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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

This issue was planned to be a tribute to Don Moriarty who passed away last month. But after much thought and talk about it I really didn't know enough about Don before I met him through USABOT to do that any justice. I did want to share more about him than we did in the May Newsletter. It might be a good time to ask others about their adventures with Don.

On May 29th Gavin MacLeod passed away. One of his characters was Moriarty in the movie Kelly's Heroes. Many people remember him from the Mary Tyler Moore show or the Love Boat. But many of us tankers remember him for his "negative waves."



The Patton Battalion did participate in the 22 Challenge 10K Ruck March. I have some photos enclosed. It was a great day. The weather was perfect. Far better than the one year that we got hosed. There seemed to be more Veteran groups there this year. Hopefully next year we can get a big team together.

So be prepared to come out and support the Patton Museum during the week of 5-10 July, IT'S PATTON WEEK! Enclosed in the newsletter is a list of events that week. On Saturday July 10 there will be a festival at the museum. I have been told that we can set up a table in the spot of the Tank Corps Monument to help get the word out. So I will be looking for volunteers that would like to come out there with me and talk about the monument. Let me know if you can.

I wanted to get the June issue out there so its early and not filled with much but we will be busy in July. Also golf is getting into swing and our daughter will be keeping us busy in our spare time. We also talked about a meeting since we haven't had one in a year so I will try to get some dates out to see what we can do.

While listening to a podcast I learned about the Texas A&M - Central Texas has a Central Texas Military History Symposium each year. In the podcast it was mentioned that this years topic would be Cavalry. The university is partnered with the National Mounted Warfare Foundation. Last year this was done virtual so be on the lookout for more information on this.
www.tamuct.edu

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A photo that Don Moriarty sent me or that he posted when he took the Tank Stand down to Benning. He commented on the photo as *Echoes*. I took the photo and modified it and added the comment. As I look back now this is fitting. There are *Echoes* of Don all over Facebook now. He was on numerous pages and made numerous comments. That Tank Stand is another item that Don created. Taking an idea I had and making it better.

At the 2nd Annual Tanker Homecoming we had the growlers made. I had the tank stand image drawn up for that. So when I saw the 21st Century Toy tank in 1/16th scale on EBay I bought it. Sanded off the stencils, ordered new stencils and marked it up for the 3rd Annual Tanker Homecoming. The whole time I was showing Don and he was all over it. He love it! He even wanted to bring it in and I had to drop it off for him.

One of the items I had worked up was from Cricket Press was an idea I had for a new tank stand design. I had them create an image of the tank stand and add another level so that we could put USABOT on it. Don loved that artwork. And it wasn't long afterwards that Don wanted the tank. This artwork is on the next page.

He told me that he was working on something but never really told me what it was. He wanted it to be a surprise. So when I arrived for the movie *Fury* everyone was already talking about the tank stand. Don had it in the hotel set up on a table. The photo on the next page is of the tank stand at Homecoming. You can see some unit insignia laying in front of it. This was the beginning of the Tank Stand.

Don Moriarty - The Armor Archaeologist



These are the types of things that Don would do. You never really knew what to expect if you got a message from him. He was always into something. A project here or there. Helping someone look for information or clarification on something. He was on so many pages on Facebook it was strange to see where he may pop up.

These little “projects” he would share on Facebook. Like when he found the letters off the US Cavalry store and had them in his back yard. He wired them up and plugged them in. His response was “They are so bright I don’t think I can have them on inside...”

His red rollback for Gold City Towing was his rolling office. It was at all of our meetings that he attended. I was always on the lookout for it. Plus he was always sharing the odd and exotic that he might be hauling. Or photos of him tearing into it like one of the vintage military vehicles he have worked on.

