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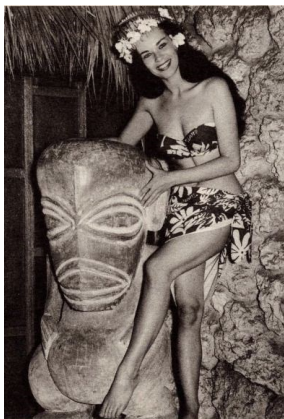
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WAR!

(Associated Press by Transpacific Telephone)
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—President Roosevelt announced this morning that Japanese planes had attacked Manila and Pearl Harbor.

OAHU BOMBED BY JAPANESE PLANES

SIX KNOWN DEAD, 21 INJURED, AT EMERGENCY HOSPITAL

Attack Made On Island's Defense Areas

By UNITED PRESS
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Text of a White House announcement detailing the attack on the Hawaiian islands is:

"The Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor from the air and all naval and military activities on the island of Oahu, principal American base in the Hawaiian islands."

Oahu was attacked at 7:55 this morning by Japanese planes.
The Rising Sun, emblem of Japan, was seen on plane wing tips.
Wave after wave of bombers streamed

CIVILIANS ORDERED OFF STREETS

The army has ordered that all civilians stay off the streets and highways and not use telephones.

Evidence that the Japanese attack has registered some hits was shown by three billowing pillars of smoke in the Pearl Harbor and Hickam field area.

All navy personnel and civilian defense workers, with the exception of women, have been ordered to duty at Pearl Harbor.

The Pearl Harbor highway was immediately a mass of racing cars.

A trickling stream of injured people began pouring into the city emergency hospital a few minutes after the bombardment started.

Thousands of telephone calls almost swamped the Mutual Telephone Co., which put extra operators on duty.

At The Star-Bulletin office the phone calls deluged the single operator and it was impossible for this newspaper, for sometime, to

ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS IN ACTION

First indication of the raid came shortly before 8 this morning when anti-aircraft guns around Pearl Harbor began sending up a thunderous barrage.

At the same time a vast cloud of black smoke arose from the naval base and also from Hickam field where flames could be seen.

BOMB NEAR GOVERNOR'S MANSION
Shortly before 9:30 a bomb fell near Washington Place, the residence of the governor.

Governor Poindexter and Secretary Charles M. Hite were there.

It was reported that the bomb killed an unidentified Chinese man across the street in front of the Schuman Carriage Co. where windows were broken.

C. E. Daniels, a welder, found a fragment of shell or bomb at South and Queen Sts. which he brought into the City Hall. This fragment weighed about a pound.

At 10:05 a. m. today Governor Poindexter

Hundreds See City Bombed

Hundreds of Honoluluans who hurried to the top of Punchbowl soon after bombs began to fall, saw spread out before them the whole panorama of surprise attack and defense.

Far off over Pearl Harbor the white sky was polka-dotted with anti-aircraft smoke.

Rolling away from the navy base were billowing clouds of oily black smoke. Sometimes a burst of flame reddened the black masses of the smoke.

Out from the silver-surfaced mouth of the harbor a flutella of destroyers streamed in battle, smoke pouring from their stacks.

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Names of Dead and Injured

The city emergency hospital reported at 10:30 a list of 6 killed and 21 injured.

The complete list will be sorted later. Here is a partial list:

Peter Lopez, 24, of 561 Kamehameha St., was reported at 8:58 a. m. to be in serious condition from wounds in the upper chest.

Bernice Goetz, 17, 27th Kalihai St., is suffering from a mangled thigh, lacerations on the right leg and left arm.

A Portuguese girl, unidentified, 18 years old, died on arrival from puncture wounds.

Another victim who died on arrival was Frank Okachi, 18, 9788

Schools Closed

MVCC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Hello MVCC,

Fall weather is here and winter is right around the corner, so now is the time to start your reservations for the April Meet 2024, at Camp Plymouth. First off, I'll start with some of the changes for this year. The biggest is the retirement of our wagon mistress Joanne lesser, Joanne has been our faithful wrangler of reservations for longer than any of us can remember, and I hope that she enjoys her well-deserved retirement and freedom so she can really enjoy the club meets from here on out. Our new Director of reservations is Jennifer Tannis, she's a local, she helped with reservations this past fall and she's already working at streamlining our new reservation system. About the reservation systems, as of now we will continue using the mail-in forms found here in the newsletter, we were hoping to be able to have our online system up and running, but I would rather have the system introduced with as few problems as possible instead of rushing it through, so continue to make your reservations the way that you have in the past and we will have the new online system rolled out by fall. Next up on changes is the fairgrounds have put ground asphalt across most of our dry camping area. There's both positives and negatives to this. The positive is cut down on the dust, and it will allow us to lay out the campsites in a more organized fashion.

A couple of the negatives are we are going to have to adjust the campsite numbers. The good news is that virtually every campsite will either be 20 x 30 or 30 x 20 so all sites will be consistent throughout the dry camping area. The camping sites along the ditch are still grass so look carefully at the new map. We're going to try and get everybody back into their same general location as they've had in years past, but this will allow the road system to be laid out with less congestion and more flow and as a bonus everybody is going to be getting a little more space, and who doesn't like having a little more swapping space.

Now the next change for this year is taking digital payments for our club booth which we will roll out for April, so bring your credit cards and save your cash for buying parts because we will be more than happy to take your credit card or debit card payments at the club booth for club merchandise and renewal of memberships.

We now have three showcases for Friday and Saturday of the event with our club dinner and raffle on Saturday night over at the fairgrounds. We are moving the dinner to the fairgrounds because of the tremendous response to last year's dinner where we couldn't hold everybody inside of the hall at the 49er, this will also allow more parking and more space for eating.

I hope everyone has a safe winter and will see you all in April.

Thanks, Chris.



Photo-Chris Thomas, at Fort DeRussy, Oahu, Hawaii, December 1991 Left Chris Thomas, MVCC President, Right -Dave Simon MVCC Member, M15 Half Track with 37mm AA Gun

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MVCC Secretary/ Editor Johnny Verissimo

What's happening in the MVCC? A lot.

I'd love to thank Frank & Florence Simon (San Luis Obispo, Ca) and Bette Perry (Crows Landing, Ca) for their donations to the MVCC, to go toward postage stamps. Thank you Thank you Thank you! Within 2 weeks I received two checks from different MVCC members who wanted to help their club. Again, thank you for your generosity.

Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, a minute, an hour, and day that changed the entire world, that is not an exaggeration. From the moment those Japanese planes entered US airspace, then flew over US territory, the world would never be the same. That Sunday, changed everything for Americans, in many ways. While many Americans were protesting the US getting involved in the war against the Axis powers the US was brutally attacked by Japan, one of the Axis powers. Before Pearl Harbor, the US was kinda divided, after the attack on Pearl, the US became One Country, with One goal, to avenge Pearl Harbor and destroy the Axis Powers. December 7, 2024 is the Anniversary of the Pearl Harbor Attack, a day, that President Rosevelt, said would live in Infamy.

