



## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

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“Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it.”

— Tom Paine.

During the Revolutionary War, our forefathers fought hard for their basic freedoms. Did you know that your right to title and drive a military vehicle 1967 or newer has been taken away from you? If you are receiving the many emails sent out by Alex Gordon of the Idaho Motor Pool, then you know about the issue, and the solution. A House Bill supporting the issue of titles to Military Vehicles has been approved by your representatives, and sent to the senate for vote. From there it goes to the Governor. BUT THIS FIGHT HAS JUST BEGUN! You must call, write in, and make your voice heard! Contact Alex or get on the email distro if this is the first you've heard of it. Make no mistake, your liberties, and the liberties of your fellow IMVPA military vehicle owners present and future, are at risk.

-Ron ❖

### IMVPA MEETINGS: 1<sup>st</sup> Tues of the Month. Social hour 6, meeting at 7.

March meeting is at Gates Towing in Nampa.

#### Officers:

**President: Mike Sword**

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**Website Editor, Newsletter Editor: Ron Powell**

Pearl Harbor, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The American Legion lays a wreath over the wreck of the US Arizona. Want to know the whole story? More details in this newsletter.



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## Meetings:

**March Meeting:** Bruce Gates Towing in Nampa: Agenda is to plan the Annual Military Show.

**April Meeting:** Agenda is discuss upcoming events. Would anyone like to volunteer to host the meeting at their place?

## It was in the news...

- **The IMVPA annual military show and swap meet is JUNE 23-24<sup>th</sup>. Get the word out!**

- The US won the curling championship for the first time ever. You don't know what that is? Yeah, neither do I. No one does.

-in more news, the US is going to tighten sanctions on North Korea. Really? Shouldn't we already be at the point where we have nothing more to do with them?

- At Kuwait Naval Base Kuwait, Soldiers conducted a WW2 fitness test as part of their training. It included pull ups, pushups, straight leg situps, squat jumps, and a 300 yard run.

- **Wanted:** your newsletter articles, pictures, or editorials. Send them to Ron.

- Pay your annual dues now if you have not already. POC is Bruce.

- The IMVPA is alive and well on Facebook! Go check it out and like the page.

- In this issue there is a story about Pearl Harbor written by Doug Hanks. Mr. Hanks is a Korean war era veteran who drove many of the vintage vehicles that we enjoy today. His father served in the 91<sup>st</sup> Division as an infantry doughboy in WW1. Doug is a humble person and one of the greatest Patriots I know. He volunteers his time with the American Legion in Meridian Idaho. He serves on the honor guard, and volunteers with several programs that support our young people from sports to

scholarship programs. He's also the Vice Commander and has contributed his knowledge and information about 1940s vehicle maintenance to this newsletter in the past.

Is there someone out there whom you would love to recognize for their contributions? Let us know.

**Spotted.** Mr. Johnson has a lot of stuff in his tightly packed garage apparently. One day he pulls out a cockpit and ball turret for a B24 Liberator. It made its way over to the Warhawk Museum where he hopes to have room to work on it. Have you cleaned out your garage lately?



Found this pic in the archives from a couple years back. I call this picture "Bruce's Ladies" because they gathered around his M37. Nice M37 uh huh. Keep looking you'll see it.

## Pearl Harbor, December 7<sup>th</sup> 2017 by Ron P

Doug Hanks is a friend of mine and he attends the Pearl Harbor remembrance every year in December. Doug is a Vice Commander of American Legion Post 113 and a member of the honor guard. He noted there were about 20,000 people in attendance, as well as about 2 dozen Pearl Harbor veterans! He said he snuck into line, where our service members create a corridor for our WW2 veterans to pass, and they all render them a hand salute. Doug said he stood between two Navy Admirals!

Our Pearl Harbor survivors are the oldest WW2 veterans, yet they still take time to come down for the ceremony and talk to the public. Doug said he talked to as many of them as he could. Doug said his advice to the IMPVA is to go to Pearl and witness a ceremony for yourself very soon.



