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On The Cover- MTA Member Philippe Chateau chauffeur's three veterans in his WWII Jeep at the 2014 NYC Veteran's Day Parade.

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THE NEXT MTA MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH 2014 at 8:00 PM AT THE WHIPPANY AMERICAN LEGION, LEGION PLACE, WHIPPANY, NJ. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED BEGINNING AT 7:30PM.

Military Transport Association

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, November 6th 2014

The meeting was called to order by President **Randy Emr** at 8:0p.m. A Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence was led by **Andrew Salzano** standing in as Sergeant-at-Arms for **Scott Fleck**.

The minutes of the previous MTA meeting were approved as they appeared in last month's newsletter.

The Treasurer's Report:

Military Transport Association, Inc. Summary of Funds Activity For the Month Ending Oct 31, 2014		
	Swap Meet	Operating
Beginning balance from last month	\$ 52,856.33	\$ 3,208.99
Income		50.22
Expenditures		(493.08)
Closing balance	\$ 52,856.33	\$ 2,766.13

Website: Contract has been renewed for another year

OMS7: **Steve Vidam** reports that November was the military's month for checking the Motor Pool. Besides checking level and specific gravity of the coolant, the alkalinity needs to be checked too.

2015 Show Report: **Bill Murphy** reports that Show ads for Supply Line and MV Magazine have been approved and submitted. The contract has been signed and our deposit has been sent to the Fairgrounds.

Jack Shuart proposed that the Victory Belles, an Andrews Sisters-style singing group be hired to perform at the 2015 show in Sussex. The group is a project of The National WWII Museum in New Orleans and has a unit based in NYC for performances in this area. Members have seen them perform annually at Wings And Wheels at Teterboro Airport and most recently at the Veteran's Luncheon at the Wyckoff YMCA on November 3rd where they were a hit. They also perform at high-profile events like singing the National Anthem at the New Orleans Saints games. Having them at Sussex is to give back and expand the appeal of the to the general public. This should increase the paid attendance through advertising and word of mouth.

First choice would be as a USO-style show on the display field. For inclement weather, use the covered grandstand. Being able to ring the stage with vehicles would add to the presentation.

The Victory Belles' fee is \$1000/day + mileage from NYC. This is a direct benefit and project of the WWII Museum, not a paid act in the commercial sense. The fee includes 2 shows per day over a 4 hour window. A sound system and changing room need to be provided. A local Wantage-based company would provide PA system and incidental music of MTA's choice for those hours for \$500/day. Selections could include music popular from WWII through present as one might hear at an actual USO show of the era. Liberal estimate is under \$3400 for 2 days or \$1700 for one day. If one day is preferred, recommendation is for Sunday which is the best-attended day by the general public.

Answers to comments from discussion:

Majority of members in attendance at the meeting who saw them were favorably impressed. Singing, choreography and sound track are professional and first quality. The performers include the audience in each performance.

The Victory Belles' are not limited to WWII Andrews Sisters selections. They include patriotic medleys, service anthems and current artist selections.

While cost is a significant consideration, particularly if there is inclement weather, this proposal is not made in terms of profit and loss for a single show. It is an initial engagement whereby MTA can broaden the show's appeal and attendance for the public as well as MV enthusiasts. The idea is to promote the hobby, increase revenue to MTA, and to provide additional exposure for exhibitors and vendors at the show.

In the past, MTA has made straight donations for membership in the museum of several hundred dollars. The museum's portion of the Victory Belles' is an alternate giving approach.

Sussex has grown beyond being a strictly MV-hobby related show and swap meet, and includes re-enactors, the

Jeep club, veteran's groups and military units as value-added attractions. This proposal is positioned in conjunction with those exhibits.

To learn more about Victory Belles, the following links provide information and portions of performances. Note that some are amateur videos taken by the audience.

<http://www.nationalww2museum.org/visit/victory-belles.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/VictoryBelles?ref=profile>

http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=victory+belles

Railroad Operating Battalion: John Sobatka reports everything is a go for this year's Toys for Tots Operation Santa Train Drive. But John reaffirms that:

HELP IS NEEDED – HELP IS NEEDED – HELP IS NEEDED – HELP IS NEEDED...Volunteers will be needed to assist the Marines counting, sorting and filling orders at Picatinny Arsenal. Please contact 1stSg Piazza, Christopher at 973-724-4700, if you want to help!

