

TVD NEWS
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
TREASURE VALLEY DETACHMENT # 878 & TREASURE VALLEY POUND # 270

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COMING EVENTS

Next Regular Monthly Meeting: **NOTE THIS ONE-TIME CHANGE:** 6:30 PM, Thursday May 18, Louie's Pizza & Italian Restaurant 2500 E Fairview Ave, Meridian, ID

Next Quarterly Devil Dog Growl: Pack Growl 6 May 10:30 to 12:00 **Redhead Room**, Post Falls, ID
Host Pound: Mike Clausen Pound # 305, Coeur d' Alene, ID

Breakfast with Spouses: 8:30 AM the 3rd Saturday each month at Quinn's, 1005 S Vista Ave., Boise, ID

Weekly Coffee: 8:30 AM Saturdays at Quinn's, 1005 S Vista Ave., Boise, ID

NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 2017

PURPOSE & INTENT: To keep detachment members; especially, members who do not regularly attend meetings, informed of past and future detachment actions and activities. To present information concisely.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DETACHMENT MARCH MEETING:

ONE-TIME MEETING LOCATION CHANGE: Because the May meeting's primary purpose is the installation of new officers, a one-time change for the meeting's location was proposed and approved by the members present.

The May meeting will be an official detachment social event that includes the installation ceremony for newly elected detachment officers; accordingly, members are encouraged to bring their spouse and/or other guests. The meeting will include an Italian menu meal. The charge should not exceed \$14.00 per person including Idaho sales tax and gratuity. As noted above, the meeting location is Louie's Pizza and Italian Restaurant, 2500 E Fairview Ave, Meridian, Idaho, from 6:30 PM to approximately 8:30 PM.

You will receive an additional separate announce on or about May 1st that will include payment arrangement information and an RSVP date.

DETACHMENT ELECTIONS: Elections for Detachment officers did take place during the April Detachment regular business meeting.

- Elected Commandant was Walt Modler.
- Re-elected Senior Vice-Commandant was Dick Heyob
- Elected Junior Vice-Commandant was Gordon (Jay) Gunter
- Re-elected Judge Advocate was Matt Thorusen

APPOINTED OFFICERS: The new commandant will re-appoint the current Chaplain, Ron Blakely; Adjutant / Paymaster, David Swickard; Quartermaster, Maggie Modler; and Sergeant-at-Arms Frank Guy to those positions following his installation as commandant.

BYLAWS: The proposed a change to Section 701 of the detachment's bylaws was withdrawn

MEMBERS ILL/INJURED: Harold Kwan and his wife, Mayumi, continue their cancer treatment. Bill Schroeder is in the Idaho State Veterans home recovering from a broken femur.

DECEASED MARINE: While not a detachment member, we regretfully report that an interment service for LCpl Randall Wright, U. S. Marine Corps (Ret) will take place at the Idaho Veterans Cemetery on May 11 at or about 2:45 PM. LCpl Wright was a triple amputee from the war in Afghanistan. His specific cause of death has, to my knowledge, not been publicly reported, but it is reasonable to assume that the cause is somehow related to his wounds. For the sake of his family we encourage all members to attend this interment if you are physically able to do so.

DUES: All members who pay their dues annually, need to submit their \$35 annual dues payment to the Detachment NOT LATER THAN 1 June of this year. This will be the date that all dues must be paid for the foreseeable future.

To date, the following individuals have paid their 2018 dues: Steve Brown, Gene Greer, Doug Hartley, Donn Viker, Linda Elliott, Robert Dry, Walt Smith, Max Woodside. Checks should be made as payable to "TVD-MCL" and mailed to: TVD-MCL, PO Box 45874, Boise, ID 83711-5874. If you wish to pay your dues via Credit/Debit Card, you must contact the Paymaster, David Swickard, at swickard@me.com or via phone at 208-631-4384.

REPEAT ANNOUNCEMENT: DEPARTMENT OF IDAHO 18th ANNUAL CONVENTION: The Department Convention is scheduled for the first weekend in May; i.e. **4, 5, 6 May**. The Pappy Boyington Detachment is hosting this year's convention. The venue is **the Red Lion Inn Templin, located in Post Falls, Idaho**. You may arrange a reservation by calling 208-773-1611.

