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## Semper Paratus Gazette



*"To care for him  
Who shall have  
borne the battle  
and for his widow  
and his orphan."*

*Abraham Lincoln*



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suicide Prevention and Mental  
Health Professionals. Call the  
toll-free National Suicide  
Prevention hotline and indicate  
you are a veteran.**

**1-800-273-8255**

### The Return Of Our Brother-in-Arms From 43 Years Missing in Vietnam.....Finally Coming Home to Rest





# Front Cover.....

Picture below on front page is our Treasure Valley Detachment members and other VIPs showing their respect for the arrival of CWO Jesse Phelps, Vietnam MIA for the past 43 years. Although CWO Phelps is an Army veteran he is one of many *Missing In Action* from the Vietnam era . Regardless of his branch of service, it is only fitting that we as Vietnam Veterans and all Veterans of Wars....we need to show our respect for one of our fallen comrades...less we forget!

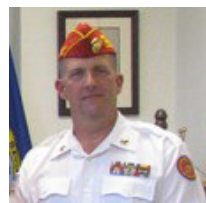
Oct 1<sup>st</sup> we again showed our respect by being at the Veterans Cemetery along with numerous other Veteran Organizations as well as our Gem State Young Marines. Thanks to all who showed up.....Semper Fi



Oct 1<sup>st</sup> Gem State Young Marine Detachment, standing tall for our Vietnam veteran *Missing In Action* for the past 43 years. Thanks Young Marines



Our Treasure Valley Detachment show of force for CWO Jesse Phelps interment.....As some VIPs said we really stand out among the whole crowd of visitors and veterans organizations with our red blazers and sweaters. Good Showing Marines



Commandant Rich Erickson

My message today, to our MC League Detachment is to encourage all our Marine members to attend our meetings. With the upcoming National Convention there are many things going on and your input is very important. If you cannot attend the monthly meetings please join us for coffee at Quinn's restaurant on Saturdays. With the Marine Corps Birthday just around the corner and holidays coming up...please help out as much as you can. I look forward to seeing you all.....Keep up the good work Marines and lets keep getting more involved. Thank you and Semper Fi,

Rich Erickson  
Commandant  
Marine Corps League  
Treasure Valley Detachment, No 878



## Koffee Klatch

Howdy Marines. Well another Saturday is approaching and time for more coffee and a lot of BS.... Our old coffee drinking buddy Bob Smith finally showed up for some old conversation and latest gossip. We also have a lot to talk about on our Marine Corps League, 2011 National Convention. If you're interested in hearing more about what's going on in the future feel free to come in and get the latest scoop. "See you at Coffee."

*Murphy's Law of Combat;  
Any ship can be a minesweeper...ONCE!*



### *Next Business Meeting Is October, 2009*

Business meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month. October's meeting will be 15th at 1700 in the Pavilion on Gowen Field. Please come out and give us your input, ideas or offer your services to help us organize this upcoming 2011 National Convention.



### *October Birthdays*

*Carol Nance  
Anita Partridge  
Karrie Lynn Seavey*

From the members of the Marine Corps League, Treasure Valley Detachment, #878 we wish you all a very, very **"Happy Birthday"** and many years to come.

"Semper Fi, Ladies"



### *Dates of Interest for October*

- Oct 1th ~ 1880-**John Phillip Sousa was named leader of the Marine Corps Band
- Oct 6th ~ 1945-**Japanese forces in North China surrendered to III Amphibious Corps
- Oct 9<sup>th</sup> ~ 1917-** The 8<sup>th</sup> Marines Regt was activated at Quantico
- Oct 10th~ 1968-** The 1stMarDiv & 1stMAW were awarded the PUC, DaNang, Vietnam
- Oct 18th~ 1859-** John Brown & his men captured by Marines at Harpers Ferry, WV
- Oct 21st ~ 1944-** Marines of V Amphib landed at Leyte, Philippines in support of USArmy, WWII
- Oct 23rd~ 1983-**218 Marines were killed by terrorist at Beirut, Lebanon
- Oct 31<sup>st</sup> ~ 1955-**LtGen. Lewis B "Chesty" Puller retired

