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There is only one USMC Color Guard and it is out of Barstow, CA. For fifty years they have appeared at major national functions; it is quite an honor to have them at the Elizabeth Stampede - 6/08/2019



11th Annual Classic Rock Cruise In
Savage Car Club
June 15th 2019
All Year Jeep/Bronco/FJ40/SUV
Savage Car Club
Castle Rock
Castle Rock

Phil and Jane Curry and GPW and 1st Place Trophy - Castle Rock

FROM THE COMMAND POST



Looking forward to seeing a good turn out for the Denver Veterans Day Parade. We roll Nov 9th with lunch at Brooklyn's. Please get me a head count of those vehicles and folk participating.

A couple of club members suggested we publish these facts about the Viet Nam Wall...

HISTORY ON THE VIETNAM WALL ...

A little history most people will never know. Interesting Veterans Statistics off the Vietnam Memorial Wall.

There are 58,267 names now listed on that polished black wall, including those added in 2010.

The names are arranged in the order in which they were taken from us by date and within each date the names are alphabetized. It is hard to believe it is 63 years since the first casualty.

The first known casualty was Richard B. Fitzgibbon, of North Weymouth, Mass. Listed by the U.S. Department of Defense as having been killed on **June 8**, 1956. His name is listed on the Wall with that of his son, Marine Corps LCpl Richard B. Fitzgibbon III, who was killed on Sept. 7, 1965.

There are three sets of fathers and sons on the Wall.

39,996 on the Wall were just 22 or younger.

8,283 were just 19 years old.

The largest age group, 33,103 were 18 years old.

12 soldiers on the Wall were 17 years old.

VICE PRESIDENT'S DISPATCH



Lew Ladwig's current WC project. The previous owner used the winch to lower and raise his snow plow. There were no working brakes so I guess he used the snow for breaking.

5 soldiers on the Wall were 16 years old.

One soldier, PFC Dan Bullock was 15 years old.

997 soldiers were killed on their first day in Vietnam .

1,448 soldiers were killed on their last day in Vietnam .

31 sets of brothers are on the Wall.

Thirty one sets of parents lost two of their sons.

54 soldiers attended Thomas Edison High School in Philadelphia . I wonder why so many from one school

8 Women are on the Wall, Nursing the wounded.

244 soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War;
153 of them are on the Wall

Beallsville , Ohio with a population of 475 lost 6 of her sons.

West Virginia had the highest casualty rate per capita in the nation.
There are 711 West Virginians on the Wall.

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EDITOR'S SITREP

Yes, I have been silent for a while. There have been many demands on my time external of the MVCC. So how important is the MVCC as a club? Since the 2019 Denver Auto Show I have physically covered no military vehicle gatherings. I have had to rely on the participants to furnish me with information and photos. So just how viable is your club? Well photos have been provided to me by the following club members: Frank Disney and the evolution of his M38A1D, Phil Movish, Phil Curry, Mike Herbertson, Peter Czarnowski, Lew Ladwig, Glade Hill, with an email from Frank Scholer. So 'club' what did the rest of the



from Frank Scholer. What did the, rest of the club do this summer, spring, fall? Any parades, reenactments, random vehicle gatherings, school visits, restoration projects?

There is a simple relationship here - you give me nothing , I give you nothing. Agent Orange finally caught up with me. So you can either be my legs or not, the choice is up to the club.

The Elizabeth Stampede featured the U.S.M.C. Mounted Color Guard out of Barstow, CA. I do not know what sort of political muscle got the Color Guard to Elizabeth, CO. but it was pay grades beyond me. There is only one USMC Mounted Color Guard and fifty years of tradition.

Google U.S.M.C. and horses and you find the story of U.S.M.C. Staff Sgt. Reckless, a horse. Sgt. Reckless was of Korean birth, a potential race-horse that became the property of the Anti Tank Co., 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division; destined to be a pack horse. Reckless served for nine months during the Korean War and earned both his official rank and two Purple Hearts during the Battle for Outpost Vegas. Reckless made
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FROM THE EDITOR:

made 51 solo trips from the supply depot to the battle carrying ammunition, that is unescorted, with no human leading.

I was in county, in RVN twenty three months and I saw death, but I never saw anything like a horse named Reckless. Once in a while I can be truly proud.

It is your newsletter, you speak and I write. I started this as a vanity rag - realizing that everyone wants to be news. If you give me the news I will write it - I will even edit your photos and write captions. It is your club, make it happen.

And what else has your editor been doing - well I traveled down south for the 2019 Arizona Military Vehicle Show in Tempe. I also visited the "Boneyard" at Davis-Monthan AFB. These F-4 Phantoms will be expended as target drones to train the fighter jocks of now. No more of my Army OV-1 Mohawks available here.



