

Pass In REVIEW

"Shedding Light on Idaho's Military History"



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PFC Glenn W. Salisbury: A homecoming story

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Three hundred and sixty-four Idaho soldiers are still missing in action from three of our major wars – WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

Over the years, nine missing Idahoans have been found. One such soldier was Private First Class Glenn W. Salisbury, assigned to the 36th Texas Division.

On January 20, 1945, he was reported Missing in Action. The family always hoped that some day they would hear some news.

Years passed and Glenn was declared officially dead and awarded a Purple Heart. His body was never found.

The day finally came in 1977, more than 30 years later.

Army Major Herbert Bossler notified Glenn's mother. "A French farmer, working in his fields near the French-German border, where a lot of action took place during the last months of the war, had uncovered a grave.

He notified the authorities, both civilian and military, and subsequent investigation proved the remains in the lonely grave to be those of an American soldier identified by dog tags, a belt buckle, a



PFC Glenn W. Salisbury, reported as "Missing In Action" in France January 20, 1945. Salisbury's remains were discovered in 1977 by a French farmer (Family photo).

pocket-knife, a wallet, and dental work as PFC Glenn Salisbury, evidently killed in action on January 20, 1945 – a short time after his last letter home had been mailed from a military outpost in the area."

Salisbury's identity was confirmed by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, The DPAA's mission is to "Provide the fullest possible accounting for our missing personnel to their families and

the nation." They never stop looking for our missing soldiers.

The DPAA Laboratory is the largest and most diverse skeletal identification laboratory in the world staffed by more than 30 anthropologists, archaeologists and forensic odontologists. (For more information about what they do, go to <http://www.dpaa.mil/>.)

On September 10, 1977, Glenn came home to Gooding, Idaho from Berlin, Germany, escorted by military personnel. His final resting place is Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding.

"Glenn Salisbury saw his family for the last time in the early Fall of 1944, on furlough. A cowboy from his earliest years, he enjoyed ranch life, and hoped to come home to a spread of his own, after the war."

And to you, PFC Glenn Salisbury, Idaho is glad you've been home since 1977. Rest assured we will never stop looking for your fellow soldiers who never have made it back.

Author's note: Information about PFC Salisbury's homecoming is from documents received by the Idaho Military Museum which included a newspaper article from "The Enterprise of Southern Idaho" dated September 8, 1977.

2018 may be a record year for Idaho's Military Museum

2018 is shaping up to be a record year for the museum. Visitation has been steady since the first of the year. School group visits and special activities have shown an increase from last year.

We have completed placing the signage on the outdoor exhibits which will give our guests additional information about the artifacts.

The staff has once again taken part in the BSU history class facilitated by Dr. David Walker, history professor at Boise State University. The class will culminate with several of the students taking part in a one day workshop in which they will "live fire" an assortment of armament from the Revolutionary War through WW2.

With Spring and Summer rapidly approaching, we are planning some fun events and activities. Stay tuned for additional information.

— Jeff Packer, Executive Director

Remember that admission is always free (donations are welcomed). The museum is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday (except Christmas and New Year's day) from noon to 4 p.m. Allow at least one hour for your visit. Our volunteer staff will be happy to help you with any questions that you might have about the displays and our museum.

The Idaho Military Museum is located on Gowen Field, but can be accessed by the private entrance on Harvard Street. On Orchard Street or Gowen Road, follow brown "museum" signs to find the museum. Free parking for cars or buses is in the front of the museum.

Please join us for board meetings

The museum's Board of Directors extends an ongoing, open invitation to anyone interested to attend and participate in monthly museum board meetings. The meetings are usually held the last Thursday of the month at the museum starting at 18:30 and last for about 60 minutes.

We want and value the involvement and help of our fellow museum supporters. We welcome both questions and suggestions. We don't claim to have all the answers, so we can always use the input,

ideas and enthusiasm of our board members and supporters.

Anyone interested in serving as a member of our board is encouraged to attend and learn how they might help to make the museum better and better.

If you are interested in attending, call Jeff Packer at 208-272-4841.



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It's healthy to volunteer!

A study conducted at the University of Michigan Research Center and published in the March 1998 Issue of American Health found that volunteering, more than any other activity, dramatically increases life expectancy.

