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Election of Officers

Last fall election of officers was held with in each Chapter. There were several offices that needed to be filled including the office of State President. Please find a complete officer roster for the NY-Penn MVCC:

State President: Karl Remmers

Treasurer: Rita Messer

Secretary: Bill Harris

A Company:

1st VP: Bob Messersmith

2nd VP: Frank Fairfield

Easy Company:

1st VP: Brant Messer

2nd VP: Lorne Coon

Hudson-Mohawk Company:

1st VP: Marc Pollard

2nd VP: Bob Muller

Thank you to all officers for your time and dedication to our organization!

A Note From Your President

I would like to thank all for your support during the clubs last election of officers!

The Board held a meeting on December 3rd prior to the Christmas Party, all board members present had a very positive outlook for the future. The Board plans to meet three times per year either in person, phone conference or via zoom.

There was discussion that our By-Laws may need some amendments to come up to date with technology. Further discussion will be held regarding this with membership approval prior to changes.

We are all looking forward to another great year filled with fun and events.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me by phone, email or text. I am always open to ideas.

Thank you,
Karl Remmers, NYPenn MVCC President

NYPenn MVCC Website

Be sure to check out our web page, www.nypennmvcc.com. You will find much information and many links that will offer additional information.

If you notice any changes that need to be made or would like to add information please contact our website liaison, Jeff Ullman.

NYPenn MVCC Facebook

Many are enjoying our Facebook page. If you have not yet joined we encourage you to do so. Please go on and request to join or if you are already a member invite a friend to join our group. Spread the word. As a member you are able to add a picture or post an event that will be happening for all to enjoy.

Membership Application

I am including the 2024 membership application within this newsletter. You may pay dues any time from now until March 1st at which time you are dropped. It is a BIG help to your treasurer if you could print this out and complete the application ahead of time and pay your dues as soon as possible. It gets tough and time consuming to start tracking people down each new year.

If you are a member of MVPA please note it! We have to have a minimum number to remain an affiliate.

NOTE: If you are in Hudson Mohawk Chapter, please pay Stephanie directly (in person or by mail) with a **CHECK** (not cash) made out to "NY-Penn MVCC." That way we can track locally and send the check to Rita with no problem.

Membership application on the next page for printing.

NY-PENN MILITARY VEHICLE COLLECTORS CLUB, INC

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR YEAR 2024

Name: _____ MVPA Member # _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Vehicles owned (*year, manufacturer, model*)

Club Affiliation:

A Company

(*Southern Tier*)



Easy Company

(*Central NY*)



Hudson-Mohawk Company

(*Tri-Cities/East*)



Dues are **\$20** per calendar year - Checks are made payable to "NY-PENN MVCC"

Payment should be made to your local treasurer if available;

Otherwise to the State Treasurer: Rita Messer, 3404 Patchett Rd, Baldwinsville, NY 13027

Membership is open to all individuals who support the purpose of this organization



Receipt of Payment

Paid on _____ by Cash or Check (*circle one*) rec'd by _____ (*Secr/Treas*)

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Hudson Mohawk's Wreaths for Veterans

Submitted by Bob Muller

This year, Hudson Mohawk Chapter took a new approach to honoring our Veterans during the holiday season. It was first proposed to do one large wreath at a cemetery versus small wreaths as previous done. This idea was expanded at the November meeting when it was proposed that we do three wreaths to be placed at cemeteries at three separate locations around the region. The membership quickly embraced the idea and Christine and Mike Persons, Marc Pollard and Jeff Ullman volunteered to place them in Saratoga, Albany and Schoharie Counties. These individuals chose the cemetery and contacted the local VFW, who were fully supportive.

