



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE



Treasure Valley Detachment, No 878

Volume 16, Issue 19

March, 2010

Semper Fi Gazette



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

Abraham Lincoln



- **Commandant**
Rich Erickson, 208-562-0498
 - **Senior Vice Commandant**
Arnold Strawn, 208-454-8295
 - **Junior Vice Commandant**
John Walker, 208-954-9021
 - **Judge Advocate**
Bob Smith, 208-939-2582
 - **Adjutant/Paymaster**
Ralph Elston, 208,853,7344
 - **Chaplin**
Bobby Lee, 208-402-1659
 - **Sgt-At-Arms**
Walt Modler, 208-468-8808
 - **Newsletter Editor/Publisher**
Don Griffith, 208-898-0974
- Email: griffithusmc@msn.com
Website: www.tvdmcl.org



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

1-800-273-8255

WINNER OF THE M-1 GARAND RIFLE



Presenting the award winning Garand M-1 Rifle is our Commandant Erickson on the left and Bobby Lee our Detachment Chaplin on the far right. Mick Nance, center being presented the award. What is so special about Mick winning this Garand M-1 Rifle as he tells the story.....When he was a Captain and on a Rifle Team back in the 90s he's been looking for this M-1 rifle for over 20 years., but couldn't afford the price or could never find one for sale. I guess you can say after 20 years of searching and opportunities evading him, Mick finally has been united with his dream of owning a great trophy. Congratulations Mick. Semper Fi



Chaplin's Corner

THIS WILL BE MY LAST "CHAPLAINS' CORNER" SINCE THE ELECTION OF NEW OFFICER FOR THE DETACHMENT WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 18th. IT HAS BEEN MY PLEASURE TO SERVE AS YOUR CHAPLAIN FOR THE TREASURE VALLY DETACHMENT THIS PAST YEAR BUT NOW IT IS TIME FOR ME TO MOVE ON AND SOMEONE ELSE TO STEP UP. IT'S A VOLUNTEER/APPOINTED POSITION SO IF YOU WILL LET OUR COMMANDANT KNOW YOU ARE WILLING TO FILL THE POSITION I'M SURE HE WILL BE GRATEFUL AS WILL ALL OF OUR OTHER MEMBERS. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DUTIES GIVE ME A CALL (402-1659) AND I WILL ANSWER YOUR INQUIRIES.

MEMBER KEN JOHNSON SPENT A COUPLE OF DAYS IN THE HOSPITAL IN CALDWELL THIS PAST MONTH BUT HAS BEEN RELEASED AND IS DOING MUCH BETTER. HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON KEN!

MEMBER GARY SCHUMAKER IS STILL IN REHAB AT THE "ASPEN TRANSITIONAL REHAB CENTER". THE ADDRESS IS: 2867 E. Copper Point Dr., Meridian. DIRECTIONS FROM BOISE: TAKE I-84 TO THE EAGLE EXIT, #46; TURN LEFT AND CROSS THE FREEWAY; GO PAST OVERLAND RD. TO COPPER POINT DR. AND TURN RIGHT; THE FACILITY WILL BE ON YOUR LEFT JUST BEFORE THE CURVE. GARY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY VISITORS WHO WOULD CARE TO STOP BY! MEMBER JOHN WALKER HAS BEEN "UNDER THE WEATHER" FOR THE PAST FEW WEEKS AND HAD TO SPEND A SHORT TIME IN THE VETERANS HOSPITAL. ON TOP OF THAT HE HAS HAD A PERSONAL TRAGEDY IN THE FAMILY AND OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS GO OUT TO JOHN AND HIS FAMILY. JOHN HAS BEEN OUR DIRECTOR FOR THE 2011 CONVENTION SINCE AUGUST 2009 BUT HAS SINCE RECEIVED A JOB OFFER IN WASHINGTON, D.C.; CONGRATULATIONS JOHN AND BEST WISHES. THANKS FOR ALL OF THE HARD WORK YOU PUT INTO THE DETACHMENT AND WE HOPE YOU WILL STAY IN TOUCH WITH US.

