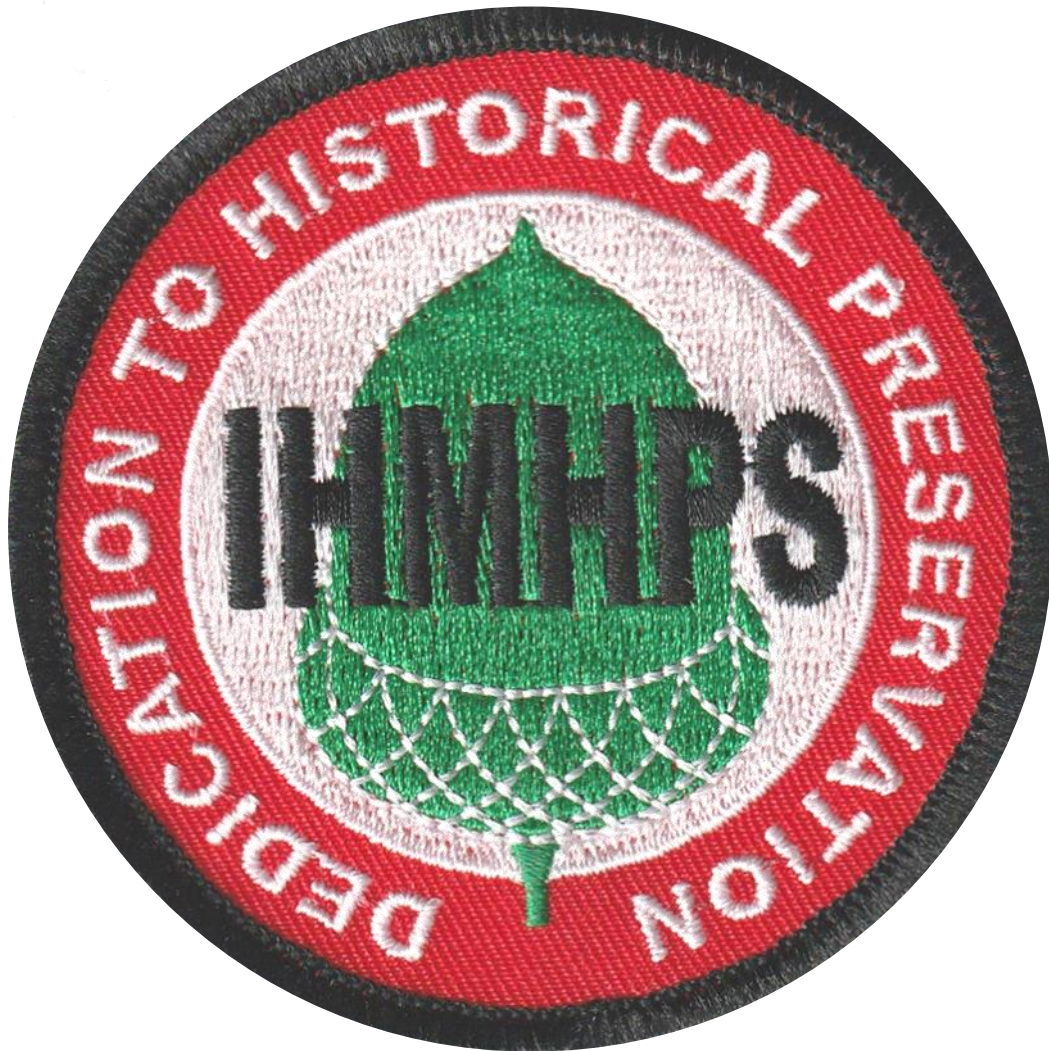


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and not to yield."*

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the end of the Second World War.

A note from the Editor

I am very excited about our IHMHPS Recognition Initiative - an opportunity for us to raise awareness about people who inspire and inform us, and who make our interest in Hungarian military history all the more enjoyable. A brief explanation of the project is in English and Hungarian on page 3, while bilingual nomination forms are provided on pages 4 and 5 (this information, and the forms will also be available on our homepage).

I encourage you all to bring worthy candidates to our attention in an ongoing campaign to help nurture the interest we all care so much about. Do not hesitate to contact me anytime with your questions or concerns. Our new embroidered patch, pictured on our cover (actual size 7.8cm, or 3"), is available to all members for \$5.00.