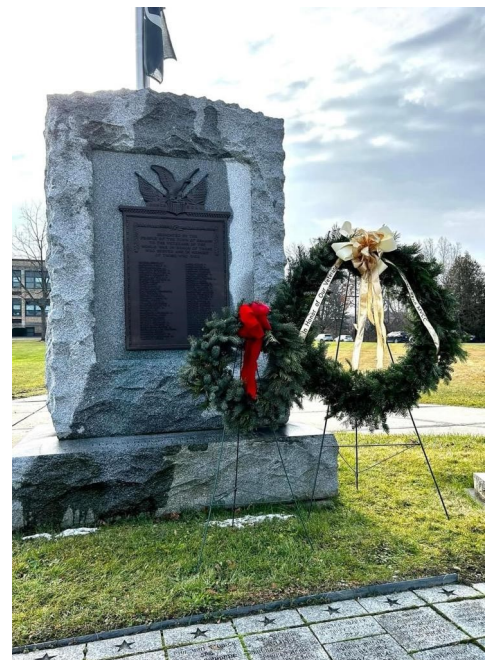


Wreaths made by Jenna Malette of
The Flower Shop by Cross Hill
Heirlooms

It was a moment to be proud of and gave us a chance to recognize a much wider range of veterans. While a noble effort, doing individual wreaths as we had in the past only allowed us to do a small portion of the veterans even in a small, rural cemetery. Choosing those vets was difficult and potentially made for hard feelings by those that may not have received one. With the new large wreaths, we honor ALL our veterans in that site who have passed and can better cover our expansive region. Ideas have already been circulating about expanding this, dedicating our holiday auction dollars to it, coordinating with VFW or other organizations earlier in the year, better NY-Penn signage, and possibly having a pre-made press release. All in all though, a great effort and tribute by all involved!



Left—Marc Pollard and
Russ Tallman
(cemetery Pres) at the
Fairview Cemetery,
Albany County



Right-Sharon Springs
Veteran's Memorial ,
Sharon Springs,
Schoharie County.
Wreath placed by Jeff
Ullman

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Christine & Mike Persons had the honor of placing a wreath at the Corinth Veterans Memorial, Saratoga County on Saturday, December 16th. We were joined by many members of the American Legion Post 553, who maintain this beautiful park. The Chaplain offered up a prayer of thanks and remembrance for the Veterans and the Pledge was said.



Looking Back

This Pic taken on 11-5-2010

Front row L to R: Matt Madga, Frank Fairfield, Mark Snyder, Bob LaStarza, Bob Socko
Back row L to R: Graydon Scott, Kevin O'Brien, John Bartlon, Rob Pearson, Ralph Richter, Bill Harris, Bob Hill Jr, Bob Hill Sr, Bob Messersmith

Submitted by Bill Harris



Veterans Day Parade, Albany NY

Thank you Glen/Sherri Preece and John Powell for your participation.



NY-Penn Holiday Party 2023

submitted by Bob Muller

On December 3rd nearly three dozen NY-Penn members and guests descended on the Altamont Fire House for the annual Holiday Party. All enjoyed festive decorations, Christmas music, and members pitched in to help with food, set-up and clean-up. No one went away hungry with lasagna, chicken parm, eggplant parm, meatballs and a wide variety of side dishes, beverages, and appetizers. It was great to share some holiday cheer and libation with some members we have not seen for awhile and the with the warm weather, everyone was relaxed and in great spirits. Following the buffet and desert, the club presented out-going First VP Bob Muller with a Certificate of Appreciation and a couple gifts for his 19 years (total) of leadership; a certificate of appreciation was also presented to Second VP Bill Lichiliter and past State President Ralph Richter (not present) for their service. The outgoing VP also presented incoming VP Marc Pollard with a commemorative CCKW/John Deere tin and the entire group toasted to a great year ahead. The party wrapped up with our annual Christmas auction. As usual, the items were very diverse, but this year there were a large number of highly desirable items donated by the membership. Bidding was fun and brisk with the auction netting \$396.00 which will be used for community support donations such as the veteran holiday wreaths.







*Wishing all a Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year!*

Easy Company Meeting Minutes 10/22/23

Meeting started at 1:13 with the Pledge To The Flag at Brant Messer's Motorpool.

Members present were: Brant Messer, Rita Messer, Lorne Coon, Jim Crombach, Joe Kroes, Scott Wendt and Frank Beninati.

Old Business:

This was a lean year for Easy Company in outings and meeting attendance. Perhaps due to "Covid hangover" and also, people just being busy with other commitments.

We had a good showing at Armed Forces Day at the NY State Fair.

At The Syracuse Nationals, we were put in an "out of the way" spot behind the Rockabilly/RatRod pavillion. We heard that next year, they will try to get us back in our "usual spot" in the corner of the parking lot across from the pavilion. We shall see.

Frank Beninati was, unfortunately, the only member to make it to Jeeps At The Beach at Sylvan Beach, and received about 20 rubber ducks in appreciation of his Jeep.