*Murphy's Law's of Combat....If you are forward of your position, the artillery will fall short*

**Checkout our Website: [www.tvdmcl.org](http://www.tvdmcl.org)**



### *VA's Suicide Prevention Program Adds Chat Service*

The suicide Prevention campaign of the Dept of Veterans Affairs(VA) is expanding its outreach to all Veterans by a pilot program online...One-to-One chat service for Veterans who prefer reaching out for assistance using the internet. For more information visit the website; [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org) or call hotline number 1-800-273-talk for further help

### *TRICARE.....*

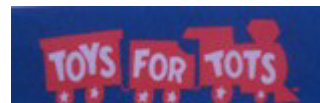
Now has a program in the works to reach out over the web to ease Post Deployment Stress. The program is for active duty personnel. Checkout [www.tricare.mil/TRIAP](http://www.tricare.mil/TRIAP) for further details

### *Some Tricare Preventive Services are Now Free*

As of Sep 1<sup>st</sup>, certain Tricare beneficiaries no longer have to pay out of pocket for immunizations, mammograms and some other preventive services. However benefits does not apply to all preventive services or to Medicare-eligible beneficiaries. Check your Tricare or go online at [www.tricare4u.com](http://www.tricare4u.com)

### *New VA Regional Office*

Oct 13<sup>th</sup> is the opening of the new VA Regional Office. The VARO moved from their old location on 8<sup>th</sup> and W Franklin to the VA Medical grounds. The bldg is on the right as you enter the VAMC grounds. Stop by and check it out on your next trip to the VA Medical Center



**4<sup>th</sup> Tank Bn, "C" Co.**

Is just around the corner folks. Capt Brian Stephenson from 4<sup>th</sup> Tanks at Gowen Field will be updating us in the very near future for our support and volunteer help in packing toys for the Communities, throughout Idaho. Please set your calendar for the near future and help out in this program. It's a great program the 4<sup>th</sup> Tank Bn, "C" Company does each Christmas. As a former I&I 1stSgt it involves many hours of extra work on the part of the Marines. If you can help out, they will surely appreciate your services. I'll keep you posted as I get more info.





### ***Sr Vice Commandant, Arnie Strawn***

On September 17, 2009 the Detachment had its first meeting since the summer breaks. As our Commandant called the meeting to order it was great to look out into the room and see so many members in attendance. A huge THANKS to all of you. It is my hope that more will attend at the October 15, 2009 meeting. We have many exciting events coming up before the end of the year and it would be terrific to hear the input from all of our members plus we need ideas concerning the MCLeague 2011 National Convention. Many members have already volunteered to chair the necessary Committees but they still need help as well. The old saying; *"Every little bit helps to take a load off someone else."* We handed out some awards at the September's meeting and have more to hand out at our next meeting....You may be due an award or certificate, so please attend our October's meeting so we can present you your award/certificate. After all you earned it ! So Marines.... until next meeting, Semper Fi,

Arnie Strawn  
Sr Vice Commandant  
Marine Corps League  
Treasure Valley Detachment, No 878

***Murphy's Law of Combat;***  
***All five- second grenade fuses will burn down in three seconds***



### ***Gem State Young Marines***

The Gem State Young Marines will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary on October 17, 2009 at the Nampa Civic Center from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. the ceremony will start promptly at 7 p.m. those desiring to attend this event will need to contact Miss. Sharon Bixler at 353-5697 for⇒

### ***Continued from Gems State Young Marines***

dinner reservations and tickets., she is also the point of contact for donations and supporters of the Gem State The Guest Speaker will be Chief Warrant Officer Curtis L. Kelley has served in 18 foreign countries and 12 of our 50 states he is now the Senior Instructor of the MCJROTC program in Topeka High School in Topeka Kansas.

The Gem State Young Marines and the adult leaders will be receiving The Presidential Volunteer Service Award for over 14612 community service hours throughout our community recipients will be.

