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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE TREASURE VALLEY
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The Commandants' Corner-Bill Heyob



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Hello Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Family and Friends- I would like to begin by thanking Bobby Lee for getting our Detachment Newsletter up and running again! I hope everyone has enjoyed their spring and looking forward to the summer months. For those who have not been able to attend the Detachment Meetings lately, I have been elected to serve as the Detachment Commandant. For those that I have not personally met yet, I look forward to serving with you in the Marine Corps League and hope that our time together will be fun, rewarding and worthy of your time and efforts. As a Detachment, we are only as successful as the new ideas and participation of the members. We are all busy and I understand that not everyone is able to participate in every event and I appreciate it when you are able to dedicate your time and efforts when you can.

I would like to thank all of the outgoing Officers of the Detachment for their work. Your professionalism and stewardship were instrumental in the success of the Detachment for the past two years and several of the past Officers have volunteered to remain with me- Thank You!

For those that do not know me, I served on active duty in the Marine Corps from December 1988 until December 2012 and retired as a Sergeant Major. I served in the Infantry, Field Artillery, Tanks, Amtracks, as a Parris Island Drill Instructor and a member of the 2002 Marine Corps Rifle Team. I served in Operations Just Cause-Panama, Desert Shield/Storm, Joint/Decisive Endeavor- Bosnia, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom- Afghanistan (and am extremely humbled to hear many of your stories about your involvement in World War II, Korea, Vietnam and all places in between!). I currently work at the Boise VA Regional Office as the Program Manager/ State Service Officer with the Idaho Division of Veterans Services, representing Veterans and family members on behalf of the Marine Corps League, VFW, American Legion, Military Order of the Purple Hearts, AMVETS, Vietnam Veterans of America, Fleet Reserve Association, etc...

Our Detachment was well-represented at the Department Convention (where I was also elected to serve as your Department Commandant) in Lewiston last month and I want to thank all of you that covered the cook-out at the Idaho State Veterans Home in Boise which occurred at the same time. We have many events upcoming to include the coffee wagon, the 4th of July Parade in Caldwell, the Home's Fishing Event at Juniper Ranch (that just took place) and the ongoing support for funerals- Again, thank you for supporting the events that you can and let us know if you would like to participate in additional events!

Again, I am truly honored to serve with all of you in the Treasure Valley Detachment of the Marine Corps League. Feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns and I hope all of you have an **Outstanding** summer!

Semper Fidelis
 Bill Heyob

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TREASURE VALLEY DETACHMENT OFFICERS PAGE



From the Sr. Vice Cmdt.: Richard (Dick) Heyob

My name is Dick Heyob, I'm the newly elected Senior Vice Commandant of the Marine Corps League- Detachment 878.

I would like to say that I am the proud father of Commandant Bill Heyob, and I am proud to be associated with the Marine Corps League here in the Treasure Valley.

As we enter into the summer time months, and thoughts of vacations, time with family, and cookouts with friends, let us never forget the sacrifices of the men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives on June 6, 1944 and the many other battles and wars that our Country has been involved in. Also, let us remember the men and women who survived D-Day and went on to win our freedoms that we enjoy today.

Along those same lines, on Tuesday, June 2nd, Stan Meholchick held the Annual Veterans Fishing Event at beautiful Juniper Ranch. Veterans from the Idaho State Veterans Home were present along with volunteers from Mountain Home Air Force Base, local veterans and members of the Marine Corps League. This year, poles, tackle, and bait were generously supplied by Howard's Tackle Shop. A representative from Idaho Fish and Game was also present to assist the veterans with poles and bait and provided helpful hints. A great time was had by all.



From the Judge Advocate: RONDY MILLER

I am honored to serve our detachment as Judge Advocate. I will work diligently for our detachment to ensure we are conducting business in accordance with our By-Laws and appropriate policies. Currently I am in the process of learning my responsibilities. I appreciate the support and advice I receive from senior members. The recent Amendments to our By-Laws, which we have approved at the detachment level, will be forwarded to the Department Judge Advocate for review and approval.

