



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE



Treasure Valley Detachment, No 878

Volume 16, Issue 20

April, 2010

Semper Paratus 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

WHAT ABOUT HEALTH CARE INSURANCE FOR THE MILITARY RETIRED FAMILY???

*The question on everybody's mind is what will happen to my
Tricare For Life, (TFL), or Tricare for Prime ??*

Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo

Trying to squelch a persistent rumor that a health reform bill sponsored by Democrats would cut Tricare benefits for military retirees, the chairman of the House Armed Services Committee vows to introduce legislation that explicitly exempts defense programs from any health care requirements.

Democratic leaders have said military and veterans programs are not affected by pending legislation. But concerns remain, fed partly by some vague legislation language and partly by Republican opponents of health care reform.

Rep. Ike Skelton stated he will introduce legislation this week, (Mar 22nd) to explicitly state that Tricare and the [nonappropriated fund] health plans meet all requirements for individual health insurance.

Tricare Meets Health Care Bill's Standards, Gates Says

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, March 22, 2010 - The Tricare military health plan meets the standards set by the health care reform bill the House of Representatives passed last night, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said in a statement issued yesterday.

Calling their health and well-being his highest priority, Gates reassured servicemembers and their families that the legislation won't have a negative effect on Tricare, which "already meets the bill's quality and minimum benefit standards."

"The president and I are committed to seeing that our troops, retirees and their families will continue to receive the best quality health care," the secretary said.

Biographies:

[Robert M. Gates](#)



Chaplin's Corner

HERE IT IS APRIL, AND TIME FOR INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS FOR THE DETACHMENT AND THAT INCLUDES THE CHAPLAIN. IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO SERVE THE MEMBERSHIP OF TREASURE VALLEY MARINE CORPS LEAGUE #878 FOR THE PAST YEAR AND I WISH EVERYONE THE BEST. YOUR NEW CHAPLAIN AN, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, WILL BE KENNETH JOHNSON AND HE CAN BE REACHED AT kenj7@q.com OR 440-0881 IF HE IS NEEDED. I WILL CONTINUE TO BE ACTIVE IN ASSISTING WHERE I CAN TO PUT THE UP COMING 2011 CONVENTION TOGETHER. THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE CAN USE THE HELP OF ANYONE WILLING STEP UP AND WE STILL NEED A FEW MORE PEOPLE SO LET ART KILTON KNOW YOU'RE WILLING TO HELP. HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE AT THE INSTALLATION OF DETACHMENT OFFICERS.

SEMPER FI

BOB LEE, CHAPLIN

Next COLA Increase Estimated At Just 0.1%.

The lead item in "News Digest" for the Federal Times (3/22, 40K) reports, "The 2010 cost-of-living adjustment for retirees could test the idea of whether something really is better than nothing," because, "congressional economists are estimating the Dec. 1, 2010, pay adjustment is going to be just 0.1 percent. That COLA forecast was issued March 12 by the Congressional Budget Office in relation to a bill that would increase veterans' disability and survivor benefits" by the same amount "that goes to Social Security recipients."



MARINE DRILL INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

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

TVMCL #878

Idaho

wmodler@q.com

208.941.1390

LEWISTON, IDAHO, BOBBY LEE AND IDAHO DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT, LOU ROANE



Bobby Lee and some of our Detachment members along with other fellow Idaho Detachments members helping out in advertising our up coming 2011 National Convention and raffling of our new up coming Cougar hunt. "Great job Marines, and thanks for your support." Remember we still need help in manning our tables/booths throughout the year until the 2011 National Convention convenes in Boise Idaho. *Please volunteer your services .*



Senior Vice Commandant

April Report;

With the elections over for this year everyone should make an effort to attend the dinner and to join in the swearing-in of our new Officers at Marie Callender's restaurant at 8574 Fairview Avenue, Boise.

On April 15, 2010.

