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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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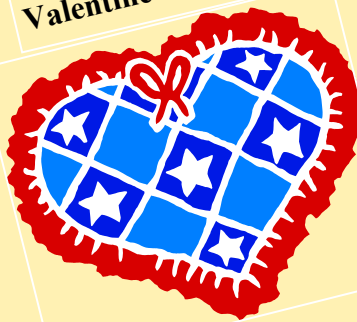
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Valentine's Day



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*

Don't forget to join your fellow Marines and Corpsman at Quinn's Restaurant on Vista Avenue for coffee and breakfast. We have a wide variety of conversation/gossip/BS for all hands. Whether you're a WWII vet, Korean vet, Vietnam vet, Afghan/Iraqi vet. Or just talk about world events and local events. We meet every Saturday around 0830 until the conversation/BS is over. Enjoy a good time with your fellow Marines....Past and present

February*Birthdays*

Ester Griffith
Mary MacConnell
Virginia Smith

From all the members of the MC League, Treasure Valley Detachment, we wish you ladies a much deserve, "Happy Birthday".

Marine Corps*League, Treasure Valley Detachment Meeting*

Our next scheduled meeting will be at Gowen Field in the Pavilion Bldg., February 17th at 1900, (7:00 pm). Items to be discussed are fund raising for the MC League 2011 National Convention, The future of our Detachment newsletter, electing new Officers and much more.

The winner for the *Progressive Jackpot* was Lowell Baker. Unfortunately for Mr Baker he was not present to receive his jackpot. The jackpot will continue to grow until someone present wins. So you better come on in and voice your concerns and ideas for the good of the Detachment

Cross Ruled Unconstitutional

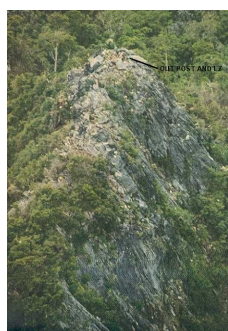
Week of January 17, 2011

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has ruled that the Mt. Soledad Cross is unconstitutional. The 43-foot cross in the La Jolla neighborhood of San Diego, California was erected in 1954 in honor of Korean War veterans and has been the subject of near constant judicial back and forth since 1989. The American Legion called on the Justice Department to appeal the decision with the U.S. Supreme Court. For more information on and the history of the Mt. Soledad Cross, visit the [Wikipedia website](#)

E-mail Scam

Week of January 17, 2011

Veterans beware! An old e-mail scam has reappeared and is targeting veterans. Recently forwarded throughout the Army community and titled "Warning To Veterans," the current version of the e-mail advises against using the services of an organization called Veterans Affairs Services. An earlier version of this e-mail, purportedly from ⇒ ⇒ ⇒



Last Month's trivia question to what and where this picture was taken in Vietnam?

The answer, "The Rockpile" Take Hwy 9 west from Dong Ha and you'll see the Rockpile to your right -enjoy the scenery.

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

Continue Email Scam.... Michael G. Daugherty, staff attorney with the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of General Counsel, contains a Face book link that may be an attempt to upload a virus according to Better Business Bureau (BBB) Military Line officials. The BBB advises anyone receiving this e-mail not click on the link. Also, the VA advises veterans seeking assistance to use a VA-recognized service organization in order to submit a claim for benefits

National Park Fees Waived

Week of January 17, 2011

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar has announced that National Park Service officials will waive admission fees on 17 selected dates throughout 2011 to encourage all Americans to visit a national park this year. With 394 national parks throughout the country, most Americans live within a few hours of a park, making them places for easy and affordable vacations any time of the year. Many national park concessions also will offer discounts on fee-free days, saving visitors money on food, lodging, tours and souvenirs. For more information, visit the [National Park Service website](#)



TRICARE Announces New Program

Week of January 24, 2011

DoD announced the new premium-based TRICARE Young Adult program (TYA), which extends medical coverage to eligible military family members to age 26. TYA is expected to be in-place later this spring, but premium costs are not yet finalized. Adults who are no longer eligible for TRICARE, but need health insurance coverage, may wish to explore the Continued Health Care Benefit Program (CHCBP). CHCBP offers temporary transitional health coverage for 18 to 36 months. Coverage must be purchased within 60 days of loss of TRICARE eligibility. For more information on TYA and CHCBP, visit the [TRICARE website](#)



Vietnam War 50th Anniversary

Week of January 31, 2011

The Department of Defense Department has begun a project to pay tribute to the nation's Vietnam War veterans. At the center of the project is the website ["50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration"](#), which will serve as a clearinghouse for information on the war once it is fully functional this spring. The new website will chronicle facts, provide educational materials and offer resources for a commemorative partners program, which will offer guidance and materials for organizations to conduct their own Vietnam War commemoration activities



Final Rule on DMZ Agent Orange Exposure

Week of January 31, 2011

Due to a final regulation just issued, VA officials will now presume herbicide exposure for any veteran who served between April 1, 1968, and August 31, 1971, in a unit determined by VA and Department of Defense officials to have operated in an area in or near the Korean DMZ in which herbicides were applied. Veterans with covered service in Korea who have medical conditions that may be related to Agent Orange are encouraged to submit their applications for access to VA health care and compensation as soon as possible. Click on these links to learn about [Veterans' diseases associated with Agent Orange exposure](#) and [birth defects in children of Vietnam-era Veterans](#). For more information on filing a claim, visit the VA's [Filing Claims for Presumptive Conditions Based on Herbicide Exposure](#) website. Additional information about [Agent Orange and VA's services for Veterans exposed to the chemical](#) is available at this website.



