



## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

December 2019

### From the Top

Happy Thanksgiving and see you at the Holiday Party on December 13<sup>th</sup>! No regularly scheduled meeting this month.

-Bruce Gates  
President, IMVPA

### It was in the news...

- The month of December will mean IMVPA member Benjamin Sterling will

~~IMVPA MEETINGS: 1<sup>st</sup> Tues of the Month. Social hour 6, meeting at 7. We meet at Gates Towing.~~  
**December meeting is the holiday party on the 13<sup>th</sup>!**

Officers:

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

Spotted, Winter Soldier  
Don strikes a pose with his M38 as we line up to start the Boise Veterans Day Parade. The morning was beautiful but cold.



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be a new dad. Congratulations!

- A military working dog named Mali received a medal for bravery in battle in Afghanistan. He protected Soldiers by detecting explosives and insurgents. This is a medal awarded to animals and so far in history it's been awarded to 32 carrier pigeons, four horses, 31 dogs, and uh, one cat. Source: <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-42031729>

- go to [www.firefighterstairclimb.org](http://www.firefighterstairclimb.org) to support our local firefighters as they support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS). This organization raises funds to fight cancer and it's for a good cause. Go here: [https://www.llswa.org/site/TR/LLSWA/llswaFF?px=1940392&pg=personal&fr\\_id=1640](https://www.llswa.org/site/TR/LLSWA/llswaFF?px=1940392&pg=personal&fr_id=1640) or If you prefer, you can also send your gift via check, made out to LLS and sent to the address below:

**Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Attn:  
LLS Firefighter Stairclimb  
5601 6th Ave South, Suite 182,  
Seattle, WA 98108**

- Bruce Gates supported the Annual toys for tots, sponsored by the US Marine Corps and the POW MIA. It looks like Santa Claus is taking a turn behind the 50 caliber machine gun in Bruce's M37. He noted that the driveline broke that day and he had to drive home on the front axle in four wheel drive. No word on if Santa Claus was going to give him a new U-joint for Christmas, or if Bruce was a good boy this year or not.



## Department of Corrections

-The last newsletter had an error in which page 2 was cut off due to technical difficulties. But in the very small chance that anyone reads the newsletter (they don't, ed) then one need only go to the website, where the complete and corrected copy is present.



Can anyone help one of our members identify this small trailer? It's believed to be a military generator trailer but sadly no data plates are present. Contact member Matt Wrobel if you know the answer to the mystery!



## His glass is half empty. -By anonymous

I have been blessed with an amazing gift, and I think of myself as a great visionary. I can see into the future and conceptualize what the end state should look like. If I close my eyes I can see my eternal soul in heaven, I can see all the riches I've ever wanted, and I can envision my GPW being done.

The problem is I've never figured out how to navigate that road into a reality. Like the story of the fella who stopped to ask directions. Bubba was selling turnips on the back of a flatbed. How do I get back to the interstate? He said "ya all can't there from here. But I have an ol' jeep fer sale. Do ya want it? "

Like most things in life there are text books to show you what to do. The Bible is a mystery to me with all the strange ways they wrote back then, so how am I going to save (you mean salvage, -ed) my eternal soul if I can't make sense of 1 Peter 1:8:9.

My get rich quick books grow dusty on the shelf and I can't afford to buy anymore of them. I think they use words that are too big, and they need to dumb them down so the typical layman (me, anyway) can understand them. Just put everything on 1 page and staple it to my forehead, oh and use the Readers Digest large print version, thanks!

And my unfinished GPW, dang it's hard to work on! One of my friends said, "gee 'anonymous' everything you need to know is in the repair manual!" (I have four of them under a pile of metal shaving grease dust). He said "with them you can get your engine purring like your 19 year old cat." Yeah but actually using a repair manual assumes you have some mechanical ability to start with. How does this crescent wrench work? Did I even spell that right? Why do I smell cat pee. Damn that cat, it's gone incontinent, right in my box of new jeep parts. Why can't he use the piles of litter under the unfinished GPW chassis where I spilled 27 gallons of gear oil and anti freeze? Oh maybe there's no litter left for your litter box. Sorry about that, cat. Now go ahead and lap up as much anti freeze as you want, thank you very much.

