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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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DONATIONS ARE WELCOME

*To ALL Marine Corps Leagues, nationwide,
We need your support and welcome any
financial assistance for us in making this
2011 National Convention one to remember
and enjoy. We hope to see and meet a large
convention of Marine Corps Leaguers and
want you all to take back fond memories of
Idaho*



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.

Marine Corps



League, Treasure Valley Detachment Meeting

Our next scheduled meeting will be at Gowen Field in the Pavilion Bldg., March 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.

Meeting of **17 Feb** was the second drawing of the newest progressive pot lottery for the TVDMCL with Marine **Robert Finneys** name being drawn. Sadly he was not present to accept his winnings. His loss this month was **\$16.00** but with the 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.

Walt Modler, Sgt-at-Arms

Walt Modler



Who cares if a laser guided 500 lb bomb is accurate to within 9 feet

From Our Detachment Commandant

I would like to take this time to express my Thanks and appreciation for the following members and their donations to the Detachment/National Convention.

Arnie Strawn	Ken Johnson	Don Duncan
Gary Randel	Mel Stokes	Frank Hernandez
Walt Modler	John Burke	Michael Riccardelli
Art Kilton	Dick Oates	Pat Teague
James Jones	Joe Surace	Cecil Short
Ralph Elston	Bobby Lee	

Combine total of donations is \$1,000.00 plus

Fellow members, Associates & Others—Please do not feel you are obligated to donate to the Detachment in support of the upcoming 2011 National Convention in July 31-August 6, 2011. I realize these past two years have been very difficult times financially....*Me included*. But I feel obligated to ask each and everyone of our members to search his or her conscience and see if you can help out your Detachment financially to make this year's 2011 National Convention a great reunion and to let the Marine Corps League members remember Idaho is a beautiful place to visit and take back fond memories of their experience of the outdoors and the vast recreations available. If you can't donate financially we sure can use your *body* and *mind*. You can go online to our website; www.tvdmcl.org or mail your donated check to;

MCL, 2011 National Convention, Inc

P.O. Box 45874

Boise, Idaho 83711

Or Call for further information; Phone numbers on front page of newsletter.

Your donations or physical help will be greatly appreciated. Remember we have less than 149 days left before the Convention starts in Boise

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



Donna Shumaker
Melody Vaquera

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

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

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QUIN BACKGROUND

From the desk of Idaho Department's Commandant

The purpose of Quin was to provide an informal forum for divisions, primarily those west of the Mississippi that because of geography have common issues, to initiate and promote proposals, candidates, and support for causes of common interest to members of the League in these divisions. The original meetings were an outgrowth of Southwest Division conferences. Meetings were held in Las Vegas, loosely coordinated with Marine Expo West, and sometimes at division locations. In the early 21st century, the Southern Division elected to host the Quin on the West Coast so that all five divisions could show support for the Marine Expo West, and minimize travel requirements between the Expo and the Quin location. Logistically, the initial meetings were held in San Diego so there were transportation requirements between San Diego and Camp Pendleton. One of the problems with the Las Vegas environment was providing for meaningful meetings. Entertainment was not a problem. The San Diego/Camp Pendleton relationship was effective, with emphasis required for transportation. The Oceanside/Camp Pendleton venue tends to lack entertainment and mediocre meeting facilities, though costs are a plus. One or two of the divisions continue to hold the Quin in their own division locations. The results of Quin have agreeably been modest. There is a lot more that Quin could accomplish, and there is greater influence it could exercise. But, in order to achieve the purpose, a focus of the meeting and the participating divisions and departments needs to be on defining issues of commonality and strategies for supporting proposals and candidates at a National level.

