



## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION



### FROM THE TOP

*From the President*

It is beginning to look like May is finally going to put an end to winter. It has been a long cold, wet winter but now that it's about over our season can begin. In this newsletter you can find the most current list of upcoming events. This list is updated as often as I get new information.

If anyone knows of an upcoming event or has one that is of particular interest to them please let me know and we'll put it on the list.

Camp Plymouth has ended and we'd like to here how much anyone who attended enjoyed it. That event was supposed to be larger than last year's so we'll see if it was at the meeting on Tuesday.

### IMVPA CLUB OFFICERS

**President:** Bruce Gates  
**Vice President:** John Downs  
**Treasurer:** please volunteer  
**Quartermaster:** Erik Kunkel  
**Secretary:** Bob Schoenderwoerd  
**Social Media Director:** Benjamin Sterling and John Downs.  
**Website, Newsletter Editor:** Ron Powell

**Spotted:** Our VP John spotted this Calif!  
 This M8 made the trip from Caldwell.



## Pres notes, cont:

We have collected some dues but there are still a lot of people out there who haven't paid yet so please get your dues in for this year.

Let's see pictures of any new projects anyone has started on.

Everyone have a good season and stay safe out there.

### President Gates

## It was in the news...

- **Newest members.** Did we miss anyone? My memory isn't as good as it once was. Where are my car keys...what else goes wrong with age?

-There is a vintage military show May 12th and 13th at the Premium Building, Expo Center near 5610 N Glenwood St, Garden City ID. \$5 admission. This is not a military vehicle event and the IMVPA was not invited to formally participate.

-IMVPA dues are due at \$20 per year. If you haven't already, re-enroll today. You can mail your dues to President Gates at 604 N 36th street, Nampa Idaho 83687, or grab a lifetime membership.

Thank you Mrs. Downs for volunteering to make the IMVPA a new brochure. Send in your photos.

## Memorial Day

The 29th of May is Memorial Day, which honors those US military personnel died while serving our armed forces.

### **Remember.**

May 20th: Armed Forces Day

May 14th: Mother's Day. You wouldn't have forgotten that, would you?

May 14th: ordnance corps birthday.

What? No-one cares? How rude!

May 8th: Victory In Europe Day.

(I wonder if the younger generation knows where Europe is). -ed

**Wanted:** send in your photos articles and editorials. The fund raiser show photos for the Women's Veteran Memorial Garden didn't come through. Quarantine for virus' or covid? Not sure, but if someone can do the article we'd publish it right here!

**The Idaho Motor Pool final auction is May 23rd. This is your last chance. For more information contact the Idaho Motor Pool directly. Hours are Mon-Fri 9-5PM at 6243 Highway 95 at Fruitland, ID. Or call 208-452-5335**

**The Wall that Heals** is coming to Meridian June 29th –July 2nd. The Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Replica Wall is a 3/4 size replica. You should see it. Seriously.

**IMVPA MEETINGS: Always the 1<sup>st</sup> Tues of the Month at 7PM at Gates & Associates at 604 N. 36<sup>th</sup> St. Nampa, ID**



## **Official news and events** –by Secretary Bob Schoonderwoerd

May 20th: Idaho State Veteran's Home car show at the Veteran's Home at 5<sup>th</sup> and Fort at 9 AM

May 20th: Parade America in Nampa. POC is Pres Gates.

May 29: Kohler Lawn Memorial Day Celebration. Meet at Gates & Associates 604 N. 36<sup>th</sup>, Nampa. We'll convoy over at 9 AM.

June 29th to July 2nd: Scentsy on Eagle Rd., Meridian: the  $\frac{3}{4}$  Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall will be displayed. We can show up anytime we want.

July 4: Star Parade in Star, ID or Caldwell Parade at Memorial Park in Caldwell

July 16: Patriot Thunder at High Desert Harley Davidson. Be in there by 8:30 AM. This is a motorcycle ride to benefit veterans and normally has 1000 motorcycles.

August 12th-13th Warhawk Museum Warbird Roundup, Bring your MV.

August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Gowen Thunder at Gowen Field

## **MVCC Camp Plymouth** by Pictures by John Downs

**Editor's Note:** this space is reserved for any member or guest, anonymous or not, to contribute to the newsletter. This month's photo contribution is by IMVPA VP John Downs.





