



## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE



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# Semper Par Gazette



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

Abraham Lincoln



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## MERRY CHRISTMAS



*Greetings of the Season*





**NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**  
**MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**  
**From Idaho State Veterans Home, To Quinn's Restaurant,**  
**To the Grove Hotel**



ISVH....Cmdt Erickson serving cake to Staff to handout to our Veterans.



Our Det Chaplin, Bobbie Lee handing out birthday cake to resident veterans, JrViceCmdt, Arnie Strawn, Tom Rogers and David Brasuell, Idaho DivVeteransServices, looking on



After the cake cutting ceremony at the ISVH, it was off to Quinn's restaurant for another ceremony and cake cutting



The cake cutting honors go to retired 1stSgt Boyce Williams the oldest Marine. Below, singing the Marine Corps Hymn



BCoMarines in Iraqi..... "Less we forget"



Marine Corps Birthday Ball celebrated at the Grove Hotel by the "C" Company Marines, 4<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion. Semper Fi Brothers.... and thanks for your services.



Cake being presented to the oldest Marine as *History and Tradition* is being followed throughout the Marine Corps



**Next Business Meeting Is December, 2009**  
Due to the Christmas Party schedule for the 17<sup>th</sup> of December there will be no meeting conducted.  
*"Merry Christmas every one"*



## December Birthdays



**Lyn Butterworth**

From the members of the Marine Corps League, Treasure Valley Detachment, #878 we wish you a very, very **"Happy Birthday & a Merry Christmas"**.

"Semper Fi,



## Chaplin's Corner

Greetings To All the Treasure Valley Detachment, MC League. Tis' the season once again and I hope all of you had a great Thanksgiving. As we come into the Christmas season I hope all of us will keep the troops in your prayers and thoughts...and remember what this season is really about. We have Marines in the Veterans Home who have made requests and a Christmas lists. The list was sent out a few days ago. Some of the items were a bit on the expensive side, but if two or three people get together we can accommodate their request without breaking the bank. Just a thought. Information from Capt Stephenson, Commanding Officer, Company "C", 4<sup>th</sup> Tank Bn,

stated that one of our Brothers, Gary Gratton has passed away back in June 29, 2009 and was interned at the Veterans Cemetery. Thanks Skipper for the information.

If you hear of any of our members who has come down sick or hospitalized, please contact me so I may make arrangements for a visit and follow-up. *"Merry Christmas to All."* and Semper Fi.....

Bobby Lee  
 TVDMCLeague Chaplin  
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*A dead Enemy is a peaceful enemy- Blessed be the Peacemakers.....*



## Koffee Klatch

Quinn's restaurant on Vista Avenue. Howdy Marines. Well another Saturday is approaching and time for more coffee and a lot of BS. 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." Semper Fi, Marines

**Murphy's Law of Combat; A retreating enemy is probably just falling back and regrouping**





### *She Will be Missed !!*

Oldest female Marine, is laid to rest after passing away on Veterans Day.  
Miriam Cohen who passed away on Veterans Day at the age, 101 was the Nation's oldest female

Cohen joined the WWII women Marines at the age of 35 in the 1943 and also served in the Korean War. As Cohen aged she moved to a private nursing home, still insisting on her long Marine march each day. It was no coincidence that this stubborn old Miriam chose Veteran's Day to salute the world goodbye, says Eaton her sister. Most appropriately, she died on Veterans Day, one day after the 234<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps birthday.  
Semper Fi,



***The 2009- Spirit of Freedom Award was given on behalf of Senator Mike Crapo. to Roy M Weaver***

Roy's hometown of Bickleton, Washington had fewer than 100 residents. Roy was reared on a dairy farm where he learned the meaning of hard work and early morning hours. He joined the Marine Corps during WWII and earned the Bronze Star w/V, WWII medal, Korea Service medal and many other citations. His baptism of fire, so Roy says was the bombing of Cavite City in the Philippines. He fought and survived Bataan and Corregidor when he was captured by the Japanese and became a POW. So it is only fitting that Roy M Weaver be awarded the **2009 Spirit of Freedom Award** for his undying and faithful service to our Country and to the Corps.



