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Newsletter of the Finger Lakes Chapter of the MVPA

Mission: Dedicated to providing a local organization for military vehicle enthusiasts, historians, preservationists and collectors interested in the acquisition, restoration, preservation, safe operation and public education of historic military transport.



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Electronic Warfare
(EW) Shelter Carrier
of Bob Brody.**

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News from the MVPA - Finger Lakes Chapter President

A big thanks to Richard and the gun show crew for simulating Bastogne in the cold of the Dome. I almost made it. I instead 'met more friends' in my continuing saga by losing two trailer wheels while en route towing my M38. It's all part of the 'fun' of this crazy hobby.

Most of you have your vehicles hibernating until Spring – mine are now joining you. Warmer weather will come eventually and we are working on a weekend outing possibly in Odessa where we'll be able to trail ride our MVs, camp out, and or picnic. Might have a map reading component as part of 'finding' us in the woods.

If you haven't joined MVPA National – please consider it. You get good publications (*Supply Line* and *Army Motors*), and we get to remain active as an official affiliate.

Shortly, we'll be looking for new officers for our organization. I was 'volunteered' and was happy to do it. I know there are at least two of you out there who actually care about governance and you should express your interest to step up. I assure you that my primary interest in this organization is to run my vehicles to preserve their history and by doing that, have fun with others who also feel the same. Note that I have been doing that for several years before we had a club here.

Bottom line – Be safe, take care of your vehicles, share tips and information, and step up for leadership.

See you in the Spring. Keep 'em rolling!

Gerald McDonald, President

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Finger Lakes Chapter Website

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Veteran of the Month

**McDonald, Gerald A
COL, AV, NYG
Commander, 65th Brigade**

Gerald McDonald attended Norwich University, The Military College of Vermont, graduating in 1967 as a 2LT, Regular Army. He was a Hasty Team Lead on the Norwich Mountain Rescue Team and completed the four-year Mountain and Cold Weather program conducted at Norwich. He was the distinguished regular army armor branch graduate and won the 'Patton Pistol' award at his commissioning.

He attended Armor Officer Basic at Fort Knox, and Army Ranger school at Fort Benning in his first year in the army. He was posted to Germany in 1968 and served in the 1-64 Armor as a tank platoon leader, reconnaissance platoon leader and headquarters company executive officer. He attended the Seventh Army Armored Cavalry Leaders School and graduated as the Honor Graduate. He was also qualified in the M60 tank series.

Promoted to Captain, Regular Army while in Germany in 1969, he attended the army flight school at Fort Walters, Texas and Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Georgia en route to Vietnam. He served as Executive Officer for D Troop (Air), 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry, AMERICAL Division and also as the Headquarters Commandant for the 123d Aviation Battalion (Cbt).

After Vietnam, he graduated from Armor Officers Advanced Course in Fort Knox on the Commandants List and was assigned to the Armor Center as a training battalion S3 and basic training company commander. He was 'pulled' from company command by MG Don Starry to be part of the Armor Monograph Task Force which compiled the exploits and history of armor, mechanized infantry, cavalry, and air cavalry in Vietnam which was published as Mounted Combat in Vietnam by MG Starry.

After Fort Knox, CPT McDonald was assigned as a flight commander in the Instrument Qualification Division at Fort Rucker, Alabama where he taught instrument flying to initial entry helicopter pilots until his release from active duty in 1975.

Captain McDonald joined the Mississippi Army National Guard in 1976 as the S3 Air for the 131st Aviation Battalion (Cbt) and assisted this unit in completion of the first aviation unit ARTEP given in Mississippi. In 1977 he transferred to the Transportation Aircraft Repair Shop (TARS) in Gulfport, Mississippi as the Operations and Training Section Chief. The TARS unit reorganized as the Gulfport AVCRAD (Aviation Classification Repair Activity Depot) while he was there.

CPT McDonald transferred to the 99th ARCOM in Oakdale, Pennsylvania in 1981 as the ARCOM Aviation Standardization Officer and was promoted to Major. Primary duties included being the primary helicopter pilot for the Commanding General of the 99th ARCOM. He was promoted to LTC in December 1987 when he was assigned as the AVLOG (Aviation Logistics Officer) for the 99th ARCOM. He had the dubious responsibility of closing the ARCOM flight facility and transferring all the aviation assets to other units as aviation was phased out NY. He retired in 1995 with 28 years of service.

of the ARCOMs. While assigned to the 99th ARCOM, he completed and graduated as the Honor Graduate of his Command and General Staff Course class.