#### **Bronze Award**

YM Pvt Lane Ridener, YM PFC. Christopher Gardner, YM PFC Nichole Gardner, YM PFC Dustin Sprague.

#### **Silver Award**

Mr. Antonio Anchustegui, Mrs. Anna Wyble

#### **Gold Award**

YM PFC Nathaniel Chiles, YM PVT Brett Anchustegui, YM PFC McKyle Anchuestegui, YM Pvt. Heidi Lint, YM PVT Hunter Lint, YM PVT Victoria Sprague, YM LCPL. Sarah Wyble, YM LCPL Cheyenne Chipman, Mr. Jared Beisner, Mis. Sharon Bixler, Mr. Lonnie Chiles, Mrs. Melissa-Jo Harger, Miss. Dee Lint.

#### **Lifetime (over 4000 hours) Award**

Young Marine MGYSGT Casey Carlisle, Msgt. Bryce Carlisle, Mrs. Della Chipman, Mr. Don Carlisle II, Mrs. Diane Carlisle 3rd Award, Commanding Officer Don Carlisle 3rd award.

The Gem state Young Marines are still looking for a few young men and women 8 to 18 that have what it takes to be an example of pride and living a drug free life style, and desire to be a leader in our community, we meet every Tuesday at the Nampa Civic Center, 311 Third Street South, Nampa Idaho. we are also looking for a permanent home if you know of a building, school ect. vacant and some one wishes to donate it please let us know. Point of Contact Don Carlisle 208-336-5390 or [co@gsym.us](mailto:co@gsym.us) or visit our web site [www.gsym.us](http://www.gsym.us)



### ***Treasure Valley Young Marines***

The Treasure Valley Young Marines now have a new home to work out of. Donated by the Boise Police Dept. The new facility is behind the VA Medical Center, 1800 E. Mountain Cove Road. The YMs will still maintain their presence at Gowen Field by holding their boot camp, unit overnight events, as well as the PFT training....all other training will be at the new facility.

***Check out the TVD Young Marines website:***  
***[www.idtvym.com](http://www.idtvym.com)***



### ***"Hello & Semper Fi Devil Dogs."***

It's another month and things are moving forward....We have completed our incorporation as a **501c3** here in the State of Idaho. The fund raising has started and we are well on our way to selling all 2,000 tickets for the M-1 Rifle raffle. If you want a ticket they are only \$5.00. You need to buy at least one ticket to have a chance to win. We are only selling 2000 tickets so your chances are pretty good of winning. Just get a hold of someone in the Treasure Valley Detachment if you want a ticket or just call me or any of the detachment's Officers.

Planning has already started on the next fund raiser as well. I won't give it away here, but be watching our upcoming newsletters or website. ***"It's a biggie."*** It will be announced in January and the winning ticket will be drawn in Greensboro, NC at the 2010 National Convention. Several things on the convention as well. The Northwest Division is holding their conference in Boise on Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009. This will give them a chance to see our facilities and allow us to update them on what we are planning and provide any guidance as necessary. We have also been listening to your concerns such as getting around the hotel complex itself. We are evaluating the idea of using golf carts or other similar type vehicles to assist in getting people around the complex in a timely manner. More information on this and other issues will be announced soon.

We are also working on some exciting displays while you are here. We are making plans to have several static displays. Again, I don't want to give away everything, but we think you will be very excited by the displays we will have available. There is one display if we can get it which will be la crème de la crème of displays. Again, I won't say what it is, but I will tell you if we get it or not. That's about it for now. If you have any questions, concerns or thoughts...give a call, email or write. We will do our very best to get you an answer(s) or to assist in any way.

