



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

May 2018

Thank you to all who showed up for the April meeting. We had a good turnout and it was nice to see new faces and new members.

It was nice to have David and Charley DeBenedetti join as new members. They purchased Fred Guthrie's beautiful 3/4 ton command car. We hope they'll be very active members.

Wayne Butterfield and Barry McCahill met with the Harley Davidson people and hopefully we'll have some good news about our annual show at the next meeting.

The California annual show is going on this week, but it doesn't sound like it's going to be anything like the old Tower Park show in Lodi. Last year it was moved to Petaluma and there were a lot of complaints about room,

IMVPA MEETINGS: 1st Tues of the Month. Social hour 6, meeting at 7.
May meeting is at Gates Towing.

Officers:

President: Mike Sword

Vice President: Bob Schoonderwoerd

Treasurer: Bruce Gates

Quartermaster: Mike Pierce

Secretary, Social Media Director: Benjamin Sterling

Website Editor, Newsletter Editor: Ron Powell

This month we check out the Army Reserve Mobilization Museum at Fort Dix New Jersey. Here is a nice example of a M26 Pershing, which saw limited service in WW2 and Korea.



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parking, charging admission and such.

This year it appears a lot of the California, Nevada and Idaho people are boycotting the show. We should know how it all went at the next meeting.

New member Joe Perry got his M37 back on the road after putting in a rebuilt engine, new paint, new gun mount and some extensive tuning.

Is everyone else ready for the show season? It's time to wash up the vehicles, bleed the brakes and put in fresh fuel.

I believe the first event of the season, for anyone who is interested, is the Nampa Exchange Club Parade on May 19. I will have the entire club signed up so anyone interested can contact me or just show up, find me and get in line. It's a good parade and we can throw candy at this one.

Our next event is going to be Kohler Lawn cemetery and Hillcrest cemetery on Monday May 28th. We will meet at my office at 604 N. 36th and convoy over. We normally meet between 8:30 AM and 9:00 AM then get to Kohler Lawn by 9:30.

-Bruce Gates

It was in the news...

-We welcome two new members, David and Charley DeBenedetti.

- Mothers day is May 13th. She wants a 2 ½ ton Deuce from Idaho Motor Pool.

- The IMVPA annual military show

and swap meet is JUNE 23-24th. Get the word out!

This month the US Army reserve celebrated its 110th year birthday. Next month the US Army celebrates its 242nd birthday!

The US Navy, it, it what? No-one cares? Oh ok.

- according to Smithsonian magazine.org, the trees near a Norwegian Fjord bear evidence of reduced growth in their rings. This was because the germans released a caustic chemical fog to hide the battleship Tirpitz from aerial observation during WW2. It's interesting that evidence of over 70 years ago can still be found today.



The German Battleship Tirpitz.

- Let the record show that we do respect the navy. Oh yeah the mighty Tirpitz was sunk by midget submarines and the British air force.

- R Lee Ermey passed away at the age of 73 from complications related to pneumonia. I think I speak for all of us when I say that he will be missed.

April Meeting Minutes. By VP Bob

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm April 4th at Gates towing in Nampa ID. We had 12 members present.

VP Bob Schoonderwoerd Called the meeting to order. Last month's minutes were read and passed.

Treasure report was given. Motion to accept and seconded, then passed. The floor opened to old business and events.

1. Talk of Calif. Show in April, with Bruce saying he planned to attend.
2. Memorial day at Koehler Lawn then caravan to Hill Crest with lunch in between, all to meet at Gates towing at 8:30 am
3. Wane B. talked of Parade America in Nampa. On May 19th 2018 in Nampa ID. All entries to be in place by 10:30 am, Parade starts at 11; am
4. Talk of our June show at High Desert Harley was brought up by Wayne B. And Berry M. about spots and flyers. Stating we need to get flyers out, both to meet with Todd on 5th April.
5. Bruce G. brought up H.B. 506 on the registration of military vehicles in Idaho, since it pass and was signed by Gov. Otter, no planed rally at capital was needed by members.
6. Roy once more asked about flyers for gun shows, with talk of changing last year's date to get them done.
- 7 Talk of parking a large truck at H.D.H. for show at least 2 weeks prior Alex G. said no problem with that.

