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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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## HAPPY NEW YEAR'S



## welcome To The New Year Marines and Family Members



Well here we are it is 2010. 2009 was a big year for the Detachment, the future will be even better. I would like to thank all the members who "volunteered" their time and efforts in the last year.

We could not have accomplished the things we have done without your help. 2010 and beyond will keep all of us quite busy while we prepare for the upcoming national convention. This detachment cannot accomplish the things we do without your help. We have our elections coming up in the spring. We need nominations for candidates for these positions. Again I would like to thank everyone in the Detachment for their efforts in 2009 and I am looking forward to your help in the future.

*Semper Fi,*

Rich Erickson  
Commandant  
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Harold Kwan

### *A Christmas Tribute To A Veteran*

This story was brought to my attention by Harold Kwan who is a member of our Treasure Valley Detachment, No 878 Marine Corps League. The story involves Harold Kwan himself in his own words;

The other day I was in line at the checkout counter at a grocery store. The cashier had just rang up my groceries and I was about to pay when she told me that the gentleman in front of me had already paid for my groceries. I rushed out of the store after the guy to thank him. The gentleman turned and bowed to me and said. " *I thank you for your service.*" I guess he saw my "*Chosin Few*" cap that I was wearing and knew what it stood for. This gesture sure touched me. I had people thank me verbally, but this is a first for someone to pay for my groceries. Well Harold you deserved it.....and so do many more veterans who served our Country in time of wars. For you Harold and your *Chosin Few* veteran buddies my hat goes off to you as well. God Bless you and the *Chosin Few*.

*Semper Fi to all our Warriors and Veterans and their families*

### *Christmas Party*

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of December the Treasure Valley Detachment had their Christmas party. Unfortunately the editor was not available for pictures or comments. But I understand from Walt Modler the party was a big success. Walt stated, for those who attended we sure did miss those who did not participate. What a turnout....45 Marines, wives and guests turned out at Marie Calendar for a good time to be had by all. The meals were good and seeing old friends was even better. Lots of time for socializing and catching up on fishy stories. The fun was really great when the gift exchange began. Surprisingly "Santa SPLISH SPLASH in the tub" was the first to fall to the trading wars. Rumor had it the old boy was holding out on a stash of Viagra. Lots of nice things were exchanged. Rich said he would be real happy to exchange his powder blue massager with any interested parties. If anyone have ideas on where else or when a fun evening like this could be held, contact *Walt Modler*. Thanks Walt for your input on the Christmas party. My apologies for not informing someone to bring a camera that evening, since I was at the airport to pickup my wife.

Semper Fi, Marines  
Walt Modler



I hope everyone had a good holiday season and received what they wanted for Christmas and didn't party to much for the New Years. I would like at this time to wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

For our Christmas party, as Walt highlighted, we had 45 people turn out

Singing Santa in a tub also had a good time. We got to visit several families before deciding whom to go home with. All had a good time, good food and socializing. The weather was not the best but everyone returned home safely...I hope. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December Walt Modler, John Walker and I went to Mountain Home to set in on their meeting. John talked to the members about where we are on the 2011 National Convention.

We also found out that the Mountain Home Detachment could not find their Marine Corps flag. So we discussed the possibility of lending them a flag till they can replace theirs. This is still open for discussion. The new year is upon us and election will be coming up soon. Start thinking who you want to serve or if you would like to volunteer yourself.  
Semper Fi,

Arnie Strawn  
Sr Vice Commandant  
Treasure Valley Detachment, No 878



Marines: It seems we have had a very busy month. I hope that each and everyone of you and your families had a great Christmas, Hanukah and a great start to the year 2010. We have 18 months and counting for the National Convention.

Several of our Detachment members will be attending Marine West Expo and QUIN down in Oceanside Camp Pendleton, CA.

This will be a great opportunity to talk to other League Marines who live west of the Mississippi River. Items will include the conventions (both Greensboro and Boise), uniform issues and the first chance to see who is announcing candidacies for National Office. It will also be an opportunity to talk with vendors at the Marine West Expo. Maybe they will come up to our convention. You never know. We will also get a chance to talk with today's Marines. See what is going on, what they think about our Corps future and tell them about the Marine Corps League. This is just the start too. We have a lot of planning to finish up between now and June. The monthly meetings are going to get larger with each passing month. Our regular business meeting is going to start seeing more and more convention issues brought up.