About me:

I was born (Aug 68) and raised in Riverside, CA. I joined the Marine Corps in February 1986 at the age of 17. I served on active duty for six years. Following boot camp and disbursing school, I was stationed at MCRD San Diego (Sep 86 - Mar 89) and Camp Lejeune (Apr 89 - Feb 92). After leaving the Marine Corps, I joined the Idaho Army National Guard, got back on active duty and served for 16+ years. I retired in August 2008 as a SFC/E7 with 22 years and three months of active military service. During my time in the Guard, I served with the Combat Vehicle Transition Training Team, 1-183rd Aviation Battalion, 116th Cavalry Brigade, Armor Training Battalion, Regional Training Site for Maintenance and Regimental Headquarters - Regional Training Institute. During my service I worked in several positions and held four MOS's; Disburser, Light Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic, Administrative Supervisor and Senior Human Resource NCO.

Following retirement, I moved to Alpine, WY and worked as the Assistant Customer Service Manager for Bank of the West, in Jackson Hole. This was a short lived experience as I very rapidly learned working in customer service in the civilian world, was simply not my forte. I moved to Granby, CO, was hired by the Grand County Sheriff Department and worked as a Deputy Sheriff for about two years (my dream job after the military). Unfortunately, I am no "snow bunny", I do not ski nor snow board, and when you live at 8000 ft - winter begins around October lasting through about May. After visiting with some friends in the DC area, I elected to move there before the next winter. My first job was going to be on the Navy Yard. One must have a Top Secret TCI clearance to work there - those apparently take "forever" to complete. Following their training program, I applied for several other jobs while I waited on the clearance. One job I was selected for was; Administrative Assistant, Grade 06, in the Criminal Fraud Investigation Branch, Criminal Investigations Division, Office of Investigations and Counterintelligence, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Department of State. Now this job sounded great, although when talking to family and friends - I could never remember the entire title. This position required a Top Secret Clearance. After being in DC for six months waiting, not being gainfully employed, while paying \$1800 a month for my luxury high rise one bedroom 1000 sq ft apartment.... I elected to resign my positions and move home. After arriving home in March 2011, I was brought on as a temporary employee with the Bureau of Homeland Security for a little over a year and then I worked for the Idaho State Tax Commission. I am currently retired and very much enjoying it. **Con't next page**

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I met my husband Frank when I was 15 in 1983. We decided to get married in 2012, better late than never. I have two sons, Jeremiah (25) and Caleb (23), one step son, Frankie (28), one daughter-in-law Breanna (24, married to Jeremiah) and one grandson Raylan who will be two this month. Frank and I have two German Shepherds, Titan, a six year old black and tan and Samson, a black four year old. They are the "children" we share.

Semper Fidelis,
Rondi Miller
Detachment Judge Advocate



Adj/Paymaster– David Swickard

EDITORS NOTE: There is no report from David for this issue. He is still trying diligently to catch up on filings of necessary paperwork to Department and National, and update rosters and other Administrative duties related to a change of leadership for the Detachment. I'm sure he will have something for everyone next issue. It's a time consuming position that David has acquired so lets be patient.





BILL HEYOB-VA SERVICE OFFICER

As mentioned in my article earlier in this newsletter, I serve as the Program Manager and State Service Officer at the Boise VA Regional Office and one of my collateral duties is serving as the Detachment Service Officer. Here are some of the current issues relating to Veteran Benefits:



- On March 24, 2015- the VA has implemented the Standardized Forms Initiative. What this means is that from that point forward, if a Veteran wants to submit a disability compensation or non-service connected pension claim, it must be on the correct VA Claim form or it will not be considered a claim. In the past, the VA would accept a claim written on a piece of paper, a VA Statement in Support of the Claim, or just about anything. This is no longer the case.

