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Semper Fi Gazette



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

Abraham Lincoln



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**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



Travis Greene in wheel chair promoting "Idaho Warrior Sports."

Travis Greene is also our newest member as of April 15th. Travis served in Iraq when he was wounded and now is devoting his time to help other *Wounded Warriors* within the community who are on a slow recovery from their wounds and are struggling to get back into the Community and find work and some meaning of their sacrifice for their Country and fellow man.

Travis is starting this *Idaho Warriors Sports* from scratch and needs help from the Community and businesses throughout Boise and Idaho. If you know anyone in the business community or a business that can start to assist Travis in his goal of helping other *Wounded Warriors* I know he would be greatly appreciative. To contact Travis and to help him in his endeavors, email him at

Travis@IdahoWarriorSports.org

Or call him at C# 208-949-1737. Welcome home Travis and thank you for your sacrifice and devotion to Country and Corps, *Semper Fi* !!



Ken Johnson

*Chaplin's Corner*

Our newly volunteer Chaplin for our Detachment is a long time Marine Corps League member. Ken has served as Sgt-at-Arms, Newsletter Editor and Website Sgt for many years.

His new assignment as our Detachment Chaplin will be a challenge, but like always Ken has taken each of these past assignments with great pride and attention to detail. At this time as our new Chaplin Ken wishes to express his heart felt concern for Gary Schumaker who is currently recovery from a stroke. Ken's last report on Gary is he is doing fine and recovery well. Lets keep Gary and his family in our thoughts and prayers and hope for a speedy recovery.

As always, with our outgoing Chaplin's remarks, I ask for your help and input on any of our members that has been sick or failing health. So I may notify our Detachment members. Thank you and Semper Fi,

Kenj7@g.com

Tel 208-440-0881

Results of Our Progressive Pot Lottery

The meeting of **April 15th** was the Fifth and final drawing of this current progressive pot lottery for the TVMCL with Marine CHRIS CHRISTOPHER PLM's name being drawn. She was present and holder of a blue buy-in ticket and happy winner of the \$52.50 accumulated prize. The May meeting will begin the drawing anew with all new names of detachment members and remember each meeting you attend enters your name for another chance of winning. With this progressive nature of the drawing the pot will grow. Remember to win you have to be present and make your buy-in for \$1 dollar. See you at the next meeting on Gowen Field, at the Pavilion on 20 May at 6:30 pm.

*MARINE DRILL INSTRUCTORS NEEDED*

As the Young Marine representative, I am asking for former Marine Drill Instructors 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. 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. *Contact Walt Modler below;*

Walt Modler

Sgt-at-Arms

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Marine Of The Year Award

Newly Elected Commandant Arnie Strawn placing the medal of "Marine of the Year," around Don Griffith's neck. What does Don Griffith have to say...."Gosh !" Seriously fellow Marines I'm honored that you selected me for this award. I will continue to make our newsletter informative and accurate as the events happen. Thank you for this honor. Semper Fi



Treasure Valley Det Commandant

Arnie Strawn



About your newly elected Commandant; Arnie entered the Marine Corps on March 18, 1957 and had his training at MCRD San Diego, CA. He underwent further training at ITR, (Infantry Training Regt) at San Onofre, MCB Camp Pendleton, CA. Arnie's first duty assignment was at MCAS, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. First with "I" Company, 3rdBn, 4th Marines Then (3) months of wheel vehicle maintenance Course at Schofield Bks, 25th Infantry Division, US Army. Arnie's next transfer was to H&S Company, 3rdBn, 4th Marines until October 1959 when he rotated to H&S Battery 2nd LAAM at 29 Palms, (Stumps), California. Arnie was honorably discharged on March 18, 1961 with the rank of Corporal.

For the next several years Arnie worked as an auto mechanic on VWs and eventually had his own business for twelve years specializing on VWs. Arnie gave up his business and went into Building Maintenance until he finally retired in 2007.

