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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE TREASURE VALLEY DETACHMENT & AUXILIARY VOLUME 10, NUMBER 2

Veterans Home Fishing Trip: Saturday October 12th, Marsing Ponds, 7:30 AM to approximately 3:00 PM. Call Roy Jost if you desire to participate.

Veterans Day Parade: Saturday November 9th in downtown Boise. Plan on being in the assembly area on Grove Street between 9th & 12th Streets by 9:00 AM. Uniform: Red Detachment Sweatshirt, Detachment Ball Cap, dark trousers. Parade begins at 10:00 AM and should end approximately 11:00 AM.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting: 7:00 PM, Thursday October 17th at the Gowen Field Indoors Pavilion.

Next Auxiliary Monthly Meeting: 7:00 PM Thursday October 17th at the Idaho Military Museum at Gowen Field.

Breakfast with Spouses: 10:00 AM the 3d Saturday each month at Mike's Restaurant & Lounge, Hillcrest Shopping Center in Boise.

Weekly Coffee: 9:00 AM Saturdays at Mike's Restaurant.

The 10%?:

There are 91 members on the detachment's rolls. We had nine members present at our meeting on September 19th: three elected officers, three appointed officers, and three other members. The detachment has several members who are not physically capable of attending meetings so their absence is understandable. That said, the detachment and the Marine Corps League would benefit if each of you could arrange your schedules so that you can participate in our meetings and other activities at least some of the time.

Veterans' Olympics Support:

Thanks to the following members who helped operate the hospitality booth at the Veterans' Olympics on September 21st. They were: Ralph Elston, Roy Jost, Mike Meade, Ken Ohls, Garry and Jessie Strong, and Gordon and Velma Williams.

Three Cheers For Volunteers:

Veterans Administration Volunteer Service, volunteer hours donated: Velma Williams, 261; Gordon Williams, 339, and Garry Strong, 212.

Motions Passed:

The following motions were passed during the September Business meeting.

That the detachment will honor Bob Daly's many contributions in support of the detachment and his volunteer work at the Veterans Home by purchasing a Hall Of Heroes plaque inscribed with his name.

That the detachment will ask the Auxiliary to plan a social event annually during the month of February.

That as a fundraising activity the detachment will raffle off something of value at every detachment social event.

That the detachment will establish a death benefit fund that members may contribute to, and that on the death of one of the contributors the fund's current balance will be paid to the deceased contributor's next of kin. Only the next of kin of someone who contributed to the fund will be eligible to receive this benefit.

That the vote to determine which detachment activities will continue through June 2003 be postponed until the detachment's October business meeting.

That to assist the adjutant's preparation of meeting minutes the detachment begin recording meeting proceedings.

Voting Detachment Activities:

A vote was planned for the September meeting to decide which activities the detachment would continue to support, but the meeting was running long so in response to a motion from the floor the vote was postponed until October. Those activities are listed separately for your review so that you may decide which activities you want to commit to.

Proposed Bylaws Amendment:

Please review the proposed amendment to the detachment bylaws that is attached to this newsletter. Be prepared to vote on its approval or disapproval during the November detachment business meeting.

MCL Uniform Shirt Supply Source:

Shirts acceptable for wear as part of the MCL uniform may be purchased from the private company Quartermaster Uniforms at: 1-800-444-8643 or on the web at: www.qmuniforms.com. Prices: Polyester/cotton shirts: LS \$15.95 & SS \$13.95. Dacron® Polyester: LS \$17.95 & SS \$15.95. TEX-TOP shirts; made with a material that wicks moisture from the body: LS \$32.95 & SS \$28.95.

Memorialize A Veteran:

For \$100.00 you may purchase an 4x8 brick inscribed with either your own or another veteran's name and selected service information. Bricks will be placed on a walkway in Veterans Memorial Park in Boise. Also, 8x8 bricks are available for \$200.00. A portion of the money received will go to park improvement and the balance to VFW Post 63. Call Post 63 for details. The post quartermaster is Bud McDonald, phone number: 895-6688.

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Treasure Valley Auxiliary News October 2002

Ladies,

The meeting was called to order with 8 members present out of the 19 current membership. We miss the input that all the absentees could give to us, so if you have ideas you would like to share please call one of the officers or use your email or snail mail. Minutes from the last meeting were not available and we did not meet during the summer. However, we did hold a meeting at the breakfast in June where the other two officers not present at the State Convention were installed. The Chaplain reported that Jessie Strong had had a second surgery; a cup and balloons were sent to her from the Auxiliary.

The Treasurer gave her report. We have a nice balance after the national dues were paid (that fiscal year is from August to August). Left over patriotic cups used as a fund raiser were given to Alice Daly who will try to sell them for us at her garage sale; if any are left from that Melba Butler will try to sell them for us at the parking lot party at the Veterans Home.

