## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE







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"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 **MEMORIAL DAY** At the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery



The turnout of Idaho citizens on this Memorial Day has grown larger each year, despite the weather not cooperating. As the slight drizzle of rain was falling I was suddenly alone in my thoughts as I looked out over the lush green fields of grass across the cemetery, with the white granite headstones looming above the ground, designating a fallen Warrior, as if to say, "Here I lie for all to see that I gave my life for freedom and for my fellow man. I hope that my sacrifice was not in vain and my fight for your freedom has been duly earned.





Arnie Strawn

On Friday, May 21th my wife and I drove down to Jackpot, NV for the *Idaho Department MC League Convention*. We arrived on time to give the Twin Falls Detachment a little harassment for being late setting up their check-in table. But they did have the meeting room already to go. Some of the other Detachments already had some of their members on board and the hospitality room was already to go as well, so we spent a little time getting acquainted.

Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> the meeting kicked off at 0800. The meeting moved along smoothly and we were able to get a lot accomplished. Bobby Lee gave an excellent report on the By-Laws and the changes/corrections that were needed.. The By-Laws were passed with ease.

Art Kilton our Director for the 2011 MC League National Convention, gave an excellent presentation. Everyone was listening intently on his report.

Jack Cunningham was appointed as Department Legislative Officer. Jack has worked at this post in the past and will do a great job as always

Our Detachment had a total of eight, (8) members present. We were also awarded a couple of awards, but you'll need to be present at the June meeting to see the awards.

Next year the convention will be held in Lewiston, Idaho. Now that we have put behind us another convention, we all had a great time meeting with our fellow members, friends and making new friends. If you have not been at any of our conventions you are missing out on a great time.

We have some upcoming local events coming soon and I will keep all hands posted prior to the scheduled events.

Semper Fi Marines,

Arnie Strawn Commandant Marine Corps League Treasure Valley Detachment, No 878

#### MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM



*Master of Ceremonies,* David E. Brasuell, Col, USMCR-Ret and Administrator Idaho Division of Veterans Services, (IDVS)

Remarks were also given by our Governor, C. L. "Butch" Otter



Releasing of the Doves...."A Breath of Heavenly Doves." by Lisa Knight





Laying of the Wreath by Ralph Elston and Cmdt Arnie Strawn. Escorted by the Idaho Army National Guard

§ Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends John 15:13



### Koffee Klatch

Every Saturday at 0900-1000, (Some old timers come earlier) Quinn's Restaurant on Vista Avenue in Boise Join us for an hour or so of Marine gossip, (Sea Stories) or simply friendship among old veterans,

> Treasure Valley Detachment No 878 Staff Meeting



Next meeting is June 17<sup>th</sup> at 1900,(7:00 PM) at the Pavilion on Gown Field. Please lets have another large turnout and participation for the many ideas needed to raise capital for the upcoming 2011 National Convention here in Boise. Lets make this a convention that the Marine Corps League members and businesses will remember for years.

### 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 TVMCL #878 wmodler@q.com Tel: 208.941.1390





State of Idaho Division of Veterans Services

Phil Hawkins Volunteer Coordinator

To: Arnold Strawn, Commandant Treasure Valley Detachment, Marine Corps League

#### Dear Friends:

Thank you for doing the cooking for our Spring Parking Lot Party on Armed Forces Day. You did an outstanding job and we really appreciate your help. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Veterans Olympics on Sep 15th, and to having you help us with cooking again on the Fall Parking Lot Party October 7. May you all enjoy the summer, and again, on behalf of all of us, Thank you for helping with our mission of "Caring for America's Heroes." Sincerely, Phil Hawkins

Volunteer Coordinator

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### May Spring Parking Lot (Barbeque) Party at the Idaho State Veterans Home



JrViceCmdt Art Kilton delegating responsibilities to Gary Randel, & Bill Sawyer for the KP duties



Gary Randel explaining how to light a grill to the other four supervisors standing around



Walt Modler, Det Sgt-at-Arms giving proper instructions On the technique of making a hotdog sandwich. *Listen Up!* 



Gary Randel says, "This job SUCKS"!!