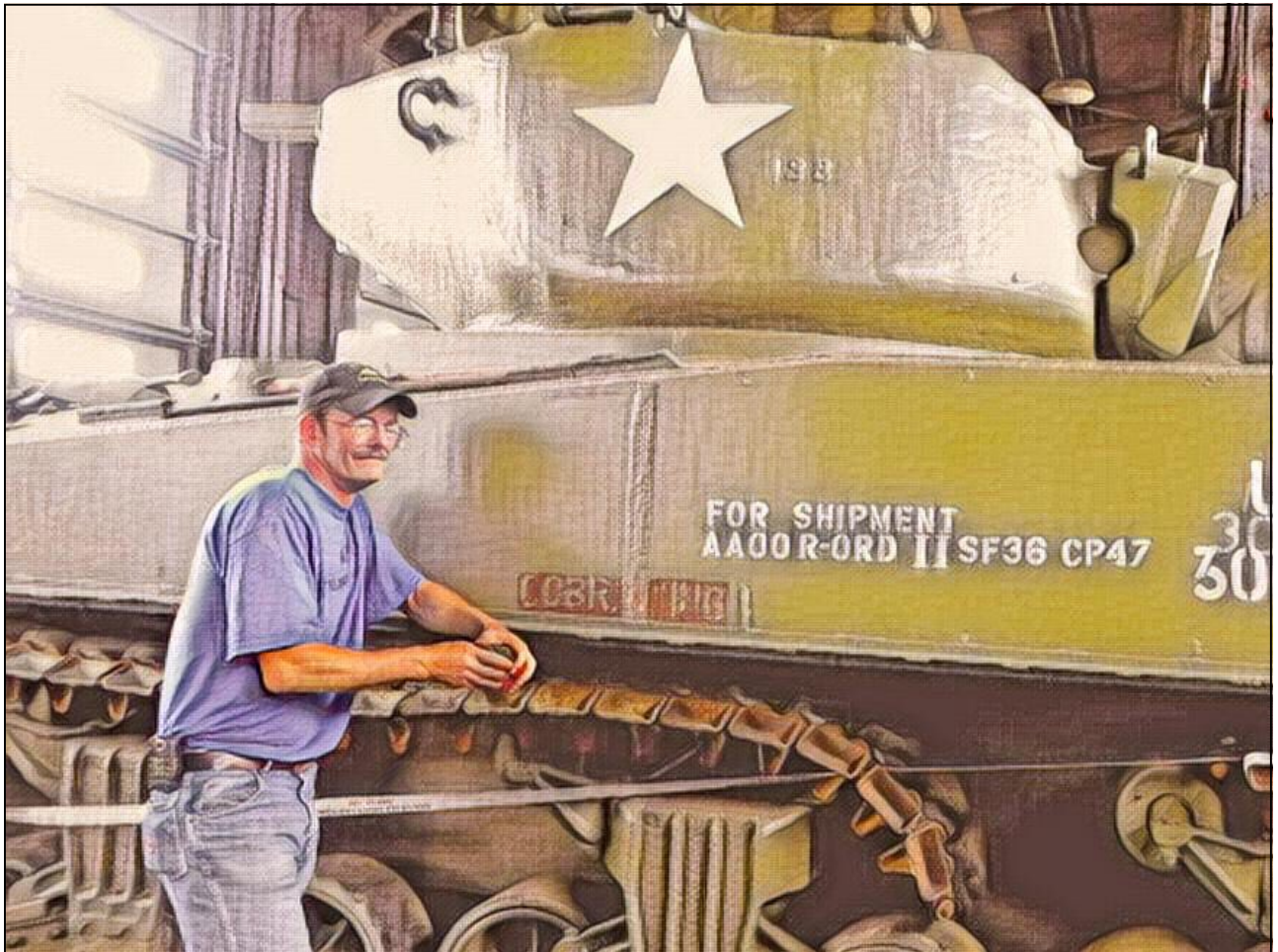
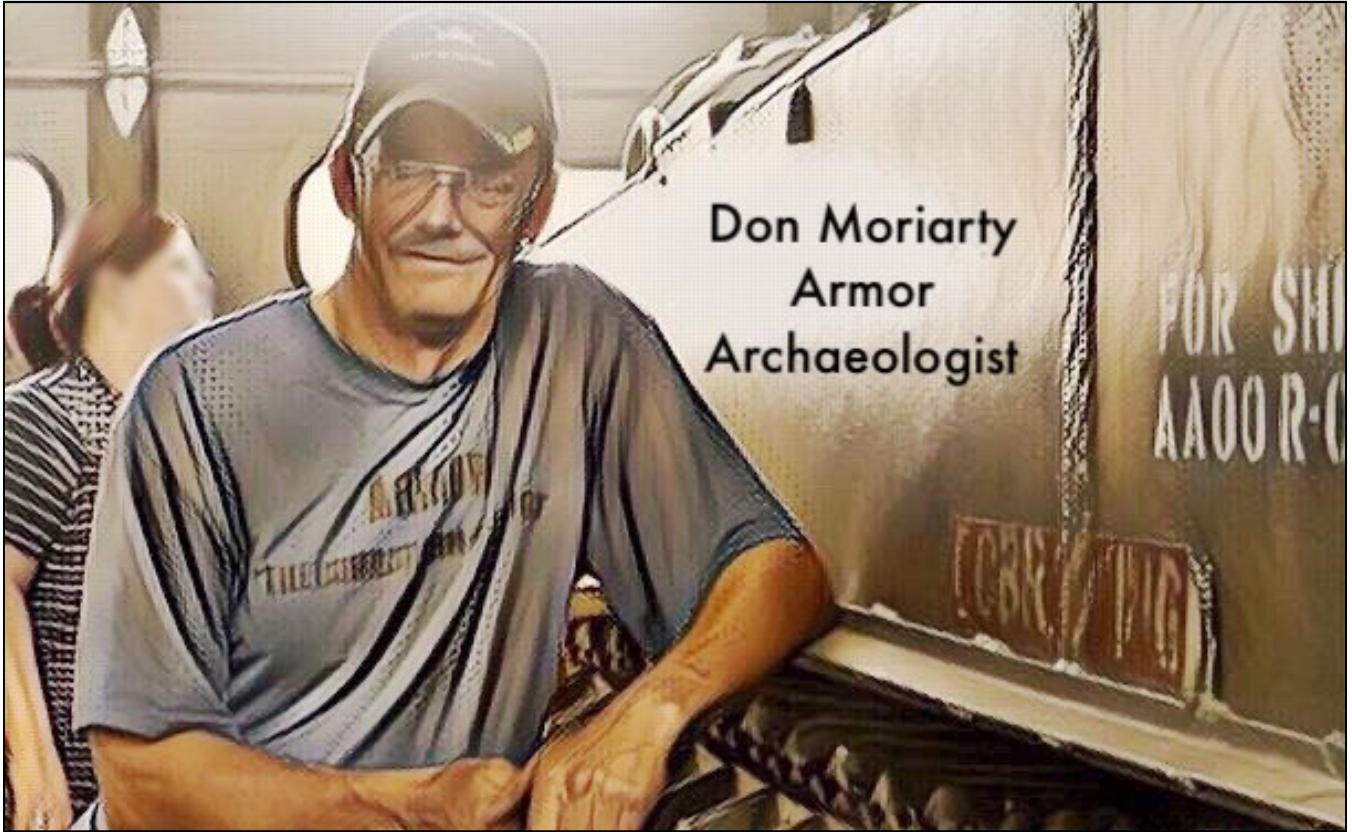
Of the many things that Don was known for was his work on the restoration of the M50A1 Ontos. The other is Cobra King. Two things that if you got him talking about you were in for a long discussion. I listened to Don talk about Cobra King at a 37th Tank Regiment reunion. We featured that talk in our June 2017 issue of the newsletter.