## Let's Introduce our Vice President, Mr. Downs

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Hello everyone. I have been recently honored with being elected as Vice President of the Idaho Military Vehicle Preservation Association and look forward to continuing our mission of preservation history and getting people involved. It is my goal to help open the doors even more to new members and get them interested in the hobby of MV ownership. Obviously not everyone can afford an MV (who really can?) but even if they are simply interested in owning one some day then that's all it takes!

A little about me:

I was born in Honolulu, HI and raised

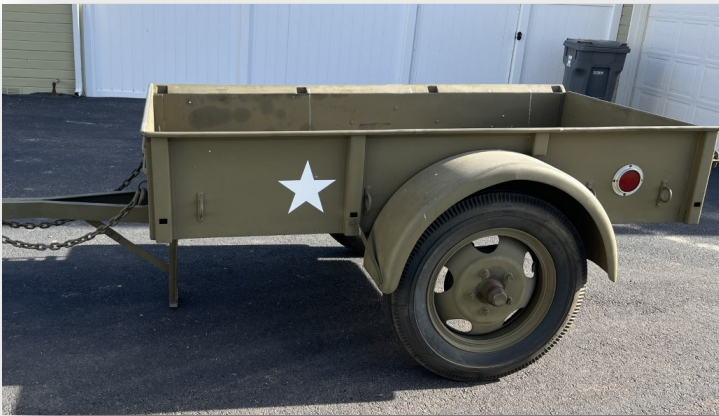
the "red neck" part of Northern California. Spent 26 years there and learned what freedom actually meant. After the fire that destroyed my home and 14,000 others, my wife and I decided to move to Idaho. I even brought along my burned M38A1 that is now in my backyard. Not long after arriving my wife decided that I needed to get out of the house and suggested I join the IMVPA. I have loved it ever since.

Not long after my arrival I acquired a replacement M38A1 that I am still working on. Since then I have also purchased an M1123 HMMWV and an M1102 trailer because why not go for broke?

Well that's enough about me for now. I look forward to getting past winter and back out at shows with everyone. Don't forget your maintenance/ operational checks!



## ***Strange Meat; an early Ben Hur*** by Pres Gates



Mike Breshears came up with an interesting Ben Hur made by Lavine. It must have been a prototype and appears to be NOS. The data tag says it's a  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton Ben Hur instead of the normal 1 ton Ben Hur. The lunet is different, the fenders are different. The space between the tire and fenders is much smaller than on a standard Ben Hur. The wheels are different and marked as 1939 with smaller wheel studs. The measurement of the bed is still 4 X 8. The ebrake and landing gear are different than a standard Ben Hur.

David Doyle's Standard Catalog of Military Vehicles says the Ben Hur was not standardized until 1942 and it shows the only  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton trailer made was a M101. It says all Ben Hurs are a 1 ton trailer.





## Your Free Free Free Classified Ads

### WANTED:

-Brian Tharp is looking for a full ring mount for an M35A2; POC is [Bruce Gates](#)

-77 Kaiser M35A2 w winch, runs great, complete, soft cab and hard cab, w Idaho title, drive it home now \$7000; All items in Wendell ID.  
**Email at [jrjrfm@yahoo.com](mailto:jrjrfm@yahoo.com)**

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**For Sale (see pics at left).**  
1944 Studebaker US6 winch model. Comes with a spare engine and trans and 10 brand new 750 X 20 tires. \$3995 Contact Bruce Gates 208-890-2249

**Have Junk...er military stuff to sell? This space is for rent. Er, no cost! Free advertising.**



# ***IMVPA and MVPA Membership!***

## **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 in 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.

### **Are you a member of 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 Go to [MVPA.org](http://MVPA.org), or

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**Are you a member of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association?  
 Please let us know your membership number!**





**Military Vehicle Preservation Association**  
**History In Motion**

*Since 1976 the Military Vehicle Preservation Association's mission is to provide an international organization for military vehicle enthusiasts, historians, preservationists and collectors interested in the acquisition, restoration, preservation, safe operation, public education and display of historic military transport.*

All membership types include Six issues of Supply Line and Four issues of Army Motors annually.

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MVPA Recruiting Member \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

16 Digit Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this application and mail with a check or money order (on a U.S. bank in U.S. funds) to the address below.

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