New Business:

Club Dues were collected by Rita from all of the members present.

Elections of Club Officers:

Karl Remmers is running for Club President as Ralph Richter is stepping down. He received unanimous AYE's from Easy Co. Also receiving AYE's to resume their positions in Easy Co. are

Brant Messer : 1st VP

Rita Messer : Treasurer

Lorne Coon : 2nd VP/Recording Secretary

Veterans Day At The Fair will be Saturday, November 4th. Line-up is at 9:30 and the parade is at 12:00. For those parking in the Center Of Progress Bldg. before the parade, be there between 8:00 and 8:30. Breakfast is served inside, there are various booths, displays and band music.

November 15th, 5:00-10:00 at Onondaga Lake Park will be Salute To Our Troops Night and Food Drive at Lights On The Lake.

All Veterans and Current Military Members can drive through for free. No need to buy a ticket, just show proof / ID of Military Service.

Feed Our Vets will be there collecting non-perishable food items to be distributed to needy Vets. For more information , go to lightsonthelake.com .

Rita added members who want to receive the newsletter via email, that were not getting it before. If any members are not getting the newsletter via email that want to, please contact Rita Messer.

Brant told us about his plans to go to France next year with a friend from New Hampshire, for the 80th Commemoration of D-Day. They will be taking his friend's WWII Jeep, shipping it over on a container

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ship. Brant wanted to ship his GPW over, also, but to do so requires a title for the vehicle and in New York State, any vehicle older than 1973 only gets a transferable registration. He figured out a way to “sell” it to his friend, get a title and then “buy” it back, but the whole process was too much of a hassle, so they will take the other Jeep and rent a car there, as two other friends may be joining them.

Brant also showed everyone the “wind diverters” that he fabricated to mount at each side of the windshield using existing holes in the frame and held on with wing nuts. He also showed us the half door curtains with snap closures, that he made out of canvas and instead of sewn, he used carpenters glue, which remains flexible when dry, but won't come apart.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:09. Meeting will be resumed probably in March of next year.

Happy Holidays, everyone!

A Company

A Company had no submission for this newsletter, we do look forward to hearing from you for our next newsletter.

Hudson—Mohawk Chapter

October 2023: Due to many events and personal obligations during the month a chapter meeting was not held.

November 12, 2023:

Meeting called to order at 1:45 by first VP Bob Muller

It was reported that the Cortland Show was a disappointment due to the rainy weather; many thoughts will have to be given prior to the planning of any future shows.

Bob Muller will be stepping down as First VP. Elections were held; Marc Pollard was voted in as First VP and Bob Muller was elected into the position of Second VP with Bill Lichliter former Second VP term ending. In addition to the election of officers a motion was made by Bill Harris and seconded by Glen Preece for Stephanie Remmers to continue with the newsletter publication, approved by all, opposed by none. A motion was made by John Powell and seconded by Tim Ryan for Stephanie Remmers continue as chapter secretary/treasurer, approved by all, opposed by none. A motion was made by Karl Remmers and seconded by Tim Ryan to continue with Upstate IT as the webmaster for the NYPenn MVCC website.

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There will be no December meeting as the Christmas Party will be held Sunday, December 3, 2023 at the Altamont Fire House, Altamont NY. The cost will be \$12.00 per member plus \$12.00 for one guest. Deadline to rsvp will be November 26, 2023. This will include a catered meal with members providing appetizers and/or desserts. All should bring an auction item.

A short program was done by Major Sherri Preece regarding a trip for D-Day abroad. If you are interested please contact Sherri for more details.

There will be no January 2024 meeting.

Motion made by Tim Ryan and seconded by Jeff Ullman to adjourn meeting at 2:50pm

Thank you Glen & Sherri Preece for hosting our November meeting at the Empire State Aerosciences Museum, Glenville NY. Members attending were able to enjoy a tour of the museum and a C130.



Hudson-Mohawk Chapter will host a meeting Sunday, February 18,2024 at 1pm at the Schoharie Fire House.

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Left-Flo is ready!



The Hudson-Mohawk Chapter is happy to announce at the November meeting Kelly Robins joined as a new member. Kelly has a 1975 Steyr Puch Pinzgauer.

Right-Howard is checking it out.