Lou Roane, Commandant, Dept of Idaho

Creamed Sliced Dried Beef

8 servings

		Full	Half
Butter or Shortening	.08 qt.	1/3 cup	3 tbsp. *
Flour, sifted	.20 lb.	1/3 cup	3 tbsp. *
Pepper	.08 tbsp.	¼ tsp.	dash
Milk, hot	.38 gal.	6 cups	3 cups
Beef, dried, sliced	.6 lb.	10 oz.	5 oz.
Shortening	.08 pt.	2 tbsp.	1 tbsp. *

1. Melt shortening add flour, and blend. Add pepper. Cook 5 minutes.
2. Add hot milk slowly, stirring to prevent lumping.
3. Separate beef into slices. Cook in hot shortening until edges curl.
4. Add to white sauce. Blend

Note:

1. If beef is too salty, omit cooking in hot shortening (step 3), soak beef in water 15 minutes and drain before adding to white sauce.
2. If desired, freshly sliced dried beef may be added to white sauce without cooking in hot fat.
3. Serve with toast, baked potato, steamed rice, noodles, spaghetti, or cornbread.
4. Hormel has Chipped Beef in 2.5 and 5 oz. Jars

* Modified for small recipes

2012 Military Pay Raise or Pay Freeze?

February 15, 2011

The president's 2012 budget request includes a pro-posal for a 1.6% military pay raise for 2012. While larger than last year's military pay increase, the 2012 pro-posed military pay increase is the second smallest since 1962 and given the current budget environment many suspect that congress is considering a freeze.

As reported here, a recent Congressional Budget Office report says that military pay is higher than most federal employees, and Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD) has signaled a desire to freeze military salaries at the 2011 rate.



*From the Desk of Commandant,
Lou Roane*

lroane@wildblue.net

Hello Marines and FMF Corpsman of Idaho.

First of all, I want to apologize for not having Department Newsletter for the fourth quarter. Let see if I can bring things up to speed. The Northwest Division Conference was held on October 11, 2010 in Boise, Idaho. There was a great representation of attendees from Idaho. Thank you for your support. Right after the Conference, we lost the Department Senior Vice Commandant Roy Weaver, a great Marine and person to all. He was laid to rest in Arlington Cemetery with full honors. We will miss him. To fill the position of the loss of our great friend, Jr. Vice Cmdt., Jim Berkley was moved to the Senior Vice position and Christina Christopher accepted to fill the Jr. Vice Commandant's position. Thank you, Christina, for stepping up. End of January, attended the Marine Expo and Quin Conference at Camp Pendleton, California. A little more later about the Quin. NW Division Vice Commandant John Woods, NW Asst. Vice Commandant Lou Roane and NW Division Aid de Camp, John Miller were elected for another term for Northwest Division. Again, Idaho showed the greatest support in attendance for the Expo and Quin. Thank you again for showing your support and interest in the Quin. In the process of getting the Agenda organized for the State Convention. The Convention will be held May 12, 13, & 14, 2011 in Lewiston, Idaho. The information on the convention has been released to your Detachment Commandants. See them for your registration form and other information. The Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Ames has proclaimed that there is no such person as an *Ex-Marine* or *Former Marine*. We are all still Marines, in just a different form. (Paraphrasing).

Our NW Division Vice Commandant John Woods has undergone heart surgery to repair a heart valve, most recently. He came through the surgery with flying colors. He will be on light and or limited duties for about 6 to 8 weeks.

I don't know if many of you have heard or not but I will not be seeking reelection as your Department Commandant. I am on being more involved with the Northwest Division functions. I really hope to see many of you at the State Convention. But I will still be there for the Department. I am not going to run and hide.

Semper Fedelis



DATES OF INTEREST FOR MARCH

Mar 6, 1932—Marine Band leader John Philip Sousa died at age 79 in Reading, PA

Mar 7, 1951—The 1st, 7th & 11th MarRegt commenced operations against enemy at Hongchon, Korea

Mar 17, 1918—The 5th MarRegt was the first Marine unit to move into WWI frontline trenches

Mar 21, 1945—Gen. A. A. Vandegrift became the first Marine four-star general on active duty

Mar 25, 1863—Marines with Farragut's squadron engaged Confederates at the Battle of Vicksburg, MS

Mar 28, 1918—Marines were placed under the command of French Marshall Foch in WWI

Mar 30, 1966—The 7thMarRegt terminated *Operation Indiana* in Vietnam with 69 Viet Cong killed

Mar 31, 1801—LtCol W. W. Burrows, 2nd CMC & President Thomas Jefferson selected the site of Marine Barracks, 8th & I, Washington, DC





TRICARE Fee Increase

Week of February 21, 2011

The Pentagon wants to slow that growth and ultimately chip away at the costs over the next five years, beginning next year with increases in the annual membership fees for military retirees under 65. Family memberships would go up from \$460 to \$520 per year; enrollment for single people would go from \$230 to \$260 per year. The increases do not apply to active-duty military families and members, or retirees past age 65.

