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Presidents Message:

At present our Club President is in the Santa Cruz Mountain's with his crew replacing power poles and communications equipment destroyed by the California Fires. Chris reminds me he hasn't worked on or seen his military vehicles or been home in 2 months now. Chris says that the only way to communicate from where he's at is by carrier pigeon like in the wars. I asked Chris if he saw any burned out military vehicles and he replied with this picture of a WW2 Truck in the Santa Cruz Mountains just barely surviving the SC Fires. He states that he hopes everyone is safe and sound and says that there will be a MVCC 2021 April Meet that you all should be getting ready for...

Regards, Chris Thomas vis Johnny...



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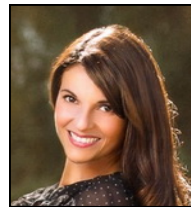
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Happy Fall MVCC'ers!

Is it November already? Wow. Here in Northern Nevada, the nights are getting colder, the leaves are changing colors (and dropping in my yard. Fun Fact: I don't own any trees), and we're gearing up for Veteran's Day.

Unfortunately, the Reno Veteran's Day parade has been cancelled this year. This is normally our largest must-attend event in our local area. But Virginia City is having a parade/cruise, and our local group of MV'ers are planning to make an appearance there instead. If you're in the neighborhood, come by and see it, or better yet, participate! We always have a lot of fun in Virginia City.

Which brings me to the next thought, which is Veteran's Day (or JoAnn Lesser's Birthday if you prefer). If your go-to event has been cancelled, don't hesitate to start looking around for an alternative venue to display your OD iron, and show your appreciation for our Veterans. Who knows? You might even discover something even more fun than the parade you've done for years.

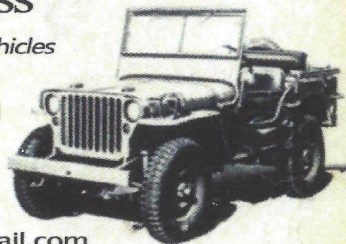
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And speaking of current membership, our Secretary-Quartermaster-Editor has been sending me names to have their access removed due to unpaid membership dues. So if you want to keep getting that newsletter online, make sure you're all paid up.

And with that, I would like to wish all of you a fantastic Thanksgiving Holiday, and a great Fall. Keep wrenching, finding the next MV to save, and looking forward to our next meet. I know I am. Sean

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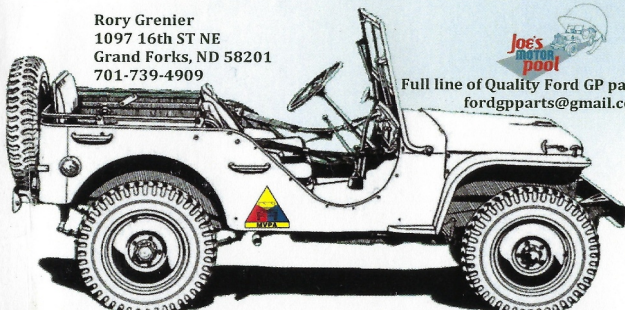
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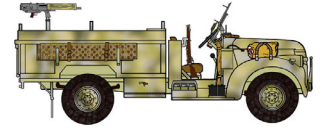
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MVCC Newsletter

Sept 19th 2020

Again wanting to get ahead of the Newsletter deadline; unfortunately this report won't be as long or as interesting as last months. But I'm starting today (9/19/2020). Don't know if you MV collectors know that today is "drive your Porsche Day". Although Ferdinand Porsche was born on Sept 3rd 1875, someone decided that the 19th of September should be the day to celebrate his 356 design.

A little known fact is that Porsche designed the first hybrid automobile in 1900. Check my facts here. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lohner-Porsche>. He also was instrumental in the design of the Volkswagen Beetle; along with the "Auto Union Racing Car" and the Mercedes-Benz SS/SSK. All of these activities took place prior to WW II. During the war he did join the Nazi Party and was instrumental in the development of several tanks, most notable the "Elefant", where a number of them took part in the "Battle of Kurst".

So where am I going with this story. After the war Ferdinand started making his 356 models in 1948 (made a total of 49 handmade) that year. Unfortunately he died in 1951 and never got to see how popular his 356 design model became, but the Porsche name and new model cars are still made today.

