



NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2021

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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

PATTON BATTALION - USABOT ILLINOIS - INDIANA - KENTUCKY - TENNESSEE

Thirty years ago in the desert of Saudi Arabia the US Army had the largest modern force placed in the field and were ready to demonstrate what they had been training for since the end of the Vietnam War and the aftermath of the 1973 Arab-Israeli War.

The officers who had served in Vietnam were all high ranking officers and set to show what we had become through the efforts of many to wash away the stigma of the Vietnam War on the American public. The US Armed Forces along with their Allies were going to put on a demonstration for the world to see. And that they did.

In August of 1990 Saddam Hussein and his Iraqi Army invaded Kuwait and pillaged it. The US Government created a International Coalition to oust them. If they would not go on their own, they would be forced out. The build of up of forces began and for the first time in years US Troops were away from home at Christmas of 1990.

In January things really came together. So we take time to reflect some 30 years after Desert Shield/Storm.

I would like for those of you who are members to think about what USABOT and for that what the Patton Battalion means to you. If your not a member I ask you to look at what you might be missing out on. In this period of COVID-19 and social distancing the thing that makes USABOT USABOT is the gatherings. The chance to get together with fellow tankers and wrenches and share the stories and talk about all the things we like.....TANKS!!!!

The membership numbers for the group have been slowly dropping. So in 2021 we want to take a look back and what got you here and what keeps you here. There is no better time than now to join up, re-up, or bring someone on board.

Hopefully in the future we can get together and catch up.

I want to also make 2021 a huge push for the monument. We have working on this project for 4 years now. I never thought it would take this long. When we talked about a monument for Patton and the US Tank Corps I really thought that this would be a done deal by now. We are only halfway to the goal. I will be working hard to really try and close this out this year. And move on to other things.

KP Morris
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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.

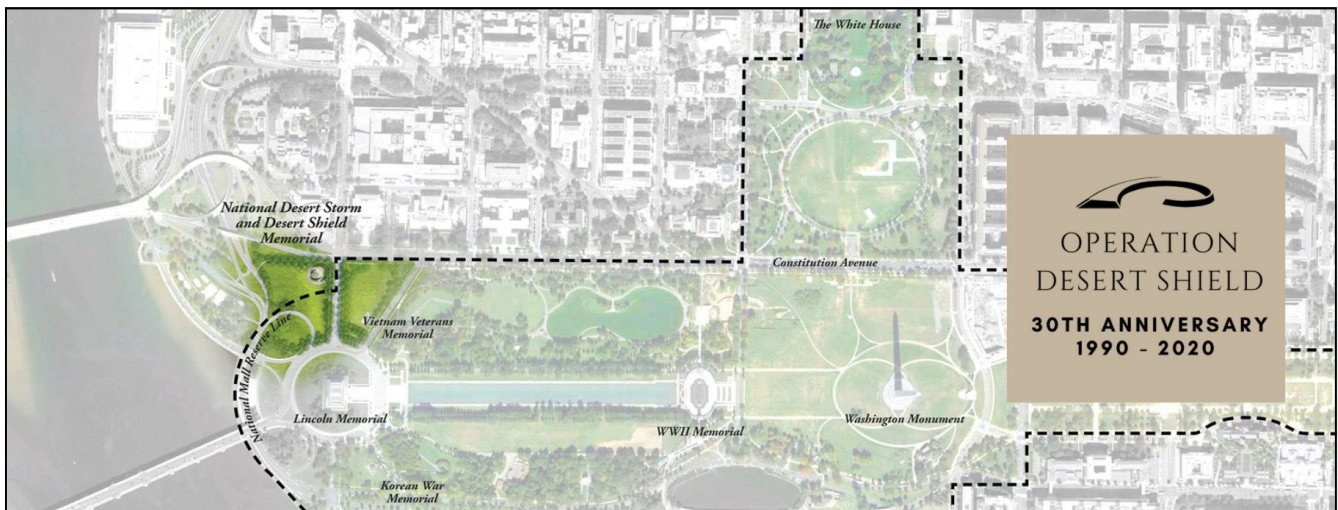
Dion Walker Sr. – C Co 3/32 AR 1CD.