The Train Schedule for this year's Toys for Tots:

Rail Stops

12/07, Sunday – Special Train Running Warwick NY to Walden NY.

12/13, Saturday – Rockaway to Flanders Static Display.

12/14, Sunday – Kuiken Brothers Lumber 10:00-16:00.

A motion for \$800.00 donation provided to John for his T4T's operations.

John also mentioned that 1st Sergeant Fred Wiedenmann is retiring. The MTA presented him with a plaque to show our appreciation for his service to the county and his work on T4T's.



The USS Ling: Will have a Pearl Harbor Day event on 12/7/14. There will be a one hour service with the tolling of the bells and a reading of all the boats on eternal patrol.

New Business: A request has been made to supply more information on events via hard copy for those who are still emailless.

Another request for a donation from the MTA was made by member **Sheila Zelaskowski**, who is a member of the New Jersey National Guard and currently stationed in Kosovo. The donation request is for supplies to support a Waffle House, in Kosovo for the TEOFL = "Teaching of English as a Foreign Language".

Shortly after Sheila's request was received, MTA Member **Gary Schultz** took the initiative to spearhead this

cause for the MTA with the approval of Randy Emr and the Executive Committee. Gary reports:

*"We shipped 3 boxes of supplies to Sheila today for the Waffle House Mission. We shipped a good assortment of Syrup, plates, utensils and baking equipment. (a big thank you to **Tom McHugh** for picking up the boxes and bringing them to the post office for me as I am off to the West Coast for business again and will miss tomorrow meeting).*

I put my Niece, Bethanie in touch with Sheila via email and Bethanie is going to order 2 Waffle Makers from Amazon for us and will ship them direct to Sheila's APO. Bethanie knows the type of Waffle Makers that worked best from the time she spent there a few years ago.

Just as a reminder for the MTA, the funds and profit that the Waffle House Mission collects are not spent on our own directly. Our troops conduct the Waffle House as a way to raise funds to teach local Kosovo teenagers English so they can take the local high school entrance exams. The actual English training effort is call TEOFL = "Teaching of English as a Foreign Language"

Sheila sends along a big thank you to the MTA for the supplies now in transit. I asked Sheila for a brief description of the TEOFL effort. Please see Sheila's note below. Feel free to post the note in the next issue of the Newsletter. Photo of the students and class attached.

See you guys next month I hope".

Regards,
Gary

Great job Gary!



Here is Sheila's brief description of TEOFL:

"One of the projects the waffle house profits support is TOEFL, the teaching of English as a foreign language. Proceeds pay for the preparation workbook and the test fee for selected students. Each year over 150 students apply to be selected. For our tour, 36 students have been selected to attend the classes put together by A CO 1-150th AHB. The students range in age from 16-19 years old. Upon passing the TOEFL test, these students are eligible to attend American Universities anywhere in the world, as well as any English-speaking University. Passing the TOEFL increases the students' educational opportunities immensely. Many of the students go on to higher education and

come back to better their communities: the interpreter, Naieem told a story of a former student who recently came back after studying abroad to become a doctor. He is practicing in his local community.

What I especially enjoyed was seeing two students from the most recent graduating class come back to speak to the newly selected students. They relayed their experiences, and will be assistants during this semester. These two students are giving back immediately, and very thankful for the opportunity our program has provided to them. I like how we are empowering the locals to step up and become self-sufficient at keeping the program going.

Education is something near and dear to me. The MTA's support of this program is greatly appreciated, thanks so very much!"

Take care,
Sheila

Gary suggested we call the MTA initiative for this program the **New Jersey National Guard Kosovo Support Mission.**

Old Business: An \$800.00 motion was approved to support the Waffle Mission
New Vehicles: None Noted

New Members: Two new members tonight

Nick Morello - Who has a 43 Willys.

Bill Dekker - No MV yet.

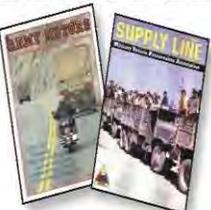
Welcome aboard guys!

50/50: \$40.00

Tom McHugh had our new MTA golf shirts with him tonight. And the members happily picked up their orders. *The shirts*

Respectfully submitted by **Bill Murphy**







Military Vehicle Preservation Association
History In Motion

Since 1976 the Military Vehicle Preservation Association's mission is to provide an international organization for military vehicle enthusiasts, historians, preservationists and collectors interested in the acquisition, restoration, preservation, safe operation, public education and display of historic military transport.