Congratulations to five of our own new IHMHPS Badge of Honour recipients - all shining examples of dedication to historical preservation (page 6)!

Manfred Winter is also featured in this issue. His devotion to our cause is nothing new, however, his most recent milestone is yet another affirmation of his incredible ability and dedication. The IHMHPS is honoured to have such a man among us.

On pages 10 and 11, Ferenc Bálint, with the cooperation of Tamás Baczoni presents behind-the-scenes details of the insignia used by our favourite museum.

And for your reference, an updated presentation of IHMHPS awards and insignia is presented (actual size) on the pages 12 to 14.

Keeping with the recognition theme, it's my pleasure to mention Stephen Szigethy's recent kudos. The Coles County Fair in Charleston, Illinois (established in 1854), gives the community a chance to show off their unique interests and talents, connected with agriculture, arts and crafts, etc. Stephen decided to enter an exhibit this year - space constraints limit what you can enter, so he decided to put together a few artifacts representing the Hungarian 2nd Army.

His miniature museum received a lot of positive feedback, and he was encouraged to continue entering items in the county fair each year and to think about also competing at the State Fair of Illinois.

Stephen says that *"Not a lot of people know about Hungary - where it's located or its historical significance; so I am just trying to show the public more about the country."*

P.Cz.



*"I am proud of
my Hungarian
heritage, and I have
learned of some
Hungarian connec-
tions and stories
from several of
our community
members."*

**Congratulations
Stephen!**



THE IHMHP S RECOGNITION INITIATIVE

History preserved is fragile and precious, and can only survive if it is carefully and faithfully protected.

It can easily be destroyed by neglect, or subjectively altered by misguided revision.

Everyone is part of the past, however, historical preservation is the domain of a very few.

The IHMHP S hopes to nurture those few who affectionately and objectively preserve, document, and raise awareness of Hungarian and Austro-Hungarian military history.

The IHMHP S Recognition Initiative is a program instituted to actively promote exemplary work related to Hungarian and Austro-Hungarian military history by individuals who are not necessarily members of the IHMHP S. The award of our organization's Badge of Honour, coupled with recognition published in our journal, the *Magyar Front*, is intended to raise awareness of the work not only of people who have established long careers of service, but also to youth and newcomers to the field who show particularly keen interest and dedication.

Anyone may nominate individuals who demonstrate dedication to the preservation of Hungarian and Austro-Hungarian military history for this initiative. An IHMHP S committee will consider the merit of each nominee, endeavour to obtain whatever information the nominee wishes to share with the IHMHP S and the *Magyar Front*, and forward them the IHMHP S Badge of Honour, miniature, and certificate of appreciation. Anyone involved may organize their own local investitures with the support of the IHMHP S.

Children and youth who show a particularly keen interest in this field through school or private projects, but who do not necessarily qualify for the Badge of Honour, may also be nominated for recognition, and if chosen, will receive a letter of congratulation and encouragement, along with an embroidered IHMHP S patch. No fees will be charged for any of these awards.

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AZ IHMHP S ELISMERÉSI KEZDEMÉNYEZÉSE

A történelem megörökítése nehéz, de fontos feladat, amely nagy körültekintést és lelkiismeretességet igényel. A történelmi hűség könnyen sérülhet, ha a múltat elhanyagoljuk vagy ha szubjektíven, részrehajlóan tanulmányozzuk.

Mindannyiunkkal együtt él a múlt, de annak kutatása és megörökítése csak kevesek hivatása.

Az IHMHP S támogatni kívánja azokat, akik elhivatottan és tárgyilagosan őrzik, dokumentálják és ráirányítják a figyelmet a magyar és az osztrák–magyar hadtörténelemre.

Az IHMHP S Elismerési Kezdeményezésének célja, hogy felhívja a figyelmet azoknak a tevékenységére, akik a magyar és osztrák–magyar hadtörténelemmel kapcsolatban példaértékű munkát végeznek, de nem feltétlenül tagjai az IHMHP S-nek. Szervezetünk Díszjelvényének adományozásával, és a kitüntetett személyeknek a *Magyar Front* című folyóiratunkban történő bemutatásával az a szándékunk, hogy – a hosszú pályafutással rendelkező szakemberek mellett – a téma iránt lelkes és elkötelezett fiatalokat és pályakezdőket is megismertessük az olvasókkal.