I want every Marine and Corpsman and Associate member to know that we need you. If you know others, please invite them to breakfast or to the business meeting. Recruiting is going to be even more important than it was before. It may fall to the Jr. Vice to be responsible for membership but in reality it is everyone's responsibility.

If you want to help with the Convention, don't wait to be asked. Let one of us know. We will be glad to have your help. We have many needs that still need to be filled.

Semper Fidelis,

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*Check out Our Web Site at;  
[tvdmc.org](http://tvdmc.org)*

## ANNOUNCEMENT

If anyone is interested in a program called Honor Flight, please let me know. Honor Flight for anyone who does not know is a program that lets WWII Veterans go back to Washington D.C. and see the WWII Monument at no cost. Idaho is one of the few states that has not yet set up a program to work with this.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

Please let me know if you are going to go to the MCL National Convention in Greensboro, NC. It is August 8, & 14, 2010. I would encourage everyone to consider going. Not only is it a great experience but it will allow you to see what goes on during the Convention before it comes to Boise.

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## Chaplin's Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE

As we move into 2010 I wish everyone the best of health and happiness and may your troubles be few and small. December has been a pretty good month with no reported serious illnesses. I will be at the QUIN the last week of January and the first week of February but will have my cell phone in case you need to contact me.

Semper Fi, and hope to see everyone at our January 21, 2010 meeting @ 1900hrs

Bobby Lee



### *Koffee Klatch*

Want to get acquainted with some fellow Marines and shoot the bull. Come on down to Quinn's restaurant on Saturday's at 0800-1000. We have breakfast and coffee and do a lot of BS at the same time. Last week at breakfast we had the honors of swearing in a new Marine Corps League member. Doug Hartley



*Murphy's Law of Combat;  
If at first you don't succeed, call in an air strike*



### *Agent Orange-Heart Disease*

Department of Veterans Affairs will be issuing a final ruling in the near future to include *Heart Disease* as a cause by exposure to Agent Orange. The ruling, expected to be published soon, will make almost any veteran who set foot in Vietnam and diagnosed with Ischemic heart disease, (known as coronary artery disease) eligible for disability compensation and VA medical care. The only exception would be if credible evidence surfaces of a non-service cause for the ailment.



### *January Birthdays*

Sheila Cross  
Linda Hansen  
Maggie Modler  
Susanne Peters  
Darlene Toluse

From all the members of Treasure Valley Detachment we wish you ladies a very, very "Happy Birthday"



### *Next Business Meeting Is January 21, 2010*

Our Next scheduled business meeting for the good of the Detachment is January 21th, Thursday. At the Pavilion on Gowen Field. As always we ask that you join us and help make decisions that will better our Detachment in the coming months and to give your help and expertise in making our 2011 National Convention a success. Everyone is asked to participate and help us in making this Detachment a more exciting and valuable tool for the community and to demonstrate what the Marine Corps League is all about. See you at the meeting.....

Semper Fi

### *Free Blue Star Flag Available*

In honor of all of the brave men and women in uniform, Grantham University would like to offer every service member a free blue star flag their families can display to pay tribute to their scarifice.

To get your free *Blue Star Flag* just visit  
[www.mybluestarflag.com](http://www.mybluestarflag.com)



### ***VA Statement About 2010 Benefits & Program***

Washington- The Department of Veterans Affairs wants to inform Veterans of the following changes that will take effect in 2010;

VA will freeze increase in prescription copayments; Any increase in Veterans out-of-pocket payments for pharmaceuticals will be delayed until June 30, 2010. This means the department will delay a scheduled \$1 increase-to \$9-in the copayments facing Veterans for each 30-day supply of medicine for treatment of conditions not related to military service. During this period, VA will also keep \$960 as the maximum annual out-of-pocket payments for pharmaceuticals for non-service-related conditions. The yearly maximum out-of-pocket payment was scheduled to increase to \$1,080. There are no copayments associated with the treatment of conditions

### ***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.

Checkout our Web Site; [tvdmc1.org](http://tvdmc1.org)

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

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



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\$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.

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