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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
TREASURE VALLEY DETACHMENT & AUXILIARY

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COMING EVENTS

Homeless Veterans Stand Down: 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Saturday September 7th at East Junior High School, Boise.

Annual Fall Picnic: 2:00 to 6:00 PM, Saturday September 14th at the Gowen Field Outdoors Pavilion.

Veterans Olympics: 7:00 AM to end, Saturday September 21st on the Veterans Hospital Grounds.

Veterans Home Fishing Trip: Saturday October 12th. Details will be announced at the next detachment meeting.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting: 7:00 PM, Thursday September 19 at the Gowen Field Indoors Pavilion.

Next Auxiliary Monthly Meeting: 7:00 PM Thursday September 19 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.

4th of July Parade Participants

Thanks to John Dean and his Young Marines, and all the detachment members who participated.

Annual Fall Picnic

The picnic is scheduled for September 14th at the Gowen Field Outdoors Pavilion. Both **the indoor and outdoor pavilions were booked for the 7th, hence the change of venue and date.**

The detachment will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and fixings as well as beer and soft drinks.

Members and guests are requested to bring their own plates and flatware, and either an appetizer or other dish of your choice to help fill out the menu.

Please let Ralph Elston know if you plan to attend so that we can requisition the correct amount of supplies.

Homeless Stand Down

Once again the detachment will manage the baggage security booth for this annual event that is sponsored by the Idaho Department of Veterans Affairs. If you don't know, we tag participant

belongings and maintain them in a secure location until they are ready to leave the stand down grounds. This relieves participants of the requirement to carry their belongings with them as they receive services and assistance.

Contact either Gary Randel or Roy Jost if you want to help.

Veterans Olympics

This year we will man the donut stand as usual and have our supply of Marine Roses available for those who may want to have one. They are free, but we will have a donation box available for folks who would like to make a contribution in order to support

detachment and Marine Corps League activities.

This is a good event that is a favorite with residents of the Veterans Home so come and participate. Contact either Gary Randel or Roy Jost to volunteer to help out.

Reviewing Detachment Activities

During our September business meeting we will review the history of detachment activities as gleaned from our file of meeting minutes. Once that review is complete we will decide which activities the detachment will support for the next year.

The review process will be expanded to consider new activities. If you have an idea for a project or ongoing activity that you believe the detachment should undertake then be prepared to present it. A list of current activities and projects follows:

-Sponsoring a fishing trip for residents of the Veterans Home.

-In conjunction with the Young Marines, placing flags on the road in front of the Veterans Hospital on Memorial Day.

-Annual June camping trip.

-Participation in the 4th of July Parade.

-September fall picnic.

-Participation in the Idaho Department of Veterans Service's Homeless Veterans Stand Down. (Sep)

-Participation in the Veterans Home Veterans Olympics. (Sep)

-Participation in the Veterans Home Parking Lot Cookout. (Oct)

-Hosting a Marine Corps Birthday Cake cutting ceremony at the Veterans Home.

-Participation in C Company, 4th Tank Battalion's Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

-Participation in the Veterans Day Parade. (Annually the first Saturday prior to Veterans Day.)

-Annual Holiday Party in December.

-Sustaining a scholarship fund for the Young Marines.

-Saturday coffees and breakfast with spouses.

One member has asserted that in the past the detachment obligated itself to provide speakers in support of the Idaho law that requires schools to conduct Veterans Day activities. It was also asserted that in the past the detachment voted to support the President's Physical fitness Program and/or the Marine Corps' Youth Physical Fitness Program. The record on those commitments in the file of meeting minutes is

unclear so we need to discuss and decide this issue.

Fund Raising

We need your ideas for fund raising projects. Be prepared to present them at the September meeting

Social Events

Because we decided to move the first quarter social to April in order to combine a dinner with spouses with the annual officer installation ceremony there is no detachment social event between December and April. To fill that gap I suggest that we add an event in February, and tie it to either Valentine Day or Presidents Day. Please think about this proposal so that we may consider it during the September business meeting.

Please use your Albertsons Card. Contributions help build the scholarship fund.

Please pay your dues on time, i.e.; the anniversary month of joining the League unless you are a life member.

The detachment needs your involvement so please attend meetings.

Semper Fi,
Gary

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