-Along with claims being required to be on the correct form, if a Veteran does not agree with a rating decision, the Notice of Disagreement must be submitted on the correct VA Form, which each disagreement clearly stated, or it will not be considered as a complete Notice of Disagreement.

-The VA is currently still utilizing the Fully-Developed Claims Initiative which is set to expire the first week of August 2015. What this means is if a Veteran has been out of the service for over a year, submits all of the evidence with his/her INTIAL/1st time claim and the VA approves it, the Veteran potentially can receive a 1-year retroactive effective date. This could potentially mean a large award payment for the Veteran so if you know of a Veteran that has never submitted a disability compensation claim, please ensure that they do so before the first week of August!

-There is a bill currently pending in Congress that if approved, would give the same Agent Orange Presumptive conditions to Vietnam Veterans that served on "Blue-Water" Navy vessels as those who served in Vietnam. Currently, to be approved for a Vietnam-Era Agent Orange Presumptive Condition (i.e. Type II Diabetes, Prostate Cancer, Lung Cancer, Ischemic Heart Disease/Coronary Artery Disease, Parkinson's Disease, Leukemia, Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma, etc...) the Veteran only needs to show a current diagnosis and have proof of service in Vietnam.

-The VA Medical Center's Veteran Choice Card Program is available to all Veteran's currently enrolled in the VA Medical Care system. If you are enrolled in the VA medical care system and are scheduled for an appointment with a provider that is longer than a 30-day wait OR if you live further than 40 miles away from a VA Medical Facility, then call the phone number on the Choice Card and they will work with you to try to get an appointment within the local community.

If anyone has any questions about VA Benefits, needs assistance with claims, burial benefits or Survivor's Benefits, please call me or one of my teammates here at the Boise VA Regional Office at 208-780-1380 and we will assist you.

Semper Fidelis

Bill Heyob
Program Manager/State Service Officer
Idaho Division of Veterans Services
Boise VA Regional Office





JR. VICE COMMANDANT WALT MODLER

I have thought "why did I volunteer to become a detachment officer"? I have lots of personal things to do. I haven't been fishing in two years and my boat only gets wet in the rain. It is that participation that I see as my duty. That working with other members will help me to become an effective and valuable Officer in the Detachment. I want to spend the next two years working to improve our Detachment. I believe we can be better than we have and with your help the challenges ahead will be successes.

The primary reason Marines join the Marine Corps League is to associate with a Marine organization. There are other associations, but Marine Corps League offers **all** Marines, FMF Corpsmen and Chaplains of every era, rank and unit an opportunity to participate together in an organization of Marines. (Guidebook for Detachment officers)

Participating member need challenges (it's the Marine way). Setting goals and objectives that all peak interest and stretch capabilities will tend to draw members to meetings and activities. One other fact to keep in mind is that programs and activities of the Detachment should be selling points to keep members and to recruit new members. (Guidebook for Detachment officers)

Participating is KEY to becoming an active Detachment. I give an example of questionable activity at the last meeting I presented the idea of holding a fundraiser for the Scholarship funds of the Detachment and Department. I asked members to contact me to form a committee to prepare, the next fundraiser to start selling tickets by early September. So far no one in the Detachment has contacted me, many members voted in favor but, no one wants to actively participate. Will anyone be willing to sell tickets? I would like to have the details ready for our next meeting in June or scuttle the idea. What do you think? Let me know!

I pledge my efforts to improve the detachment, to recruit as many as I can to our ranks. To devise activities that challenge and are fun to get us up and active. Active people live longer, want to join me in a quest for a longer life? I will give my all, will you?

Walt Modler

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Duties of the Junior Vice Commandant: (Guidebook for Detachment officers)

The Junior Vice Commandant (JVC) holds a crucial position within the Detachment. He/she is responsible primarily for the recruiting of members. The JVC should be familiar with the operations and projects of the Detachment, be able to influence programs, and be a spokesman to the Board of Trustees on what members and prospective members are looking for from the organization. Of all the specific Officer assignments, recruiting and retaining membership ranks at the top of the list for this Officer.

