



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION



FROM THE TOP

From the President

Well it's 2026 and it's time to finish plans for the 2026 Military Vehicle show in Caldwell. This year we are mixing it up a bit and working with St Vincent De Paul for a toy drive for kids in the Treasure Valley and Magic Valley. I remember when I was poor and homeless and an organization like this helped us through some tough times. So it's a great way to give back to the community and bring in foot traffic to our show.

Most things are already under way and planned out but there will be a few things here and there that we need help with so be sure to attend our March meeting to go over it! With any luck this show will be the biggest yet!!

-John Downs
IMVPA Vice President

IMVPA CLUB OFFICERS

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Spotted!

It's coming up fast so see the flyer in this month's newsletter!

**IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE SHOW
AND SWAP MEET**

JUNE 4-6, 2026

9AM - 5PM

4114 DEARBORN STREET, CALDWELL, ID 83605

It was in the news

On February 25th 2026, President Trump awarded the Medal of Honor to Army Chief Warrant Officer Five Eric Slover and retired Navy Captain Royce Williams during the State of the Union Address. CW5 Slover was recognized for the recent action against Venezuela, while 100 year old Williams was honored for his service in the Korean War in 1952.

Source: Army.mil

More than two million women veterans live in the United States today. The % of women veterans has increased from 6.3% in 2000 to 11.3% in 2023 and is projected to reach 17.2% by the year 2043.

Source: American Legion Magazine March 2026 issue.

Funny of the Day:

The wife was pretty mad at me and accused me of not even knowing the count of all the military vehicle clunkers I had. I told her she was wrong and in fact I was very quick at math. Skeptical, she stared hard at me for a minute and said "all right, we have \$110 in checking and \$112 in savings and a \$100 balance on the credit card. How much money do we have?" I told her it was enough money to buy a GPW, Willys MB and a Burma at \$1000 each. She angrily replied "that's wrong!" "Perhaps," I replied, "but my math was quick."

Announcements

Meetings:

-The next meeting is in March.

-Elections will be held in March 2026. **Please consider running for office** as new leadership is a good thing. Some of the IMVPA officers have been in place for years and it's time to give them a break. *(especially the newsletter editor!)*

At the March meeting planning will continue for the 3rd Annual IMVPA Military Show and Swap Meet. There's always a lot to do and we need members who will step up to help out. Is that you? Planning will continue every month until the show June 4th through 6th. At a minimum we ask that you take this time to get the word out! A flyer is attached to this newsletter so post it at your work, add to social media, or send it to your ex spouse. Or something like that.

Some upcoming events in March. Did we miss your birthday? Tough \$h!t.

March 3rd Navy Reserve Bday
March 25th Medal of Honor Day
March 29th Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Day

IMVPA MEETINGS: Usually the 1st Tues of the Month at 7PM at Gates & Associates at 604 N. 36th St. Nampa, ID

Upcoming Events – by Pres Gates

- Feb 28th-Mar 1st: Lewis Clark Trader Gun Show in Nampa
 - March 2026, first Tuesday of the month, IMVPA monthly meetings resume.
 - April 15th-18th Camp Plymouth in Calif.
 - June 4th—6th, IMVPA 3rd Annual Military Vehicle Show and Swap meet.
- See the details in the flyer, attached.

His Glass is Half Empty. *This space is reserved for any IMVPA member to submit an article. This month's article is by:* Anonymous

As part of my new year's resolution, (and on orders by my doctor, church pastor, mental health counselor, lawyer and bartender) I decided to quit a few things. So I'm quitting drinking, smoking, chewing, gambling, drugs, wandering, rambling, carrying on and ammo hoarding.

I'm also selling off things that I never seem to use like some of my guns, a boat, the fishing rod, my dish soap and underarm deodorant.

Now a guy might think that would leave quite a bit of money in the bank for military vehicle derelict junker collecting and normally they might be right, but I have to give up that too!

You see I'm thinkin' about getting married again, and If I learned anything about getting divorced the first time it's that marriage is mighty expensive! So I'm planning ahead this time. Ya see last time I got married it resulted in divorce and I lost everything, to include my house, my dog, my kid and a kidney. (I did get to keep a couple of junker WW2 jeeps that she didn't want, go figure). Anyway I'm gonna be smart this time around and PLAN FOR THE DIVORCE AHEAD OF TIME so it won't be as costly!

My lawyer and bartender thinks this plan is a great one; thank you very much. The others, not so much but imagine for a minute why it's such a great idea. Ya see I'll have more money to use to buy her a house and car and maybe I'll be able to save a little for myself too!

A couple of my best friends say I should use that extra money to buy junker jeeps and they point to the fact that the last ex wife didn't want em so they were safe. The logic is sound and I definitely don't have enough WW2 junkers so what harm is there in collecting a couple more? With all the money I'm saving...i mean I always wanted a CCKW, a Burma, and maybe even an aircraft carrier. I love my new gal...and I also love olive drab junk. What do I do? What would you do? What would my church pastor (who is also my bartender do)?

IMVPA Military Vehicle Show/Swap Meet by John Downs

3RD ANNUAL

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- ★ DOZENS OF MILITARY VEHICLES
- ★ RAFFLE DRAWINGS
- ★ SWAP MEET VENDORS AND FOOD
- ★ FREE GENERAL ADMISSION & PARKING
- ★ EVERYONE WELCOME: GENERAL PUBLIC, HISTORY BUFFS, VETERANS & REENACTORS



VENDOR INFORMATION:

SWAP MEET SPACES: \$20

VEHICLES/DISPLAY AREA: FREE



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IMVPA and MVPA Membership!



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

TIN: 820457259

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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

