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## Semper Par Gazette



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

*Abraham Lincoln*



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you are a veteran.  
1-800-273-8255**

### *1<sup>st</sup> Annual Treasure Valley Marine Corps League Golf Tournament*



Golf Scramble tournament is a fund raiser to donated for the St Lukes Children's hospital. The tournament was held at Lakeview Golf course in Meridian on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Our first of a kind here in Treasure Valley is to help the children at St Lukes. Participation turnout was not as great as we would have hoped. This is the kind of events we as Marine Corps League members must participate in to help our fellow community, i.e. vets organizations, children's health/educational events, etc. Our reputation as former Marines and ambassadors of our Marines Corps is our top priority and to keep our future roll of good ambassadors, we must ALL participate, no matter how small your assistance is, it will help our Detachment in the future. We have a great challenge ahead of us. The 2011 Marine Corps League National Convention. I cannot stress how important it is for all hands to participate. No matter how small, your help is needed now and throughout the year until the convention kicks off. A job well done by our SrVice David Klienfeldt who did all the coordinating and our fellow Marine Corps League members who participated in the Golf Tournament. Picture above l-r; Gary Randel, David Brasuell, Art Kilton, JrVice and seated, Roy Jost .



Arnie Strawn



Commandant

At our last meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup>, We changed the Bylaw for the Fred V. Kee Memorial Scholarship fund. This fund is for the Young Marines. Also the bylaw for the length of term of office for the elected officers, From one year to two years. At this time we voted for an override of the Bylaw about not having meetings in July and Aug. For this year we will be holding meetings on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July, then again on the 19<sup>th</sup> of Aug. Next year we will only have a meeting in July. The reason for this is because of the National Convention will be in August. To find out more about these changes read the Bylaws, or come to our July meeting.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of June the golf tournament was held at Lakeview in Meridian, we fell short of our goal. But everyone had a good time. Next year will be better. Will see all of you at the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>

Semper Fi Marines,

Arnie Strawn  
Commandant  
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### ***JUNE 25, 1950 KOREA***

Actual hostilities: June 27, 1950, to July 27, 1953.

Official dates: June 27, 1950, to Jan 31, 1955.

Number of Americans killed: 33,664.

Missing in Action: 8,176.

Prisoners of War: 7,140, of which 4,418 were returned,

2,701 died in captivity and 21 refused repatriation.

Medals of Honor: 131

### ***REVISIT KOREA NEWS - 60th Anniversary Commemorations - 1950 - 2010***

We have finally received the 2010 Revisit Korea programs, and it's all good news! In the final hours of 2009, the ROK government passed the Revisit Korea program budget. This expanded the Revisit Korea program over three times, and KWVA USA has received a quota of one thousand (1,000) veterans, and their Family/companions, for the year 2010. The other good news, is that the government will subsidize 50% of the veterans air fare and 30% of the family member/companion.

In addition to the increased quotas, there will be a total of ten (10) tours during the months of April, May, June, September, October and November. ((Unprecedented, since in previous years, only four (4) tours were offered!))

What can you do to get registered? First, go to the KWVA web site at [www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org) and click on "Revisit Korea Tours". There is also an application form in each issue of "The Graybeards", magazine of the KWVA.

Since KWVA has a policy of "First come, First served", you should register ASAP! If you don't have a computer, or get The Graybeards, call 800-722-9501 or 703-590-1295 in Virginia. You can also go to the MHT web site [www.miltours.com](http://www.miltours.com).

Once we receive the exact dates, and the instructions, from Korea, and if you are registered, you will receive the specific tour information and be given the opportunity to pick the dates you choose to "Return". (Again, it will be First come, First served!)

ELIGIBILITY: We have had numerous questions: "I have been before, can I go again"? The answer is, apply! If the quota are not filled by those who have not gone before, you can return again! Since the 2010 quotas are very large, the possibility that you can go again is "Excellent to Outstanding." However, if you haven't registered, you may not receive your first choice.

Fraternally,

Warren Wiedhalm

KWVA USA Revisit Coordinator



## MORE PICTURES OF OUR GOLF TOURNAMENT AT LAKEVIEW GOLF COURSE, MERIDIAN



David Kleinfeldt , Our hats off to David for organizing this event single-handedly.



More of our participants. l-r, Gary Randel, David Brasuell, Art Kilton and Roy Jost sitting



Left Bill Sawyer & Arnie Strawn, Det Cmdt. 3<sup>rd</sup> fr left



Center, our Idaho Dept Commandant, Lou Roane,

### Treasure Valley Detachment No 878 Staff Meeting



Next meeting is July 15<sup>th</sup> at 1900,(7:00 PM) at the Pavilion on Gown Field. Our next meeting will be August 19<sup>th</sup>. Topics for discussion will be on the National Convention for Aug 2011. Please show up and voice your support and advice to make this National Convention, one we will always be proud of.



