



## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

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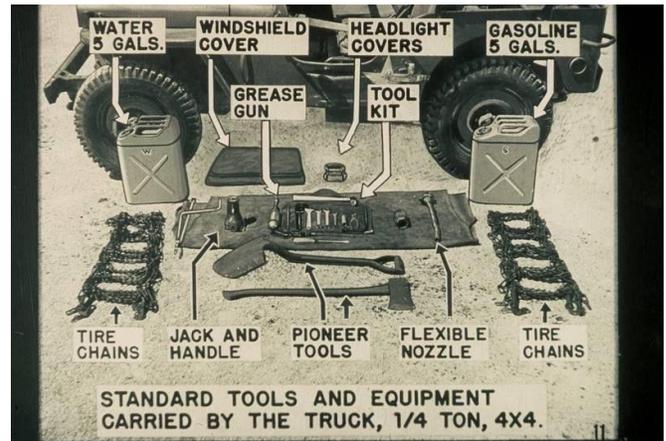
### It was in the news...

- Elections were held. Congratulations to Bruce Gates who was elected President.
- We welcome our newest members, John Downs and Rick Kirtley. Welcome!
- Have you checked out the Idaho Motor Pool lately? Conrad Nill's collection of artifacts and vehicles are up for sale and auction.
- You might recall that last month we talked about the JLTV, or Joint Light Tactical Vehicle. Units of the Third Infantry Division will be the first to fully replace their aging HMMWVs with the new JLTV. When will you get to buy one? Well the HMMWV has been available for private sale for a few

**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**



So your MV is done and so are you. Time to enjoy it, oh but wait a minute. Don't forget the BII, or basic issue items such as tools, jack, etc. Each military vehicle will have a basic combat load, so get out there and get shopping Soldier! Maybe one place to hunt for those hard to find items is the Idaho Motor Pool auction or military show.

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years now, and was fielded in the 1980s, so maybe you can get a JLTV in a few decades? Or the Army might treat it like they did the MRAP, or mine resistant ambush protected vehicle, for which they spent up to a million dollars a piece, only to scrap many of them 10 years later.



The MRAP, depending on equipment, were priced from a ½ million to 1 million dollars each. Many were cut up for scrap only a decade later. Your tax dollars at work!

To be fair, it's estimated that it costs the taxpayers about a million dollars per US Soldier deployed overseas in a combat zone for one year. These vehicles saved many, many lives. Not saying we should put a price on a Soldier's life. But I've heard others say we should bring back the WW2 Jeep. Umm, I wouldn't want that in a combat zone. Would you feel protected in that?

### **Department of Corrections.**

You might have seen some typo errors in the newsletter last month. The

newsletter is no longer done by paid employees due to budget cuts. The staff now gets paid in something new, called "thank you currency". No that kind of money doesn't buy spell check. And in fact the newsletter was so poorly done, there weren't even any "thank you's. thank you's"? How do you even write that. See what we mean?

Are you a purist or a pragmatist? What, ya don't think a rifle holder should be mounted on the fender of a jeep? Here is a vintage picture for your amusement. Infantry types? Probably not, as the sign on the front of the jeep says 'press', and the word photo is stenciled on the front bumper, and on the bag in the back. It appears to be a public affairs or press corps jeep. The fact that the front bumper numbers are not blurred out is unusual. Is the photo staged? We think it is, with the idea that it would someday irritate all the types who don't think the jeep should be defiled with weapons, dirt, and junk.



**The B-29 Declassified**, shared by Barry McCahill

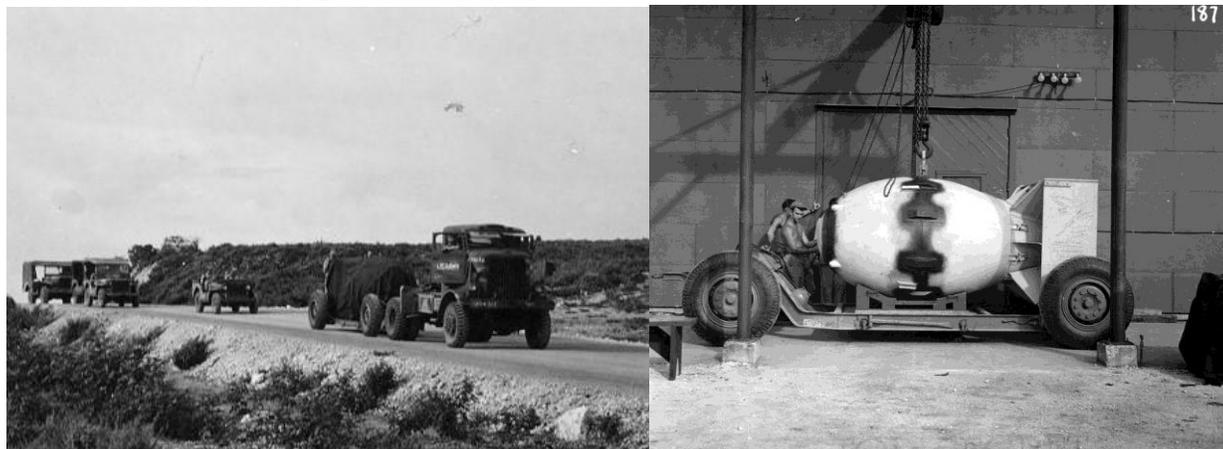
## **DECLASSIFIED PHOTOS - 'B-29' "Enola Gay and Bocks' Car"**