SEMPER FI

Bobby J Lee

Chaplain, Detachment 878

CALL FOR VETERANS DAY NATIONAL POSTER NOMINATION

Do you have an idea for a national Veterans Day poster? If so, the Veterans Day National Committee wants to hear from you. The committee is seeking submissions for the 2010 national Veterans Day poster. The poster is distributed to VA and military installations around the world. It also graces the cover of the official program booklet for the Veterans Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. A selection committee will convene in May 2010 to review submissions and select a finalist. The final poster must be 18x24" at 300 dots per inch, but please scale down submissions to 9x12" and submit electronic versions as jpg images or PDF files via e-mail to vetsday@va.gov <<mailto:%22vetsday@va.gov%22>> . Alternatively, send copies of artwork or a CD with artwork files to: Department of Veterans Affairs (002C), 810 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, D.C., 20420. Please do not send originals. The deadline for submissions is May 1, 2010. To view Veterans Day posters from previous years, please visit <http://www.va.gov/vetsday> <<http://www.va.gov/vetsday>> and click on "Poster Gallery". Submissions should include sufficient information to demonstrate that the image is the work of the artist and is not copyrighted material (i.e. photos and concepts). The committee may select a particular submission but ask the artist to make modifications to the original design. Additional changes may be required prior to printing.

Former Camp Lejeune Resident's Injury Claim Allowed To Move Forward

In continuing coverage, [McClatchy](#) (2/25, Barrett) reports, "For what appears to be the first time, a former resident of Camp Lejeune, N.C., has been permitted to move ahead" with a personal injury claim "against the Marine Corps for years of water contamination that she says led to the development of her non-Hodgkin's lymphoma." The US Department of the Navy, "which includes the Marines, this week lost its bid" in Federal Court "to dismiss the case of Laura J. Jones of Iowa, who lived at Camp Lejeune from 1980 to 1983 as the spouse of a Marine officer." McClatchy adds, "The decision means the case can now move forward, said Joseph L. Anderson, a Winston-Salem, N.C., attorney who represented Jones and has heard from thousands of other potential victims at Lejeune."



Senior Vice Commandant

April Report;

Here we are again, at the time of year when we have to elect new officers. We have to elect a new Commandant, Senior Vice, Junior Vice, Paymaster, and Judge Advocate. So we need everyone that can possibly make it to the meeting, to be there. There are other awards, such as an Acknowledgement that we need to present by our April meeting at Marie Callender's. With a lot of work by the Convention Board things are looking up for the Convention in 2011, but still need Marines to step up and help, when and where they possibly can.

We also have a State Convention for the Department of Idaho coming up in Jack Pot, Nevada. On May 21-22. Make plans to attend this Convention. It is very informative and a chance to meet other Marines throughout the State.

Arnie Strawn
Sr. Vice Commandant

Continued from Monthly Business Meeting.....

The meeting of 18 February was the third drawing of the progressive pot lottery for the TVMCL with Marine David Brasuell' name being drawn. Sadly he was not present to accept his winnings. His loss this month has grown to \$23.00 but with this progressive nature of the drawing the pot is sure to continue growing. Again to win you have to be present and make your buy-in for \$1 dollar. See you at the next meeting on Gowen Field on 18 March.

Open request to TVMCL Marine prior Drill

Instructors: As the Young Marine representative, I am asking Marine DI's to help **Judge Drill Competition on 29 July 2010**, all day at Gowen Field. Events will be unit drill 10 to 14 Young Marines, Color Guard, and Guidon handling more details to follow. Please contact Walt Modler (at 941-1390) if you can assist this Marine, who spent too much time with the wing to learn the fine art of drill. Uniform will be MCL undress uniform (short sleeve) with Campaign (Smokey Bear) cover.

Walt Modler, Sgt-at-Arms, Tel: 208-941-1390



MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETINGS

March 18, 2010, 7:00 PM ...is our next business meeting, at the Pavilion on Gowen Field. There are many things to discuss and recommendations to better our Detachment and the upcoming 2011 National Convention. Also it's time to elect new Officers. We need your help, so please come out and volunteer your services. Our current elected Officers have been long overdue to step down. One of our elected Officers has served over 15 yrs as Pay Master & Adjutant. So show your support by volunteering to take on one of many open positions. ⇒



Coffee Klatch

Hot Coffee and a lot of Socializing....that's what it's all about. Talk about an enjoyable get together with old friends or with your fellow Marines, you can't help but want to stay as long as possible and continue the conversation. That's how I feel about this special Saturday's event. Come on out and have some coffee and breakfast. Or just coffee and shoot the breeze with a bunch of great guys. From WWII, Korea, Vietnam and today's Vets. Talk about history in the making. This is where it's at. Quinn's restaurant on Vista Ave in downtown Boise. Every Saturday at 0830 to whenever the last man leaves. If your experiences in life were to much to talk about, we do talk politics, everyday community