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The 2014 NYC Veteran's Day Parade



The MTA would like to thank all its members who participated in the 2014 NYC Veteran's Day Parade on November 11th.

One member, in particular, Philippe Chateau, who participated by chauffeuring three veterans in his WWII Jeep, "photo bombed" a lot of the front pages in local newspapers, including the cover of this newsletter!



The following thank you was received by Randy!



**The Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza in Phoenix, AZ-
More than a Memorial to the USS Arizona**

Story and Pictures by David Steinert

It was shortly after MTA Member Tom McHugh’s posting on the “MTA_mail” list with a link to a video about the gun barrels from the USS Arizona and the USS Missouri being acquired by the State of Arizona, that I found myself actually standing in awe, in front of these two huge naval guns.

It was somewhat of a coincidence that my wife, Kathy and I had a vacation planned in Arizona the week after Tom’s posting and I wanted to make an effort, if we had the time, to visit these two big artifacts from WWII. The opportunity came when we had a couple of hours to kill, before our flight back to New Jersey.

The barrels from the USS Arizona and the USS Missouri are on display in the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza in

the center of Phoenix, the capital of Arizona. The plaza was established on March 9, 1978, by the Arizona Legislature in honor of Governor Wesley Bolin, who had died a mere 5 days previously on March 4. Similar in design, but smaller in scale to the National Mall in Washington DC, the originally named Legislative Governmental Mall is intended as an open-air public space featuring monuments, memorials and gardens. Some of these monuments were erected prior to the inception of the Plaza, such as the monument to the USS *Arizona*, which was dedicated over a year earlier on December 7, 1976. The Plaza, when dedicated, included these existing memorials and all subsequent memorials have been located within the boundaries of the plaza.



Located directly in front of the state capitol, the plaza has also become over the years, a meeting place and a focal point for protests and demonstrations, but the day we visited it was very calm and serene and a very nice 82 degrees. Only the peripheral sound of city traffic and the fluttering wings of pigeons could be heard.

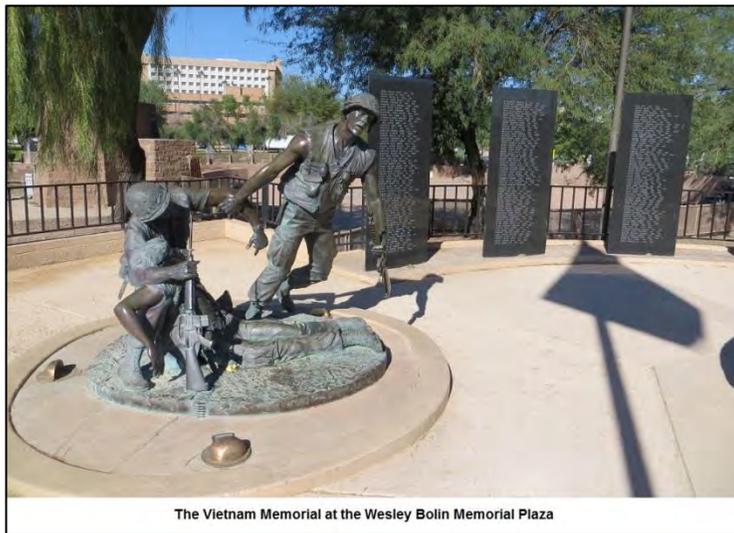
The barrels of the USS Arizona (BB-39) and the USS Missouri (BB-63) are nicely mounted like “bookends” with the barrel of the USS Arizona representing the entry of the United States in WWII on 7 December 1941 with the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the barrel of the USS Missouri representing the end of WWII with the signing of the Japanese surrender on its decks on 2 September 1945.



The 14-inch barrel from the USS Arizona, barrel #41L3, was not on the ship at the time of its sinking at Pearl Harbor. It had been removed and relined then placed on the USS Nevada, which was the only U.S. Naval ship to escape the bombing of Pearl Harbor. It later participated in D-Day and Operation Dragoon.

The 16-inch barrel from the USS Missouri saw service at Okinawa and Iwo Jima. Also, included in the monument is the mast and anchor from the USS Arizona. In between the gun barrels, steel pillars in the shape of a battleship hull honor the 1,902 Arizona men and women from various branches of the military who died in WWII.

Also located in the Plaza is the memorial dedicated to the 158th Infantry Regiment, the oldest and most prestigious unit in Arizona. The monument, based off a captured Japanese monument in the Philippines, stands as one of the few if only memorials to the regiment which served as one of the premier units of WWII.



