

**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:** 7.00 PM, Thursday September 21, 2017 at the American Legion Hall, Meridian, ID

**Next Quarterly Devil Dog Growl/Pack Growl:** August 30 at the FRA Hall, Nampa, Idaho.

**Monthly Breakfast with Spouses:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of 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

**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 a concise summary of the meeting.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DETACHMENT JULY MEETING:**

Minutes of the July meeting were read and approved with two corrections. The Paymaster's Report was read and approved. Minutes may be found on at the Detachment's website.

**MEMBERS ILL/INJURED:** Essentially no change from the July report except that Arnie Strawn is making some progress.

### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

**COMMANDANT MODLER** announced that he will miss the September meetings because while on vacation.

**SENIOR VICE-COMMANDANT Dick Heyob** was absent from the meeting attending the MCL National Convention. His committee report on the ramifications of changing the detachment's name will be made during the September meeting.

**JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDANT Jay Gunter** thanked the nine members who paid their dues since the July meeting and hopes all other unpaid dues will be taken care of. He is also seeking volunteers to man a detachment information and recruiting table during the Gowen Field Air Show October 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> assuming that our request to participate is approved.

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS Frank Guy** reported 15 regular members, two auxiliary members, and one guest in attendance.

**EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION COMMITTEE CHAIR Chris Christopher** reported that several Eagle Scout recognition certificates were mailed to the Boy Scouts in Fruitland who are new Eagle Scouts.

**WAGON MASTER Dick Keplinger** announced that the detachment received \$430.44 in donations during the June Coffee Wagon's Blacks Creek Rest Station event. Total for the year is \$1559.62

**NEXT COFFEE WAGON EVENT, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 26 & 27 August AT THE I-84, west bound, BLACK'S CREEK REST STOP.** Please go to the Detachment's web site for Coffee Wagon dates and locations and the dates you may have already signed up for. <http://tvdmcl.org/calendarcoffee-wagon-2017-schedule/>

VETERANS HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE New (transfer) member Bruce Derry provided a report on volunteer activities at the hospital. The hospital needs miscellaneous volunteers, 15 years of age or older to perform tasks such as pushing wheel chairs in the hospital, and drivers, age 21 and older to transport veterans in the local area to and from the hospital.

He mentioned that November 16th will be the 30<sup>th</sup> year for Veterans Olympics, and that the hospital has an on-going need for donated books. If you have books to donate that you may bring them to detachment meetings for him to deliver to the hospital. Also, that construction on a three-story parking garage is underway, which has increased congestion in the hospital area. Consequently, it is prudent to arrive early for appointments. Motorcycle parking is near the hospital maintenance area. Flu immunization parking lot clinic September 1 and 19 through 21 September, 0900 – 1500. Also, at the walk-in clinic beginning September 19<sup>th</sup>. September 25 through mid-October in Caldwell.

#### SPECIAL PROJECT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Associate member Susan Frickey reported that four Marines have signed up for her training "Warriors for the Business World" workshop on September 30<sup>th</sup>. She thanked the Detachment for its \$300.00 donation to assist with administrative start-up expenses. She continues to seek mentors with business experience to mentor Marines starting their own businesses; call Susan at 208-376-3143.

- Marine Woodside reviewed options for purchasing an M-14 type rifle; actual designation M1A Rifle. The members present voted in favor of allocating a maximum of \$2000.00 to purchase an M1A rifle and to selling 500 tickets at \$10.00 each for the raffle. NOTE: The actual estimated purchase price is expected to be approximately \$1,500.00.
- Marine Randel reported that the effort to develop a detachment mission statement from the brainstorming effort is dead in the water due to the mediocre response from the members. A draft mission statement based on the Commandant's recommendation will be presented to the Board of Trustees for their consideration and possible presentation to the members for adoption.
- The detachment Training Officer discussed presenting proposals for new projects and other actions. He began by noting that the monthly meeting is a business meeting, and that business meetings should have specific objectives to accomplish. To help ensure objective accomplishment a pre-meeting agenda should be distributed several days before the meeting so that meeting attendees know in advance the topics that will be discussed or debated for decision. With that concept in mind, he cautioned against presenting spontaneous, spur-of-the-moment proposals for an action or a new project that was not included on the pre-meeting agenda. He recommended that a more effective way to propose a new action or project is to first work-out for yourself the details necessary to bring the concept into reality, and then present the proposal to the Board of Trustees for review and refinement before presentation to the members for their consideration and decision. While this approach may strike some members as bureaucratic, it is a process that will produce orderly meetings that are free of confusion, misunderstandings, and acrimony; and, that can produce timely results and action.
  - Some basic considerations before proposing a new action or project are: Develop a concisely written project concept and explain how it would benefit the detachment if adopted. Estimate the monetary cost to the detachment. Estimate the time and/or labor requirements for detachment members. Be prepared to become the project manager or action leader.

#### FUTURE EVENTS:

- September Board of Trustees Meeting details to be announced later by the Senior Vice-Commandant.
- INFORMATION ONLY: August 26 and 27 Warbird Roundup 9am to 4pm Nampa Airport see the newly restored Dottie May P-47 Thunderbolt.

- **MEMBERS ACTION: 6:30 AM Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>** Veterans Olympics at the VA Hospital parade grounds. We assist by serving coffee, hot chocolate, and donuts. Location and time: Gather near the VA Hospital grounds flag pole Saturday morning at **6:30 AM** to assist.
- **INFORMATION ONLY:** September 23 "Chrome at the Home" event at Veterans Home, will be a "Bikers Day" where many motorcycles will be on display and there will be a cook out.
- **MEMBERS ACTION: 10 AM Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup>,** is Veterans Home Parking Lot BBQ, the detachment will be cooking and want as many members to assist. This spring BBQ was a big showing of members, lets repeat in October **arrive by 10 AM.**

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made to transfer \$5,000.00 from savings to a CD with the rational that a CD will earn greater interest than the savings account. The ensuing debate revealed that the motion's supporting rational was incomplete which lead to a subsequent motion to postpone decision to the next meeting. The subsequent motion carried.

RAFFLE: Ron Balfour won the 50/50 Raffle, collecting \$31.00. The Progressive Raffle was won by Ron Blakeley for \$43.00.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: No topics were presented.

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](mailto:g.randeljr@att.net) for consideration by the detachment's board of trustees for inclusion in a future newsletter.

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