Walt Modler

TREASURE VALLEY DETACHMENT MEETINGS

BOT MEETS: when and where announced.

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING: Every third Thursday of the month at the American Legion Hall in Meridian; see address below.

Coffee and/or Breakfast: Quinn's on Vista Ave. Boise every Saturday 0900 until the last fib is told.

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The website, our website (even though I seemingly am the only user locally) has grown to 64 pages with over 4000 pictures and a lot of history about the detachment. I would like to add more if you older members would share. The calendar is sparse in details because I don't get many heads up about events. I do get about 200 hits a month most from across the country or around the world, the Chinese are real interested.

How can you help?

I need a list of current and future events to add to the calendar. I have some things but I know I am missing a lot of events. For events way in the future like the Christmas party I will add place holders on the date of last year, to be updated, when new information is available.

It is a work in progress and it will get better! Especially if everyone gets on board and offers input.

Check out <http://tvdmccl.org/new-news/> most current things flying around the internet.

<http://tvdmccl.org/bylaws/> our own bylaws.

<http://tvdmccl.org/uniform-regulations-mcl/> info on the uniforms of the Marine Corps League.

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A message from the TVD Ship Store Keeper Maggie Modler

Our unit Storekeeper is Associate Member Maggie Modler. Her plan is to bring out the inventory to the members. Some of the inventory will be on display on the third Saturday coffee klatch's (wives day) and at the monthly meetings. Items requested if not at Quinn's or the meeting will be delivered at the next coffee if in stock. For members unit shirts and assistance with acquiring uniform items requests are just an email away (wmodler@Q.com) or by calling 371-4236. Thank you for your continued support and any suggestions for additions to the inventory are welcome.

Maggie Modler
Ships Store Keeper

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AND THAT'S NEWS TO MANY TREASURE VALLEY AREA
RESIDENTS

**THE 2015 VETERANS DAY PARADE WILL TAKE PLACE
IN DOWNTOWN BOISE ON**

SATURDAY MORNING NOVEMBER 7TH, 2015

THIS YEAR'S PARADE WILL FOCUS ON THE VIETNAM WAR,
BUT ATTENDING THE PARADE IS A GREAT WAY TO SHOW
YOUR SUPPORT FOR ALL UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES
VETERANS

IF YOU ATTEND YOU WILL SEE:

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PARADE BY LOCAL BUSINESSES AND CIVIC GROUPS
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GION, MARINE CORPS LEAGUE, FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION, DIS-
ABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA,
BOISE BASE SUBMARINE VETERANS, U. S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY,
AND OTHER VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS
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BANDS
AND MORE

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**WE ARE LOOKING FOR A
VIETNAM VETERAN
TO BE GRAND MARSHAL
FOR THE VETERANS DAY PARADE**

Do any of our members know or know of a Vietnam Veteran in the local Treasure Valley area???? I bet some of you do! The Parade Committee is looking for a Veteran of the era to serve as the Grand Marshal for the Parade. If you know someone please talk to them and see if they would be interested. Not sure what a Grand Marshal does? One of our Members is on the Parade Committee and you can use him as a point of contact and he will answer any questions you may have.



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THE MARINES ARE COMING !

The 2016 Marine Corps League, Department of Idaho Convention, will be coming to The Treasure Valley on May 12th-14th, 2016! For those of you who have never had the opportunity to attend or participate in putting a Convention together this is a grand occasion to learn and participate. This Detachment has been known to put on the best of the best of Conventions. As a matter of fact the members across the nation; from every state, who attended the 2011 MCL National Convention, which was hosted by our Detachment, are still talking about it today. That was thanks to the Detachment Members who put in a lot of hours and hard work, but National knows who “Boise” is today!

