

**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 February 16, 2018 American Legion Hall, 22 West Broadway, Ave., Meridian, Idaho

**Next Quarterly Devil Dog Growl/Pack Growl:** 20 February at 1830 for meet and greet, Growl starts at 1900  
**LOCATION:** Nampa FRA building, Lloyd Thies Hall, 1012 11th Ave North, Nampa, Idaho

**Monthly Breakfast with Spouses:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, 8:30 AM 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 informed of past and future detachment actions and activities. To present a concise summary of the detachment's monthly business meeting.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DETACHMENT'S JANUARY 2018 MEETING:**

Meeting opened at 1905

The meeting start was delayed permitting a guest to practice his presentation to the upcoming American Legion youth patriotic speech competition.

All officers were present with the exception of the Sr. Vice-Commandant who was excused FOR A MEDIAL APPOINTMENT IN Salt Lake City, UT.

**MEETING ATTENDANCE:** 15 members, 1 associate member.

### **REPORTS:**

Minutes of the November and December 2017 meetings were approved.

The paymaster report was approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:** None

**NEW MEMBER SWORN IN:** Boise Police Officer John Tucker joined the detachment.

### **AWARDS PRESENTED BY THE COMMANDANT:**

Jim Proctor: A community service award for ten-years' work with the Young Marines. WELL DONE Jim!

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

Commandant: The Commandant issued a request for members to recommend Veteran orientated community projects that the detachment might consider supporting that would help advertise that there is a MCL detachment in the Treasure Valley area; especially, for Marines that may not otherwise know of our existence.

The junior vice-commandant encouraged members to seek out and recruit new members.

The adjutant-paymaster issued an appeal to the members to present themselves at the Boise Veterans Cemetery on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, to help pick up the wreaths that were placed on grave sites as part of the Wreaths Across America Project. This appeal was passed separately on Friday January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Chaplain reported that Arnie Strawn's condition is neither improving nor deteriorating.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

The **Bylaws Review Committee** has begun its work with the basic task of comparing our current detachment bylaws with those of the MCL and the Department to identify any required changes to ensure that our bylaws are compatible with those of the MCL and the Department. Any differences will be reported to the Commandant and the Board of Trustees with recommendations for action. Once that review process and report submission is completed, action will begin on the recommendations for change already in the Bylaw Committee's possession. If any members have any detachment bylaw changes they want considered, they should submit them to the commandant and not directly to the committee.

Associate member Maggie Modler submitted a report for the **Detachment Name Change Committee**. The committee chair who was unable to attend the meeting.

- She reported that two members of the original committee have ceased to participate in the committee's work, which leave her and the chair to accomplish the necessary work.
- The bulk of her report was an estimate of the costs associated with changing a detachment's name.
  - She has learned that the MCL tightly controls how detachment flags must be procured and/or modified. Whereas earlier the committee chair thought money might be saved by simply modifying the existing flag, it now seems that a new flag purchase would be necessary at a cost of \$500.00 to \$600.00.
  - Modifying existing detachment ship's store clothing and restocking the store's inventory that cannot be modified may cost approximately \$1,500.00.
  - Modifications to the Coffee Wagon range from \$230.00 to as high as \$1,500.00. The details of those costs were not provided.
  - It is estimated that purchasing a new banner for carrying during parades would be \$200.00.
  - Other signage replacement cost estimates are \$450.00.
  - Various, but not specifically determined charges for local, state, and US Government fees are up to \$250.00, which is a rough estimate only.
- She opined that enthusiasm for the project, which has now drug on for roughly six-months, has waned as evidenced by the fact that two of the original committee members have essentially "dropped-out."
- She also suggested that diverting existing detachment funds; i.e. funds we have consistently advertised during our fundraising campaigns as raised to support veterans' activities, the Young Marines, and other specified detachment activities; e.g. the scholarship fund, to support the expenses associated with effecting the detachment name change, however worth and noble an undertaking, may be improper and/or unethical.
- She suggested that the detachment should make a decision on this issue during its next meeting in February; however, that is a matter for the Command and the Board of Trustees to consider.
- Finally, and in view of the potential conflict of interest associated with diverting a considerable amount of detachment funds from the purposes for which they were not raised (to defray the costs associated with changing the detachment's name), that if this project is pursued then it may be best to raise funds specifically to meet the name change expenses.

**Scholarship Committee:** Only one Young Marine has expressed interest in obtaining a detachment scholarship, which means members may submit request for family member scholarships in accordance with

the Section 1401 C of the detachment bylaws. Submission form may be found at the Detachment's website. This is a \$1,000.00 scholarship that may be awarded up to four times to eligible persons; i.e. children and grandchildren of Treasure Valley Detachment members.

**TRAINING OFFICER PRESENTATION:** The training officer presented a short period of instruction on the MCL uniforms, uniform requirements, and correct wearing of the uniform.

- **An important, fundamental consideration is the fact the MCL uniforms identify the wearer as having some association with the US Marine Corps; therefore, and in respect for the Marine Corps' high standards of dress and appearance, MCL uniform wearers should make sure their appearance brings honor on the Corps when they wear any part and all MCL uniforms.**
- The only MCL uniform item required for members is the MCL Cover. If you do not possess a MCL cover, you need to purchase one through the MCL national website. **Even if you do not regularly participate in Detachment activities, you should have a MCL cover for the unforeseeable occasion when you do need one.**
- Beyond the cover there are three League Uniforms: Formal, Casual, and Undress. Black dress trousers, black military style plain toed shoes, and the MCL Cover are required for each uniform. Additionally, enlisted dress blue trousers may be worn as part of the undress uniform. Two types of black leather belts are authorized.
- The formal and casual uniforms included either a formal dress uniform jacket or the MCL Red Blazer.
- The undress uniform provides for wearing either a long sleeve or short sleeve white "aviator style" dress shirt with the distinctive MCL "sunburst" collar emblem.
- When medals or ribbons are worn, Marine Corps, other Service, and/or MCL medals and ribbons may not be mixed together. Wearers must choose between one of the other.
- **This is an extremely concise summary of the MCL uniform. For detailed MCL uniform information go online to the MCL National Website, and then click on the "Store" tab. Click on the Start Shopping notice. When the Start Shopping tab opens, enter the word "bylaws" in the search box and you will be taken to a menu page. Click on enclosure (3), which is Uniform Code-Marine Corps League.**

No new business items were presented.

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:**

Jack Cunningham opined that in view of the estimated costs supporting the detachment name change initiative would be difficult for him to support.

Gordon Souza Announced that he has both mechanized and non-mechanized wheel chairs and other handy-capped persons equipment available for distribution. Call him at 702-373-1779 for details.

**MEETING RAFFLE RESULTS:** Both the 50/50 raffle and the Progressive Raffle were won by associate member Maggie Modler, who walked away with nearly **\$300.00**. Mightily lucky, but then one must be present to win.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Gary Randel, Editor

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