

## TVD MCL & AUXILIARY DEC 02 NEWSLETTER

### In Memory

Sergeant Major Warren Evans  
United States Marine Corps (Ret.)  
Marine Corps League, PLM

11 Nov. 1920 - 13 Nov 2002

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### Annual Holiday Party

Gowen Field Indoor Pavilion Dec 14th

Meet & Greet 6:00 PM, Dinner 6:45 PM followed by the gift exchange and other foolishness.

It's time again for the Detachment's favorite annual social event; the gala holiday party and gift exchange so get ready and attend.

No later than Thursday December 12th, notify your adjutant if you are attending and provide the names of your guests.

Decorations: Gary & Donna Schumaker are taking charge of decorations this year. Call them at 286-0680 to find out how you can help decorate.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING

- Your choice of a vegetable dish, potato or rice dish, a salad, or a desert as your contribution to the total meal. (A to M veggies/potatoes N to Z salad/desert.
- Your own beverages, flatware, plates, cups, and glasses.
- One wrapped gift per couple or single attendee for the gift exchange with a value range of \$10 to \$20. If you bring guests then also bring a gift for each couple or single guest.
- One new toy for the Marine Corps Reserve's annual Toys For Tots drive. Leave the toy unwrapped but in its original box or container.
- Your holiday spirit and party face. (Discussing detachment business and politics is prohibited. Severe fines may be levied on those overheard discussing detachment or MCL business, or local or national politics! )

### WHAT'S PROVIDED

- Turkey, ham, and Cuban Christmas Eve "Pig"
- Dinner Rolls
- Coffee, both real and decaffeinated
- Tables and chairs, heat, lighting, holiday decorations
- Recorded seasonal music (NOTE: Gordon Williams will not be singing a cappella; however, he is not prohibited from forming a trio with Bob Smith and Pat Teague, or others to lead us in holiday songs.)

### ATTIRE

- Festive attires fitting for the season is encouraged. There will be a special prize for the best holiday dressed member or couple. Two categories are possible: formal and casual.

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### Notices

Please use your Albertson's Community Partners Card every time you shop at Albertsons. Proceeds go to the Young Marines Scholarship Fund. If you need a card notify Ralph Elston.

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### Events

December Breakfast with (or without) Spouses: 10:00 AM Saturday the 21st at Mike's Hillcrest Restaurant.

Weekly Coffee: Every Saturday 9:00 AM at Mike's Hillcrest Restaurant.

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Thanks,

to those members who participated in the Veterans Day Parade.

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Cruise

Gordon Williams is organizing a MCL member Pacific Northwest cruise in October 2003. For more information call him at 286-9972.

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Members Vote on Bylaws & Rituals

Following a spirited debate the detachment voted to review the Detachment's Bylaws and the Marine Corps League Ritual Manual. A committee chaired by Detachment Judge Advocate Rich Erickson will review the bylaws with an eye on recommending amendments that will update them to meet current and preferred practices. Also on the committee are C. J. Dunn and Mike Meade. Detachment Senior Vice Commandant Roy Jost will chair the Marine Corps League Ritual Manual review committee. Committee members are: Angus Hill and Ken Ohls. The Ritual Manual will be reviewed primarily to update its language, which is archaic. A secondary objective in the Ritual Manual review process is to gain a national headquarters clarification about its purpose. On one hand League Bylaws Administrative Procedures indicate that the ritual of the Marine Corps League shall be observed and employed at all meetings and appropriate functions to the maximum extent possible, yet other national headquarters decisions say the Ritual Manual is only a guide. We need to know what truth is and our review may be a way to achieve clarity; however, this may be easier said than done. Department Commandant Brad Johnson supports this work but he also says that previous attempts to modify the manual have failed, but that does not mean that we should not try to get a change through. We should do our best to persuade the League to make a clear decision on this issue. The manual either counts for something or it does not. Reports on these reviews are due the end of February.

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TREASURE VALLEY MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY Minutes of November 21, 2002 meeting

Our meeting was opened with the usual ceremony, with eight members present. The various reports were given and approved. The chaplain, Melba Butler, reported the death of Warren Evans and said that Pauline was doing as well as possible under the circumstances. Cards and phone calls are helping her get through this difficult time.

Under old business Sherry Meade gave a review of information on ordering auxiliary shirts. (She has spent quite some time on this research.) Melba Butler moved that we go ahead and order white shirts through Embroidery Plus at 6803 Fairview. It will be the responsibility of the members to go in and try on sizes to pick the shirt they want. Members not present at the meeting can go into the store any time after 12/2 to look at the Jerzees brand polo shirt.

The owner will have a variety of sizes for you to try on by that time. Just tell them you are with MCLA. Hopefully we can get at least 12 or more of you to order as the price goes down them.

A discussion was held about what we will do for the women veterans at the Veterans Home for Christmas. Jessie Strong moved that we give each of them a \$15.00 gift certificate to the beauty parlor at the Home to get their hair done. Motion was passed and we decided to present these certificates at the Christmas party held on 12/24. All members are welcome and are urged to attend this party and be a part of the event. Velma Williams asked that we consider giving something to the Veterans Hospital to fill their Christmas wish list. Discussion was held and Velma moved that we give \$25 to the hospital for this purpose. Motion was passed and Velma and Jessie will present the check to them personally.

Correspondence: We received a "thank you" letter from the Veterans Hospital for our donations of soaps and shampoos. Barbara Elston read a letter from our national president. We also received our certificate of insurance from National. The agent handling this insurance is the Rust Insurance Agency in Washington, D.C.

Barbara also reported on what was going on in the Ada County United Veterans Council. Melba reported on costs of a new flag and stand. Discussion was held and it was decided to table the matter until we have more members and a larger treasury.

Meeting adjourned with a prayer.

Ralph and I will take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving this month and a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Please put on your "want lists" for Santa Clause to bring us more members; the goal might be to have every Marine and his/her spouse in the Valley in our memberships. Thank you all for all that you do.

Barbara Elston, President