IT Academy for Wounded Warriors

Week of January 31, 2011

Job Opportunities for Disabled American Veterans (JOFDV) is offering wounded warriors the opportunity to learn transferable marketable IT job skills by offering e-learning through the Microsoft IT Academy Program. The program can give wounded warriors the chance to become proficient in Microsoft (r) products including but not limited to Microsoft (r) Office or Dynamics to give wounded warriors a competitive edge in today's competitive job market along with the option to attain Microsoft Certifications. Learn more and access the JOFDV program through www.JOFDV.com



New DoD PTSD Website

Week of January 31, 2011 The Department of Defense has launched a website, "Virtual PTSD Experience", that will allow users to explore the causes and symptoms of post-traumatic stress in an anonymous setting on the Second Life virtual world platform. Second Life provides T2 a limitless space on the Internet where service members can learn more about PTSD causes, symptoms and resources for information and care. Visitors enter the Virtual PTSD Experience space through the Second Life website, which can be accessed for free. For more information, visit the [Virtual PTSD Experience website](#).



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

HOSTED BY THE TREASURE VALLEY DETACHMENT #878 AND BOISE IDAHO

DATES ARE JULY 31 TO AUGUST 5, 2011

EE-DA-HOW LONG RIFLES, INC.

FORT BOISE GUN SHOW

Boise's Oldest, Largest and Best Gun Show

APRIL 9-10, 2011

Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

EXPO IDAHO

GLENWOOD & CHINDEN — BOISE, IDAHO

EXHIBITS • BUY • SELL • TRADE

350 TABLES AVAILABLE

- FREE PARKING - FOOD ON PREMISES -

TABLE RENT: Each \$45⁰⁰

SET UP TIMES: Friday 12:00 Noon to 9:00 p.m.

ADMISSION \$6.00

Electricity is available on SOME tables at \$20 extra.

MINIMUM OF 50%
REQUIRED AT TIME
OF RESERVATION

NO REFUNDS
WITHOUT 48 HOUR
CANCELLATION NOTICE



CHARTER CLUB NRA - NMLRA

For Information and Reservations, Contact

Arnold Burr • 1885 E. Franklin Rd. • Meridian, ID 83642 • Phone (208) 870-0551

Date of our next show is SEPTEMBER 10-11, 2011



DATES OF INTEREST FOR FEBRUARY

Feb 2, 1968- Operation Hue City, Tet Offensive began in Vietnam

Feb 7, 1832-250 Marines defeated Malay pirates in Sumatra, Indonesia

Feb 13, 1943- The U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve was formed

Feb 23, 1945- Five Marines and a Navy Corpsman raised the American flag on Mt Suribachi, Iwo Jima

Feb 25, 1861- The Confederate Marine Corps was organized in Richmond, VA



Patriotic Quilt, (Hand Made)**90 X 95 inches, Queen Size****ENTRY FORM****Name:** _____**Address:** _____**City:** _____**State & Zip:** _____**TelNo:** _____**Email:** _____

Mail-in entry form with check or money order...\$1.00 per entry or 6 entries for \$5.00 and send to;

MCL, 2011 National Convention

PO Box 45874

Boise, Idaho 83711

**Donations may be made
through our website also;**

www.tvdmcl.org

For further details contact, Art Kilton at
arthurkilton1@msn.com or telephone at
(208) 440-4057

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:

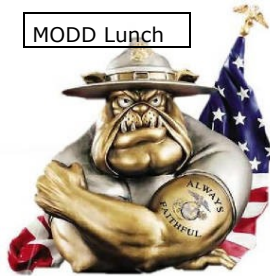
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Doubletree Hotel



MODD Lunch



Grand Banquet Dinner



Historic Boise Tour

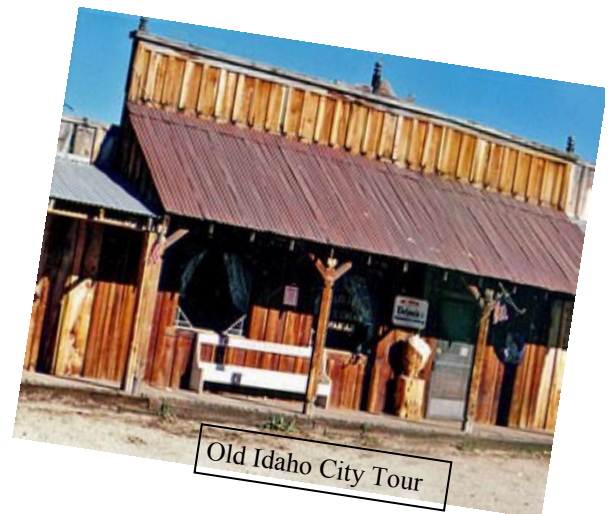


Snake River Winery

88th NATIONAL CONVENTION



Thunder Mountain Train



Old Idaho City Tour



Checkout our website for more details;

www.tvdmcl.org