Have You Heard

The Departments of Veterans Affairs, Defense, and Labor re-launched a new and improved Web site for our wounded warriors this week -- the National Resource Directory (NRD). This directory (www.nationalresourcedirectory.gov) provides access to thousands of services and resources at the national, state and local levels to support recovery, rehabilitation and community reintegration. The NRD is a comprehensive online tool available nationwide for wounded, ill and injured servicemembers, Veterans and their families. The NRD includes extensive information for Veterans seeking resources on VA benefits, including disability benefits, pensions for Veterans and their families, VA health care insurance and the GI Bill. It also includes information for caregivers including how to find emotional, financial and community assistance. The site includes a specialized section on homeless assistance. The site offers information on programs and benefits designed to help homeless Veterans and servicemembers live as independently as possible. The NRD's design and interface is simple, easy-to-navigate and intended to answer the needs of a broad audience of users within the military, Veteran and caregiver communities. Other features include a fast, accurate search engine; a "bookmark and share" capability that allows NRD users to spread the word about valuable resources on Facebook, Twitter and other social media sites; and a news feature with updates on relevant information and events.



Murphy's Law of Combat

Never share a foxhole with anyone braver than you are.



March Birthdays

Donna Schumaker
Melody Vaquera

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



National Medal of Honor Day

Treasure Valley Marines.

I'd like to inform you about an upcoming event in Boise on the **National Medal of Honor Day**. There will be a special screening of the documentary film "Pappy Boyington Field" in Boise on March 25th. The film will be shown at The Flicks theater at 7:00pm in downtown Boise. This is an appropriate commemoration event for an Idaho-born Medal of Honor recipient.

I hope you can attend, and also help spread the word to others.

Semper Fi,
Kevin Gonzalez
(208) 651-4479

www.PappyBoyingtonField.com



Military Times

Senators Seek Funds For Concurrent Receipt

By **Rick Maze**

to some disabled military retirees still waiting for the right to The Senate Armed Services Committee has given a sliver of hope receive their full military retirement pay and veterans disability compensation. The committee is asking the Senate Budget Committee to make adjustments in the 2011 federal budget to accommodate \$264 million in additional benefits in 2011 and \$5.4 billion over the next 10 years to allow an expansion of "concurrent receipt."

The request comes in the committee's letter to the Senate Budget Committee making recommendations about the \$708 billion defense budget for 2011.

A bipartisan letter signed by committee chairman Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., and ranking Republican John McCain, R-Ariz., warns against cutting the Obama administration's proposed defense budget. the letter says. "We urge the budget committee to fully support the administration's national defense budget request so that we can assist the department in restoring and protecting vital readiness accounts."

On concurrent receipt, the Obama administration proposes to add \$264 million into the military retirement trust fund in 2011 so it can begin providing concurrent receipt of retired pay and disability pay to people who received medical retirement from the military with fewer than 20 years of service. Over five years, the administration wants to phase in concurrent receipt for people receiving military disability retired pay, ultimately providing full military and veterans benefits to all disabled retirees. The problem with the Obama administration's proposal is that it does not comply with congressional budget procedures; it does not specifically identify a source of the money that would be spent on new retiree benefits. This same problem prevented Congress from passing a similar proposal last year. Levin and McCain told the budget committee they support providing full concurrent receipt, and hope the budget committee can identify offsets in the budget to cover the costs.

The Levin-McCain letter was sent to the budget committee on March 5 but released only late Tuesday.

President Signs Veterans Act

Week of February 08, 2010

President Barack Obama recently signed the Veterans' Emergency Care Fairness Act of 2009. The new law will enable the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to reimburse veterans enrolled in VA health care for the remaining cost of emergency treatment if the veteran has outside insurance that only covers part of the cost.

Previously, VA could reimburse veterans or pay outside hospitals directly only if a veteran has no outside health insurance.

PTSD Vets Win Retirement Deal

Tom Philpott | January 28, 2010

PTSD Vets Discharged Since 2002 Win Retirement Deal

More than 4300 Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans who were diagnosed in service as suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, but got low military disability ratings, have won an agreement with the Department of Defense to upgrade those ratings retroactively to 50 percent.