Dep Commandant Lou Roane presenting Our Det Commandant Arnie Strawn an award

May 21-22 State Marine Corps League Conference in Jackpot Nevada



JrViceCmdt Art Kilton being presented an award

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The dates for the coffee wagon this year will be; JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> & 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>-4<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> AUG 7TH & 8TH SEPT 11TH & 12<sup>TH</sup>

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 <a href="mailto:erickson1@cableone.net">erickson1@cableone.net</a>

### JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events;

June 17<sup>th</sup> MC League meeting, 1900 at the Pavilion on Gowen Field

June 19th & 20th Coffee Wagon volunteers

June 24<sup>th</sup> Golf Tournament for St Lukes Children's Hospital



#### June's Birthdays

Melba Butler Priscella Dunn Barbara Elston Nancy Grigsby Annette Rogers Donna Short

From all the members of Treasure Valley Detachment, No.878, We wish you ladies a much deserved "Happy Birthday"



### Dates of interest for June;

- Jun 1, 1918...."Retreat Hell ! We just got here," the 5thMar Regiment in France
- Jun 1, 1965.....Mag-12 begins combat flight operations at Chu Lai, Vietnam, with A-4E aircraft from VMA-311 & VMA225
- Jun 2, 1918..... French Croix de Guerre awarded for services at Belleau Wood, France during 2-13 June
- Jun 6, 1944.....WWII, D-Day, Allies land at Normandy, France for invasion of Europe
- Jun 14, 1898....Two Companies of Marines defeated the Spanish near Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
- Jun 25,1950.....Korean War begins
- Jun 26, 1891.....The Corps established its first post at Port Royal, SC, later known as Parris Island
- Jun 30, 1834.....Congress placed the Marine Corps under Navy jurisdiction



Iwo Jima - 1945 Before and After 2010



FLAG DAY JUNE 14<sup>th</sup>



We had only 4½ people out to help us with 100 plus flags?? What happen to our members? Here are two nonmembers helping out. The Commandant in the background, Arnie Strawn, hurring to the next flag pole. Bill Sawyer and Don Griffith are the only other two putting up flags on this very windy afternoon. The two shown here are my five year old grandson, Giovanni and his Dad, Robert, a former Marine. .

### Meeting on upcoming 2011 MC League National Convention with Jim Tuohy



The meeting was very informative and things were discussed on all possible problems that have developed on past conventions so as not to repeat the same mistakes. The meeting lasted from 1000 throughout the noon hour.



A special thanks to Danny Eddy for setting up the arrangements and the staff of Doubletree Riverside Hotel in Boise for the buffet and drinks.





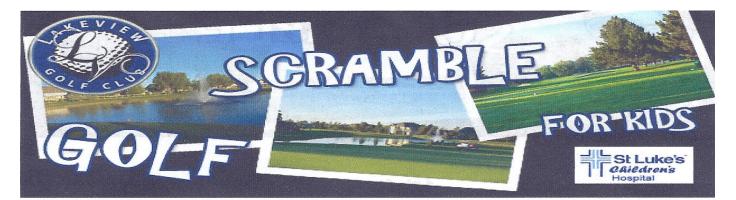
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#### Store Hours:

Monday – Saturday Sunday 9:00am – 6:00pm

Location: 5823 West Franklin Rd. Boise, Id. 83709 Phone: 208-968-2666 Email: support@vets4success.org

Website: www.vets4success.org **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 24<sup>th</sup>. Remember *all Registration must be in no later than June 15<sup>th</sup>* For further details call David Kleinfeldt at; tel. 208-602-9044 or email; <u>davidlk99@aol.com</u>



### 1st Annual Treasure Valley Marine Corp League Golf Tournament benefiting the St. Luke's Children's Hospital

Event: 4 person scramble. Includes; closest to the pin, hole in one, longest drive.
Where: Lakeview Golf Coarse, 4200 W. Tallamore, Meridian
When: Thursday June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 @9 am. Shotgun start.
Entry Fee: \$250 per team or \$65 individual.

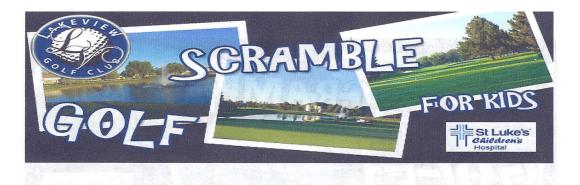
Fee Includes: 18 holes of golf with cart, range balls, BBQ dinner to follow. (There is a \$15 fee for non golfers for dinner.)

Silent Auction of donated prizes to follow the scramble.





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# St. Luke's Children's Hospital

The Treasure Valley Marine Corps League and Cornerstone Promotions have teamed together to raise awareness and funds for the St. Luke's Children's Hospital.

The unique services provided at St Luke's Children's Hospital include a 24-hour emergency center, designed and staffed, just for kids. Our services includes intensive care units for children of all ages, an outpatient pediatric sub-specialty center to provide multidisciplinary services to children who are victims of abuse or neglect.

We are looking for community support and participation to make this a fun and productive event



