



MOTOR POOL MESSENGER

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MILITARY TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION
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WARNING!

THIS ISSUE IS A WRECK!

On the cover...



THEN- Pictured on the cover is a M62 Medium Wrecker that was delivered to the Danish Army as part of the "Honest John" rocket system. The medium wrecker M62 was built on the M40C chassis by International Harvester and Diamond T. It was intended as a replacement for the WWII Diamond T M969 and Ward La France M1/M1A1 wreckers.

NOW- A M1249 MRAP Recovery Vehicle (MRV Wrecker) recovers an MRAP All-Terrain vehicle. These are well suited to recovering other vehicles which have been damaged by IEDs. On July 18, 2011 Navistar Defense received a delivery order for an additional 140 MRV's with rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) nets from the U.S. Marine Corps



THE NEXT MTA MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 6th AT 7PM AT THE FIREMAN'S FIELD IN ROCKAWAY

"Fireman's Field" is located at:
144 Beach Street, Rockaway, NJ 07866

Military Transport Association

MTA Meeting Minutes – July 16, 2020 at Fireman's Field, Rockway, NJ.

The meeting was called to order at about 7:00PM by MTA Sergeant-at-Arms **Andy Salzano** with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence

President **Al Mellini** began the meeting thanking **Tim Swanick** for making the field available for the meeting. The August and September meetings will be held there also. Al thanked **Jean Swanick** for making the pierogis.

Al then made a request for a motion to approve the March 2020 Minutes. **Pat Dolan** made the motion to approve the March minutes, **Dennis Dutcher** seconded.

Al then discussed the revised MTA By-laws. A handout of the By-Laws was given to all members present for their review. Al also discussed insurance coverage for the MTA. Al

MTA 2020 Officers and Key Committee Heads

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informed the club that he was looking into getting both D&O and basic liability insurance for the Directors and Officers and for MTA sanctioned events as the MVPA (which provides affiliate liability coverage for the MTA) does not cover events that we participate in that are not originated by us, e.g. parades.

Discussion ensued with **Tim Swanick** suggesting that municipalities should cover the MTA members that participate in their parades.

Financial Report as submitted by Treasurer **Ginnie McDevitt**:

Military Transport Association, Inc. Summary of Funds Activity For the Month Ending June 30, 2020

	All Funds
Beginning balance from last month	\$ 48,530.55
Income	142.09
Expenditures	(331.50)
Closing balance	\$ 48,341.14

Donations – suspended until we are earning income again.

Quartermaster Report: MTA decals arrived. Gary distributed decals to members that were present at the meeting.

Membership – Al mentioned that the Club lost about 20 members because of delinquent dues. It's very unfortunate.

Events- MTA Trail Ride – Saturday, August 8th at 10am.

Rally point in the morning will be at the *Allamuchy General Store and Café*, right off Exit 19 on Route 80, same exit for Sven's. Trail ride will terminate at *Hot Dog Johnny's*, Route 46 West. *(Minutes continued on Page 7)*

"Members, in the Spring, the Executive Board worked hard to rewrite the MTA's By-Laws. Prior to the rewrite, we obtained permission from the MVPA to use their By-Laws as a model document. Our existing By-Laws were outdated and in need of proper formatting. The enclosed DRAFT revised By-Laws are submitted to the membership for review and comment in accordance with a motion made and approved at the July

Meeting. The plan is to motion these for approval at the August meeting. Members who have changes and cannot attend the August meeting can notify Al at albert.mellini@gmail.com or by calling 973-723-2166."

Note - this version is updated from the copy handed out at the July meeting. Thank you, Al Mellini, President."

**THE BY- LAWS OF THE
MILITARY TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Adopted _____

ARTICLE 1 – NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1.1 - NAME - The name of the non-profit corporation is the Military Transport Association, Inc (the "Association" or "MTA"). The Association is a 501c(4) education association. The MTA is an Affiliate Chapter of the international Military Vehicle Preservation Association (MVPA).

Section 1.2 - PURPOSE - The purpose of the Association is to provide an adequate organization for historians, vehicle preservationists and collectors interested in military vehicles and encouraging the acquisition, restoration, preservation, public education and display of historic military transport, and any other purpose allowed by law, to engage in any lawful activity intended to further and protect the interests of restorers and collectors of historic military vehicles, to make donations to relevant military and other organizations as proffered and approved by the Membership in accordance with procedures outlined in the Association's Procedures Manual; and to organize and participate in events so intended to generate operating revenue for financing Association business.

