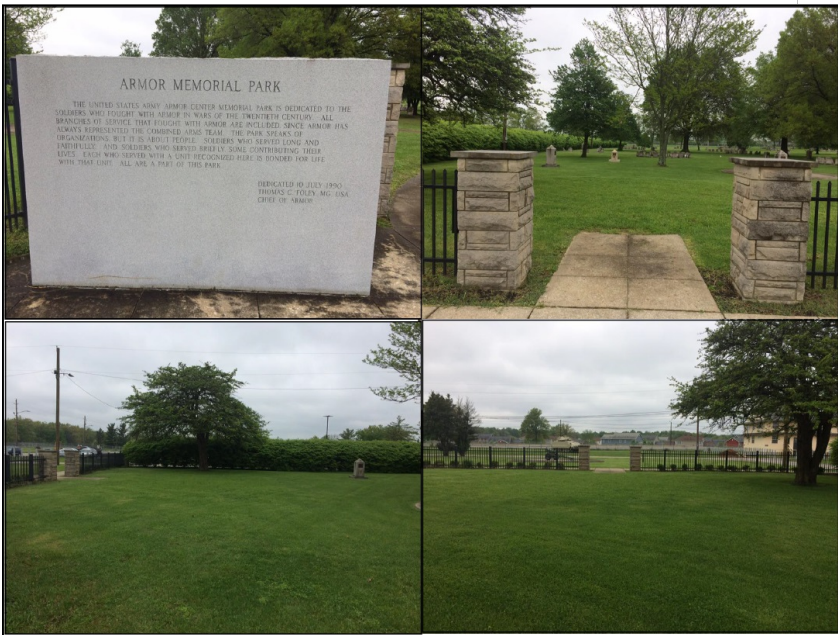
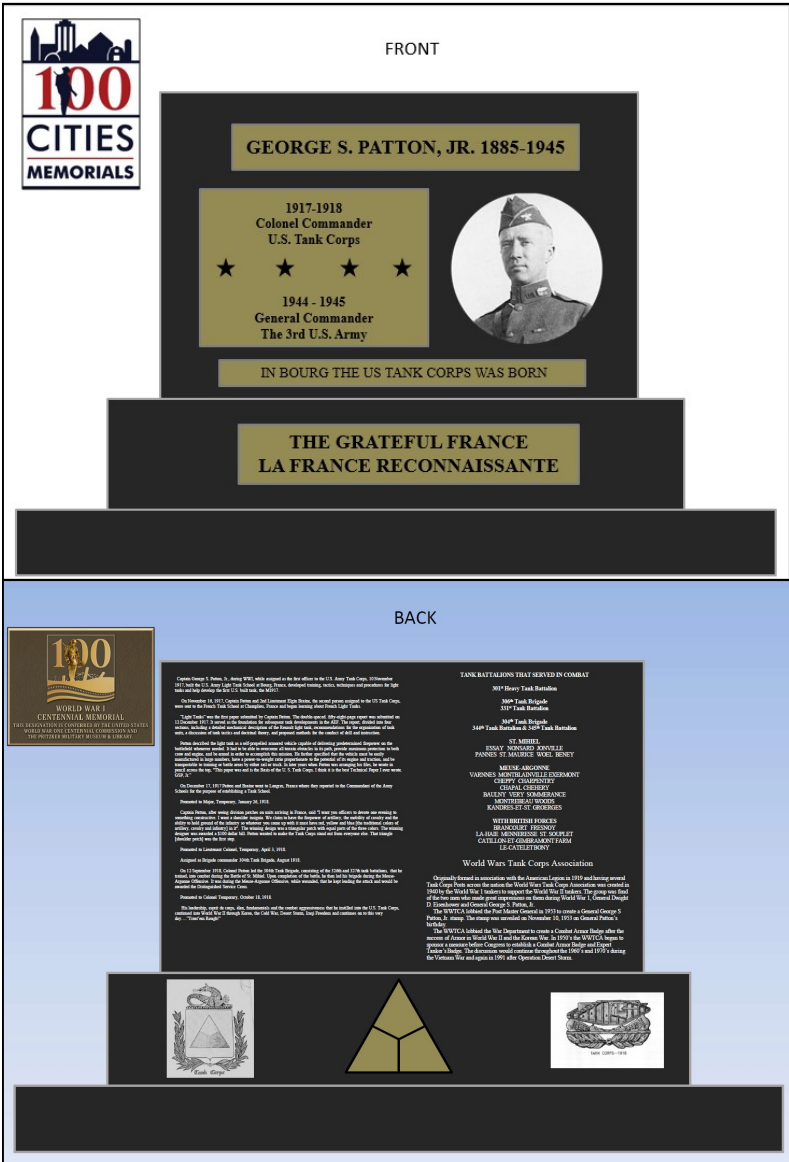
Make checks payable to USABOT
If at all possible try to go the USABOT Store Online and register there so that the G4 can track.

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Patton Joins the US Tank Corps Monument

The US Tank Corps shirts we still have few tees left!

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Patton Monument Layout

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 to the new Chief of Tanks, B.G. Samuel D. Rockenbach. 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 Layout

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 ●

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

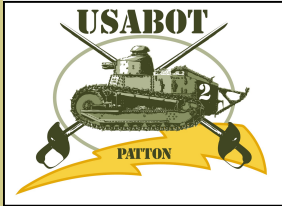
In 1919 the movement began to create Tank Corps Posts as a part of the newly formed American Legion. The purpose of the organization was to promote and maintain public interest in tanks as an arm of the service and to form a bond between its members by means of social and fraternal activities. These 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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M1A1SA Abrams crews with 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 2nd ABCT, 3rd Infantry during gunnery qualification at Drawsko Pomorskie Training Area, DPTA, Poland in support of DEFENDER Europe 20 exercise.

Coming in the May Issue - After COVID-19, First time as a TC.

Upcoming Events

US Cavalry & Armor Association Chapter Fort Knox - Stable Call monthly meeting, 3rd Thursday of every month, Location TBD - Fort Knox, KY.

Sullivan Cup - Best Tank Crew Competition - Fort Benning, GA, 4-8 May 2020. **(POSTPONED)**

22 Challenge 10K Ruck March - Jeffersonville, IN, May 16, 2020. **(PENDING)**

Ninth Annual Tanker Homecoming - Fort Carson, CO - September 23-26, 2020. **(PENDING)**

World War II Event - Indiana Military Museum, Vincennes, IN, 2020.

Patton and the US Tank Corps Monument - Fort Knox - **TBD**

From the US Army Armor School

Are you ready for Sullivan Cup 2020!?

The events will be held 4-8 May 2020 here at Fort Benning!

Official invites and further details to follow, but let's start getting excited about seeing who the best tank crew of 2020 will be!!!

THE EVENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED DUE TO THE COVID-19

