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The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is known as independence day, and has been a Federal Holiday since 1941. But its celebration goes back to the American Revolution. On July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1776 our founding fathers voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, which was drafted by Thomas Jefferson.

The men who put their name to this historic document knew they were signing their own death warrant. Britain was the world's greatest super power. These men were fabulously wealthy for 1776. Can you think of anyone today who would put their lives and millions on the line for our country? The other

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

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**The Star and Middleton parades are an annual IMVPA favorite since they are back to back. Read more about it in this issue.**

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part of the story is that not everyone was on board with the idea of revolution. About 1/3 of the nation maintained close ties to their roots (Britain), and about another 1/3 didn't really care one way or another.

Today the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is celebrated as a time of patriotism, parades, and leisure. How did you spend your 4<sup>th</sup> of July?

-By Ron P

## It was in the news...

- August 7<sup>th</sup> is Purple Heart Day, and is a time for Americans to pause to remember the brave men and women who sacrificed all on the battlefield.

- We welcome new member Greg McFarland

- At the 2018 Major League baseball all star week in Wash. DC, 30 medal of honor recipients were honored on the field in front of a sellout crowd on national TV. Their names were read and they received a thunderous applause. Kind of nice to be able to watch a sporting event without wondering who will take a knee.

- Matt Wrobel of the Meridian American Legion has been properly retiring US flags for 2 years now. After realizing the grommets were made of brass, he had an idea. He had the 22 pounds of brass made into a bell, and presented it to the Department of Idaho leadership during its 100<sup>th</sup> convention. "It was very emotional to see my idea come to life. But the greatest gift I was given in this was hearing the bell ring when the gavel struck it," said Matt.



Are the prices of jeeps getting stupid high these days? Here is an early 42 script GPW spotted on an east coast craigslist ad for \$2000. No engine, tub is there, body condition not discussed, has data plates and hood numbers. In pics it looks like a rust bucket. Oh yeah and there is a tree growing right up through the middle of it. What would you pay?



## 'stupid news'

-The US 4<sup>th</sup> circuit court of appeals declared that the cross shaped Veteran's Memorial in Maryland violates the First Amendment. It was erected in 1925 by Gold Star mothers in honor of the lives lost in WW1. The American Legion filed a petition with the US Supreme Court to reverse the lower court decision. If the legion fails to save the monument, then it will be bulldozed.

## Mountain Home Air Force Base and Gunfighter Skies by Ron P

On June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> I took the family to Mountain Home for the air show. This wasn't an IMVPA participation story but airshows are always worth sharing. There is nothing that sparks the imagination, wonder and emotion like an air show does!

There were thousands of people, dozens of static aircraft displays, food and drink vendors, and of course aerial acrobatics. My favorite may always be the Japanese aircraft display. There were a half dozen beautiful Japanese fighter and torpedo bombers and they made their run on the airfield, which inevitably resulted in much smoke and destruction. I had to ponder if there were any Japanese in the crowd, and if they also wondered why the Americans would celebrate getting pounded into submission by their 'enemy'! Of course I also always find this display very emotional. I'm sure you've watched the movie 'Tora Tora Tora', or Pearl Harbor. Can you only imagine what Americans may have been feeling at that moment in 1941, knowing that their lives would be forever changed. A friend of mine, the late Major Glenn Marston (WW2), whom I dedicated my GPW to, told me something interesting once. He said when he got the news Pearl Harbor was attacked he remembered exactly where he was and what he was doing. Perhaps you can relate to the same feeling, such as when the twin towers fell, or when the space shuttle challenger suddenly and tragically was destroyed in 1986.

This airshow was not without real tragedy however. Dan Buchanan, a hang glider pilot, tragically crashed and subsequently died of his injuries. Dan had been doing air shows for 36 years. God speed sir.



## July 4<sup>th</sup> Parades in Star and Middleton by Bruce G

On July 4<sup>th</sup> the Star and Middleton parades were much larger than in the past. The Idaho MVPA was represented by Keith and Toni Watt in their 1985 M35A2, Roy Cagnacci in his M151, Bruce and Helene Gates in their 53 Dodge and Al and Bonnie Mizner in their M38. We stayed relatively dry this year during the Middleton parade, which can be hard to do.