Don't forget to renew your membership to the MVCC!

A great present that keeps on giving: Membership to the MVCC!? It gives **12 months a year!** **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!** **May your stockings be filled with militaria memorabilia and military vehicle parts!** **Tiss the Season.**

Lee Edwards article was very cool, thank you Lee. If I could possibly top my Pearl Harbor trip from 2022 and 2023 it would be to, perhaps someday, take Pearl, my 1941 Command Car to Oahu and Ford Island in Pearl Harbor. I can't think of a more super cool place to drive my command car around town. I'd start at Waikiki Beach, head up around Diamond Head then up the Southern side of Oahu where everything is as green as could possibly be. I'd head up past the Polynesian Center and Turtle Bay to the famous North Shore, which is the northern most tip of Oahu, there are gun emplacements that had large coastal artillery, then I'd stop at the local food trucks to have some of the best food in the world. I'd continue my trip back through the middle of Oahu because you can't drive around the whole Island do the Military reservation on the Northwestern most top of the Island. Driving back toward Pearl you will drive down the center of the Island, you will drive past the world-famous Pineapple Plantation, which is a must stop. Also, along the way you will see Schofield Barracks and Wheeler Field, both of whom were made famous during the attack on Pearl Harbor that fateful day, and both are still active military bases. When you get back to Waikiki you have to stop at Lenard's for their world-famous Portuguese Malasadas.

If you plan to visit Pearl Harbor, you need to see Fort DeRussy which is on Waikiki Beach. It's a bunker that housed Coastal Artillery. The walls are super thick, it's a massive bunker complex.



Aerial view of the Naval Operating Base, Pearl Harbor, looking southwest on 30 October 1941. . Ford Island Naval Air Station is in the center, with the Pearl Harbor Navy Yard just beyond it, across the channel. The airfield in the upper left-center is the Army's Hickam Field. Official U.S. Navy Photograph, now in the collections of the National Archives.



Right photos-View looking up Battleship Row on 7 December 1941, after the Japanese attack. The sunken and burning USS Arizona (BB-39) is in the center. To the left of her are USS Tennessee (BB-43) and the sunken USS West Virginia (BB-48). Official U.S. Navy Photograph, from the collections of the Naval History and Heritage Command.

Changes at Camp Plymouth's 49er RV Resort- The Resort is doing some construction, again, things will be moved around, the MVCC has no control over the construction or how things will look, please be patient with our wagon master.

Changes at the Fairgrounds- The fairgrounds brought in grounded road base, this might or might not affect your space. Again, please be patient with our wagon master as she has no control over the changes, if any.

American Armory Museum- Chris Thomas and I went to the American Armory Museum to see their open house. AAM was giving rides on their halftrack and armored vehicles. American Armory Museum is located in Fairfield, California.

National Military Vehicle Museum- Thank you Mary and Erik Terberg on their on their article. Mary and Erik went to the National Military Vehicle Museum, the same one as Bill Lander went to the month prior. The museum made such an impression on Mary and Erik that they submitted an article. After reading their article and seeing the photos I had to put it in this newsletter after Bill's. This place is making a huge impression on MVCC members and people around the world. Check out their article.



Johnny and Chris at AAM, British APC

For the Camp Plymouth MVCC Showcase and Swap Meet 2024 we have 3 showcases planned. There is a 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd place. Plaques will be given. Vehicles can be in any condition, meaning, restored, unrestored, mid restoration, barn find, etc. All showcases will take place in the Fairgrounds Arena. To enter your military vehicle is FREE. People love to see military vehicles in any condition.

1st Showcase is 10AM to 12NOON, a M38, M38A1's and Variants, person in charge is Tyler Rizzuto, contact information is (916) 297-1683 all M38's welcome!

2nd Showcase is Saturday, 10AM-12NOON, Mule's and all Variants of Mules, person in charge is Glen Closson, contact information is glen.closson@gamil.com all mules welcome!

3rd Showcase is 1PM to 3PM, All big trucks, 2.5 Ton and Up, AND, Military Service vehicles, person in charge is Big Mike Fedyk, contact information is bigmike405@hotmail.com ALL big trucks welcome, in any condition.

Welcome Jennifer Tanis, our NEW Wagon Master. Jennifer will be taking all reservations and answering all questions about reservations. Keep in mind, everyone on the MVCC board, wagon master, quarter master, webmaster secretary, editor etc are all MVCC members who volunteer, who do not get paid and there are no perks, we do it because we love the hobby! Please be kind and spread the love to them.

Thank you JoAnn Lesser! Retiring Wagon Master. If you know JoAnn you know she is Awesome, a person who has given so much of herself to our hobby. Thank you JoAnn, your cool. Now you can chill at the next meet.

Seems like I always have a lot of thank you's to give out. I have one more, thank you John Neuenburg, who helps me with Daily briefings, placing ads in magazines, and anything I ask of him. He's kinda like my partner in crime, lol. Anyone who knows John can't say he isn't persistent. John loves the MVCC like we all do. In the MVCC we can never have enough volunteers. If you want to give back to your club please think about becoming a volunteer. Contact your secretary, Me, or the newsletter editor, Me, and I'll hook you up with the right person. istanbull@sbcglobal.net



Jennifer and Crew at Camp Plymouth

Thank you to all the board members who submit articles for the last newsletter of the year! Thank you.

This is the last newsletter of 2023! Can't believe how fast time is flying by, its crazy fast, so, what ever you have planned for the next 5 years, try and do it 2024, time is fleeting.

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy whatever you want it to be, Enjoy.

Johnny & Christina Verissimo, Your Secretary/Editor & Treasurer~



Left photos- Gustine Veterans Day Parade, Denny Clark, Don Gomes and Johnny with Pearl the Command Car

Right- Santa Claus taking a break.



Some photos from Pearl Harbor during and after the attack.



Left-View of Pearl Harbor looking southwesterly from the hills to the northward. Taken during the Japanese raid, with anti-aircraft shell bursts overhead. Large column of smoke in lower center is from USS Arizona (BB-39). Smaller smoke columns further to the left are from the destroyers Shaw (DD-373), Cassin (DD-372) and Downes (DD-375), in drydocks at the Pearl Harbor Navy Yard. Official U.S. Navy Photograph, now in the collections of the National Archives.

Right-View taken on 10 December 1941, at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, showing the ship sunk at her moorings as a result of the Japanese attack on the 7th. Ships in the background include (from left to center): USS Tangier (AV-8), USS Solace (AH-5), a Brooklyn class light cruiser, and the hulk of the old minelayer USS Baltimore (CM-1). Courtesy of the Naval Historical Foundation



Right-Kataryna Verissimo in front of the Tower at Ford Island April 2023.

Below right and left-The Control Tower at Ford Island



Right- inside the Pacific Aviation Museum on Ford Island in April 2023. This place is a MUST visit museum.