Semper Fi



### *GEM STATE YOUNG MARINE NEWS*



Young Marine MGYSgt Casey K. Carlisle Enlisted in the delayed entry Program United States Marine Corps November 24, 2009 and will depart for Boot Camp July 19, 2010. Casey has been a Young Marine for the past 8 years and was a member of both Treasure Valley Young Marines and Gem State Young Marines. He was recently the Sergeant Major of the 1st Battalion of Idaho for the last year where he served faithfully, and has been relieved of duties in the last change of command.  
Don Carlisle



### *Northwest Regiment Young Marine Of The Year*

Please join me in congratulating Young Marine MGSgt James Durbin, Treasure Valley Young Marines for being selected the 2009/2010 Regimental Young Marine of the year. The selection was a difficult task as all candidates

were highly qualified and all would be Outstanding representatives of the Regiment. The difficulty lie in only one could be chosen. The remaining candidates will receive a personal letter from me and a personal achievement award.

Semper Fi.....

Tony Guillory

Commander

Northwest Young Marine Regiment  
6<sup>th</sup> Young Marine Division



## **HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP!**

Anyone out there like to volunteer in helping out the Treasure Valley Young Marines as a Registered Volunteer?? They need a few more Male volunteers.

Contact Bryant Lyndaker,  
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Or Walt Modler, TeleNo 468-8808  
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## **NOTICE\*\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*\*NOTICE**

This is in reference to our Monthly meeting at Gowen Field.....To ALL HANDS

The meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> Nov was the first drawing of the **PROGRESSIVE POT LOTTERY** for the TVDMC League, with Marine George Seavey's name being drawn. Sadly he was not present to accept his winnings.

His loss this month is only \$5.50 but with this progressive nature of the drawing the pot is sure to grow. Again to win you have to be present and made your buy in for \$1 dollar. So come on out and win your chance at the jackpot drawing.



### **December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 Board of Director's Meeting**

We were suprised by the attendance of Melissa Jones, The Ambassador from the Chamber of Commerce. Pictured is JrViceCmdt, John Walker receiving a plaque as membership in the Chamber of Commerce..



**Dec 5, 2009, Treasure Valley Det, #878, Marine Corps League..** Doing some more PR work for our Detachment. Here we are at the Nampa Library showing our support. From L-R JrViceCmdt, John Walker, Art Kilton, Karen Ganske, Library Director, SrViceCmdt Arnie Strawn and Don Griffith



### **Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Dedication Ceremony at Nampa Post Office, JrViceCmdt, John Walker Guess Speaker**

The Marine Corps League, Treasure Valley Detachment, No 878 was in attendance for the dedication of the Nampa Post Office to dedicate it to Herbert A. Littleton, USMC, Medal of Honor recipient from the Korean War. Herbert A Littleton saved his fellow men by jumping on a chicom grenade and there by saving the mission to call in artillery fire on the enemy in support of his troops.





**Velma & Gordon Williams**

Both of these lovely folks were presented a Marine Corps League, Treasure Valley Det certificate for their devoted services to the Veterans at the VA Medical Center in Boise, Idaho. Together they have logged in 4,126 hrs of volunteer services.

Velma logged in 3,405hrs and Gordon 4,126hrs. They both have truly demonstrated what volunteering is all about. Thank you Velma and Gordon for your dedication



**Todd Kern, from Murphy, Id. being sworn in as our newest MCL member**

Initiating the swearing in is our SrViceCmdt, Arnie Strawn and our DetChaplin, Bobby Lee looking on.



**From The SrViceCmdt**

For the last two Saturdays we have had a large turnout for the Koffee Klatch. It's good to see so many members and guest show up for coffee, socializing and what the MC League in general is all about. In the last few months we had several Marines and Corpsman come on board. Let's keep up the good work in recruiting more members. In the last months we had a lot of activates take place....from cake cutting ceremonies in a couple of places to press conference, Missing In America, Job Fair and Veterans Day parade.

