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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

Patton Battalion - USABOT

Total: 93 paid members

24 Lifetime Members

53 Annual Members

2 Associate Member

438 on Battalion Facebook Page

Thirty years ago many of the members of the Patton Battalion were on foreign soil preparing for a ground assault into Iraq and Kuwait. I wanted to make sure we took time to reflect on this achievement. I asked any of those that were there to share their photos. We got some good ones.

As we remember Desert Storm it has been a busy month in the research and new discoveries. I was contacted by Mike Keane with information about an uncle that was part of Task Force Rose/Harper that was killed during the bulge. I will have more on this story in the March Newsletter.

Another item that I came across was the 716th Tank Battalion After Action Reports. The 716th TB was commanded by LTC Carroll Wood, son of MG John S Wood from the 4th AD. The battalion commander before LTC Wood was killed in action. I have researched about LTC Lorwyn Peterson and this story will be in the March Newsletter.

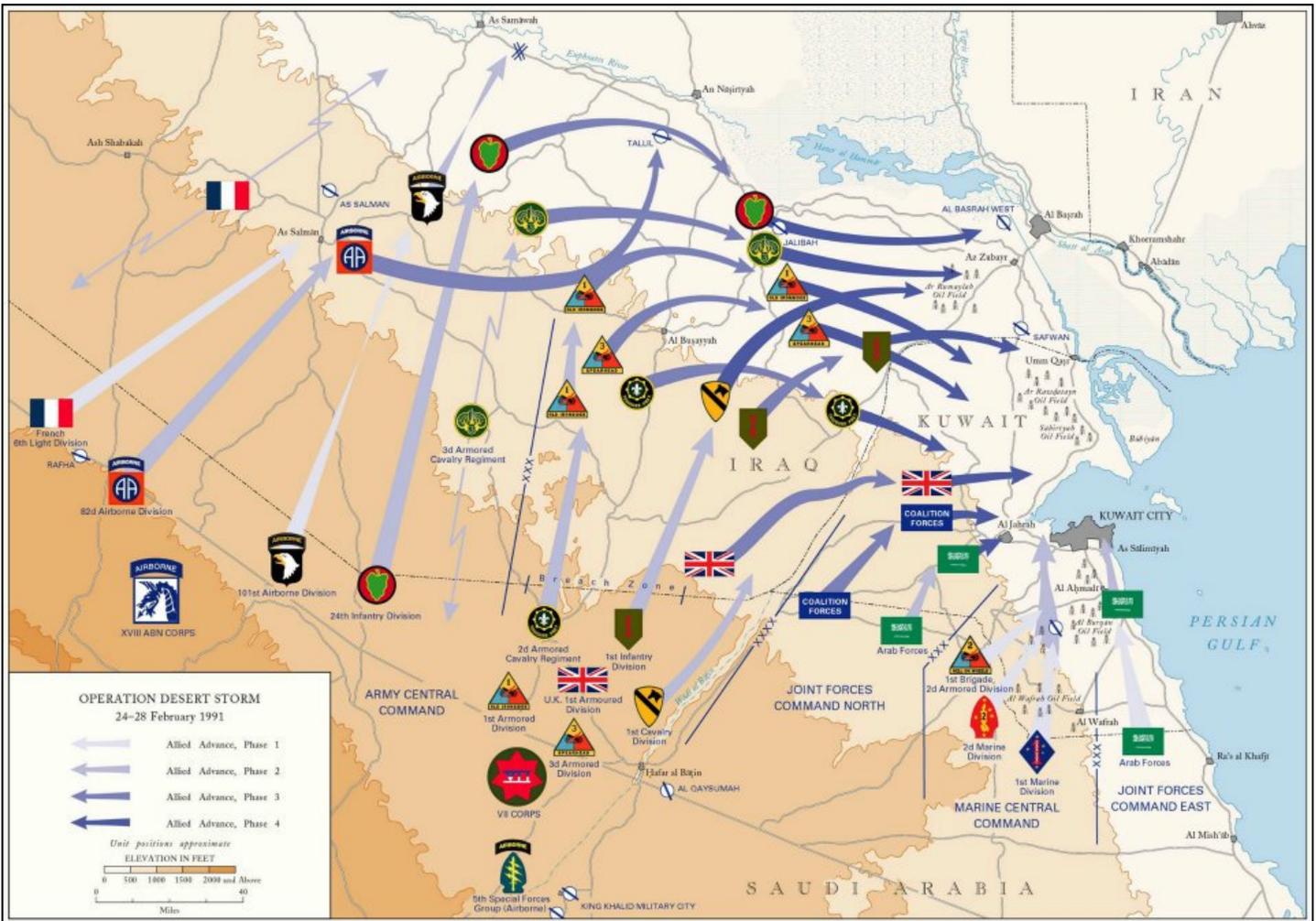
And then there is SGT Lee Robertson, Co C, 44th Tank Battalion, who fought in the Pacific. He is now an Honorary Lifetime Member of USABOT. His story will be in the March Issue also.