Cadillac Gage Ranger – (The “Peacekeeper”)

(Article taken in part from www.army-guide.com)

submitted by Jeff Ullman



The Ranger (4 × 4) armored personnel carrier was developed by Cadillac Gage as a private venture to meet a requirement for a low-cost vehicle capable of transporting personnel at a high road speed while still retaining an off-road capability.

The first Cadillac Gage Ranger, called the Peacekeeper by the US Air Force, was handed over in April 1980. By early 1981, 560 vehicles had been ordered by the US Air Force and Navy. By 1994, 708 Cadillac Gage Ranger armored personnel carriers had been built for the US forces and overseas sales. Since then, there have been no sales of the Ranger, and it is no longer being marketed.

Small quantities of these vehicles that were surplus to the requirements of the US military have been made available to some US civilian police departments.

In 1996, some of these Ranger vehicles were deployed to Bosnia and operated by the Peace Implementation Force (IFOR).

The hull of the Ranger is made of all-welded 'CADLOY' high-hardness armor, which provides the crew with complete protection from small arms fire. The crew and vital components are protected from the effects of grenades exploding under the vehicle by bolt-on armor shields.

The Ranger armored personnel carrier is based on a standard Chrysler 4 × 4 commercial truck chassis but with a shorter wheelbase.

The Dodge diesel engine is at the front of the hull and is coupled to a Dodge automatic transmission with three forward and one reverse gear, which is equipped with an auxiliary oil cooler. Coupled to the transmission is a two-speed transfer case. The manually selected four-wheel drive case with an inter-axle differential delivers proportional torque to both front and rear axles. The inter-axle differential enables the wheels on one axle to travel at a different speed from those on the other. Both axles are of the full-floating type.

The vehicle has a dual-hydraulic service brake system and a foot lever-actuated parking brake. The service brake system consists of two separate brake fluid lines and a split, front and rear, master cylinder. Power assist is supplied by means of a tandem-diaphragm brake booster that utilizes engine vacuum for power. The front brakes are disc brakes with self-adjusting calipers and the rear are drum with self-adjusting shoes.

The suspension, front and rear, consists of leaf springs with double-acting shock-absorbers and jounce stops at each wheel station. The combat tires are filled with foam and when penetrated by small arms fire allow the vehicle to travel up to 80 km at 56 km/h.

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The driver sits at the front of the vehicle on the left with the commander to his right. The steering wheel can be tilted to assist the driver in entering and leaving the vehicle. Both crew members have in front of them a bulletproof windscreen with a wiper. There is a firing port between the two windscreens. Each also has a rear-opening side door with a bulletproof vision block in its upper half under which is a firing port.



The troop compartment is at the rear of the hull with the personnel seated three down each side facing each other. They enter the vehicle through two doors in the rear of the hull, which open outwards. Both doors have a firing port and the left one has a vision block. In each side of the troop compartment is a vision block with a firing port underneath. The top of the hull is angled to allow hand grenades to roll off before they explode. If required, the vehicle could have been delivered with a roof hatch, on which can be fitted a variety of light armament installations such as a pintle-mounted 7.62 mm M60 machine gun with a shield and 200 rounds of ready use ammunition; a further 800 rounds carried in the hull.

The interior of the Ranger is insulated, which reduces noise, retains cool air as the vehicle is fitted with an air conditioning system and also aids crew safety. An air conditioning system is fitted as standard and there is also provision for expelling air. Standard equipment includes two-speed wipers with washers, a heater, a windscreen de-fogger and an internal dome light.

Optional equipment offered included flashing lights, a public address system, radios, a spotlight, the now Krauss-Maffei Wegmann 76 mm grenade launchers, a front-mounted winch and a 24 V electric system in place of the standard 12 V system. **Variants**

In addition to being used as an APC, the Ranger was also marketed in a number of other roles such as a command vehicle (crew of two plus two command staff), an ambulance (crew of two and carrying two stretcher plus two seated patients) and as a light reconnaissance vehicle, which could be fitted with a Cadillac Gage one-man turret armed with twin 7.62 mm (or 0.30), or one 7.62 mm (0.30) and one .50 (12.7 mm) M2 HB machine guns.

In US Air Force service the Cadillac Gage Ranger has now been fully replaced by the now BAE Systems, Protection and Mobility Systems (previously Armor Holdings, Aerospace and Defense Group) M1116 up-armored HMMWV, which is covered in detail in a separate entry. This, in turn, is based on the armored M1114, which is used in large numbers by the US Army.