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TREASURE VALLEY DETACHMENT & AUXILIARY

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MAY EVENTS

Regular Monthly Meeting

7:00 PM, Thursday June 20th at the Gowen Field Indoor Pavilion

Auxiliary Monthly Meeting

7:00 PM at the Idaho Military Museum at Gowen Field

Breakfast with Spouses (For those not camping out.)

Saturday, June 15th 10:00 AM at Mike's Restaurant, Hillcrest Shopping Center, Boise

Weekly Coffee: Saturdays, (other than the third Saturday) 9:00 AM at Mike's Restaurant

SPECIAL EVENT

Annual RV Campout June 14, 15, and 16; Grayback Campground near Idaho City. Charges: \$10.00 per night, \$5.00 per night if you hold a Gold Eagle card, plus a \$9.00 overall charge. You may camp out in either a tent or an RV. **Notify Ken Ohls at 344-4329 SUNDAY JUNE 9TH if you are participating so that he may make the reservations.**

The BBQ for non-campers begins 2:00 PM on Saturday. All supply a community offering (of food), and their own entrée and drinks.

Directions: Highway 21 north to Milepost Marker 36. Continue north for ½ mile past marker 36, then turn right onto a paved road. Campground is ¼ mile from Highway 21.

Perhaps some of you are like me and have had your fun meter pegged completely to the right with camping out. (My last "camp out" was north of the Artic Circle in March 1998.) However, I do BBQ, and I'll be there for that. **Y'all need to be there too.**

Please remember to use your Albertson's Community Partner Card whenever you shop at an Albertson's store.

Please pay your dues if they are due. Due this month: Pat Coonrod and Dan Sutliff

Due in July: Jerry Beau, Paul Clark, and Stan Meholchick. Even if you are unable to participate fully in detachment activities your support through membership is important to the League. Please know that for all veterans organizations there is strength in numbers.

AUXILIARY NEWS

May meeting: 7:00 PM Thursday June 20th at the Idaho Military Museum. *This is change from the information you received in Sherry Meade's letter dated May 25, 2002.*

Five of us attended the Department Convention in Jackpot, Nevada. I believe all there agreed that it was a nice happening. There were several ladies there from the Pappy Boyington Detachment in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho, as well as ladies from Washington and Oregon.

Brad Robinson had a photographer record the convention's events in still photos as well as video. We should receive copies of his work soon.

LaRee Robinson from Coeur d' Alene installed the TVD auxiliary president and judge advocate. I will install Theresa Nakashima as the senior vice president at our next meeting on June 20th.

An added attraction was Alice Daly's good fortune to win the raffle prize, which also added a few dollars to our treasury.

Our decision to donate five \$10.00 gift certificates to the Boise Police Department's Victim Fund has been fulfilled. Thersa is handling the follow-up action.

If any of you have any questions about our activities or need any assistance please do not hesitate to

call any of the officers for an answer or for assistance. One of the main reasons for being a group is to aid one another. The other reason is to have a good time doing things together. In that regard, I hope to see all of you during the annual RV campout. The details of that event can be found on the first page of this newsletter.

Barbara Elston, President.

DETACHMENT NEWS

Once again we mark the passing of **Joyce Johnson**, by thanking the Johnson Family for asking that donations be made to the detachment in Joyce's name. \$140.00 was contributed.

MCL National Scholarships

are available from the Marine Corps League National Scholarship Committee for the children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and stepchildren of Marine Corps League and Auxiliary members in good standing. The application process is uncomplicated so if you have someone who wants to apply for a MCL scholarship let me know. Applications must, however, be post marked no later than July 1st or they cannot be considered. **Call me at 938-5171 if you want an application form.**

VETERANS HOME VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Home can always use our help. This is a good way to represent the League if your other commitments make it impossible for you to attend meetings or participate in other detachment activities. **Call** the Home's Volunteer Service Coordinator,

Phil Hawkins, at 344-4797 to learn how you can help.

WELL DONE TO GORDON WILLIAMS AND MIKE MEADE

Gordon and Mike fulfilled a request of Bob Daly and at the same time greatly pleased Alice Daly by installing a flagpole at the Daly residence. This was a task that Bob was unable to complete before he died.

ATTENTION DINGERS MCL "POSTAL" RIFLE & PISTOL MATCHES ARE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE YOUR SHOOTING SKILL

C. J. Dunn, a member who recently transferred in from a New Mexico detachment told us about this event. Here is a summary of how the matches operate.