## UPCOMING EVENTS [Idahomvpa.org](http://Idahomvpa.org)

- Kuna Days Parade, August 4th 8-9:15 AM at Kuna Middle School
- Cloverdale Funeral Home Show and Shine, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 9AM-4PM; Entry fee is \$5. All proceeds go to the Veteran's Assistance League.

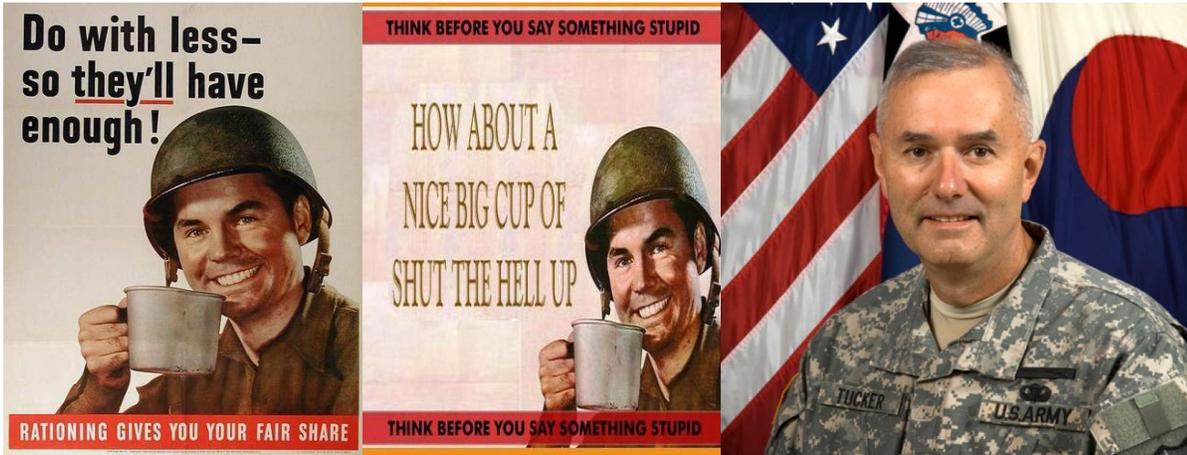
## Classified Ads

Wanted: M101A2/A3 trailer. Contact Ben at [hondatoys@gmail.com](mailto: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 if you will participate in a Class Action lawsuit (not required) if so e mail

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# Editorial: the history of the canteen cup poster?



Original poster, at left. The poster (center) has had many variations. Lieutenant General Tucker(ret), right.

You've probably seen this funny, if not PC version of this WW2 poster. But did you know where it came from? While the true origins of Kilroy and name brand Jeep may be argued in history, this story may not. At least not according to Colonel (retired) Scott Power, who was eye witness to the event as it unfolded.

The date was September 1999. It was at the FORSCOM (Forces Command) world wide training and scheduling conference at Fort McPherson, Georgia. One of the morning presentations was from a FORSCOM civilian staff member who was briefing the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Korean War festivities set for the 2000-2003 timeframe. The attending members represented the XVIII Airborne Corps, the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division.

One slide in the presentation was an old war bonds photo of a GI holding a canteen cup. Sergeant first class Herron, of the XVIII Airborne Corps section of the delegation made a couple of comments for the benefit of the others in the room. He said the GI in the WW2 photo had the likeness of lieutenant colonel Tucker, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division G3 (LTC Tucker would go on to become Lieutenant General Tucker, Commander First Army).

The second comment was on the extended length of the briefing, and SFC Herron said "How about a nice hot cup of shut the F\*\*\* up" much to the entertainment of the surrounding XVIII airborne personnel.

Later, it is rumored, that it was the 82<sup>nd</sup> delegation, led by LTC Huggins (later Lieutenant General Huggins retired, Army G3), that manipulated and redistributed the slide of the GI with the canteen cup that night, to show the new caption. The new slide was shared in US Army circles, where it immediately went viral around the Army. Sergeant First Class (retired) Herron went on to become a senior civilian at Fort Campbell Kentucky.

Source: interview with Colonel (ret) Scott Power, USARCENT  
LTC Ronald Powell, Command Historian

The rest of the story? The man in the photo was Thomas Murray, a WW2 vet who has since passed away. His was the face of rationing in the USA. His daughter Stephanie Phillips has campaigned to get the 'variation' of the poster removed from the internet, to no avail.

## 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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