

2009 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

SB 2313

# 2009 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 2313

Senate Transportation Committee

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Hearing Date: January 30, 2009

Recorder Job Number: 8214

Committee Clerk Signature

*Jody Hauge*

Minutes:

**Senator Lee** opened the hearing on SB 2313 relating to military identification numbers on antique military vehicles.

**Senator Robinson** introduced the bill and testified in support of the bill. He concluded by saying if we can do something for our military we should.

**Ron Marten** a member of the North Dakota Military Vehicle Collectors Association and from Fargo testified in support of SB 2313. He gave out a handout with military pictures and explained how the markings worked on the bumpers. He urged a Do Pass to keep these vehicles as authentic as possible as a tribute to veterans and as a patriotic gesture. #1

**Senator Nething** asked if this identification of antique military vehicles was limited to parades or not.

**Marten** said they could be used as identification anywhere.

**Senator Nething** asked if this will eliminate the license plates.

**Marten** said the identification numbers would take the place of a license plate.

**Senator Potter** asked if motorcycles were identified the same way.

**Marten** replied that they are identified on their front fender.

**Jerry Schempp** of Bismarck testified on his own behalf in support of SB 2313. Approval of

SB 2313 would enable people like him to accurately restore these historic vehicles. Written

Testimony #2.

**Glenn Jackson** of the Department of Transportation said that their Department had no opposition to this bill.

Closed the hearing on SB 2313.

**Senator Nodland** moved a Do Pass.

**Senator Nething** seconded.

Roll call vote: 6-0-0.

Senator Nodland will carry the bill.

Senator Nething suggested that the committee place bills 2279 & 2313 on the consent calendar. Senator Lee said he would look into it.



**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2313: Transportation Committee (Sen. G. Lee, Chairman) recommends DO PASS**  
(6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2313 was placed on the  
Eleventh order on the calendar.

2009 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

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## 2009 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. SB 2313

House Transportation Committee

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Hearing Date: 03/\*13/09

Recorder Job Number: 10956

Committee Clerk Signature

*Jeanette Cook*

Minutes:

**Larry Robinson, District 24, Valley City, introduced SB 2313.** He feels that anything that we can do to support our military, we must do. The bill deals with using military ID numbers for license plates with collector vehicles so they are 100% original. They look exactly like they did when they were in operation for military use. Attached are pictures for reference. See attachment #1.

**Jerry Schempp, Bismarck, spoke in support of SB 2313.** See attachment #2.

**Representative Weisz:** Are all of these numbers unique, so there is not possibility of having duplicates?

**Jerry Schempp:** There is the ability to have duplication. However, in that case the DOT would not accept the duplication, first come, first serve.

**Chairman Ruby:** Are you saying that all the numbers are unique, or only if they use just the last seven.

**Jerry Schempp:** If the owner of the vehicle can recover the original registration number, 99% of the time it will be unique. If a member picks a number out of the air, there is a possibility for duplication.

**Chairman Ruby:** Those numbers were given to each jeep by the US government?

**Jerry Schempp:** The original registration numbers were placed on the vehicles by the appropriate service.

**Representative Gruchalla:** The original ID number, is there a military ID tag on the vehicle somewhere?

**Jerry Schempp:** There is a registration number, which is the equivalent to the serial number, which is the VIN number. It is not the registration number, that changes with the service. A vehicle has two numbers, its original VIN number and the registration number, just like a personal vehicle. The VIN number is stamped into a plate about four inches long and two inches high.

**Representative Gruchalla:** So, it is like any other vehicle, it has the stamp somewhere on the frame or under the hood?

**Jerry Schempp:** On the dash, usually.

**Representative Gruchalla:** Is that going to be cross-referenced then when you go to register?

**Jerry Schempp:** Yes, just like it is right now.

**Representative Weisz:** If there is a duplicate registration number, will they get a plate?

**Jerry Schempp:** They will get a plate, but they will have to change their number.

**Chairman Ruby:** How do you perceive that there will be somebody checking for the numbers, making sure that each number that is on a vehicle has been registered?