# Yuma Proving Grounds 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2018 by Al Mizner and Ron Powell

Al and Bonnie Mizner migrate to the Southwest each year in order to enjoy the nicer weather. This year Al stopped by Yuma Proving Grounds to enjoy the static displays put on by the US Army. Yuma had its start in 1943 and now tests new equipment for the military.



At Left; the AMPV, or Armored Multipurpose vehicle will soon be fielded. Its due to replace the Vietnam era M113 armored personnel carrier. It had very thin armor that could be penetrated by small arms fire. The AMPV will be used as a troop carrier, motor carriage, medical evacuation platform, and for mission command, which is a fancy new term for how a commander controls the fight. At Right is the JLTV, or Joint Light Tactical Vehicle. This is now being fielded with the intent of replacing the aging HMMWV. Due to sequestration, the US Army has been slow in modernizing, and can only replace HMMWVs as funds allow. Therefore the JLTV will enter service incrementally.



Al also saw an “overland train” exhibit. This vehicle was conceptualized in the 1950s to serve as a transport vessel not reliant on railway tracks. It was up to 650 feet long with 13 sections for power, fuel, and cargo. It was never fielded but did undergo testing in a variety of terrain.

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

- **Memorial Day Ceremony at Kohler Lawn.** Monday May 28<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. Members should arrive NLT 9AM to set up.

-**Annual Memorial Day Program at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens,** May 28<sup>th</sup> at 1PM. This is park and relax kind of event. Expect to convoy over from Kohler Lawn. It was a fun and well attended event in 2017. Hotdogs and refreshments will be served.

- **Annual IMVPA Military Show and Swap Meet,** June 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. The location is the Harley Davidson Dealership in Meridian. Planning is ongoing. If you want to be part of the planning committee, please let us know ASAP.

**Meeting Minutes;** No meeting was scheduled for Feb.

### LOCAL CLASSIFIED ADS

**Wanted:** CJ3B windshield. Call Justin at 208-863-5901

**Wanted:** M100 Pintle ring for trailer. Interested in what you have. Call Mike 208-891-108.

**Wanted:** GPW or MB steering shaft, complete, with shaft, horn button and tube. Email [johnsamschulz@yahoo.com](mailto:johnsamschulz@yahoo.com)

**For Sale:** beautiful and complete 1943 ¾ ton WC57; European return, 100% restored, full radios and winch, 4 wheel disk brake conversion. Asking 42k OBO. Call Fred 208-908-7966.

**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) ❖

## Editorial: Buyer Beware By Ron



At left, For Sale in the Spokane Craigslist. Asking 5800\$ Canadian. A 41 power wagon? Or is it this vehicle at right, a D15 Canadian pattern early Dodge?

*The ad said: This is a 1941 military Power wagon with the 41 Dodge pickup front clip and rear finders. It's all original and runs and drives great for the age. The title is clean. The star on the door is original paint. The body is pretty much rust free and very solid.*

Let's look at this gem for a minute. You might be tempted to drive straight to Washington State to pick up this all original 1941 Power Wagon. But is everything what it would seem?

The idea behind this article isn't to make you an expert in Dodges, but to bring up some good points when searching for that MV that you always wanted. A rule of thumb is the more complete it is, the better. But we know Bubba can do a lot to a vehicle over the decades. I ran this ad by Bruce, our resident Dodge expert. He says to look inside the cab to see if it's military. On the surface the civilian and military cabs are similar. Then there is that hideous winch, which he says was most certainly added. It may be a valuable and vintage winch, worth flipping but you now have to find a new grill. Ask yourself if that is easy or hard to do.

A quick comparison on the wacky pedia site shows that It may be a Dodge D15 Canadian pattern. Hmm, a rare breed that no one else has is something most of us would like to get. But can you get a bumper? Is the bed correct? I can't see a tailgate. The Ad says says it's all original but I notice that most people seldom have any idea what that means. You have to look under the hood, see if it's got the correct engine and transmission. The fact it runs and drives doesn't mean as much if the engine has been swapped out for something completely different. Look at the axles and wheels; are they correct and original? It's kind of painful to have to find correct wheels for something. Wow the expense can really add up. Enjoy your Craigslist search, but as the old saying goes, it's "buyer beware".

## **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.**