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Don Gomes (pictured) MVCC Central Valley VP attended Eagle Field 2018 and brought his nicely restored 1943 Ford GTBS Bomb service truck "Froggy" Johnny V

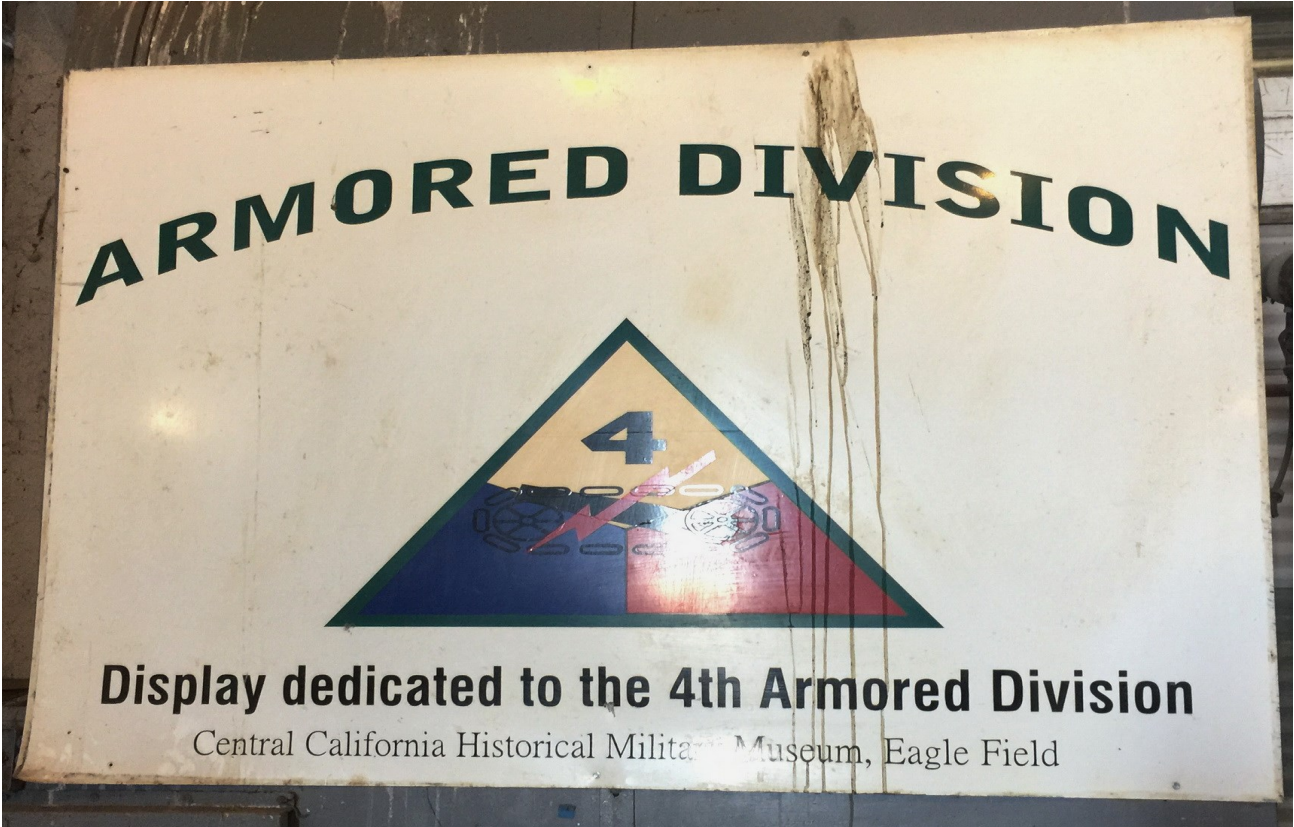
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Large interesting Sign seen in the old hanger at Eagle Field on one of the old heating units. Unfortunately the owls are not being kind to it.

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September 8, 2018 Hot San Jose nights S.T.E.A.M. This event has grown both in size and popularity. Events include Tank Rides-displays, Aircraft rides and displays, Military Vehicles and a autocross just to list a few. For More info: www.hotsanjosenights.com

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November 4th, 2018 22nd Annual Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade 2018 & Ceremony Parade Theme is "World War I 100th Anniversary"
POC: Andy Shyers 510-832-4322

November 11th, 2018 San Jose Veterans Parade
For more info and line up time POC: Kim Sievert (408) 253-9469 vaudevillian@msn.com

AT THE FRONT



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Hello Everyone:

Well, Summer is marching on and from where I am sitting, so far this year has been a doozy. This last couple weeks as been hot and smoky. If you live in one of the areas affected by fires, I hope you and your love ones are safe. If your one of the several first responders in the MVCC, please stay safe and thank you for all you do.