Building S84 on December 8, 1941. You can see that the upper control tower was not yet built. Construction of the 156-foot control tower began in early 1941. At the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the tower structure was about 80% complete and without the aircraft control tower on the top. Courtesy of the National Archives (80-G-32482)



Pearl Harbor

By Johnny Verissimo



As you might be able to tell, the attack on Pearl Harbor has always had a special place in my heart. Not sure why. Could have been that when I was a little kid my favorite movies were **Tora Tora Tora**, released in 1970 or **Midway** with Charlton Heston, a movie that was released in 1976. Or maybe it was the VHS documentaries. There was this other known movie called 1941 with John Belushi, that definitely had my attention.



Today we have movies like **Pearl Harbor**, with Ben Affleck, released in 2001, and the movie **Midway**, with Woody Harrelson, released in 2020.

I have yet to see a perfect Pearl Harbor movie. Until Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks make a Pearl Harbor movie these movies will have to do fill my need.

I've put up some more photos of Pearl Harbor, from originals to my families trip to Pearl Harbor this April. It took me 54 years to make it to Pearl Harbor to pay my respects, in 2022, then, my daughters wanted me to go with them in 2023. So, two years straight, I got to go to where I always wanted to go.

If you get the opportunity, I recommend a visit to Pearl Harbor's Visitors Center. And, if you have time, watch the 4 movies I've listed.



WW2 Cartoon



Above, USS Arizona Memorial, this was like a religious experience for me. I was there., April 2023, I paid my respects.



Below-Admiral C.W. Nimitz, CINCPAC rides in his Jeep, named USS HUSH HUSH in Pearl Harbor, June 1942. In the back seat of the jeep second from left is Rear Admiral Milo F. Draemel, other officers are unidentified.

Right, Christina and I in the Tower at Ford Island, the USS Missouri in the background.



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Hello from the North!

Auburn Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11th was a big day for parades across the club area with several in the 916/530 region. This year was special for us because we were asked to transport the Grand Marshals in the parade. Five MVCC jeeps plus four or five others from the Auburn area transported 20 Korean War Vets participating as the Grand Marshals of the parade. The five MVCC jeeps were driven by Doug O'Neil (Willys MB), Dave Porter (Ford GPW), Garrett Porter (Ford GPW), Tom Gunther (Willys M38A1), and Tyler Rizutto (Willys M38A1). Thanks for driving in the parade, guys! We each carried 2 vets ranging in age from 89 to 92 years. The weather was perfect and the crowds were enthusiastic. The vets appreciated being carried in the jeeps and enjoyed the cheering crowd, waving their American flags as we drove along. If you missed it, plan on attending a parade near you next time!



Dave





PEARL HARBOR: By the Numbers

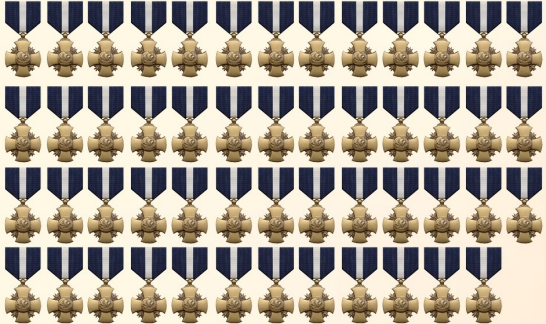
"December 7, 1941 - a date which will live in infamy - the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan....Always will we remember the character of the onslaught against us. No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory."

- President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in his speech delivered to Congress Dec. 8, 1941

15
Number of U.S. Navy Medal of Honor Recipients



51
Number of Navy Cross Recipients



3
Number of Total-Loss U.S. Navy Ships



USS Arizona (BB 39)



USS Oklahoma (BB 37)



USS Utah (AG 16)

* Note: Lt. Jackson C. Pharris' Navy Cross was later upgraded to a Medal of Honor June 25, 1948

2,008
218
109
68

Number of U.S. Navy Personnel Killed in Action

Number of U.S. Army Personnel Killed in Action

Number of U.S. Marines Killed in Action

Number of Civilian Casualties

18
Number of U.S. Navy Ships Repaired and Returned to Service

Ships Sunk, Raised, and Repaired:

- USS California (BB 44)
- USS West Virginia (BB 48)
- USS Oglala (CM 4)
- USS Sotoyoma (YT 9)
- Floating Drydock YFD 2

Ships Damaged and Repaired/Rebuilt:

- USS Maryland (BB 46)
- USS Nevada (BB 36)
- USS Tennessee (BB 43)
- USS Pennsylvania (BB 38)
- USS Cassin (DD 372)
- USS Downes (DD 375)
- USS Shaw (DD 373)
- USS Helm (DD 388)
- USS Helena (CL 50)
- USS Honolulu (CL 48)
- USS Raleigh (CL 7)
- USS Curtiss (AV 4)
- USS Vestal (AR 4)

1
Number of U.S. Navy Ships Sunk, Raised, Repaired...and Present at Tokyo Bay During Japan's Formal Surrender Sept. 2, 1945



USS West Virginia (BB 48) Approaching drydock at Pearl Harbor Navy Yard June 8, 1942, just over six months after she was sunk in the Japanese air raid on Pearl Harbor.

Watch it on YouTube



Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xZ1nznZzuE> (case sensitive) for an overview of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Source: Naval History and Heritage Command Infographic by Annalisa C. Underwood
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www.history.navy.mil



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Howdy MVerS,

I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather. This month I spent some time working on my M-Gator. For those that don't know, the John Deere M-Gator is an all-terrain vehicle intended for military use. Basically, it is a militarized version of commercial John Deere Gator ATV. Originally these vehicles were designed to serve on farms, ranches and worksites for various utility jobs. The militarized M-Gator is painted in camouflage and equipped with a carrying tray on its hood, rifle brackets and has some other changes including a diesel engine. It was adopted by the US Army in 1997. First M-Gators saw combat in 1997 and 1998 in Bosnia. These ATVs were used by Medical Brigades for casualty evacuation. This vehicle was designed to decrease soldiers' labor. Troops would put their gear onto the vehicles to lighten their loads. This ATV was widely used for utility work for transporting supplies and equipment. Later this vehicle was widely used in Iraq and Afghanistan.

I was using the M-Gator (*Photo to the left*) the other day and noticed a significant reduction in power when I was pulling any type of hill. It started and idled great but really fell on its face when trying to accelerate. There was no excess smoke so I deduced it was a fuel starvation problem. I figured there are 4 key elements to look into the first is bad fuel, the second is fuel lines collapsing, the third is fuel pump and the final is injector pump. I emptied out the fuel tank, cleaned it out and filled it with clean, fresh diesel. I took it for a test drive but no change to the problem. I then changed out all the fuel lines. The fuel pump has a manual pump lever so it made it easy to bleed the lines up to the injector pump. As I was bleeding the lines, I could see the pump was moving a good amount of fuel. Even after bleeding the lines via the fuel pump, it still took quite a bit of cranking to get the Gator to start up and run. I took it out for a test drive and it seems to have resolved the problem. YEEHAA!