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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Desert Storm - Cont.

UPI ARCHIVES JANUARY 23, 1991

Powell: 'We're going to cut it off ... kill it'

By ELIOT BRENNER

A week into the coalition war against Iraq, senior U.S. military leaders said Wednesday the air battle had gone well and attention is turning to isolating Iraq's half-million man army in the Kuwaiti theater and efforts to "cut it off ... to kill it."

Powell, too, said the campaign had gone about as planned, but noted that cloudy weather retarded the pace of the air attacks and Iraq's use of the Scud missile prompted the reassignment of aircraft to devote more effort to finding and knocking out mobile Scud launchers.

"Notwithstanding these sorts of problems, we're pleased with week one," said Powell, noting allied control of the air and the fact that no Iraqi plane has managed an attack on a coalition target.

Powell said that with control of the skies established over Iraq, attention will turn to cutting supply and communication lines between Baghdad and the theater where there are 545,000 Iraqi troops in place, to pounding the 110,000 elite Republican Guards in the hopes they will collapse, and to knocking out battlefield air defenses so troop support planes can safely fly lower in the event of a ground war.

"Our strategy to go after this army is very, very simple. First, we're going to cut it off, and then we're going to kill it. To cut it off, that began last week when we started to go after the nerve center, the brains of the operation, the command and control of the operation, and the lines of communication that come out of Baghdad and other places in the country," said Powell.

In detailing the next phase of the campaign, Powell said that as efforts are made to cut off the forces in the Kuwaiti region from Baghdad, allied forces will also go after "his stockpiles, ammunition, food; stripping away their air defense, using air attacks. And ... we are assembling a fairly sizeable ground force that can finish off the job should that be necessary.

"I'm not telegraphing anything. I just want everybody to know that we have a toolbox that's full of lots of tools, and I brought them all to the party. Gen. (Norman) Schwarzkopf has them all at the party," said Powell.

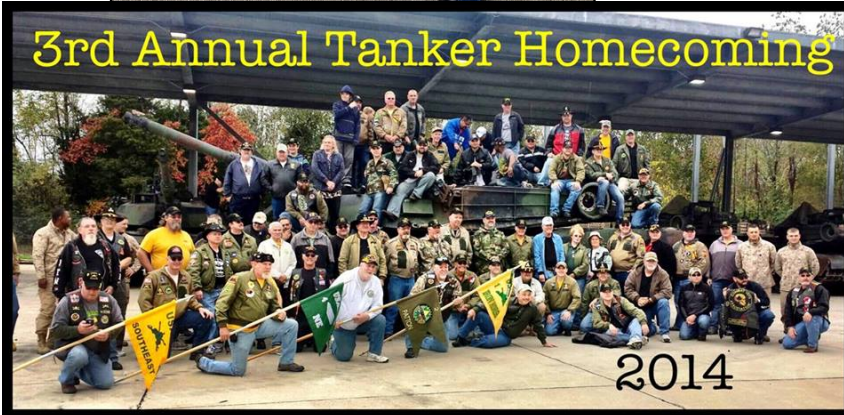
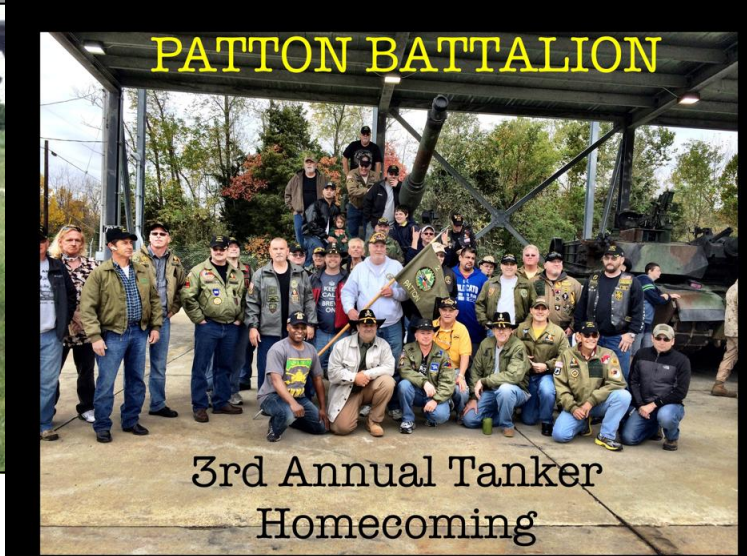
(From the UPI website. WWW.UPI.COM)