TRICARE Co-Pays Likely to Increase

Week of February 28, 2011

Under the proposed 2012 DoD budget, [TRICARE prescriptions](#) filled on base will remain free, but, co-pays for medications purchased at retail pharmacies will increase; the current \$3 co-pay for generics at retail outlets will increase to \$5 and the \$9 co-pays for brand name drugs will climb to \$12. "Tier 3" (non-formulary brand) drugs, which currently cost beneficiaries a \$22 co-pay will be raised to \$25 for both mail order and retail.



Bank to Payback Military Families

Week of February 28, 2011

Wells Fargo & Co. will pay \$175 to any eligible veteran who had a Department of Veterans Affairs Loan refinanced between Jan. 20, 2004, and Oct. 7, 2010, the bank said Tuesday. The move comes as part of a court settlement in a Georgia lawsuit that alleged the bank overcharged active-duty military personnel when they executed the refinances. Federal law protects active-duty military members from foreclosure and high interest rates. Wells Fargo will alert eligible households with letters. The bank could pay out up to a total of \$10 million.

This marks the second major concession by big banks to military families this year. Last month, JPMorgan Chase & Co. refunded \$2 million to 4,000 service members who'd been forced to pay high interest rates.



Treasure Valley Young Marines, Boise

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YOUNG MARINE RECRUIT TRAINING, The Treasure Valley Young Marines are looking for youth, ages 8 to 18, who would like to join our program. The Young Marine program is open to all youth. Prior to becoming a Young Marine, each recruit is put through a 26-hour recruit training process. Throughout this period, each recruit is taught the basic drill movements and Young Marine history and knowledge. Even though the Young Marines is not a recruiting service for the U.S. Marine Corps or any other branch of the armed forces, we do instill the same military values and training as our foundation to build strong, drug-free, physically fit and disciplined Young Marines.

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR SPRING RECRUIT TRAINING DATES HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED. RECRUIT TRAINING WILL BE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: April 8th 1800 to 2100, April 9th 0800 to 1800, April 10th 1300 to 1800, April 16th 0800 to 1800, April 17th 1300 1800, April 23rd 0800 to 1800, and the RECRUIT GRADUATION will take place on April 26th at 1900, Gowen Field, Bldg 800. All members of the Treasure Valley Marine Corps League are invited to attend, hope to see you there.

Walt Modler (Life Member) TVMCL
Unit Commander



Flag Rules Change

Week of February 28, 2011

VA Secretary Eric Shinseki announced changes that will allow flags to be placed on gravesites at National cemeteries on Memorial Day and any other day of the year on a case-by-case basis. Federal rules had previously prohibited placement of American Flags on any day other than Memorial Day, including Veterans Day. The rule change was made at the request of Rep. John J. Duncan, Jr. (R-Tenn.).

Online Access to VA Health Records

Week of February 28, 2011

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has announced a new online feature that allows active duty and retired servicemembers to access their electronic health records (EHRs) online. The VA's "Blue Button" Web Portal gives veterans direct access to the agency's [MyHealththeVet](#) personal health record on any computer, including mobile devices. Blue Button capability allows VA patients to download and also share their healthcare records with medical providers. For more information, visit my-health.va.gov.



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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

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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!**

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Information available from

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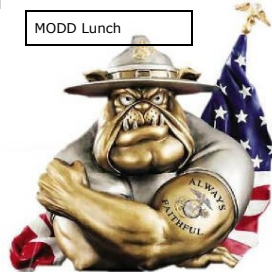
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