Don in a conversation when people asked what he did replied with “I am an Armor Archaeologist.” This came up when people were talking about his passing. I don’t think that there is any better way to describe Don Moriarty. In all of the times that we had talked he never really mentioned his rank or specific details to his Army Service. He was dedicated to telling the story of each vehicle. As in the case of Cobra King he crawled and picked over every millimeter of that vehicle. There is no telling how many photos he has looked through to verify that one vehicle.

It was an honor and privilege to be his friend and to know him. We will miss him.



Don Moriarty - The Armor Archaeologist



22 Challenge 10K Ruck March

The 22 Challenge 10K Ruck March was on Armed Forces Day, May 15th. It was a great day to be out. The crowd was good size and there were plenty of vendors and Veteran groups on hand. We had five members of the Battalion there. Wayne Bell and his kids, Brad Burrridge, Glen Searcy, myself and my wife, and Cory Edwards. Most of us hung out at the Red Yeti again which has been a tradition. Its always a good time! WWW.22Challenge.org





Saturday

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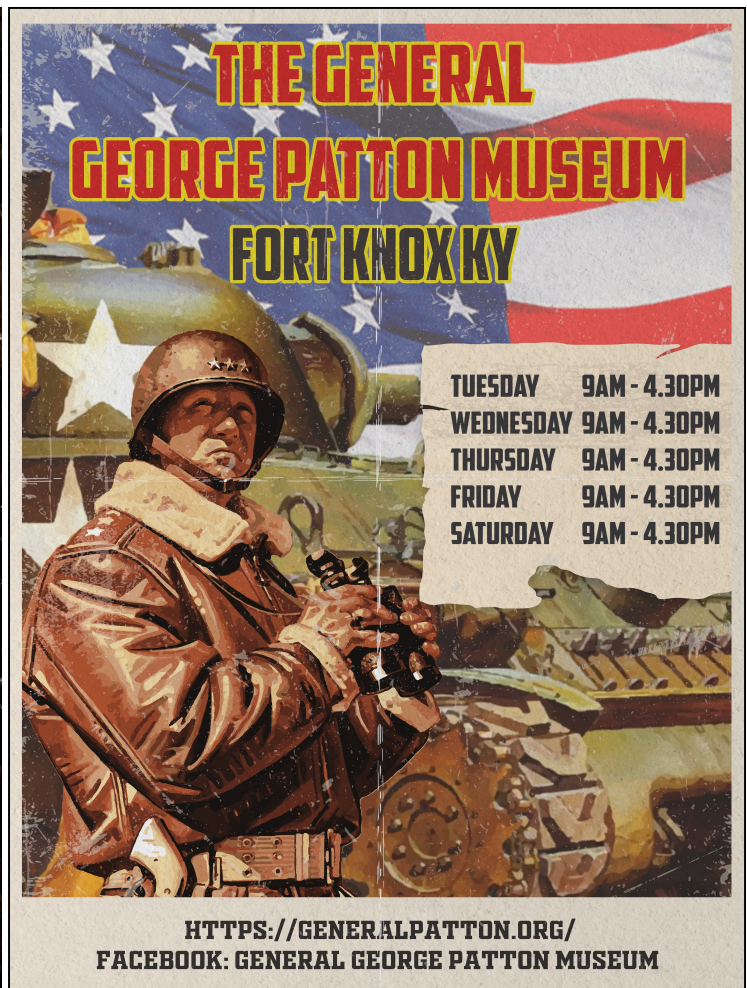
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Patton Week at the Patton Museum of Leadership



The Patton Battalion has sponsored \$500.00 for Patton Week. We are also donating 1 Treat'em Rough Mug, 1 Sticker, 1 patch, 1 lapel pin, and 1 Sprocket sticker for the silent auction. I have 50 brochures for the monument that will be out during Patton Week.

The following events were listed from the Patton Museum Foundation.

Our first Patton Week event will be a luncheon at Fort Knox's Saber and Quill with the Museum Director, Dr. Nathen Jones, giving a lecture on General Patton.

On Thursday July 8th at 5:30 pm, Crowne Pointe Theatre will host a showing of the movie Patton to celebrate the film's 50th Anniversary. The one-night-only event will feature a silent auction and raffle, and for those in attendance there will be an extremely rare showing of exclusive video footage following the film.

On Friday July 9th, we will have an event with live music celebrating a limited release of Patton's Armored Diesel Spirit at Boundary Oak Distillery in Radcliff and the exclusive line of General Patton Brickmania sets being released.

Lastly, on Saturday July 10th, Peerless Distillery in Louisville will host a meet-and-greet with the Patton Museum and Patton Museum Foundation staffs.

More New Items!

NEWLY ARRIVED!!!!

The Treat'em Rough and Tank Destroyer soft PVC Vinyl patches! These patches come with the Hook and Loop backing so they can be sewn onto anything.

The Tank Destroyer patch is the exact same size as the TD sticker. 3".

The Treat'em Rough patch is slightly larger than the decal. 4" x 3".



These are both on the website! These are \$10 each!



We finally have artwork for the 100 Years of Armor sprocket design. I had Cricket Press in Lexington do the work. As always they nailed it!

I have 100 of these and as soon as we get them up on the website we will have them available.

These will run the same as the other stickers which are \$5.

This design of 100 Years of Armor starts with the sprocket of the FT-17 Renault, centered, with a sprocket of an M1A2 on the outside. 100 years of driving track!

These stickers are made the same as the Treat'em Rough and TD stickers.

UV PROTECTED LAMINATE

Every sticker we produce comes with a Satin, Glossy or Matte UV layer to protect your stickers against fading, cracking or peeling. This layer is also scratch resistant.

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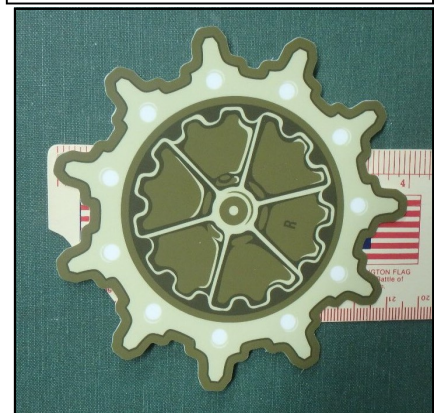
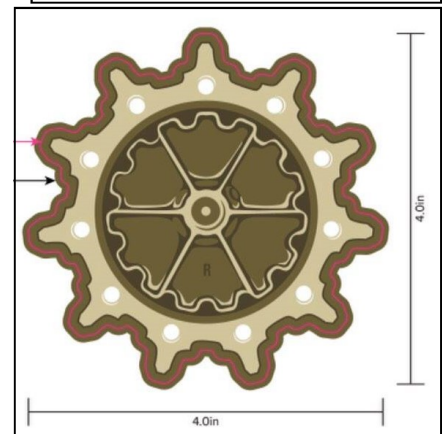
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Tank Corps Monument Items



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

These are on the website!