Both the rifle and pistol team must have five members. A detachment could field either one or the other, or both. A 25-yard course is prescribed for pistol competition. The rifle competition is fired at 200, 300, and 600 yards. Teams fire the prescribed courses of fire at either a local gun club or military base range. Permitted weapons. Pistols: Government Model .45 APC 1911-A and A-1s, 9MM Beretta 92s or Taurus PT 92 or 93, and the .38 caliber revolver. Rifles: Springfield Model 1903, M1 Garand, M14, and M16's.

Firing must be completed, mailed, and post marked with scores verified by detachment commanders or the commanding officer of a military unit no later than 11:59 PM October 31st.

If you want the details call me and I'll mail them to you.

All you expert marksmen don't miss this opportunity for bragging rights and other lesser glories.

KOREAN WAR RECOGNITION

Recognition of Korean War veterans will continue through November 11, 2003. Within Idaho, the state Adjutant General was tasked by the Governor to host three events per year to honor Korean War veterans. I do not know what the full program is but if any of you have ideas about how to honor Korean veterans the detachment can certainly forward them to the adjutant general for consideration.

EARN A MCL LIFE MEMBERSHIP, HAVE FUN DOING IT, & MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE AREA'S YOUTH

At our last meeting, **John Dean, detachment member and commander of the local Young Marine Detachment** announced that any detachment member who serves two years with the Young Marines would be recognized with a League life membership paid for by the Young Marines.

John has a wonderfully successful program. Parents are fully involved in the program and he is having a very positive impact on the lives, leadership skills, self-confidence, and values of his Young Marines.

This is a great opportunity to do something for the community, the League, the young folks in the program, and yourself. **Call John at 331-7851** to learn what your responsibilities would be.

SOME NOTES FROM THE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

WELL DONE to the Wm McCauley Detachment of Twin Falls and Magic Valley, for a well planned and executed convention, and a fun time! (Business of the convention aside, I am happy to report that I came out \$250.00 ahead of the slot machines.) The TVD also extends congratulations to Wm McCauley for receiving the Department Bulldog Award.

The TVD, and several other detachments, also received Meritorious Unit Awards. This was a second award for the TVD.

Distinguished Service Awards went to Joe Hunley for his exceptional performance as Department Paymaster, and to Mike Meade for the many contributions he has made to the MCL in Idaho. WELL DONE MIKE, and THANKS! Mike also received a silver level Distinguished Citizens Award.

Recruiter of the Year was Greg Forsmann of the Sgt Maj Linehart Detachment in Lewiston.

Marine of the Year honors went to the Department Commandant, Brad Robinson.

State of Idaho Administrator of Veterans Services, and TVD member, **Richard Jones** made the following remarks regarding the work of Veterans Services.

-Work is progressing to change legislative language so that veterans of lesser as well as major

conflicts may receive veterans' preference points.

-Wheelchair bound veterans living 28 miles or more from a medical facility may receive state paid handicap vehicle transportation if required. Such veterans should work their requests through either their county service representatives or their tribal representative as appropriate

-The Idaho Veterans Cemetery will be modeled on the Arlington National Cemetery.

-Claim process delays are a national problem that will only be solved with larger appropriations by the Congress.

Pat Teague's Comments on the Issues of His Office

With 8,400 plus claims in the works and WWII veterans dying at an ever-increasing rate, claim processing will continue to grow as a challenge.

With the deaths of so many WWII veterans, Vietnam War era veterans are now the largest single group of veterans.

A service officer school is scheduled for August.

If you plan on using the services of the VA Medial Center, plan on a one-year wait unless your condition is service connected or you have an emergency.

Pat assessed care at the Boise medical center as "good."

Comments of the National Senior Vice Commandant, Helen Hicks

Recruiting and retention should be a priority of detachment leadership. In budgetary terms, the League plans on an annual 10% increase of its membership base. (I presume this increase factors in non-renewals, but I did not ask the question.)

She also pointed out that the 2003 annual convention is scheduled for Spokane, Washington, the second week in August 2003. She stressed that this is an obvious golden opportunity for all of in Idaho to attend a national convention, and that we should plan now to attend.

Finally, our long-serving and patient detachment adjutant-paymaster, **Ralph Elston**, was elected Department Adjutant-Paymaster. **GO RALPH!**

JOIN US AT THE RV CAMPOUT/ANNUAL SUMMER BBQ.

JOIN US AT THE MEETING ON JUNE 20TH; IT'S THE LAST ONE UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

GET WELL BOB SMITH.
Emergency quadruple bypass surgery

GET HEALED MIKE MEADE
Spinal disk surgery

Semper Fi,
Gary

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