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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

I recently finished a book that really made me think about the leadership style of MG Wood and MG Dager. The book was *Common Sense Way* by Pete Blaber. So I will begin the newsletter with some thoughts about that book. This was also spurred on by what I learned from a fictional movie that really taught me about training and leading.

Operation Anvil was a WWII reenactment that happened near Bowling Green, KY. One of the highlights was our Honorary Lifetime Member Lee Robertson came to the event and was recognized. We have some members of the battalion who were in the lead of this project and some who participated. This has been going on for a few years and has been growing each year.

The 9th Annual Tanker Homecoming was at Ft Carson, CO this month and hosted by the Rocky Mountain and Great Lakes Battalions. Turnout was very good and it looks like all had a great time.

Thursday was photos on the 4th ID Parade Field, visit to Fort Carson and 4th ID Museum. Friday was 3ABCT Tank Range with 1/66 AR, CCTT, SIM Center and WST. Retreat Ceremony. Saturday's Events were Dragonman's and WW II Aviation Museum. Lunch at American Legion Post 209. Then visit to Garden of The God's. Followed by the dinner that night. At the dinner Larry Levasseur handed over command of USABOT to David Nich.

Next year the Homecoming will be at Gettysburg, PA. The planning committee is looking for volunteers to help plan and run the event. If interested let me know and I can get you in contact with the committee.

KP Morris
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(Left to Right: Stephen G. Wilson, former USABOT National Commander, David Nich, Incoming Commander, Larry Levasseur, Outgoing Commander)

(Photo from inside the Retreat Formation)



The Common Sense Way by Pete Blaber

In his new book, *“The Common Sense Way; A New Way To Think About Leading and Organizing,”* Pete Blaber former Delta Force Operator, talks about leading and organizing. It was while reading the book that it hit me that this seems to be the way MG John S. Wood lead the 4th Armored Division. So here are some take-aways.

Learn, Adapt, Interact

Learn – a. to gain knowledge or understanding of or skill in by study, instruction, or experience

b. to come to be able

c. to come to realize

d. to come to know

Adapt – See Above

Interact – to act upon one another

Develop The Situation or D-T-S

“Develop” means to bring out the possibility or potential of something. “Situation” refers to what’s going on around us in the context of the moment. As a method, “Develop the Situation” means to bring out the possibility and potential of what’s going on around us in the context of the moment. As a mindset, we bring out the possibility and potential of something when we take time to think about it.

Gravity, Energy, Time

Gravity – What goes up must come down, applies anywhere anytime

Energy – The speed of light is constant

Time – Time only moves in one direction

The conflicts that create the most friction between leaders and their teams (e.g. combat, business, sports) emerge from the contradictions between “the way” leaders tell their people what to do (e.g. strategy, plans, disconnected chains of command) and “the way” the adaptive stimulus of what’s going on around us in the context of the moment reveals what we should do.

To lay the foundations for successful choice making, “common sense leaders” don’t tell their people what to do or how to choose. Instead they “prime” their people’s mind by saying out loud and sharing their “common purpose” along with all the context specific knowledge of patterns and principles they’ve learned to accomplish it. In aggregate: the “foundational logic of why” they do what they do and choose what they choose.

What is Foundational Logic of Why?

Foundation is the basis on which a thing stands and/or is supported.

Logic is a neural process that describes the way our neocortex learns, organizes and retrieves context-specific knowledge of patterns to reveal patterns and relationships that “make sense” of the world. To “make logical sense” of any pattern our neocortex needs a purpose.

Why refers to the cause, reason, or purpose for which something is done.

