



# OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION



## FROM THE TOP

*From the President*

Thank you to everyone that came to the November events. You made each of them quite a success. We had a good showing at the BSU event on November 9. I heard things went very well.

The Veteran's Day Parade was cold and rainy but we still had a good turnout of vehicles. The vehicles carrying dignitaries were a little too spread out so next year we'll try to remedy that. We were supposed to be at the front with the dignitaries so we'd have enough time to go back and go through the parade a second time with the club.

November 13 we did the show at the Golden Corral and had a good turnout. That's always a good show and the veterans really

## 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: Golden Corral gives a free meal to Vets on Veteran's Day and the event is an IMVPA favorite**



## From the Top (continued)

appreciate seeing the vehicles and we appreciate the Golden Corral feeding us dinner.

On November 18<sup>th</sup> we had a new show with the Idaho Truck Invasion. This is a great group of people who heartily welcomed us and want to work with us more in the future. Their trucks are mostly custom street trucks so our military vehicles are a lot different than what they are used to, they drew a lot of attention. Everyone brought a new toy that will be given to Toys for Tots and St. Lukes Childrens ward so it's a very worthy cause. They had a raffle so several of us came away with a t shirt or hat and we got at least one new member.

The weather is getting colder and we are supposed to start seeing snow in the valley very soon and it's time to put those vehicles away for the winter so remember to winterize them and add some Stabil to the gas tank. Since I put my vehicles in a cargo container for the winter I attach a battery charger to each one with a long cord so I can plug it in once in awhile and give the batteries a charge so they don't freeze.

There will be no meeting in December. Instead we are having our annual Christmas party on December 9 at the Warhawk Air Museum. This is a pot luck and bring a gift if you want to be in the white elephant gift exchange. Contact Bob Schoonderwoerd at 208-290-3913 to let him know what dish you are taking.

**-President Gates**

## It was in the news...

- 1 Dec: National Bartender Day
- 2 Dec: National Mutt Day (M151? -ed)
- 7 Dec: Hanukkah begins
- 7 Dec: Germans attacked Pearl Harbor in 1941 (It was the Japanese you idiot!) -ed
- 9 Dec: IMVPA annual holiday Xmas party.
- 9 Dec: Military Vehicle Day! (what? -ed)
- 21 Dec: start of winter (oh, yay)
- 25 Dec: Xmas
- 31 Dec: New Year's Eve

-IMVPA dues are due at \$20 per year. If you haven't already, re-enroll 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.**

### Overheard in the Hallway:

**"What's the worst thing you can say to your spouse when you get home after a day and night of drinking?"**  
**"You been sweeping the floor with that broom or are you getting ready to go somewhere?"**

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

***Official news and events*** —by Secretary Bob Schoonderwoerd

**December 9th:** The IMVPA annual Holiday Xmas party. This is at the Warhawk Air Museum and starts about 6pm. This is a potluck dinner so let the event organizer, Bob Schoonderwoerd if you wish to bring food. There is a white elephant gift exchange so if you wish to participate then bring a wrapped gift, worth around \$20 but no gag gifts. The rule of thumb is gift something to someone that you yourself would like to get.

This party also replaces the December monthly meeting. This event will include a tour of the Warhawk Museum after dinner. The theme is the end of the Korean War after 70 years.

**Again, No December IMVPA meeting. Come to the Xmas Party instead!**

***His Glass is Half Empty*** by anonymous

It's the 1st of December and Xmas music started eighteen weeks ago. Heck I still got turkey in the icebox (icebox? How old are you? -ed). I don't like this holiday in case ya didn't know that. Got a Xmas tree but hangin' balls on hooks reminds me of being married.

I was usin' my thinker upper the other day, seeing the stupid 'days of the month that the editor puts in here, (um, thanks? -ed) and it okured, occurred, it came to me that we should have a military vehicle day, maybe instead of Xmas. I know, I know, I should just write the words CHRISTMAS but I don't want a bunch of pansies to get their pansies all tied in a bunch (well that's pretty offensive, -ed).

Anyway a Military Vehicle Day is just like celebratin' Xmas, since Jesus had the same idea as I do. Only in this case we could start the special day with President Bruce's big truck with the Ma Deuce on it that brings peace through superior firepower! If only Jesus had a FITTY CAL! Jesus could feed everyone with one fish, but Rambo could feed every fish with the bodies of freedom hatin' commies! I think Jesus and Rambo could have loved each other like brothers.

(Editor's Note: yeah drugs are legal where 'anonymous' lives).

We're gonna have an IMVPA Xmas party and I'd liken to declare this party day the official "Military Vehicle Day!" Bring guns, bring ammo! Bring liquor, Marijawana, mud tars and Maga hats! This is how the holiday should be celebrated!

(Or you could just consider Veteran's Day your military vehicle day. -ed)

# Truck Invasion Toys for Tots –Bruce Gates



We had a nice show at Lakeview Park in Nampa on Saturday. Entry fee was a toy. The club gave 42 stuffed animals.



# Boise Veteran's Day Parade 2023

by Vice President John Downs

The Boise Veterans Day Parade was a nice change of pace for me (my first time.) I took my M1123 as my ambulance was down for repairs. Bruce brought his M37 and Allan brought his Case tractor. As it started raining I think I had the better end of the deal since I had a roof!



# My HMMWV Crash Story 2023

by Vice President John Downs

Well as some of you probably heard I was in an accident with my M1123 HMMWV. A lady was waved through traffic from the opposite direction and neither one of us saw each other until it was almost too late. I was already slowing down for the intersection so I slammed on the brakes and smoked my tires. No anti-lock brakes here! It ended up being a low speed collision and no injuries (other than some stiffness and such.) Despite the low speed nature there was considerable damage done to both vehicles. On my end my brush guard is trashed (but mostly saved the hood,) and my tie rod is slightly bent. A few incidental things too (none of them terribly cheap of course.) Her car on the other hand... well it may be totaled at the end of the day. My wheel hit hers and with over twice the mass it busted her strut and annihilated the front right corner of the car. She bounced off of me but I didn't really feel it.

So why am I telling you this? Because it highlights the importance of proper maintenance and situational awareness. Because I keep up on my HMMWV maintenance it was able to perform as best it could and keep this situation from being worse.

The night before I was helping a friend with his WWII truck brakes. We thought we had it all dialed in for the next morning's Toys for Tots kick off. That's right. I did a good deed (or 2) and took a hit. Good choices for my friend as he noticed a leak the next morning and decided to not attend instead of risking it. He likely would have been the one to hit her and I shudder to think of how it would have been different.



## Your Free Free Free Classified Ads

### For Sale:

-1944 Ford GPW \$4500 208-890-2249



For Sale: 1979 AM General. Winch truck built into a dump truck. Has 400 Cummins with 16 speed cat transmission, 6 new tires, asking \$20k. Ask for Randy Wade 208-631-4152

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



### WANTED, INFORMATION:

Our member from England has this super cool WW2 Airborne Cushman scooter. It received a restoration but are any of the details missing? Any experts out there or have parts? contact Bruce Gates 208-890-2249

# ***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.

### **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 in 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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**Military Vehicle Preservation Association**  
**History In Motion**

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MVPA Recruiting Member \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

16 Digit Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this application and mail with a check or money order (on a U.S. bank in U.S. funds) to the address below.

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