New business: Theresa Nakashima brought up the idea to discuss a community project for the coming year. Discussion was held and it was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to adopt the following:

1. We will give all little bottles of lotions, shampoos, etc.; we have been collecting to Velma Williams who will give them to the Home for their use.
2. Members will bring a food item to each meeting and/or social function to be collected and saved until the Christmas season. These will then be donated to a community organization of our choice.
3. Our largest project for this year will be to adopt one or more female veterans at the Home. We will be giving them needed gift items, friendship, and perhaps a small tea or other visits throughout the year. Other fundraisers were discussed such as selling shirts. Sherry Meade will collect information about the kinds and costs of shirts to buy both to sell and for our own members. Interest in having our own name and logo on shirts we wear to meetings and functions was expressed by all. Teezers and Embroidery Plus will be contacted for discussion at a future meeting.

Theresa Nakashima won the raffle drawing. Our next meeting will be held on October 17th at the Military Museum at Gowen Field. A letter was sent to your president by the Detachment Commandant with "a proposal to have the Auxiliary create, plan, and organize an annual social event for the benefit and enjoyment of the members and guest of both the Auxiliary and the Detachment, and to hold this event at a location of your choice during the month of February each year." This sounds like it would be fun, ladies, especially in conjunction with Valentine's Day. I discussed this with the ladies who were present at the breakfast Saturday. I also discussed this with Jeanette L' Abbe and Merikay Jost on Sunday. Merikay likes the idea and offered to plan the event. She also has decorations and other things. Please, ladies, offer suggestions and ideas for this event. The Commandant wishes a reply "no later than the last day of October 2002.

Auxiliary Officers and Phone Numbers

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| President..... | Barbara Elston | 853-7344 |
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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE, INC.
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October 3, 2002

Subj: REVIEW OF DETACHMENT ACTIVITIES

Information. The following list of detachment activities is provided for detachment members review in preparation for an October business meeting vote to decide which activities to continue, continue with modification, or be eliminated. Purposes and tasks are draft only. Purposes and tasks will be refined once the vote is conducted.

Action. Review the list. Come prepared to the October meeting to vote. Nominations for additional activities will be accepted from the floor; however, they must have a purpose that supports a MCL purpose and a list of tasks necessary to accomplish the activity.

APRIL OFFICER INSTALLATION DINNER WITH SPOUSES & GUESTS

-Purpose: Install new officers and enhance camaraderie.

-Tasks: TBD

PLACE AND REMOVE NATIONAL FLAGS AT VET HOSPITAL ON MEMORIAL DAY

-Purpose: Support MCL purpose of holding sacred the history and memory of the men who have given their lives to the nation. By fitting acts observe anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

-Tasks: TBD

ANNUAL RV CAMPOUT/BBQ SECOND WEEKEND IN JUNE

-Purpose: Camaraderie and supporting the MCL purpose of banding together in comradeship.

-Tasks: TBD

PARTICIPATE IN 4TH JULY PARADE

-Purpose: Supports the MCL purposes of (1) preserving the traditions and promote the interest of the Marine Corps, (2) maintain true faith and allegiance with American institutions, and (3) observe anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

-Tasks: TBD

FALL FAMILY PICNIC & ANNUAL AWARDS 1ST SAT FOLLOWING LABOR DAY

-Purpose: Camaraderie and supporting the MCL purpose of banding together in comradeship.

-Tasks: TBD

VETERANS STAND DOWN (SEPT)

-Purpose: Support an important Idaho Department of Veterans Services activity and by extension support the MCL purpose of rendering assistance to all Marines and former Marines as well as their widows, orphans, and parents. Also, our participation supports the interests of the US Marine Corps.

-Tasks: TBD

VETERANS OLYMPICS (SEPT)

-Purpose: Support a morale enhancing Idaho Veterans Home event. Supports the MCL objective of fitting its members for the duties of citizenship.

-Tasks: TBD

VET HOME FISHING TRIP (SEPT)

-Purpose: Support a morale enhancing Idaho Veterans Home event. Supports the MCL objective of fitting its members for the duties of citizenship.

-Tasks: TBD

VET HOME PARKING LOT COOK OUT (OCT)

-Purpose: Support a morale enhancing Idaho Veterans Home event. Supports the MCL objective of fitting its members for the duties of citizenship.

-Tasks: Furnish two or three members to cook hamburgers and hotdogs for the event.

MC BIRTHDAY CAKE CUTTING AT VET HOME

-Purpose: Preserves the traditions of the US Marine Corps.

-Tasks: 1. Conduct a traditional cake cutting ceremony just before the noon meal at the home for all home residents not just Marines.

2. Furnish the cake for the ceremony.

3. Coordinate with the commander of the Young Marines to provide a color guard.

PARTICIPATE IN THE LOCAL VETERANS DAY PARADE

-Purpose: By fitting acts observe anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

-Tasks: Muster as many detachment members as possible and march in the parade as a detachment.

PARTICIPATE IN C CO. 4TH TANKS CELEBRATION OF THE MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY

-Purpose: By fitting acts observe anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines. Band together those now serving and those honorably discharged in fellowship.

