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Hello MVCC and Happy Holidays

I hope everyone is set for the long winter with a stockpile of parts and a dry place to work on our projects. The fog and the shorter hours of daylight mean more hours in the shop working on the MVs here. I have had a lot of people contacting me about the April Camp Plymouth Meet. I didn't think we would top last year but maybe I'm wrong. Our friends north of the border are planning and plotting ways to get here, as well as people from across the pond. If any member gets a strange crate with air holes cut in it with a voice asking if it's F marked or Willys, please let our friends out. I know what it's like, having once spend time in the trunk of a car in France-but that's a story for another time.

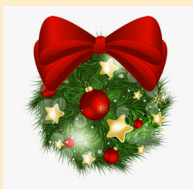
With winter-type weather starting, the only events most of us will be doing is holiday stuff. Things at MVCC HQ will not be slowing down, we are planning some good things for the club's 45th. More information will follow about those. Also, get your reservations in the JoAnn ASAP as late comers may find themselves out pass even The Swamp.

I've been asked if the club was moving people up to the field we used for the fall meet and the answer is no, not this year but if we continue to grow we will be offering the membership first shot at the new sites. As we are still planning many things for the meet, now is the time to contact your board with ideas you have to make the meet better. I know everyone wants easier access between the 49'er and the fairgrounds and we will continue to work on it. We will be keeping the hand washing stations from last year, people liked places to scrub up after picking through all those OD treasures last year.

And speaking of scrubbing up, how is everyone doing on bringing your vehicles for the showcases? GTBs, M151s and Unrestored/Barn Finds showcases are just the ticket to show your MV with like vehicles. I challenge anyone in the club to have one in each showcase.

Before I close, I want to let the members know of the passing of Nancy (Hoskins) Umphenour. While not a board member, Nancy was always willing to fill in where she was needed. I think the first time I met Nancy was in about 1999 and we spoke about her and Lee's great CCKW trip. Since then Nancy always took the time to give me a big smile and say hi, ask about everything since the last meet and she would always leave with "It's great to see you Chris." Nancy, it was always great to see you too and you will be sorely missed by all.

Chris



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What's going on in the MVCC? - The MVCC Board is working out the details of the MVCC April Spring Meet 2022. If you have any questions, concerns or comments contact a board member or myself and I'll refer you to the correct person.

Welcome again Charles Tope, our newest MVCCVP, article on page 11.



April Event Tshirt artwork will be on the front cover of the January newsletter. If you want a zip up hoodie or pull over hoodie with the event artwork please pre order with MVCCQM Don Gomes. I talked to Don and he says a few members have already pre ordered their hoodies. Hoodies/Sweaters are by pre order only. Last year we sold out of event tshirts and hoodies/sweaters which was outstanding! Thank you for your support to your club. Prices are donations, everything you buy helps support yourself and your fellow club members.

BREAKING NEWS! - The Eagle Field AAF was formed this month. Eagle Field AAF is a real, legit non profit created to take over, restore and display the barracks at Eagle Field. Owner of Eagle Field Joe Davis has donated the barracks to Eagle Field AAF in order to make sure that the Barracks get restored, preserved and used as a museum. Officers of the new non profit are President Chris Thomas, Vice President Don Gomes, Treasurer Jennifer Tanis, Secretary Mark Jones and board members Johnny Verissimo and Scott Tanis. The Eagle Field AAF has started with 6 board members. The mission of Eagle Field AAF is the restoration and preservation of the Eagle Field Barracks before its too late. If you have any questions about Eagle Field AAF you may contact President Chris Thomas (559)871-6507. Lastly I want to thank Joe Davis for donating the barracks and thank Chris Thomas for being the point man on making this happen. Anyone who has been to the air field has seen the sharp decline in the barracks.



Eagle Field AAF Board Members

In this newsletter you will find cool articles from MVCC Reporters Chris Hughes and Nancy Porter, thank you guys for always coming though for me!

GTB Burma Tshirts. Don Gomes is making custom GTB Burma Jeep Tshirts and if your interested in one let him know your size and how many you want. Don at (209)765-1273

M151 Showcase 2022— Big Mike Fedyk is the POC for the showcase, If you have any questions concerns or comments contact Big Mike at (707)372-1311 or bigmike405@hotmail.com WE WANT M151's!!!!