A conversation on the USABOT Member page of Facebook has generated a document called the Master Gunner History. I was hoping to share the document in the newsletter but this turned out to be 30 pages long. The document has been shared with the Master Gunner School and it circulating around to units in the Armor branch.

KP Morris
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Desert Storm - 30 Years



On January 15, 1991 after Iraq failed to meet the UN deadline the air war begins. Operation Desert Storm had begun.

After more than five weeks of air attacks ground war began on February 24, 1991. In a 100 hour ground campaign that resulted in an armistice on March 3, 1991. (I shipped to Basic on March 12, 1991)

As you look at the map above and think about 6 US Army Armored/Mechanized divisions and two Cavalry Regiments in the field. I think about the fact that after Desert Storm the US Tank Battalion was reduced from 4 tank companies to 3. So each battalion lost 14 tanks.

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|------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1st Infantry Division | 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment |
| 1st Armored Division | 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment |
| 2nd Armored Division | |
| 3rd Armored Division | |
| 1st Cavalry Division | |
| 24th Infantry Division | |

And then the 82nd AB had Sheridan's. The Marines had tanks. The British and French had tanks.

Desert Storm Veterans - Patton Battalion

William Starks – D 4/64 Armor, 24th ID.

Larry Kehrwald – HHC 4/32 Armor 3rd AD.

Roger Sims – HHC 4/34 Armor 8ID.

Bob Wilkinson – A 2/67 Armor 3rd AD.

Devrin Kuipers – D 1/37 Armor 1AD.

Jeff Brink – H CO. 2/2 ACR.

Max Witzler – C.Co. 2/67AR, 3AD.

Russell Montana – A 3/8 3rd AD.

Jimmy Woodward – A Co 1/64 Armor, 24th ID Mech.

Mike McLaughlin – D-2-67Armor 3d Bde 3AD.

Smooth Turk – D 1/3 ACR.

Aaron Pridemore – 12th Engineers 8th Infantry Mechanized.

David Taylor – D Co, 2/8 Cav, 1CD.

Jason Wilson – A Co, 4-37AR, 1ID.

David Skaggs – D Co 1/2 ACR.

Steven Fixler – HHC, 2-70th Armor, 1AD.

Phil Wilburn – 3-69AR 24th ID.

Kenneth Markham – D Co 4/67 AR 3rd AD.

Dion Walker Sr. – C Co 3/32 AR 1CD.

Tony Thumper Britton – D Co 5/16 Inf attached to C Co 2/34 Armor 1st Inf Div.

James Journey – C Co 1/8 Cav, 1st Cav, 2nd Bde.