Since it is (was) "drive your Porsche Day" a few friends that own 356 Porsches did just that. Like last months "convoy" we got together here at my place (there were three of us); two in Champagne Yellow and one in a nice Blue (not sure they came in that color in 1965).



We cruised 17 mile drive and stopped at one of the many "lookouts" for a photo op. Am not certain but I think the jeeps got more "thumbs up" than the Porsches, but don't know for sure as we didn't cover as much territory.

I'm sure that you will not be able to tell from the B & W photos, but it was again a lovely day, blue skies, warm and no smoke or wind.



Now one last thing that us 356 owners say; "We know they made Porsches after 1965 – but who cares".

Sorry to report I have no Military Vehicles or Car Shows to report in my area for Oct or Nov.

Regards, Jack...

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REPORT FROM MVCC MEMBER GEOFF LIPPMAN GM OF AMERICAN ARMORY MUSEUM

Dear MVCC Members,

I would like to thank, or should I say “tank,” the MVCC members that took the time to come out to the American Armory Museum (AAM) military vehicle demonstration over the weekend. It was our fourth annual show and it only gets better every year because this was our best show yet! Having the MVCC members participate was a great addition and I was happy to receive a great deal of positive feedback. We cruised by the filling station in Suisun Antiques and Collectibles and they loved to see all of the military vehicles and custom cars. But above all, Tom Gunther and Full track, all of the Vietnam reenactors, and the spectators truly enjoyed the show of vehicles.

The participation of the MVCC really enhanced our demonstration and we would like for you all to join us again at demonstrations planned for a weekend in the spring, as well as the second weekend of the following October (dates are to be determined). Someone already recommended the week before or after the MVCC Plymouth spring meet so as to be convenient for those having to travel longer distances. After some last minute unavoidable circumstances, the AAM has confirmed the availability of eight acres to work. Some of our goals are to make sure that there is enough space for RVs, room for camping sites, the availability of shower stations, and 10 power stations. Thank you again to the members that support the AAM – next time I’ll be sure give you all a VIP tour and hook you up with tank rides! My Chieftan tank should be running top notch by then thanks to my volunteers.

Feel free to reach out to me at (707) 389 - 6846 or friend me on Facebook. Please also like the American Armory Museum page on Facebook and give your input! Our website is americanarmorymuseum.com and we are located at 4144 Abernathy Rd., Fairfield, California right off of exit 43 on Highway 80. I look forward to hearing from all of you and seeing you in the spring!

Geoff Lippman GM



Photo by Dave Porter at American Armory Museum

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MVCC Photographer/Writer Chris Hughes

The American Armory Museum's 2020 Military Vehicle Demonstration Weekend by Chris Hughes

On the weekend of October 10/11, 2020, the American Armory Museum(AAM) in Fairfield held their annual "Military Vehicle Demonstration Weekend". The weekend long event showcased the AAM's various military vehicles and museum with both static displays and running vehicles. The event also included an auto show, swap meet, and a car crush.

This was the fourth time the AAM has held an open house weekend and the second time that they included the vehicle demonstrations. Based on attendance of both display vehicles and visitors, it was the best one so far. The AAM barbeque booth actually ran out of food midway through the first day as demand was much greater than anticipated. The auto show had over 25 vehicles in attendance with sports and muscle cars being the most numerous type seen. Approximately 10 booths were set up for the swap meet portion of the show. Scale model kits, toys, and military surplus equipment were the dominant items seen for sale.

Members of the military vehicle community were also invited to display their vehicles at the event and a good number of them

Amongst the numerous vehicles displayed by the museum were several jeeps brought in by local military vehicle collectors.



showed up, including some members of the MVCC. Several jeeps, trucks, and a half-track joined the AAM's vehicle display for the two-day event. Combined with the AAM's vehicles, there were more than 40 jeep, trucks, and armored vehicles being shown. Several of the AAM's vehicles were used to give rides to paying guests on the vehicle track.

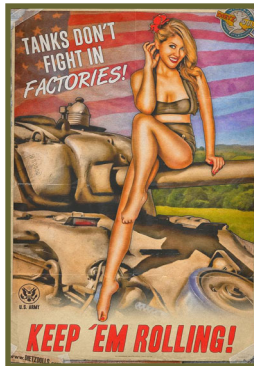
The highlight of the show was the car crushing. Each day of the event at 1pm, the AAM's Chieftain main battle tank crushed two cars that were out in the middle of the vehicle track. Taking part in the destruction with the Chieftain was an Abbot 105mm self-propelled howitzer. The sight of metal being crushed and the sound of glass shattering brought many cheers and applause from the audience.