I have volunteered to be Convention Chairman and Arnie Strawn will be Co-Chairman for the event. We will be needing Volunteers to head up the various individual Sub-Committees to assist in coordinating the many departments required to successfully put on a Convention. For those who have never done this type of event it will be a wonderful learning experience. Some of the ground work is already underway but for most of us the work will start around September 2015. My self and Arnie will be asking for your help as members and we prefer not to put more burden on our elected officers as they already have duties to perform during the Convention. I look forward to working with all of you!

Bobby J. Lee

2016 Dept. Convention Chair

“It is amazing what can be accomplished when no one is concerned about who gets the credit”

Ronald Regan (paraphrased)



Treasure Valley Detachment #878 Newsletter Editor-Bobby Lee

Okay, here we are with the first Newsletter for the Detachment in a long time and I hope everyone enjoys it but more than that I hope you get something out of it that’s of interest and helpful.

I sent a general letter out on May 28th asking for articles and information to help put the Newsletter together and received a few articles as you see here in print. If you know of something happening in our area or that would be of interest to our members don’t hesitate to get it to me. Maybe you happen across something going on in your community, on a web site, in a magazine, or what ever the type of media pass it on to me and it may appear here in your newsletter. If it is pictures be sure they are in standard format (JEPG) and if people are in it be sure to get names (and perhaps their permission—use good judgment), where it was taken and other information that may be pertinent to the event. Sometimes you may receive flyers in different formats (i.e. pdf, publisher and etc.) and I can work with all of them if they haven’t been security protected by the originator. I would like to keep it directed to our members as pertaining to the League, our Detachment, local events and etc. NO POLITICS! Good clean humor is always accepted, too!

Comments, criticism (be careful out there!!! LOL), and thoughtful ideas are always welcome! Know someone who isn’t a member but you would like to see receive this newsletter? Email me their email address and I can include them in distribution.

Semper Fidelis!

Bobby Lee



Memorial Day 2015

Treasure Valley Young Marines at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery-05/25/2015

I continue to feel blessed with our mission and values at IDVS in our service to those who sacrificed for our country. Our wonderful staff, especially this Memorial Day weekend, embraces this cross generational opportunity to serve our fallen with the help of Art Jackson, MOH recipient WWII, and the young Marines of the Treasure Valley. Wishing everyone a great Memorial Day.

David E. Brasuell,
Administrator
Idaho State Veterans Administration

This morning representatives of the Treasure Valley Young Marines under the direction of Young Marine Sgt.Maj. Wyatt Proctor hand-placed over 3,000 U.S. Flags at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery on Saturday. Each flag was placed with precision and honor with a sharp hand salute by the team placing each flag.

At 11:00am. Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Arthur Jackson and his wife Sally arrived to meet with the group of Young Marines. There Mr. Jackson spoke to the proud group and escorted by James Earp, Sergeant Major, U.S. Army Retired, the Director of the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery passed each Medal of Honor flag to Mr. Jackson who then passed the flag over to Young Marine Sgt.Maj. Proctor to place at the graves of the two Medal of Honor Recipients, Major Ed Freeman and Colonel Bernard Fisher.

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**ART JACKSON, MOH RECIPIANT
AND THE TREASURE VALLEY
YOUNG MARINES LAY A WREATH**



**TREASURE VALLEY YOUNG MARINES POST FLAGS
AT THE VETERANS CEMETARY MAY 25, 2015**

**ART JACKSON, MOH RECIPIANT
AND THE TREASURE VALLEY
YOUNG MARINES LAY A**



**MEMORIAL DAY MAY 25, 2015
IDAHO VETERANS CEMETARY**





MEMBER ART KILTON COMMENTS

The Treasure Valley MCL members have been attending Marine funerals at the Boise Veteran's Cemetery for some years. Last year our members were present to support and honor Marine families 25 times. The number of MCL members present at a particular funeral varies greatly, depending on their availability during the day. We are always pleased to be there for the families.

