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

Abraham Lincoln

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Count Down To The Marine Corps League 2011 National Convention



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**

Watch for the Treasure Valley Detachment,
No 878, newsletter upcoming issues. There
will be information about the 2011 Marine
Corps League National Convention hosted by
our Detachment in Boise, Idaho. Information
about hunting Cougars, tours on the old scenic
train through the mountains of Idaho. Visit
Idaho's best wineries and sample the flavors.
Checkout the golf courses..and much more .
Go to www.tvdmcl.org for more information.

Coffee*Klatch*

Holidays are over, 2010 is behind us and we have a new year to look forward to and hope for a brighter future. So let's get back to Quinn's restaurant and have ourselves some more coffee and BS as if nothing has really changed?? For those not familiar where Quinn's restaurant is located, it's on Vista Avenue in Boise. Every Saturday at 0830 - to whenever you're full of coffee and out of things to talk about.

January*Birthdays*

Shella Cross
Linda Hansen
Maggie Modler
Paula Neihoff
Susanne Peters
Darlene Toluse

From all the members of the MC League, TVD, No.878
We wish you ladies a much deserved "Happy Birthday and a Bright and Successful 2011 year. Semper Fi

*Marine Corps
Valley Detachment*



*League, Treasure
No 878 Meeting*

The Treasure Valley Detachment meeting for Dec 18th, 2010 was held at Marie Callender and the event was a Christmas dinner. The turnout was great and the meals were just as great!! There was no agenda to be discussed.

The next meeting will be held at our usual gathering place on Gowen Field at the Pavilion. The date is January 20, 2011 at 1900 hrs. You are strongly urged to attend....as always we need your assistance and input to get this years 2011 Marine Corps League National Convention off and running for a successful event. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact your Detachment Commandant, Arnie Strawn at 208-454-8295 or Art Kilton, Jr Vice Commandant, 208-440-4057

*Marines, Listen Up!! The
Commandant Has Spoken.....No
More "Former" Marine!!*



It begins with the Commandant's Priorities, then his Planning Guidance follow, and is in turn followed by some very important information, important to all of us. A quote from the Commandant, General James F. Amos:

"A Marine is a Marine. I set that policy two weeks ago - there's no such thing as a former Marine. You're a Marine, just in a different uniform and you're in a different phase of your life.
But you'll always be a Marine because you went to Parris Island, San Diego or the hills of Quantico. There's no such thing as a former Marine."

The Commandant of the Marine Corps,
General James F. Amos

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Can You Hear Me Now

**Checkout our Treasure Valley Detachment, #878, Marine Corps League Website.
Log onto; www.tvdmcl.org**



Cut in TRICARE Doc Pay Avoided

Week of December 20, 2010

The Military Officers Association of America is reporting that Congress voted to avert the 25 percent cut in [TRICARE](#) (and Medicare) doctor payments that was set for January 1. Although the current rates will remain, the payment rates are now set to drop by 30 percent on January 1, 2012



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News Release

VA Urges Veterans to Sign Up for Direct Deposits- Treasury Publishes Final Regulation to Phase Out Paper Checks by 2013

WASHINGTON - The Department of the Treasury announced a new rule that will extend the safety and convenience of electronic payments to millions of Americans and phase out paper checks for federal benefits by March 1, 2013. Officials at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) urge Veterans to sign up for electronic payment of their benefits. "Receiving VA benefits electronically will increase the security, convenience and reliability of these vital payments," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. "VA encourages Veterans who are now receiving their benefits in paper checks to set up direct deposits before the deadline." On March 1, 2013, VA will stop issuing paper checks. People who do not have electronic payments for their federal benefits by that time will receive their funds via a pre-paid debit card. Called the Direct Express card, it is issued by Comerica Bank as the financial agent of the U.S. Treasury.