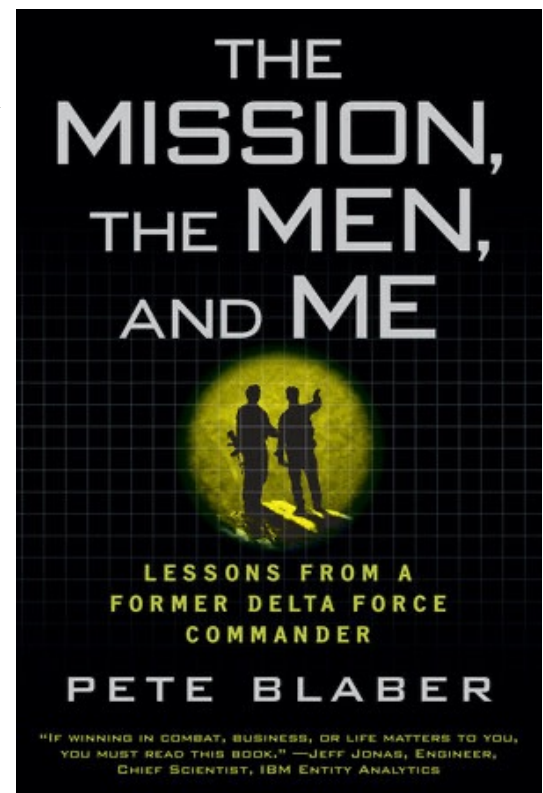
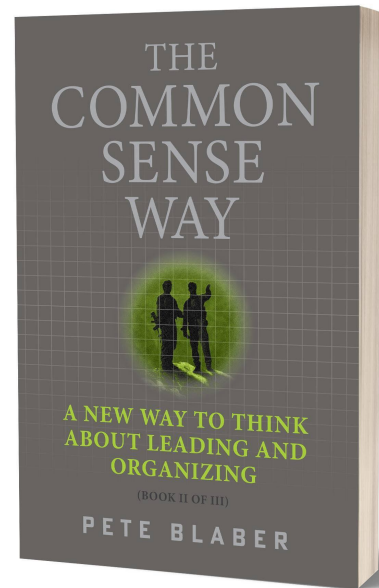
FLOW is a metaphor for “the biologic way” our thinking brains learn, organize and retrieve knowledge of patterns to accomplish any purpose. When said out loud and shared, **FLOW provides our brains with common sense of shared purpose and direction for accomplishing it.**

Priming – Leaders lay the foundation for successful choice-making by priming their people’s minds with a “foundation” of context-specific “knowledge of patterns.”

Priming is an unconscious form of human memory whereby exposure to one stimulus (e.g. a word, guiding principle or image) influences the way the brain responds to a subsequent stimulus.

Combat leaders “prime” their teams before every mission.

This is book 2 of 3. Book one is *The Mission, the Men and Me*.



Heartbreak Ridge

While reading this book it brought back memories of my first lessons in training. Ones I actually applied while serving.

Improvise, Overcome, Adapt – Clint Eastwood’s character, Gunnery Sergeant Thomas Highway in the 1986 movie *“Heartbreak Ridge”* recited this to his Marine’s over and over. It was something that always stuck in my head.

Improvise – a. to make, invent, or arrange offhand
b. to make or fabricate out of what is conveniently on hand

Overcome – a. to get the better of
b. OVERWHELM
c. to gain the superiority

Adapt – a. to make fit (as for a new use) often by modification
b. to become adapted

The other favorite saying that stuck with me from Heartbreak Ridge.

Highway: “I needed to evaluate my men, sir.”

Maj. Malcolm A. Powers: “They’re not your men, you arrogant, egocentric, son of a b*tch. They’re the U.S. Marine Corps men. The Second Division’s men. The Eighth Marine Regiment’s men. In other words, they’re my men and so are you, GET IT?”

“I can’t fix it if I don’t know what’s broken”



Images courtesy of IMDB.com

Operation Anvil

On October 1-3 Operation Anvil event took place at Phil Moore Park near Bowling Green, KY. 175 re-enactors from 9 states arrived for the event. There were numerous military vehicles but the star of the show was a reproduction German Tiger Tank.

Rick Dickerson, a member of the battalion, was the host for the event. Another member of the battalion was there as a re-enactor, Bear Whitworth. Brad Burridge called our WWII Tanker in Bowling Green and invited him and Lee Robertson arrived on Saturday afternoon. Lee was recognized along with many other WWII, Korea and Vietnam Veterans. Brad sent me some photos which I will share.

OPERATION ANVIL

Reenactor Schedule of Events

All times listed are CST

Friday 01 Oct 2021
0800 until complete - Camp set up
1200 until 2100 - Registration
TBA - World War II Movie

Saturday 02 Oct 2021
0600 - 0900 Camp set up
0800- 0830 Breakfast
0800-0930 Registration open – reenactors and veterans
0900 Opening ceremony & posting of colors
0915 - 0930 Safety briefing and ammo check
0945 -1000 Prep for battle
1000 -1045 First battle
1050 -1100 Vehicle parade
1100 - 1200 Veterans Tribute
1200 - 1300 Meet and greet veterans
1200 -1230 Lunch in camp
1215 - 1230 Weapons demo
1345 Prep for second battle
1400 -1445 Second battle
1445 -1455 Vehicle parade
1500 -1515 Weapons demo
1530 -1800 Camps open to the public
1800 Camps officially close to public.
If public is still present, continue to answer questions and educate.