Barn Find Showcase 2022—This will be on Thursday of that week. POC is Chris Thomas

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find a very preliminary activities page of the 2022 Spring Meet. Things will be added as we get closer. This early page is to help give you an idea of what to plan for, we hope it helps.

We have lost a member recently. I would like to give our heart felt condolences on behalf of the MVCC to the Nancy Brown Umphenour family.

Lastly, Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year..!! May 2022 bring you a new military vehicle, lol..!

Johnny & Christina Verissimo

EAGLE FIELD DINNER DANCE AND FLY IN 2022

Celebrating the 80th Anniversary of Eagle Field

June 3, 4 & 5 2022

Jun 4th will be the Dinner and Fly In

At historic Eagle Field in Dos Palos, California

Come see vintage historic military planes, military vehicles and historic Eagle Field WW2 Pilot Training Field

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More information to follow!



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49er RV Resort, 18265 HWY 49 Plymouth, Ca. 95669 (209)245-6981

4 night minimum stay April 27th to 30th at 49er RV Resort– No tents at 49er RV Resort

Arrival Date _____ Check Out Date _____ ***Payment in full paid to Camp 49er by 3-24-2022***

Assigned Site # / # of Nights /	Description of Site, Pick one	/ Per Night /	Total
	RV Standard (\$62.48) _____ RV Premium (\$72.16) _____ Premium Waterfront (\$81.84) _____ Studio Cabin (\$141.60) _____ 1-2 Bed Cabin (\$208.56) _____		

Amador County Fairgrounds, 18621 Sherwood St. Plymouth, Ca. 95669

No minimum stay for dry sites, no RV's, 1 vehicle & 1 tent per site, 4 night stay for water/electric sites April 27 to 30th 2022

Arrival Date _____ Check Out Date _____ ***Payment in full to MVCC , no refunds after 4/18/2022***

Assigned Site # / # of Nights /	Description of site, Pick one	/ Per Night /	Total
	(\$35) Dry Tent – Military _____ Civilian _____ (\$35) Dry Car – Pickup Camper _____ Utility Trailer _____ (\$45) Water/Electric – Tent _____ Military _____ Civilian _____ (4 night stay for Water/Electric)		

No refunds after April 18th, 2022

Comments: _____

Fairgrounds camping payment should be made to Military Vehicle Collectors of California, 2714 Peartree Lane, San Jose, Ca. 95121 C/O JoAnn Lesser .

For more information: mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com

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Please Sign _____ Date _____

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Check # _____ Amount _____ Rec'd _____ Sent _____

PRELIMINARY ACTIVITIES (as of 29 Oct 2021)

Camp Plymouth – 27 Apr to 30 Apr 2022

Covid Guidelines per current Amador County requirements

ALL WEEK – Swap Meet is open! Please check campsites through the 49'er RV Campground AND the Tent Sector at the Fairgrounds next door for an amazing selection of items. Vendors MUST be in rented campsites, cabins or official tent spaces.

Tuesday, April 26

1800 – EARLY BIRD GATHERING. Pool Area Patio. No potluck this year. Bring your dinner or just come to chat. Masks requested.
POC – Jo-Ann Lesser

Wednesday, April 27

Swap Meet Happening!!

Thursday, April 28

Swap Meet Continues!!

0700 until coffee's gone - Early Morning Coffee. Location: Fairgrounds Tent Sector near the power/water sites.

0900 – POKER RALLY. Register 0900 - 0930 in the Wolin Arena in the Fairgrounds Tent Sector. First vehicle departs @ 0930.
\$5/poker hand. Maximum of 2 hands/person. POC: Dave/Nancy Porter (530-391-5650 or 530-391-8006)

1000 – 1600 – MVCC HQ/Store Open at Sites #188 & 189, near the Rec Hall at the 49'er. JOIN OR RENEW, meet MVCC officers, see who is camping where, buy the GREAT MVCC Commemorative memorabilia. Support the MVCC!

**** Drop off your Raffle Donations @ MVCC Headquarters for the awesome Friday night raffle**

1000 – 1100 – Club President @ MVCC HQ. Come by to say Hi or vent.

1300 – 1600 – SHOWCASE OF UNRESTORED BARN FINDS. Wolin Arena in the Fairgrounds Tent Sector. POC: Chris Thomas (559-871-6507; The Swamp)

1400 – WOMEN OF THE MVCC GATHERING (Onsite). Pool Patio, under the awning. Due to Covid concerns, we won't be sharing food as has been done in the past. But come to visit - bring your own beverage.