LTC McDonald then moved to the Corning, NY area and joined the 98th Division Headquarters in Rochester as the IRAC (Internal Review and Audit Compliance) Officer. In this capacity, he was selected as one of two reservists to constitute the Theater Army IRAC section for ARCENT in Riyadh and Dhahran, Saudi Arabia for Operation Desert Storm. While there he controlled four audit teams operating in five countries through out the conflict.

On his return from Desert Storm, He assumed command of the 1st Battalion, 392nd Regiment of the 98th Division in Corning. After a successful three year command assignment, he completed his USAR service as the Transportation Officer for the 98th Division in Rochester, LTC McDonald was assigned as the Deputy Commander, 65th Brigade in Buffalo when joining the New York Guard in 2003. In April 2004, he assumed command of the 65th Brigade.

Federal Awards and Decorations, and Certificates:

- 1 Legion of Merit (LOM)
- 1 Bronze Star Medal (BSM)
- 3 Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) 2 OLC
- 4 Air Medal (AM) w/ numeral 4
- 5 Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM) 4 OLC
- 5 Army Achievement Medal (AAM) 4 OLC
- 3 Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (ARCAM) 2 OLC
- 2 National Defense Service Medal (NSDM) 1 OLC
- 1 Vietnam Campaign Medal w/2 service stars
- 1 Southwest Asia Service Medal (SWASM) w/3 bronze stars
- 1 Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/hourglass and 'M' devices
- 1 Army Service Ribbon
- 1 Overseas Service Ribbon
- 1 Vietnam Service Medal (VSM) w/ 60 Device
- 1 Kuwait Liberation Medal w/palm tree device (Saudi Arabian)
- 1 Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait)
- 1 Mississippi War Medal
- 1 Mississippi Longevity Medal

Badges

- 1 Senior Army Aviator Badge (Wings)
- 1 Ranger Tab
- 1 Expert (Pistol)

Unit Citations

- 1 First Cavalry Regiment Crest (Regimental Affiliation)
- 1 Presidential Unit Citation (Army) 1 OLC (BLUE)
- 2 Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army) (RED)
- 1 Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry w/Palm
- 1 RVN Civil Action Honor Medal Unit Citation

"Combat Patche"

- 23rd Infantry Division (AMCAL)
- 3rd US Army (ARCENT))

New York State Awards and Decorations:

- 1 New York State Conspicuous Service Cross w/ 2 Gold Cross Devices

New York Guard Awards and Decorations:

- NYG Commander's Citation
- NYG Operations Support Medal (2)
- NYG Service Ribbon

Civilian Experience:

His civilian work experience has been in the areas of supply management for companies including Corning Glass Works, Dresser-Rand Company, and Huttig Building Products. He is a lifetime C.P.M. (Certified Purchasing Manager) and A.P.P. (Accredited Purchasing Practitioner) with certification through the Institute of Supply Management (ISM) formally known as NAPM.

Personal:

He is married and has three children, two step children, and eleven grandchildren. He owns his own army truck, a 1952 M37 with a 1968 M101A1 trailer. This vehicle has been used in many parades to include reviewing the troops at the retirement ceremony ending the NYG annual training period.

Thank You for Your Service

After Action Report

MVPA – FLC - Rochester Gun Show

January 9-11, 2015

First of all a special thanks for all those folks that made the MVPA – FLC participation in the E.S.A.C.A. Original Rochester Gun Show a success: Howard Sabin, Carol Christian, Jerry McDonald, Bill Sigel, Dick Senges, Perry Banks, Ed Ramsperger, and Rick Carine. And also a thanks for those MVPA-FLC members that attended the show – Larry Ruth, Nash Ridley, Scott Ridley and Walt Young.

The set up occurred on Friday from 2pm to 7pm which was attended by the show vendors and helpers. The MVPA-FLC had three passes for the show. Our 3' x 8' table was Table # 10 located on the south wall next to the large door which was open most of Friday which made the Dome VERY cold. The heat was not on so it was hard to get warm. If one is an E.S.A.C.A. member, you are allowed in on Friday afternoon to set up, purchase guns, etc.

Our display, for those not attending, consisted of a black cloth on the table and two large 3' x 4' black foam board tri-fold displays covered with twenty 8.5" x 11" gloss color prints of our military vehicles. The handouts consisted of 100 business cards, 20 MVPA-FLC brochures and *Hershey Miniatures* candy bars in two .30 ammo cans. Howard Sabin also had some of his military manuals for sale. See images of the display later in this report.

