



# FROM THE TOP

by Bruce Gates, President, IMVPA



## 3rd Annual IMVPA Show and Swap Meet

Well, that's a wrap on our 3rd annual Military Vehicle Show and Swap meet. I want to give a HUGE shoutout to everybody that helped and came out to make it a success. We had vendors from multiple states including Oregon and Montana, displays from Washington, and even visitors from Colorado that SPECIFICALLY timed their vacation around our show! We had dozens of vehicles including a WW1 Ambulance and artillery pieces! Lots of goodies to buy too, according to my bank account I may have purchased most of them... or so it seems! So once again I want to say THANK YOU to everybody that helped make it a success.

John Downs  
IMVPA Vice President



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**SI ADMINISTRATION: MEETING MINUTES** by Erik Kunkle, Secretary

2 June 2026 IMVPA Meeting Minutes by Secretary Erik T. Kunkle

The June meeting was held at Gates and Associates. Vice President John D. called the meeting to order at 1902L. Secretary Erik K. was suffering from a pulled tooth from two days prior, and had a hard time taking notes, and did not stick around after the meeting.

Though attendees used a sign-in sheet, Erik did not think to get a copy, nor count the names.

Roughly 17 Members were present. Bruce G. (President and Treasurer) was unable to attend due to a work commitment.

The majority of the meeting was used to discuss the 4-6 June Military Car Show and Swap Meet.

More events were added to the upcoming calendar and can be found on the current events schedule posted on the website, and July newsletter.

Of Note:

-14 Club Vehicles took part in Nampa's Parade America and the event in Lake View Park

-Big turn out of Vehicles and Crowd at Kohlerlawn Cemetery in Nampa for Memorial Day

-Same with the Warhawk Museum after the Kohlerlawn event.

-Warhawk counted 2300 people through the doors on Memorial Day

Treasurer Report (Bruce G.): As of 2 June 2026

-Not Reported

Meeting adjourned at 1952L

Note from Secretary:

The official attendance for the 2 June 2026 meeting will be listed in the upcoming July Meeting Minutes. Some things covered at the 2 June meeting will be reiterated at the July meeting, and I'll get a count of vehicles that participated in the Kohlerlawn and Warhawk museum events, and it will be reflected in the July Meeting Minutes. Thank you for your understanding concerning the 2 June meeting minutes.

- Erik T. Kunkle  
Secretary, IMVPA

*Meeting Minutes continued on next page.*



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## S3 OPERATIONS

### July

**July 4th**, Fourth of July Parade, Caldwell, ID. See email for most current information.

**July 4th**, Fourth of July Parade, Star, ID. See email for most current information.

**July 4th**, Fourth of July Parade, Boise, ID. See email for most current information.

**July 18th**, Emmett Lions Club Car Show, Emmett, ID. Details to follow.  
<https://emmettshowandshine.com/>

### August

**August 29 & 30**, Nampa, ID. War Bird Roundup, Warhawk Air Museum, Nampa. Details to follow.  
<https://warhawkairmuseum.org/event/warbird-roundup-saturday/>

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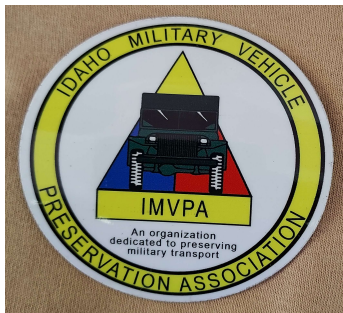
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**S4 SUPPLY / QUARTERMASTER** Quartermaster, Craig Donat

**LIST OF SUPPLIES AVAILABLE FOR REQUISITION**

★ Club T-Shirts, \$20.00, check with the QM Craig Donat for available sizes and how to pick one up or to purchase one of the other pieces of IMVPA swag shown below.

