



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

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From the top...

Fall has arrived and our season is winding down. To the best of my knowledge we only have two events left. Chrome at the Home with the Boise Valley POW MIA at the Veteran's home was always a fun event. It was a motorcycle show and shine, a barbecue and an auction to raise money for the veterans in the home.

In October we have Touch a Truck, which is interesting. Then we'll have the Veteran's Day Parade in downtown Boise. It's one of our best attended events of the year. Then it's time to winterize the vehicles and put them away for the winter and get ready for next year.

This past year we've had some great shows and events. Memorial Day was a big hit with a very heavy turnout of vehicles and 4 great flyovers courtesy of Mike Breshears and the Warhawk Air Museum at Kohler Lawn

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

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Staff Sergeant Reckless (1948-1968) was a decorated horse from the Korean War. She was not the very first military vehicle of the MVPA? More about this horse in this issue!



cemetery. Afterwards we did a convoy to Hillcrest cemetery in Caldwell.

Our Harley Davidson show went over very well and was well attended. Our own show later at Harley Davidson was not so well attended as too many people had conflicts, vacations and other interests that came before the show. The Father's Day show and shine in Boise got us all drenched with the rain in the morning but the sunshine in the afternoon was fantastic. The Chariots car show at the outlet mall had 1100 cars that showed up along with Roy Cagnacci's M151 and my M37. The Emmett show and shine in the park had over 1000 cars in attendance and we always get a lot of attention at that event. There were a few small shows and events throughout the season that are always fun.

When the shows are happening, why not attend? People love to look at our vehicles and they are a pleasant change from the vehicles you see at a car show. These shows bring in new members to the club and get new people introduced to and excited about the hobby. So check your antifreeze and get ready for some fun next year.

-Bruce Gates

It was in the news...

- Perhaps many of you celebrated Patriot Day, which is an annual observance to remember those who were injured or died during the terrorist attack on September 11th 2001.

-Not to be confused with Patriots day, which commemorates the battles of Lexington and Concord, which were fought near Boston in 1775.

-In September we celebrate National Military Vehicle Collecting Day. A day that encourages everyone to buy an old olive drab vehicle and restore it. Actually I just made that up.



-Did you know there is a battle of the bulge association? There are members all over the country. I recently had lunch with this group and it was amazing. One gentleman said he parachuted in to France in WW2, only to land in a chicken coop. The lady who lived there came out and beat him with a broom handle to get him out of the coop. I didn't make that up.

We didn't make this up either.

It seems to me that the Federal museums I visit seem to paint their vehicles the same color, without concern to historical accuracy or cost. Is this your experience as well?

I was visiting with a museum curator and asked about all of the armor he had out front. He said they paid a contractor \$40,000 per tank to paint, and everything received the same 33070 olive drab paint, regardless of the era, make, war, or age. He knew the color was wrong for most of it, but the concern was the longevity of the paint job out in the weather.

Wanted: your newsletter articles, photos, and editorials. Send them in now!

Military vehicle spotlight, by Ron



Do you have a damaged B17 and don't know what to do? Don't scrap it! Have Bubba graft parts onto your Jeep! Bubba has been hard at work since WW2! This vintage (WW2 era?) newspaper article of a modified WW2 Jeep is really interesting, so our editorial intern has summed up the caption below:

"This photograph sums up the biography of the B-17 best of all: innovative, utilitarian, and tough. Fashioned from the sundry parts of a B-17 salvage dump by Eighth Air Force personnel, is a hybrid vehicle deserving of special mention. When General Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of Allied Forces in Europe, was asked to name the key weapons that won the war for the Allies he replied: "The Jeep, the DC-3 transport and the amphibious landing craft!". We think he should have added the B-17. But failing that, what about an impregnable armored car, a jeep with the superstructure of a B-17 cabin? Looking as if they were custom made for each other, the two form an unbeatable combination. Furthermore, up until now, nobody has been able to write an epitaph for either one, and that's as it should be."
(Joe Harlich).

Chrome at the Home, by Bruce

It was a great show again this year with lots of motorcycles and a large crowd. One of the guys in the POW-MIA association made these great awards with the help of veterans at their home crafts area. Ben and I thought it was a good thing for the IMVPA to do at some point with our own trophies. I took my old Dnepr motorcycle and the M37. The Dnepr won best in the Nostalgia class for the second time.



The story of a Korean War Horse, who was a real hero, by Ron

This story was sent out by Bruce. In case you missed it, I thought it would be great to reproduce for you here. And what an amazing story it is. Staff Sergeant Reckless (1948-1968) was a decorated horse from the Korean War. The photo on the front page showed her with her primary trainer, Gunnery Sergeant Joseph Latham.

In October 1952, Lieutenant Eric Pedersen received permission from his Brigade Commander to purchase a horse for his platoon. They were based in mountainous terrain, and he needed a pack animal that could carry heavy shells. The LT paid for the horse with his own money from a young man who needed the \$250 to pay for his sister's prosthetic leg as she had stepped on a land mine.

They taught the horse to avoid barbed wire, and lay down under fire. The mare also learned to head for the bunker upon hearing "incoming!" She was said to have a gentle disposition, roamed the camp at will and was loved by everyone. Sometimes she even entered tents and slept with the troops. She was known to eat or drink anything, to include scrambled eggs, buttered toast, chocolate bars, mashed potatoes, peanut butter sandwiches, coca cola and beer. She would enjoyed eating blankets and helmet liners.

She assisted in many engagements. During the Battle of Panmunjom-Vegas she made 51 solo trips in a single day, carrying 386 recoilless rounds up the mountain, and brought wounded men back down. She was wounded by shrapnel on 2 occasions. For her accomplishments, she was promoted to Corporal.

When the war ended the Commander of the 1st Marine Division promoted her to Sergeant in a formal ceremony. She eventually made her way to the USA, where she retired at Camp Pendleton at the rank of Staff Sergeant. Her pay was in the form of food and lodging. She earned several medals, including two Purple Hearts. She was one of the few animals in the Marine Corps with official, authorized rank.

UPCOMING EVENTS Idahomvpa.org

- **Touch a Truck**, October 13th. Arrive at 8AM, Bronco Stadium, 1400 Bronco Lane, Boise. Bruce said last year he put caution tape around the M37 and everyone was very respectful.
- **Boise Veteran's Day Parade**, Saturday November 3rd. Parade starts at 10:15AM. Get there very early!

Classified Ads

Wanted: M101A2/A3 trailer. Contact Ben at hondatoys@gmail.com

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 ❖

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

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