A kezdeményezés értelmében bárki jelölhet olyan személyeket, akik elkötelezettek a magyar és az osztrák–magyar hadtörténelem ügye iránt. Az IHMHP S bizottság minden jelölést mérlegel; a jelölt által rendelkezésre bocsátott adatokat megosztja az IHMHP S folyóirata, a *Magyar Front* hasábjain; valamint kézbesíti a kitüntetettek részére az IHMHP S Díszjelvényét, annak miniatűrjét és adományozási okiratát. Az IHMHP S támogatja helyi kitüntetésátadó ünnepek szervezését.

Azok a gyermekek és fiatalok, akik iskolai vagy magánprojektek résztvevőiként nagy érdeklődést mutatnak a hadtörténelem iránt, de nem feltétlenül jogosultak a Díszjelvényre, szintén jelölhetők elismerésre, és kiválasztásuk esetén gratuláló és buzdító levelet kapnak, valamint egy hímezett IHMHP S jelvényt. Az elismerésekért térítést nem kell fizetni.

„Mert a sokak öröme gyakran egyvalakihez vezethető vissza, ahogy a makkot plántáló kéz is egész seregeket véd a nap sugaraitól.”



THE IHMHPs RECOGNITION INITIATIVE BADGE OF HONOUR NOMINATION FORM

Complete and sign the nomination form.

Write a brief summary indicating the reasons you believe your nominee is a worthy candidate.

Write a detailed description of the nominee and their achievements including background and history of the nominee.

You may also include additional material such as supplementary testimonials, publications, media stories, etc.

Information provided will be kept private and confidential. Once the award is made, permission will be requested for the publication of pertinent information about the recipient, photos, etc. in the IHMHPs journal, the *Magyar Front*.

Awards will be sent to the recipient, or arrangements will be made for the award to be picked up.

There are no charges or fees for the award.

Nominee Information:

First name _____ Last name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Nominator information:

First name _____ Last name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Nominator signature* _____ Date _____

**I hereby declare that all the information provided in this application is true and accurate in every respect. I understand that the nominee would be denied the IHMHPs Badge of Honour if the information is found to be inaccurate for any reason.*



AZ IHMHPs ELISMERÉSI KEZDEMÉNYEZÉSE DÍSZJELVÉNY FELTERJESZTÉSI JAVASLAT

Töltse ki és írja alá a jelölő lapot.

Írjon rövid összefoglalót arról, hogy miért tartja jelöltjét elismerésre méltónak.

Írjon részletes leírást a jelöltről és eredményeiről, különös tekintettel személyes hátterére és történetére.

Ezen kívül további anyagokat is mellékelhet, például kiegészítő ajánlásokat, publikációkat, médiatörténeteket stb.

A megadott adatokat bizalmasan kezeljük. Az elismerés odaítélése után az IHMHPs folyóirata, a *Magyar Front* a kitüntetetről csak annak előzetes engedélyével közöl adatokat, fotókat stb.

Az IHMHPs gondoskodik az elismerés kézbesítéséről vagy személyes átadásáról.

Az elismerésért térítést nem kell fizetni.

A jelölt adatai:

Vezetéknév _____ Keresztnév _____

Cím _____

Telefonszám _____ Email _____

A jelölő adatai:

Vezetéknév _____ Keresztnév _____

Cím _____

Telefonszám _____ Email _____

A jelölő aláírása* _____ Dátum _____

**Ezennel kijelentem, hogy a jelen javaslatban szereplő adatok minden tekintetben valósak és helyesek. Tudomásul veszem, hogy a jelölt nem részesülhet az IHMHPs Díszjellyében, ha az adatok bármilyen okból helytelennek bizonyulnak.*



New IHMHPS Badge of Honour Recipients



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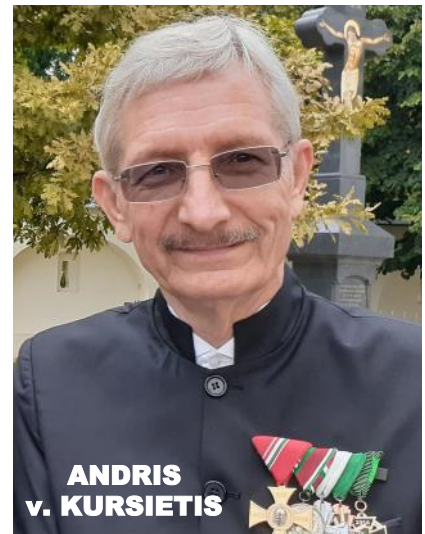
**JOSEPH
GYÖKERI**