With all of these activities going on and only a few same members participating we could use more help in the future. With the MCL 2011 National Convention coming in the near future we could use some help and expertise advise. Our Christmas party is coming up this Dec17<sup>th</sup> at Marie Callender restaurant. Let's show up for a great time. We had a good showing at the Nampa Post Office to dedicate the post office on behalf of Marine Herbert A. Littleton, Medal of Honor recipient from the Korean War conflict. Although we have over 90 members and a lot of activities throughout the year, we can sure use some help in the future. Take a hard look at your schedule and see if you can fit some of your time in future volunteer work to keep our Detachment running smoothly and our members a little break in doing all the volunteer work.

Semper Fi and a Merry Christmas, Marines & Families

Arnie Strawn

SrVice Commandant

**Murphy's Combat Law;**

**Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons**



*Nov 2009, Press Conference*

JrViceCmdt, John Walker kicking off the press conference for the Marine Corps League 2011, National Convention.



Guest Speaker, Councilman Bisterfeldt, one of many who are backing the MC League, Detachment's commitment to have a great showing for the MCLeague



*From the JrViceCmdt*

My Fellow Marines:

As we approach the end of the year, I look back at all that has happened. We have the return of Jessie Phelps after all these years from Vietnam. The 234th Birthday of our beloved Corps was celebrated. On behalf of the Detachment a large gift was given to Toys for Tots. We submitted a proposal to host the National Convention in 2011 and won. These are just a few of the things we have been involved in as a detachment. I wonder to myself what event, what activity has been the most challenging for us. What event has brought about the most change? What activity will affect the largest group of people and what will be the most beneficial?

Some of the answers seem obvious while other are not so obvious.

I think we can all agree the event that has impact our detachment the most was winning the National Convention. Nothing like this has ever happened to us before and may be a long time before something that big happens again. Yet, I have to wonder about all those books we gave to Toys for Tots. What impact will they have? We may never know for sure what may come of that gift. Its impact could have a long term affect that is not felt for 20 years or longer.

What about the coffee wagon. Talking with all sorts of people from across the nation and even the world. Some of the people we talked to was from the Netherlands and Sweden. What an opportunity and blessing that was.

I want to salute each and every one of you. Everything that has been done this year could not have taken place without the support of all.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and a blessed New Year to each and all and to your families.

Semper Fidelis

John Walker

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## \*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 4 1/2 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 NATIONAL MARINE CORPS LEAGUE CONVENTION 2011 TO BE HELD IN BOISE, ID.

\*WINNER MUST BE ABLE TO COMPLY WITH ALL FEDERAL LAWS\*  
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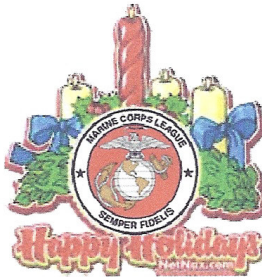
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ALL I WANT FOR  
CHRISTMAS IS  
MY MARINE

**TVMCL Christmas Party 17 Dec 09. Thursday**

**Arrive for setup, meet & greet 17:30**

**Dinner 18:30**

**Gift exchange & socializing after**

**Don't forget your "Toys for Tots" unwrapped gift.**



**TVMCL has agreed  
to cover tax and tip.**

**Dinner Cost per person \$18.00 each**

**Dinner Menus**

*All Dinners include Caesar Salad, Cornbread and Fountain Drinks, Iced Tea or Coffee.*

**The Meals: Includes the following offerings to select from:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ - Country-Fried Steak
- \_\_\_\_\_ - Roasted Turkey Dinner
- \_\_\_\_\_ - Braised and Slow-Roasted Pot Roast
- \_\_\_\_\_ - Lemon Pepper-Crusted Salmon (at \$2 extra)

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**Also select a desert:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ - Slice of Apple
- \_\_\_\_\_ - Chocolate Cream
- \_\_\_\_\_ - Lemon Meringue Pie.

I need to make a **count list** of those who are attending, by what they want to eat main course and desert selections for the restaurant.

I also need a check or cash from those attending either mailed to me at the address above or delivered at a Saturday coffee. If you have to wait till the last minute, money or checks can be taken at the door. But, please let me know you plan to attend (no later then 14 Dec) for table setup. By return e-mail or call Walt Modler 941-1390.

Please make checks payable to **WALT MODLER**.