**Jerry Schempp:** The law enforcement will run a license plate check, just like they do on a civilian vehicle.

**Dave Sprynczynatyk,** owner of a 1967 jeep and trailer, spoke in support SB 2313. He thinks that having the plate on the back and the front detracts from the authenticity of the vehicle. The DOT said that this would work very well, and that there would not be any issues.



**Chairman Ruby:** Thinking of the future, do these Humvee's have the same kind of numbers on them as well?

**Dave Sprynczynatyk:** Yes, they do. Every vehicle that the military has, has an identification on it. When I checked with my people, they said that every vehicle has a unique number because the numbers continue to get longer. The DOT just uses the last seven digits.

**Representative Delmore:** Will there be a one- time fee of \$100 for this, and would there just be one plate?

**Dave Sprynczynatyk:** I'm not sure what the fee is, but it is a one- time fee, which is the same as a pioneer plate. I think it is only \$35.00.

**Representative Delmore:** Most of these vehicles are probably not driven thousands of miles, so there would be a good reason for a one-time fee.

**Representative Potter:** I see a one-time fee of \$100. What is that for?

**Chairman Ruby:** Only if it is personalized.

The hearing was closed on SB 2313.

**Representative Gruchalla moved a Do Pass** on SB 2313.

**Representative R. Kelsch seconded the motion.**

A roll call vote was taken on SB 2313. **Aye 13 Nay 0 Absent 1**

**The motion passed.**

**Representative Schmidt will carry SB 2313.**

Date: 03/13/09

Roll Call Vote #: 1

2009 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2313

House TRANSPORTATION Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken  Do pass  Don't Pass  Amended

Motion Made By Gruch Seconded By Kelsch

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Representative Ruby - Chairman	✓		Representative Delmore	✓	
Rep. Weiler - Vice Chairman	✓		Representative Griffin	✓	
Representative Frantsvog	✓		Representative Gruchalla	✓	
Representative Heller	✓		Representative Potter	✓	
Representative R. Kelsch	✓		Representative Schmidt	✓	
Representative Sukut			Representative Thorpe	✓	
Representative Vigasaa	✓				
Representative Weisz	✓				

Total Yes 13 No 0

Absent 1

Bill Carrier Schmidt

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)  
March 13, 2009 11:16 a.m.

Module No: HR-45-4789  
Carrier: Schmidt  
Insert LC: . Title: .

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2313: Transportation Committee (Rep. Ruby, Chairman) recommends DO PASS**  
(13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2313 was placed on the  
Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2009 TESTIMONY

SB 2313

Mr. Madam Chair:

My name is Jerry Schempp from Bismarck. I have been involved in the collection and restoration of Historic Military Vehicles since late 1980. I appear here today to speak on my own behalf.

I currently own and operate a 1953 Korea/Vietnam vintage one quarter ton truck (a Jeep) and a 1951 trailer for that vehicle.

I am one of the founders of the North Dakota Military Vehicle Collectors Association, an organization affiliated with the national organization, the Military Vehicle Preservation Association.

There are Fifty-eight members in the North Dakota Military Vehicle Association. There are about another dozen who are not currently members of the NDMVCA. Among these members there are approximately 200 Military Vehicles, mostly restored to the condition of the original use, and the ages vary from World War One to the current conflicts.

These vehicles are primarily used for historic displays, demonstrations and for parades.

The approval of this amendment to the Department of Motor Vehicle regulations would enable people like my self to accurately restore these Historic Vehicles. Currently we have to arrange to mount a License Plate some place on the surface of the vehicle, impeding the accurate restoration.

The DMV regulations currently allow the placement of a "vintage" plate from the year of manufacture on a Historic Vehicle, approval of this amendment would afford the same choice to Military Vehicle Collectors, because the Vehicle Markings, as outlined in appropriate vintage military regulations served as the "registration" number for the Military.

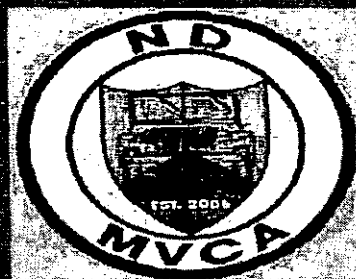
I urge this committee to vote for a "Do Pass" recommendation.

Thank You

#2  
Same given to House.

