



# PASS IN REVIEW

*"Shedding Light On Idaho's Military History"*

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

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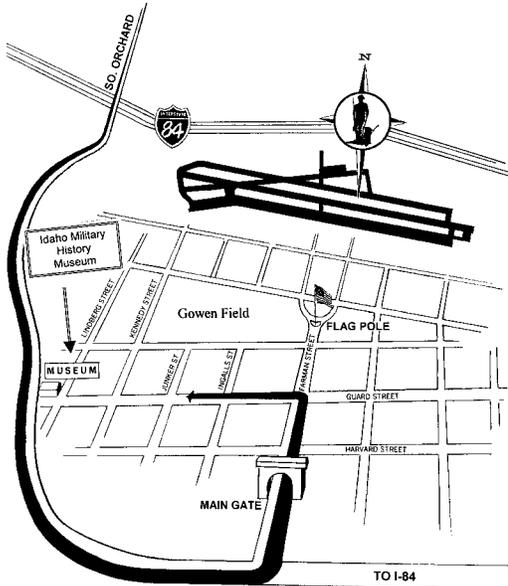
## MEMBERSHIP MEETING ANNOUNCED

The next quarterly membership meeting will be held on **25 April at 7:00 PM** at the NEW LOCATION of the Idaho Military History Museum, 4748 Lindberg, Bld 924, Gowen Field.

We are honored to have as our guest speaker **Brigadier General Cozine** who will recount some of his experiences during his service in Viet Nam where he was awarded the Bronze Star.

A video of his unit was made during that time period so this will be a very interesting and enlightening evening. Please join us, again, that is **25 April at 7:00 PM**. A map showing the new location of the museum is just below.

## NEW MAP TO MUSEUM



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, we did it. We moved the Museum from Building 303 to



Building 924! Many members and volunteers

put in long hours to make this happen. We also have many other individuals and organizations we need to say a special thank you to as well.

**Marie Crandall** made a donation to our Endowment Fund in the name of her husband John Crandall, former State chair of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Assn.

Thank you to **Commercial Glass**. During our move, 2 large glass panels on display cases were broken. **Commercial Glass** replaced them at no charge and also arranged for a truck and driver to move them for us!

Thank you to **Kwal Howell**. During our sprucing up of Bld 924, **Kwal Howell** donated 10 gallons of paint to aid our efforts.

Thank you to **Fred Heywood**. He and his wife donated 15

display cases. Several new displays have been erected using them and the Gift Shop benefited as well. You need to see the results to truly appreciate it.

Thank you to **Gordon Trounson**. He arranged and paid for a complete steam cleaning of the carpet in Bld 924.

Thank you to **Parnassus Books**. They donated in excess of 300 books and documents on Military History to us.

Thank you to **Wayne Mitchell, Commander of American Legion Post 136** for all his efforts in the January Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. Thanks to his efforts, we raised close to \$1700. In appreciation for all his hard work, the Board awarded him an Honorary Membership!

Thank you to **SFC Ric Holmes** for the photographs of the Museum and Gift Shop. Those photos are now on our webpage and the Gift Shop is now an on-line mail order catalogue!

Thank you Marie, Commercial Glass, Fred, Gordon, Kwal Howell, Parnassus Books, Wayne, SFC Holmes, we deeply appreciate all your efforts.

*- Ken Swanson*

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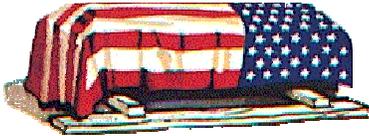
JUST IN CASE

**NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR DAY**

The United States Congress has designated March 25th of each year as NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR DAY; a day dedicated to Medal of Honor recipients. (Public Law 101-564).

The date of March 25th was chosen because it was on March 25 (1863) that the first Medals of Honor were presented.