The official 2019 Arizona Military Vehicle Show greeter - Chieftain Main Battle Tank



Standardized Class B Truck "Liberty B" - once part of the John Furrer collection.



"You should let guys know that the show is a great place to get some winter Sunshine and dusted with some OD!"

Russ Morgan

Facts from the Wall, cont.

The Marines of Morenci - They led some of the scrappiest high school football and basketball teams that the little Arizona copper town of Morenci (pop 5,058) had ever known and cheered. They enjoyed roaring beer busts. In quieter moments, they rode horses along the Coronado Trail, stalked deer in the Apache National Forest . And in the patriotic camaraderie typical of Morenci's mining families, the nine graduates of Morenci High enlisted as a group in the Marine Corps. Their service began on Independence Day, 1966. Only 3 returned home.

The Buddies of Midvale - LeRoy Tafoya, Jimmy Martinez, Tom Gonzales were all boyhood friends and lived on three consecutive streets in Midvale, Utah on Fifth, Sixth and Seventh avenues. They lived only a few yards apart. They played ball at the adjacent sandlot ball field And they all went to Vietnam . In a span of 16 dark days in late 1967, all three would be killed. LeRoy was killed on [Wednesday](#), Nov. 22, the fourth anniversary of John F. Kennedy's assassination. Jimmy died less than 24 hours later on [Thanksgiving](#) Day. Tom was shot dead assaulting the enemy on Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

The most casualty deaths for a single day was on [January 31](#), 1968 ~ 245 deaths.

The most casualty deaths for a single month was [May 1968](#) - 2,415 casualties were incurred.

For most Americans who read this they will only see the numbers that the Vietnam War created. To those who survived the war, and to the families of those who did not, we see the faces, we feel the pain that these numbers created We are, until we too pass away, haunted with these numbers, because they were our friends, fathers, Husbands, wives, sons and daughters There are no noble wars, just noble warriors.





Covering five square miles and stretching for six and one-half miles along U.S. Highway 66, more than 7,000 retired Army bombers, fighters and training planes parked row on row at the old Kingman Army Airfield, formerly a flexible gunnery training base, then transformed into Storage Depot 41 of the War Assets Administration.

In no other place in the world have so many aircraft been concentrated in one area at one time. Billions of dollars-and untold heroic victories in the clouds-are represented in the acres of fighting ships glinting in the Arizona sunshine.

The planes began arriving from all points of the world Oct. 1945, and during December, one a minute landed at the depot.

Some of the big, four-engined ships limped in from overseas bases with one or two engines dead, barely arriving at their final resting place in one piece. A few come almost directly off production lines, brand-spanking new - "boot" planes without a chance to show the world a combat record.

20% of all craft with 100 or less flying hours are "pickled." This means preservation oils are forced into their engines and movable parts are protected against corrosion and the elements. Such ships can be airborne within 24 hours.

Among the types of ships stored at the depot - and the standard price by the W.A.A. - are

- B-24 Liberators for \$13,750 each;
- B-17 Flying Fortresses, also for \$13,750 each;
- B-25 medium bombers for \$8250 each;
- P-38 Lightnings at \$1250 each.

Other types include B-32's, the super bombers comparable to famed B-29 Superfortresses;

- A-26's, America's newest and fastest medium bombers, available at \$2,000 apiece;
- P-61 Black Widow night fighters at \$6,000 apiece;
- P-47 Thunderbolt fighters at \$3,500 each;
- P-40's of Flying Tiger fame at \$1,250 each and
- A-24 Navy diver bombers at \$1,650 apiece. ...

My trip to the "Boneyard" at Davis-Monthan AFB reminded me of pictures from another war. As WWII wound down the war birds came home to Kingman, AZ. The movie "The Best Years of Their Lives" has some very haunting footage shot at Kingman. - ed.

Castle Rock Military Appreciation Car Show 5/25/2019

The regular cast of MVCC members entered vehicles - Fred & Lee LaPerriere, trophy winners Phil and Jane Curry, Mike and Michael Herbertson, and newcomer Bill Ramsey.