US Military John Deere Gator

For Veteran's Day, I participated in the Fairfield parade. (*photo to the left*) We had 4 MVs in our convoy. A WWII jeep from the Roland Freedom Center, Carl Thompson's Pinzgauer, Joe Schwarz's M35A2 and my M543A2 wrecker. The weather was sunny and not too warm. The parade was nice but I thought the volume of onlookers seemed less this year. I hope that's not the trend. After the parade, we convoyed back to the Roland Freedom Center in Vacaville CA. As we convoyed, we had tons of cars honking and waving as we drove thru town. Folks love the MVs.



Fairfield, Ca. Veterans Day Parade

The National Guard was just behind our group and they had an M-ATV. (*photo to the left*) The Oshkosh M-ATV is a mine-resistant ambush protected vehicle developed by the Oshkosh Corporation for the MRAP All-Terrain Vehicle program. Intended to replace HMMWVs, it is designed to provide the same levels of protection as the larger and heavier previous MRAPs, but with improved mobility.

As always, please share any projects, upcoming events etc. so I can post them in the newsletter for everyone to enjoy.



Regards, Big Mike



National Guard Oshkosh M-ATV

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Saturday, April 20th

Dinner / Dance / Raffle

Sunday, April 21 is a pull out day, not a show day

Early arrival and RV village event discount is available

Amador County Fairgrounds

use 18343 Empire St. entrance for

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- display arena

The adjacent 49er Village RV Resort, 18265 Hwy 49,

- RV camping • cabins • meetings • store • pool & spa

All Ex-Military vehicles and reenactors welcome!

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No Registration Fee

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TENTATIVE DAILY BRIEFING AS OF 11/15/2023

See Basic Training page at www.MVCCNews.net for general information about this event. *Sunday is a pull-out day, not a show day.
TWO VEHICLE SHOWCASES AND THE RAFFLE/DINNER/DANCE ARE NOW ON SATURDAY!

ALL WEEK – Swap Meet is open at the 49er Village RV Resort and the adjacent Amador County Fairgrounds! Anyone with a rented campsite is welcome to set out military-related items for sale with no vendor fee!

Sunday - Tuesday, April 14-16

“Early bird” camper check-in at the Tent Sector at the Amador County Fairgrounds and the 49er Village RV Resort. Those at the 49er will receive our group discount all week if in our group block of RV sites and cabins.

Tuesday, April 16

1700 – **EARLY BIRD POTLUCK DINNER – Tentative.** 49er patio behind café and rec hall. If bad weather, the Rec Hall. All should bring a dish to serve 6-8, your utensils, plate, and BYO beverage. Looking for a Point of Contact (POC) for this. Contact a MVCC officer.

Wednesday, April 17

Swap Meet Happening!

Golf cart pickup starts (could be Tuesday, check back here). Pre-reserved only. See Golf Cart Program information on MVCC website.

Thursday, April 18

Swap Meet Continues!!

ALL DAY THROUGH SATURDAY – LIVING HISTORY REENACTOR DISPLAYS AND ENCAMPMENT – Fairgrounds arena between parking lot and Tent Sector campground. Units, individual displays, demonstrations, seminars, what do you want to do? No modern equipment visible. No camping fee in this area. POC is Johnny Verissimo instanbull@comcast.net

1000 – 1600 – **MVCC HQ/STORE** open at site TBA. Join or renew MVCC memberships, learn who is camping where, buy great MVCC and event merchandise. Support the event! Do you know the MVCC is the largest MV club in North America and has members in 22 states?

Drop off your **raffle donations** here for the awesome SATURDAY night raffle, open to all! Include donor name & item description.

1500 – **WOMEN'S SOCIAL.** 49er patio behind Café. Bring a snack to share and your own beverage. POC is Nancy Porter, 530-391-5650.

Friday, April 19

Swap Meet Continues!!

ALL DAY THROUGH SATURDAY – LIVING HISTORY REENACTOR DISPLAYS AND ENCAMPMENT – arena. See Thursday description.

1000 – 1200 – **M38 and M38A1 JEEPS and VARIANTS SHOWCASE.** Fairgrounds arena. People's Choice Contest with awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place. Please come and vote for your favorite! POC is Tyler Rizzuto, 916-297-1683.

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1100 – 1500 – **WOMEN'S OFFSITE LUNCHEON & SHOPPING.** Meet at 49er entrance. Drivers greatly appreciated. POC Nancy Porter, 530-391-5650

1400 – **MVCC BOARD MEETING,** 49er Rec Hall

Saturday, April 20

Swap Meet Continues!!

ALL DAY – LIVING HISTORY REENACTOR DISPLAYS AND ENCAMPMENT – arena. See Thursday description.

0900 – 1000 – **MVCC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.** 49er Amphitheater. Fall 2024 event news. 2025 showcases suggestions. All welcome!

AFTER MEETING TO 1600 – MVCC HQ/STORE open at site TBA. Join or renew MVCC memberships, learn who is camping where, buy great MVCC and event merchandise. Support the event! Do you know the MVCC is the largest MV club in North America and has members in 22 states?

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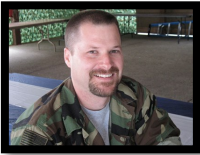
1000-1200 – **MULES SHOWCASE** (the mechanical types!). Fairgrounds arena. People's Choice Contest with awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place. Please come and vote for your favorite! Glen Closson is POC. glen.closson@gmail.com

1300-1500 – **BIG TRUCK & SERVICE VEHICLE SHOWCASE.** Fairgrounds arena. People's Choice Contest with awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place. Please come and vote for your favorite! Mike Fedyk is POC. Bigmike405@hotmail.com

1800 – **??? RAFFLE, DINNER, DANCE.** 49er Clubhouse & patio. \$20 dinner donation. All welcome. Raffle is a Camp Plymouth fundraiser. Donate and be recognized! Drop off items at MVCC and Event HQ tent. Raffle POC is Jen Tanis at 209-304-2592 or my_little_tonka@hotmail.com

Sunday April 21 - PULL OUT DAY, NOT A SHOW DAY!

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Hello MVCC'ers!

As I write this I've just finished putting the HMMWV to bed for the Winter as our last local event of the year, the Reno Veterans Day Parade, has concluded.

Damon Viola, Ace Clark, and I had the privilege of representing Nevada Honor Flight and transporting veterans and Gold Star Families in our vehicles for the Reno Veterans Day Parade. Damon was the lead vehicle in our group with his GPW, Ace followed in his M151A2, while I came next in my M1038 HMMWV and our friend Ron McKimmy loaned his M1008 CUCV to Honor Flight which brought up the rear of our formation. We had excellent weather, received lots of cheers, "thank yous", and applause for our passengers, and the parade was very well attended.



