



FROM THE TOP From the President

At our monthly meeting in March elections were held and all officers stayed in place. There were no changes made.

Get those vehicles ready as we're going to have a busy season this year. Here are the events we know of at this time:

- April 28th POW MIA ride

- May 18; Parade America in Nampa

May 27th Kohler Lawn
May 27th Warhawk Air Museum;
June 7th and 8th Idaho MVPA,
Starks Military Show and Swap
Meet on Nampa Caldwell BLVD.
June 23rd and 24th: Patriot
Thunder at Gowen Field

More details will be provided as we get closer to each event.

-Pres Gates

IMVPA CLUB OFFICERS

President: Bruce Gates Vice President: John Downs Treasurer: please volunteer Quartermaster: Erik Kunkel Secretary: Bob Schoenderwoerd Social Media Director: Benjamin Sterling and John Downs. Website, Newsletter Editor: Ron Powell

Spotted: Steve West's GPW at the Lion Club Car Show in Emmett, July 2023



It was in the news

-The Army's fiscal year 2025 budget request includes \$120 million to buy 31 semi-autonomous LASSO unmanned aerial systems—slated for units based in the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command area of responsibility—capable of stand-off and destruction against various targets, according to the budget request. Source, Inside Defense, March 28th.

-So.....how long before we can get these for the IMVPA? -ed

29 March: Vietnam Veteran's Day 5 April: Gold Star Spouses Day 9 April: National Former POW Recognition Day

12 April: Army Aviation Branch est 1983

15 April: National Tax Day (yay?) 23 April: Army Reserve Birthday

Overheard in the hallway:

Man to wife: for over 30 years you've been complaining that I collect a little military surplus. I wish you wouldn't correct and criticize me all the time. Wife: You have too much junk, and it's been 31 years, not 30.

It was in the news

-IMVPA dues are due at \$20 per year. If you haven't already, reenroll today. You can mail your dues to President Gates at 604 N 36th street, Nampa Idaho 83687, or grab a lifetime membership.

Wanted: send In your photos articles and editorials.

A brochure was sent out to members using the distro. It was from Olivia Debernard from Jeep Dodge GMC, a military industrial surplus company in France. If anyone desires to participate in the Normandy commemoration May 2024 then feel free to reach out. There is a 100m2 lot in Asnelles, Normandy France for your partial shared use. The event commemorates 80 years of armistice and a 4 day celebration.

If anyone is not getting email distros, then please reach out to Alex Gordon to get on the email distro.

Do you have news? You can use this space, reach out to the editor.

IMVPA MEETINGS: Usually the 1st Tues of the Month at 7PM at Gates & Associates at 604 N. 36th St. Nampa, ID

The joy of brush guards – by Vice Pres Downs

Oh the joys of brush guards. As you all know I was in a bit of an auto accident last November in my M1123 HMMWV. Among other damage my brush guard took the brunt of it. Well 4 months later I finally replaced it. Good thing it was winter and I wasn't using it too much.

Now for the fun part. I finally decided to kick my butt in gear and put one on my M997A2 HMMWV ambulance too. Go get all the tools... the pins... line it up... and it's every direction but straight. Turns out the winch plate was not flat. So I decided to treat my ambulance like the USMC vehicle it is and hit the plate with a sledge hammer. A couple of whacks later and she looks good! I think she looks meaner with the brush guard, but even if she didn't I know she will take the impact if needed!



Upcoming Events

- April 28th POW MIA ride, auction and BBQ at Sweet, Idaho. Meet at the Triangle restaurant 10AM.

- May 18; Parade America in Nampa

- May 27th Kohler Lawn; meet at Gates & Associates 604 N. 36th St., Nampa between 8:30 AM and 9:00 AM and we'll convoy over.

- May 27th Warhawk Air Museum; We'll convoy there from Kohler Lawn. Lunch will be provided.

- June 7th and 8th Idaho MVPA and Starks Military Show and Swap Meet on Nampa Caldwell BLVD.