1600 – MVCC Board Meeting – Amphitheater (west side of the 49'er – between the inner and outer camping circles) Bring your own chair (BYOC). Rec Hall if rain

Friday, April 29

Swap Meet Continues!!

0700 until coffee's gone - Early Morning Coffee. Location: Fairgrounds Tent Sector near the power/water sites.

0900-1200 – GTB SHOWCASE. Wolin Arena in the Tent Sector @ the Fairgrounds. POC: Don Gomes (MVCC Headquarters)

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1100 to 1500 – WOMEN'S LUNCH AND SHOPPING EXPEDITION. Leave @ 11:00 from the front entrance of the 49'er. We will be heading to lunch, then have time for some boutique and antique shopping. May need masks for store and restaurant entry. (Need POC _____)

1300-1600 – M151 SHOWCASE. Wolin Arena in the Tent Sector @ Amador Fairgrounds. POC: _____

1700 – ALL MEMBER DINNER in the 49'er Rec Hall. RAFFLE DRAWING @ 1900 (lots of great stuff!)

Saturday, April 30

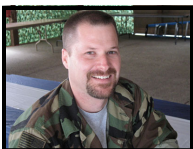
Swap Meet Continues!! Time for those last-minute finds!

0700 until coffee's gone - Early Morning Coffee. Location: Fairgrounds Tent Sector – near the power/water sites

1000 – MVCC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. Open Amphitheater on the west side of the 49'er Resort. BYOC (bring your own chair). Rain contingency: Held at Rec Hall at the 49'er.

After General Meeting to 1600 – MVCC HQ/Store Open at Sites #188 & 189, near the Rec Hall. JOIN OR RENEW, meet MVCC officers, buy the GREAT MVCC Commemorative memorabilia. Support the MVCC! -

1230 – CONVOY & TOUR (Details to be released soon. Actual tour time will be 1300-1500. POC: Dave Porter – 530-391-8006)



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Hello MVCC'ers!

As I'm writing this, we just wrapped up the Virginia City Veterans Day Parade. And I can honestly tell you we had a fantastic time! Just driving our HMMWV up to Virginia City from Sparks is always fun with all the waves and thumbs-up we get along the way. But this year, with the cancellation and then last-minute reinstatement of the Reno Veterans Day Parade, it seems like a lot more folks headed up the hill to Virginia City. While our local group (called Savoy 6), only managed 3 vehicles this year, we were invited to carry this year's Grand Marshal. And what an honor it was! Ron McKimmy had the honor of giving a ride in his M151 to Lt. Lepeilbet, a Vietnam Veteran Army Infantryman. During the Lieutenants' service, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, 2 Silver Stars, the Bronze Star, an Air Medal, and a Purple Heart. It was an honor to provide the wheels for him in the parade. Damon Viola in his '43 GPW followed the Grand Marshal, and Nikole and I in our HMMWV rounded out our group.

Ron put together a nice video of our parade experience on YouTube. Just do a search for 'Savoy 6'.

Not much else going on here in Northern Nevada. Just the usual hunkering down for freezing temps, taking the UTV out when time allows, working on other shop projects that just never seem to progress, and gearing up for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Speaking of Thanksgiving, 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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Hello North Bay West and beyond,

Happy Veteran's Day! One of the big M.V. days of the year! I always love Veterans Day because we get to honor our beloved Vets and the machines that they rode in during peacetime and in war. The Petaluma parade was back on and it was a glorious day. The weather was near 80 degrees and we had the usual suspects show up to take their place in the parade convoy. The total MV count was 26 in our section this year. That is a standard count for us and it was great to see all the folks show up to support our Veterans. Thanks to all the members who brought their rigs out to "run the boulevard".

Three days later many of our North Bay members gathered to remember a friend of ours and of the MVCC. That would be Terry O'Connor who passed earlier in the year. His passing was sudden and unexpected. Many of you remember Terry as the owner of Classic Military Automotive. His was the M.V. restoration shop next to Mike's Military in Santa Rosa. He was also at all of the Tower Park meets with Mike Stopforth selling parts across from the bathrooms at the pavilion. Terry would host meetings of the North Bay group at his shop. He was the "Gentle Giant" who cared for all the farrell cats and helped many of us in the hobby with our projects! It might have been technical support, or the use of his facilities, and equipment. Terry was always willing to help out. Due to the Covid situation, his wife Carolyn wasn't able to have his memorial closer to his passing. The memorial was held at the Pacific Coast Air Museum at the Santa Rosa Airport. This was another great afternoon amongst friends, war birds, and some of the vehicles he worked on. His friends and the hobby will miss Terry!