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***Murphy's Law of Combat;  
There is no such thing as an atheist in a fighting hole***

### ***GOLDEN CORRAL'S MILITARY APPRECIATION DINNER***

The Golden Corral's 9<sup>th</sup> annual Military Appreciation Monday dinner will be held on Monday, November 16, 2009, from 5 to 9 p.m. in all Golden Corral restaurants nationwide. The free dinner meal is a special "thank you tribute" to any person who has ever served in the United States Military. If you are a veteran, retired, currently serving, in the National Guard or Reserves, you are invited to join them for Golden Corral's Military Appreciation Monday dinner. To date, Golden Corral restaurants have provided over 2.2 million free meals and contributed over \$3.3 million to the Disabled American Veterans organization. To locate a Golden Corral near you, visit [www.goldencorral.com/locator](http://www.goldencorral.com/locator)



### ***From The Chaplin's Corner***

My belated get well and prayers are with you all. It seem we have several folks ill and on ***"Light Duty/ No Duty."*** Ken Johnson's Mother, Joyce had a serious fall and is now recuperating at home since Sep 17<sup>th</sup>. Lets all pray and wish her well. Hope to see you at coffee Joyce. Gary Shumaker, (Doc) is home and in ill health . Our prayers and our best wishes are with you and your family Doc.....  
Semper Fi,  
Bobby Lee  
Chaplin, MCLeague  
Treasure Valley Detachment, #878

***Murphy's Laws of Combat;  
If you find yourself in a fair fight, you didn't plan your mission properly***



### ***Upcoming Schedule of Events***

Oct 12<sup>th</sup> .....NW Division Conference at 0900 at  
Doubletree, Riverside  
Oct 12<sup>th</sup> .....1830-Casual Dress dinner with NWDiv at  
Doubletree, Riverside↓



*Continued from NW Division Conference.....*

November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Press Conference at 1400, Doubletree, Riverside.

Max participation is requested from all hands. Uniforms, minimum fore-n-aft cover. Red Polo shirts if you have one....Those who have Red Blazer, please wear them as authorized by MCL Uniforms Regs. If you have neither just come dress casual. Thank you, John Walker

## **\*NEW\*M-1 GARAND W/MATCH COMPONENTS**

**THIS RAFFLE WILL ONLY HAVE 2000 TICKETS-WHEN THEY ARE GONE THE DRAWING WILL BE DONE**

SPRINGFIELD ARMORY NO LONGER MANUFACTURES THE M-1 GARAND AS OF JAN. 2008. THIS IS YOUR RARE CHANCE TO OWN A NEW M-1 AND IT COMES WITH A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY. THIS RIFLE HAS BEEN EQUIPPED WITH: 1/2 MIN. ADJUSTABLE MATCH SIGHTS, ADJUSTABLE GAS PORT, CRISP TRIGGER AT 41/2 lb. PULL, GENUINE MIL. SPEC. LEATHER SLING, EVERYTHING NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR NRA MATCH SHOOTING. INCLUDED ARE: AN AUTHENTIC M.C. AMMO BELT, 100 ROUNDS OF MILITARY AMMO, 31 NEW AMMO CLIPS TO INCLUDE A 2 RD CLIP FOR COMPETITION, AN ORIGINAL COMBINATION TOOL WITH BRUSH, BROKEN CARTRIDGE EXTRACTOR, THE ORIGINAL MIL SIGHTS AND GAS PLUG TO MAINTAIN THIS M-1 AS A COLLECTOR PIECE, AND A FACTORY INSTALLED STAINLESS BARREL INSERT FOR LONGEVITY OF THE BARREL. IT HAS BEEN TEST FIRED BY BOBBY LEE, (A PRIOR MEMBER OF THE MARINE CORPS SHOOTING TEAM AND HAS COMPETED AT CAMP PERRY NATIONAL MATCHES) AND HE VERIFIES A 1 MIN OF ANGLE OR BETTER ACCURACY. DON'T MISS THIS OPORTUNITY!!



**\$5.00**

**TICKETS**

### **TREASURE VALLEY MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

**ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS RAFFLE WILL GO TOWARD THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE CONVENTION 2011 TO BE HELD IN BOISE, ID.**

**\*WINNER MUST BE ABLE TO COMPLY WITH ALL FEDERAL LAWS\*  
FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL OR WRITE**

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