**KRISZTIÁN
GRÓBER**



**ZOLTÁN
v. KÖRÖSSY**



**ANDRIS
v. KURSJETIS**

Ferenc Bálint's life is dedicated to historical preservation – earning an MA in history in 2007 and serving as curator of the Hungarian Military History Museum's Uniform & Equipment Collection from 2011 to 2022, he is currently with the Ministry of Defence Military Heritage Department. He has also been a re-enactor since 2002, specializing in ancient Rome, the Hungarian medieval era, and the First and Second World Wars. He has been an IHMHPS member since 2014.

Krisztián Gróber was inspired when he received his great-grandfather's WWI medals from his grandmother, and later met Péter v. Laborc who nurtured his interest of military history, which included an introduction to the IHMHPS (he has been a member since 2017). He has been collecting for the past fifteen years, his legal background making him particularly interested in judicial uniforms and related items. Aware of the newer generations' reliance on the internet and the lack of specialized material associated with his field, he has been working on educational Hungarian militaria videos on YouTube (Decker's Militaria). He lovingly presents a vast array of material in his very well-made, thoughtful, and thoroughly enjoyable videos.

Joseph Gyökeri is currently a Chief Warrant Officer and full-time maintenance test pilot and maintenance officer in the Massachusetts Army National Guard, flying the Black Hawk in a MEDEVAC company. He's served in the National Guard for eighteen years and has deployed twice to Iraq. Much of his spare time is devoted to studying and collecting Hungarian WWI and WWII militaria, especially uniforms and medals. A former member of the MHBK Vancouver Chapter, he has been with the IHMHPS since its beginning in 2008.

Zoltán v. Kőrössy is devoted to the historical preservation of the Royal Hungarian Gendarmerie – his extensive archive can be viewed at www.csendor.com. His life-long dedication has earned him numerous awards and accolades, and his donation of artifacts and documents to the Veritas Historical Research Institute and Archives in Hungary was rewarded with the Hungarian Gold Cross of Merit. Also a former member of the MHBK Vancouver Chapter, and a member of the IHMHPS since 2008.

Andris v. Kursietis, a well-known pillar of the Latvian-American community, is also a keen researcher of military history and a prolific author of books on that subject (he has written twenty books on various military topics). Over the years he has generously contributed several articles to the *Magyar Front*, from his time as a member of the MHBK Vancouver Chapter and through the years in the IHMHPS. Recently, he was honoured by membership in the Order of the Valliant (Vitézi Rend).

Forty Years of Service

Our Own Manfred Winter Celebrates Four Decades in the Austrian Army

A man of action and unselfish service not only to his country, but to many comrades around the world, Manfred Winter needs no introduction to the IHMHPS membership. An IHMHPS member from the very beginning, Manfred also belonged to the MHBK (Magyar Harcosok Bajtársi Közössége) Vancouver Chapter.

Manfred was born in 1965 in a small town in the north of Lower Austria, near the border of the former Czechoslovakia. He went through basic army training in 1982 at Baden, and shortly after made his decision to become a professional soldier. When he became an NCO, he served at the Austrian Armed Driving School, the only institution of the Austrian Army that trains driving instructors and technical staff for military wheeled and tracked vehicles.

Below left: The Verdienstzeichen des Bundeslandes Niederösterreich (Decoration of Merit of the State of Lower Austria), and right: Manfred receiving it from the Governor of Lower Austria, Johanna Mikl-Leitner.

