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

Abraham Lincoln

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Marine Corps League



2011 National Convention



Boise, Idaho



To be connected
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Prevention and
Mental Health
professionals,
call the toll-free
National Suicide

Prevention hotline and indicate you
are a Veteran. **1-800-273-8255**

Watch for the Treasure Valley Detachment,
No 878, newsletter upcoming issues. There
will be information about the 2011 Marine
Corps League National Convention hosted by
our Detachment in Boise, Idaho. Information
about hunting Cougars, tours on the old scenic
train through the mountains of Idaho. Visit
Idaho's best wineries and sample the flavors.
Checkout the gulf courses..and much more .
Go to www.tvdmcl.org for more information.



Art Kilton
Jr Vice Commandant

For general knowledge. We have just submitted info and photos to Semper Fi magazine for their NOV-DEC issue. Our thanks go to Lisa Edens and Laurie McConnell of Boise Visitor's Bureau, for putting it together for us. Check your magazine! Art

MC League, Treasure Valley Det, No 878 Staff Meeting



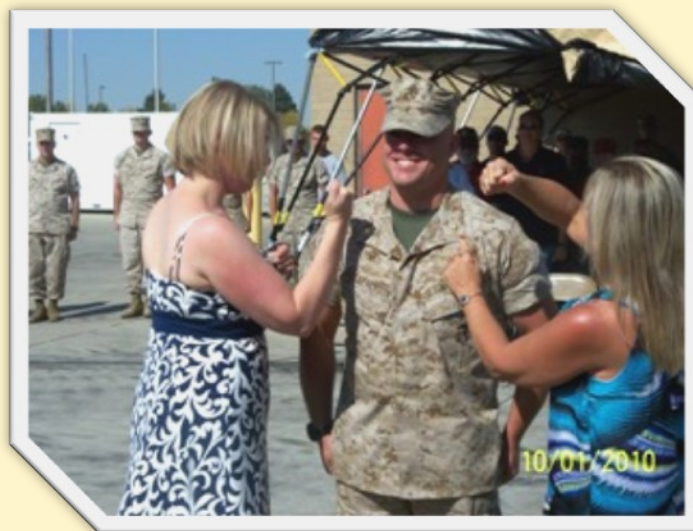
Next meeting is Oct 21th at 1900, at the Pavilion on Gown Field. Topics for discussion will be on the Detachments' monthly agenda and events. Please show up and voice your support. The winner for the *Progressive Jackpot* was Robert Schaney. Unfortunately Robert wasn't at the meeting to claim his prize. The *Progressive Jackpot* now stands at \$29.00. Remember you have to be present to receive your *Progressive Jackpot* winning.



I&I Commanding Officer's Promotion

Capt Brian Stephenson, CO. I&I, 4th Tank Bn has been promoted to Major. Congratulations Major Brian Stephenson.

From all of us from Treasure Valley Detachment, No 878



Major Brian Stephenson is having his Oak Leaf pinned on by his Wife on the left and his Mother on the right



Win a Trip to Vietnam

Week of September 13, 2010

If you received a Purple Heart for being wounded in Vietnam, you could be one of 13 veterans who will win the Veterans of Foreign Wars' "Return to Vietnam" trip. This in-country tour runs March 30-April 12, 2011 and will visit Hanoi, Saigon, Dong Ha, Khe Sanh, Chu Lai, Hue, the DMZ, Da Nang, Hoi and Marble Mountain. Airfare, accommodations and meals are included. To access complete rules and an entry form, visit the [VFW website](http://www.vfw.org). For those who do not have computers and are interested in getting the rules and entry form please contact Don Griffith at 208-898-0974.