*All photos also given to House.*

# NORTH DAKOTA MILITARY VEHICLE COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION



## OUR MISSION

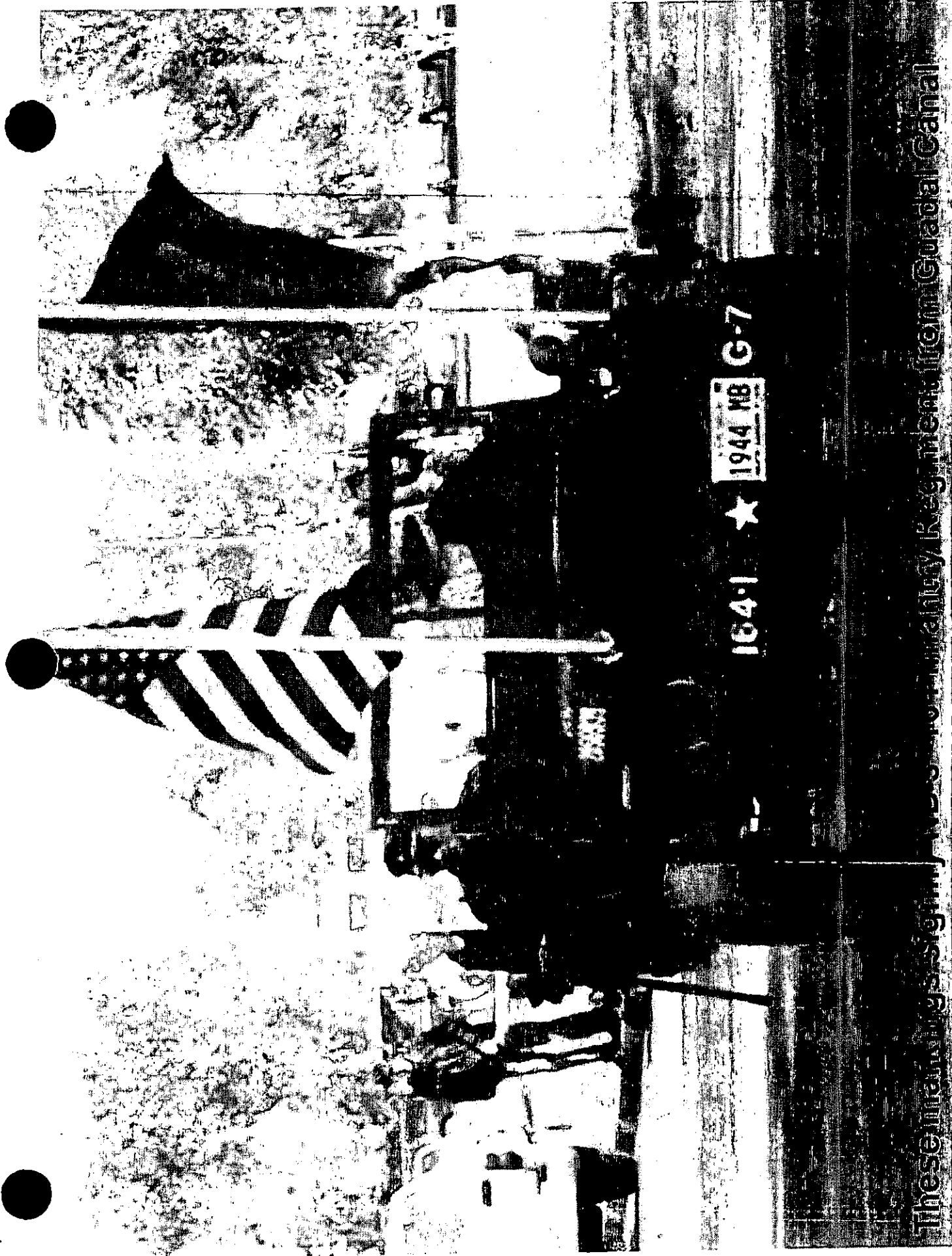
**To provide a statewide organization for military vehicle enthusiasts, historians, preservationists and collectors interested in the acquisition, restoration, preservation, public education and safe operation of historic military transport.**



Our vehicles are used primarily for Parades, Veterans Promotions and Dedications, Museum displays and School and Youth History and Educational Lessons.