Section 1.3 - CHARTER - The Association is incorporated in the State of New Jersey.

ARTICLE 2 - MEMBERS

Section 2.1 - MEMBERSHIP - The following memberships shall be authorized:

Section 2.1.1 - Voting Membership Classes

- a. Regular Members. A Regular Member shall be an individual or other entity that renews their membership on an annual basis and who satisfies the other requirements for membership established by the Association. Regular Members may receive MTA publications and notifications through print means or through electronic methods (i.e. email).
- b. Family Membership, A Family Membership includes multiple members who are part of one family who satisfy the requirements for members established by the Association. A Family Membership shall receive one copy of MTA publications and notifications through print means or through electronic methods (i.e. email).
- c. Life Members. A Life Member shall be a natural person who satisfies the requirements for Life Membership as established by the Association, and who shall be a member for his/her natural life. A Life Member shall have the same rights as a Regular Member.

Section 2.2 - APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP - Application for membership in the Association may be made by a person or family that pays dues and meets such other requirements as established by the Association.

Section 2.3 - DUES - Dues or other membership fees for Regular and Family members shall be determined by the Board. Dues are due on January 2 of the current year. Members in arrears of dues past March 1 will be deleted from the Association's membership rolls. Life Members are exempt from dues.

Section 2.4 - VOTING RIGHTS - At elections of Officers, each Regular Member and Life Member shall have the right to one (1) vote for each open Officer position. In all other matters provided in these Bylaws, the vote of a majority of Members voting by mail-in ballot or a majority of Members voting at a regular or special meeting where a quorum is met shall be the act of the Members. Cumulative voting and proxy voting is not allowed. Family Memberships are entitled to one (1) vote.

Section 2.5 – VOTING PROCEDURES – The procedures and schedule for voting for Officers is outlined in the Procedures Manual.

Section 2.6 - DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS – Discipline of any Member for infractions of the By-Laws or Procedures Manual or ethics infractions may include up to termination of Membership and/or other actions determined by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Board (herein defined).

Section 2.7 - QUORUM – A quorum shall consist of two thirds (2/3) of the members present at any monthly or special meeting with a minimum of twenty (20) members present.

ARTICLE 3 – EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 3.1 - POWERS - Subject to limitations of the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws as to action which must be authorized or approved by the members, all business and affairs of the Association, shall be exercised by or under the authority

of, the Board without prejudice to such general powers, but subject to the same limitations, it is hereby expressly declared that the Board shall have the following powers, to wit:

- a. To conduct, manage, and control the affairs and business of the Association, and to make such policies and procedures therefore not inconsistent with the law, or with the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws, as they may deem best,
- b. To appoint any other committees, and to delegate to such committees any of the powers and authority of the Board in the management of the business and affairs of the Association.

Section 3.2 - NUMBER - There shall be eight members of the Executive Board as outlined herein:

- a. Four members shall be the current Elected Officers
- b. Three Appointed Members shall be the Newsletter Editor, the Membership Committee Chair, and the Historian/Archivist.
- c. One Honorary Member as defined in Section 3.3.

All Board members shall be Members of the Association in good standing.

Section 3.3 - HONORARY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER - The immediate past president of the Association shall serve as an Honorary Board Member for no more than two years following his/her term(s) in office, or such greater or lesser period approved at any time by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board. An Honorary Board Member shall exercise the same authority, privileges, and responsibilities of an Appointed Board Member. This Section 3.3 will take effect at the next election of officers after the effective date of these amended Bylaws.

Section 3.4 - REMOVAL – Any appointed Board Member may be removed with or without cause by majority vote of the Officers.

Section 3.5 - VACANCIES - Vacancies of Board Members shall be filled through the recommendation of the President and approval by a 2/3 vote of the Board at any time. A vacancy shall be deemed to exist in case of death, resignation, suspension, or removal of any Appointed Board Member.

Section 3.6 – QUORUM - A quorum of the Board shall consist of 5 members.

Section 3.7 – MEETINGS- There shall be no required or prescribed meetings of the Board except where and as called for by the President. In the event of a disciplinary action against the President, the Vice President may call a meeting. Any Board Member may request a meeting of the Board through the President. Electronic meetings are permitted.

Section 3.8 - TERM – Except as provided in Section 3.4, there is no term limit for Board Members.