### 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. If you're not a member of the Marine Corps League and you're a former Marine or Navy Corpsman you are still welcome to visit us and have coffee and tell us your sea stories/BS.

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



## HAVE YOU HEARD

As he enters his second year as head of VA, Secretary Shinseki is focused on reducing the disability claims backlog. "We are going to break the back of the backlog this year," Secretary Shinseki said during a news interview last week.

He's counting on four pilot programs designed to identify and overcome obstacles that slow the claims process. One, launched in Pittsburgh in January, seeks to fundamentally change the relationship between veterans and the VA by giving the veteran a checklist of what's needed to file the claim and allow VA to go ahead and find whatever documentation the veteran can't provide. This, Secretary Shinseki said, reduces dead time right at the start of putting together the claims package. Once the paperwork is gathered, VA then will "work with the veteran to put together the best and strongest argument to win the case," he said. That's a major change, Secretary Shinseki noted, making VA the veteran's advocate rather than adversary as the claim makes its way through the system. Secretary Shinseki said he's impressed by what he's seen since the pilot program kicked off in January, and credits the self-named "Delta Team" there with showing solid progress in improving the claims process. A pilot under way at the Providence, RI VARO will introduce new automated tools to make claims processing faster and more accurate, efficient and secure. A pilot program at the Little Rock, Ark., VARO is focused on re-engineering the claims process to make it more efficient, investigating questions such as "How to simplify the claims process to reduce procedural delays?" A fourth promising pilot program being tested in Baltimore is taking best practices from the others to create what Secretary Shinseki called the "virtual VA regional office of the future." Ultimately, he said, he expects it to be a model for 57 VA regional offices nationwide. He said he's committed to creating a disciplined, high-performing and transparent organization tailored being more responsive to the needs of Veterans.

*If you can read, thank a teacher...If you can read this in English, "Thank A Marine".*



## SOMEONE LOST OUT ??

The meeting of **15 June** was the first drawing of the newest progressive pot lottery for the TVDMCL with Marine **Frank Partridge** name being drawn. Sadly he was not present to accept his winnings. His loss this month started at **\$7.00** 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 15 July.

Walt Modler, Sgt-at-Arms



## New TRICARE Requirement

Week of June 28, 2010

A new requirement means that skilled nursing facilities will have to preauthorize care provided to Medicare-eligible TRICARE beneficiaries once Medicare benefits are exhausted and TRICARE becomes the primary health coverage. Preauthorization is only required for skilled nursing facility care when medically necessary skilled nursing services extend beyond Medicare's 100-day limit and TRICARE becomes the primary payer for a beneficiary. Since medical documentation must be submitted, the preauthorization is requested by the skilled nursing facility and should not be a burden to beneficiaries or their families.

Military.com surveys found that most service members and their families are confused by TRICARE. [Get the facts and latest news on TRICARE](#)



## New TRICARE Formulary Search Tool

Week of July 12, 2010

Beneficiaries and providers can use the new [TRICARE Formulary Search Tool](#) to find which prescription medicines are in the uniform formulary. Once a user has identified if a drug is available, they can use the search tool to get information on a drug, such as restriction on use. The tool also shows if the medication is Tier One (with a \$3 copay,) Tier, Two (with a \$9 copay) or non-formulary (requiring a \$22 copay.) It also shows when a generic equivalent is required. The new Tool also has integrated the Prior Authorization and Medical Necessity forms and criteria into a search engine while ⇨⇨⇨



Continued.. *New TRICARE Formulary Search Tool*

still maintaining a page with a complete list of all criteria and forms. Any restrictions such as quantity or age limits are displayed in one location. In the future, the search tool's functionalities will increase based on feedback provided by patients and providers.

**VA Changes Health Care Co-Pays**

Week of June 21, 2010

Veterans who generally have higher income and no service-connected disabilities -- referred to as Priority Groups 7 and 8 Veterans -- will now pay an additional \$1 for each 30-day supply of outpatient medications. Taking effect July 1, the increase to \$9 from \$8. This change does not impact Veterans in Priority Groups 2 through 6 who will continue to pay \$8 for each 30-day supply of medications for their non-service connected conditions unless otherwise exempted. Veterans who have difficulty paying copayments for outpatient medications should discuss the matter with their local VA enrollment coordinator. Veterans may also contact VA at 1-877-222 VETS (8387) or visit [VA's health eligibility website](#)



*Never tell the Platoon Sergeant you have nothing to do*

**July's Birthdays**

Jill Greene  
Sharen Randel

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

**Dates of interest for July;**

- July 4, 1834.....President Andrew Jackson ordered green and buff as the marine Corps uniform colors
- July 6, 1905.....Marines escorted the body of *John Paul Jones* from France to Annapolis
- July 15, 1958....BLT 2/2 landed across the beaches at Beirut, Lebanon
- July 23, 1972....33MAU participated in relief operations in Philippines following Typhoon Rita
- July 25, 1777...Congress authorized a \$4 weekly subsistence for Marine officers
- July 27, 1953....Korean War ended
- July 28, 1918...BrigGen John A Lejeune assumed command of the 2d Army Div in France
- July 30, 1918...The 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Aviation Force arrived in France