It's one step forward, 2 steps back to realizing my dreams. Where did that (#\*\$&#\$) crank shaft nut go? Grrr, I need that, hope I don't forget to put it back on when the engine is ready to start. My 13 year old says I need a seeing eye pig. I think there's a private joke in there somewhere.

A friend of mine is a pastor, and I asked him to bless my GPW project. He said it's not appropriate to bless a metal object that has no soul. Well he's right about this (#\$&%^\$^ ) Jeep in that It has no soul. I asked him instead to try to purge the demons out of it at least. He told me not to worry about riches or Jeeps, and focus on my eternal soul instead. Seems to me eternal salvation should come after riches, and after the Jeep is done, not before. He just smiled and gave me a bible, a little key chain cross, and a word of the day calendar. The first word, 'incontinent'. Yeah great. ❖

# Boise Veterans Day Parade, November 2<sup>nd</sup>! By Ron

The IMVPA lined up about 8:30 AM and excitement was in the air! It was clear and cold but no one complained as jets and helicopters flew over and hundreds of participants lined up, eager to get started. A halftrack and 2 jeeps were at the start of the parade, and the rest of the IMVPA were toward the back. President Bruce brought out his M37, Benjamin had the HMMWV, Stacy had his 5 ton and trailer, Don with his M38, and Dick and Sylvia had their 42 GPW pulling a Convento airborne trailer. Mike Pierce was in the front of the parade carrying VIP types in front of the camera.



The start of the parade had the US flag proudly displayed.



## **MEETING MINUTES.** For November, by Vice Pres. Bob S.

Meeting was called ot order at 7:05. Treasurer's report was given by the President at \$2109.67 in the bank. It was then noted that the Veterans Day parade had a small showing (at 5 vehicles) but there were four more at the head of the parade including the halftrack from the War Hawk Museum.

Pres. Gates reported on Toys for Tots. It started all right with Santa Claus taking a photo op with the .50 cal machine gun. Later the M37 lost a driveline but he drove home on the front axle. Bruce transferred to a Harley to finish the event.

Next event is at the Caldwell Veterans Hall on 11-11-2019, 11AM-2PM for a ceremony.

It was noted that long time member and one of the founders, Dr. Phil Kreuger passed away on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was said that as a physician he was famous in Idaho and around the country for his groundbreaking work and research.

## **Upcoming Events.**

On December 13<sup>th</sup> the IMVPA will hold its annual holiday party at the Caldwell Veterans Hall, 1101 Cleveland BLVD. Set up is at 4PM, event starts at 6PM. This is a potluck and a sign up went around for members to add their dish. The POC for the event is Vice President Bob S at 208- 290-3913. Reach out to him to sign up.

There will be a gift exchange, and the gift should be wrapped, valued at around \$20, and military related. The VP asked that it be a nice gift. Everyone who brings a gift will participate in the gift exchange via number draw.

Those who are bringing potluck are asked to list the ingredients so those with allergies do not die. Thank you.

Kids are invited and the guidance is to bring a gift for the young child so they don't feel left out of the gift exchange. Or if they are old enough, and its appropriate , then they can participate of course.

No alcohol can be bought or sold on the premises due to licensing concerns of the Veterans Hall. Alcohol is okay to give as a gift in the exchange, and has been very popular in the past, just sayin'. 😊

**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 is you will participate in a Class Action lawsuit (not required) if so e mail [hmmwvowner@gmail.com](mailto:hmmwvowner@gmail.com) ❖

## YOUR FREE CLASSIFIED ADS

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

Wanted: one GPW foot rest, push pull light switch and top bows. Contact ron at [rondoin\\_98@hotmail.com](mailto:rondoin_98@hotmail.com).

**Wanted:** Civil defense items, contact John Downs at [johnrdowns@yahoo.com](mailto:johnrdowns@yahoo.com)

**For Sale:** misc MB bolt on parts, 5 new NDT Firestone tires 7-15 size \$100 each, and a very complete 1950s ¼ ton military trailer unrestored. Contact Wayne at [waynehanners@msn.com](mailto:waynehanners@msn.com)

**Wanted:** black out light for Harley Davidson motorcycle. Contact [nickwilson4@aol.com](mailto:nickwilson4@aol.com)

**Wanted:** tail lights and black out lights for 1943 GPW. Contact Michael at [michaelsantinik@gmail.com](mailto:michaelsantinik@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.

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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