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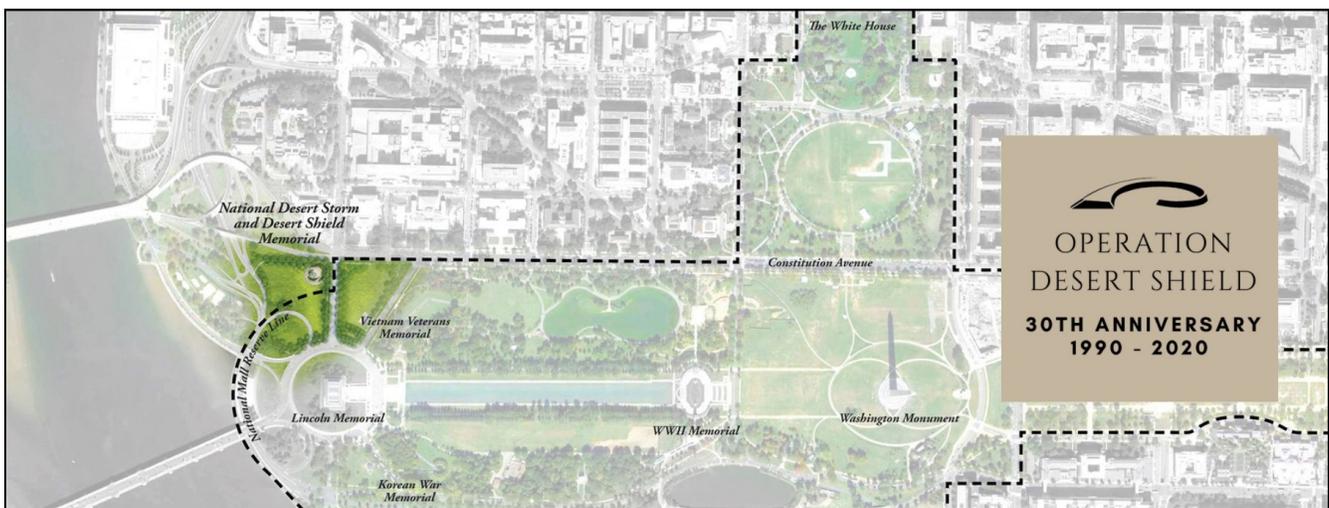




Photo: Chris Francheck



Photo: William Starks



Photo: Matt Lepierre



Photo: Jimmy Woodward

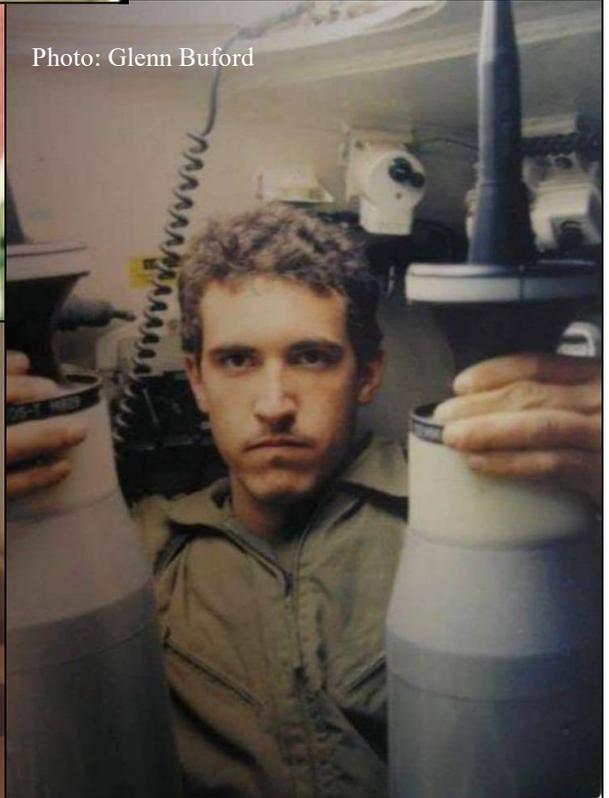


Photo: Glenn Buford

Desert Storm - Cont.