The American Armory Museum holds their open house/vehicle demonstration every October. They're hoping to host an event later this Spring and would like to invite members of the MVCC to come out with vehicles to camp out and run them on the track. If any club members are interested in such an event or have some ideas about one, please contact the AAM. They can be contacted via their Facebook page under "American Armory Museum" or by phone, (707)389-6846. Ask for their general manager, Geoff Lippman.

Chris...

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Below: An FV433 Abbot 105mm self-propelled howitzer is seen here taking part in the car crushing fun. Photo by Chris Hughes





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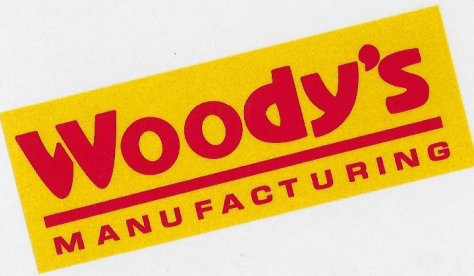
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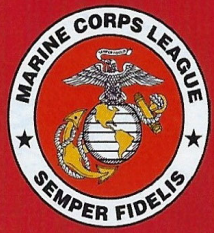

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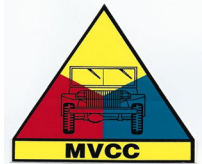





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Hey MVers,

I have a couple of great topics this month. First of all, let's talk about the American Armory Museum event 10/10 thru 10/11. I made it out there along with my M1008 and my 1941 Indian 741B in tow. Great turnout overall. I saw Dave Porter, his wife, Sonny Hanson and his son, Patrick (Tracer) Taylor, his wife Carmen, Armando, Larry Ryland, Nathan Sarley etc, etc, etc. many more MVs than I can list! Could have been 10X more. The weather was great, not too hot, nice breeze, overall great. The car crushing was awesome to watch. If it wasn't so close to home I would have camped overnight. There are many more vehicles at the museum to look at and enjoy. Food was pretty good as well.



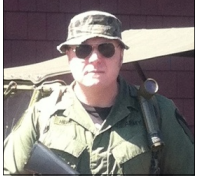
Second topic is my HEMTT project. As I said earlier, Tracer (Patrick Taylor) came over for the American Armory event and was generous enough to help me do some final adjustments to the 8V92. We readjusted the injector valves, installed the muffler and got her a couple steps closer to firing up. After Tracer left, I installed the valve covers, breather tubes, intake tube etc. I installed the front tires and dropped her off jack stands...something I've not done in 10 months. I just need to add oil, radiator fluid and batteries...she is ready to fire up!

Please share your projects so I can post your progress. Mike...



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Hello North Bay West and beyond,

The Situation Report (Sit Rep) from the Front Lines of the Wildfire Season 2020 is “STABLE RIGHT NOW”! Going through 5 more days of Red Flag warnings. Since my last report we had the Glass Fire in Napa & Sonoma Co. We just can’t seem to catch a break!

While I was running Branch II along Silverado Trail in Napa County, who do I see?! Eagle Field’s own, Member Mark Jones with his Ol’ 1942 fire engine (the red one) parked and “in service” out in front of his house. Apparently Mark and his own fire brigade were putting out fire along Silverado trail! “Outstanding Work Sir”! I love that he actually is still firefighting with a vintage MV/ Fire Engine.

Lets cross our fingers and hopefully we can get out of the rest of the fire season with no more “Big Fires”!

On another note, we have Vets Day Parade coming up in Petaluma and I haven’t heard otherwise that it isn’t happening! As always, there is an open invitation to come and join in! We usually start at the VFW hall at the south end of town around 10-11 on November 11th. Hope to see all the usual suspects and some new faces!

Stay safe, and Keep them Rollin’,

Scott Rohrs, North Bay West VP



Member Mark Jone’s 1942 Ford Fire Engine “in service” along Silverado Trail during the Glass Fire



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FROM THE MVCC EDITOR JOHNNY VERISSIMO

Welcome Welcome Welcome to the November Newsletter!