**There are 14 Medal of Honor Recipients buried in Idaho. Their names and burial sites are listed below. If one of them is near you, why not honor Medal of Honor day by having an early Memorial Day?**



Name & Service: **BARTER, Gurdon H.**, Navy

Conflict: Civil War

Location and Date of Act: USS Minnesota/Ft. Fisher, 15 January 1865

Medal Accredited to New York

Buried: **Viola Cemetery, Viola Idaho**

Name & Service: **BROSTROM, Leonard C.**, Army

Conflict: WWII

Location and Date of Act: Near Dagami, Leyte, Philippine Islands, 28 October 1944

Medal Accredited to **Preston Idaho**

Buried: **Preston Cemetery Dist, Preston, Idaho**

Name & Service: **CONAWAY, John Wesley**, Army

Conflict: Civil War

Location and Date of Act: Vicksburg, Miss, 22 May 1863

Medal Accredited to Hartford IN

Buried: **Evergreen Cemetery, Post Falls, Idaho**

Name & Service: **GREEN, John**, Army

Conflict: Indian Campaigns

Location and Date of Act: Lava Beds, California, 17 January 1873

Medal Accredited to Ohio

Buried: **Morris Hill Cemetery, Boise, Idaho**

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Name & Service: **HAYS, John H.**, Army

Conflict: Civil War

Location and Date of Act: Columbus GA, 16 April 1865

Medal Accredited to Oskaloosa IA

Buried: **Moscow Cemetery, Moscow Idaho**

Name & Service: **HEISE, Clamor**, Army

Conflict: Indian Campaigns

Location and Date of Act: Arizona, August-October 1868

Medal Accredited to New York

Buried: **Heise Hot Springs Cemetery, Heise Idaho**

Name & Service: **KEPHART, James**, Army

Conflict: Civil War

Location and Date of Act: Vicksburg Miss, 19 May 1863

Medal Accredited to Dubuque IA

Buried: **Elmwood Cemetery, Gooding, Idaho**

Name & Service: **LITTLETON, Herbert A.**, USMC

Conflict: Korean Conflict

Location and Date of Act: Chungchon, Korea, 22 April 1951

Medal Accredited to Black Hawk, SD

Buried: **Kohler Lawn Cemetery, Nampa, Idaho**

Name & Service: **LONGFELLOW, Richard Moses**, Army

Conflict: Philippine Insurrection

Location and Date of Act: Near San Isidro, Philippine Islands, 16 May 1899

Medal Accredited to Mandan, ND

Buried: **Normal Hill Cemetery, Lewiston, Idaho**

Name & Service: **MCCARTER, Lloyd G.**, Army

Conflict: WWII

Location and Date of Act: Corregidor, Philippine Islands, 16-19 February 1945

Medal Accredited to Tacoma, WA

Buried: **Woodlawn Cemetery, St. Maries Idaho**

Name & Service: **NEIBAUR, Thomas Croft**, Army

Conflict: WWI

Location and Date of Act: Near Landres-et-St. Georges, France, 16 October 1918

Medal Accredited to **Sugar City, Idaho**

Buried: **Sugar City Cemetery, Sugar City Idaho**

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Name & Service: **OLIVER, Francis, Service:** Army

Conflict: Indian Campaigns

Location and Date of Act: Chiricahua Mountains, AZ, 20 October 1869

Medal Accredited to: Ft. Filmore, NM

Buried: **Normal Hill Cemetery, Lewiston, Idaho**

Name & Service: **REASONER, Frank Stanley**, USMC

Conflict: Vietnam

Location and Date of Act: Near Da Nang, Vietnam, 12 July 1965

Medal Accredited to: **Kellogg, Idaho**

Buried: **Greenwood Cemetery, Kellogg, Idaho**

Name & Service: **VANNOY, Nathan K. (Junior)**, Army

Conflict: WWII

Location and Date of Act: Near Finschafen, New Guinea, 17 October 1943

Medal Accredited to: **Preston, Idaho**

Buried: **Grace Cemetery, Grace Idaho**

*Profiled on next page*



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 "May the courage and heroism of which this Medal is a symbol always remind us of our debt to these men, and clearly point to the personal responsibility which every American has today to share in the work of helping to build a healthy and peaceful world."  
 - President Harry Truman, July 10, 1948  
**Remember to Fly the Flag on March 25<sup>th</sup>!**

**IDAHO FILE  
INTO HISTORY****Nathan K. (Junior) VanNoy**

Medal Of Honor Recipient –  
World War II

**Rank and organization:** Private, U.S. Army, Headquarters Company, Shore Battalion, Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment. **Place and date:** Near Finschafen, New Guinea. 17 October 1943. **Entered service at:** Preston, Idaho. **Birth:** Grace, Idaho. G.O. No.: 17, 26 February 1944.