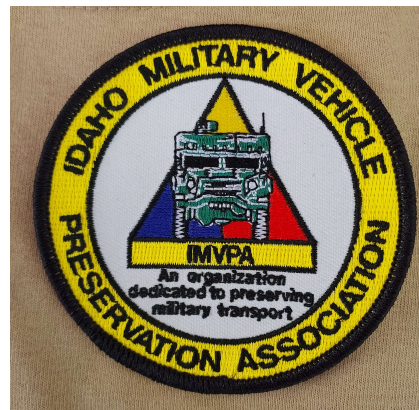


Sticker

Pennant



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## S4 THE POST EXCHANGE

### FOR SALE

1944 Willys Jeep and trailer \$14,000

1942 Chevy 1 1/2 ton \$10,000.

Contact Bruce Gates 209-890-2249



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### SCUTTLEBUTT: RUMORS YOU CAN TRUST

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- A vehicle information placard is available at the back of this newsletter. You can fill it out, put it in a plastic sleeve and place it on your vehicle.
- Club business cards are available for distribution to members. They are double-sided so you can add your contact info if desired. See VP John Downs.



We are a non-profit dedicated to military vehicle enthusiasts and collectors interested in the preservation and restoration of antique military vehicles

IMVPA meets on the first Tuesday monthly

Owning a military vehicle is not required to join



IMVPA is a 501c non-profit

[www.idahomvpa.org](http://www.idahomvpa.org)

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Member name

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Member phone

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Member email

- If you want a digital version of the club business cards with your personal contact info on the back, send an email to the newsletter editor at [imvpanewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:imvpanewsletter@gmail.com) with the info you want on the back of the card. You will get a digital copy that you can take to a printer such as Staples.
- A fillable PDF version of the IMVPA membership application is available at the home page of the club's website. <https://www.idahomvpa.org/>. This version allows a person to fill the form out using their computer instead of printing it out and filling it out by hand. The completed application can then be emailed to [imvpanewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:imvpanewsletter@gmail.com).
- Please consider sending in an After Action Report (AAR) to the newsletter editor at [imvpanewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:imvpanewsletter@gmail.com). Your description of the event doesn't have to be lengthy. It can include who in the club attended, the event name, your impression of the event and anything you think might encourage other members to attend the event in the future. And pictures. You can send more than one. In fact half a dozen would be great. May not be able to use all of them but more is better.

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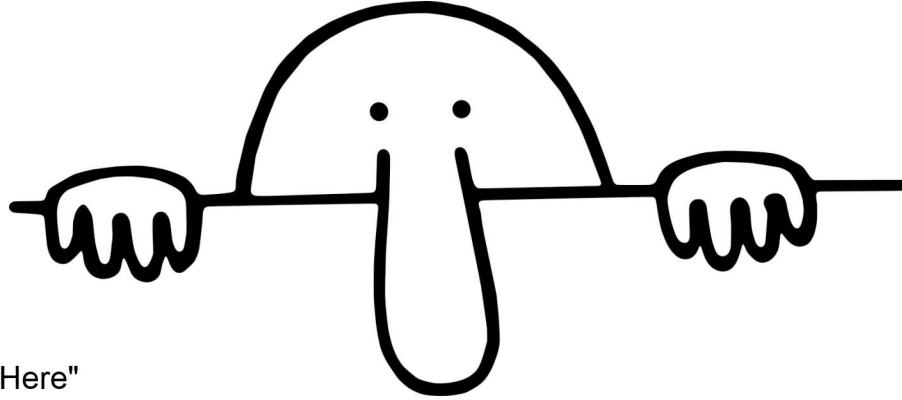


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### Origin of "Kilroy Was Here"

"Kilroy was here" emerged during World War II as a form of graffiti created by American servicemen. The phrase is often accompanied by a doodle of a bald man with a prominent nose peeking over a wall. James J. Kilroy's Role

**Background:** James J. Kilroy was a shipyard inspector at the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy, Massachusetts.

**Inspection Mark:** To indicate his inspections, Kilroy would chalk "Kilroy was here" next to his marks. This practice was intended to prevent riveters from claiming double pay by erasing his marks.