Photo: Michael Wright

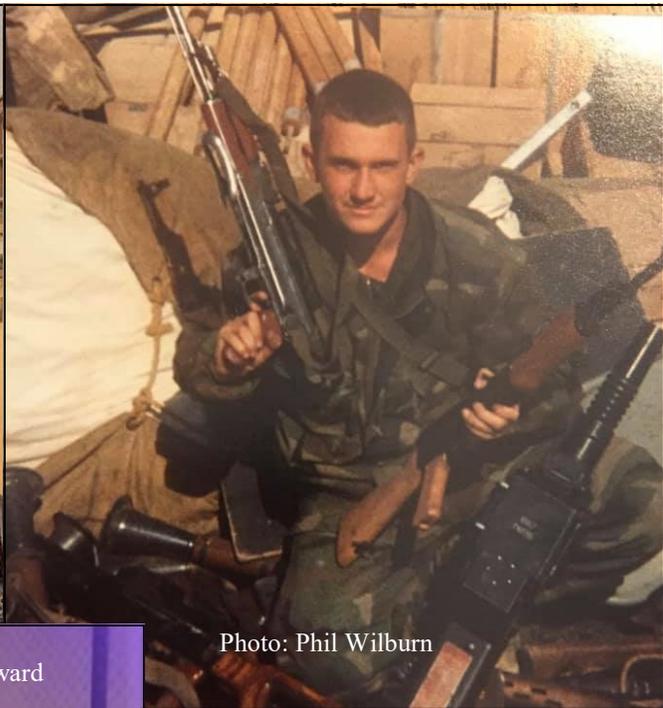
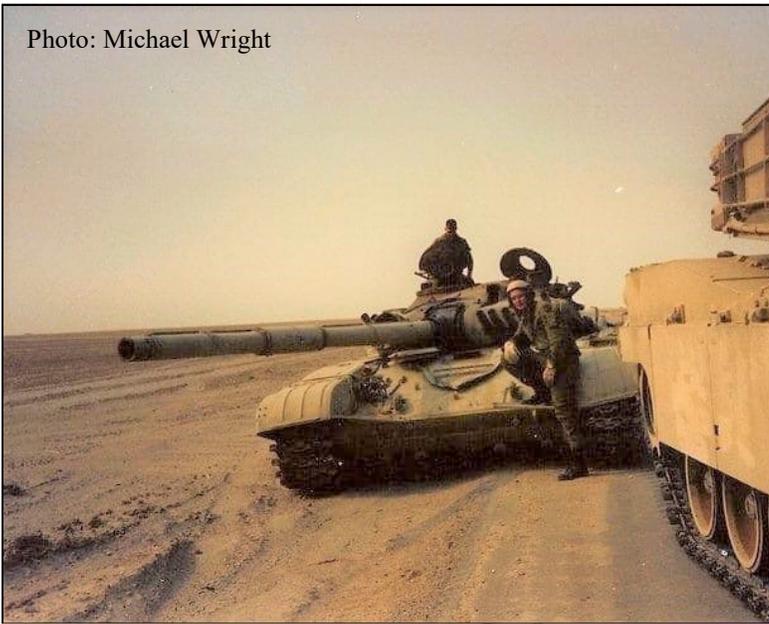


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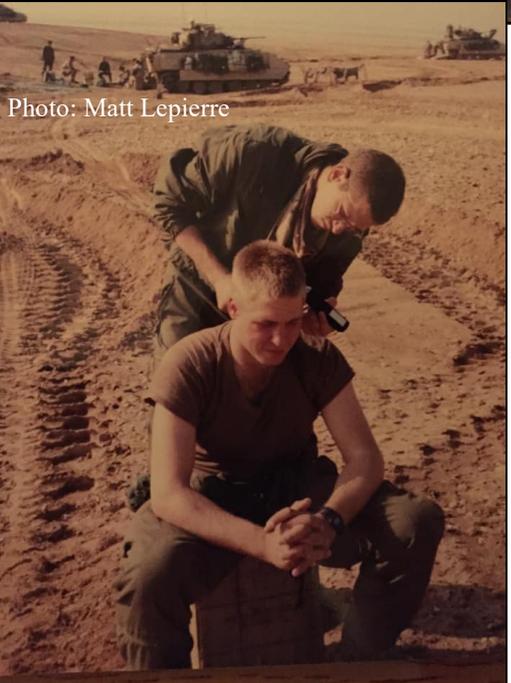