Forest Arden was the chief flight mechanic of a B-29 stationed at Tinian Island. His aircraft was parked nearby to the Enola Gay and he watched the loading procedure of the first Atomic Bomb. He said that security was strictly enforced and no one was allowed to approach to within 100 yards! Few had any inkling of what about to occur. Everyone was astounded at the sudden end of World War II.

This is an unbelievable set of photos - the REAL thing - pics from Tinian Island as the B-29 "Enola Gay" was being loaded. Notice the "Top Secret" stamp on some of the photos. In the last few pictures notice the CRUDE sheet metal work on the casing and fins of "Little Boy" - the bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima.

[http://www.alternatewars.com/Bomb\\_Loading/Bomb\\_Guide.htm](http://www.alternatewars.com/Bomb_Loading/Bomb_Guide.htm)

Editor's note. At right "Fat Man" is mounted on the trailer that will be used to transport the bomb to the plane. At left the bomb is transported in convoy. I'm not sure but I think one of our members, who will remain anonymous (named Mike) has a similar truck in his back yard. Does he have a bomb and trailer too? Best not to ask.



### **January 2015 meeting minutes.** By VP Bob.

We held the IMVPA meeting at Gates Towing on Jan 8<sup>th</sup> due to the fact that the New Year holiday fell on the first Tuesday.

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. with 9 members present. Minutes from last meeting were presented by the V.P. We talked about the Christmas dinner, with a shout out to Karen Wadley for all her help to make it so fun and a success. The treasurer's report was read by Bruce Gates, and he gave the reported amount in our account. Member dues for 2019 are due. It was brought up to send out postcards as a reminder to pay dues.

We had one new member in attendance, his name is John Downs. John has just moved from Calif., and he lost his home and belongings in the Paradise Fire. One was his pride and joy, a 1952 M38A1 Jeep and the trailer it was on. We all felt his loss as he told us the story of how fast the fire moved through the town, but we are grateful his family is safe and welcome him to Idaho and his new adventures.

That conversation brought up insurance for our vehicles so Bruce added that Haggerty Insurance is very affordable and we should all consider it. Stan S. asked about insurance from nationals and will it cover our club at our events. So Bruce broke it down and said yes "After one's personal insurance was used".

Elections were held for officers, and once more Bruce Gates is our fearless leader as President. He has done a great service to our club in this role in the past and we appreciate his leadership. THANKS BRUCE! Also reelected for V.P. was Bob Schoonderwoerd. Other members in their previous roles were duly reelected.

We are still looking for more input from members for past events, maybe a movie or book review of an old or new book or film. Would be nice a touch????  
The meeting was adjourned at an impressive time of 7:30p.m...

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

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

**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:** hardtop for M37. This is the CCKW style top. It's in good condition with the exception of one small dent in the corner. Asking \$100 for it. Contact Joe Perry: 208-559-8518



**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.



**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** - 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 for Registration Form and Other Information**

## Idaho Motor Pool Museum Auction

Closing February 18, 2019 on line only

For more information see

[www.jbsauctions.com](http://www.jbsauctions.com)

There will be Jeeps, Display Guns,  
Military Radios & Parts, Gun  
Mounts, large Ordnance, Black Powder  
Cannon, lots of parts some WWII, All



Collectibles. This will be a online Auction  
only. Packing & Shipping Available.  
for more Information call 208-452-5335  
[www.idahomotorpool.com](http://www.idahomotorpool.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.

## 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

**Join by Mail:** Don't want to join through our online store? Go to [mvpa.org](http://mvpa.org) to print a membership form. Mail the form with a check or money order to: MVPA PO Box 520378 Independence, MO 64052 USA