



## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

January 2017

### The President's Corner

I want to thank everyone who came to the holiday party. Special thanks go out to Bob, Don and Karen who provided leadership and did the work behind the scenes to make things happen. The food was excellent and the venue was clean and professional. Our VP Mike led the secret santa gift exchange. Unfortunately only half of the folks that said they would come actually did. This really didn't impact the party itself but if we had done this at last year's location, we would no doubt be on Santa's bad list for too much food ordered. I have to mention that Bob Schoenderwood really went the extra mile for this event. In addition to arranging the venue and paying out of his own pocket, he also provided the table settings and much of the silverware. If you looked close, you probably noticed that much of it was WW1 vintage and trench art. Nice touch Bob!

I also want to thank all of the spouses who



*Sneak photo. Members enjoy the holiday party and open secret santa gifts.*

**CLUB MEETINGS: 1<sup>st</sup> Tues of the Month. Social hour 6, meeting at 7.**

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came. We all know that we depend on our better halves support in this hobby.

In January we will have elections. I'm asking our members to come to the meeting, to volunteer, and to VOTE. We really do need YOU. As a reminder the location is Covey Café. The café is not open for dinner, but the owner is opening his doors just for us.

-Ron



## It was in the news.

### Da Bomb!

Ten members came to breakfast at the Caldwell Airport. Only Bruce braved the cold and brought his CCKW. Yeah only the hard core get their vehicles out in December! After breakfast some of us went over to Mike's hangar to see his latest project; a bomb cart and bomb. Of course anything Mike touches turns to gold, and this is no exception. It's beautiful!

### Places worth visiting:

Submitted by Bruce. Check this site out.  
<http://www.vietnamexp.com/morestories/MarthaRaye.htm>

a story about 2LT Baggett is submitted by Barry M. He is alleged to have shot down a Japanese zero while in a parachute. Is it a true story? You be the judge! There are many links online, but I enjoyed this one.  
<http://www.sightm1911.com/1911-Myth.htm>

### No minutes for you!

No secretary means no minutes. However elections will be in JANUARY 2017. Please come and be prepared to volunteer, and vote. Please consider running for any office. WE NEED YOU.



## Calendar of Events:

**January Meeting 2017:** (club elections) Covey Café, 5017 Highway 20/26 in Caldwell.

**February Meeting 2017:** (discuss the Fruitland Show) Bruce Gates' business: 604 N 36<sup>th</sup> street Nampa

**March Meeting 2017:** location not determined. Any volunteers?

**June 2017:** Idaho Chariot's Car Show. all proceeds support the Idaho Veterans Home. More details to come.

**Spy photo:** Bombs for New Year! Not real ones okay!? If you joined us for breakfast last month you probably got to see what Mike is working on. A beautiful bomb truck and bomb cart.



# IMVPA Roll Up in 2016. What has the IMVPA been up to?

by Ron P

When I was elected President one year ago, I decided that I wasn't there just to hang out, but to make a difference. There was a quote that I read way back in the 80s that has stayed with me all these years. "The very essence of leadership is that you have to have a vision. You can't blow an uncertain trumpet." –by Theodore Hesburgh. So I decided that my vision would be to increase awareness about our organization and its mission in the community. We have been in the local news no less than 6 times this year. To expand our reach in the community we've partnered with Battle Group Idaho and the Idaho Military Museum . We've shared newsletters and classified ads with our sister clubs in Utah, Oregon and Washington. We've added to and improved the website (although it still needs work). We've also written guest articles for other organizations and stayed engaged with the national affiliate, MVPA. Our charitable contributions include supporting the Idaho Veterans Home on 3 occasions.

There is a saying that one should "think outside the box". So we added a trail ride in 2016, graciously led by Alex Gordon of the Idaho MotorPool. It was a fun event that I hope continues in the future.

We have 84 members on paper, but 33 members are paid up on dues. About half of those are MVPA members. This number includes 6 new members (and their families) who have joined us this year. In 2016, IMVPA's members have conducted or **attended 25 events**, such as parades, ceremonies, volunteer events, or shows!

What does 2017 hold for the IMVPA? Well that is up to you! We can do as much, or as little as we want. Above all I want this club to be low stress and high return for our members. What I do ask of all of you is this-be part of the solution, volunteer, participate, support, and VOTE in January. Let's have a great 2017!

## Military and First Responders Day at Grace Bible Church

The Grace Bible Church hosted a first class ceremony in Nampa on November 13<sup>th</sup>. In attendance were members of the military, the American Legion Post #39, Patriot Guard Riders, the Nampa Fire and police Dept, and political dignitaries. The Idaho Military Museum conducted a cannon salute, and a 21 gun rifle salute as performed by the honor guard. A new flagpole was dedicated, and the POW/MIA flag was flown proudly. It was a fun event!





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**Military Appreciation Day at Golden Corral.**

We had six vehicles turn out for this event. It's always a club favorite!