According to the center:

*Men who volunteered at least once a week over the course of the study lived two-and-one-half times longer than men who did not volunteer.

*Participants with heart problems who volunteered had reduced cholesterol levels and chest pains.

*The study also concluded that "volunteering is a way of connecting with people, and those with many social contacts tend to live longer than those who are more isolated regardless of race, income, and level of activity." - Volunteer-Match.org

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Your comments or article suggestions are welcomed. Call the museum at 208-272-4841 during our scheduled hours or visit us on line at museum.mil.idaho.gov.

Why Join Idaho's Military Historical Society?

Idaho's citizens have a rich military history. Besides the battles with indigenous Native Americans that established the modern state, individual Idahoans have served their state and nation in the active forces, reserves, and National Guard. Idaho Reserve and National Guard units have been called to duty for every major military conflict from the Spanish American War in 1898 to Operation Iraqi Freedom/Enduring Freedom in 2005. As a Society member, you can help us preserve this rich heritage. Members and volunteers are helping the Society with its historical programs which include:

- Collecting, preserving, and displaying artifacts and documents
- Providing military history education programs
- Museum and archives operation,
- Conducting oral histories

As a member, you will receive *Pass In Review*, our quarterly newsletter. You will also receive advance announcements of field trips, meetings, exhibit openings and other special events or benefits.

The Society sponsors membership meetings with special speakers, technical consultants and professional historians. As a member, you will be invited to attend and participate in these various programs and events—history for future generations.

The Idaho Military Historical Society has memberships for individuals and organizations; the categories are listed below:

General Membership - Membership entered in the name of an individual of good character with a sincere interest in the Society. General Membership annual dues are \$25. Receives newsletter and notice of future events. One vote at membership meetings

Lifetime Membership - Membership entered in the name of an individual of good character with a sincere interest in the Society. Lifetime membership dues are \$375 in lieu of annual dues. Receives newsletter and notice of future events. One Vote at membership meetings. Lifetime memberships may be paid in installments over a one-year period.

Associate Membership - Membership entered in the name of a spouse of a General Member or Lifetime Member in good standing. Associate Membership annual dues are \$10. Associate member shares newsletter and future events notice with full member partner and is eligible to vote at membership meetings.

Student Membership - Membership entered in the name of an individual of good character with a sincere interest in the Society who is attending elementary, junior, or senior high school, or an accredited college, university, or technical school. Student Membership annual dues are \$10. Student member receives newsletter and notice of future events but is not eligible to vote at membership meetings.

Senior Membership - Membership entered in the name of an individual of good character with a sincere interest in the Society who has reached the age of 60. Senior Membership annual dues are \$15.

Organizational Memberships: Four categories that recognize size and level of interest with commensurate benefits are as follows:

Platinum - Membership entered in the name of a corporation or business of good character with a sincere interest in the Society. Annual membership dues are \$500. Platinum member receives 15 copies of newsletter & notice of future events. Also receives 15 Corporate Membership Cards good for 15% discount at Gift Shop and other IMHS sponsored events. Member may cast four votes at membership meetings.

Gold - Membership entered in the name of a corporation or business of good character with a sincere interest in the Society. Annual membership dues are \$250. Gold member receives 10 copies of newsletter and notice of future events. Also receives 10 Corporate Membership Cards good for 10% discount at Gift Shop and other IMHS sponsored events. Member may cast three votes at membership meetings.

— See “Why join ...” on page 4

Why join the IMHS? *from page 3*

Silver - Membership entered in the name of a corporation or business of good character with a sincere interest in the Society. Annual membership dues are \$100. Silver member receives 5 copies of newsletter & notice of future events. Also receives 5 Corporate Membership Cards good for 10% discount at Gift Shop and other IMHS sponsored events. Member may cast 2 votes at membership meetings.

Bronze - Membership entered in the name of a corporation or business of good character with a sincere interest in the Society. Annual membership dues are \$50. Bronze member receives 2 copies of newsletter & notice of future events. Also receives 2 Corporate Membership Cards good for 10% discount at Gift Shop and other IMHS sponsored events. Member may cast 1 vote at membership meetings.