Another deadline affects people receiving VA's compensation or pensions for the first time after May 1, 2011. Those people will automatically receive the benefits electronically. Anyone already receiving federal benefit payments electronically will be unaffected by the **changes**. To learn more about the federal government's switch to direct deposit - or to change VA benefits to direct deposit -- visit www.GoDirect.org.



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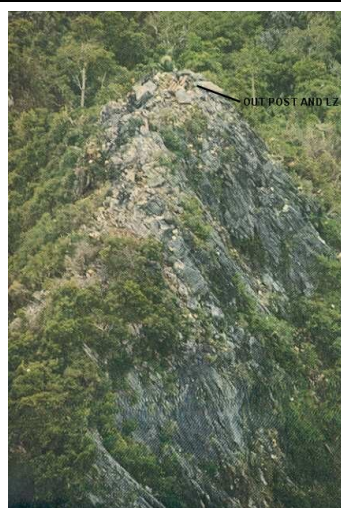
News Release

Update on Cost-of-Living Adjustment for Veterans Compensation and Pension Benefits in 2011 COLA Tied to Social Se- curity and Consumer Price Index

WASHINGTON – The Social Security Administration has announced that no cost-of-living adjustments will be made to Social Security benefits in 2011 because the consumer price index has not risen since 2008 when the last Social Security increase occurred. Like recipients of Social Security and other federal benefits, Veterans, their families and survivors will also not see a cost-of-living adjustment in 2011 to their compensation and pension benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Under federal law, the cost-of-living adjustments to VA's compensation and pension rates are the same percentage as for Social Security benefits.

VA provides compensation and pension benefits to about four million Veterans and beneficiaries. For more information about VA benefits, go to www.va.gov or call 1-800-827-1000.



Can you guess where &
what this place is ?

I'll give you a
hint...Vietnam

DoD Seeks TRICARE Fee Increase - Again

Week of January 10, 2011

Secretary of Defense, Robert Gates, announced his proposed budget for fiscal year 2012. Although currently light on details, the news doesn't look so good military retirees who rely on TRICARE. According to reports, Gates has stated that he is seeking modest increases to fees for working-age military retirees who choose to use TRICARE medical programs. Gates points to the fact that fees have not risen since the program replaced CHAMPUS in 1995, but the cost to operate the program has.

Read: [DoD Budget 2012: Pay and TRICARE](#)



VA to Use Medicare Payment Rates

Week of December 27, 2010

The Department of Veterans Affairs has announced that it will begin using Medicare's standard payment rates for certain medical procedures performed by non-VA providers on Feb. 16, 2011. The new adjustment will affect the following treatments VA officials provide to veterans through contracted care: ambulatory surgical center care, anesthesia, clinical laboratory, hospital outpatient perspective payment systems and end stage renal disease. VA officials are providing written notifications to Veterans and non-VA providers. As additional information becomes available, it will be posted to the VA's ["Non-VA Purchased Care" website](#).



**WELCOME TO THE 2011 MARINE CORPS LEAGUE'S
88th NATIONAL CONVENTION WEB PAGE**

**HOSTED BY THE TREASURE VALLEY DETACH-
MENT #878 AND BOISE IDAHO**

DATES ARE JULY 31 TO AUGUST 5, 2011



Gem State Young Marine News



PFC Casey K. Carlisle, USMC- (Grandson of Don Carlisle of the Gem State Young Marines) . PFC Casey Carlisle was also a former Gem State Young Marine MGySgt. PFC Carlisle graduated from Boot Camp at MCRD, San Diego, CA on November 24th and is home on leave for 10 days with the hopes of becoming a Marine Corps Recruiter Assistant. After his stay here in the valley he will go to ITS, (Infantry Training School) at Camp Pendleton then on to his MOS training in Logistics at Camp Lejeune, NC. Congratulation Pfc Casey Carlisle and Grandpa.

Semper Fi !!