A major question I've been getting is "Well there be a April 2021 MVCC Event?" After talking to Chris Thomas our Club President I do believe and the plan is to have a MVCC 2021 April Event at Camp Plymouth. There are many things that affect putting on an event that large but the main one will be the Covid19 standing in Plymouth, Ca at the beginning of next year. That being said the plan is for a planning of the event for April 2021.

What I've been up to? Working on Luwana, My GTB Burma Cargo. Yes her name is Luwana which translates to "Battle Maiden." I dedicate my MV's to Hawaii (Pacific Theater) during World War 2 which is how my wife came up with Luwana.

GTB Burma— When you buy a vehicle you never know what could go wrong? So far I know, on my first drive to Newman, Ca (4 miles away) the radiator blew up like someone shot it with buck shot. After spotting 6 leaking holes we stopped counting the leaks. Man was that a major bummer. So, anyone that owns a GTB Burma knows that the radiator is super easy to take out, after taking it out I took it to a radiator shop in Turlock. For \$40 I was told that radiator was shot and needed a new core. I then asked how much would a new core cost and he replied \$950 to which I replied f—k, lol... Then I called Don Gomes and he said he had a back up radiator I can try, so after going to Don's to pick up his back up radiator and taking it to the "Radiator Shop" in Turlock and after a day or two and after \$40 I was told that the back up radiator was worse than mine, lol.

Long story short a friend told me about Mike's Radiator in Merced and that saved me big time. Mike is an Excellent man with a very professional business. For \$727 out the door my radiator was re-cored. I did just blow my Christmas and Birthday money's for the near future but the radiator is fixed and I'm happy again. Myself and my friends recommend Mike's Radiator & Muffler in Merced which is why I enclosed his business card on this page.

Stencils— I've stenciled my Burma with a dedication to Hickman Airfield in Hawaii. I bought my "one time use" Stencils from Axholme Signs in the UK. I found them years ago and used them because they had the one time use stencils that come out super clean. I believe all stencil businesses have these one time use stencils now. It was \$94.00 to do my Burma from head to toe in stenciling.

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What's going on in the 510/925 Area?

Not a whole lot lately, but last weekend was an exception. A former student keeps a close eye on local car shows and came across an event hosted by VALT Auto Club. It turns out it's the 2nd Sunday of each month right off the bow of the USS Hornet! Great place to display some MV's. Unfortunately, I didn't get the information until Friday before the event. It looked like fun so I contacted one of the organizers, Robert Eppley, and asked if we'd be welcome and how the event worked. Turns out it's a "Cars & Coffee" style event. Starts at 0900 and ends around 1100 with free coffee, a food truck and a relaxed atmosphere. Robert was very enthusiastic to have MV's attending and if we are interested he said he would be willing to promote an event with MV's as the centerpiece. I hope that we're able to take advantage of the offer because people were enthusiastic about the old Dodge. It probably helps to balance out all of the exotic vehicles that showed up! A Ferrari is sort of cool, but you can't ford with it, it doesn't have troop seats and where's the low range? At the event we ran into Larry P., former East Bay VP and tireless advocate of the Alameda Naval Air Museum. His Jeep was at home, but he brought his beautiful Cadillac which he's owned for nearly as long as I've been kicking!

A pleasant consequence of emailing about the event was that Carl B. contacted me to say he had a spinner for the spare of the M37. YES! For some strange reason I love these things and just happened to need one, plus it gave me an excuse to go hang out with Carl at his cave and bug him about getting his Chenoweth DPV out to play! Unfortunately, I think I derailed his efforts to do some meaningful work... I also heard from Ed R. and discussed a plan to get his Jeep rolling again. Depending on how this COVID adventure works out we may grab a couple of students to lend a hand and teach 'em a bit of Jeep. It turned into a busy weekend!

As far as other local events there's the East Bay Swap Meet in Alameda this Saturday, 10/17 from 0600-1500. To my knowledge ALL OTHER LOCAL AREA EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELED. Uggg, where's that vaccine! Stay safe and sane, ... Andy



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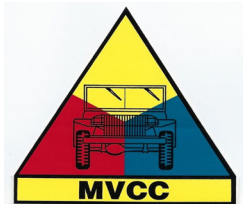
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E-mail works best for me at rjheim38@comcast.net. Regis 7-20



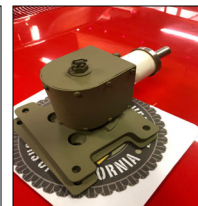
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Since everyone seems to be enjoying my jeep retrieval articles, here's another interesting story with photos:

Back in February, 2011, I spotted a jeep on eBay that looked interesting. It was a faded red '43 GPW in fair condition, with a lot of original parts still attached. Bubba had also been messing with it sometime in the past with a few modifications, but nothing that couldn't easily be corrected. According to the listing, it was located in Southern California near Palm Springs. When the listing suddenly ended, I contacted the seller and learned that the jeep was still for sale but had been pulled off eBay because of some uncertainty concerning the vehicle description. (He had described it as having a machine gun mount and was worried that this might cause a problem with "the authorities".) After talking with the seller and thinking it over a bit, I made an offer of \$1,850 and it was accepted. I made arrangements to meet the seller and a friend of his at a hotel in the L.A. area, and then go see the jeep. I asked my wife, Nancy, if she wanted to go see Palm Springs. She was excited to go, so off we went in the trusty F150 with the car trailer to buy the jeep.

When we got to the hotel, things sounded a little suspicious when I found out he was selling it for someone else. The seller's friend would be taking us to the jeep, located close to where he lived. The seller wanted a "deposit" of \$600, with the balance to be paid to the owner when we picked up the jeep. About this time, I figured out the seller was actually a broker, not the owner, and the deposit was his commission. He gets paid up front with very little risk, then steps aside. Not great... But we'd come this far, so we decided to follow through and trust that there really was a jeep at the end of the rainbow.

We set off the next morning, heading southeast toward Palm Springs. It turned out the jeep was actually closer to Palo Verde, a little farming community out in the desert near the California/Arizona border, about two hours southeast of Palm Springs! As we passed by Palm Springs I said, "Look, there's Palm Springs!" about a mile south of the free-way. So much for truth in advertising. I'm still living that one down...



Along the way, we would be passing by the General Patton Memorial Museum at Chiricahua Summit, so we stopped in for a visit. It's a great little tank museum with several examples of WWII tanks on display. Since we were at the Patton Museum, our guide wondered if we'd like to take a "short cut" through Patton's training grounds, just south of the museum. "Sure, why not?", we said. Little did we know it was three hours through the desert on dirt roads. About an hour into the desert, the thought crossed our minds that if this guy wanted to knock us off and take our money, nobody would ever know. It was actually a very interesting trek, with tank track ruts still visible along the roads and bunker emplacements still visible on the bluffs.

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We finally arrived at the homestead where the jeep was parked, in a small compound on the edge of the Chocolate Mountain Bombing Range (USN). The owners were an eccentric couple that made their living selling scrap metal gathered by making clandestine trips into the bombing range to collect it. We were told the jeep actually belonged to a recently deceased lady whose husband had died a few years previously. The widow willed the jeep and the entire contents of her trailer and out buildings to the scrapper couple. The scrapper husband wanted to scrap the jeep, but the wife wanted to see if someone would buy it first, which is probably why they didn't bat an eye when they got their \$1,250 for it. So I saved another one from the scrappers!

After paying for the jeep, we were told we could have anything we wanted from the widow's place since they were going to bulldoze it all soon. So of course we made the three mile trip to the widow's property and picked through all kinds of things in the shop and garage, picking up three or four gas cans, a carburetor, a starter, and other MV related items. Sadly, the original GPW engine was not there (the jeep had a Willys Industrial engine installed and was not running). As we were getting ready to head back to the jeep, Nancy asked me if I had seen the bomb out by the entrance gate. "Bomb? What bomb?", I said. It turned out to be a WWII 100 lb. bomb casing with the fuse and internal explosive charge removed, standing upright on its fins as an ornament by the gate. Yes, these people were scrappers too... We tossed the bomb in the back of the truck with the rest of the spare parts.

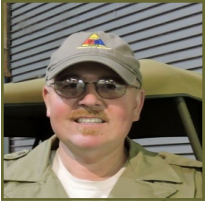


After loading the jeep on the trailer, we prepared to head for home. The guide said, "Oh, just take this road south for a few miles, make a left turn at the water pipe, go straight for a couple of miles and you'll get to the highway. Yea, right... He refused to guide us out of the middle of the desert and we didn't have GPS or a map. We were not pleased. It was starting to get dark by this time, but we made it out to the highway. The spare tire on the trailer fell off somewhere along the washboard road, but I wasn't about to go back and look for it.