Now that the Christmas season is upon us, I hope all of you can spend some quality time with family and friends. And during your Christmas activities, take the opportunity to pause for a moment and reflect on how fortunate we all are to live in the greatest country in the world and all those who came before us who fought to protect our freedom and our way of life. These are the men and women we honor with all the time, money, and effort we invest in our vehicles, and I am so thankful for each and every one.

I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year! I look forward to being able to hold up traffic with green vehicles, and sharing them with the public, and hearing all the amazing stories our vehicles inspire veterans to share with us.

Keep 'em Rolling, Sean



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Hello MVCC Members,

As some of you may or may not have heard, Jo-Ann has stepped down from managing the reservations for our spring and fall meets. I was able to assist with the fall meet and was asked to manage the reservations going forward, which I accepted. A little about me, my name is Jennifer Tanis and have been an active member in the club for a number of years. I understand the importance of ensuring that our club grows and attracts new members. With that being said, I promise to try to make the reservation process as smooth as possible. The best way to get ahold of me for reservations is using the email: mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com, or call my cell phone at 209-304-2592. Please note, I value your call, but I haven't won the lottery as of yet, so I do still have to do my "9 to 5" job, so if I can't answer please leave me a message and I will return your call.

For full transparency, you may or may not have seen that this past weekend, Chris, Johnny, Tyler, my husband and I, were at the fairgrounds and 49er. We were checking out the fairgrounds, confirming the map for the fairgrounds and coming up with a game plan for the fairgrounds camping to ensure that the April Meet is organized and ready for us to have a great time. As for the 49er Village, there will be some changes happening within the park. For the members that these changes will be effecting, I will be reaching out to you individually to discuss the changes and options available. If you have any questions related to these changes please let me know. Again, I am here to assist with your reservation needs. Additionally, we are looking into the cost if members would like to have their own/private porta-john by their camp site at the fairgrounds. If this is something you are interested in please let me know, either on your reservation form or emailing me.

Thank you and looking forward to handling your reservations. Jennifer



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Hello again, here we are going into the holidays but let us take a few minutes to remember Dec. 7th and all the service members that gave their all so we could live free. Happy Holidays to all of you! Sincerely, Tim

UPCOMING EVENTS



January 26-27-28, 2024— 33rd Annual Arizona Military Vehicle Show and Swap Meet. Peoria, Arizona. For more information Ranger Graham (623-692-3515. at the Peoria Sports Complex.

April 14th –20th 2024—The MVCC Camp Plymouth Spring Showcase and Swap Meet. Its gona be **BIGGER** and **BETTER** than **EVER!** Please plan in advance! Reservations go quick, especially cabins and the local hotel. Sunday the 21st is a move out day. Saturday is the Showcase, Dinner, Raffle and Dance. Come, enjoy, bring friends, bring your family, bring your town, we want you! Details and flyers to follow!!!



Seared by war but eager to fight again.

Photo to the right

Caption: These lads, photographed with beauteous Bam Sperry of Honolulu, are all patients at the Pearl Harbor Naval Hospital. All were in battle of December 7; all were wounded or otherwise injured. And all will soon be ready to take battle stations again. (L) James Lancaster, William Goldberry, back row are: (l) Grover Moore; Henry Eggeman, Raymond Richmond and Raymond (eq) Phelps.



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Hot Dogs & Chili on the Runway, Schellville, CA October 21, 2023

By John Neuenburg

The Sonoma Valley Airport is a private airport just south of Sonoma. It is known for the many vintage airplanes based there, and the warbird ride operation Vintage Aircraft Company. Their North Bay Air Museum produced this car/truck/military vehicle/aircraft display, one of several this year where the owner closes the runways to make room for display vehicles and planes. Some have been “enhanced” cars and coffees, with coffee and pastries served to participants in a hangar. This bigger event was 9:30 – 2 p.m. and included a hot dog, chili, nachos lunch, free with a \$15 vehicle entry fee. Approximately 175 ground vehicles were on display. The event was fundraiser for the Museum which is currently restoring a Beechcraft 18. Also it benefitted Family Dog Rescue, who brought some dogs. They placed three lucky dogs.



Ten People’s Choice judging categories included Military Vehicle. Patrick Hellen won that for his immaculate M38 Willys. Local MVCC member Paul Clenahan owns a 1943 GPW jeep and he has been finding other flat fender jeep owners in the greater Sonoma area. I think when he passes one in town he wears flat spots on all four tires stopping to turn around and chase the driver to get his or her contact info. That’s a way to grow the organized MV hobby! In the last two years he has found over six other local military jeep owners, most not in the MVCC. He tries to get them to display at airport and cars & coffee events locally.

MV organizer Paul Clenahan and his 1943 Ford GPW. His networking efforts brought our display to nine flat fender jeeps, all based nearby. They were three WW2 types, three M38s, a M151, CJ-3B, and a rare 1945 CJ-2A that Willys built using a MB tub.



(Left) Airport owner Chris Prevost has two M38s. One is on the right in this picture and the one by the Beech 18 is used as a tug for the heavier airplanes Chris and team sell rides in, like his P-40N two-seater, a P-51, and an SNJ trainer. Two Stearman biplanes don’t need tugs. The tug jeep normally has a long, wheeled towbar fitted to the front like used by pushback tractors.

Patrick Hellen’s spotless, category winning M38 has the hood up. It was liked by many of the car and truck participants. Next to that is the author’s GPW SAS replica. I put a brochure holder on the fender carrying MVCC brochures with applications and gave several out. Also a preliminary Camp Plymouth flyer was on the easel sign next to the jeep and SAS details. Three people said they plan to attend.



1945 CJ-2A owned by John Carlsten

The Civil Air Patrol, Sonoma County Composite Squadron 157 from Santa Rosa, provided a dozen Cadets to direct arriving vehicles. These 12-18 year olds enjoyed being around the cars, trucks, aircraft, and especially the jeeps. Near the end of the show, several showed interest in the dummy machine guns on Deborah DeMartini’s M151 and tent display. Exposing these boys and girls to MVs and military history can only help our hobby going forward. Check out the CAP and their Cadet program at www.gocivilairpatrol.com.



MEMORIES OF PEARL HARBOR

By Lee Edwards

Johnny's and Christina's recent article about their trip to Pearl Harbor brought back the memories of a particular trip made back in 1991. I have been to Pearl several other times. During those trips I thought it would be nice to see where my dad was stationed from January 1943 through November 1944. He was a signalman in the USCG and stationed on the top of Diamond Head challenging ship coming into port. Lots of stories and I got to see where those took place so long ago.

But that's not the trip for this issue. Sometime back in 1990, some crazy club member (I think it was Skip Rains) suggested we do something special for the 50th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Maybe we can organize a trip for members, family, friends, and VEHICLES for a week centered around December 7th. Sure, why not, easy peasy. We will simply get a bunch of volunteers to help, book the hotel rooms, vehicle transportation and off we go.