-Tasks: Encourage all members to attend.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY (DEC)

-Purpose: To create and/or enhance bonds of comradeship.

-Tasks:

YOUNG MARINES SCHOLARSHIP FUND

-Purpose: To promote the interests of the United States Marine Corps.

-Tasks:

REVISITED ACTIVITIES:

SUPPORT VETERANS DAY IN SCHOOLS PROGRAMS

-Purpose: To promote the Interests of the United States Marine Corps. To fit members for the duties of citizenship and encourage them to serve as ably as citizens as they have served the nation under arms.

-Tasks: 1. Volunteer our services to local school districts.

2. Obtain

material available from the US Department of Veterans Affairs that members may use to prepare presentations.

3. Conduct an internal detachment training session to prepare speakers to speak to various age groups.

FLAG DAY ACTIVITIES

-Purpose: By fitting acts observe anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marine

-Tasks:

NEW ACTIVITIES:

FEBRUARY SOCIAL

-Purpose: To create and/or enhance bonds of comradeship.

-Tasks:

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Subj: PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE DETACHMENT BYLAWS

Information. In order to avoid confusion and misunderstanding, and to eliminate any lack of clear direction on detachment activities the following proposed bylaw amendment is offered for the members' consideration and comment.

Action. This proposal and any recommended modifications to its wording as provided herein will be presented to the detachment for an approval/disapproval vote during the detachment's regular November 2002 business meeting. Accordingly, each detachment member is requested to review the proposal carefully and be prepared to vote on its approval or disapproval as an addition to the detachment's bylaws.

If after completing your review of this recommended detachment bylaw amendment you determine that you would like to either comment on the recommendation or recommend a modification to its wording you may submit your comments and/or recommendations to the detachment judge advocate at the detachment's official mailing address. Please submit your comments and/or recommendation so that they are received no later than October 31, 2002. Submit comments and/or recommendations to:

Richard C. Erickson, Judge Advocate
Treasure Valley Detachment, MCL
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It is particularly important that all recommended changes to the wording of the proposed amendment are received by the judge advocate no later than October 31, 2002. This deadline is necessary for the board of trustees to have sufficient time to review recommended changes to the proposal as worded, resolve any confusion about what is recommended with the recommender, and put any recommended changes in a format that will permit easy understanding when it comes time to vote on the proposal during the detachment's regular November business meeting.

Proposed Amendment. In order to ensure that detachment activities and obligations are in consonance with the mission and purposes of the Marine Corps League, that they are appropriate for the detachment's means and capabilities, and that the detachment's current membership has the both the interest and will to support and complete its various activities and other obligations the following proposed detachment bylaw amendment will be presented to the detachment for discussion, possible modification, and ultimately an approval/disapproval vote during the detachment's regular business meeting on November 21, 2002.

New article 15 as follows:

ARTICLE - 15 DETACHMENT ACTIVITIES

Section 15.1 Detachment Activities. The detachment engages in a variety of activities in order to enhance camaraderie, assist its members and other Marines and their families, and to advance the purposes of the Marine Corps League. In order to ensure those objectives are realized and to ensure that the detachment does not exceed its capabilities for accomplishing the obligations and commitments inherent with the activities it undertakes particularly when an activity either involves or affects an organization external to the detachment and/or the community at large, and to ensure that all detachment members have a reasonable opportunity to understand, comment on, and fully participate in detachment activities the following procedures will be observed.

15.1.1 Annually during the regular June business meeting members will be asked to recommend current activities for either modification or elimination, and to propose new activities for adoption by the detachment. During July and August the detachment's board of trustees will refine each proposal with the recommending member. During August a slate of detachment activities including each activities objective, a statement of the Marine Corps League purpose it supports, and its supporting tasks, will be mailed to the members for their review, consideration, and comment. During the regular September business meeting each activity will be voted on for continuation, continuation with modification, elimination; or in the case of new activities, adoption.

15.1.2 In order to ensure timely activity planning and preparation, each activity shall be assigned a detachment member or associate member as its sponsor or chairman. Each sponsor/chairman shall be responsible to the board of trustees for ensuring that his or her assigned activity is successfully accomplished. The board of trustees shall support each activity sponsor/chairman by (1) ensuring that each sponsor/chairman clearly understands his or her activity's purpose and the tasks necessary to ensure its successful completion, and (2) that the sponsor/chairman is supported in his or her efforts to gain member or other support necessary to accomplish the activity.

15.1.3 Each activity sponsor/chairman shall be responsible for providing periodic reports on his or her progress with planning and preparing for the activity's accomplishment, and/or any impediments to successful activity completion to either the detachment or the board of trustees or both.

15.1.4 In order to enhance the June activity review process, each activity sponsor/chairman shall within five days of the completion of his or her activity provide a brief after action report to the board of trustees to include a the sponsor/chairman's opinion on the degree to which the activity accomplished its objective, any problems encountered during either planning or activity execution, and suggestions for improvements or, if applicable, a recommendation for the activity's elimination with the reasons why.