Operation Anvil- Cont.



Rick Dickerson

Lee Robertson



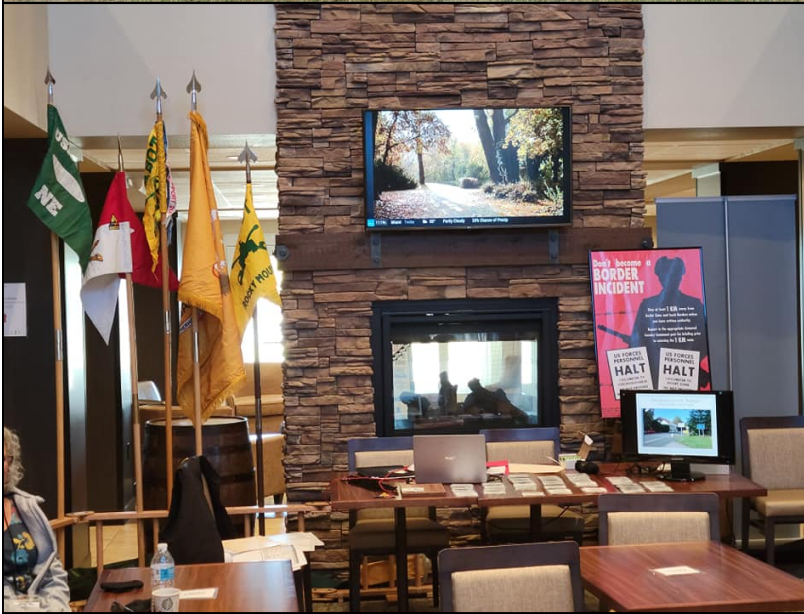
Brad Burrige

Bear Whitwoth



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9TH ANNUAL TANKER HOMECOMING
FORT CARSON, CO
OCTOBER 14, 2021



9th Annual Tanker Homecoming - Fort Carson, CO - Cont.



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9th Annual Tanker Homecoming - Fort Carson, CO



Above: LTC Chirs B. Manglicmont, Larry Levasseur outgoing USABOT Commander, Kevin "Infamous" Bolke, and CSM Chris R. Mortenson, they are the 1-66 AR CMD team.

Left: Homecoming paparazzi

Below Left: Two members walking on the Tank Range
Bottom Right: LTC James K. Dooghan, Deputy Commander for Maneuver, 4th ID, was the guest speaker at the HC dinner here with Tim Williams, Lone Star Battalion.



More New Items!

NEW ITEM ALERT !!!

We now have a Red Ball Express sticker. It was proposed to us that the logistics community wanted to be a part of the story we are sharing on Patton and the US Tank Corps. It was during WWII that the Red Ball Express kept Patton and the Third Army moving!

So we now have the “Keep’em Rolling” stickers. These are 4” tall stickers that will be \$5 each.

We now have the Reb Ball Express Patch!!! In Stock! \$10 each!



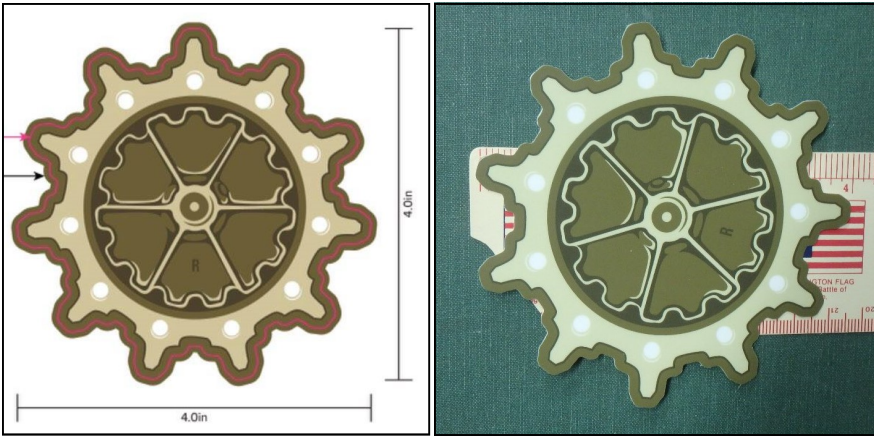
The Treat’em Rough and Tank Destroyer soft PVC Vinyl patches! These patches come with the Hook and Loop backing so they can be sewn onto anything.

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!

Tank Corps Monument Items



The 100 Years of Armor sprocket design.