**Chaplin's Corner**

Ken Johnson

June has been a good month to reflect on the sacrifices our Marine brothers and sisters made for our nation, both active duty, and no longer active duty. Honor, Commitment, and Courage are still the pillars that separate us from the other branches in America's military service. Marines have performed a faithful job in the defense of our great nation throughout the history of the United States of America. As June rolls into July, we have celebrated our Nation's birthday, as the rest of the year passes in review, we will be found still fighting for our cherished freedoms abroad and at home.

Please let me know of any one that is sick or passed away so I can go visit them or their families I need MCL get well cards and sympathy cards, to send to members or their families.

Semper Fi and God Bless, Ken



## Gem State Young Marines

Story by; Don Carlisle

July 3rd was a big day for Gem State Young Marines as it started the day off preparing for the dedication of the now new Disabled American Veterans Carrie L. French Chapter #1 and also participating in the Caldwell Parade followed by the dedication of Chapter #1 DAV at the end of the Ceremony the following Young Marines received the Presidential Volunteer Service Awards for outstanding service to our community with a indorsed letter from President Obama and a pin do display on their uniform. YM PVT. Cody Culp Bronze Award 86 hours, YM PVT. Patrick Stott's Bronze Award 54 hours, YM PFC. Chris Voigt Bronze Award 54 hours, YM PVT. Kristopher Cook Silver Award 123 hours, YM LCPL. Austin Wood Gold Award 162 hours, YM LCPL. Heidi Lint Gold Award 266 hours, YM LCPL. Hunter Lint Gold Second Award 307 hours, YM Cpl. Cheyenne Chipman Gold Second Award 377 hours. Since October 1, 2009 the awards were presented by Brigadier General Gayhart commander Idaho National Guard and Don Carlisle Commanding officer and Executive Officer Della Chipman of Gem State Young Marines.



Gem State Young  
Marine Color  
Guard

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BrigGen Gayhart, Commander Idaho National Guard inspecting Gem State Young Marines and presenting their awards. Above and below





THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Congratulations on receiving the President's Volunteer Service Award, and thank you for helping to address the most pressing needs in your community and our country.

In my Inaugural Address, I stated that we need a new era of responsibility—a recognition on the part of every American that we have duties to ourselves, our Nation, and the world. These are duties that we do not grudgingly accept, but rather seize gladly, firm in the knowledge that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit than giving our all to a difficult task. Your volunteer service demonstrates the kind of commitment to your community that moves America a step closer to its great promise.

Our Nation faces the most challenging economic crisis in a lifetime. We will only renew America if we all work together. Individuals, the private sector, and government must combine efforts to make real and lasting change so that each person has the opportunity to fulfill his or her potential.

While government can open more opportunities for us to serve our communities, it is up to each of us to seize those opportunities. Thank you for your devotion to service and for doing all you can to shape a better tomorrow for our great Nation.



Gordon Williams  
Korean Veteran, Distinguished Marine and  
Life member of the Marine Corps League,  
Treasure Valley Detachment, No 878



The Young Marine Division Encampment is scheduled for 25 to 30 July at Gowen Field those members interested in watching some unit drill competition it will be from 10 am to 4 pm by the chapel on Thursday 29 July. "Spectators welcome". Also those Marines that have volunteered to judge the drill I will be in touch with details as soon as the Division Commander who is handling the data tells me what and when, I know where.

Semper Fi

*Walt Modler*

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Young Marines

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Week of July 05, 2010

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## *From the Desk of Commandant Roane*

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### *Filing of your 990N, tax status*

They told us three years ago that we didn't have to worry, that we had three years before it became mandatory. Well this is year three and it is a must. Consequences are you can use your EIN (This would mean the hassle of reapplying), losing your charter and the problem of reapplying for a new charter. So Finance people are aware of the need to submit this form. It can be done on the internet if you did not make over \$25,000 excluding per capita. If you have questions contact the IRS.

***Congratulations to the Department's Junior Vice Commandant Jimmy Berkley's selection as the Department's Marine of the Year. ➔ ➔***



### **Commandant's Personal Thanks**

A very hearty thanks to the Wm. McCauley/Twins Falls Detachment for hosting a great Convention. Fun was had by all attending. Thanks again.

A very sincere thank you to all my Department of Idaho Staff for the very successful year. Looking forward to the next year.

Not to forget, Treasure Valley Detachment for their continuous and hard work on the 2011 National Convention.

A Semper Fidelis thanks to all.

## **Treasure Valley Detachment Marine Corps League (878)**



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