Photo: Matt Lepierre

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Photo: Buck Harris

VII CORPS

11/15/90

1 ID	1AD	3AD	2 ACR
1ST BDE	2ND BDE	1ST BDE	1ST SQDN
5-16 IN	1-36 AR	4-32 AR	2ND SQDN
1-34 AR	2-70 AR	4-34 AR	3RD SQDN
2-34 AR	4-70 AR	3-5 IN	AIR CAV
2ND BDE	6-6 IN	5-5 IN	CBT SPT SQDN
2-16 IN	3RD BDE	2ND BDE	11TH AVN BDE
3-37 AR	3-36 AR	3-8 AR	2-6 ATK
4-37AR	7-8 IN	4-8 AR	4-229 ATK
AVN BDE	1-37 AR	4-18 IN	TF 8-43 ADA
1-1 AVN (ATK)	3RD BDE / 3 ID	3RD BDE	8-43 ADA (PATRIOT 4X)
1-4 CAV	1-70 IN	2-67 AR	8-52 (-) ADA (HAWK 2X)
DIVARTY	4-7 IN	5-18 IN	
B13-6 FA (MLRS)	4-66 AR	4-67 AR	
1-5 FA (155SP 3X8)	AVN BDE	AVN BDE	7TH ENG BDE
4-5 FA (155SP 3X8)	2-1 ATK	2-227 ATK	93RD SIGNAL BDE
ADA	3-1 ATK	4-7 CAV	20TH MI BDE
2-67AD (CHAP/VULC)	1-1 CAV	DIVARTY	14TH MP BDE
	DIVARTY	A/40 FA (MLRS)	2ND COSCOM
2ND AD (FWD)	A/94 FA (MLRS)	2-3 FA (155SP 3X8)	
1-41 IN	6-1 FA (155SP 3X8)	4-82 FA (155SP 3X8)	
2-66 AR	3-1 FA (155SP 3X8)	2-82 FA (155SP 3X8)	
3-66 AR	2-1 FA (155SP 3X8)	ADA	
4-3 FA (155SP 3X8)	ADA	5-3 ADA(8ID)	
	6-3 ADA		
VII CORPS ARTY			
210 FA BDE (VII CORPS)	42ND FA BDE (V CORPS)		
4-27 FA (MLRS)	1-27 FA (MLRS)		
3-77 FA (155SP 3X8)	3-20 FA (155SP 3X8)		
2-41 FA (155SP 3X8) (3ID)	2-29 FA (155SP 3X8) (8ID)		

SUMMARY
ARMORED BNS-18
MECH INF BNS-11
LT INF BNS-0
CAV SQDNS-6
ATK HEL BNS-5
FA BNS - 15(+)

General Patrick Donahoe, Commanding General, U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence, asked on Twitter: *How do we re-frame from COIN to Large Scale Combat Operations? One way may be to change our map sheets. Focus east of the Vistula and north of the Han. That will focus you on LSCO.*

I replied with: Study Desert Storm. *Don't focus on the cross border. Look at how we got there, assembled, staged and got to the border.* The logistics of Desert Storm is the largest modern force we have ever put to the field of battle. There are many shortfalls that occurred or that have been written about such as running out of fuel or short on ammunition.

To which someone replied with this: *We will not be given weeks and months of free time to stage like that, almost entirely undefended, in plain sight, in the next conflict.*

The statement above indicates that we must be doing a Grenada or Panama exercise where its thrown together in short notice and will be an airborne assault or amphibious invasion. That seems to counter the "Large Scale" part of Large Scale Combat Operations. And after I thought about the comment I thought, we did do this again in 2003!