Saturday the show was very well attended as compared to Sunday where attendance was light. More heat was provided on Saturday so we did not freeze. Many folks stopped by the table, some of the military manuals and books were sold and we passed out 50 business cards and half the candy. Total sales of Howard's books were about \$60. One MVPA-FLC 16" board display was sold to Rick Carine. Two show visitors donated \$2.00 for the candy.

The Sunday traffic was light and we had mostly lookers – typical folks for a Sunday. The heat in the building was sufficient and I actually took off my jacket and rolled up my sleeves.

Overall 70 FLC business cards, 13 FLC brochures, five *Supply Line* magazines, four *Military Vehicles* magazines and two pounds of candy were passed out.

Some info was obtained about 2015 events:

The next E.S.A.C.A. gun show is June 6 and 7, 2015 at a new building in Hemlock, NY. For details go to the E. S. A. C. A. website. The E.S.A.C.A. management has asked the MVPA-FLC to attend, have an outdoor display of many vehicles and also a tent or fly. No heat in the building and no indoor rest rooms.

The Genesee Country Museum in Mumford, NY, has cancelled the Heritage Day scheduled for May 17th. I was told the attendance was low so it was cancelled. So that event is off the FLC schedule.

The MVPA-FLC folks from Waterloo have had great success attending the Sampson event. This was discussed Saturday and Sunday and Scott Ridley has volunteered to be the event coordinator for this event this year. Sounds like a good event on which to focus.

Another attendee at the show was Ralph Richter, the Commander of Easy Company, MVPA - NY-PENN in Syracuse, NY. We discussed a potential joint attendance at the Sampson event.

Saturday two folks from the MVPA – ESW in Buffalo stopped by and were very interested in the MVPA-FLC. They took FLC application forms and may join our group.

Other misc. folks took application forms but time will tell if they join.

Respectively submitted,

Richard Senges
Newsletter Editor
MVPA – FLC

See the images on the next page.....



**The MVPA – FLC display at the
E. S. A. C. A. Original Rochester Gun Show
January 10 – 11, 2015.**

**Ed Ramsperger
talking
about the
MVPA
Finger Lakes
Chapter**



**Rick Carine
and
Dick Senges
explaining the
MVPA – FLC
to the folks**

Bob Brody's New Toy

M1015 Electronic Warfare (EW) Shelter Carrier



MV Road Trip

Carol Christian (1942 MB) and Jerry McDonald (1952 M38)

Corning NY, Fall 2014



MVPA – FLC Breakfast

October 23, 2014, Papa Jack's, Victor, NY



Left to Right: Howard Sabin, Dick Senges, Pat Murphy and Bob Brody.



**American
Legion
98 Division
Reunion 2014**





Roy Wildermuth, a MVPA-FLC member, explains military radios.

**Antique
Wireless
Museum
Tour**

**November
8, 2014**

Bloomfield, NY



The wireless room on the Titanic.



The teletype room.

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UPCOMING
MVPA - FINGER LAKES CHAPTER
2015 EVENTS

- February 28** **Dansville, NY - Winter MVPA-FLC lunch, 1:00 pm**
Big Sky Restaurant
Event Coordinator: Rick Carine sufo266@gmail.com
- March 7** **Jim Thorpe, PA - Redball Winter Swap Meet and Rally**
- March 24** **Victor, NY – MVPA-FLC Breakfast**
- April 10-12** **West Point, KY – Machine Gun Shoot at Knob Creek**
- May 2** **Barto, PA – Jake’s Military Rally and Flea Market**
- May 14-16** **Aberdeen, MD - East Coast Military Vehicle Rally & Flea Market**
- May 17** **Armed Forces Day events**
- May 25 - 30** **Local - Memorial Day parades**
- May 2015** **Sampson State Park, NY – Military Event**
- June 5 - 7** **Reading, PA – Mid Atlantic Air Museum’s WWII Weekend**
- June 6 - 7** **Hemlock, NY - E.S.A.C.A. Gun Show**

For detailsgo to

www.MVPAfingerlakes.org **Events Calendar**

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale

M35A3

Hummer

Military Truck

M151A2

M-170 Ambulance

Mule

Five MVs - \$15,000
Tom Steele – Buffalo area
716-699-4243

Other WWII Jeep related Items

NIB fuel filter \$130, NIB fuel gauge \$49, NIB combat wheel \$169, Viet Nam angle head flashlight \$5, NOS military jeep GE headlight with original box \$39, M24 travel bar for 1919A4 \$99, and carb cross-over tube \$29. Contact: Dick Senges
OCRR@frontiernet.net

