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Attention!

Scenarios begin at 0800 29MAR2014. Units need to have their commander or representative at the Allied CP NLT 180028MAR2014 for an in brief. Units are expected to be in the proper uniform at all times. Unit commanders are responsible for checking authenticity of their units. Reminder its 1944! Hair cuts ,no beards, no crazy mustaches. You are expected to be in the correct uniform for your impression NLT one hour after your check in. There is no "admin" time scheduled. Units are expected to follow the missions assigned to them. Clear all areas NLT 120030MAR2014

Vendors are available in the main building complex. All transactions are between you and the vendor. If you have issues report them to your chain of command



Standards: Participants are to maintain all standards of HRS. **WARNING:** If your hair cut is not period correct or your impression is jacked up you will be asked to leave with no refunds. Square yourself away, respect the use of the facilities at Weldon, obey rulings of the event staff conduct safety and accountability (units are responsible for accounting for their personnel) , police up used brass and trash, fill in any and all holes, ruts, etc.



Welcome to Weldonkrieg 2014

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Vehicles:

We are lucky to have numerous MVs for this event. Thanks for sharing them with us! Safety first! Road speeds for vehicles will be 20mph on hardball, 15 on gravel and 10 passing troops. All MVs will have a ground guide in the rear area (tent, mess , admin areas) No fueling of vehicles out of the designated Motor Pool area. A vehicle safety inspection will be conducted prior to their use. Only licensed drivers over the age of 18 will be permitted to operate motor vehicles . Tow vehicles and trailers will be secured in the designated area way from unit assembly and sleeping areas. Obey all post signs. **NO OFF ROAD DRIVING.**

Reminders:

NO LIVE Ammunition NO Alcohol , NO Post 1945 Music , NO Pets, and make a 100% effort to maintain a WW2 era environment

Mess Information: Only one meal is included (SAT evening meal) all others are on the individual. There is an Allied Mess and an Axis mess located in the rear area., meals will begin on Friday night. Meals with Allied and Axis mess' must be coordinated with cooks. Contact Field Kitchen personnel for more information.

SAT Evening Meal: 1800 Catered Food truck will be available Friday night and Saturday morning only.

Latrines: Use chemical toilets. No cat holes!

Communications: coordinate with company commanders.

Trash: Collect all trash and place in dumpster.

Smoking: No smoking in any buildings, police up butts.



Now that you mention it, it does sound like the patter of rain on a tin roof...
Bill Mauldin

Tent areas will be under the control of units. Event staff and assigned patrols will have access to all areas regardless of unit affiliation . Participants are expected to respect fellow re -enactors during quiet hours. All units will conduct a police call prior to release on Sunday.

Contact info:

Event Coordinator: David Goodwin

Allied POC: Tim Sherrer

Axis POC: David "Earl" Overschmit

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Allied Task organization:

TF Venable Commander: LtC. Scherrer

TF Venable Sgt Major: M/Sgt. Dan Bowman

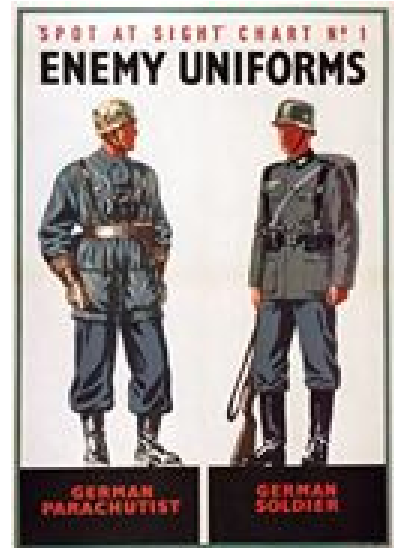
I&R: 1Lt. Rob Leinweber

A Company: Capt. Jon Shoop

B Company: Capt. Dave Hruska

C Company: Capt. Chris Smead

TF Venable is named in honor of Carol Venable



"Captain" Carol N. Venable, founder and curator of the Armed Forces Museum of St. Louis in Alton, died July 5, 2006 of respiratory failure at Christian Hospital. He was 74 and lived in Ferguson.

Mr. Venable was born in Pleasant Hill, Ill. The effects of polio from his childhood prevented him from serving in the military, so he joined the Civil Air Patrol, the civilian auxiliary of the Air Force. He served for 40 years, flying search and rescue missions. For years, he made an annual flight over a local military cemetery to drop flowers over veterans' graves on Memorial Day. He was survived by his wife Mildred, who also passed away on 4 January 2012.

One of the founding fathers of WWII reenacting, Carol brought his large vehicle collection to the Weldon Spring and Jefferson Barracks events. Venable later founded the Armed Forces Museum of St. Louis in the early 1980s, when he began displaying a collection of military vehicles in the back yard of his house near the McDonnell Douglas Corp. It was initially housed at Granite City Soldier Support Depot, IL and later moved to Alton, IL.

Carol was the leader of the WWII Reenacting Unit 82nd Recon, 2nd Armored Division and despite his inability to walk, Carol rode atop his M-3 Scout Car at most events. He was known for being a friendly reenactor who was warm to anyone he met. He mostly left reenacting in the 1990s to focus on the museum, but Carol was a large figure at all of the Weldon Spring events.

This fitting tribute was written by his granddaughter in 2010:

I miss you grandpa. I miss the way you say "Well, Hi there!!" I miss your stories (esp. falling rock). I miss your QT cup. I miss your cookie bag. I miss you singing "hey, hey good lookin." I miss the museum. I miss all your junk...er, treasure! ...yes, treasure! I miss how you tear up to that song "I'm proud to be an American" I miss your kind, positive, happy attitude...your smile. nothing is the same without you. I cherish every memory and all the time we spent together. I'll never trade it for anything in the world. Thank you for helping make me the person I am. I love you grandpa. You're the most genuine, honest soul and heart I've ever known.

We all miss you