God Speed....Scott Rohrs





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Hey 510/925 MV'ers,

Hope you had a good Veterans Day. We were fortunate enough to participate in 2 events, The San Francisco Mayor's Salute to Veterans Parade on 11/7 and the Veterans event at the Danville Veterans Memorial Hall on 11/11. Both were excellent!

The SF Parade was not the same without Wallace Levin, but I know he would have been happy to see the good attendance and enthusiasm. Pete M. drove his '42 Willys MB and James B. drove his trusty '41 Chevy 1 1/2 ton. Henry and I chugged along the M37. We were treated to perfect weather and managed to be sandwiched between 2 marching bands, fortunately the VERY loud dueling drums and xylophones did not disturb Henry's nap. Jim's description of the parade was accurate: "The greatest, shortest, loudest, and slowest parade I have ever been in." For a special treat Mark B. and his Memorial Squadron arranged to fly over during the parade with 20 (!!) aircraft, including Mark's T28. Keep an eye out if I have your email, I'll share a beautiful video Mark sent me.



Tim S. was kind enough to invite us to participate in the Veterans Day event at the Danville Veterans Hall. If you've never been there, it's a pretty special place and they have a Veterans Day presentation that's always educational and often humbling. Hilde, Henry and myself enjoyed seeing Tim, who had a massive radio display, and speaking with the many Veterans and interested visitors. The Hall was filled with fascinating exhibits dating back to WWI and is something Danville should be very proud of.

In addition to the events we participated in, John B. was able to make it to the Pleasanton Veterans Day Parade on 11/7 with his '43 Willys MB. I haven't spoken with John, but judging from the photos posted on their site, the parade went well!

We're gearing up for Thanksgiving now and wish everyone a wonderful Holiday Season. Hope to see you soon with your MV's at local events that pop up! Henry and I need to get out and decorate the M37!

Happy Holidays, Andy, Hilde and Henry





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Happy December to all MVCC Members.

I hope all is well with you and your families. Well I'm going to start with the Gustine Veterans parade with Johnny Verissimo and Pearl his 1941 Dodge WC Command Car and I with Betsy my 1942 Ford GPW Script Jeep. Veterans, FFA, 4H, city officials and Fireman with Fire Trucks . This year I was very lucky to have the privilege and Honor to carry Mr Mederios a 97 year young WW2 Veteran in Betsy. The first thing he said to me was thank you very much, I said no, Thank you for your service Sir. He said I haven't rode in a Jeep since 1945 when he was discharged where he was stationed in Europe from 1942 to 1945 and then shipped home to Massachusetts.

After dropping off Mr Mederios I headed to Turlock for the Turlock Veterans Charity Trust golf tournament. We had 3 MV's, Lee Smith with his 1967 M151 2A Mutt, me with my 1942 Ford GPW and Dick Dias with his 1942 Ford GPW . We had a great time tasting all the different foods and drinks and shooting the bulls with all the new people we met.

Well on another note anyone wanting to order from me (the Co quartermaster) sweat shirt hoodie, zip up, or pullovers, t-shirts, hats ,signs etc. Colors are OD & Tan, please email me caddymanwestside@yahoo.com and I'll get it on my list for Camp Plymouth SPRING meet in April 2022.



Keeping The GTB History Alive !
Don Gomes



Photo by Don Gomes



Photos by Hilary Gomes

Letter to the editor from MVCC Member Brad Carrott

You all have encouraged us help to each other. Sharing our resources and helping those veterans of this hobby to encourage those just starting with the green fever. Great work to all our board members who have influenced readers as well other chapters. It's an honor when someone asks me about a M151's (Mutt). If I don't have an answer for them. I know who would. We have a awesome network of resources which this technical group.

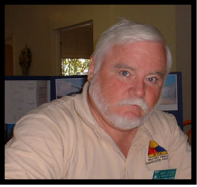
Thank you for your stories and sharing your knowledge openly. It's priceless. This newsletter is extremely professionally delivered. I always look forward when it shows up. Keep the good word rolling. Thank you to our board.

"My Salute to Johnny (editor) and the board for your support". Keep the team together and rolling.