XVIII ABN CORPS

11/15/90

B-1

24ID(M)
1ST BDE
 2-7 INF(M2)
 3-7 INF(M2)
 3-69 AR(M1)
2ND BDE
 1-64 AR(M1)
 4-64 AR(M1)
 3-15 INF(M2)
197TH BDE
 1-18 INF(M113)
 2-18 INF(M113)
 2-69 AR(M1)
AVN BDE
 1-24 AVN(18 AH64)
 2-4 CAV(8 AH1)
DIVARTY
 1-41 FA(155SP 3X8)
 3-41 FA(155SP 3X8)
 4-41 FA(155SP 3X8)(197TH)
 A/13 FA(MLRS 1X9)

82D ABN
1ST BDE
 1-504 IN
 2-504 IN
 3-504 IN
2ND BDE
 1-325 IN
 2-325 IN
 4-325 IN
3RD BDE
 1-505 IN
 2-505 IN
 3-505 IN
AVN BDE
 1-82 ATK(18 AH64)
 1-17 CAV(12 AH1)
DIVARTY
 1-319 FA(105 3X6)
 2-319 FA(105 3X6)
 3-319 FA(105 3X6)

101ST ABN(AA)
1ST BDE
 1-327 IN
 2-327 IN
 3-327 IN
2ND BDE
 1-502 IN
 2-502 IN
 3-502 IN
3RD BDE
 1-187 IN
 2-187 IN
 3-187 IN
AVN BDE
 1-101 ATK(19 AH64)
 2-229 AVN(18 AH64)
 3-101 ATK(18 AH1)
 2-17 CAV(15 AH1E)
DIVARTY
 1-320 FA(105 3X6)
 2-320 FA(105 3X6)
 3-320 FA(105 3X6)

1ST CAV
1ST BDE
 3-32 AR(M1)
 2-5 CAV(M2)
 2-8 CAV(M1)
2ND BDE
 1-5 CAV(M2)
 1-32 AR(M1)
 1-8 CAV(M1)
1ST BDE, 2 AD
 3-41 INF(M2)
 1-67 AR(M1)
 3-67 AR(M1)
AVN BDE
 1-227 AVN(18 AH64)
 A & B/2-1 CAV(4 AH1)
 1-3 AVN (18 AH64)
DIVARTY
 1-82 FA(155SP 3X8)
 3-82 FA(155SP 3X8)
 1-3 FA(155SP 3X8)(2 AD)
 A/21 FA(MLRS 1X9)
 A/92 FA(MLRS 1X9)(2AD)

3 ACR
1ST SQDN
 2ND SQDN
 3RD SQDN
 4-3 AIR CAV (19 AH1)
 CBT SPT SQDN
 HOW BTRY (3 X 6)
12TH AVN BDE
 5-6 ATK(18 AH64)
 3-227 ATK(18 AH64)
 CH47D Co(16 CH47D)
18TH AVN BDE
 1-159 AVN
 1-58 ATC
 2-159 AVN
 4-17 CAV
11TH ADA BDE
 2-7 ADA(PATRIOT 4X6)
 3-43 ADA(PATRIOT 4X6)

Summary	
ARMORED BNS	11
MECH INF BNS	6
LT INF BNS	18
CAV SQDNS	3
ATK HEL BNS	13
FA BNS	26

18TH CORPS ARTY
18TH FA BDE
 1-39 FA(155T 3X8)
 3-8 FA (155T 3X8)
 5-8 FA (155T 3X8)
 3-27 FA(MLRS 3X9)

75TH FA BDE
 1-17 FA(155SP 3X6)
 3-18 FA(203SP 3X8)
 6-27 FA(MLRS 3X9)