Arnie joined the Marine Corps League in 1996 and became a life member in 1998. Since then Arnie has held the office of Sgt-at-Arms, Junior Vice Commandant and Senior Vice Commandant and now as our newly elected Commandant. Arnie also holds the office of Sgt-at-Arms for the Department of Idaho,



Koffee Klatch

What can I say about our Koffee Klatch at Quinn's restaurant... We sure are getting a lot of participation and great conversation going at Quinn's. It's great to see a large group of fellow Marines. I had the experience on two occasions at Quinn's by two ladies.. one in fact was one of our waitresses and an unknown lady who was watching our table about a year ago. The lady observing our table asked what we are and how do we get so much fellowship among our fellow Marines. They wished their husband's could get the same fellowship among their old Army buddies.

I went on to explain to the lady and to our waitress, about our years of camaraderie and generations of Marines past, that we never forget one another. It's not a simple remembrance, but a commitment to never forget our fellow Marine veterans. The hardship, suffering and pain we all endure and even the laughter during moments of life and death that we share, is a bond that we will never forget one another. Our Marines may be a WWII, Korean, Vietnam or today's Iraq/Afghan veterans, but there is no difference except maybe a generation gap. We are all Marines.... We are One. I was proud to have these ladies so interested in our spirit of fellowship that they wished their husband's could experience what we have for ages. I didn't say anymore my chest was already swelling with pride. *"Semper Fi, fellow Marines and God bless our Corps."*



NEWLY ELECTED DETACHMENT OFFICERS

Our newly elected officers at the last Monthly meeting are from L-R; Rich Erickson, Adj/Paymaster, Arnie Strawn Det Commandant, Ken Johnson, Det Chaplin, Frank Partridge, Judge Advocate, Art Kilton, Jr ViceCmdt and not shown, David Kleinfeldt, SrViceCmdt

I like to take this opportunity, as well as all our members to say thanks Ralph for an outstanding job and devotion to your duties as Paymaster and Detachment Adjutant. My understanding you've been Paymaster since 1775? Well at least fifteen years? Some of that credit also goes to Barb. there's always a wife in the background supporting her man

PLEASE NOTIFY THE TVD NEWSLETTER OF ANY CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS TO YOUR NAME, ADDRESS OR EMAIL ADDRESS. CALL 208-898-0974 DON GRIFFITH

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The Detachment meeting at Marie Callender's was a great turnout. The interest shown at the prior meetings and the folks showing up deserves a pat on the back by everyone. It's starting to show that we are taking a hard look at our detachment's commitment and future....Now if we can only get more volunteers. In any case I hope everyone had a good time and enjoyed the day's events. we have commitments coming up in May, June, July, Aug and Sep. Please checkout our May's Event calendar. Our next schedule Detachment meeting is on May 20th, Thursday at the Pavilion on Gowen Field. Hope to see another good turnout .



Jr Vice Commandant

Art Kilton

Arthur H Kilton, Sgt USMC, 1954-1957, principal duty was SeaGoing Detachment, Captain's Orderly, aboard Aircraft Carrier USS Philippine Sea CVA-47. Following enlistment, I joined the California Highway Patrol, with duties in San Francisco Bay area and Los Angeles. Rank of Sergeant. Raised my family in Sunnyvale, CA. (Now called Silicon valley)

Later worked for Atari, the video game builder and another computer company called ROLM, Corp as Security & Safety Manager. Moved to Seattle and was Safety Director for City of Seattle's Engineering Dept.

For 10 years in Seattle, had my own Safety business, called Safety Training Associates, where we did safety presentations and developed programs for business and industry.

Moved to Boise in 2000, semi-retired. Accepted a teaching opportunity with BSU and taught their heavy truck driving program for almost 9 years. Although I retired from teaching, I find myself very busy with Marine Corps League activities. Newly elected Jr Vice Commandant for Treasure Valley Detachment and Director of the 2011 National Convention.

(Any help from members will be most welcome)



Judge Advocate

Frank Partridge

I served on active duty from 1970-1974 and inactive reserve 1974-1976, until my honorable discharge with the rank of Sergeant, (E-5).

After training at MCRD Diego and Pendleton, I was with 1stMARDIV FMFPAC until my discharge in 1974.

Worked in air transportation which is a fancy way of saying I moved lots of people and paperwork for the Corps.