Brad Carrott



Photos by Bard Carrott



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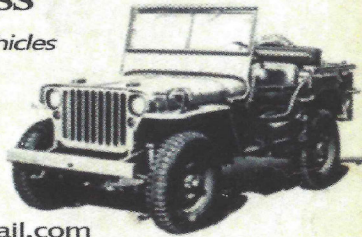


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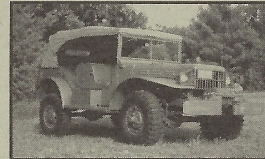


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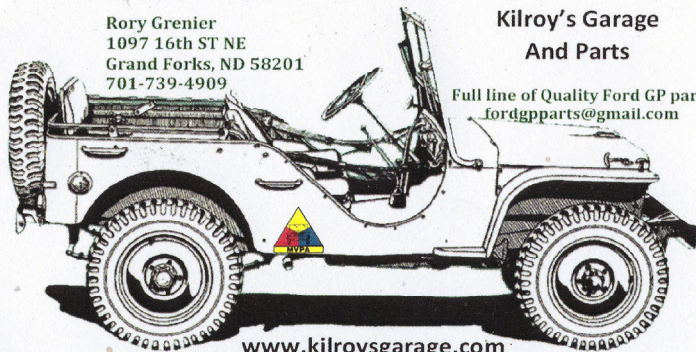
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Greetings from the beautiful California central coast! This is my first effort at writing an update for the newsletter so here goes! I am following a legend in Jack Valenti so I will try my best to fill his shoes. I thought I would start by providing a bit of my background as the newly elected VP of the central coast chapter. I was born and raised in Pacific Grove, California and am the youngest of ten brothers and sisters. My wife Kim puts up with four boys in our house (Myself, Maxwell 10, Hunter 8, and Champ “goldendoodle 2”). History has been a passion of mine since as early as I can remember and in particular anything related to World War II. I received a BA in History from Saint Mary’s College of California and thought I would pursue a career in teaching and coaching but instead began a career in the workforce management world to which I am still engaged today. I am looking forward to interacting with everyone and hopefully get an MVCC event staged on the Monterey Peninsula in the near future.

We were blessed with incredible weather for Veteran’s Day 2021, and we were excited to participate in the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce remembrance ceremony. The event was held at Lover’s Point Park with quite a few veterans present along with families and kids of all ages. The Monterey Peninsula has a rich history of continuous military presence dating back to the early Spanish explorers and today with the Defense Language Institute and Naval Postgraduate School. The Pacific Grove services included senior commanders from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and of course our local Coast Guard contingent. We were represented by several Jeeps and led a short convoy through Monterey, Cannery Row and back to Pacific Grove. We will keep everyone updated on future events.

Charles

Photos by Charles Tope





MVCC WAGON MISTRESS JOANN LESSER

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The dates for our April 2022 event have been finalized. The week of **April 25 thru April 30** has been set! Our group has been given the whole week with a 4 day minimum stay beginning Wednesday, April 27 thru Saturday, April 30. The registration form can be found in this issue of the MVCCNEWS or on line at mvccnews.net. I will begin accepting registrations **December 1, 2021** and the **49'er RV Resort (209.245.6981)** will be accepting payment or deposit beginning **January 2, 2022**. Payment or deposit must reach the 49'er no later than **March 24, 2022**. At that time the 49'er takes back from the club any sites with no deposit or payment. The rates for this year include all fees and or taxes.

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If you have a question as to what type site you are in or if you are a new member and have not been assigned a site, please don't hesitate to email me at mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com

Camping at the Amador County Fairgrounds? The cutoff date for registration and payment is April 15, 2022.

This year the MVCC is celebration our 45th Anniversary. The board has decided to provide members with an anniversary dinner on Friday, April 29, 2022. You will see a line on the registration form asking how many members you are registering for. This will provide the board with an approximate dinner count. Please keep an eye out for updated information as we plan the anniversary party.

UPCOMING EVENTS



April 25th to 30th 2022: 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

June 4th 2022 - Eagle Field Dinner Dance and Fly In/Military Vehicle Event. POC is Chris Thomas (559)871-6507

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



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I hope everyone got to participate in a Veterans Day activity with their Military Vehicle, or without it if need be.