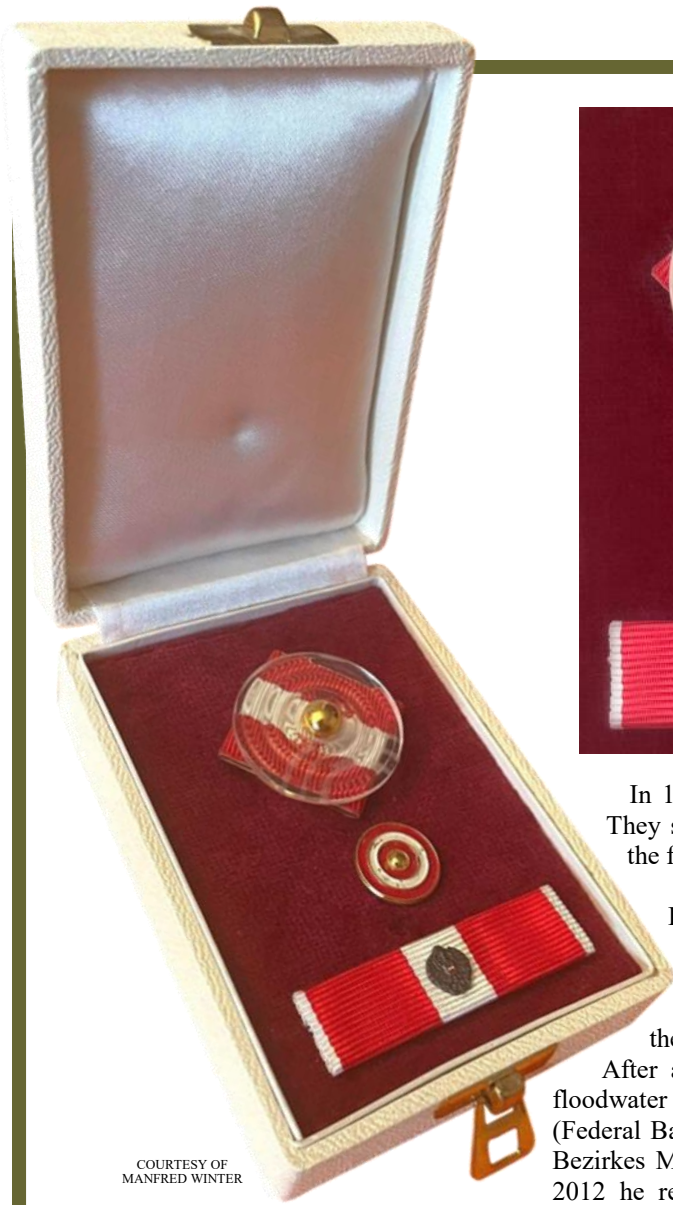


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Left:
The Austrian Bundes-Ehrenzeichen (Federal badge of Honour) awarded to Manfred Winter – “...an award for people who have rendered services through voluntary, unpaid assistance within the framework of voluntary organizations in which citizens provide service in the public interest; particularly in the rescue services, disaster control, the social sector, culture, sport, environmental protection, the care of young people and the elderly, etc.”

In 1991 he married Sigrid, and their son Christoph was born in 1992. They settled in Münchendorf in the district of Mödling, in the middle of the federal state of Lower Austria.

In 2000, Manfred received the Silver Medal of Merit of the Republic of Austria after a nineteen-month UN mission in Cyprus (Famagusta) where he trained to be both a public safety diver and a parachutist. Two years later he was advanced to the role of Sergeant Major of the Driving Instruction Company in Baden with the rank of a Warrant Officer First Class.

After a few missions on the Austrian national border and disaster and floodwater missions inland, Manfred was awarded the Bundes-Ehrenzeichen (Federal Badge of Honour) of the Republic of Austria and the Ehrennadel des Bezirkes Mödling (Badge of Honour of the municipality of Mödling); and in 2012 he received the Silver Cross of Merit from the Federal President of Austria, Dr. Heinz Fischer.

A member of the Austrian Veterans Association (ÖKB) since 1982, Manfred has been awarded the ÖKB Golden Medal of Merit; and from the IHMHPS the Gold Service Cross, along with numerous awards from Austrian and foreign organizations.

He was forced to curtail his heavy schedule of voluntary activities following a heart attack in 2016, however, he still helps out with the Bavarian Veterans' Association (BSB) and remains an invaluable help to the IHMHPS. We have also worked together on film and television projects and he's always ready to answer my numerous questions despite a recent accident in the Swiss Alps where he fell 130 metres and severely injured his back.

This year in April, for his military service and international volunteer work, Manfred received the Verdienstzeichen des Bundeslandes Niederösterreich (Decoration of Merit of the state of Lower Austria) from the governor of Lower Austria, Johanna Mikl-Leitner.