Gem State Young Marines participating in the Veterans Day Parade





Treasure Valley Young Marines On Parade



Treasure Valley Young Marines performing their skills in marching at Veterans Day Parade



Charlie Company 4th Tank, marching by on downtown Boise, Idaho Veterans Day parade ceremony



Dates of interest for January;

- Jan 1, 1804 - The tradition of the Marine Corps Band serenading the Commandant was established
- Jan 6, 1859 - BrigGen Archibald Henderson died in office after 39 yrs as the 5th Commandant
- Jan 7, 1969 - MOH was posthumously awarded to 1stMarDiv Chaplin, Lt V. R. Capodanno. Killed in Quang Tin Province, Vietnam
- Jan 12, 1991- The 5th MEB embarked & arrived in the Persian Gulf in support of Desert Shield
- Jan 24, 1968 -The 26th MarRegt held the Khe Sanh Combat Base
- Jan 28, 1942- The 4th MarRegt was assigned to support Philippines Scouts on Bataan
- Jan 29, 1991– Marines participated in the first major ground action of Desert Storm



Charlie Co, 4th Tank Bn, 4th Marine Division On Parade



Want to win a Cougar Hunt in Idaho? For just \$5.00 a sweepstake ticket you can be a lucky winner. See the enclosure below for full details. You say you're not a hunter, instead an Animal Lover.....We have a surprise for you also. All you animal lovers, over the hill, (OLD), handicap, or just not into hunting. You can win a cash prize of

\$2500.00

Just fill out the coupon below



Paul and Stan Meholchick, Master Guides and Outfitters have donated this special hunt to the Treasure Valley Marine Corps League 2011 National Convention, a non-profit, 501(c)(3) Organization.

Stan Meholchick, a former Marine is a life member of the MCL, DAV, & VFW. He works tirelessly to support veteran's groups. ***All donations and/or sponsorships are Tax Deductible.***

Among the Charitable Organizations the Treasure Valley Marine Corps League supports, include:

- Wounded Warriors.
- Idaho Veteran's Home and Hospital.
- Saint Luke's Children's Hospital.
- Young Marines Program.
- Marine Scholarship Program.
- Toys for Tots.

The winner may transfer the hunt to another person of their choice if they desire. The Treasure Valley Marine Corps League would like to thank you for your support. If unused, please pass this form on to anyone who may wish to make a donation and have a chance to win this exceptional Once in a lifetime Cougar Hunt-**OR Cash!**

\$2500.00

Each **\$5.00** donation provides donors one opportunity to win this exceptional Prize.

Name: _____

address: _____

City: _____

State & Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Make Donations in \$5.00 increments.

Total remitted: \$ _____

Check or money order. Please do not send cash.

Send to:

MCL 2011 National Convention

PO Box 45874

Boise, Idaho 83711

Your entries will be put into the drawing and a confirmation receipt sent to you.

Information available from

- Art Kilton:

arthurkilton1@msn.com

Winner of the drawing (who need not be present to win) will receive the following:

- The hunt! During the winter of 2011-2012, Owyhee Mts, Idaho
- Air fare to and from:
Your home state's major airport, and Boise, Idaho airport.
- Transportation to and from hunt site.
- Hunting License and Cougar permit.
- All equipment necessary for a successful hunt.
including as necessary
- ATV's or Snowmobiles.
- Tracking dogs and horses.
- Lodging and meals.
- Weapons and ammunition.
(furnished if requested).
- Dressing done by Outfitter.

Taxidermy is an option and will be paid for by the winner if you decide to mount your trophy.

Total value of the hunt
is \$6,000.00 - 7,000.00

Your total cost other than
taxidermy is a donation in
\$5.00 increments.

The Marine Corps League is a non-profit Veteran's organization. We work with and support a variety of Veteran's groups.

For information about the hunt, contact:
JuniperMountainOutfitters.com
Paul or Stan Meholchick



Checkout our website for more details;

www.tvdmcl.org

