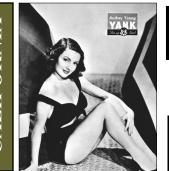


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Photo by Chris Thomas: Chris Thomas and Randy Conova with election results at MVCC Fall Meet



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What's going on in the MVCC? I haven't been given any election results yet? Hopefully we will get them soon.

Fall meet has come and gone. Lots was going on in Plymouth, Ca during the fall meet that complicated things a bit I hear tell. Christina and I where not there but we heard of the local fires and heard the Fairgrounds were being used by evacuees and animals.

There is always coming going on in the military vehicle world. For myself it was the Newman Fall Festival where we had 7 military vehicles lead the parade with the VFW. In my area the our military vehicles always go up front with the VFW in support of them. Its an honor to be joined with our local VFW in events in our area.

<u>NEXT YEARS 2022 MVCC MEET DATES-</u> Sunday **April 24 thru Saturday April 30, 2022** As usual 4 night minimum stay beginning Wednesday, April 27 thru Saturday April 30, 2022

Sunday **September 11 thru Saturday September 17, 2022** As usual 4 night minimum stay beginning Wednesday, September 17, 2022

For the Fall meet the Showcases on Friday will be a Ford GTB Showcase with GTB Cargo Trucks and GTB Bomb Service Trucks. POC is Don Gomes (209)9765-1273. Don is working really hard to get as many Ford GTBs in one place as possible. The 2nd Showcase will be Ford Mutts! M151, M151A1, M151A2 etc. PLEASE BRING THEM, AWARDS!

Why my love to the Ford GTBs? I think it was love at first sight. First off I love rare vehicles in the MV world, who does-

n't. And the Ford GTB is rare with only 15,000 (7,500 were cargo and 7,500 were bomb trucks). How many are left? Not many. So there is the rare part that I love. But if you really want rare there are the 50 GTB wreakers that were built at prototypes. Besides rare they are pretty cool because they really stand out. Due to standing out they draw crowds at shows which is kinda neat to see. If you were drawn to the Marines, US Navy or US Army you can make your GTB either a Marines, NAVY or ARMY truck because all services used them. There are original photos of GTBs in both the ETO and PTO but most photos show them in the PTO for the most part.

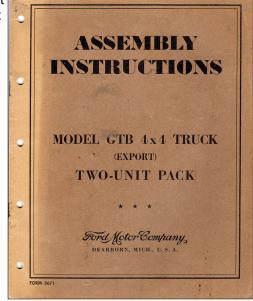
I want to thank Robert Lentz for sending me a PDF copy of the Model 4x4 Ford GTB Two Unit Pack (Export) manual. It's a super rare manual that shows you how to assemble a GTB once unloaded off a US Navy Ship.

Next month I will have the entry form for the MVCC April 2022 Spring Meeting. Look for it and get it in as soon as possible because I get this feeling this in gona be one of our largest shows to date. The April 2021 meet was hands down the largest one we have ever had, we even sold out of club tshirt sizes which is always a good sign. I'd love to see everyone there in April 2022!! I've even heard the MVCC will be taking more space at the Fairgrounds because of the need for more space!

My November 11, 1941 Dodge WC25 1/2 Ton Command Car (Radio Reconnaissance) at Eagle Field at the Fly In. Always a good time at Eagle Field. Unfortunately Eagle Field is in bad need of restoration and deteriorating at a fast pace to the point its almost unrestorable. Terrible shame to be honest, sad. It should be a historical land?

If you have something going on in your area or are restoring a vehicle please send me your photos!

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4thAnnual Lytle Creek Fall Rally