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 June 1, 2021, the Monument fund has \$16,166.00.

Total in Monument Account: \$16,166.00.

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

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

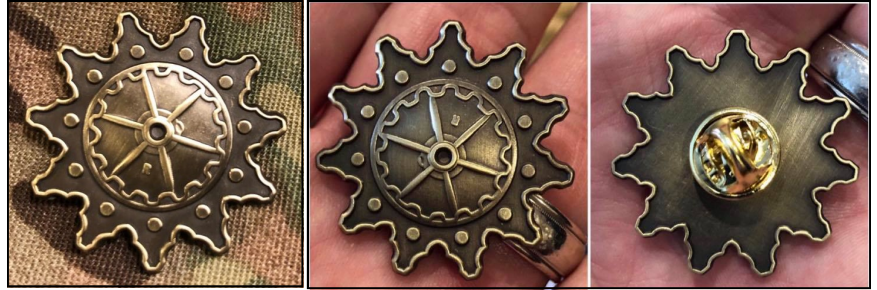
M4 Tee Shirt

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 June 1, has 438 members on our battalion Facebook page. Out of those 451 members we are currently at 93 paid members. The Patton Battalion has \$0 in funds in the PayPal account. We have \$314.71 in the Patton Operating account. Battalions funds are \$314.71. 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



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USABOT Memberships can be renewed and purchased By mail at