Be sure to check out more about Desert Shield/Storm at the US Army Center for Military History website.

<https://history.army.mil>

WHAT DOES USABOT MEAN TO YOU?



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I WANT YOU



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Tank Corps Monument Items



**NEW ITEM IN THE WORKS!!!
WAS SUPPOSE TO BE HERE BEFORE CHRISTMAS BUTS THAT'S THEY WAY 2020 WENT!**

These are the same 11 oz 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 2020

As of January 22, 2021, the Monument fund has \$15,394.00. 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: \$15,394.00.

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 January 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 \$215.30 in funds in the PayPal account. We have \$618.72 in the Patton Operating account. Battalions funds are \$607.82. 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.

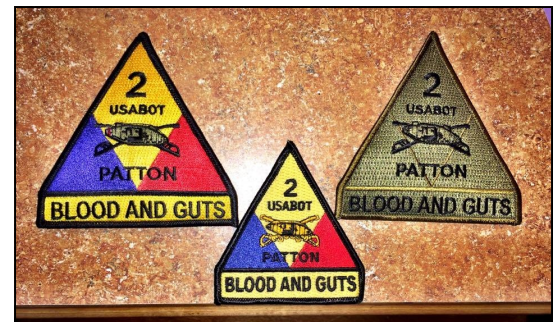
Both patches are also available for \$5 EA.

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
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