**Spread Among Troops:** As American soldiers boarded ships built at the yard, they began to see Kilroy's phrase, which resonated with them and spread rapidly across various theaters of war.

**Morale Booster:** The graffiti served as a morale booster for troops, symbolizing their shared experiences and the widespread reach of American forces.

**Global Reach:** "Kilroy was here" appeared in unexpected places, from the beaches of Normandy to the jungles of the Pacific, reinforcing the idea that American soldiers were everywhere.

**Intelligence Misunderstanding:** The phrase confused enemy forces, leading to speculation that it was a code name for a high-level Allied spy, even reaching figures like Adolf Hitler.

**Cultural References:** After the war, "Kilroy was here" became a nostalgic symbol in popular culture, appearing in movies, comics, and television shows.

**Memorialization:** The phrase and its doodle have been etched into the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., ensuring its place in history.

"Kilroy was here" remains a powerful reminder of the resilience and camaraderie of American soldiers during one of history's most challenging times.



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### June 27 Marsing Show and Shine

Patrick W and Roy C went to the Marsing show and shine. About an hour into the show it started pouring rain. We stayed a bit longer and Roy got a plaque. What people did show seemed interested in our vehicles and the history presented.



See, it does rain in Idaho!



### IMVPA Members-Only Facebook

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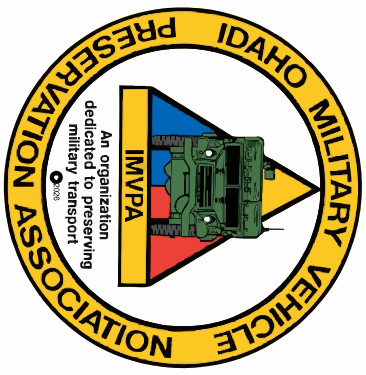
### June 6 D-Day Event in France from UK member Nick Wilson



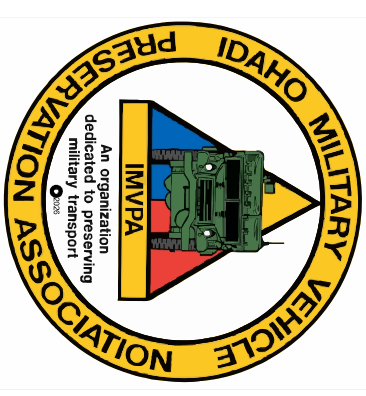
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# Idaho Military Vehicle Preservation Association



**Vehicle Type/Model:**

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**Year of Mfg:**

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**Years of Service:**

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**Vehicle Purpose:**

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**Vehicle Owner:**

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Join us for our annual Idaho  
Military Vehicle Show and  
Swap Meet in Caldwell, ID

Interested in military vehicles?  
Join Idaho Military Vehicle  
Preservation Association





# **Idaho Military Vehicle Preservation Association**

## **Membership Application**

Since 1993, our 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.

Ownership of a military vehicle is not a requirement for membership!

**Membership Fees: \$20.00 per year**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this membership application to:

Bruce Gates  
PO Box 592  
Nampa, ID 83652

Monthly meetings are held on the **first Tuesday of the month** at 7:00 PM  
Please call **(208) 890-2249** for more information





## **501(c) ORGANIZATION DONATION RECEIPT**

**Name of Organization:** Idaho Military Vehicle Preservation Association

**Mailing Address:** 604 N 36th St, Nampa ID 83687

**TIN:** 820457259

### **DONOR INFORMATION**

Donor/Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### **DONATION STATEMENT**

Thank you for your donation with a value of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars

(\$\_\_\_\_\_), made to the above-mentioned 501(c) organization.

Donation Description: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned representative, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that there were no goods or services provided as part of this donation.

Furthermore, as of the date of this receipt the above-mentioned organization is a current and valid 501(c) organization in accordance with the standards and regulations of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

**Representative's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Representative's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_