This year we have already been present at Marine funerals a dozen times. This past Wednesday, May 27th, we had an outstanding turn out. Some 14 members in their MCL blazers stood at attention and offered smart salutes, to honor the deceased Marine and his family. In addition, this time VFW members provided a seven man firing party. This was a special farewell to Marine Victor Barfuss, PFC, WWII, 1943-45. Marines from the reserve center at Gowen Field did the honors of flag folding and presentation. Taps was well played and the firing party was exactly on time with the rifle shots. David Swickard, past Commandant, presented the family with a certificate commemorating the service of PFC Barfuss. The family and friends of PFC Barfuss seemed truly pleased and grateful for the honors.

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April 25th - 9:30am to 1pm

THE GROUND WAR

The life of the grunt, tactics of a super power fighting a guerilla war, the jungle, supporting arms, life in the LZ, and the first airmobile test. Plus first responders and caregivers share their experiences.

May 30th - 9:30am to 1pm

THE FIXED WING WAR

The role of airplanes in Vietnam. Search and rescue, air to air combat, bombing campaigns, and precision guided weapons. A presentation on Brig. Gen. Robin Olds, USAF, Ret., a triple ace.

June 20th - 9:30am to 1pm

THE HELICOPTER WAR

The importance of the helicopter in war, as used by all branches of the military. Learn about unarmed medivac helicopters as well as development and modification to fill the need for various roles.

July 25th - 9:30am to 1pm

POW/MIA

Prisoners of war and soldiers missing in action during Vietnam. Hear from a POW who survived the infamous Hanoi Hilton prison and learn about the POW family experience on the home front.

August 29th - 9:30am to 1pm

THE END OF THE WAR

WELCOME HOME CELEBRATION

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Snake River Shooting Products

We here at Snake River Shooting Products would like to inform you of, and to invite all of you to the Patriot Tour coming to Boise in August. It will be held at the Egyptian Theatre. Speakers will include Marcus Luttrell of Lone Survivor and Taya Kyle, widow of The American Sniper Chris Kyle. The Patriot Tour would love to fill the venue with Law Enforcement and Military personnel. All we are asking is to please pass this information around your offices, base and personnel to help spread the word about this great opportunity and to come hear some great speakers.

Please find the attached flyer with cities and dates and also the Patriot Tour website where tickets can be purchased. These tickets are selling fast, so please don't delay.

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EDITORS NOTE:

The below transcript is a compiled edition of the Minutes for the Department Convention held May 14 through 16, 2015. Some of it has been compressed to save space, but is complete in wording and content. Any corrections will be noted in future newsletters if applicable.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
15 MAY 2014
DEPARTMENT OF IDAHO

PRIOR TO OPENING REMARKS: 0905 Red Lion Inn, Lewiston, ID.

Commandant Gray: Welcome to the 16th annual Department of Idaho Convention. Commandant introduces guest speaker, Marine Steven Orr, retired from the Lewiston Police Department, 34 years, as Chief of Police.

Steven Orr welcomed everyone. Brief history of his Marine Corps experience, discharged in 1970 and entered into a law enforcement career. Lewiston and the Valley are safe places to live. Over 6000 Military Veterans reside there. Marines are a "Brotherhood".

Mr. Orr recalled a comment from the 10 November 1995 Marine Corps Birthday Ball by Admiral Stark, where Marines in his opinion were organized, ordered and disciplined. Adm. Stark compared the Air Force to Poodles, the Army to St. Bernards, the Navy to Golden Retrievers (Power, stamina and trustful) and the Marines to Dobermans or Rottweilers.