- Department conventions are both interesting and educational events. Moreover, North Idaho is beautiful so think about attending and maybe staying an extra day to enjoy the scenic beauty of that part of our state.
- Those Devil Dog, Pups initiated at the 2016 Department Convention Growl are eligible for advancement to Devil Dog if proper advancement form has been submitted; if in question contact the Pound Dog Robber.

SCHOLARSHIP: One scholarship application was received from Miss Kendall Elliott the granddaughter of Marine Modler. The committee chair will announce the recipient during the Detachment's May meeting.

FUTURE COFFEE WAGON EVENTS: Please go to the Detachment's web site (tvdmc.org) for Coffee Wagon dates and locations.

FUTURE EVENT: An event honoring First Responders is scheduled for May 13th, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Caldwell Memorial Park Bandshell. The Detachment will help support this event by setting up its Coffee Wagon to distribute coffee and water to event attendees; accordingly, members are needed to man the coffee wagon. Please contact Walt Modler, 941-1390 to volunteer to help support this worthy event. The Detachment will also setup its recruiting booth.

SERGEANT MAJOR US ARMY (RET) PHIL HAWKINS' RETIREMENT FROM HIS VETERANS HOME POSITION: You may or may not be aware that Phil Hawkins was scheduled to retire from State employment in May. His retirement has been delayed, apparently, until a replacement can be recruited. His will be a very tough act to follow.

AWARDS: If you know of either a detachment member or a non-Leaguer in the community, to include virtually any community organization, whose deeds or good work either directly or indirectly represent the purposes of the Marine Corps League let Dave Swickard know. By recognizing such actions the detachment too gains public recognition.

RECRUITING: **NEW members are the detachment's life's blood** so go out and find a Marine or former FMF Corpsman or FMF Chaplain to join the League and the detachment; especially, someone who might actually get actively involved with the detachment and attend meetings. We still have contact business cards for members to fill out and hand out; see Marine Jay Gunter, Junior Vice-Commandant (elect) at a meeting or at coffee.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Your newsletter editor made a semi-lengthy presentation during the Good of the League portion of the April meeting that I will summarize for you here: I argued that in my view the detachment is slipping away from its

formerly vigorous state and that together we should resolve to undertake the necessary work to rejuvenate our organization. I also argued that each of us should study the stated purposes of the Marine Corps League to the point of near memorization because the League's purposes should guide the goals and objectives of our detachment. I further argued that we need to establish a new-member orientation and mentoring program so that our new members may come to understand the detachment and the League quickly, and that we also need a continuing training program to help members become both interested in and ready for detachment leadership positions. Finally, I argued that we need to develop a Detachment Vision Statement that is based on our understanding of the Purpose of the Marine Corps League, and suggested ways that we might go about accomplishing each of those tasks.

If you want to read my complete presentation, then let me know and I will provide you a copy.

For your immediate reference the Purposes of the Marine Corps League are:

- To preserve the traditions, promote the interest, and perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and, by fitting acts, to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions that are of particular interest to Marines.
- To band together those who are now serving the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service together in fellowship, that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy.
- To fit its members for the duties of citizenship and to encourage them to serve as ably as citizens as they served their nation under arms.
- To hold sacred the memory and history of men who have given their lives to the nation.
- To foster love for the principles that they have supported by blood and valor since the founding of the Republic.
- To aid voluntarily and to render assistance to all Marines, uniformed and civilian, as well as to their widows and orphans.

INFORMATION: The newsletter may include comments from the Detachment Commandant, other detachment officers, and detachment committee and special project chairmen/women. The newsletter may also include comments from detachment members who have "good of the league" information they believe their fellow Marines and Corpsmen should either know, consider, or be aware of. Such letters may not exceed 200 words and may be submitted to the newsletter editor at g.randeljr@att.net for consideration by the detachment's board of trustees for inclusion in a future newsletter.

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