Section 3.9 - ACTION WITHOUT A MEETING - Any action required or permitted to be taken at a Member meeting, may be taken without a meeting by a consent in writing, setting forth the action to be taken, approved by a majority of the EB Members except for amendment of the By-Laws.

Section 3.10 – TRUSTEES – As amended from the Articles of Incorporation dated July 27, 1988, the Association will not have Trustees, Roles normally assigned to Trustees will be performed by the Board.

ARTICLE 4 - OFFICERS

Section 4.1 - OFFICERS - The Officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected by the Membership, for a term of two years, unless earlier removed. All Officers are automatically members of the Executive Board. All Officers must be current members of the MVPA.

Section 4.2 - PRESIDENT - The President shall be the principal officer of the Association and, subject to the control of the Board, shall enforce the Bylaws. The President shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Association. The President may sign any contract, purchase order, request for reimbursement, request for donation and other instruments except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be assigned to a member of the Board. The President can, without approval of the Board or Members authorize or approve expenditures of no more than \$300. The President may, with approval of a majority of the Board authorize or approve without approval of the members amounts necessary to pay debts associated with the operations or obligations of the Association. Details of approval procedures are outlined in the Procedures Manual.

In January of each year, the President shall submit the prior year-to-date financial statement to the Board for review.

The President shall advise the Board in the appointment of committees. The President shall in general perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board from time to time. The President shall appoint

the Chairman of the Election Nominating Committee and two Tellers.

Section 4.3 - VICE-PRESIDENT - In the absence of the President or in the event of the President's death, inability or refusal to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President, and in the absence or inability of the Vice-President, the Secretary shall perform these duties.

Section 4.4 - SECRETARY - The Secretary or his/her designee shall:

- a. keep as permanent records the minutes of the proceedings of the Members in one or more books provided for the purpose or within a secure electronic computer server.
- b. see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law,
- c. and in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the Officers or by the Board.

Section 4.5 - TREASURER - The Treasurer shall:

- a. have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds of the Association,
- b. receive monies due and payable to the Association from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such monies in the name of the Association in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the requirements of the Board,
- c. submit financial reports to the Board prior to each monthly Member meeting and periodic financial reports to the Association membership as directed by the Board,
- d. be custodian of the corporation records and of the seal of the Association and see that the seal of the Association is affixed to all documents, the execution of which on behalf of the corporation under its seal is duly authorized as and if required,
- e. Submit required financial and licensing documents to state and federal agencies in accordance with agency rules and regulations,
- f. Shall have at least five years' experience managing financial matters,
- g. Perform all financial duties in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practices as applicable.

The Treasurer shall perform such other duties from time to time as may be assigned by the President or by the Board.

Section 4.6 - QUALIFICATIONS - Qualifications for candidates for the position of Elected Officer shall be as follows:

- a. Member holding a Regular, Family or Life membership in good standing in the Association for a period of five (5) years preceding the registration deadline for candidates established by the Association,
- b. Should possess skills, experience, or expertise that will benefit the Association,
- c. Must not have been convicted of a felony,
- d. Officers who are removed because of disciplinary action cannot run for a subsequent officer position.
- e. Officers who resign or lose an election can rerun for a subsequent officer position.
- f. The Treasurer shall be a citizen of the United States, residing in the continental United States.
- g. Officers must be current members of the MVPA.

Section 4.7 - ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT - The election of the four Officers shall be by vote of the Membership for each position. Voting shall be by mail-in ballot, or other method adopted by the EB from time to time, and under procedures established by the EB. Each open position shall be filled by the person with the highest number of votes running for that position. Elections shall follow a schedule established by the EB as outlined in the Procedures Manual. New or returning Officers shall begin their term at the January Member meeting. The death, removal, or retirement of any Board Member shall result in immediate removal as a Member and the immediate cessation of the rights and privileges afforded to him/her.

Section 4.8 - TERM - The term of office for Elected Officers shall be two years. Elections for Officers shall take place every two years at which time four Officers will be elected. There is no restriction on the number of terms an Officer can serve.

Section 4.9 - VACANCIES - A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, or any other cause shall be filled by the Board. Officers appointed by the Board shall serve the term of the Officer being replaced and shall be required to run for re-election on the recurring two-year election cycle.