In addition to driving in the Auburn Veterans Day Parade, we displayed a '43 GPW at the Roseville Veterans Memorial Hall for the Honor Flight event a few days before Veterans Day. Honor Flight is typically a simulated flight to Washington DC for mostly elderly veterans and their mostly younger veteran escorts. The veterans are shown a narrated movie highlighting the memorials and exhibits around the DC area, enabling them to experience the sights without actually traveling all the way to Washington DC. In this case, the event was closer to a sales pitch because the organizers were signing people up to take an actual flight to Washington for an in-person visit. Our jeep, complete with an original 48-star American flag, was on display at the entrance to the auditorium, along with a HUMVEE from the local National Guard unit in Roseville. It was the original military utility vehicle next to its modern descendent, making for an interesting comparison. The veterans were very appreciative of the display in their honor.



Dave



Photo by Dave Porter

The American Heritage Museum by Chris “Toadman” Hughes

This past September, my dad and I spent a week touring various museum in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. One of the major highlights of our trip was the day we spent at the American Heritage Museum in Hudson, Massachusetts.

The American Heritage Museum is a relatively new museum, having officially opened in May 2019. Owned and operated by the Collings Foundation, the museum features more than 85+ military vehicle, artillery pieces, and aircraft. The heart of the museum is the core of the Jacques Littlefield Collection.

The 65,000 square foot facility is a two-level building. After paying an entry fee at guest services, visitors are ushered into a small theater for a short video presentation about the purpose of the museum and why museums such as this exist. Once this presentation has been completed, visitors are then escorted into the World War One trench exhibit. It features a realistic trench with dugouts, shell craters, and an audio/video presentation about World War One. Included in the World War One section are a Model T ambulance and a M1917 6-ton tank. The final guided portion of the museum is the Between the Wars exhibit which again an audio/video presentation focusing on the rise of Fascism in Europe and Japanese militarism in the Pacific and Far East. This exhibit features two tanks, a light artillery piece, and a replica of Adolf Hitler Mercedes touring car.

Upon completion of the guided portions of the museum, visitors are then presented with the museum itself, starting with a walk on the mezzanine level which starts with America’s entry into World War Two. The sightlines from the mezzanine allow visitors a fantastic overview of nearly the entire museum. The artifacts are displayed based in various campaigns and theaters of operation for World War Two. There are also sections for various post-World War Two wars, including the Korean War, Vietnam, the Cold War, Operation Desert Storm and the War on Terror.

Unlike many museums and collections, most of the artifacts are displayed in a manner that allows complete or near complete walk arounds of the pieces. When combined with the view from the mezzanine, visitors get to experience to the displays in a manner rarely found at other locations. In many instances, the pieces are set in scenic displays representative of where they were used, including desert, jungle, and snowy locations.

Many of the 85+ artifacts in the American Heritage Museum are extremely rare or not seen in a privately owned museum. These include a German Panther tank, M4A3E2 Sherman “Jumbo”, a German Sd.Kfz.222 armored car, and a Scud Missile Launcher. Along with the pieces from the Littlefield Collection, the Collings Foundation has established a working relationship with the National Museum of the Marine Corps which has resulted in the display of the only surviving World War Two Japanese Type 4 Ho-ro Self-propelled gun, a USMC M48A3, and a M1A1 Abrams. The Abrams is the only one of its kind in a privately owned museum and is dedicated to its late tank commander. Other displays include a piece of the World Trade Center and various uniform and video displays.

The aircraft displays are set up to be rotated as needed. As of my visit, there were three aircraft on display: P-40B Tomahawk; FM-2 Wildcat; and a F6F-3N Hellcat. The P-40B is especially important as it was on the ground at Wheeler Field during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Throughout the museum floor area, docents are available to assist visitors with their questions about the displays. They are quite knowledgeable, with many of them having served in some of the vehicle types on display. Near the museum entrance is a small gift shop with the usual assortment of books and museum memorabilia.

The American Heritage Museum is truly a one of kind museum. It has been very clearly planned and organized. I highly recommend a visit to this museum.

The American Heritage Museum is located at 568 Main St, Hudson, Massachusetts. They’re currently open Friday-Sunday from 10:00am to 5:00pm. For more information, including ticket prices, please visit their website at www.americanheritagemuseum.org.