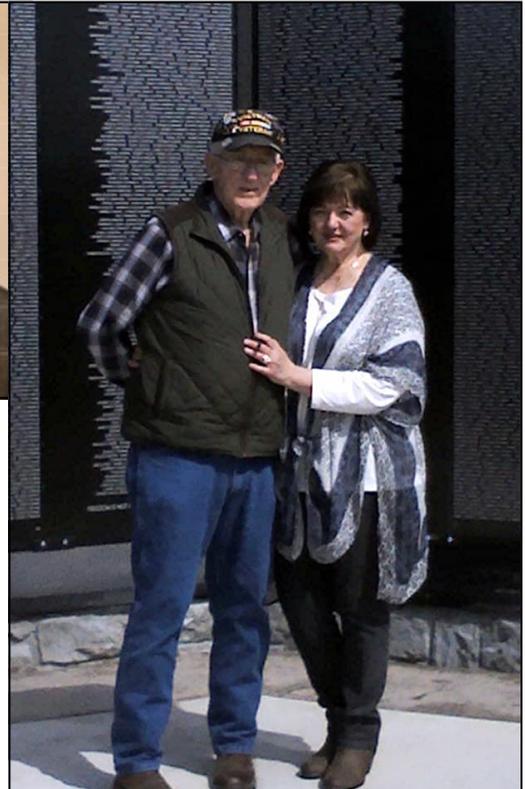
212TH FA BDE
 2-17 FA(155SP 3X6)
 2-18 FA(203SP 3X8)
 5-18 FA(155SP 3X8)

20TH ENG BDE
35TH SIG BDE
16TH MP BDE
525TH MI BDE
18TH FIN GP
1ST COSCOM
5TH SF GRP

Albert Alfred Stover

Albert Alfred Stover, 77, of Elizabethtown, died peacefully at 1:34 p.m. at his home on Wednesday, February 17, 2021. He was a native of Levelland, Texas, and worked in appliance repair at Sears. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and served his veterans as much as he could. He was very well known and loved in the military community, spent a lot of time in hospitals visiting veterans, and was known as "Pappy". He was not only a military hero, but a hero to his family. He was a lifetime member of Vietnam Veterans of America, a member of the American Legion, loved the Lord and church. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Albert Stover and Lucille Greer Stover; and sister, Sue Drennan. He is survived by his wife, Evanthia Stover; daughter, Cindy Sue Stover of Texas; four sons, Robert Stover of Texas, James Alfred Stover of Arkansas, James Samuel Stover of Elizabethtown, and Albert Edward Stover of Elizabethtown; three brothers, Bobby, Joel, and Willy Stover; three sisters, Pamela Housmann, Judy Manning, and Shirley Brill; several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Due to inclement weather and Covid-19, a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be expressed online at www.brownfuneral.com.



Tank Corps Monument Items

NEW ITEM!!!!



NEW ITEM!!!!

Finally arrived! This is the Lumberjack Tank Destroyer Mug! This is the larger 15oz mug.

These will be up on the website soon!

These are the same 11oz Diner mug. Cost will be the same as the Treat'em Rough mug, \$25.

I originally ordered the minimum of these as we were not sure of how well these will go over. So I had 47 of these to start with but I am down to 41 as of this time.

So I have **25** of these mugs on hand and ready to ship.



Patton Battalion has restocked the favorite Treat'em Rough mugs!!!

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 (**16**) and Black (**40**) on hand. So they are going quick. Contact me or look for them on the 19Series Website.



Patton Monument Report for 2021

As of February 22, 2021, the Monument fund has \$15,268.00. After paying for another run of lapel pins, new item for December and moving funds over to cover shipping costs. With a \$100 donation from the Mayor of Bourg, France!

Total in Monument Account: \$15,268.00.