With the backing and help from all our members we will have a great and successful year ahead. We still need all the assistance in getting ready for the 2011 National Convention. We are also looking for ideas and taking any suggestion on fund raising to raise more funds for our Detachment and for the National Convention. The State Pre-Convention is in McCall on April 24th starting at 0800, until conclusion. The Pre-Convention will be held at the Super 8 Motel in McCall. Please come out and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow marines. If for no other reason to enjoy the sights and surroundings of McCall. See you there Marines !



Koffee 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.



MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETINGS



Center- Skip Nakashima being presented an award by our Cmdt Rich Erickson on the right and Sr ViceCmdt Arnie Strawn on the left. Our next Detachment meeting will be held at *Marie Callender's* located at 8574 Fairview Avenue, Boise. On April 15th at 7:00 PM. Come early if you wish to dine out before the 7 pm meeting begins.

Veteran's Opportunity Conference



Sr ViceCmdt, Arnie Strawn, ® manning table at Nampa Veteran's Opportunity Conference

“Artillery Brings Dignity To What Would Otherwise Be Just a Brawl. “



Treasury Valley Detachment Ship's Store

Polo Shirts, (Red, Idaho Marine on front & back)

M.....\$22.00ea

L.....22.00ea

XL.....22.00ea

Sweatshirts, (Gold, Idaho Marine on front & back)

M.....nis

L.....\$20.00ea

XL.....nis

Sweatshirts(Red, MCL logo front)

(Backside, *Once a Marine always a Marine*)

M.....nis

L.....\$20.00ea

XL.....20.00ea

XXL.....22.00ea

Check with Ralph Elston, Paymaster

Tel: 208-853-7344 or relston@cablone.net



April Birthdays

Elaine Stonebraker

Nancy Teague

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

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



Dates of interest for April;

April 1st, 1945....L-Day on Okinawa for the 1st & 6th
MarDiv. It was Easter

April 4th, 2004....Operation Vigilant Resolve, (First battle
for Fullujah) commenced in Iraq

April 6th, 1776....Continental Marines on USS Alfred
participated in the first naval engagement

April 7th, 1958.... 6th & 8th Marines landed in Beirut,
Lebanon

April 13th, 1847....Marines captured LaPaz, Calif, during the
Mexican War

April 14th, 1865....John Wilkes Booth shoots President
Abraham Lincoln at Ford's Theatre in
Washington, D. C.

April 22d, 1951....Korean War; CCF 5th Phase Offensive
began

April 27th, 1805....Lt Presley O'Bannon raised the American
flag over Derna, Tripoli



The dates for the coffee wagon
this year will be;

JUNE 19TH & 20TH

JULY 3RD-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@cablone.net



From the Desk of Commandant Roane

lroane@wildblue.net

(208) 476-5483

March 13, 2010

To: Department of Idaho Staff & All Detachment Commandants

REMINDER:

The Pre-Convention is fast approaching. I sure would like to see representation from all detachments. If you have not made your reservation as yet, below is the location for the last Pre-Convention on April 23 & 24, 2010.

Super 8 Motel – McCall
303 South Third Street
McCall, Idaho 83638
(208) 634-4637

The uniform for the Pre-Convention will be your MCL Cover.

If you have not done so yet, the deadline dates for getting the awards recognitions into Noelan McCormack, Awards Chairman. The deadline date is April 1st.

The detachments that received the Departmental Trophies last year, need to get the trophies to the Pre-Convention, so to be prepared for the awarding at the State Convention this year.

If you have any further questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me by phone or email.

Semper Fi,

Lou Roane
Commandant
(208) 476-5483
(208) 512-3666

McCall Idaho, American Legion Post 119 Disabled Veterans Float Trip 2010



Help us out

Donate now, your tax deductible donation will allow a float trip in 2010



Salmon River at Riggins Idaho, July 7-10, 2009.
The veterans respond with enthusiasm and sheer joy to the rolling rapids. ([View all pictures](#))

The overwhelming gratitude of these brave individuals has inspired Post 119 to again provide this experience to 12 disabled veterans in 2010.

Checkout www.veteransfloatmccall.com for further details