USABOT
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Doylestown, OH 44230

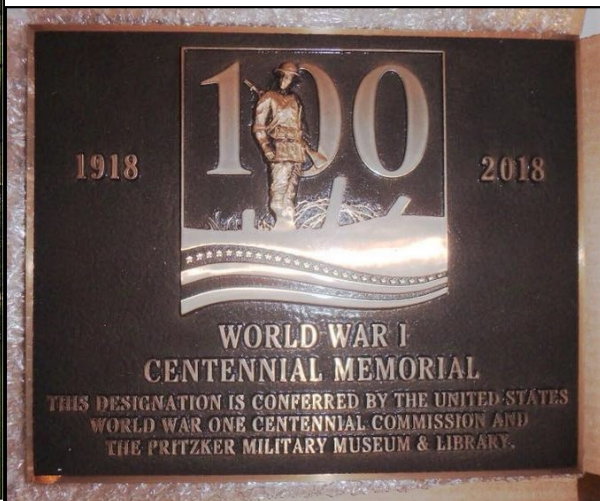
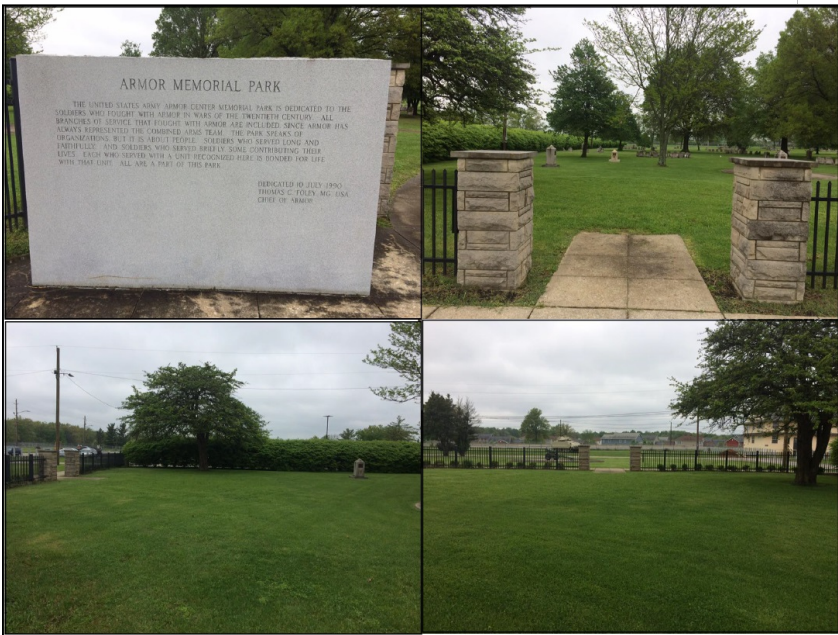
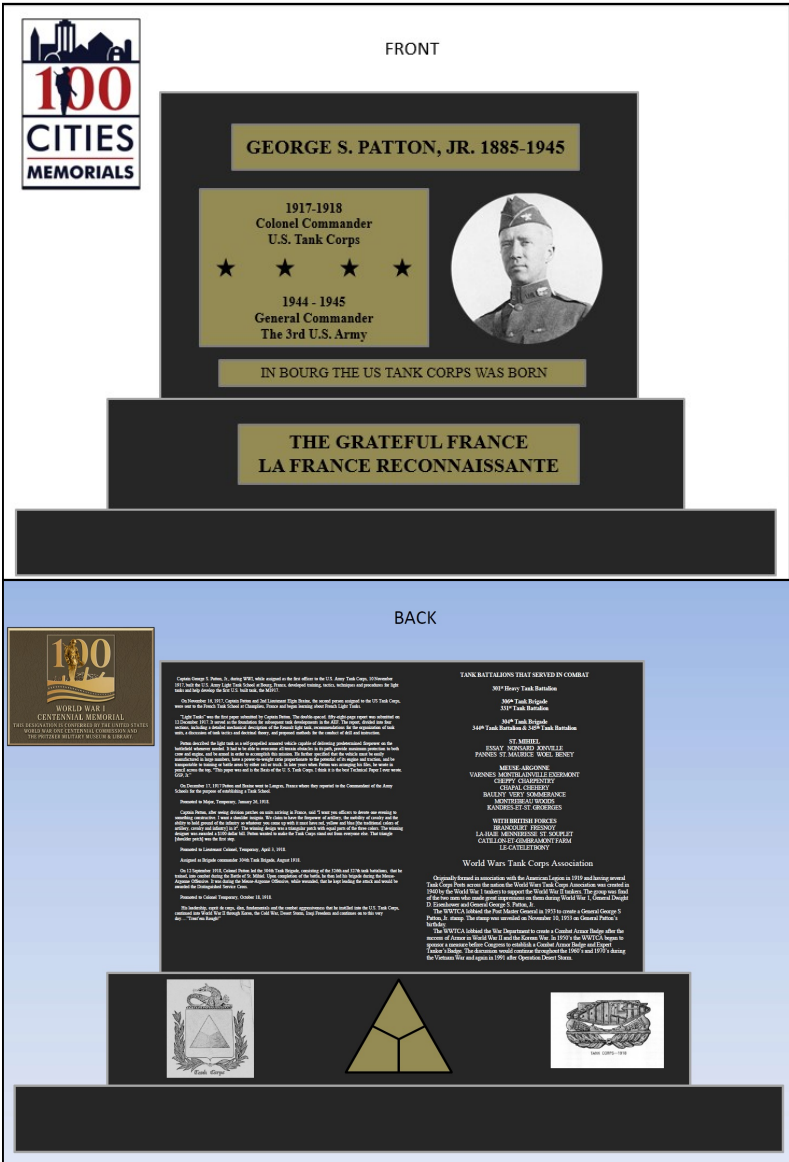
Make checks payable to USABOT
If at all possible try to go the USABOT Store Online and register there so that the G4 can track.

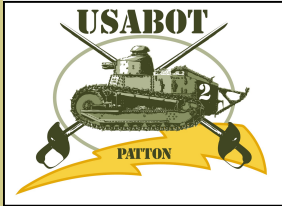
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Patton Joins the US Tank Corps Monument

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

<https://19seriesclothing.com/>





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Be sure to check us out on Twitter @pattonbattalion

Lee Robertson sporting his new Patton Battalion shirt. I had the custom shirt worked up since Lee did not wear the traditional Tankers Jacket during WWII.

The shirt has USA Brotherhood of Tankers, Patton Battalion on the left chest and Honorary Lifetime Member on right chest.



Coming up in the July Issue - PATTON WEEK!

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 - October 14-17, 2021.

Sullivan Cup - Fort Benning, GA - Early in 2021, we will begin planning for the 2022 Sullivan Cup – Best Tank Crew Competition, likely to be executed in 2nd Quarter, Fiscal Year '22, and plans for the Gainey Cup to return around the same time in 2023.

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



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