Bonita Ranch Campground

Wednesday, September 29 – Sunday, October 3, 2021 Schedule Posted at HQ site #33

- Members start arriving Wednesday, September 29 through Sunday, October 3, 2021
- BBQ Catered Dinner meal will be at site #62
- Merchandise Sales at HQ site #33
- Thursday, September 30 "Happy Hour" 4 to 6 PM HQ #33, BYOB and a snack to share, chair
- Friday, October 1, HQ site #33 8:00 AM Coffee and Danish or muffin \$1.00
- Afternoon run to Indian's 2nd Annual Swap Meet, details posted at HQ
- 5:00 PM –Site #62, Dinner BBQ Chicken and Ribs, potato salad, green salad, vegetables, roll and butter, and cookies from Melody's Place restaurant, \$10 per person includes water or soda. BYOB and bring a chair.
- Saturday, October 2, HQ site #33 8:00 AM Coffee and Danish or muffin \$1.00
- 10:00 AM SCMCVV Monthly Meeting at HQ #33, bring a chair
- Noon –Site #33, Lunch BBQ Hot Dog, Chips, Soda or Water \$3.00, additional hot dog \$2.00 each
- 1:00 PM Military Vehicle Lytle Creek Trail Ride, leave after lunch. Details will be posted at HQ.
- 6:00 PM Dinner, BBQ Hamburger or Cheese Burger, condiments, chips, Soda or Water \$5.00 additional burger\$3.00 each, Site #33
- Sunday, October 3, HQ site #33 8:00 AM Coffee and Danish or muffin \$1.00
- Check Out by Noon
- Safe Travels Home, see you at the next meeting, Sunday, November 14, 2021

The Bonita Ranch Campground will be OPEN for the SCMVCC 4th Annual Lytle Creek Rally!!

Are you ready for a few days of military vehicle fun?

I know we're all looking forward to the Fall Rally.

Here's a reminder about the dates, times and details.

Be sure to pack up all your military vehicle items to sell.

 $Like\ last\ year\ there\ will\ be\ a\ delicious\ BBQ\ dinner\ on\ Friday\ night.\ Can't\ beat\ the\ price\ of\ \$10\ for\ a\ great\ meal.$

If you haven't booked your site, call Richard Johnson at 619-993-5284.

Looking forward to seeing all of you there.

Lt. Dan



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Good day to all MVCC members,

A few weeks ago my home town of Historic Newman California had their 50th Anniversary Fall Festival Parade & Car Show at Pioneer Park. For the last 20 years I've lined up the Westside Auto Club members and friends with their classic cars and trucks for the parade. I have also been the President of the Westside Auto Club for the past 24 years and overlooking the Famous Linguica Run Car Show that brings classic cars and hotrods into Historic Gustine California's Henry Miller Park and feed over 800 entrants a Linguica Lunch that takes place every July.

Well going back to the Fall Festival parade this year I invited the MVCC to participate by following the VFW like every year. This year we had 7 MV's, me with my Ford GTBS Bomb Service truck and 4 M2 Bomb Trailers with 1000lbs practice Bombs, 3 100 lbs practice Bombs and my 1943 Depth Charge. My son Jordan was driving my Ford 1942 Script GPW "Betsy" and behind my jeep was my 1945 Converto Dump trailer. Next were Joao and Trinda Azevedo with their 1943 Ford GPW and Luis and Sara Pereira driving Joao's 1944 Willys. Johnny Verissimo with his 1942 Ford Army GTBA cargo truck followed by his nephew Nathan Nunes driving Johnny's 1941 Dodge Command car named "Pearl". Last we had Brad Croft with his two kids Bradley Jr and Averie bringing up the rear with his 1966 Kaiser/Jeep M35A2 cargo truck. I to give a Big Thank You to all of the MVCC members that participated!!



Last, I want to thank our Newsletter Editor for taking the time once a month to put our MVCC newsletter together and get it mailed out to us even though most of us VP's procrastinate

in getting our articles in on time, lol.

Keeping The Ford GTB History Alive. Central Valley V.P. Don Gomes



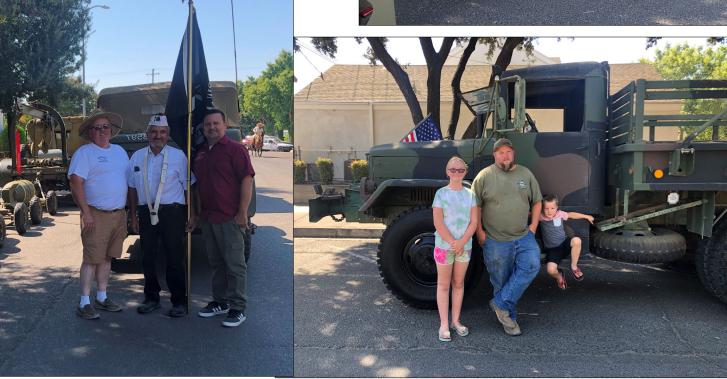






Photos taken by Johnny Verissimo at the Newman Fall Festical in Newman California. Huge thank you to everyone that came out! You guys are AWESEOME!