The Vietnam Memorial at the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza

The plaza is home to 29 memorials dedicated to topics as wide ranging as important individuals, organizations and events. Among the more prominent are the mast and anchor of the USS *Arizona*, memorials to major wars such as World War I, World War II, the Vietnam War, the Korean War and Desert Storm. The following is a full list of memorials found at the plaza.

- Wesley Bolin Memorial Marker
- Father Kino Statue
- 158th Regimental Memorial
- Arizona Pioneer Women Memorial
- Ten Commandments Memorial
- Civilian Conservation Corps Memorial
- 4th Marine Division, World War II
- Law Enforcement Memorial
- World War I Memorial
- Confederate Troops Memorial
- Jewish War Veterans Memorial
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial
- Armenian Martyrs Memorial
- Desert Storm Memorial

- American Merchant Seaman Memorial
- Father Albert Braun Memorial
- Arizona Peace Officers Memorial
- Korean War Memorial
- USS *Arizona* mast
- USS *Arizona* anchor
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- Ernest W. McFarland Memorial
- Purple Heart Memorial
- Arizona Workers Memorial/ El Pasaje
- Arizona Crime Victims Monument
- Arizona Law Enforcement Canine Memorial
- Arizona 9/11 Memorial
- Navajo Code Talkers Memorial
- Operation Enduring Freedom Memorial

Due to the sometimes controversial nature of the events or subject matter of the monuments in the plaza, they have become the subject of intense criticism and sometimes even legal battles. The Ten Commandments Memorial, one of those placed in the Mall prior to the creation of the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza, became the target of an attempt to remove it in 2003. The American Civil Liberties Union argued that the memorial violated the concept of separation of church and state. The monument had originally been erected in 1964 by the Fraternal Order of Eagles in connection to Cecil B. DeMille, director of the famous 1956 film adaptation of *The Ten Commandments*. While the effort to remove the monument did not succeed, the controversy surrounding its



The Navajo Code Talkers Memorial

inclusion on a government operated location continues today.

Also, another monument that has become controversial is the Arizona 9/11 Memorial. The memorial to commemorate the September 11, 2001, attacks was unveiled on the fifth anniversary of the attacks, September 11, 2006. Almost immediately, criticism that the memorial contained anti-American sentiment began to surface. Some of the

descriptions have also been described as meaningless. In response to the critics, the commission in charge of the memorial's design and construction has promised to review it and make changes if necessary. This process is ongoing.

So, as I walked through the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza, stopping to view and read each memorial, it seems so ironic that some of these monuments that were erected to honor, memorialize and respect those that sacrificed so much for the freedoms we now have...can cause so much controversy and angry protests from people that don't realize...that without the people that these monuments represent, there would be no protests or argument about the right of these monuments to exist in a public offering...Thank God for America!

CLASSIFIEDS

To add or remove listings from the Classifieds, please email Dave Steinert at dsteinert@optonline.net or call 973-347-9091.

For Sale-"Hybrid" Jeep. M38 style Jeep with 1956 Bill of Sale. Has a fiber glass body. Runs good. Asking \$4500.00. Call Tom Weaver at 973-627-9448. (9/14)

For Sale-M37 Deep Water Fording Kit NOS (still in wooden crate) \$350. Call Bill @ [315-689-9880](tel:315-689-9880) NY (9/14)

For Sale-1987 HMMWV M998 Outstanding HMMWV from 1999 auction. 11,298 miles. Always garaged. Meticulously maintained. New two-man and 4-man tops. Many extras, grill guard, all manuals. No dents. No corrosion. NJ title. Drive it home. \$31,500. Pics: daveahl.jalbum.net. David Ahl, [973-285-0716](tel:973-285-0716). swapmeeldave@aol.com (5/14)

For Sale-M35A2, a great running w/camo paint Deuce. Has heater Jatotka fuel 7 oil filters, straight tailgate, new vinyl cab soft top. Has air shift front axle. Asking \$5500 or best offer. Call Vinny, cell:973-476-9544, home:973-635-2404. (10/13)

For Sale- M38 parts- I have one windshield in good condition with cracked glass \$100. Pair of original fenders, take off, good condition, easy repairs, \$50 for the pair. Tool box lid, good condition \$20. I also have a grill and air cleaner but I believe they are from a CJ3A. Call Mark Burghardt at [973-906-1069](tel:973-906-1069) or email for pics: markkb@optonline.net (8/13)