BREAK 15" 0915-0930

OPEN REGULAR MEETING – 0930

Roll Call of Dept. Officers:

Roll Call of Detachments:

Commandant Ron Gray

Steven D. Merrill #698 absent

Sr. Vice Cmdt. Bill Heyob

Treasure Valley # 878

Jr. Vice Cmdt. Walt Modler

Pappy Boyington #966

Judge Advocate Scott Mains

Wm. L. McCauley # 1030

Adjutant/Paymaster Tom Wambolt

SgtMaj. Linehan #1034

Sergeant at Arms Jimmy Berkley

Silver Valley #1060 absent

Chaplin Ron Blakeley

William E. Barber #1110

Jr. Vice Cmdt. Lou Roane

Advance Colors and Pledge of Allegiance

REPORT of OFFICERS:

Sr. Vice: Bill Heyob, VASO, described how temporary "Choice Card" program is convoluted and not functioning as intended. In place for 3 yrs. or \$8 billion has dried up. V. A. Drs. not being paid as well as Medicare Drs. Informal claim process has been terminated. Now "Form of Intent" (Form 0966) must be filed. One year to file claim. Bill also mentioned e-benefits for computer savvy veterans.

BREAK 15" 1025-1045

Jr. Vice, Walt Modler: Recruiting – Literature available. He is working with National for a uniform modality.

Judge Advocate, Scott Mains: Proposed changes to the National Bylaws are out on website. Too many to discuss and are mostly administrative in nature. Each detachment must review.

Adjutant/Paymaster, Tom Wambolt: Nothing at this time. Will have a detailed financial report later on in meeting.

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Sgt. At Arms, Jimmy Berkley: Nothing to report at this time.

Chaplin, Ron Blakeley: Nothing to report at this time.

Jr. Past Cmdt, Lou Roane: Roy Weaver Scholarship Fund: three applications were received and all were approved. Bob Mowreader had questions but was told to wait until the Banquet. All would become apparent then.

END OF OFFICER REPORTS.

Commandant Gray announced the Department Marine of the Year Committee would consist of all former Dept. MOYs. Announcement would be made at the Banquet.

TOYS FOR TOTS:

Commandant Jim Flowers, Pappy Boyington Det.#966 reported 21,000 toys for 2200 children were distributed in Kootenai Co. Also, the N.W. Division Conference would be held again in Coeur d' Alene, for 2015.

Jim White, SgtMaj Linehan Det.#1034 reported working five counties and serving an average of 2400 children each yr.

Jimmy Berkley reported Twin Falls Det. #1030 working with Charlie Co., distributed 12,000 toys to 5500 children.

YOUNG MARINES:

Walt Modler reported the Young Marines still active in their area. The Treasure Valley YMs helped with the Division Convention

Scott Mains reported not active in the Lewiston area.

Jim Flowers reported active and the YMs are "sharp", Spokane & Coeur d' Alene area, participating in several parades and Memorial Day with the Detachment (PBD #966).

Tom Wambolt reported the YMs participate in the annual flag retirement ceremony.

Jim White reported working with YMs in his area.

DETACHMENT COMMANDANT REPORTS:

Pappy Boyington Det. #966: Jim Flowers reported the Detachment is involved with Gun Raffles in several locations besides Coeur d' Alene, ID. He thanked Scott Mains for allowing PBD to participate in the Lewiston Gun Show. Other upcoming activities include POW-MIA Day 18 Sept., Pappy Boyington Memorial Statue Dedication 13 June and Medal of Honor Hiway dedication 25 July at St. Maries High School where the Color Guard will be provided by the PBD #966. The detachment also "runs" a coffee wagon" for rest areas and special events.

Treasure Valley Det. #878: Dave Swickard reported They assist Charlie Company with Toy for Tots but the detachment grants \$150 to each Young Marine starting out for uniforms, etc. The detachment also supports the 1200 Idaho Vet's Home, a coffee wagon, Memorial Day service, with wreath and host a BBQ for the residents of the ID Vets Home.

Sgt.Major Linehan Det. #1034: Scott Mains reported conducting countless Military Honors in the Lewiston Valley and that the detachment is actively supporting the Veteran's Home by taking them fishing. They also provide Color Guard in full uniform for many local events.

Magic Valley Det.#1030: Dale Ross reported the detachment hosted the Traveling Vietnam Wall with around 3000 visitors. Hosted a BBQ for all Veterans with emphasis on Vietnam veterans. The detachment is involved with renaming the City Park to Veteran's Memorial Park in Jerome, ID.