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Nothing to report

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Sept 12th 2021

Not sure if all of the ballots for "our election" are in yet, so I guess I need to do maybe my "last newsletter report". And then hand over that responsibility to Charles Tope. That doesn't necessarily mean you won't see me wright something about my "adventures to comeo"; that is if the Editor decides to print it.

Well even though the Covid virus seems to have again raised its head. I did manage to attend several events since all of the activity of Car Week. I dragged my eldest son (visiting from New Hampshire) to the Reid-Hillview Airport open house, on Aug. 28th. Doug Boales had several pieces from his Armor collection along with T-8, and I made my son learn about loading and unloading the Jeep of an event which I took to display alongside T-8.

George Escobedo showed up but without his 1941 Chevy Truck, and everyone harassed him about it. But it was to see him

anyway. It was poorly attended (by the public) this year when I compare it to the last time I was there. The strong rumor that the airport will soon be closed might have had something to do with it.

Then just this last Saturday: Sept.11th, there was "San Martin Airport & Museum Day" "Wings of History". Not highly advertised but still well attended, must have been by "word of mouth".

Doug again was present; with lots more of his heavy equipment, divided between the Museum (across the road from the airport) and an airport display. T-8 was again present with the Jeep, this time George Escobedo did show up with his beautiful 1941 Chevy Supply truck.

Throughout the day there were "parachute" divers, planes coming and going and late in the day an "aerobatic" show. Everything was over by 3:00 PM and so my trusty Trooper John Dick" helped my load

the Jeep and we headed home. Was all in all a very pleasant day.... Jack...





Photos by Jack Valenti



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UPCOMING EVENTS



Saturday October 16th, Alameda Naval Air Museum

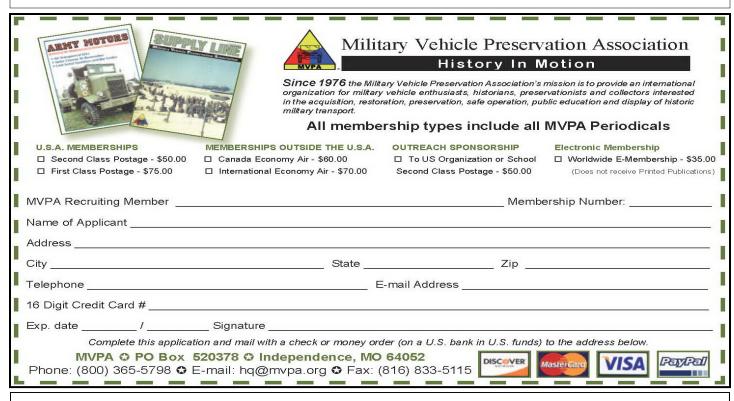
Swap Meet and Car Show 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Early Vender set up Friday 3:00 p.m Military Vehicles, Free for display on plane ramp. Large swap spaces \$40.00, cars for Alameda Naval Air Museum sale space \$30.00. Free Donuts and Coffee till 9:00 a.m. Food truck, Music, till 2:00 p.m. P.O.C. Larry Pirack 510-5232-6440 or email (backtothe40s2gmail.com)

November 11th 2021: Petaluma Veteran's Day Parade. Largest Veteran's Day parade north of the Golden Gate Bridge. Theme is "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans." All welcome, no entry cost. Bring a vet! See article in this newsletter.

November 11th 2021 Gustine Veterans Day Parade, POC is Don Gomes (209)765-1273. This is a small parade. The local veterans really appreciate the military vehicles. Check for your local Veterans day parades.

<u>April 25th to 30th 2022:</u> The MVCC Spring April Meet and Showcase in Plymouth California. The biggest Military Vehicle Show and Swap Meet on the West Coast. For reservations contact JoAnn Lesser mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com. For questions, concerns or comments contact Chris Thomas. (559)-871-6507 moparacer@sbcglobal.net

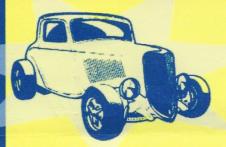
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Make check payable to: Alameda Naval Air Museum, 2151 Ferry Point #77, Alameda, CA 94501 **Deadline for reservations is September 30, 2021**

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Greetings from the North!