As the black and white photos included with this article do not do the museum justice, additional photos can be found on my Facebook page: www.facebook.com/toadmanstankpictures or on my Instagram: @toadmanstankpictures



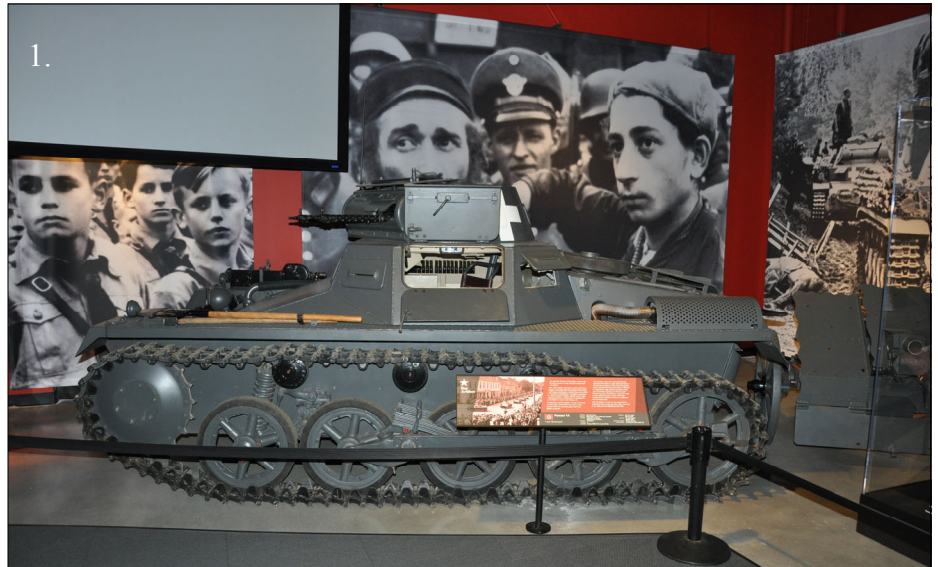
M48A3 US Tank

1. **Panzer I:** Displayed in the “Between the Wars” exhibit is a PzKpfw I Ausf. A. This tank was captured by the Canadian Army at the end of World War II.

2. Overview 1: The mezzanine level of the museum allows for spectacular views of the displays. In the foreground is a StuG III Ausf. G assault gun. Behind it, on the right is a LCVP that was used during the D-Day landings. On the left and center are a T-34-85 and a Panther Ausf. A.

3.M4A3: This M4A3(76)HVSS Sherman is part of the Korean War exhibit and has been painted to represent a U.S. Army tank used during the Spring of 1951.

4. M48A3: On loan from the United States Marine Corps is this M48A3 Patton. The Collings Foundation has several other vehicles on display that have been loaned to them by the USMC.



.1. Museum front: A view of the front of the museum. The museum building is over 65,000 square feet in size.



2. P-40B: During the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, this particular P-40B was undergoing maintenance and repairs in a hanger at Wheeler Field and somehow managed to survive with little to no damage.

3. Overview 2: Another view of the museum floor from the mezzanine level. In the center is the “Clash of Steel” exhibit featuring a Panther Ausf. A and T-34-85. An audio-video presentation is included with this particular exhibit.



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Mike Fedyk, (North Bay VP East, Divisions), 707, 415, 628 (916)809-2969
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Hey MVerS,

Last month I mentioned blowing a hydraulic line on the HEMTT. It was quite the task getting the blown one out let alone fishing in the new hydraulic line. It took several attempts, several “pull it out and start over”, and several chunks of knuckle meat to finally get it done. I still need to tackle the leaking main lift cylinder this winter for sure.

Last week I was in Reno over a weekend. It was raining cats and dogs with little to do but gamble. Instead, I went to the National Automobile Museum in downtown Reno. Besides being the only patron there and dodging several roof leaks, it was a great museum and a great way to spend a few hours. Many very unique and rare cars, trucks and motorcycles.

The first military vehicles I found were a pair of WWII Harley Davidson WLAs. The unique one to me was this navy version in the photo I took. Very few were produced.



There weren't any other MVs in the museum but there was a small blip about the WWII jeep.

As I was finishing my way thru the museum I noticed other folks started showing up to enjoy the museum as well. I recommend this museum the next time you're in Reno and you have a couple hours to spare.

As always, please share your events, projects etc. with me so I can post them in our newsletter for all to see.