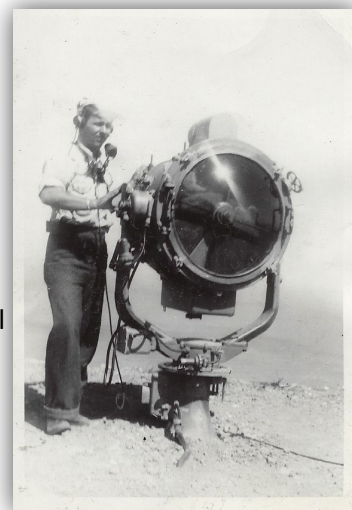
Yeah, right. It came down to three of us to get it all together. Skip Rains, Ed Roberts and me, Lee Edwards. Skip handled most of the details dealing with the military in Hawaii. He secured a safe place to park the vehicles, arranged various tours and kept us out of jail. I somehow became the secretary / treasurer. Not because Skip and Ed are known to be of dubious moral character but rather as secretary, I had better looking legs. Some of my tasks included taking reservations, collecting down payments, relaying information to our travel agent, running raffles to help with expenses, contacting potential sponsors for vehicle transport and misc other stuff. I did get Matson Shipping to give us a 50% discount on the shipping cost on our vehicles. I had contacted DOD 5 months prior to the parade asking for the military to help ship our vehicles. I received a positive answer that they would help. The letter from DOD was dated December 19, 1991.

Now we come to poor Eddie. He got stuck with most everything else. Dozens of the little details that otherwise would have been overlooked were taken care of. It was "Hey Ed, I don't have time for this. Will you take care of it?" And he would.

The trip had 135 members, family, friends and 15 vehicles. WE had only two "official" events to take part in, the parade and the display at Ft Debussy. Lots of free time to do as you wanted. Three busloads of partiers went to a luau (all you can drink), tours of the USS Missouri, a nuclear attack sub, Ford Island, the USS Arizona, Diamond Head, meeting Pearl Harbor survivors and even talking with some members of the Norwegian underground. Plenty of beach time too.

We all pretty much survived the 7 days in Hawaii. The one comment I will never forget was spoken by one of our younger members. "I had more fun this week than I did on my honeymoon". That pretty much sums up the trip. It wasn't me that said it but I won't disagree.

That was 32 years ago but three of us pulled it off. Point is, if one of you has a crazy idea for something the club to do, give it a shot. You can pull it off. It just





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D-Day on our Minds

The focus of the world this coming June will be on commemorating the 80th anniversary of the events of D-Day. Along with that, this will be the last gathering of many survivors and crowds of people plan to be there to memorialize the event.

I know many of you are planning to go to Normandy this June! But, it's important to know that Normandy is a place of remembrance no matter what date you're there. A group of us from the MVCC were in Normandy in late July of 2014 - the 70th anniversary year of D-Day. There were still banners in the towns and we were able to visit all the historic sites - without crowds. We went out on an uncrowded Omaha Beach and could envision the hordes of young men pushing through such an open distance and their daunting task if they made it to the rough dunes past the beach.

I'd like to highlight a couple special tours for 2024, especially with the D-Day anniversary in mind.

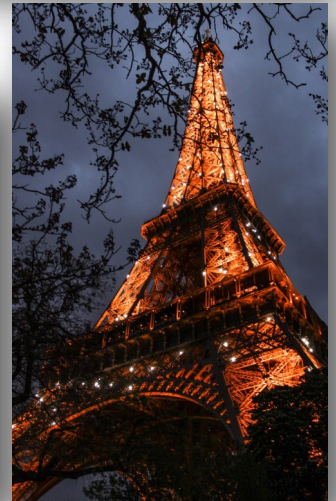
Tour 1 - The actions of the RAF were vital in the European theatre of WW2. This first highlighted tour is a 14-day exploration of England from Cambridge to Kent (June 28-July 11). This trip focuses on the air support in WW2, visiting various RAF bases and you'll also see the Battle of Britain Airshow. Before or after this flight-focused package, we can also arrange for you to go to Normandy and have a few days of independent touring there and stay at a bed and breakfast in Bayeau.

Tour 2 - The second tour highlighted here is a 9-day package of Seine river cruise bundled with tours in Normandy and Paris. At the end, there's an optional extension to London. Dates for this are Oct 29-Nov 6 or 8. In Normandy, there will be an all-day tour to WW2 sites - D-Day landing beaches (including Omaha Beach), American Cemetery, Coleville, and the WW2 Museum. This river cruise with Paris and Normandy is especially perfect for those who have a significant other who isn't super-focused on the WW2 history and has always wanted to go to Paris or France.

For both of these, you can still pay your respects at Omaha Beach and the cemetery but also see the area as it normally is.

Please email me at Nancy@GTS2go.com for details. Remember, for anyone booking these or any other packaged tours through me and mentioning you're with MVCC, I will donate \$100 per person to the club.

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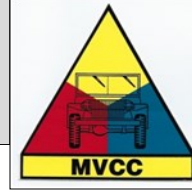
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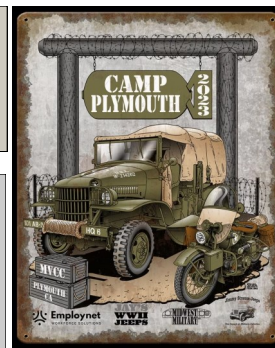
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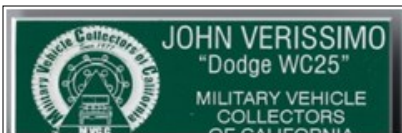
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For Sale: GPW Engine, Serial Number 144723, no manifolds. GPW block and parts, Serial Number 18971. CJ-2A complete frame with front and rear differentials with 15" Jeep wheels. Contact Alvin Rentsch (707)972-8726

Wanted : shock mount for my PE-55 and my BC223 radio. I have been missing these for years and would love to finally find them. Johnny Verissimo (209)918-0488 istanbull@sbcglobal.net

For Sale: M151A1 which has been stored in a garage and is licensed in the state of California. It was last driven about three years ago and everything was in excellent condition. Uncut. There is no rust. Completely original. Asking \$15,000. Call Don Thomas at 310-418-9344. Vehicle is located in St. Helena, California (Napa Valley).



For Sale- Ford Jeep Engine Runs #271-256 (no bolt on's) \$1,400. Ford Jeep Engine, Runs, #133-810 (no bolt on's) \$1,000. Willys CJ Jeep Engine, runs (no bolt on's) \$1,000. Harold Tufenkjian -(559)266-7520 Fresno, Ca.

For Sale -1968 M35A2, 465 Hercules Turbo Multifuel winch Hard Cab., Contact Gill (775) 826-1719.



For Sale: T90A-1 transmission, Spicer 18 transfer, bell housing and flywheel (for Hurricane F-Head engine). Call for more information and photos if interested. I'm located in Goleta, CA. Call Brad at 805-708-3963. Asking \$900 for the lot.



