



## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

April 2019

### From the Top:

We held our meeting on March 5. It was hosted by Ben Sterling at the Kuna fire station. There were 13 people in attendance. We discussed what we wanted to do for a military show. Barry McCahill contacted Harley Davidson to see what they had planned. As it looks now they want nothing to do with us. They don't want our show at Harley Davidson and they may not have their military show this year. We suspect this is due to the very poor turnout at last year's show.

For upcoming events, mid April is the California Club's show and swap meet in Plymouth, CA.

Our first event will be the Nampa Exchange Club's Parade America on May 18th. This is a long and large parade through the streets of Nampa. Candy can be thrown. I'll have more particulars on it as the time gets closer. I've already signed up any members of the club that wish to participate. Line up

**IMVPA MEETINGS: 1<sup>st</sup> Tues of the Month. Social hour 6, meeting at 7.**  
Next meeting is at Gates Towing

### Officers:

**President: Bruce Gates**  
**Vice President: Bob Schoonderwoerd**  
**Treasurer: open**  
**Secretary, Social Media Director: Benjamin Sterling**  
**Website Editor, Newsletter Editor: Ron Powell**

**What are these strange contraptions? Well I'm glad you asked! This month we visited the Fort Jackson Finance Museum.**

These are postal machines from 2011. What? They are interesting, right? Hello?



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will be on Colorado street behind Northwest Nazarene College.

Our next events won't be until May 27th, Memorial Day at Kohler Lawn and Hillcrest cemetery. You just have time to get those vehicles prepared and ready to show. Our next meeting will be on April 2 at Gates & Associates 604 N. 36th St. Nampa, ID

**-Bruce Gates,  
President IMVPA**

### **It was in the news...**

Dick Begochea, our WW2 vet has a birthday March 30<sup>th</sup> 1PM at the Grace assisted living home.

-We welcome new members! Will Barmes, Rick Kirtley, Brian and Rosemary Francisco

-Our friend Barry M shared this amazing story about WW2 called Operation Magic Carpet. A search engine result will yield many returns, or look it up here. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation\\_Magic\\_Carpet](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Magic_Carpet)

### **Department of Corrections.**

We were too lazy this month to even proof read the newsletter before sending it out. If you find any errors, email the newsletter editor ASAP! He will read every critical point with great care. Then he'll delete and block your email. Thank you very much.

### **This month in history:**

A soviet submarine collided with the super carrier, the USS Kitty Hawk. This happened in 1984. No word if the cause of the accident was because the crew

was distracted because they were listening to pop band 'Wham!'

No we don't make this stuff up.

March is women's history month.

(CENSORED, comments need to be sensitive to people's feelings.) ed.

In March 1945 General George S Patton reached the Rhine River and urinated in it. True story. We don't repeat internet lies. Unless we fail to fact check something, that is.

### **His glass is half empty...**

A lot of things irritate me in life. Not people that don't use turn signals, or lying politicians, or food poisoning. I'm talking about really annoying things!

I don't like it that those Russian commies in WW2 got all of the earliest VEP, or very early production and rarest jeeps as part of the lend lease program. Did any of them return?

It bothers the heck out of me that the rustiest, missing everything, twisted frame and bubbified WW2 jeeps are now getting stupid high prices.

Want a M1 garand rifle for your MV? Don't bother, as those have reached crazy prices too, that is if your state even lets you have one. Get a non firing reproduction or airsoft instead. They are priced at where the real ones used to be at least.

You don't like it that its tax time? You don't like the long DMV lines? Well I don't like JJ Abrams. He ruined everything about life that I care about. Like the Star Trek movies. That is all.

## **“Spearhead, a book review”. By Benjamin Sterling**

I don't know about other members', but I have always been fascinated by armor, not the kind you wear but the tracked kind. More specifically WWII armor. Now the bestselling author Adam Makos who wrote *A Higher Call* and *Devotion* has brought us into the gunner's seat of a M4A1 Sherman as the 3rd Armored Division pushes across Europe into Germany. “Spearhead” centers around Clarence Smoyer and his personal experience during the war. I bring this up because Smoyer was recently reunited with and rode in a restored Sherman for the opening of the book in Boston as I posted on our group facebook page. I have enjoined the read, but have been troubled by how out gunned and under armored our tankers where during key battles. The book takes you too both sides of the conflict with a crew from the Panzer Brigade 106 in their Panther G tank. The Germans are conducting a rearguard maneuver as the main forces are pulling back into the Rhineland. The 3rd AD is in hot pursuit but taking a hell of a beating along the way until the Pershing (tank) arrives. I highly recommend this book and look forward to future discussions with any of our members about this topic.





## “The Fort Jackson Finance Museum”. By Ron Powell

The finance corps was established in 1950 but paying soldiers has been an important job of the military since the revolutionary war. It's the smallest branch in the army, and the museum is pretty small too. Below left is Major General Emmett J. Bean, 1897-1988. Think of him as the father of the finance corps. Just Imagine, your collection could include a finance GPW or MB WW2 Jeep, and a field desk with typewriter. Think about how jealous your friends will be, you know the type, the guys who own tanks, machine guns, and the like.



