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TREASURE VALLEY DETACHMENT #878 & TREASURE VALLEY POUND #270

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COMING EVENTS

Next Regular Monthly Meeting: 7:00 PM, Thursday March 16, 2017 American Legion Hall, Meridian

Next Quarterly Devil Dog Growl: Tuesday May 16, 2017, FRA Building Nampa, Idaho.

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

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

NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 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 FEBRUARY MEETING:

GENERAL: The February meeting was conducted without drama. We did learn, however, that Commandant Heyob has decided to forego his quest to earn a spot on the US Olympic Stairway Acrobatic Tumbling Team. His practice tumble down two flights of stairs while concurrently carrying two boxes of VFW brochures resulted in a broken kneecap and significant shoulder damage. Fortunately, only his left shoulder will require surgery. Tough luck Commandant Heyob, we know that you really wanted to earn a spot on the team.

DETACHMENT ELECTIONS: The detachment officer election process was reviewed in the January newsletter. The election nomination committee will consist of Dick Heyob, 1-513-477-8925 and Maggie Modler, 208-941-1390. If you are interested in any of the elected positions or want to nominate a detachment member for one of the positions, then let either Dick or Maggie know. The elected positions are commandant, senior vice-commandant, junior vice-commandant, and judge advocate.

- Note that Dick Heyob, senior vice-commandant; and Matt Thorusen, judge advocate, will stand for reelection. Their decisions, however, do not preclude other nominations for their positions.

At the same time if you are interested in one of the commandant appointed offices, then let either Dick or Maggie know. Those positions are: chaplain, adjutant/paymaster, sergeant-at-arms, and quartermaster.

- Note that the quartermaster, Maggie Modler; and the sergeant-at-arms, Frank Guy desire reappointment to their positions. In the absence of contrary information, we assume both the adjutant/paymaster and chaplain also desire to retain their positions.

2017 COFFEE WAGON BLACKS CREEK REST STOP DATES: Wagon Master, Dick Keplinger, 208-440-4057, reminded of the 2017 Blacks Creek coffee wagon rest stop dates. Those dates are **May 27, 28, and 29 (Memorial Day Weekend); June 24 and 25; July 29 and 30; August 26 and 27; and September 23 and 24.** You can sign up for spots by either calling Dick directly (619-302-9795) or contacting him at the Saturday breakfast or at a detachment meeting.

If you've not helped out by manning the coffee wagon for a few hours, then I recommend that you take a turn because it is an interesting and enjoyable experience to talk with travelers about the Corps and armed forces service generally. Moreover, this is a consistently successful fundraising activity for the detachment.

DETACHMENT SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATIONS: Young Marines get preference on detachment scholarships (See Detachment Bylaws Article 14) but if there are no Young Marine's eligible or interested, then up to two detachment member children or grandchildren may be considered. Scholarships of \$1000.00 may be awarded up to four times to eligible students. **Contact Maggie Modler at 208-941-1390 for more information.**

FUNDRAISING: The detachment will hold a fundraising weapon raffle again this year. It may be another Remington 1911 A-1, or possibly an M1A Rifle. The possibility of raffling a Henry Rifle was also raised. Detailed information will follow.

DEPARTMENT 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 convention. The venue is **the Red Lion Inn Templin, located in Post Falls, Idaho.** You may reservations by calling 208-773-1611.

- Department conventions are both educational and interesting events, and occasionally enjoyable as well. 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.

AWARDS: If you know of either a detachment member or someone in the community who we should recognize for their deeds or good work that advances the purposes of the Marine Corps League let Dave Swickard know.

RECRUITING: **To keep our detachment breathing, NEW members are its life's blood** so go out and find someone to join who might even become involved and attend meetings. I still have contact business cards for members to fill out and hand out; see me at a meeting or at coffee. Walt Modler, Junior Vice-Commandant

ADJUTANT/PAYMASTER: Reminder to all members that Marine Corps League National has changed the dates that dues are paid and the expiration of individual memberships. The following DOES NOT APPLY to any Life Member. All annual memberships now run from 1 Sep till 30 August of each year. All members (not Life Members) who pay dues annually will now need to pay their \$35 dues renewal to the Treasure Valley Detachment NLT 1 June of each year to allow us to process them prior to 30 Aug.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Military exchanges have authority to open online sales to veterans by November 11, 2017. (Place cursor on link a tap your enter key)

http://www.militarytimes.com/articles/its-official-military-exchanges-plan-to-offer-online-access-to-veterans-by-nov-11?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EBB%202.17.17&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Military%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief

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 for inclusion in a future newsletter.

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