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William E. Barber Det.#1110: Bill Stevens reported a MOH fundraiser; Silver coins minted in Coeur d' Alene, ID. The detachment provides the Color Guard for the 4th of July Parade. Flag program where about 4000 small flags are handed out at the parade. Involved with MCL Blankets for Veterans. They host a golf scramble in September for veterans and hold a fundraiser "garage sale" with proceeds of about \$7000.

Bobby J. Lee commented that MOH silver coins were available at the convention. See Jimmy Berkley.

Commandant Gray: Had fun visiting the "Detachments up North". Requests nominations for delegates to the National Convention, Scottsdale, AZ.

The scholarships have been taken care of this for year.

Bobby Robinson, PBD #966 commented there is a conflict with Dept. Convention and Armed Forces Day.

Lou Roane requested discussion about Convention dates for next year. This year because of uncontrollable circumstances, four Dept. Conventions were on the same days, AGAIN. Oregon/Washington and Montana/Idaho on same days. Department Commandants MUST communicate among themselves to avoid this happening again. NW Division and Department Commandant MUST coordinate. No dates have been announced yet.

Lou has a printed handout (what to do list) for getting a convention up and running.

RECESS: 1130 - 1330

RECONVENE: 1330

Boise will be hosting the 2016 Convention 12 thru 14 May 2016

NOMINATIONS FOR DEPT. ELECTIONS:

Lou Roane presiding: There are 5 elected and 2 appointed positions to consider.

Nominations for Commandant: Bill Heyob, request nominations from floor 3 times. CLOSED

Nominations for Sr. Vice Cmdt: Dave Swickard and Gary Orr from chair & floor. Requested total of 3 times. CLOSED

Nominations for Jr. Vice Cmdt: Walt Modler. Requested nominations from floor 3 times. CLOSED

Nominations for Judge Advocate: Scott Mains. Booby Lee declined nomination. Request 3 times from floor. CLOSED

Nominations for Adjutant/Paymaster: Tom Wambolt. Requested nominations from floor 3 times. CLOSED.

VOTING RESULTS:

Since the Commandant, Jr. Vice cmdt. Judge Advocate and Adjutant Paymaster were unopposed those positions were elected by acclamation. Ballot voting was held for Sr. Vice Commandant.

Gary Orr was declared the winner by popular vote.

END OF BUSINESS

Meeting will reconvene Saturday afternoon. Uniform: seasonal undress, blazers, no covers.

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DEPT. of IDAHO, FY 2014 – 2015

INCOME: \$1591.74

SOURCE:

Donations:	(RWF) Sgt. Maj. Linehan Det.#1034	\$500.00
	(RWF)Ruben E. Gill Pound #291	\$323.00
Dues, Renewals and Applications from Detachments		\$690.00
Interest Income: (Roy Weaver Scholarship Fund		\$.24
Refund from National (double delegate fees)		\$ 45.00
Reimbursement from A/P (Split cost of printer ink)		\$ 33.50

EXPENSES: \$1579.72

Conventions:	Door prizes (cash)	\$200.00
Gifts & Donations: Veterans Service Conference		\$100.00
Office Supplies: Colored paper, hanging folders, etc		\$244.64
Postage & Stamps:		\$ 20.49
Travel Expenses for Commandant:		\$1005.99

NET CASH FLOW: \$ 12.02

BEGINNING (7-1-14) BALANCES:	checkbook	\$4019.15	RWF	\$4092.10
INCOME, EACH ACCOUNT		\$ 768.50		\$ 823.24
TRANSFERS:	Scholarships	\$1000.00		-\$1000.00
EXPENSES:	Dept. checking	\$1570.72		<u>\$ 0.00</u>
		\$4216.93		\$3915.34
ENDING (5-8-15)	BALANCES, ACCOUNTS	<u>\$4219.93</u>		<u>\$3915.34</u>

END REPORT