Subject; [The Search For SSgt. William Lynch, USMC](#)

BOSTON PRESS CONFERENCE

Friends and Fellow Marauders,

As you know, MIA CHARITIES INC, better known as *Moore's Marauders*, has been engaged in a mission to locate USMC SSgt. William Joseph Lynch of Dorchester, Mass, for more than two years. Lynch was the only American left "unaccounted for" from the notorious Imperial Japanese prison in Mukden, China, at the close of WWII. MM traced a near, 300 mile circumference of options thanks to the courtesy of our friends in the People's Republic of China, discovering three, independent eye witnesses along the way. With luck, we now have Lynch's burial site down to 40 "anomalies" on less than an acre. On Wednesday, August 4th thanks to the courtesy and support of the New England Historical and Genealogical Society, MM was able to bring USMC Lynch's bunkmate, 91 year old Roy Weaver and Lynch's nieces together in Boston, for the first time. MM's remarkably gifted genealogist Marie Daly, armed only with the first name of Lynch's surviving sister *Eleanor*, performed a national records sweep to find Lynch's next of kin presented by niece Judy Armour. MM Sr. Research Historian Fred Baldassarre, of Hayward, California, performed the equally miraculous task of locating Gunny Roy Weaver. MM hopes to identify in late October of this year, the "anomalies" our scientists discovered last April at the Lushun, China "secret" cemetery. those "anomalies" may well be Lynch.



Roy Weaver

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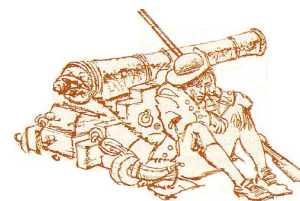
former POWs not currently utilizing VA benefits to contact the agency at 1-800-827-1000 to find out if they may be eligible for disability compensation and other services. Veterans can also apply online at the [VA's VON-APP website](#) or contact their coordinator for former POWs located at each VA regional office. More information about VA services for former POWs is available on the [VA website](#)



New Veterans Headstone Medallion

Week of October 4, 2010

Veteran's medallions are available through the VA, which can be affixed to an existing privately purchased headstone or marker to honor the deceased veteran's status. The medallion may be furnished upon request in lieu of a traditional Government headstone or marker for veterans that died on or after Nov. 1, 1990, and whose grave is marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker. The medallion is currently available in three sizes, 5 inches, 3 inches, and 1.5 inches. Each medallion will be inscribed with the word VETERAN across the top and the Branch of Service at the bottom.



Artillery Brings Dignity To What Would Otherwise Be just A Brawl



Special Benefits for Former POWs

Week of September 27, 2010

The Department of Veterans Affairs has expanded policies to cover increasing numbers of former prisoners of war. Special benefits for former POWs include enrollment in medical care for treatment at VA hospitals and clinics without copayments. The VA is asking ⇒⇒⇒



POW/MIA Exhibit Unveiled

Week of September 27, 2010

Defense Department officials recently dedicated a portion of the Pentagon to military prisoners of war and troops missing in action. The hallway is lined with information, artifacts and photographs underscoring the service and sacrifice of more than 80,000 MIAs and POWs from the present conflict in Afghanistan and dating back to World War II. For more information on POWs/MIAs, visit the [DPMO website](#), the [Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command website](#), the [Library of Congress' POW/MIA Databases and Documents website](#), and the [Veterans of Foreign Wars' POW/MIA Awareness brochure](#)



Reenactment Honors Inchon Landing

Sep 16, 2010
Marine Corps

News| By Lance Cpl. Tyler C. Vernaza

INCHEON, Republic of Korea -- Family, friends and service members from around the world gathered in one place today to honor the alliance of the Republic of Korea, Australia, and the United States, and to remember those who gave everything defending freedom. Exactly 60 years ago today, U.S. and allied forces fought side-by-side to regain control of South Korea from the North and in doing so, shifted the tide of war and changed history forever. Marines and sailors with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit and the USS Denver (LPD 9) as well as allied Marines, sailors and airmen with the Republic of Korea were brought together for a reenactment of the 60th anniversary of the historical landing at Inchon, ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ ⇒