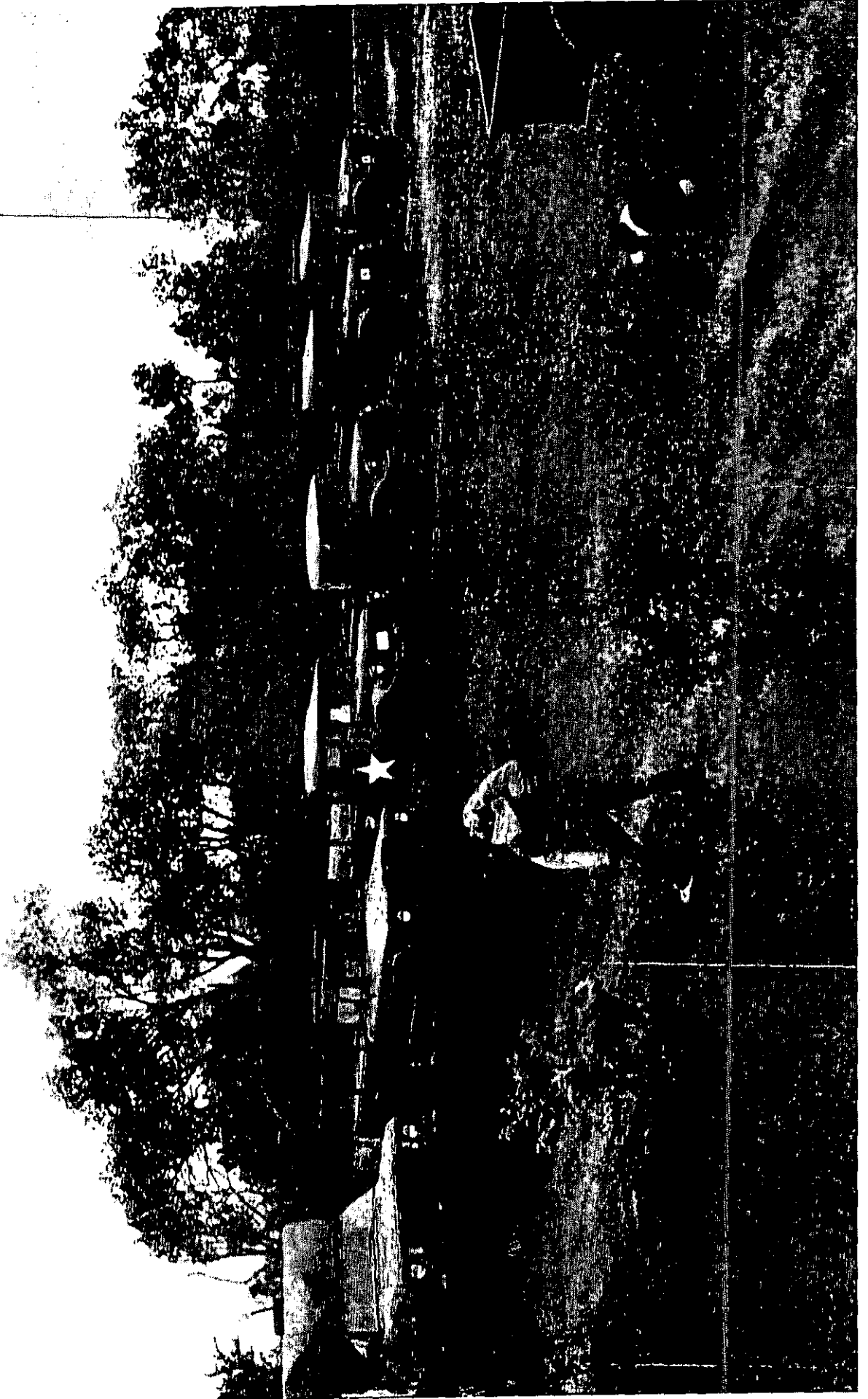
COL. BARRY BROWN, COMMANDING OFFICER, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION, IN VALLEY, CALIF., 1968