I Currently work for Micron Semiconductor as an R&D Engineer in the design validation group.

I've been married to my wife, Anita of 32 years.

I have 3 grown daughters Shawna, Lisa, and Amy and 3 grandchildren.

Foxhole Buddies





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

MAY'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events;

- May 18th, Tuesday; Vets fishing trip at Stan's Meholchick in Caldwell
- May 20th, Thursday; (1900) MCL, Detachment meeting. At the Pavilion, on Gowen Field
- May 21-22nd, Friday; State MCL Convention in Jackpot, NV
- May 31st, Monday; Memorial Day; Wreath Laying at Veterans' Cemetery, Time: 10:00 AM ceremony



May Birthdays

Linda Emery
Patricia Hisaw
Grace Janko
Velma Gordon

**From all the members of Treasure Valley Det #878
We wish you ladies a very, very "Happy Birthday"**



Dates of interest for May;

- May 2nd, 1965....1stBn 8thMarines participated in the intervention in the Dominican Republic
- May 4th, 1942.....Marines participated in the Battle of the Coral Sea during WWII
- May 6th, 1942.....The colors of the 4th Marine Regt were burned to avoid capture on Corregidor
- May 15th, 1862.... Cpl John Mackie became the first Marine awarded the Medal of Honor
- May 21st, 1847.....A Marine Regt formed for duty with Gen Winfield Scott's Army in Mexico
- May 23rd, 1899.....Marines arrived to secure Cavite Naval Base, Philippines
- May 24th, 1900.....Marines landed at Taku, China to establish Legation Guard at Peking
- May 31st, 1900.....Marines guarded Peking Diplomatic Qtrs during the Boxer Rebellion



A Veteran's Seldom Used Benefit.....

"AID and ATTENDANCE" is an underutilized special monthly pension benefit offered by the Veterans Administration for veterans and their surviving spouses who require in-home care or live-in nursing homes. To qualify, a veteran (includes the surviving spouse) must have served at least 90 days of active military service, one day of which is during a period of war, and must be discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

The veteran's benefits is \$18,234 annually (paid monthly) and an increase to \$21,615 if a veteran has a dependent.

The surviving spouse alone is \$11,715 annually. For more information, call 1-800-827-1000 or visit the website at www.va.gov Type in the search block; "Aid and Attendance"



MCCALL, IDAHO AMERICAN LEGION POST 119, DISABLED VETERANS FLOAT TRIP 2010

Help out the American Legion on this float trip by donating what you can.

Checkout their website and you tube.com for further details and pictures.....

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p3JTQu7M5cQ>

<http://www.veteransfloatmccall.com>

IMPORTANT WEBSITES TO REMEMBER;

Compensation Rate Table;

www.vba.va.gov/bin/21/Rates/comp01.htm

Comp for Disabilities Associate with the Gulf War;

www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/part6%20/ch07.doc

Department of Veterans Affairs Home Page;

www.va.gov/

Disability Examination Worksheets Index, comp;

www.vba.va.gov/bin/21/Benefits/exams/index.htm

Watch for further va.gov/ websites monthly



SECRETARY OF THE NAVY? OR SECRETARY OF THE NAVY And MARINE CORPS

Two bills are in Congress that would change this once and for all.

H.R. 24 Introduced by North Carolina Rep. Walter Jones would change the name and re-designate the Secretary of the Navy to the Secretary of the Navy and marine Corps. The bill was overwhelmingly approved in the House on May 4th

S. 504, Introduced by Kansas Senator and Marine veteran Pat Roberts, is an identical bill intended to fast-track the change in the Senate. It is clear that most Senators are unaware of the bill and the importance of it to Marines, Marine parents and especially to those loved ones who Marines have died in combat.

Please tell your Senators that you support the bill that would re-designate the Department of the Navy to be the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps.

For more information go to the website

www.MarineCause.com

LOST MAMELUKE OFFICER'S SWORD

I am wondering if you may be able to help me or direct me to someone that can. I am a Captain in the Derry NH Police Department. We are in possession of a USMC Officers sword that was manufactured by N.S. Meyer Inc. The Sword is believed to be stolen property. The Sword has an officer's name etched into the name banner. It is **Carl John Carlson**.