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September 15th. "It's an honor and a privilege to be able to be apart of something like this, and to see how much effort the Korean forces have put into this. It means as much to them as it does to us," said Capt. Mike Borneo, company commander, Animal Company, Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion 7th Marines, 31st MEU. Borneo, who played the role of Gen. Douglas Macarthur for the re-enactment said, "The landing at Incheon was huge. It set the ground work for everything the U.S. and the Republic of Korea have been able to accomplish over the past 60 years." "We are here to remember the veterans that died all those years ago, but also to celebrate the strong alliance we share with the Republic of Korea today," said Lance Cpl. Milton Zavala, machine gunner with weapons platoon, Animal Co., BLT 1/7, 31st MEU. "This is my first time working with the Korean Marines and I'm very excited." The day began as about 4,000 spectators, including allied service members, veterans, family, friends, media, and civilians, all gazed upon the 21 vessels that lined the horizon. The ceremony unfolded as allied forces began to recreate the landing at Incheon, first with demonstrations by helicopter and fixed wing aircraft overhead. Naval guns simulated firing as pyrotechnics detonated by the waters' edge, preparing the beach for assault and Landing Craft, Air Cushioned raced by the spectators. Minutes later allied Amphibious Assault Vehicles made their way towards the beach in three groups, releasing smoke screens and firing explosives. The U.S. and ROK Marines then rushed toward the landing area like a storm. The shouts and cries of the fierce Marines, both Korean and American, were then drowned by the roar of applause from the excited audience. The Marines paused once they covered the beach, all waiting to strike from the prone firing position. The crowd began to calm and then a whistle blew, signaling the Marines into formation. Within a matter of seconds the troops stood and formed, with the ROK Marines to the left and the U.S. Marines on the right. To end the ceremony, Borneo, playing Macarthur, marched with six other officers all dressed in period costume, to the front of the formations. Borneo stood at ⇒ ⇒

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attention and shouted "Report!"

A U.S. Marine officer stepped forward, saluted and shouted, "Sir! Objective secured!" As he returned his salute and stepped back a ROK Marine officer stepped forward and shouted, "Sir! Objective secured!" At that moment both formations of Marines raised their weapons and gave a loud, victorious cry.

Richard Rubie, a U.S. Marine veteran of the war and a Private First Class at the time, looked back on the landing with pride. "We were professionals, but we were scared," said Rubie. "The fighting was tough – I remember a bullet bouncing off of my helmet while I was still in the landing craft."

This event was one of the last Incheon remembrances that many survivors of the landing will be able to attend due to their age.

Hyunggeon Kim, a Korean veteran of the war, enlisted August 31, 1950. As a sniper and PFC in the ROK Marine Corps, Kim said he remembers the landing well. "I am very proud to be here and to have served with the American Marines on this beach," said Kim, "We stand together here today at Incheon just as we did 60 years ago."



Idaho State Veterans Home, Fall Parking Lot Barbeque

Summer finally is coming to an end and the Idaho State Veterans Home is hosting their last parking lot barbeque for the year. Our old Grill Sgts have turned up along with several of our Treasure Valley Detachment Marines to help in the prep work, running the chow line and cooking up a great barbeque lunch. Our Treasure Valley Young Marines were on hand to assist the veterans who are handicap and wheel chair bound. A great barbeque was had by all. Hats off to our volunteers from our Detachment and the Treasure Valley Young Marines ➡➡



L-R, Grill Sgts; Art, JrViceCmdt and Arnie, Det Cmdt cooking up a meal barbeque lunch



Veterans and their guest along with visitors line up for chow. The day was overcast and cool, and it seems our Devine maker cooperated and gave her Veterans a great day to enjoy the food and fellowship. *God Bless our Veterans*

Coffee



Klatch

Don't forget folks our coffee time at Quinn's Restaurant, every Saturday. Doors are opened around 0830, (Give or take a half hour). Come join us for a cup of brew and a lot of BS. One thing Marines are good for.....*Lots of tall tales and complaining*



Dates of interest for October;

- Oct 1, 1880.....John Philip Sousa was named leader of the Marines Corps Band
- Oct 9, 1917.....The 8th Marine Regt was activated at Quantico
- Oct 11, 1951.....HMR-161 in Korea transported 3/7 in the first battalion size combat helolift
- Oct 14, 1950.....Mag -12 began operations out of Wansan Airfield in North Korea
- Oct 23, 1983.....218 Marines were killed during the terrorist bombing in Beirut, Lebanon
- Oct 24, 1915.....MCRD was moved from Norfolk, VA and established at Parris Island, SC
- Oct 26, 1898.....Marine Bks was established at Naval Station, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Oct 31, 1955.....LtGen Lewis B "Chesty" Puller retired as Lieutenant General