FOR SALE: Fully restored, 1941 Chevrolet USMC Staff Car, by Jerry Mambretti. As seen at many MVCC meets and parades. Ground up resto. Fuel injected, power steering, power brakes, cruise control and more. Located in Azalea, Oregon just 86 miles over the CA border on I-5. \$40,000 OBO. Email Donna Mambretti @ sgtjswife@yahoo.com. Can send more photos if interested.



For Sale- M1944 Mermite can seals. The cost is \$50 each + shipping. I am open to doing discounts on bulk/collective orders going to the same address. Randall Phillips randy.t.phillips@gmail.com 254.423.0743



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For Sale- 1953 M38A1, It has the 24v system and engine ran fine with no noise when I disassembled the jeep to start restoration. Body parts in great shape with only a couple spots of rust around the fuel can mount holes. Parts are all organized in boxes, and I have lots of new and NOS parts including a NOS distributor, NOS front springs, drag link, new waterproof sparkplug wires, T-90 transmission rebuilt etc. Please see the pictures. My number is **(530) 777-8512 Paul.**



Asking \$5,000 due to condition and extra parts. Original hood registration number is visible. I have title. I do have, The wheels were all sand blasted and painted. I even have paint and primer to go with it. New 24v blackout light couple extra 24v coils etc. Parts and hardware labeled in boxes and baggies.

Wanted – An original condition M762 ¼ trailer. Brad Carrott (831)345-0372 bradcarrott@gmail.com



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

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CONTACT GREG LAMPMAN CELL (805) 550-5838 OR E-MAIL glampman@calpoly.edu

For Sale: a M211 truck
It has a 505 GM Crate engine, different 4 speed,

changed to 12 volt , Chester Berrlow <chesterb777@yahoo.com>



For Sale- 1,I have a 1942 Ford script parts jeep to sell - to include grill, fenders,, body tub, hood, reproduction rear panel, MB engine, front and rear axels, bogus frame rail, etc - please contact for additional info. 2, 9N tractor engine short block with GP cam less head - also GP transmission that needs repair. 3, miscellaneous MB parts. Contact @ tidyacres @ hotmail.com John Manuel

For Sale: Willys 6cyl Super Hurricane Motor. This motor was a running motor when pulled. Used in Willys P/U Trucks and Wagons from the 50's- the 60's. Will bolt up to T90 transmission. Motor is complete with Carb, Intake, Exhaust manifold, Generator, and Distributer. Black oil on the dip stick.. Asking \$800. Scott 415 259 8177

For Sale: Military Canvas Tents. 16' X 16' Squad tent w/poles \$250. Hexagon Mountain Tent complete. N.O.S. \$200. Scott 415 259 8177

For Sale: GPW Axle Housings (front and rear). Been sand blasted \$200 Scott 415 259 8177

For Sale: ¼ ton M416 Trailer bed with lunette. Bed not rotten/ dent in the from bulkhead (fixable). \$750 Firm

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FOR SALE: 1953 M-43 Dodge Ambulance ¾ Ton 4X4. \$18,000 OBO- Plenty of extras. 24 Volt, Runs Great, All Original with U.S. Army Colors. Contact Jeff Sutherland at Cell (209) 456-1581 or Home/Office (209) 365-1132



WANTED: DDAY JEEP FRIENDS, I am planning on shipping my jeep to France next year, for the D-Day 80th Anniversary events. I am looking for others who might want to combine shipping with me, to hopefully lower overall costs. I am in Northern California, near Sacramento. Contact Todd at (707) 312-1844.

For sale: 1962 REO M49 Deuce and half with extra oa331 motor and many extra parts, needs to be restored, no title. \$4000. Also 1942 Chevrolet CCKW with non-military boom, needs complete restoration. \$1500. Contact Gregory Hays at 530-677-2519



For Sale - 1945 Jeep for sale, M.B. production date 3/4/45. I Have owned for 33 years, driver, and lots of parades. Still looks good, Field modifications, 20 footer." Road Hard put away wet," \$8,500.00 trade possible? Larry Pirack (510-612-8955); backtothe40@gmail.com

For SALE: M-1948 field kitchen tent with fly screen and tent poles. 12w x 18'd x 9' to 12'h. Tent comes with field range/stove and cookware. Stove dated 2001. \$650 San Jose. Call Robert at 408-887-3311



Wanted: CH-153 -chest for purchase or to be able to get dimensions from a chest to have one built. These were used to house the SCR-193 radio set in the M3A1 Scout car as well as the ¾ ton Command Car and Weapons carrier. Paul Thekan (650) 385 -1719 , email pfthekan@gmail.com

For Sale: 1966 M151-A2 with M416 Trailer. Current CA Registration. Uncut Jeep Body, No Rust. Running Condition. Comes complete with Radio Mounts, Antennas, Tow Bar, Dash Gun Holder, Trip Wire Cutter, New Tires, Complete Manual Set, and more spare parts that can be listed here. Asking \$17,500. Vehicle is located in Vallejo, CA. Contact Art Doran (925) 366-8610.



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For Sale -Ford GTB Bomb Truck: Very restorable Very Original. Desert rescue 2 years ago. Got it running and it sounds great. Needs brakes and a clutch adjustment. I would say its 90 percent there. Has a steel deck over original wood. It's located in a covered building in Elko NV. I'm Asking \$7500.00 John (415)559-9042 or paradise@coastside.net. I have a walk around video I can text or email to you.



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Do More Car Shows to Increase Awareness of the MV Hobby

By John Neuenburg

On October 7, 2023 I decided invest a \$45 entry fee to expose our hobby to new people by entering my 1944 MB in the annual Nostalgia Days car show in downtown Novato, CA. I had never attended this show and was impressed with the very shady main street. Well over 200 cars and trucks were entered and during the awards presentation I heard winners were from a number of cities in the Bay Area, not just Marin County “locals.” A live band and earlier DJ music made things lively.

It was interesting that mine was the only ex-military vehicle in the show. There are a few other MV owners in Marin – not as many as in neighboring Sonoma County – but a regular visitor said she has never seen one at this show. If any Marinites read this and want to display something next year, send me a note at in_garage@hotmail.com and I will ask the promoter to create a judged class for us rather than lump us into their Special Interest category which includes very limited production vehicles. Most likely some civvy vehicle will win that.

I met a number who had never seen a historic MV up close! Many wanted to know about it, the parts, the Ford/Willys history, and how it is operated. Several military veterans came up to mention their service.

I re-used the mannequin and sign I displayed at the Russian River Car Show reported in the October newsletter. It talked about the five episodes of the TV series COMBAT! filmed in the Russian River area in the 1960s. I figured the Novato attendees would consider this fairly local history. The mannequin was dressed like Sergeant Saunders from the TV show. I will post a closeup of the sign on the MVCC Facebook page.



There was lots of interest in the display from the car collectors and visitors. I met two people who own WW2 jeeps who are not in our club. One took an application and promised to join. He is working on a GPW project that he might take to Camp Plymouth

Kids wanted to have their picture taken next to “Sarge.” Most were fascinated by the Thompson submachine gun. Only a few discovered it to be plastic. I ran the sling through the strap on the M1941 jacket so it wouldn’t fall off. Adding militaria or historical displays next to a MV can double the interest. For example, Keith Palmer’s WW2 medical equipment display at the Russian River show next to his jeep got a lot of attention. Most wanted to talk about the bone saw!