## **MARCH MINUTES**

**March 2019 meeting minutes.** By Benjamin Sterling.

The regular meeting of the Idaho Military Vehicle Preservation Association was called to order at 1908hrs on March 5th, 2019 at the Kuna Rural Fire Station #1 by Bruce Gates. Present: Bob Schoonderwood, Bruce Gates, Benjamin Sterling, Barry McCahill, Roy Cagnacci, Wayne Butterfield, Fred Guthrie, Don Wadley, Stacy Mowry, William Barner, Brian & Rosemary Trancisco, and Al Mizner.

Approval of Agenda: none

Approval of Minutes: read aloud by VP Bob.

Upcoming Events: Vehicle display Memorial Day at Kohlerlawn Cemetery at 1000 AM followed by Hillcrest Memorial Garden at 1:30 PM. Father's Day Car Show Downtown Boise June 16th. POC Bruce. Plymouth Spring Ralley and Swap in CA. April 16-20th If you want to tag along and camp in the swamp talk to Don Wadley.

Past Events: No Past events to report on.

New Business

-Volunteer's needed to sort IMVPA shirts. Objective to find out what we have in sizes and type; sell non jeep pattern for \$5.00 to clear out old inventory. Don and William Volunteered. Push annual show back to Fall. Do we want a Show and Shine v. Show and Swap?

Open Issues: New banners 12 and 6 footers include website and FB tag for parades and advertising the club. Try to locate old banners.

Agenda for Next Meeting: None stated.

Meeting was adjourned at 1951hrs by Bruce Gates. The next general meeting will be at 1900hrs on April 2nd, 2019 at Gates Towing in Nampa.

## **Upcoming Events [idahomvpa.org](http://idahomvpa.org)**

-May 18<sup>th</sup> 2019: Nampa Exchange Club's Parade America. This is a long and large parade through the streets of Nampa. Candy can be thrown. Line up will be on Colorado street behind Northwest Nazarene College.

-May 27<sup>th</sup>, Monday, Memorial Day Events: Kohler Lawn 10AM, and Hillcrest Memorial Garden, Monday May 27<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 PM.

-June 7, 2019 9:00 AM, to June 8, 2019 5:00 PM. Open to the public Friday and Saturday, Swap meet, trail ride, auction, military and vehicle displays, as well as demonstrations are featured. Contact: (208) 452-5335 or

visit: **[www.idahomotorpool.com](http://www.idahomotorpool.com)**. I-84 at Idaho Hwy 95, Exit #3 North, Fruitland, ID June 16<sup>th</sup>, Father's Day Car Show. POC is Bruce. More details to follow.

**Camp Plymouth Spring MV Rally and Swap meet**, April 16-20<sup>th</sup> 2019. Some notes from member Don W: The information here is for the new version of Tower Park for the California Military Vehicle club - called Camp Plymouth. It has tried to fix all of the issues that the last few years had. It has moved to a new location that combines both an RV park and a county fair grounds. We'll have lots of room to drive vehicles as well as room for camping for just about everyone. No visitor fees and plenty of parking. The Swamp has a much bigger camp in the dry camp area so we are happy. There are showers and toilets for dry campers and a full RV park for hook ups. If you plan on going i would suggest getting your reservation in soonest. Source: <http://www.mvccnews.net/calendar.html>

## Classified Ads

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

**Wanted:** restored M38. Will consider MB, GPW or M38A1. Contact Al Deeps at [deeps2025@aol.com](mailto:deeps2025@aol.com)

**Wanted:** Looking for this fire extinguisher, must be the stick on decal, original preferred (not reproduction). Scuffed or not perfect condition may be okay. Contact Nick Wilson at [nickwilson4@aol.com](mailto:nickwilson4@aol.com)



**For Sale:** WC Command Car, condition not stated. It's located at the Idaho Motor Pool and Alex Gordon is the POC for the owner. Owner says make an offer.





Your classified ad could go here! ~~25\$ a month.~~ ~~15\$ a month.~~ ~~5\$ a month.~~  
Free. Really, we have never charged for them. They are free. So at least let us know when to remove it, um, kay?

**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](mailto:hmmwvowner@gmail.com) ❖



## Idaho Military Show 2019

Open to the Public **June 07 and 08** – Only **\$1** Admission - Food Sold On-Site  
**Sponsored by the Payette Valley Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2738**  
On-Line Auction Hosted by [jbsauction.com](http://jbsauction.com) – Closes June 08



**VENDORS/DEALERS:** No Charge With Pre-Registration – Early Setup Starting June 03  
**DISPLAY VEHICLES** Must Pre-Register  
For Details or Show Registration, Contact Shonna at Idaho Motor Pool 208-452-5335  
See [IdahoMotorPool.com](http://IdahoMotorPool.com) for Registration Form and Other Information

# 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.

## Have you considered 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

Go to [MVPA.org](http://MVPA.org), or

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