Phil Movish's M-710 Pinzgauer was really at the Elizabeth Stampede but ended up on this page





Bill Ramsey's M35A2

Phil Curry's authentic GPW radio jeep with D-Day markings next to Fred LaPerriere's always unique "Seep" GPW

Lee Perriere's 1932/1933 Chevy 1.5ton truck



**LONGMONT YESTERYEAR FARM SHOW AUG 23-25
HOSTED BY THE DOUGHERTY MUSEUM**

**KEN KAFKA, LEW LADWIG, AND A BIG TIME EFFORT FROM
ERIC ENGLEWOOD REPRESENTED THE MVCC/MVPA AT THIS
EVENT**



**ERIC ENGLEWOOD'S M-20 TANK RECOVERY VEHICLE LOOKS
DWARFED BY THE M-35A3 2.5TON, DON'T BELIEVE IT. THE
M-20 IS RATED AT AS A 12TON**



A ROW OF OD WITH THE LEW LADWIG WEASEL IN FRONT



THAT IS ERIC'S CLARKAIR CA-1 CRAWLER LOWER RIGHT



Elizabeth Stampede Parade June 8th

Mike Herbertson and Gama Goat leading



New members Cisco & Ibis Myierteran in Phil Curry's HMMWV



It is one of 414 GPWs Ford specifically built as a radio Jeep. 12V generator under a cover between the front seats driven off a transfer case belt drive PTO which turns anytime the engine is turning. It series charges two 6 volt batteries on each side of the rear bed and they power the 12V radio set mounted on the right rear fender well shelf. Two original but inop 6V batteries are still in this Jeep. The only things I have done is added the WWII M-6 compass to the dash and the Ford script tire was mounted as the spare that Fred had provided with the Jeep. The engine has the rare distributor and spark plug sheet metal radio suppression kit. I also added the rifle scarab to the drivers side with a Springfield 1903 sitting in and and obtained a beautiful M1 Garand parade rifle for the windshield mount.



Jean and Phil Curry and their celebrity GPW radio jeep



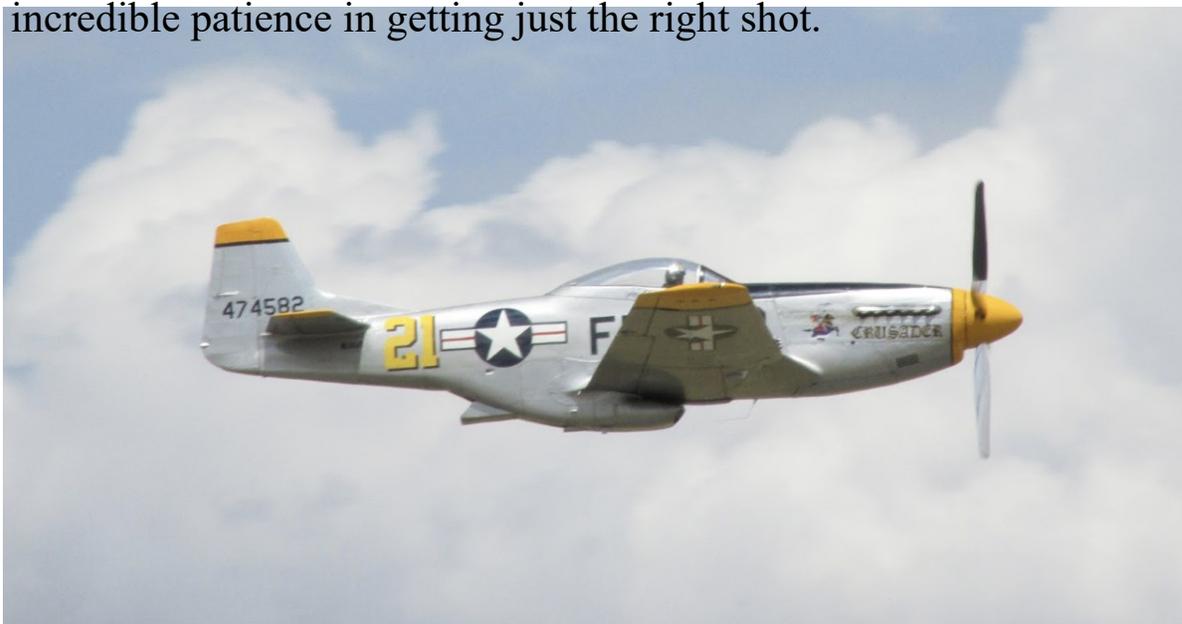
A USSR post card from Afghanistan..."victory is close"

