



## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

March 2020

### From the Top

Our good friend and life member #1, Dick Bengoechea, died on February 17, 2020. His funeral will be at Cloverdale cemetery on March 3 at 11:00 AM with interment to follow at the Veteran's Cemetery at Dry Creek. Details will be discussed at the meeting.

-Bruce Gates  
President, IMVPA

### It was in the news...

- Elections were held in February and officers are listed on the front page of this newsletter, as always.

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**IMVPA MEETINGS: 1<sup>st</sup> Tues of the Month. Meeting at 7 at Gates Towing in Nampa.**

#### Officers:

**President: Bruce Gates**  
**Vice President: Matt Wrobel**  
**Treasurer: position is open**  
**Quartermaster: position is open**  
**Secretary: position is open**  
**Social Media Director: Benjamin Sterling**  
**Website, Newsletter Editor: Ron Powell**

**A story continued. Read about John's Jeep in this issue.**



News, continued:

-The US Army is embracing artificial intelligence. They hope it can be used to predict when aircraft, vehicles and weapons will break and/or need maintenance. Oh good, I'm glad it's not the type of artificial intelligence that decides when to launch nukes.

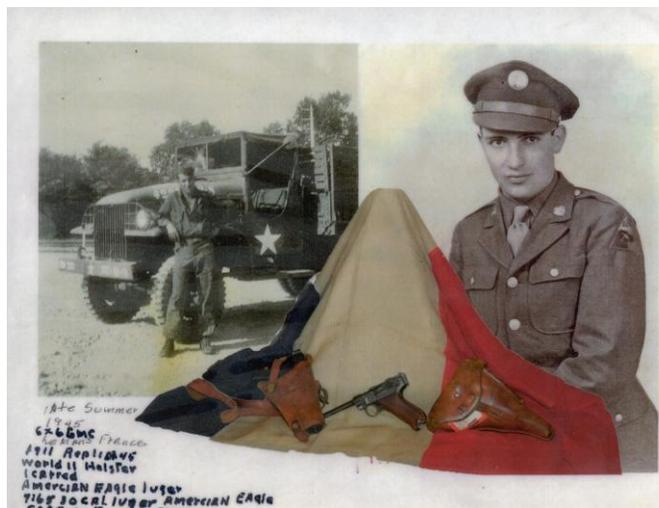
-Mashable.com has some great ideas on how to deal with climate change anxiety. Apparently feeling anxious and worried about it is a common experience. (um, kay .Ed)

-The US Army will adopt the robotic mule after all. It had to go back out for bid. Will you be able to buy one to use in a parade someday? Sure, someday.

-The late Dr. Kruger's vehicles all have to be sold according to the family. President Bruce is taking bids. You can see the pictures and some details on the website. Some vehicles may come to town for viewing, others can be seen where they are up on the desert above the Boise dam. Because it's private property Pres. Bruce will be setting viewing times and escorting folks. If you see something you want send Bruce an offer. He will share all offers with Mrs. Kruger. Details will be discussed at the meeting. That's why it's good to come to the meetings.

As Bruce noted above, our good friend and WW2 veteran Dick B passed away. He was one of the first IMVPA members and the first life member, and has been an active member for many decades of

course until perhaps recently when his mobility began to decline. He shared many memories over the years, and here is a couple of photos of him. He was a purple heart recipient, earned when a German airplane dropped a bomb while he worked on the carburetor of a CCKW. RIP sir.



**Wanted: your newsletter articles, photos, and editorials. The winter months are a great time to submit editorials and stories. Send them in now!**

## **His glass is half empty. -By anonymous**

There are four words that irritate me so bad when I hear them that I want to yell at the moon in anger. "Honey I'm leaving you". No not those words, that would have the opposite effect. I'm talking about "**Is it still available?**" You ever put up an ad for something for sale on craigslist or fakebook or whatever, and in 5 seconds some mouth breather sends you the message. Of course you respond yes, but you never hear from the jacka\$\$ again anyway. It's so irritating that I want to pull the hair out from between my toes! (WTH? .ed)

Searching for rare WW2 vehicle parts is another place when this phrase comes in handy, often with disappointing results. I want a Spartan horn, I mean they made about eleventy million of them for WW2 but apparently only 9 survived in the world. When you see one for sale it doesn't work, may not be correct and seller wants Euros, Gold nuggets AND wants part of your soul as payment.

Want a handful of little 'EC' or 'F' marked bolts so that you can make that GPW or MB factory fresh? Sure that part is still available at least, as some sellers are happy to send them to you, although your credit card limit isn't high enough. Shipping is extra of course.

Why go thru the aggravation when it's so very painful to buy or sell? Maybe you just want your pride ride to be 'judged' at the national show. Oh don't get me started on that, well ok rant on! Who is this special person who will judge your vehicle, and what exactly makes them an expert? No-one can agree on the correct color of the paint much less anything else. The judging standards? Yeah those are under constant revision, so somebody share one please. "Is it still available?" Darn now I'm doing it!



## **A M38A1 comes home. By John Downs**

Well it finally happened (again)! I managed to clear enough space in the garage while tackling a number of honey do projects but the ol M38A1 is finally in the garage. First time around was when I first got her. Decided "hey this is a piece of history that deserves to be out of the elements so let's just roll her on in here." Next day I go into the garage "man that's a strong surplus store smell." No big deal but the wife was getting annoyed by it. Something about how the HVAC pulls some air in from the garage (who designs this crap??) and now the whole hose smells like a surplus store.