Been busy with family and my projects. I want to thank those that continue to send pictures and after action reports from events attended. Remember if you don't see an event that you sent me for the newsletter this month, it will be in as soon as there is room.

Well that's all for now.

“Keep 'em Rolling, Floating and Flying”

Dave Ball

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Bob Turley's Ford GTB

Bob Turley

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Hello MVCC Members..!

I hope all is well in your neck of the woods. I know its hotter than hell in the Central Valley. In this issue I will start a Burma Jeep restoration story named "Froggy." It will finish in your April 2019 Spring Meet Newsletter. Every Month I will be writing a new installment story leading up to the finished Burma Jeep Story. I will be the "POC" for the Burma Jeep and Bomb Ordnance Showcase in April 2019 so give me a call if you have a Burma Jeep or M6 Bomb Truck you can bring to the Meet for a Showcase, (209-765-1273 is my number). Now to start the story, it was April 21, 2015, Johnny Verissimo, Fred Beltran and I headed over to Mike Matto's Estate Sale (Patterson, Ca.) to check out all his military vehicles that were being liquidated due to his unfortunate passing. We were walking around the ranch and came across two 1943 GTBS Burma Bomb Trucks. One was almost complete and the other had a flat bed with a Chevy M6 Crane on it. Johnny remembered back 25 years ago that he had asked Mike to sell him the yellow Burma that was mostly complete but Mike said he would to think about it but that normally meant no because Mike was going to restore them. So the years went on till Mike passed on. Back to the story we met up with the lady selling off the estate and she would part with the two Burma's for \$5,000. After I researched the GTBS's and found that they were very rare and hard to get parts for I was up for the challenge. So I went back a week later and bought the pair of Burma's for the \$5,000 she was asking. I took Johnny and Fred to Mike's place to pick up the Burma's, Fred hauled one and I hauled the other one back to my ranch in Newman, Ca. These Burma's did not run and haven't rolled in decades so you can imagine what it would take to get these on a trailer. I brought my Bobcat skid loader so we were prepared, it wasn't easy but we did get each one of those Burma's onto 2 trailer. The next step was to check and determine the parts needed to make the one Burma complete. Half of a restoration is research which makes your personal computer your best friend. There are upsides and downsides to MV restorations, one upside is the people I have met and became friends with due to the restoration of the Burma. Stay tuned for the next installment of the story of my restoration of my 1943 Burma Bomb Truck. See pictures page 5.

Keeping History Alive!

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L to R Jerry Mambretti, Gunny and Scott Rohrs Dad, Jim Rohrs



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Hello North Bay West and beyond,

Happy belated Independence Day to all of the membership! I hope everyone was able to get out there with their rigs and participate in local parades, fairs, and picnics. Locally we had the Napa and Novato parades that are always good. Remember that the 4th is a day to celebrate our nation’s Independence, spend time with family and friends, and to show off the rigs that helped maintained our freedom through the years.

Some events that are coming up locally are of course the fall Tower Park event. Locally we will have a event the same time as the fall meet. The Wings Over Wine Country Airshow will be held at the Sonoma County Airport (Sept. 22-23). Maybe pop in for the day and see some classic war birds and modern military hardware.

Lastly, I would like to remember a friend of the club. His passing happened right before the spring meet and this is my first chance to write about it. I would like to remember the “Gunny” R Lee Ermy. Many of you remember the Gunny showing up to the 2003 Nation Convention we had in Alameda. At that time he had his hit show “Mail Call” and he and his Jeep were one of the major attractions we had at the show. His show brought a lot of interest in military collecting and history. I believe it also brought many folks into the military vehicle hobby. I had an opportunity to meet the Gunny and this is a very fond memory for me. It was before my father’s passing and we got to experience this meeting together. The Gunny teased my dad about being in the Coast Guard during Vietnam. He called the Coast Guard “Uncle Sam’s Canoe Club” as my Dad was dressed in his WWII USMC HBTs !! I still get a chuckle out of that to this day. The Gunny will be sorely missed, and will always be remembered as a great American who worked hard to honor our veterans and keep our proud American Military History alive!

Semper Fi Gunny!

Scott Rohrs
 North Bay West VP

Picture Below is Scott with Gunny. Another picture Page 7



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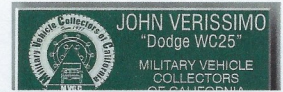


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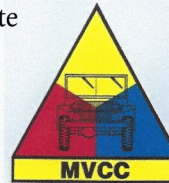
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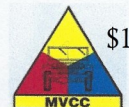
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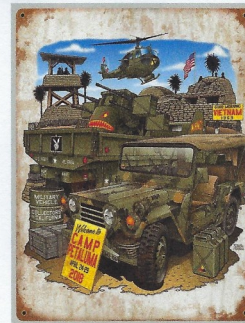
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Camp Petaluma: All the above will be for sale at Camp Petaluma (April) and Camp Delta (September).