- June 23rd and 24th: Patriot Thunder at Gowen Field

His Glass is Half Empty by anonymous

Finding old military junk used to be as easy as going on a Sunday drive and checking out farmer's fields. But now finding a cool jeep or dodge is rarer than a politician who tells the truth. Seems like we now gotta drive farther and farther away to get the good stuff.

My last treasure hunt had me driving all the way around Eastern Oregon and to N Idaho where all they speak is Canadian. I did finally find a little mostly abandoned town where it was mentioned on da tiktok for poly-gamy and cannibalism. I figured it was a good place for a jeep picker since it had a population of nine, a 100% unemployment rate and 150% rate of theft and mostly non-violent crime. In the spring months they do a Paul Bunyon reenactment. Sadly there were lots of 40s and 50s cars but those don't interest me at all, plus they were still being used as daily drivers for the residents.

I asked a local turnip vendor if he knew of anyone selling an old Willys or flatfender and got the story about a local farmer who had a jeep in a crate and a pet chupacabra. Not sure if he was joking or not. The directions to the farm were straightforward, turn left at the only blinking light and turn right at the bigfoot statue. But when I saw the local folks staring at me holding forks and empty dinner plates I decided it was safer to get the heck out of there as they looked a little too hungry. I was gonna go back back later after arming up with lots of ammo but the town was no place to be found. I stopped about 50 miles away for gas and a lady said there was no town...it was an actual ghost town and sometimes tourists claim to have been there. Too bad as there were lots of M37s, of course no one likes those anyway.

March Meeting Minutes March 12th 2024

By Secretary Bob Schoonderwoerd

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by president Bruce Gates.

2. Treasure report was given by Bruce Gates, also acting as club Treasurer. It was reported the current balance of the club is at \$4,764.00. With other collected that night not recorded yet.

3. Their were 11 members in attendance this night.

4. President Gates started off discussion on Elections for officers. He asked if any current officers wanted to step down, or do any others want to step up to fill the vacant positions available. At this time Mr. Stark's spoke up, asking to replace Secretary Bob Schoonderwoerd, as he felt he needed a "Break" from his duties. At this time a very lively discussion arose. There was an open floor discussion about where having a club sponsored show in June this year was in the clubs best interest. Mr. Starks believed that the club had already voted to have it. When in fact at the last meeting the motion was made and passed to further investigate the possibility, of such an event. A date was given as a possible if all contingences were met. Including a proper location, bathroom access, insurance, flyers and advertisement. It as stated that the bathrooms alone would set the club back \$1624 for a three day rental. Most members thought this number was just too high, so more places were needed to be contacted to bring down cost.

5. Their was a motion made by Pres. Gates asking all members present if the Sec. should be replaced. The vote was 10-1 in favorer of Bob S. remaining in the position.

6. Pres. Gates showed a Colt National Match Barrel for a 1911 still in the original, unopened paper he had received to the group.

7. VP John Downs, shared a shell casing he found at a thrift store that had papers inside from a LT. Cornel from Gowen Field in Boise.

8. Alen Jacobus asked for new social roster of members. It was stated a new one should be updated.

9. Roy C. Stated on March 29th at 9:30 am Klinner park in Meridian Id. Vietnam War tribute. We are to go to the east side parking lot to display.

10 Roy also stated that MV's on displayed at the Warhawk Air museum should have a board explaining a little about it for the public.

11. The Emmit Show and shine is coming July 20th and need to be there by 6;30 am to get a good spot, as this is a big show.

12. A field trip was discussed to Idaho falls to look at military surplus.

Meeting adjourned 8:pm

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From the Idaho Motor Pool: Have been asked to sell a M 35 A 2 & a 900 series 5 ton with a water tank & pump on it as well as some trailers 1 with generators on it the trucks will need batteries ! This is a estate and will be sold as a lot. They are in Washington and it will be hard to get trucking to transport

them. Alex at 208-707-5335

For Sale:

Vietnam era M416 trailer, very original, all complete and remarkably rust free, with original wheels and all parts including landing leg and e-brake. Located in Central Oregon, asking \$2k, rcpowell2001@hotmail.com



IMVPA and MVPA Membership!

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.

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