Section 4.10 - QUORUM - Three Officers shall constitute a quorum. The affirmative vote of a majority of Officers at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Association unless a greater majority is required by these Bylaws. Proxy voting is allowed. In the event an Officer quorum is not present at a meeting, the President may request the Board to approve actions normally reserved for the Officers at a meeting.

Section 4.11 - MEETINGS - The Officers shall attend Association Meetings monthly except where proxy participation is permitted by a vote of the Board.

ARTICLE 5 - MISCELLANEOUS

Section 5.1 INSURANCE - The Association annually obtains Affiliate Chapter insurance from the MVPA. A current copy of the Association's Insurance Certificate is on file with the Secretary. The full policy may be obtained from the MVPA or the underwriter. In addition to the MVPA insurance, the Association will maintain additional and supplemental insurance to protect and indemnify the Association and its Officers and Board members from liability in those instances where the MVPA insurance does not provide coverage. A copy of this policy is on file with the Secretary.

Section 5.2 - CHECKS, DRAFTS, ETC. - All checks, drafts, or other orders for payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness, issued in the name of or payable to the Association, shall be signed or endorsed by such person or persons and in such manner as, from time to time, shall be determined by resolution of the EB.

Section 5.3 - CONTRACTS, OBLIGATIONS, ETC., HOW EXECUTED - The President, except as in these Bylaws otherwise provided, may execute or may authorize any officer or officers, agents or agents, to enter into any contract or execute any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Association, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Except as so authorized by the EB, only the President shall have authority to bind the Association. Rules of execution are contained in the Procedures Manual.

Section 5.4 - AMENDMENTS - New Bylaws may be adopted or these Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members voting by mail-in ballot or at any regular or special meeting of members where a quorum is present in accordance with these Bylaws or any other laws covering the Association. Revisions must then be published in the next Association newsletter and then become effective 30 days after publication.

Section 5.5 - PRECEDENCE - The order of the rules of the Association shall be:

1. The Articles of Incorporation of the Association,
2. The Bylaws, so long as they are not in conflict with the Articles of Incorporation or any other governmental law or laws except where updated or revised and approved by the Members.,
3. The policies and procedures outlined in the Procedures Manual when these policies and procedures are not in conflict with either the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws or any other governmental law or laws.

Section 5.6 – DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS – In the event the Association unanimously votes to dissolve, the assets remaining in the account will be distributed as follows:

1. Payment of outstanding obligations recorded by the Treasurer and approved for payment by the President,
2. Payment of fees required for filing with state and federal jurisdictions,
3. Remaining funds will be donated to an appropriate veteran's organization or the MVPA as recommended by the membership and approved by unanimous vote at a meeting,
4. Material assets will be donated as appropriate.

Section 5.7 – CONFLICT OF INTEREST – No member can use his/her position or membership in the MTA to personally profit or obtain any monetary gain from his/her membership or position without the approval of the Executive Board. Penalties may include revocation of membership and/or legal action. This clause does not apply to MTA "vehicles in movies".

By-Law Changes/Amendments Tracker

1. By-Laws consolidated and revised: January 5, 2004
2. By-Laws Article IX: Updated election processes. December 17, 2011
3. By-Laws Article XIII: E Mail Etiquette & Procedures. July 20, 2016

Events (continued from Page 2)

LEAD East – Labor Day Weekend, September 4, 5 & 6.

Pat Dolan is the Point of Contact. Speak to him for tickets.

Mendham Labor Day Parade – September 7th

Reach out to **Kenny Gardner** for sign-up. This may be only 1 of 2 parades this year so let's get a good turnout.

MTA Swap Meet – October 17 & 18

Subject to state mandated guidelines and anticipated attendance. More at the August meeting.

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Sven's Picnic has been cancelled.

Intrepid Display has been cancelled.

Pat Dolan gave an excellent presentation on authentic vehicle tools. If anyone needs a tool, Pat is your contact. **THANKS, Pat!**

Motion to review the By-laws for approval at the August meeting was made by **Gary Schultz**, seconded by **Carolyn Hoffman**.

Carolyn Hoffman gave an update on *Toys for Tots*: Waiting to see what the Marines will be doing and should know something by October 1, 2020.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **Ben Cave**, seconded by **Carolyn Hoffman**.