**Citation:**

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action with the enemy near Finschafen, New Guinea, on 17 October 1943. When wounded late in September, Pvt. VanNoy declined evacuation and continued on duty. On 17 October 1943 he was gunner in charge of a machinegun post only 5 yards from the water's edge when the alarm was given that 3 enemy barges loaded with troops were approaching the beach in the early morning darkness. One landing barge was sunk by Allied fire, but the other 2 beached 10 yards from Pvt. Van Noy's emplacement. Despite his exposed position, he poured a withering hail of fire

into the debarking enemy troops. His loader was wounded by a grenade and evacuated. Pvt. VanNoy, also grievously wounded, remained at his post, ignoring calls of nearby soldiers urging him to withdraw, and continued to fire with deadly accuracy. He expended every round and was found, covered with wounds dead beside his gun. In this action Pvt. VanNoy killed at least half of the 39 enemy taking part in the landing. His heroic tenacity at the price of his life not only saved the lives of many of his comrades, but enabled them to annihilate the attacking detachment." *(End of Citation)*

"Junior was born at Grace, Idaho August 9, 1924." "Junior, a student of the Preston high school, entered the service of his country ...in February of this year. He was stationed at Ft. Warren, Wyoming, in March and was sent overseas with the army engineering corps in June with headquarters in Australia." --*Preston Citizen*, Volume Forty-Three, October 28, 1943.

According to the *Preston Citizen*, Nathan K. (Junior) VanNoy was 19 years of age. Junior had been previously wounded in action on September 20 but his wounds had been slight and he returned to duty on September 22. He was killed in action on October 17<sup>th</sup> and is buried in Grace Idaho.



Nathan K. (Junior) VanNoy's medal is one of the 8 accredited to the state of Idaho. Special thanks to the *Idaho State Historical Library and Archives* for their assistance with this article.

**VOLUNTEER  
OF THE  
QUARTER****Please meet Cynthia Strader**

Cynthia joined the IMHS in December 1996, shortly after she donated the photos her father took at Gowen Field during World War II.

She began volunteering her time at the Museum to help set up an exhibit of the photos she had donated and soon began spending more and more time at the Museum assisting with other projects.

In October 1998 she was elected to serve of the Board of Directors and accepted the challenge of becoming the Treasurer.

What started out as a day or so now & then has turned into 3 full days per week. **To say that Bob and Gayle would be lost without her is an understatement!**

In addition to her Treasurer duties, she also assists in display development and labeling, conducting Museum tours, routing information inquiries, acquisitioning artifacts, and anything else that needs doing.

**Cynthia, Thank you very much, we sincerely appreciate everything you have done for us!**

**NEW MEMBERS**

*Special Welcome to:*

- ★ Charles W. Brandeberry
- ★ Marie M. Crandall
- ★ Marjorie M. Davis
- ★ Loren Grout
- ★ Mehrle Jennings
- ★ The American Legion of Idaho
- ★ EE-DA-HOW Long Rifles Inc.
- ★ Gena Mills
- ★ Tom Mills
- ★ Wayne Mitchell
- ★ Howard "Tad" Tadlock
- ★ Lucile Westby

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

☺ We are planning a Grand Re-opening of the Museum in May in conjunction with the anniversary of VE Day.

Our plan is to hold a breakfast similar to the one we had in January and then hold a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of May after the breakfast.

We will need some extra help to be able to do this. We won't be holding any kind of contest but if your family keeps telling you that you are a flap jack flipper extraordinaire, we would like to hear from you.



Send us an e-mail ([gayle.alvarez@idbois.ang.af.mil](mailto:gayle.alvarez@idbois.ang.af.mil)) or give Bob or Cynthia a call at 422-6128.