Wanted

Post WWII project jeep

WWII AN-7 spark plugs

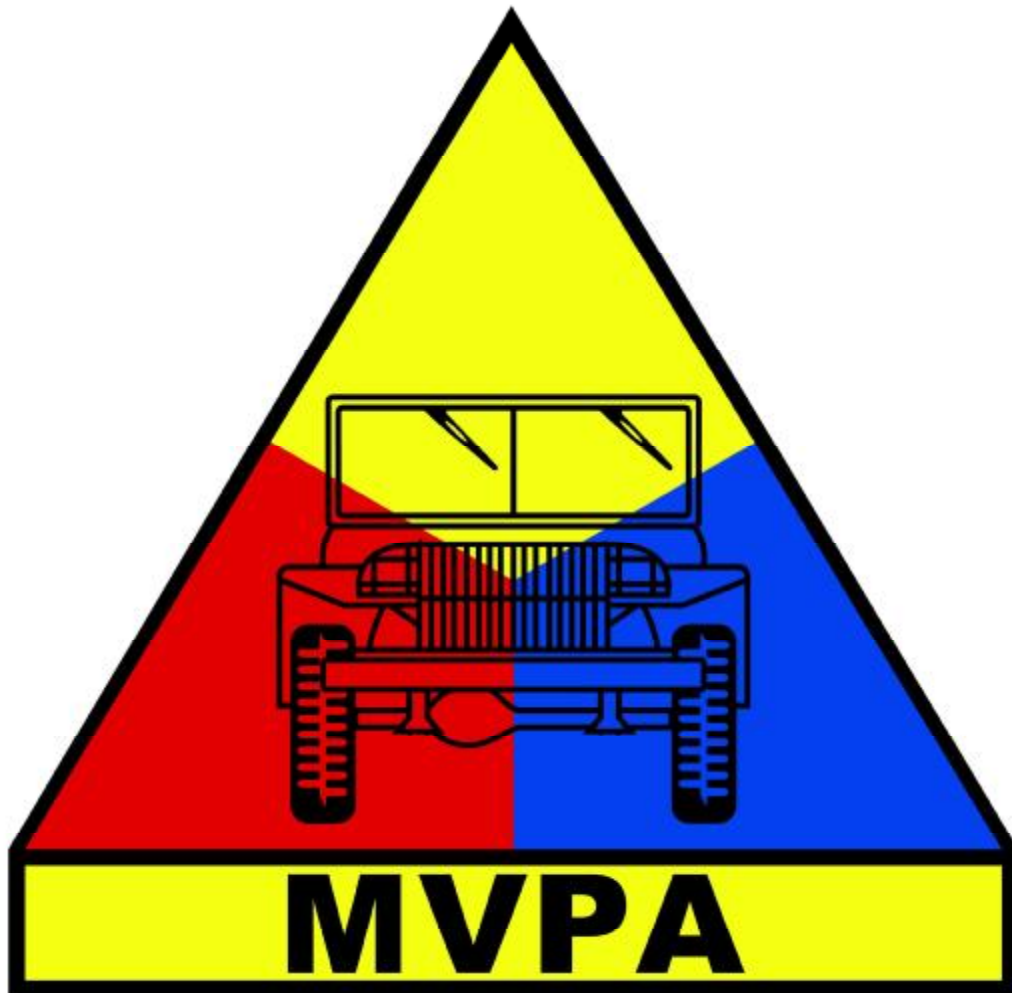
WWII tire pressure gauge

Six volt siren for MB jeep – WWII

Jerry can, five gallon, dated 1944

For details and additional items, go to:

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MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

www.mvpafingerlakes.org

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND ANNUAL RENEWAL



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: Home _____ Cell _____

EMAIL: _____

MVPA (National) Membership Number: _____

WEBSITE: _____

Do you mind if we share the above information with other chapter members? _____

« Please note that FLC-MVPA will not post your information on the Web. »

VEHICLES AND/OR INTEREST

Dues: \$20.00 per year, 1 June thru 31 May. Checks are payable to "Finger Lakes Chapter MVPA"

You do not need to own a military vehicle, be a veteran, or belong to the national MVPA to join the FLC.

Please send this form, with dues, to: Carol L. Christian, 73 Carpenter Rd., Elmira NY 14903

To join the National MVPA, go to: www.mvpa.org