Regards, Big Mike

Photos by Big Mike



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Looking for contact information for Armando Epifany. Trying to complete a sale of a 1943 GPW but I lost his info. Thanks for any help. Lee Edwards 510-912-5333

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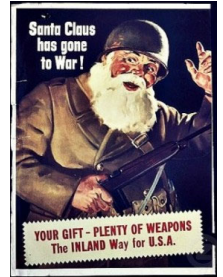
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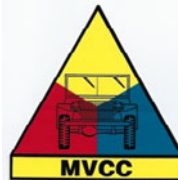
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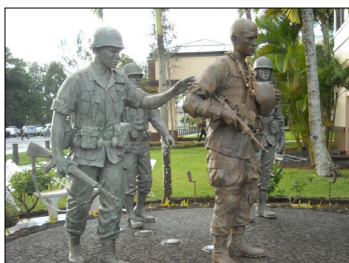
Dave Porter and I planned trips and escorted groups to Oahu and Pearl Harbor for the 70th and 75th commemorations of this monumental WW2 event. Some of the places we saw aren't open to the public and travel has been limited with Covid restrictions. So, we wanted to present this information about places to see someday when you go to Oahu, or to look at if you're staying stateside.

1. **Arizona Memorial.** Best way to see this is to arrive early in the morning at the memorial complex to get tickets. (They are usually sold out by early afternoon.) Or, take a tour that includes a visit to the Memorial. You'll be assigned a time for the Navy launch to take you there. Be sure to also watch the film at the memorial complex and visit the USS Bowfin that's parked there.
 2. **USS Missouri.** This is the battleship where the treaty to end the Pacific portion of WW2 was signed. You can't miss seeing the size of the big guns, but also note the damage from a zero that hit the side of the ship in a kamakaze hit.
 3. **USS Oklahoma and Battleship Row.** Ships were heavily damaged and sunk, but there's a wonderful memorial on the shore near the Oklahoma site to honor those who lost their lives with the ship.
 4. **Pacific Air Museum & Ford Island.** Unless you have military credentials, you'll need to join a tour to see this iconic area. There are strafing marks in the hanger and on the tower. And, there's a great gift shop here.
 5. **Schofield Barracks.** You should be able to get a day pass with drivers license and proof of insurance. You can check online for photos of the barracks before the attack, after and today. Nearby are the Pineapple Pentagon and the Tropic Lightning Museum.
 6. **Pineapple Pentagon.** We saw this place on a great tour. The list of medal of honor winners is here. Also inside is a large mural. Apparently, the Army told the enlisted man who painted the masterpiece that he wasn't allowed to sign his name, so he instead painted his likeness as the face of each soldier depicted.
 7. **Tropic Lightning Museum.** Great displays of weaponry and a wonderful statue of the various military branches exists outside.
 8. **Army Museum of Hawaii @ Fort DeRussy.** This wonderful, shaded museum is at the west end of Waikiki and was originally a coastal artillery battery. There's a Cobra helicopter, vehicles and a great amount of displayed armor.
 9. **Diamond Head.** At the east end of Waikiki is Diamond Head Crater. During WW2, battery locations were installed and you can hike to the areas. Great views, so you can see why this was an excellent protective location.
 10. **Barber's Point,** west of Pearl Harbor at Ewa Beach. This was a naval air station during the war and site of some of the first air-to-air combat that first morning of the attack. The site houses a museum of various WW2 memorabilia and you can tour the various planes on the tarmac. Have you seen the episodes of Hawaii Five-O where Jimmy Buffet piloted a decrepit old helicopter? It was filmed here!
 11. **Dillingham Field.** This is on the northwest side of Oahu. The location's military service dates back to 1922 when a communication station was constructed there. 1941, additional land was leased to increase the size of the airfield. Curtiss P-40 fighters were dispatched from there and other northern bases on the island when the Japanese first attacked.
- Haleiwa Fighter Strip.** This is on the northeast part of the island, near Turtle Bay Resort. There was talk 20 years ago about restoring the old airfield, but nothing was ever done. It's currently highly overgrown with weeds and filled with homeless squatters. (We've seen the remnants on maps but have never managed to get in there to spot possible remains of the runway. There is usually a parade through Honolulu on the evening of December 7 to commemorate the attack. My photos of past parades were too blurry to print. A parade is scheduled to be held this year for the 80th anniversary.

We have also taken flights with a pilot at Dillingham, tracing the route the Japanese flew that morning of December 7, 1941. These flights were in an open cockpit plane, flown by the pilot of a major airline. I'm not sure whether those flights are still available, but they were definitely memorable.

Let me know if you want further details about these sites or want to plan a trip to Oahu to explore. I'm a full-service travel agency and have lots of information about military historical sites through Hawaii and the South Pacific.

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