The Bourg Tee Shirts we have on hand. **(UPDATED)**

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

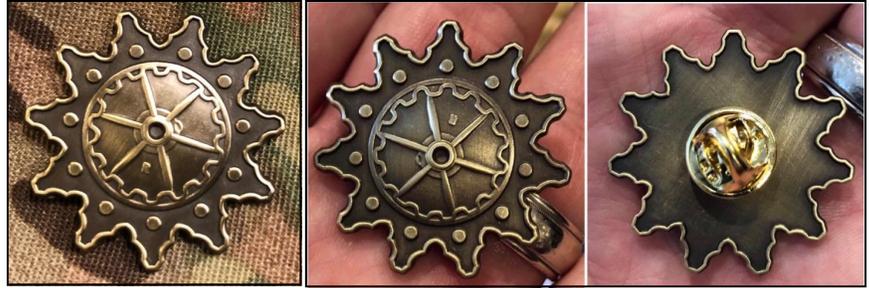
M4 Tee Shirt

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 February 22, has 438 members on our battalion Facebook page. Out of those 451 members we are currently at 93 paid members. The Patton Battalion has \$5.81 in funds in the PayPal account. We have \$570.27 in the Patton Operating account. Battalions funds are \$570.27. There are no Monument funds in the Battalion account as of this time.

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

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Shelbyville, KY 40065



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USABOT Memberships can be renewed and purchased By mail at

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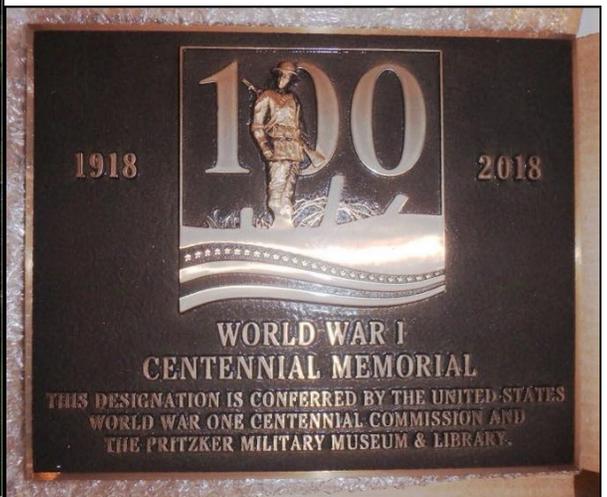
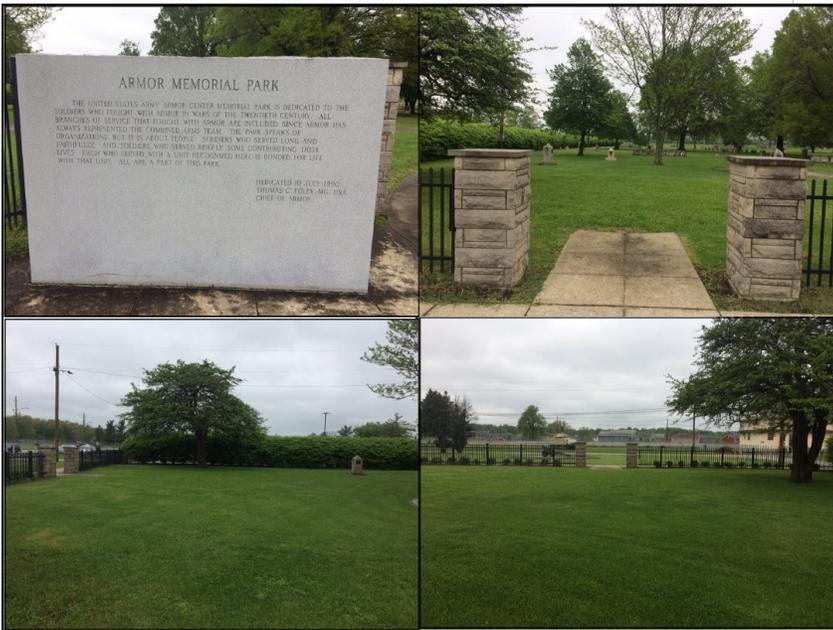
Make checks payable to USABOT
If at all possible try to go the USABOT Store Online
and register there so that the G4 can track.

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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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DESERT STORM

Photo: William Starks

Coming up in the March Issue - More information on the 2nd Tank Battalion, 9th Armored Division, WWII.
Honorary Lifetime Member SGT Lee Robertson, Co C, 44th Tank Battalion WWII.
LTC Lorwyn Peterson, 716th Tank Battalion.

Upcoming Events

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

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

Gainey Cup - Fort Benning, GA - February 22-26, 2021.

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



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