These men are assigned to the 1841st Military Regiment from Guadal Canal

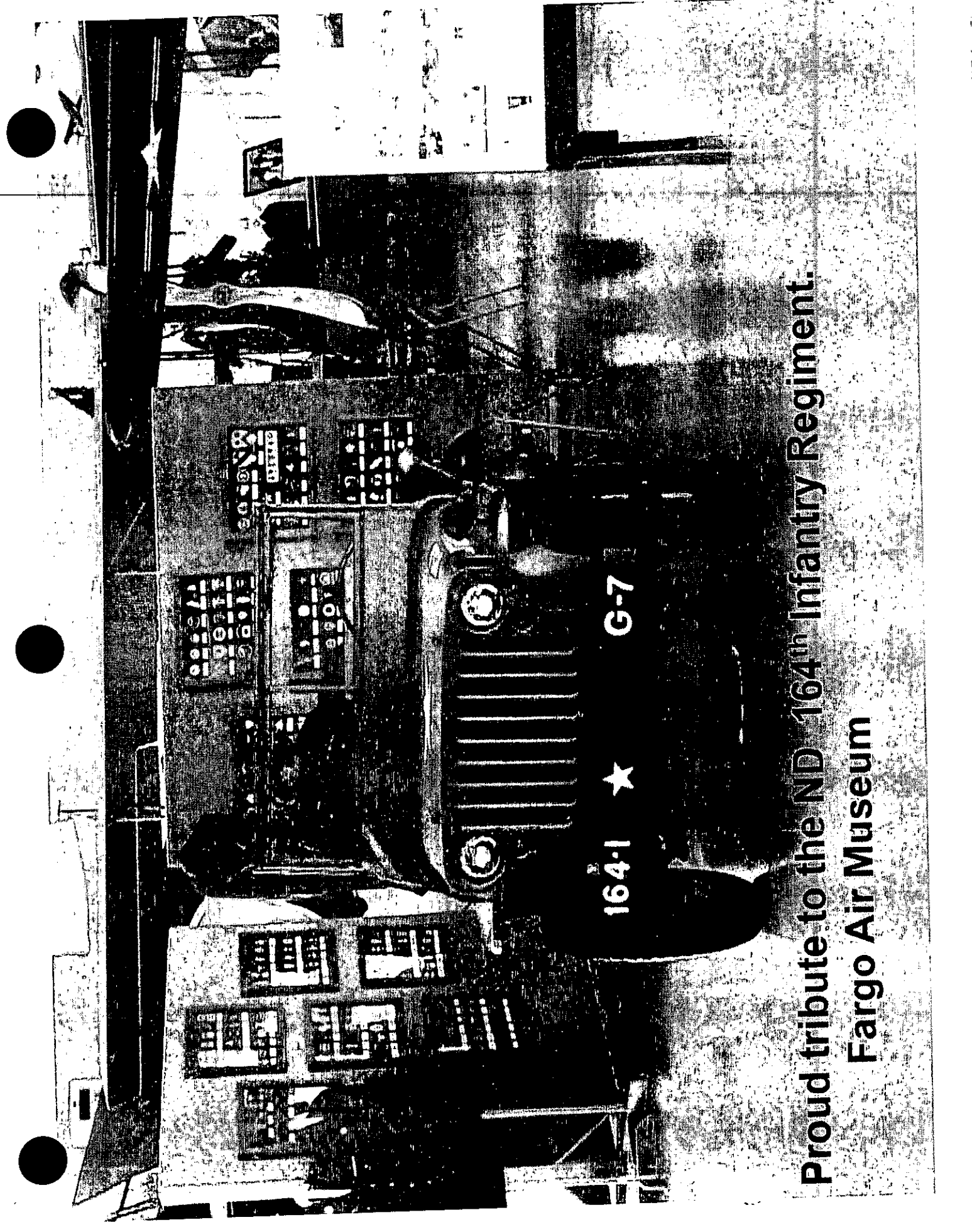


**Vintage Military Display at Minot, ND**



Vintage display of Vietnam, Korea, and WWII era Jeeps.





Proud tribute to the ND 164<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment.

Fargo Air Museum