New Business; Alex G moved to have club join SEMA as they are all auto related, and helped in H.B. 506 being passed. A motion was made by Alex to allocate \$425.00 to join SEMA , Roy seconded, and passed. Member Joe P. had a show and tell with his AR 15 showing the members how an Echo trigger works on a semi auto gun. A very interesting presentation. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Editorial: The US Army Reserve Mobilization Museum at Fort Dix New Jersey By Ron

With the birthday of the US Army Reserve this month, I thought it would be great to have another museum write up. I recently returned from Fort Dix. Actually its now called joint base McGuire, Dix, Lakehurst. Well that means the Air Force and Army share a base. Did we really need to know that. Anyway, the museum was fairly small and indiscreet but they had a number of vehicles and wheeled artillery pieces parked out front and a modest collection of artifacts inside. We received a personal tour by the curator, who took us in back to the archives where we got to see original artifacts that were over 200 years old.

There is a disturbing trend with museums in the Army system that has been going on for years now. With leaner budgets, and the so called "do more with less" mentality, our museum systems have been all but neglected. Soon most of the army museums will fall under the Federal Center of Military History, or CMH for funding and management. This is seen as a necessary move. For example the curator at this museum said that for the last few years she is the only employee. And this trend

is across almost all active army and reserve museums. She has no back up staff, no one to run the front desk, and they don't even have a cleaning crew. It's a national disgrace that we let our museums degrade to this point.

-Below: an officers Khaki uniform dated WW2. Some sources say the color Khaki didn't exist in WW2, yet here is an original example. Anyone care to do a future write up on correct WW2 era clothing? Also why take pictures of boxes and crates? When reproduced properly, such items make fantastic additions to your MV. Some of you stack these types of items up in the trailer or in the bed.



Editors Note.

-There is a M35A1 deuce, and M1 tank in the collection. I see vehicles in the museum that I used to drive in the service, and find that, well, a little disturbing.

-These vehicles were immaculate and beautifully restored. However they all had the exact same color of paint. Most of us know that paint codes changed dramatically over the decades. A shame that a beautiful display like this demonstrates a laziness and inaccuracy in the restoration. However we were told these were completed by volunteers, because of funding cuts.

UPCOMING EVENTS Idahomvpa.org

- **Nampa Exchange Club Parade, or it may also be called Parade America**, May 19th. Entries need to be in place by 10:30AM. Contact Bruce Gates if you want to attend.
- **Memorial Day Ceremony at Kohler Lawn**. Monday May 28th at 10AM. Members should arrive NLT 9AM to set up. Or meet at Gates Towing NLT 0830AM and convoy over.
- **Annual Memorial Day Program at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens**, May 28th at 1PM. This is park and relax kind of event. Expect to convoy over from Kohler Lawn. It was a fun and well attended event in 2017. Free hotdogs and refreshments will be served.
- **Annual IMVPA Military Show and Swap Meet**, June 23rd-24th. The location is the Harley Davidson Dealership in Meridian. Planning is ongoing. If you want to be part of the planning committee, please let us know ASAP.

LOCAL CLASSIFIED ADS

Wanted: CJ3B windshield. Call Justin at 208-863-5901

Wanted: M100 Pintle ring for trailer. Interested in what you have. Call Mike 208-891-108.

Wanted: GPW or MB steering shaft, complete, with shaft, horn button and tube. Email johnsamschulz@yahoo.com

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 if you will participate in a Class Action lawsuit (not required) if so e mail hmmwvowner@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.

You should also consider joining 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

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