MVCC Fall Meet has come and gone. Can't say I was very impressed with the turnout, but several contributing factors resulted in a limited attendance this year. Our trip to Black Chasm cavern was great – see Nancy's article elsewhere in this newsletter. Looking forward to April!

In keeping with my recent articles based on MVs in my collection, here's the story behind my first military jeep, a 1943 GPW:

It all started with a conversation with Scott Tanis in 2006 (I think...). We were looking at my '46 V-8 powered CJ2A, talking about how we would like to own a military jeep. A few days later, what should pop up on Craigslist but an ad for a 1943 military Jeep. It was in Carmichael, California, not too far from my place in Shingle Springs, so I went to take a look. It didn't run and had been parked in the owner's side yard for several years, and showed signs of severe neglect. It had what I assumed were some Bubba mods; a small door welded shut in the rear panel, a poorly repaired passenger side body panel and a few other things. From what I knew about military jeeps at the time, it appeared to be part Ford GPW and part Willys MB – the tub was Willys but the frame was Ford. It also had '65 Mustang tail lights and seats and a roll bar, but the data plates were intact and it was relatively rust free and complete. I brought my trailer just in case, and \$900 later I drove away with my first military jeep.

After I got it home I started doing more research on WWII jeeps. I learned that Ford used ACM-1 tubs (the same as early Willys MB jeeps) from late September '43 through early January '44, when both Willys and Ford started using ACM-2 (or composite) tubs. That explained why this jeep, with a delivery date of 11/11/43, had a Willys tub and hood. 11/11/43 also happens to be the commissioning date of the 5th Marine Corps Division, which saw its first action at Iwo Jima in WWII. It's also a numbers-matching GPW – frame, body and engine serial numbers all match (158143).





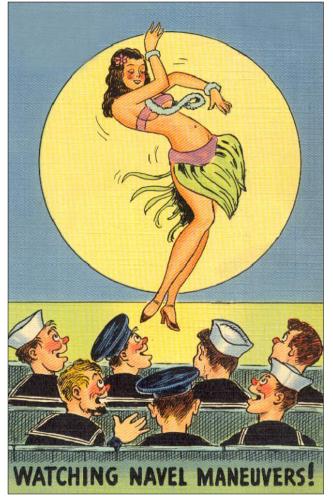
While looking through photos of WWII jeeps, I came across some pictures of Marine Corps frontline ambulance jeeps. Low and behold, there was a picture of one with the very same door in the rear panel. Other clues like extra holes in the tub, welded brackets and the repaired side panel (where a storage box was installed on ambulance jeeps) came together when I realized I had an original Marine Corps frontline ambulance jeep!

So I started researching the USMC ambulance jeep and ran across Frank Steele and his restoration of another GPW ambulance jeep. Turns out the USMC frontline ambulance jeep was first developed by Holden Motors in Australia. Holden modified the first 200 before shipping "stretcher kits" to the US Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton, California, where another 700 to 900 were assembled. Most people call them "Holden Jeeps". The first 200 were modified Navy contract Willys MB jeeps, with tow hooks and tie-down rings. Most of the rest were modified standard Ford GPW jeeps except for the final batch which reverted to MB-based jeeps.



rank told me about the MVCC and the meet at Tower Park, so I got involved with the club that way. It took a couple years to restore the ambulance jeep, or Ambjeep as we call them. In honor of the Marines and Ambjeeps that served on Iwo Jima, and because of its 11/11/43 delivery date, I painted mine in tri-color Iwo Jima style camo (used only on Iwo). Frank's Ambjeep ended up at the Marine

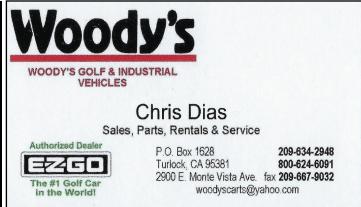
Corps Museum, but I still have mine and another one I came across later on, a '45 Willys version. I always tell people that I wanted a Rat Patrol style machine gun jeep, but when I figured out what it was, I had to restore this one as an ambulance jeep. Several restorations later I still don't have a machine gun jeep. ... Dave...