Reflecting on this impressive milestone, he simply states: “...I am proud of these 40 years. I served my homeland, the Republic of Austria.”

For me, Manfred's diligence, reliability, sense of duty and honour, along with his countless examples of unselfishness and true friendship, is the definition of the word “comrade.”

P.Cz



COURTESY OF MANFRED WINTER

Left: Ehrennadel des Bezirkes Mödling (Badge of Honour of the Municipality of Mödling) - “For meritorious work for the city of Mödling.”



COURTESY OF MANFRED WINTER

Above: Manfred's uniform tunic and cap.



COURTESY OF MANFRED WINTER

From left:
 Some of his awards -
 The Republic of Austria
 Silver Cross of Merit,
 Silver Medal of Merit,
 Medal for Military
 Missions in Austria,
 Medal for Disaster
 Missions in Austria,
 First Class 25 Year Armed
 Forces Service Cross,
 Lower Austria Cross of
 Merit, ÖKB Gold Medal
 of Merit, UNFICYP
 Peacekeeping Medal
 for 3 Missions, IHMHPS
 Gold Service Cross,
 and the Bavarian
 Veterans' Association
 Grand Cross of Merit.



*by Ferenc
Bálint*



Sleeve Insignia of the Ministry of Defence Military History Institute and Museum

The shoulder, or sleeve insignia of the MoD Military History Institute and Museum was in development before 2014, but it was not produced. Colonel Dr. Vilmos Kovács, the commander of the organization, officially ordered the sleeve insignia to be designed in 2014.

Avoiding clichés was an important aspect considered throughout this process – symbols like the combination of the sword and quill, or a book and parchment. These symbols can be seen in many other sleeve insignia in the Hungarian Defence Forces. The use of the museum's new logo (introduced in 2013) seemed an obvious choice and was preferred by the leadership of the institution.

In 2012, the institution called for submissions to design a new image. The main element was to be a new logo, and a modern homepage. The firm of eRise Hungary Ltd. won the tender and made plans for the logo. All the designs featured a plan-view of the actual building of the institution, and the final version depicts that, enclosed in a square, along with the name. The new logo was well received. Next, it had to be transformed into an embroidered insignia, according to military regulations – a full colour version for service and dress uniforms, and a subdued version for the combat uniform.

Finally, two designs were accepted, the main difference being their overall shape. The first version was a conservative “Iberian style” shield (a straight top with a rounded base). The second was in the form of a lozenge, allowing a larger silhouette of the logo. Because nearly all of the Hungarian Defence Forces sleeve insignia are circular or shield shaped, the latter version would have been considered quite unorthodox.

On the lozenge-shaped version, the stylized and crenelated castle wall in the background symbolized Buda Castle (one of Hungary's most important historical buildings) - the institution being part of that complex. The two versions have the same elements - the logo and the official name of the institution. Besides these, the year 1918 is prominently featured. At this point, both versions existed only on paper, and no actual patches were produced.

The shield-shaped version was accepted by Colonel General Dr. Tibor Benkő, Chief of the Defence Staff, on April 7th, 2015. Colonel Dr. Vilmos Kovács, the commander of the MoD Military Institute and Museum, introduced the new sleeve insignia by order number 37/2015. It was officially described as:

“The base form is a white so-called Iberian style shield (square top, rounded base). A black U-shaped stripe forms the sides and bottom. On the stripe can be read ‘HM HADTÖRTÉNETI INTÉZET ÉS MÚZEUM’ in Arial font, white letters. In the middle white field can be seen the red-coloured logo of the institution. The logo’s corners touch the inner silhouette of the U-shaped stripe. The white figure in the logo depicts the stylized plan-view of the building of the Military Institute and Museum in Buda Castle. Under the logo can be read ‘1918’ in Modern No. 20 font, referring to the foundation year of the predecessor, the Military History Archives and Museum.”

With the introduction of the M2015 combat uniform, the subdued version became obsolete, as the colors did not match the new camo pattern. The introduction of the new version is still in process.

Facing page: A selection of textile insignia in use by the museum from the 1970s to the present day.

