



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

February 2018



IMVPA MEETINGS: 1st Tues of the Month. Social hour 6, meeting at 7.
No meeting in February.

Officers:

President: Mike Sword
Vice President: Bob Schoonderwood
Treasurer: Bruce Gates
Quartermaster: Mike Pierce
Secretary, Social Media Director: Benjamin Sterling
Website Editor, Newsletter Editor: Ron Powell
Quartermaster: Mike Pierce

Armor without a story: this photo was shared by Bruce. What is not to love? The olive drab color, the extra machine guns, the craftsmanship! The creativity, and repurposing of items that were clearly meant for the junkyard but were instead recycled responsibly! And that retro look, of modern drivetrain with WW2 Halftrack DNA means this surely has great torque and power. Lowering it means better fuel economy on the freeway 😊



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Meetings:

February: No scheduled meeting.

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 going to happen! The dates are set for JUNE 23-24th.**

- Department of Corrections. We are told that for some reason Idaho has a lot of Airborne Convento Trailers. Many members just don't bring them out or they are used at the house and ranch for their utility and are unrestored. The Markers recently purchased an original model from Dick B, our WW2 member. Mrs.

Marker noted that she is the true craftsman in the family who makes the restoration happen. They plan to restore it over the winter. We need to see pictures or it didn't happen!

-we now have a Quartermaster. What does that mean to you? Well now you can get quick access to T-shirts, stickers, club swag, etc.

Just reach out to Mike P and he will HOOK YOU UP!

- **Wanted:** your newsletter articles, pictures, or editorials. Send them to Ron. I RARELY GET ANYTHING! SEND THEM TO ME. NO, REALLY!

- Post cards for annual dues are going out. As a reminder, your dues are due. So do your due diligence and pay your dues. Dude.

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

-In April the US Army Reserve will celebrate its 109th year in service. Compare that the US Marine Corps which was founded in 1775. The US Army was also founded in 1775. But a history professor told me once that the USMC didn't really do anything until decades later and they were so small they didn't account for much. He was retired Army by the way.



Spotted. You don't have to go far to see WW2 relics, even in the US. This is one of 5 observation towers in Delaware, built to defend the coast line between WW1 and WW2. This pic was taken last summer on a family vacation.



The real life Rosie the Riveter, Naomi Parkey Fraley, passed away at age 96. Until the last few years she was denied her fame as no one knew who the real Rosie the Riveter was.

Bruce's corner by Bruce Gates

This first picture is of an M24 A1 gun mount that I just finished painting for Joe Perry. The mount was originally intended for the ¾ ton WC 51 and WC52, but saw a lot of use in M37's later as I have one in my M37 mounting a light barrel M2 Browning.

Joe Perry is a new member. I met him last year at a car show as he was interested in finding a military vehicle. Dick Bengoechea had his M37 for sale so I got the two of them together. It became interesting after that.

In WWII Dick Bengoechea was in the 116th Cav and was wounded. Some time after he was out he found an M37 that came from the 116th Cav at Gowen Field. His wife bought the truck for him as a birthday present. He had it for several years and sold it. A few years ago the truck came up for sale again and Dick repurchased it. I tuned it for him and did quite a bit of work on it so he could drive it in parades and such.

Now when Dick decides to sell the truck along comes Joe Perry who also retired from the 116th Cav and bought the truck from Dick so the truck has stayed most of its entire life with members of the 116th Cav.

I've been helping Joe get the truck in good shape so he can use it as his daily driver. And use it he does. Almost no one puts as many miles on an MV as Joe or uses it in all weather. Now it's going to get a live heavy barrel M2 mounted on it and maybe a new paint job next year.

The picture is of a gasoline block heater that is part of a G249 personnel heater kit for M series vehicles. Mike Breshears found several of these NOS. They were to be mounted on a frame rail of an M series vehicle and heated and circulated the engine coolant; Interesting and rare item.





Editors note: Members ask about Dick B all the time. While he doesn't attend meetings anymore, he is an IMVPA #1 life member and one of the founders. He's in his 90s and has trouble leaving the house. Some members who are very close stop to visit with him from time to time. In this photo he shared his purple heart medal with us at one of the last meetings he was able to attend. It's said he was injured when a Messerschmitt ME109 dropped a bomb nearby. Dick woke up in an Army Hospital days later.

UPCOMING EVENTS Idahomvpa.org

- **Memorial Day Ceremony at Kohler Lawn.** Monday May 28th at 10AM. Members should arrive NLT 9AM to set up.
- **Annual IMVPA Military Show and Swap Meet,** June 23rd-24th. 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 Jan 2018 by VP Bob S

President Ron P opens the meeting and passes around the sign in roster. There were 13 members present. The treasurers report was given by Bruce. Past events were discussed, along with improves and sustains of each. Events included Gary's Automotive, the Holiday Social, the Veterans Day Parade, Gowen Thunder Air Show. Each event was deemed successful and should be retained on the calendar for 2018. Mike B noted that the Warhawk museum purchased a halftrack and there may be more events with them in 2018. Ron briefed IMVPA members about Idaho not issuing titles to vehicles newer than 1967.

Brief discussion about the Military Show and that a committee needs to be formed ASAP for planning. Wayne B is the POC for vendors and was asked to reach out now to contact them to invite them back.

Barry M is the POC for the Harley Davidson dealership. Stan noted he will help where needed.

Elections: Ron stated he has to step down due to military orders taking him out of state for the year. There was lively discussion about officers. Elections were then held. New officers are Mike Sword President. All others were retained in position.

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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

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.

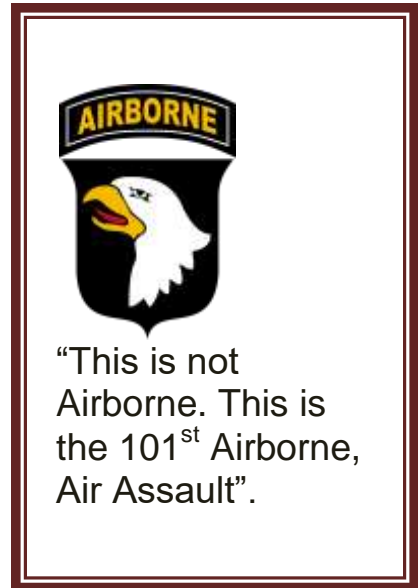
Having trouble titling your HMMWV in your state? We may be able to help !! Please e-mail as much information about your problem as possible and let us know if you will participate in a Class Action lawsuit (not required) if so e mail hmmwvowner@gmail.com ❖

Editorial: 101st Airborne Museum Tour By Ron

I stopped at Fort Campbell for a trip to the 101st Airborne Museum. It turned out the Don F Pratt Museum was closed for renovations but a temporary display was set up at the Dreyer Field House. We were told this was an original WW2 building.

The museum had very little on display, at least on the inside. There were some interesting artifact displays but I suspect it was only a small fraction of what is available. Outside the building there numerous vehicle and aircraft displays. This armor looked to be recently done, and was obviously painted the exact same color. There was a beautiful C47, and a number of Vietnam era aircraft as well.

A stop at the gift shop meant a long conversation with one of the staff. She was compelled to tell us her life story in the military. She was a retired Sergeant Major who traveled the world and settled down nearby.



When I inquired about the rest of the exhibit of the airborne museum, she curtly informed me that this was not airborne. "You are the 101st Airborne, Air Assault" she said. Oh okay, I guess words matter ☺



Would you like to, or know someone who would like to join? Send them the details, below. Easy!

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.