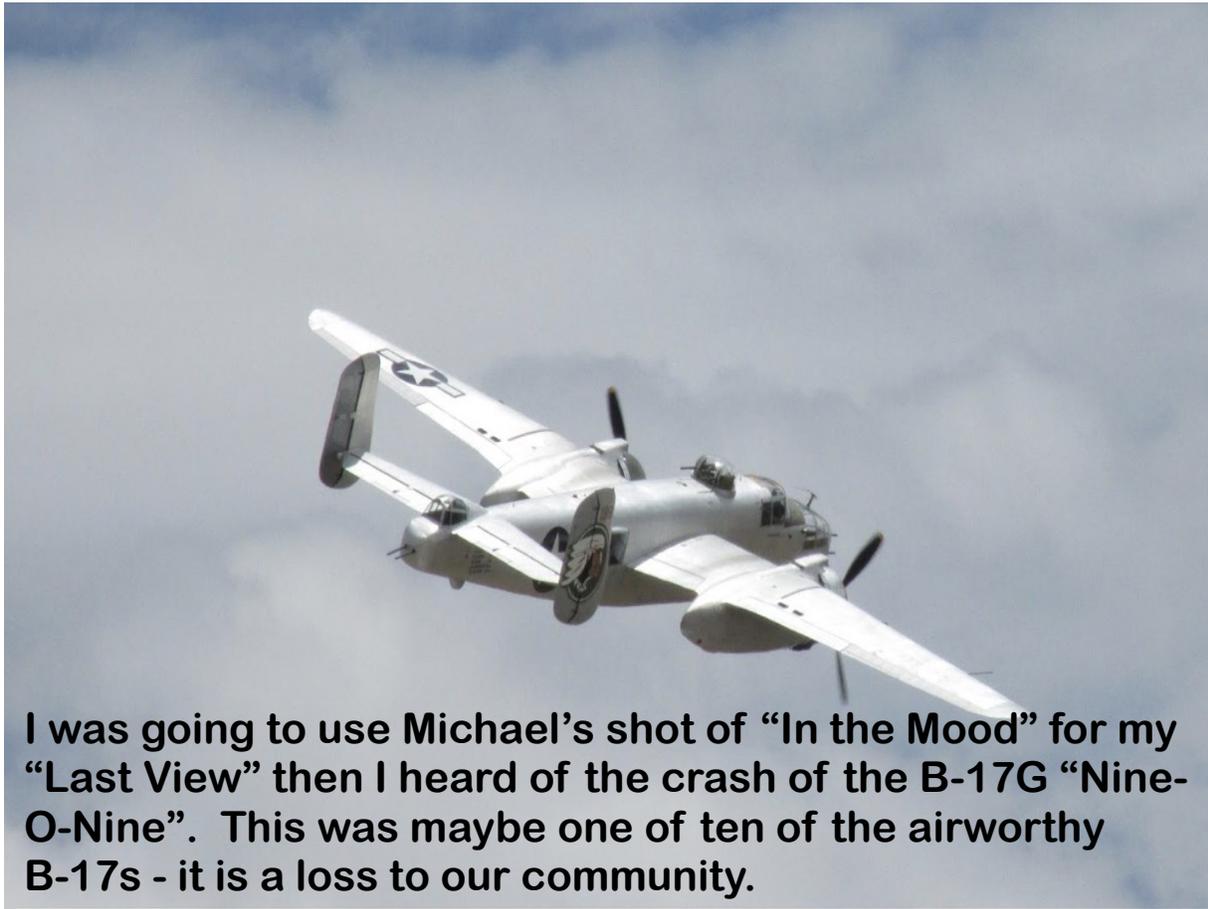
2019 Warbird Auto Classic - Front Range Airport July 27





The MVCC line up - Dan Daru's GPW, an unknown GPW, Phil Curry's GPW, Phil Movish's HMMWV, Mike Herbertson's Gama Goat. At the head of the line were a pair of Royal Enfield motorcycles (now made in India) owned by Jeff Fanta. The field of custom cars and aircraft included some unnamed oddities. A Douglas A-1 Skyraider was new to the show as was the B-25J "In the Mood". Michael Herbertson's dynamic aircraft photos demonstrated incredible patience in getting just the right shot.





I was going to use Michael's shot of "In the Mood" for my "Last View" then I heard of the crash of the B-17G "Nine-O-Nine". This was maybe one of ten of the airworthy B-17s - it is a loss to our community.



Pilot Ernest "Mac" McCauley lands the B-17 flying fortress "Nine O Nine" during the Wings of Freedom Tour at the Hazleton Regional Airport in Hazleton, Pa., on Aug. 19, 2019. McCauley, 75, of Long Beach, Calif., and his co-pilot were among seven people killed when the bomber crashed and burned Wednesday, Oct. 2, at Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks, Conn

AIMEE DILGER/THE TIMES LEADER/AP

Glade Hill and his M-1078 LMTV represented the MVCC at the “Touch A truck” event at Highlands Ranch July 20th



Frank Disney is recreating and restoring one of the six operational M38A1Ds that were fielded. That is a M38A1 fitted with the “Davy Crocket” tactical nuclear warhead. More details will be reported as the Frank’s project is completed.