Well it doesn't take too long for this brainiac here to realize that something just ain't right. So in a rare moment of caution I decide it's probably best if we roll this thing into the back yard. After all, if she survived the Army she can survive a few

weeks under a tarp. With some assistance of my pickup and its hitch we drag her out back to sit on top of some ply wood. Time to figure out what's wrong. So I start tearing things apart. Naturally breaking things in the process. Eventually I arrive at the oh so obvious issue. That old gas tank had a hole in it at one point and was patched with some fiberglass. Well it started leaking out the varnished gasoline very slowly. Now remember that HVAC system? Both it and the water heater have a pilot light. But luckily I had about 3 feet between it and the gas tank. So no worries there right? Leave it to me to almost blow up my house just months after surviving the wildfire in Paradise.

Well now she is back in the garage minus the gas tank, lines and pump. Can't have a fuel leak if there isn't a "\$:@&\$" fuel system! Any ways we go her in there and promptly had a flat. Guess she is in that spot for awhile. I decided that while the wife was busy cleaning the house (never interrupt that) I would start on the jeep (again). I decided to take a razor blade to some of the flaked paint. I managed to save I whole star on the driver side rear and a partial on the front. All original paint! So here I am sitting there peeling off paint constantly sniffing the air for fumes and wondering if there is lead in the paint... oh well. Makes the lunch tastier.

-John Downs



## **Meeting Minutes. -By VP Bob S**

The March meeting started promptly. The treasurer's report was given at \$2709.67. President Bruce asked everyone to pay their dues. The Holiday Christmas party was praised as being the best one yet (thank you VP Bob and Karen for you leadership, ed.)

We asked for input into the newsletter as it needs some fresh content. Elections were held and Bruce maintained his position as President. Matt Wrobel was duly elected VP. Others stayed in position.

Don W gave a detailed report on what to expect at the Calif show at Camp Plymouth 15-18 April.

Alex Gordon of the Idaho MotorPool asked us to sponsor the military show in Fruitland the first week of June. The VFW sponsored last year and they will be In support this year. Several members said they will bring vehicles and help support the planning. Tentative dates are 4-5-6 June. Majority ruled and said the show should continue.

Discussions included moving the monthly meeting when members chose to host it at their house or designated location. The idea was found favorable. Another recommendation was that we have a trail ride/convoy/campout and several suggestions were given. Meeting ended at 7:30 PM.

**Having trouble titling your HMMWV in your state?** We may be able to help !!  
Please e-mail as much information about your problem as possible and let us know  
is you will participate in a Class Action lawsuit (not required) if so e mail  
[hmmwvowner@gmail.com](mailto:hmmwvowner@gmail.com) ❖

## YOUR FREE CLASSIFIED ADS

**Wanted:** M101A2/A3 trailer. Contact Ben at [hondatoys@gmail.com](mailto:hondatoys@gmail.com)

**For Sale:** WW2 jeep bell housing and drive flanges. Contact ron at  
[rondoin\\_98@hotmail.com](mailto:rondoin_98@hotmail.com).

**Wanted:** Civil defense items, contact John Downs at [johnrdowns@yahoo.com](mailto:johnrdowns@yahoo.com)

**For Sale:** misc MB bolt on parts, 5 new NDT Firestone tires 7-15 size \$100 each,  
and a very complete 1950s ¼ ton military trailer unrestored. Contact Wayne at  
[waynehanners@msn.com](mailto:waynehanners@msn.com)

**Wanted:** black out light for Harley Davidson motorcycle. Contact  
[nickwilson4@aol.com](mailto:nickwilson4@aol.com)

**Wanted:** tail lights and black out lights for 1943 GPW. Contact Michael at  
[michaelsantinik@gmail.com](mailto:michaelsantinik@gmail.com)

**For Sale:** MB GPW full canvas winter enclosure/top, complete, like new! \$1200  
contact Brian at [willys1945mb@hotmail.com](mailto:willys1945mb@hotmail.com)

**For Sale:** 1952 M38 tub, all or parts, \$100; weapons misc, 50 cal trays (\$40),  
M240B/M2 pintle mount (\$125); Vietnam era ammo tray (best offer), everything is  
best offer. Also have complete PRC25 radio on mount, w power supply,  
headphones, etc, very nice condition; contact [mosinmatt@gmail.com](mailto:mosinmatt@gmail.com)



# Idaho Military Vehicle Preservation Association Membership Application

-Since 1993, an Idaho Organization has been dedicated to the preservation of old and historic military vehicles. The IMVPA encourages the acquisition, preservation, restoration, and the public education of historic military vehicles. The Idaho club encourages and supports museums, as well as national and community events.

## Membership Fees - \$20.00 per year

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this membership application to :

**Bruce Gates**

**PO Box 592**

**Nampa, Idaho 83653**

## Ownership of a military vehicle is not a requirement for

**membership!** Monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

Please call (208) 890-2249 for more information.

## Are you a member of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association, or MVPA!

Why join? You get access to thousands of members worldwide for information, vehicles, parts, resources and a community of shared enthusiasm; Premium publications – *ARMY MOTORS* and *SUPPLY LINE*, the best in the hobby from the **only** international historic military vehicle association; An organization that supports pro-HMV legislation to protect your access to vehicles, parts and vehicle usage; Doing your part to support vehicle and archival preservation and research; Preferred pre-registration status and vehicle judging access for the annual convention; Reduced ad rates in *SUPPLY LINE*; Access to the members only website section and directory; A vote and voice in the operation and direction of the MVPA  
Go to [MVPA.org](http://MVPA.org), or

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