PRIVATE COLLECTION



Embroidered patch worn from 2000 to 2010 by civilian museum staff



PRIVATE COLLECTION

Museum staff patch worn from the 1970s to the 1980s



PRIVATE COLLECTION

Private purchase museum staff patch from the 1990s



PRIVATE COLLECTION

Unofficial private purchase version for the M2015 uniform



PRIVATE COLLECTION

Private purchase, unofficial embroidered desert version



PRIVATE COLLECTION

Official private purchase embroidered version for the M1990 combat uniform

Embroidered, private purchase sleeve patch



PRIVATE COLLECTION

AWARDS AND INSIGNIA OF THE IHMHPS



1. Lifetime Membership Badge



3. Badge of Honour
(for IHMHPS leadership)



2. IHMHPS Star of Honour



4. Badge of Honour
(for IHMHPS members)



5. Badge of Honour
(for non-members)



6. Gold Service
Cross, second award,
with miniature
Badge of Honour*



8. Gold Service
Cross with miniature
Badge of Honour*



10. Gold Service
Cross, second award



12. Gold
Service Cross



7. Ribbon bar
for fig. 6



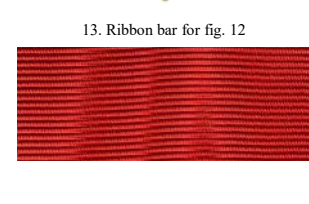
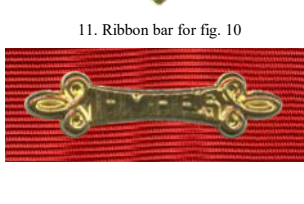
9. Ribbon bar
for fig. 8



11. Ribbon bar for fig. 10



13. Ribbon bar for fig. 12

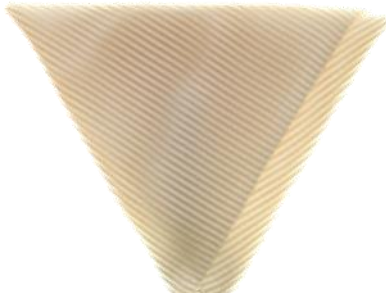




14. Silver Service Cross with miniature Badge of Honour*



16. Silver Service Cross, second award



18. Silver Service Cross

15. Ribbon bar for fig. 14



17. Ribbon bar for fig. 16



19. Ribbon bar for fig. 18



20. Bronze Service Cross with miniature Badge of Honour*



22. Bronze Service Cross, second award



24. Bronze Service Cross

21. Ribbon bar for fig. 20



23. Ribbon bar for fig. 22



25. Ribbon bar for fig. 24



*The miniature Badge of Honour is only worn on the highest grade of the Service Cross when the full-size badge is not worn.



26. 2014-2018 Commemorative Cross with Magyar Front 20th anniversary device



27. Ribbon bar for fig. 26



35. IHMHPs Membership Badge/Miniature Badge of Honour



40. 2014-2018 Embroidered commemorative Insignia



38. Magyar Front 20th anniversary badge

31. 2014-2018 Commemorative Badge



33. Gold 2008-2018 Commemorative Badge



34. Silver 2008-2018 Commemorative Badge



28. 2014-2018 Commemorative Cross



29. Ribbon bar for fig. 28



30. IHMHPs Re-enactors' Badge



32. Meritorious Service Clasp for IHMHPs members who have not received their first Service Cross, and for non-members.



36. IHMHPs Membership Badge in gold (old style)



37. IHMHPs Membership Badge in silver (old style)



39. Insignia of the Magyar Front and Military History Correspondent

41. Insignia of the International Hungarian Military History Preservation Society



Boy Scouts and the Frontline Fighters' Movement

I recently added these very interesting photos to my collection - at a glance they're simply young lads wearing Frontline Fighters' Association uniforms, however, a closer look reveals a previously unknown partnership. Eight adult veterans (curiously without their medals) pose with fourteen youths wearing the felt helmets, greatcoats, and decorations of the veteran's movement. Without a doubt these young men are Boy Scouts - many carry the traditional *fokos* walking stick used by that group, as well as the distinctive Scout's headgear plume of *árvalányhaj* (literally "orphan girl's hair," or needle grass) in (presumably) their fathers' felt helmets. Two young ladies pose with them in the second photo on this day, that must have been a very special occasion. Currently, no more is known about this curious event, dated October 27th, 1940.

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