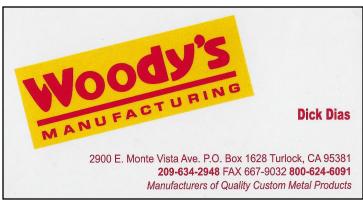


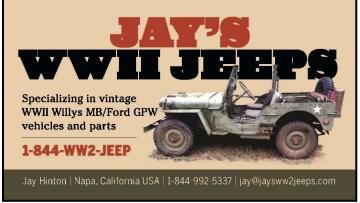
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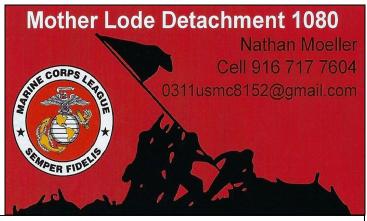
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After Action Report: Black Chasm by Nancy Porter

At 0940 on Thursday 10 Sept, three jeeps, two civilian vehicles and a modern motorcycle gathered near Carnival Hill in Plymouth to convoy to Black Chasm Cavern in Volcano. It took a little over half an hour over little-traveled roads to reach our destination. Once there, we were taken on a lengthy tour of the caverns, going up and down LOTS of stairs and learning about the variety of formations in the cave and how they were created. We also enjoyed the cool temperature inside the caves.

This cavern is formed by water dissolving the limestone rock. Since the cave is of limestone, gold wasn't found here in the early Gold Rush times but the miners who discovered it made a bit of money offering tours in exchange for a little gold dust. Black Chasm was named a National National Landmark in 1976 because of its abundant and rare helictite crystal formations. (The abundant white lacy crystals shown in the photos are some of these helictites).

On the way back to Plymouth, we traveled through Sutter Creek with many of us stopping for lunch at the local pizza parlor. Others ran errands or continued their jeep shake-down run through Amador City and back to camp.

People in the group photo are from left to right: Robert Murphy (friend of the MVCC), and MVCC members Jen Tanis, Karey Lampman, Dave & Nancy Porter, George & Kathleen Cooper, John Neuenberg, Dan Seaborg, John Gillich, and LK & Damon Viola.

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Way back in November, 2019, a fire ripped through my town of Paradise, Calif. My M151A1 M.U.T.T. Burned to the ground. Heart breaking, to say the lease. Now, it's 2021 and I'm now ready to rebuild another M151.

<u>Wanted: M151A1</u>. I would like one tilted or in non-op status. It doesn't need to run, and I can fix electrical issues. Hell, I'll take one that's been converted to 12 Volts. So if you an extra 151 in a field or barn or even in a mini storage, contact me.

Doug Vandegrift 530-521-9355 Spy d@ymail.com

FOR SALE - COMPLETE and WORKING radio for Jeep.

Transceiver BC 659, 5 spare tubes, telescoping antenna, handset, earphones type 49456, battery BA-41, alignment tool, Spare front plate, manual. Power supply PE 117, including cable and case with 7 crystals (2) Battery boxes CS-79-N (no batteries) Anti-shock mounting FT-250-A plus legs. Jeep-mounted antenna (6 piece antenna in bag, antenna base, mounting bracket to Jeep). Junction box and under seat tube for connecting power supply to Jeep battery, interference suppressor (no cover)

\$1,400. George Cooper, gcooper@berkeley.edu

For Sale: GPW Engine, Serial Number 144723, no manifolds. GPW block and parts, Serial Number 18971. CJ-2A complete frame with front and rear differentials with 15" Jeep wheels. Contact Alvin Rentsch (707)972-8726

Want To Buy WWII Jeep and Dodge WC 62 parts: Looking to buy a "driver" WWII Jeep. Must look nice and be relatively correct. Not looking for a garage or 100% show queen. Also looking for running boards assemblies, spare tire bracket, and head light brush guards that will fit a 1943 WC 62/63. Lastly, looking for many usable 9:00x16 NDT tires. Thanks, Kalvin 1898kma@gmail.com. 0r 805-458-7291.