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Pictures from the Morgan Hill South Bay July 4th Parade. Page 10 and 11







The following pictures are of Mike and Debbie Rinehart. Debbie is driving their 1944 MB, and Mike is driving their 1941 WC40. Debbie is driving her first parade solo with out the ball and chain. She did great, and was surrounded by great people, Uncle Sam is a highly decorated jet fighter pilot from Korea. Jack in the back is a Pearl Harbor survivor. He was a Lt. and crew member on a PBY. And with Debbie was Russ' (Uncle Sam's) granddaughter who has been along Grandpa's side through every parade. Debbie did great, as I watched the temp gauges to make sure we did not get vapor lock. It was hot as Hades as usual for the 4th. Thanks, Mike Rinehart



Folks,
Here's a few photos of the subject event which we (Marine Corps Mechanized Museum, MCB, Camp Pendleton) supported last weekend. I provided the following personal Historic Military Vehicles (HMV's):
1943 Ford GTBC Bomb Service Truck with two Mark II Bomb Trailers loaded with 1000 Lb. GP Replica Bombs in tow.
SF, Bob Turley

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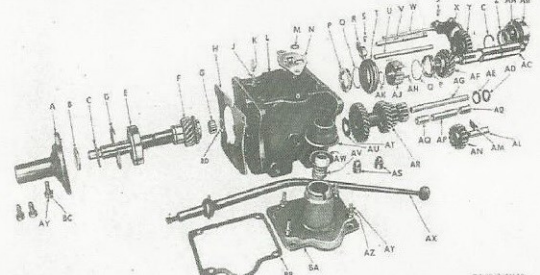
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Eagle Field Fly In Dinner & Dance June 9, 2018

Eagle Field has come and gone, that was FAST and an OUTSTANDING EVENT! Had a REALLY great time this year ... A little about the little event:

-The Venue-Eagle Field, a World War 2 Army Air Corps Pilots training base from 1942 to 1945. One of the two hangers is still standing and is pretty much the main attraction. The Administration Building and part of the barracks are still standing and is also a cool attraction. There is a museum in the Administration building worth a look!

-Military Vehicles/Planes-This year was the most MV's in attendance with 21! That doesn't include the Armored Vehicles, Trucks, Jeeps and Artillery already stationed there so it was a GREAT MV turnout! The Pacific Princess was there, a REAL World War 2 B25 Mitchell Bomber! She's a beauty out of Southern California! There were more beautiful planes as well. **-Friday Night**-there was a FREE BBQ for everyone that brought a Military Vehicle to Eagle Field! Thank you Chris Thomas, Scott Tanis, Nick Bombini & Jim Bertao! You guys Rock! The Tri Tip was Outstanding!

-Music was played by a 21 piece BIG BAND playing hits of the 40's including Glen Miller favorites! That was Awesome! There was a lot of swing dancing and a group of swing dancers that put on a show, beautiful to see live in person. Dress up, many people dressed up in period attire which was pretty Awesome to see, it wasn't mandatory to wear period attire but it was really great to see so many people do it. **-The Food**, Outstanding, was catered and served pretty quickly, loved it. (They had a large catering crew)There was dessert as well, then later on at night coffee and donuts were provided! **-The Weather** was FANTASTIC this year, I never broke a sweat, great cool breeze all day, huge PLUS this year. **Camping**-There was dry camping at EF, you could pitch up a tent and enjoy, there were many motor homes and tent trailers as well, that was awesome to see at EF! -When you came to Eagle Field you got to see Armored Vehicles owned by Doug Boles and his Group that are stationed there at EF. Lots of Armor that was open to viewing by the public so thank you Doug & Crew!

-Tanks/MV's-You also got to see Chris Thomas collection of World War 2 Trucks and tracked tractor! Jim Bertao had his restored WW2 40MM Bofers AA Gun there on display. Don Gomes had his restored RARE 1943 GTBS Burma Jeep with two 1,000 lb bombs on trailers. EF has a Huey, 155MM Gun and Stewart Tank on display just to mention a few.

-MVCC members in attendance of who's names I could remember were Chris Thomas, Jim Bertao, Nick Bombini, Mark Bombini, Mark Jones who's Eagle Field's Fire Chief(Eagle Field has its own Fire Department), MVCC's Pres Dave Ball, MVCC's Treasurer Christina Verissimo, Brad Carrot, Buzz Bristtsan, MVCC VP Dave & Nancy Porter, Lee Smith, Erik & Mary Terberg, Brandon & Meadow Cherinka, Jess Soriano, MVCC VP Kim Sievert, MVCC VP Jack & Donna Valenti, Doug & Tina Boles, John Bodnar, Julie Antonelli, MVCC VP Don Gomes and myself MVCC Secretary Johnny Verissimo. I know I'm missing some people so forgive me I'm always learning new names, the names above are just a few I names I could remember at the moment. If you flew in to EF there was a all day shuttle from EF to Los Banos in case you were staying in a hotel in the nearby city. Eagle Field trying to accommodate in any way possible.