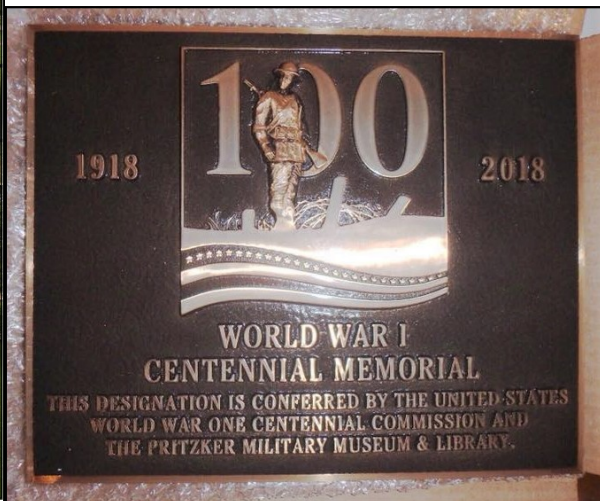
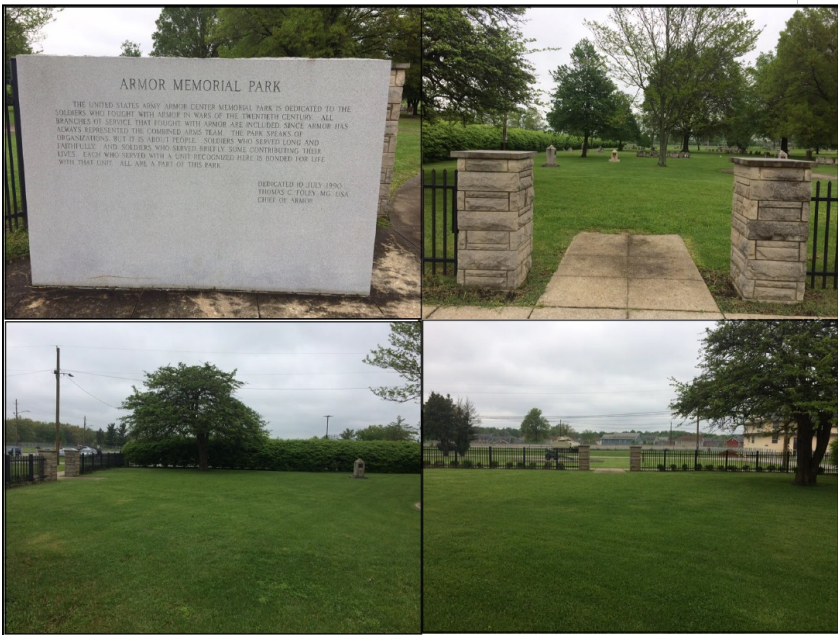
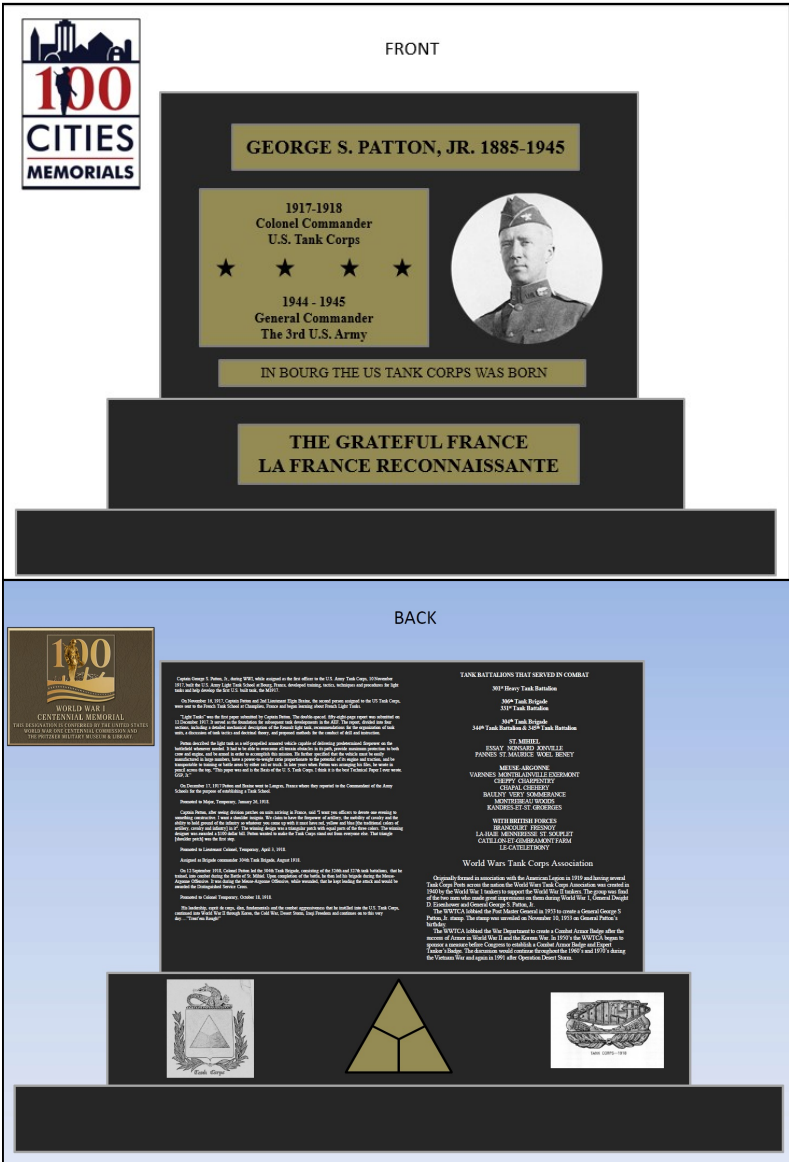
Make checks payable to USABOT
If at all possible try to go the USABOT Store Online and register there so that the G4 can track.

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Patton Joins the US Tank Corps Monument

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

<https://19seriesclothing.com/>





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Twitter @pattonbattalion



DESERT SHIELD / DESERT STORM

Coming up in the February Issue -

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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