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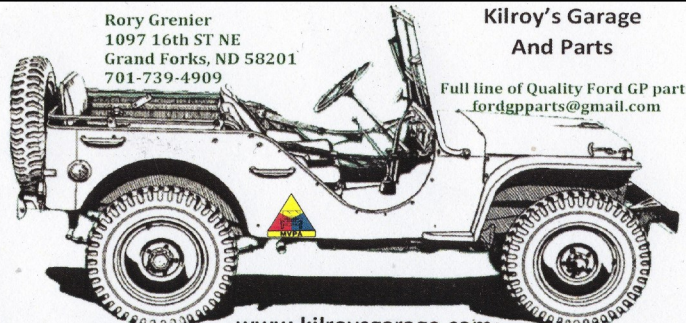
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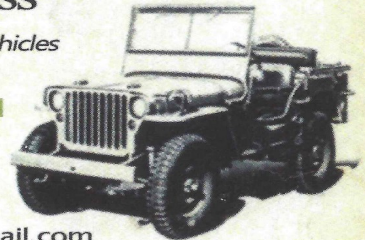
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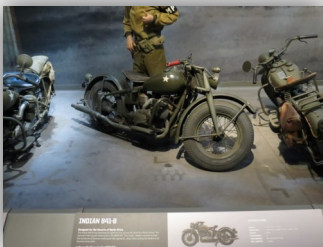
On Sept 29, 2023, we spent most of the day visiting the National Military Vehicle Museum just south of Dubois, Wyoming. (It's pronounced Da-boys.) This is the largest privately owned collection of MVs anywhere. Most of them are restored and operational and then of course there is the row of iron outside that is waiting patiently for some attention. There is an outdoor covered pavilion with lots of MVs on display. Sixteen various models of half-tracks are all lined up for you to see. There is about 140,000 square feet inside the building and the owner, Dan Starks, has a collection of more than 500 vehicles.

This museum is not just about the vehicles, although there are plenty of those, but it is full of history, soldier's stories, dioramas and wonderful displays. There are authentic uniforms, radios and infantry support equipment. There is even a Jeep coming out of an Alligator. Did you know that there was a trailer for the "Duck"??

Started the tour with the Gun Vault. It has a bank vault door on both ends of the large room because it is filled with displays of nearly every type and model of firearm used in all the wars of the 20th century. One portion of the room has all the models of Winchesters ever made, military and civilian. The musket that fired the first shot at Bunker Hill during the Revolutionary War is on display as well as the six shooter Wyatt Earp carried during his time in Alaska. I have seen quite a few displays of firearms and this one is really impressive!



Next up in the museum was the General George C. Marshall WW2 Gallery where they covered most all things from D-Day to VJ Day and everything in between. This is where they have a Jeep driving off an Alligator. There are Allied vehicles as well as some German, Italian and Japanese. The museum has the largest collection of Japanese artillery pieces. There is a large section about the importance of the "Red Ball Express", the men and machines that kept the front lines supplied after the Normandy invasion. They were a very innovative and persevering group of men. They drove overloaded trucks through all kinds of weather and road conditions to deliver gas, food and ammunition where it was needed.



Moved on to the General Lewis “Chesty” Puller Gallery. Here you will find the history of the events of the “Forgotten War”, the conflict in Korea, including why there was a north and south Korea in the first place. Very informative! Has a display of a landing craft up against the sea wall at Inchon with soldiers deploying up ladders out of the boat. Story there of a lieutenant that led the way up a ladder, was shot just as he was about to throw a grenade, dropped it and knew he could not throw it so fell on it and covered it so his men would not be hurt. Awarded the congressional Medal of Honor. This is just one of the many stories about and from the GIs that held the perimeter at Pusan, fought their way out of the Chosin Reservoir and captured Seoul not once but four times.

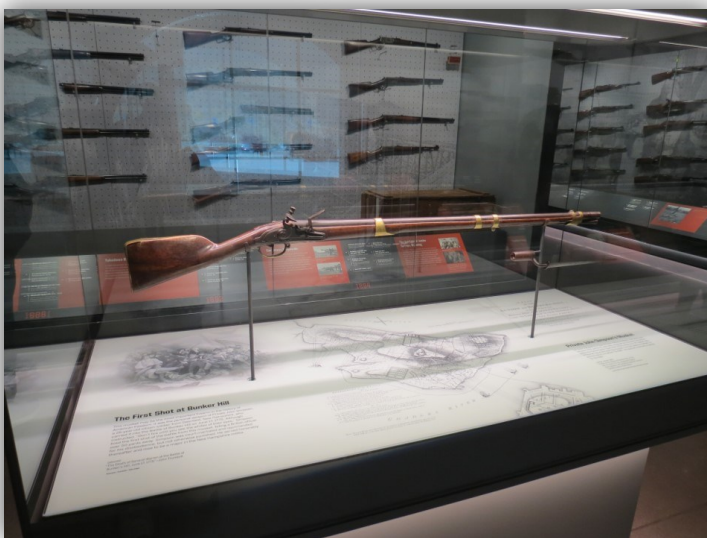
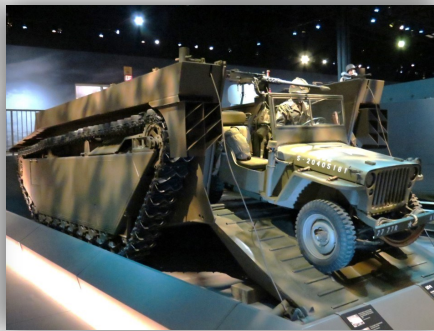
The history of conflicts in Indochina and the US involvement in Vietnam was fairly detailed. There was a small-scale re-creation of a firebase along with displays of the gun trucks the convoys started using. They even have a couple of patrol boats the “Brown Water Navy” used. Many displays of the weapons and equipment used on both sides were there to see. They even have a Gama Goat.

On to the General George S. Patton, Jr Gallery. Many artillery pieces from WW1 along with a couple of trucks and a Dodge sedan that was used like a Jeep was used in WW2, except the Dodge got stuck in the mud a lot easier. There are some unique vehicles: a 1941 Bantam BRC-40, the original Jeep; a 1941 Willys MA; and a 1941 Ford GP, predecessor to the GPW. All these are in very nice condition! Also in this gallery is a large display of mortars including one that was breech loaded and used by the Navy. It had a .50 caliber machine gun attached to the top of it. Pretty impressive!

There is a LOT more to this museum than I have mentioned in this report. Everyone should put this place on their list of places to see. It is a bit out of the way but the area is gorgeous, the town and people are great and there are places to stay and places to eat. It is also not far from Yellowstone Nation Park and Jackson Hole Wyoming. We cannot recommend it highly enough!



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