The sword has the Conqueror Trade Mark if that is of any help and has the following etched into the edge of the blade. USMC App. Serial #322.

After corresponding with the Library of the Marine Corps I was directed to your publication.

We would like to return the sword to its rightful owner or his family.

The sword has been in our custody for a number of years so it is likely the Marine Officer is not currently serving. In fact the Marine may likely have passed away. It was recovered in the early 1970's.

I can be reached at the email listed or 603-432-6111.

Thanks

I look forward to a response.

George R. Feole, Captain
Support Services Division



In Flanders Fields

By John McCrae

*In Flanders fields the
poppies blow
Between the crosses, row
on row. That mark our
Place; and in the sky the*

Larks, still bravely singing; fly. Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago. We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow. Loved, and were loved, and now we lie in Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe; To you from failing hands we throw the torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die. We shall not sleep, though poppies grow in Flanders fields

This poem was written by a WWI Colonel John McCrae a surgeon with Canada's First Brigade Artillery

TO ALL DETACHMENT MEMBERS. WE NEED YOUR HELP..... We have over 96 members and associates. If each member could just hand out two of these Gulf Tournament forms to your friends, business friends/partners or anyone you know who loves gulf we can have a great turnout for June 24th. Remember ***all Registration must be in no later than June 15th*** For further details call David Kleinfeldt at; tel. 208-602-9044 or email; davidlk99@aol.com



**St. Luke's Children's Hospital
Golf Tournament**

Presented by

U. S. Treasure Valley Marine Corps League 2011 National Convention
P.O. Box 45874, Boise ID 83711

Contact: David Kleinfeldt 208-602-9044 or davidlk99@aol.com

EVENT: 4 person scramble. Includes closest to pin; hole in one and longest drive.
WHERE: Lakeview Golf Course, 4200 W Tallamore, Meridian Idaho, 83646
WHEN: Thursday, June 24, 2010 @ 9:00 AM. Shotgun start.
ENTRY FEE: \$250 per team or \$65 individual. **Registration ends on June 15, 2010.**
FEE INCLUDES: 18 holes of golf with Cart. Plus Range Balls. BBQ dinner to follow.
There is a \$15 fee for non golfers to cover the BBQ dinner.

For more information call David Kleinfeldt 208-602-9044

Send paid entries to Lakeview Golf Course, 4200 Talamore, Meridian, Idaho, 83646
or you may hand deliver the entry to the Pro Shop at Lakeview Golf Course.

TEAM ENTRY:

1. _____	H/C _____	Tel #: _____
2. _____	H/C _____	Tel # _____
3. _____	H/C _____	Tel # _____
4. _____	H/C _____	Tel # _____

INDIVIDUAL ENTRY:

1. _____	H/C _____	Tel # _____
2. _____	H/C _____	Tel # _____

TEAM ENTRY/ INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION

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This year's tournament is scheduled at Lakeview Golf Course, 4200 W Tallamore, Meridian Idaho, 0900 Thursday June 24, 2010. Includes 18 holes of golf with cart, BBQ and many prizes for all participants.

We _____ agree to be a sponsor for the Marine Corps League 2010 Golf Tournament.

Our cash contribution will be \$ _____ and/or "In-Kind" services and value.

1. _____ Value \$ _____

2. _____ Value \$ _____

Hole Sponsor

1. _____ Cash amount: \$ _____

2. _____ Cash amount \$ _____

Signature of Sponsor Representative _____ Date _____
Company _____
Address _____
City, St, Zip _____
Telephone _____

MCL Conv Director, John Walker _____ Date _____

MCL Conv Secretary, Arthur Kilton _____ Date _____

All sponsorships must be paid by June 15, 2010 to guarantee your company logo on printed materials. If you would like to set up multiple payments to complete your sponsorship pledge, please contact the senior coordinator, David Kleinfeldt 208-602-9044.

☐ Payment enclosed. ☐ Please invoice me

Make check payable to:

Treasure Valley Marine Corps League (TVMCL) PO Box 45874 Boise, ID 83711

This is your receipt when original is signed by the Director and Secretary of the MCL

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