Wanted: M151A2 manuals, Brad Carrott Wanted: RT-524 and RT-442 Radio's set. For Sale: Small Siren 24volt for a military Jeep.\$450.00 For Sale: M151A2 NOS steering wheel. \$170.00 Contact Brad Carrott (831)345-0372

For Sale—M-37 Dodge, 1953, for sale. Santa Cruz, area. \$5800. Call 831-588-3866

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For Sale: 1945 Willys Military Jeep. Engine removed, but jeep in good condition. \$10,000.00

For Sale: 1945 Ford Military Jeep. Runs good. Jeep in good condition. \$8,000.00

For Sale: Ford military jeep engine mounted and running complete. \$4,500.00

For Sale: Ford military jeep engine mounted and running complete. \$3,200.00

For Sale: Willys civilian CJ Jeep engine mounted and running. \$3,200.00

For Sale: 1953 Strick military jeep trailer. \$1,100.00 Call Harold Tufenkjian, (559)266-7520. Located in Fresno, California

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WANTED a pair of early ³/₄ WC seats contact info moparacer@sbcglobal.net Chris Thomas

Camp Plymouth Fall Meet Photos





Some of the military vehicles at the MVCC Fall Meet at Camp Plymouth

Photos on this page by John Tedesco







Petaluma Veteran's Day Parade on for November 11 by John Neuenburg

The largest Veteran's Day parade north of the Golden Gate Bridge returns to Petaluma after a year off. The theme is "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans." Rumor has it there is pent-up interest, so expect more than the 200 entries and 2,000 participants we saw in 2019. An estimated 40,000 spectators attended and enjoyed nearly 40 obsolete MVs! Unlike most parades, this is an all-day affair for some of us. Unloading and pre-staging is at the parking lot for the Veteran's Memorial Building at 1094 Petaluma Blvd South. Best to take McNear Ave. to get to this back lot. MVs start showing up by 0930 and some people like to meet for breakfast in various places. Lots of tire kicking and socializing, then the parade starts at 1 pm at Walnut Park. We usually are near the end, and we convoy down there to join it on 4th Street at around G Street without much waiting. It loops through downtown ending at that park with some MVer dropping out to see the presentations and many going back to the Veteran's Building for free hot dogs and chili with the vets. The bar will be open. Info at www.petalumaveteransparade.com and you will see a nice picture of the front half of our group from years ago that appeared in the Santa Rosa newspaper. No need to register, we go as a group, although if you want to be separate you can register and pay like other entries.

A "Two-Fer" - "4x4" Historical Military Vehicle (HMV) Parade

By James E. Bundgaard

The Danville 4th of July parade was postponed due to COVID concerns and re- scheduled for 4th of September—Labor Day weekend. Through the efforts of Andy Shyers, East Bay VP, and the Commander American Legion Post 246, he pulled together a small contin-

gency of MVCC member vehicles, a '44 MB jeep and '41 G-4112 Chevrolet 1-1/2-ton truck, which added a patriotic spotlight commensurate of a 4th of July-September parade. The excitement at the staging parking lot around the Historical Military Vehicles was like a swarm of bees. To prepare for passengers in Jim's 1-1/2 ton, volunteers were abundant and jumped at the opportunity to help roll up the side canvas of a Historical Military Vehicle (HMV) and do something that is not experienced with modern vehicles- - it is living history - - and help was there to roll it back down later. The chosen group of 3-high school American Legion Auxiliary, (ALA) California Boys and Girls State Delegate passengers experienced and enjoyed the ride through the full parade and return trip through the residential district back to the starting point. This parade was in a relatively small community, but the impact of the Historical Military Vehicles (MHV) did not go unnoticed. Post Commander, Mark Heinemann, expressed his appreciation to the MVCC in support of the Post's participation in the Parade, and the local community events.

(leading) Ed Ott's- '44 MB, (following) Bundgaard's '41 G-4112 Photo: Mark Heinemann



Jim, Boy Scouts [4] from troop 888, Mark Heinemann, and Alan Scharlach. Photo: BSA Troop 888



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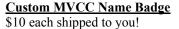
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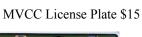
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