For Sale-Assortment of M-35 and M-135/211 parts. Please email your requests to aitucophc@comcast.net

For Sale- 1959 M-100 trailer with a clean N.J. title, no rust, with extra set of wheels. Someone cut a small door into the back panel that doesn't take away from it. Otherwise in nice cond. that looks good. It comes with two military generators (years unknown) also a bow and both brackets for a M-38 jeep canvas top in it. \$700. for all, located in central N.J. Call Phil Galvano 732-539-4919

For Sale-Parting out a M37, have both body & engine parts. I also have MB, GPW and CJ Jeep parts, plus some wheels for a CJ. Call Tom Weaver at (973)-627-9448.

For Sale-Mil Spec primers and paints, OD and Camo. WWII Jeep frames, front, rears, transmissions, PTOs, GI grease and oils. Call Paul Wadson at (607)-637-2275.

For Sale-2-1/2 ton Vietnam era troop seats, muliti fuel, bows & winch. Runs great, needs a little cab work, \$3500. Ben Hale Trailer - 1 ton with bows, lightly rusted, \$300. 1968 M725 Ambulance - very nice shape - everything is there. Rear gas heater, fresh paint, European tires, \$3,500. M37 parts, complete truck, part out with winch. Halftrack parts - call for your needs hood, doors, radiators, rims, winch, lights, cab parts, armor, electrical etc. Call Dave @[917-567-6419](tel:917-567-6419), NY

For Sale-1952 M37 for parts, no engine, 1951 M37 in mint shape, heat, winch, troop seats, 1968 M725 Jeep ambulance in great shape, 1-ton trailer with bows, 2.5-ton w/winch, multi-fuel, troop seats, runs great, needs sheet metal work. I'm looking for halftrack parts, T16 carrier parts, 105 MM Howitzer. I will buy train wrecks for cash!! , or trade call me Dave at 1-917-567-6419.

For Sale-I have just received some of the adjustable legs for the rear of the M-101, 3/4-ton trailers. These are new in the box (NOS), CARC color, \$40 each plus shipping. I'm in Zip 21071 (Maryland). E-mail at glengar@verizon.net, if interested. Tim Clark.

For Sale: Looking for a military vehicle? From projects to ground-up Restorations and everything in between!

Check out:

WWW.USMILITARYVEHICLES.COM

Wanted: Early MB parts- I am looking for a pair of MB, 8 leaf front leaf springs, windshield frame, rear seat, small mouth gas tank, solid disk wheels. Call Mark Burghardt at [973-906-1069](tel:973-906-1069) or email: markkb@optonline.net. (8/13)

Parts Wanted: All For Early M-38. Lower Crankshaft Pulley, The Smaller One, W/O Winch; Lifting Bracket; Oil Filter Bracket; Generator Support Bracket; Oil PSI Switch & Bracket. Robert [201-226-9289](tel:201-226-9289).

Wanted -This is military vehicle related request, because I want to put my Mil Shelter on it and set it up with all my truck tools. So, I can have it mobile in my shop area. I am looking for a 2-axle landscape or equipment trailer 12ft to 14 ft long. Used and rough shape is what I am looking for. Better shape ok if the price is right, Doesn't need to have ramps, rust ok :, [973 219 4499](tel:973-219-4499) or randy@aol.com

Wanted-For M725 drivers compartment pull out style heater control cables, knobs are marked "heat, defrost and fresh air". Marc Ziegler (973) 263-1923.



The Military Transport Association would like to wish all its members a Very Merry Christmas!

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*The next MTA monthly meeting
will be held on **Thursday, December 4th,**
8:00PM at the Whippany American
Legion Hall*



MILITARY TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION INC.
A Chapter of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association

The Military Transport Association is dedicated to the education and preservation of historic to present military vehicles. Members enjoy restoring, displaying, and operating military vehicles of all types, from bicycles to tanks!

You do not have to own a military vehicle to be part of this exciting and active hobby, just a desire to do your part in helping keep our military history alive. All you need to join is a member in good standing to sign this form, fill out the rest and you are ready to start enjoying all the MTA has to offer!

If you are not already sponsored by a member in good standing, please check out our website and you are welcome to come to a meeting introduce yourself and start enjoying all we have to offer!

You may mail this form to the address below signed by a member in good standing.

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Membership # _____

Are you a member of MVPA Yes No

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