October



Birthdays

Mary Ann Allen
Carol Nance
Anita Partridge
Karrie Seavey

**From all the members of the MC League, TVD, No.878
We wish you ladies a much deserved "Happy Birthday"**

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

To All hands;

We need everyone to help out in this project if we want our Marine Corps League 2011 National Convention to succeed. In your daily activities of going out for dinner, or other business engagements you could take the time to talk with management about our National Convention in 2011 and how the Business Community can help out with donations and to get their business establishment printed in our 2011 National Convention Book for a reasonable fee. Outline below is what's called a *chest sheet*. It's nothing more than an outline how to approach management and sale their business for a reasonable donation fee to be printed in our Convention book. If you have any further question feel free to contact your Jr Vice Commandant, Art Kilton at his email address or by telephone. arthurkilton1@msn.com or telephone number 208-440-4057. Cut out this cheat sheet and carry with you as you go about your daily routine and are able to contact any business owners. Remember this National Convention will only succeed with all hands contributing.

PAPPY BOYINGTON

Marine Corps League 2011 Convention

31 July—6 August, 2011

Boise, Idaho

Hello I am _____ a member of the Treasure Valley Detachment, No 878, Marine Corps League. Next year the National Convention for the Marine Corps League is being held in Boise, Idaho. This will involve approx 1000 - 1500 Marine Corps League members and their guests traveling Nationwide to the Boise area. With the backing and professional help from the Boise Convention Bureau this should generate approx 2 MILLION dollars to the Boise Area and surroundings. In conjunction with the Convention we are publishing an "AD BOOK" that will be presented to every attendee to take back home. We are offering full page ads in the book for \$160.00, Half page ads for \$90.00 and Quarter page ads for \$50.00. We would be glad to include you in the Ad Book What size ad would you like? Thank you very much for your support and interest.

(If they say no to those prices you can, as a last resort, offer them the business card size for \$35.00)

In reference to the *Cheat Sheet* on page 6, below is the paperwork needed to have the business(s) fill out and submitted to Art Kilton, Jr Vice Commandant. The top portion is for us and the bottom portion, "Receipt" goes to the business

Order Sheet

PAPPY BOYINGTON MARINE CORPS LEAGUE CONVENTION 2011 31 July - 6 August 2011

Yes, I would like to purchase an ad in the Convention 2011 Book. Please check the size ad you would like to purchase.

☐ Full page ad.....\$160.00

☐ ½ page ad.....\$90.00

☐ ¼ page ad.....\$50.00

☐ Business Card ad.....\$35.00

☐ Copy ready artwork of ad attached.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____

Phone Number: _____

Receipt

Date

This is to acknowledge receipt of \$_____ from the following
_____ for purchase of an ad in the
Pappy Boyington 2011 Convention Book. If copy ready artwork is
not provided at this date, it must be furnished within 30 days of
receipt.

Signed



From the Desk of Commandant Roane

laroane@wildblue.net

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Hello Marines and FMF Corpsman of Idaho.

It's been a busy Quarter for me. I attended the National Convention in Greensboro, NC. The Treasure Valley Detachment, Pappy Boyington Detachment, Magic Valley Detachment, SgtMaj Linehan Detachment, Wm. Barber Detachment all received the National Junior Vice Meritorious Award for Membership Achievement. Congrats to them. Keep up the hard work in maintaining the membership

Right now, getting organized for the Northwest Division Conference set for October 11, 2010 in Boise, Idaho. If you can attend, come and join us and share our activities, thoughts and comradeship with our neighboring Departments and Detachment from the Northwest.

I am pleased to announce that I am not aware of any serious problems occurring within the Department. Stay on top the problems. Thanks.

I know that all Detachments are busy planning for the 235th Marine Corps Birthday celebration. I wish you all the best to a successful celebration. Wish that it was possible to attend each and everyone's celebration but that would be an impossible task, but my thoughts will be with you.

We have a really busy year ahead of us, all in assisting the Treasure Valley Detachment in hosting the 2011 National Convention.

And finally for now, I want to extend a wonderful Happy Birthday to all. Oooorah. Semper Fi. Woof Woof.

A Semper Fidelis