Members are encouraged to bring

this to the attention of their employer and others who may have an interest in Idaho's military history.

All memberships are for the calendar year, expiring on December 31. (If joining in October, November, or December, expiration will be December 31 of the following year.)

Your donations to the Museum are tax deductible: The Idaho Military Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; Donations for membership dues and contributions are tax deductible. Please Send your gifts to: Idaho Military Historical Society 4040 W. Guard Street Boise, ID 83705-5004

We are working to develop a base of endowed funds that will secure adequate archival and display space so Idaho's proud military past is remembered.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Don't forget to renew your IMHS membership!

A renewal form is available on our webpage: <http://museum.mil.idaho.gov/Application.htm>.

Annual renewal rates are:

General Membership:	\$25
Senior (60 and older):	\$15
Associate (Spouse):	\$10
Student:	\$10
Lifetime Membership:	\$375

(Lifetime payment may be spread out over a one-year period)

The Idaho State Tax Commission offers a tax credit for contributions to Idaho's educational entities which include "An Idaho public or private nonprofit museum."

The Idaho Military Historical Society is such an organization and donations to the Society qualify for this credit. Please remember the Museum as you plan your donations for the year.

Museum needs volunteers

The Idaho Military History Museum is looking for volunteers with the following skills:

- Museum Docents and Living History Volunteers
- Carpenters
- WWII Reenactors
- Oral History Development
- Fund Raising
- Library and Archival Operations
- Historians/Historical Researchers

Interested in volunteering here at the museum? Please call Jeff Packer at the museum at (208) 272-4841 during our business hours.

Curator's Corner ...

M1908—A new haversack for the Army

Mischa Brady
Museum Curator

In 1908, the Army reevaluated the M1904 haversack and changed the design to create a new haversack, designated as the M1908. It was slightly smaller than the M1904 and two wire hooks on the back of the "1904" were replaced by two spring hooks.

This example was carried by a soldier in H Company, 2nd Idaho Volunteer Infantry, Idaho National Guard Supply Company. (Artifact donated by Harvey Dietz)



An Idaho National Guard soldier used his M1908 haversack to carry essential supplies into the field.

Now on display ...



The GAU-8/A Avenger gun is more than 19 feet long and can fire 3,900 rounds a minute. The “Avenger” is mounted on the A-10 Thunderbolt, often called the “Warthog,” flown by Idaho’s 124th Fighter Wing. Idaho’s A-10s have flown missions in Kosovo, Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan. ((IMHS photos)

GAU-8/A Avenger gun: The ‘Warthog’s’ weapon

Capt. Robert J. Taylor
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State Command Historian

The following article is part of a series highlighting an historical artifact in the Idaho Military Museum.

The GAU-8/A Avenger can be found at the tip of one of Gowen Field’s many A-10 Thunderbolt II airplanes, but those wishing to get a closer look at the entire weapon system can do so at the Idaho Military Museum.

The gun has been in service since 1977 and is the only weapon system to have a plane built around it, the A-10 Thunderbolt II. Most weapon systems found in aircrafts were either designed around the aircraft or added after the design was completed.

The 124th Fighter Wing has flown A-10s, with the GAU-8/A, since 2009. The system provides close combat support, specifically, it takes out enemy tanks.

Idaho’s A-10s have flown missions in Kosovo, Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan.

The 30 mm Gatling gun is capable of firing up to 3,900 rounds a minute and is so powerful that it can only be fired in one- or two-second bursts to avoid overheating. It is 19-feet, five-inches long and weighs more than 600 pounds.

The gun shoots armor-piercing rounds that are 11.4 inches long, weigh about 14 ounces and travel 3,250 feet per second. Each of the gun’s seven barrels contains its own breech bolt assembly, which fires once per gun revolution and ensures a longer barrel life for the gun.

Quick facts:

Gun type: Seven-barrel, 30 mm, externally powered Gatling gun

Weight: 620 pounds

Rate of fire: up to 3,900 shots per minute

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Idaho's Military History museum has grown to more than six times its original size when it first opened in Bldg. 303 on Gowen Field. The museum's first home was a wooden structure built in 1942 to serve as the fledgling base's "Athletic and Recreation" office.

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