I have 90 of these, we get them up on the website we will have them available. These will run the same as the other stickers which are \$5.

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 8 as of this time.

So I have **8** 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 October 22, 2021, the Monument fund has \$16,702.00.

Total in Monument Account: \$16,702.00.

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.

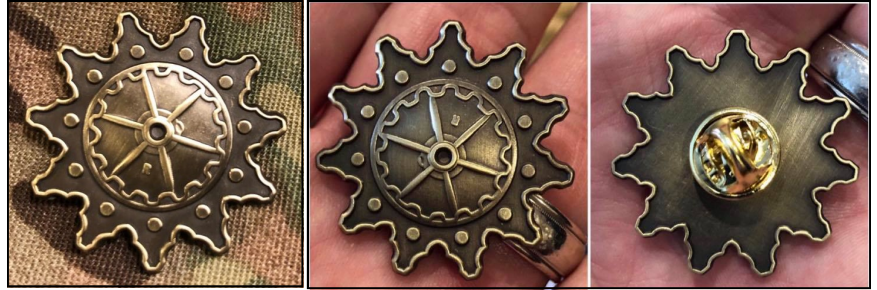
M4 Tee Shirt

Large: Tan - 1.

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 October 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 \$.33 in funds in the PayPal account. We have \$419.01 in the Patton Operating account. Battalions funds are \$419.01. 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

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68 West Marion ST
Doylestown, OH 44230

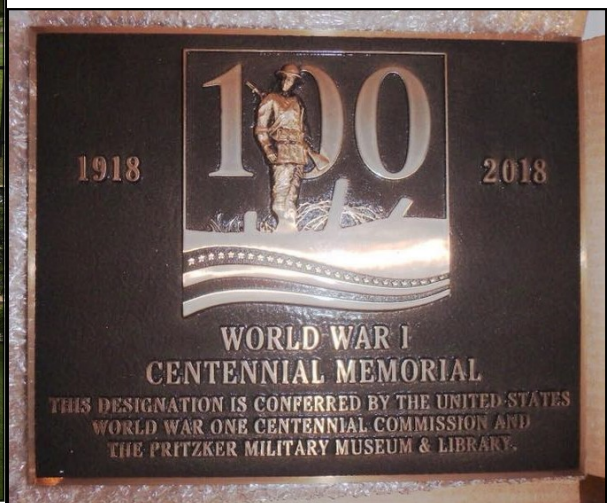
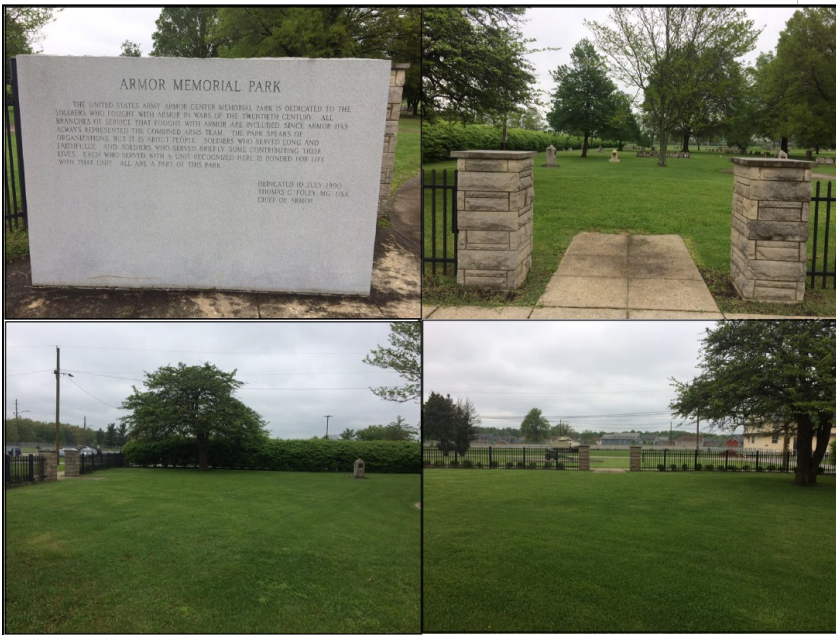
Make checks payable to USABOT
If at all possible try to go the USABOT Store Online and register there so that the G4 can track.

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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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Be sure to check us out on
Twitter @pattonbattalion

Scouts report Thanksgiving and Christmas are fast approaching!



Coming up in the December Issue -

Upcoming Events

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

TenthAnnual Tanker Homecoming - Gettysburg, PA. - Mid October 2022, dates TBD

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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