The higher rating will represent an important win for this group of veterans mentally scarred by war. It will mean, from date of discharge, eligibility for disability retirement and access to TRICARE, the military's triple health insurance option, for the veterans, spouses and dependent children.

Any out-of-pocket medical costs since discharge also could be paid retroactively, and these soon-to-be-designated disabled "retirees" will gain access to discounted shopping and recreational services on base.

By October 2008, under pressure from Congress, DoD did revise its guidance to the services on rating PTSD to adhere to the VA rating schedule. Meanwhile, Congress ordered DoD to create a special board to review any service-generated disability ratings of 20 percent or less brought forth by veterans who were separated as medically unfit since Sept. 11, 2001.

A Class Action Opt-In Notice Form is being mailed to these veterans and must be returned either by fax or postmarked before July 24, 2010.

Veterans who don't get a notice by mail but believe they might be eligible can get more information online at:

www.ptsdlawsuit.com. The deal will not benefit tens of thousands of veterans diagnosed with PTSD over the last 30 years, only those discharged with a rating for PTSD of less than 50 percent after Dec. 17, 2002, and before Oct. 14, 2008



Ship's Store Merchandise

MC EGA (Gold)	\$5.00
MCLeague Patch	5.00per set
Patches, Jacket 10"	
U.S. Marines	
("These Colors Never Run")	10.00 ea
Ball Caps (Red) MCLeague logo	10.00
Jacket Red, Windbreaker	Size
	XL 32.00
	XXL 34.00

Check with Ralph Elston, Paymaster
Tel: 208-853-7344 or relston@cableone.net



Treasure Valley Young Marines

February 2010,
Turned out to be a
fun time for the
Young Treasure
Valley Marines at
Bogus Basin Ski
Resort as shown here
going up the slope by
cable on intertubes



FAMILY BARBER SHOP

Tel: 343-8132 C# 914-3882

Locate at 1108 Vista Ave.

Tue-Fri 8am - 4:30 pm

Sat 8am - 3 pm



Owner: Trevor Hill



The dates for the coffee wagon this year will be:
JUNE 19TH & 20TH
JULY 3D - 4TH & 6TH
AUG 7TH & 8TH
SEPT 11TH & 12TH

Time again for volunteers to sign-up..... The two
hour tour is very interesting and sometimes very
short. Depending on the traffic. You get to meet all
kinds of folks. Some as far away as Sweden and
Australia. You won't regret the two hour tour. If you
get bored at least there's two of you to keep each
other company. You can start by contacting the
Commandant, Rich Erickson, Tel: 562-0498 or
erickson1@cableone.net



February, 2010 Bogus Basin Ski Resort, Treasure Valley
Young Marines having a great time enjoy some winter sports.



Can you identify this Marine?

PAPPY BOYINGTON FIELD

A Campaign to Honor a Hero

*A Documentary Film
By Kevin Gonzalez*



MEDAL OF HONOR



Special Event on the National Medal of Honor Day

March 25, 2010 at 7:00pm

The Flicks theater, 646 Fulton St, Boise

Ticket Office (208) 342-4222

Gen. Adm. \$8.50, Discount \$2 for Seniors/Military/Students

The filmmaker will be present for an Audience Q&A

www.pappyboyingtonfield.com

DVD AVAILABLE SOON - CHECK THE WEB SITE FOR DETAILS



Job Fair

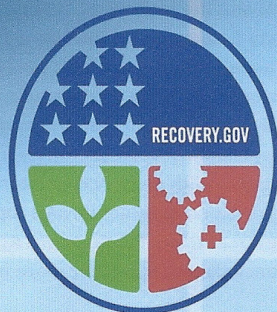
- *Meet employers from across the region*
- *Networking Opportunities*

Procurement Assistance

- *Existing Veteran Owned Businesses can meet with Federal/State Contracting Officers*
- *Meet with PTAC Representatives*

Training

- *Selling to the Government*
- *The SBA Loan Program*
- *Job Seeker Workshop*
- *Veteran's Benefits*



SAVE THE DATE

VETERAN'S OPPORTUNITY CONFERENCE

April 1, 2010
Nampa Civic Center
8am-5pm
Free Admission



For More Information Contact Lissa Baldwin
208-334-9004 ext. 344