Our route took us within sight of Mexico, through Galmis and Brawley south of the Salton Sea. After dark, we were passing by an OHV recreation area with dune buggies running around jumping sand dunes. A truck pulled in behind me and started tailgating, so I naturally sped up to around 70 MPH, towing a trailer with an old jeep on it and a truck bed full of parts. Suddenly, red lights came on behind me. The tailgater was a cop! I pulled over and handed over my license and registration. The cop asked where I was from and where I was going. I told him we had just picked up this jeep from some scrappers out in the desert and were trying to get home. He walked around and checked out the jeep and the stuff in the truck bed, then came back and said we should slow down and not push the speed limit, handed back my license and registration and wished us a safe trip – no speeding ticket and never even mentioned the bomb sitting in the truck bed...

Five years later, I had restored the '43 GPW to be my "trail jeep", keeping the larger M38 radiator and T-90 transmission, along with adding 7.00-16 NDTs for better clearance and off road traction, and replacing the dead Willys Industrial engine with a low time '43 MB engine removed from a generator. It's been on several off road trips and has been a great jeep. ... Dave...

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Happy 62st Birthday Don!



Hi MVer's

Not much going on in the Central Valley. I will be attending the Gustine VFW Parade if it don't get cancelled. Lately I have been helping Johnny Verissimo work on his Burma a lot lately because of course he bought one. I told him its only the coolest MV out there. If anyone has an event going on in the Central Valley please let me know so I can get the word out there.

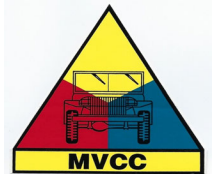
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The following is the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara's announcement of the cancellation of San Jose's Veterans Day:

Veterans' Day Parade, 11 November 2020

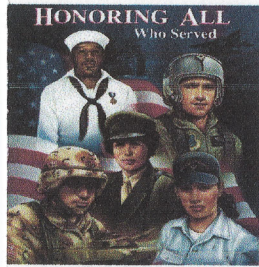
This years event will be hosted virtually. We're planning an exciting event that is both inclusive and reflective of the day to honor our men and women in uniform.

Theme name for this years virtual event is called: **"Honor Their Sacrifice"**

Unfortunately a visit to their website yielded no further information about their plans for the 11th so it looks like the Veterans Day Parade the MVCC has proudly attended for the last 30 years has fallen by the wayside for this year. We're all keeping our fingers crossed that by the beginning of the year we will have some positive news about events being allowed again in 2021. JoAnnn and I have all the records for the Plymouth events on file and want to ensure everyone that if you attended either the April or September events at Plymouth in 2019 you are still on record for your spaces when we reopen again. With any luck we'll be reopening the first of the year so that everyone can confirm they are planning on attending. The only thing that would cause a change in your space would be if the 49er has new current residents in your space and doesn't allocate it to us again. We'll do our best to make sure that any space you get relocated to meets your requirements. I don't know how JoAnn does this but her past success record is impressive! Let's all keep our fingers crossed that 2021 doesn't look anything like 2020!

Kurt...

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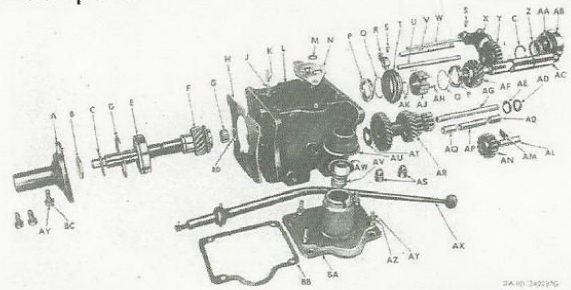
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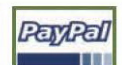
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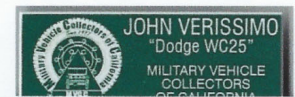


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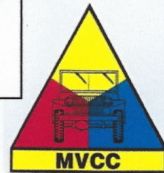
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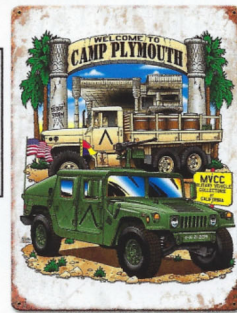
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POC is Chris Thomas (559)871-6507

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POC Larry Pirack 510-522-6440, 510-612-8955

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November 11, 2020 Gustine's Veterans Day Parade

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