☺ We have been invited to have a booth at the upcoming Twin Falls airshow at the Twin Falls Airport in July.

This type of events is a lot of fun! Not only do you get to help the IMHS, you get to meet lots of people and see the show. We are planning on taking the dog tag machine this time so we can make tags along with selling items from the gift shop.

If this sounds like something you would enjoy doing, let us know. Again, send us an e-mail or call Bob or Cynthia at 422-6128.

**WHAT'S NEW AT THE MUSEUM**

We are in the process of acquiring an outdoor static display courtesy of the Army Guard. Some of the items now on display include an M548 Ammunition Carrier, an M59 Armored Personnel Carrier, an M106 Mortar Carrier, and a CEV. We will also be getting an M60 tank, a 155 Howitzer, and a M110 8" gun.

We also received a segment of armor plate from the quarterdeck of the USS Boise. It depicts the Japanese ships it sunk during the WWII battle *Esperance*.

**WEB PAGE UPDATE**

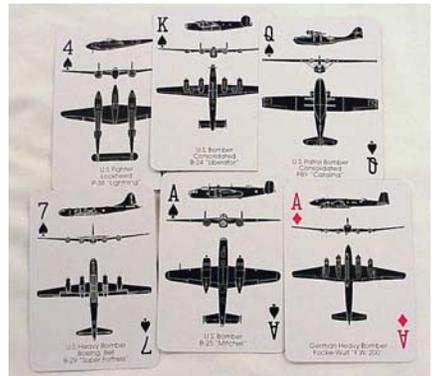
We are now a hotlink on *Zidaho.com*, the newest "What is Happening In Idaho" Web Page. We are listed under the Non-Profit Organizations and they added a link to our Website!

A new feature on our Web Page is our Online Museum Gift Shop. It includes updated photos (*the ones SFC Holmes took for us some of which are shown here*) of the items available as well as order forms.



Photo of some of the postcards available in the Gift Shop

You can now mail order a birthday present to Uncle



Charlie or even order a set of dog tags for him, yourself, or your kids.



Actual deck of cards with WWII aircraft silhouettes.

Suncatchers, Available in U.S. Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Air Force, WWII, Korean, and Viet Nam Veteran. 3 1/2"

(More ☞)

There are also some photos of the inside of the Museum. They were taken while the move was still in progress but they give a good indication of how much space we gained by the move.



**MOST WANTED**

We have three items in this category.



✓ Along with the donation from Parnassus Books, we have received several other book donations. We need help with the cataloguing and Deed of Gift Forms.

✓ We need a cabinetmaker. We have the building materials; we just need the expertise. We would like to build a panoramic display to house the manikins and create a realistic display of what a person in that uniform would be doing.

We even have the Plexiglas and sheets of glass for the front of the case.

✓ We need an armor expert. After we receive the rest of the static display items, we need someone to develop the labels/placards for the equipment.



More photos available at:  
<http://inghro.state.id.us/museum>

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Comments or article suggestions are welcome, contact us at 422-6128, or at our website:  
<http://inghro.state.id.us/museum/>

If you misplaced the membership application you picked up at the Museum or if you haven't had a chance to send in your renewal for 2000, here is your chance. Just clip the enclosed application and send it in with your **TAX DEDUCTIBLE** contribution. The form can also be used to make a donation or an endowment pledge. **If you aren't**

**sure what your renewal date is, check the address label on your newsletter, it lists the month and year your renewal is due.**

**Does your employer (or previous employer as the case may be) match charitable contributions? Some do, it's worth asking them about it!**

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|    | <b>IDAHO MILITARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b><br>4040 W. Guard Street,<br>Boise, Idaho 83705-5004 |                     |                                       |   |
|   | <b>Membership Application/Renewal</b>  |                     |                                       |   |
| <b>YES!</b> Please enter my <b>tax deductible</b> membership application/renewal in the category checked below. I have enclosed a check or money order in the amount indicated. |  |                     |                                       |   |
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| \$ 10   | <input type="checkbox"/> Associate<br>(Members Spouse)                                       | \$ 10               | <input type="checkbox"/> Student      | For: _____                              |
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