-Eagle Field now as NEW restrooms & Showers! That was a HUGE hit this year, thank you Paul Lubker for building them, you are DA MAN.

A Big Thank You to Joe Davis for making Eagle Field Dinner Dance & Fly In happen! **-Info**-To see pictures of Eagle Field's Fly In please go to Eagle Field Dinner Dance & Fly In on Facebook.com! I posted few hundred photos on there. For more information on EF you can go to [www. Eaglefield.net](http://www.Eaglefield.net)....

Personally I love this Event and the 1940's Atmosphere it provides, its like going back in time..!' Till NEXT YEAR!!!

Johnny & Christina Verissimo, **MVCC Secretary**

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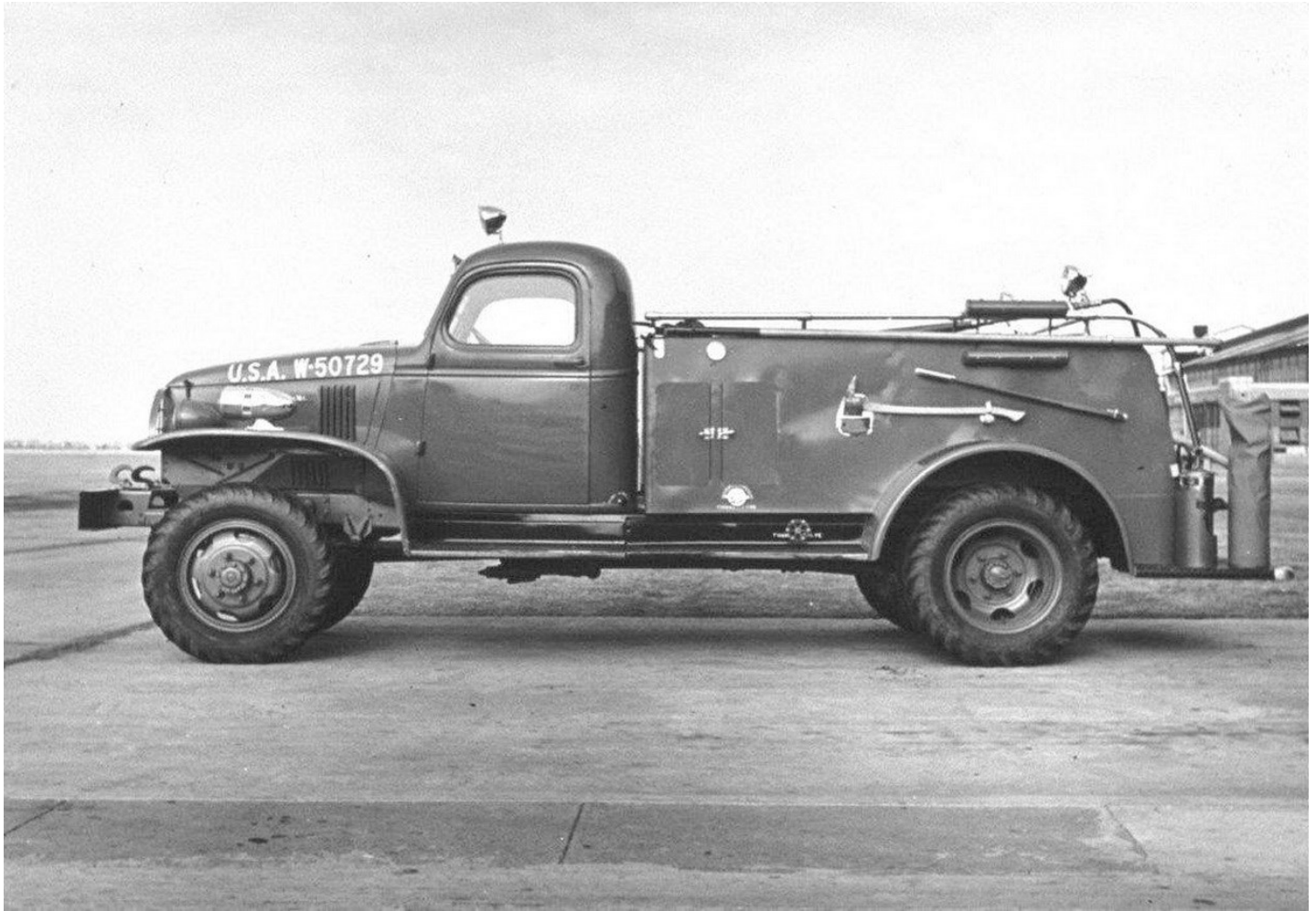
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