MTA SUMMER TRAIL RIDE

Hi MTA team,

As discussed at our last MTA meeting, we are holding our MTA Summer Trail Ride to *Johnny's Hot Dogs* on Saturday August 8th. The rally time is 9am so you can enjoy breakfast at the *Allamuchy General Store and Café*, 2 Johnsonburg Road, Allamuchy, NJ 07820. The cafe is just off Exit 19 on Route 80, which is the same exit most take if going to Sven's. This quaint little cafe offers a full assortment breakfast menu, danish, coffee and restroom. Outdoor seating is available. Masks are required to enter the store. The cafe has ample on-street parking, but no parking lot. The Allamuchy Elementary School parking lot it is just 300 yards away, and could serve for parking of towing vehicles.

<https://m.facebook.com/generalstorecafenj/>

Convoy departure at 10 a.m. sharp to Johnny's Hot Dogs. We will take Alfano Road which winds through scenic back country of Allamuchy and Independence Township and terminates at route to Route 46 in Independence. We then take route 46 West to *Johnny's Hot Dogs*.

<https://hotdogjohnny.com/store/>

Their parking lot fills up quickly, but there is a small field just behind the facility where we can park our vehicles. *Johnny's Hot Dogs* has restroom facilities, there's also a brand new *Quick Chek* half-mile West on Route 46 for fuel, restrooms and snacks. If the weather holds out this should be a fun and enjoyable Summer Trail Ride. We have 10 vehicles committed for the trail ride as of the last meeting. This is a sanctioned MTA event. I need a head count and vehicle count, if you're interested in attending and not already on the list, please reach out to me at Gary Schultz, Cell 973-207-8955.

garyschultz@gmail.com



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

FOR SALE - M725 \$3,800.00, Ammo trailer \$350, 1957 DAF 1-ton troop carrier. Rare, not many of these around \$6,000, M109A3-shop van with benches and shelves. Good shape \$4,500. Call or text Jude Meehan 732-433-3359.

Parts for Sale- 230 CI M725 motor, ran when pulled, burns oil \$200, M725 litter racks-best offer, M725 Rear doors, some dents, no rust \$200 for the pair, M715 windshield frame, minor surface rust \$150, NOS in packing Southwind heater for M725 possible M-43 best offer, M37 windshield frame outer only \$75, M725-M715 rims with lock rings –make offer. Many more items available, too many to list. Call for more information. Call Matt Ziegler, cell 973-445-3890, email : Matrziegler@gmail.com

For Sale: 1964 Ford M151, current Odometer: 34252. Currently registered and inspected in New York State. Comes with Army radio, mounted machine gun (disabled firearm) w/ mount and cartridges, trailer, plastics to go over vehicle (no photo included, but available at request) as well as two large boxes of extra parts. Vehicle has always been garage kept. Buyer is responsible for pick-up or to arrange for shipment for out of town sales. This vehicle has not been cut. Asking \$18,000. Located in Pine Island NY. Please contact Lodzia - 845-258-4493 or Vince - 845-728-9191.

For Sale: Replica 81mm mortar. M1 tube and bi-pod. M4 sight. Has incorrect M23A1 two-piece base (Nam era?). The tube is original with 1 pin cross welded and a dummy cup welded on. Comes with one practice round (inert) in a newer tared tube. And a wooden ammo crate. Asking \$3000.00. Will take a M35a2 ring mount in trade. Kirk Stinson 862-209-0933

For Sale: I have many Jeep and M37 parts for sale, call Tom Weaver @ 973-627-9448.

Wanted: M38A1 as a project Jeep. A complete original as possible. NO CJ conversions. 24 Volt. Pictures? Contact: Tom McHugh 908-852-1964 tmmchugh@msn.com



Military Transport Association

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IN ROCKAWAY**



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.

But trucks and Jeeps aren't all we do! Join today and participate with us at our annual Toys for Tots train ride and toy drive, help at our annual Swap Meet at the Sussex County Fairgrounds, or attend our special events for veterans. Our lively, informative monthly meetings are held in Whippany, NJ.

You do not have to own a military vehicle to be part of this exciting and active hobby - you just need a desire to do your part in keeping our military history alive. All you need to join the MTA is to fill out the the form below, include your dues payment, and mail it to the address below. Alternately, you can give your form and dues to any MTA member you meet at any of our events.

for more information, visit our website at www.MTAofNJ.org

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ (cell preferred)

Email: _____

MTA Membership Level: Single (\$30) Family (\$35)

Are you a member of MVPA? Yes No

Military vehicles owned: _____

Return form with \$____ annual dues and \$____ donation to:

Military Transport Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 391
Budd Lake, NJ 07828

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