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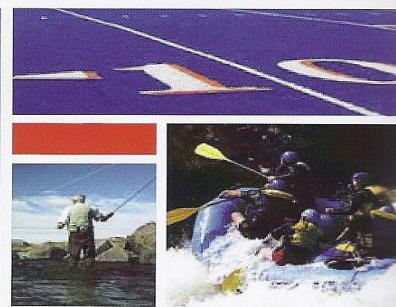


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*"To care for him who shall have borne the battle for his widow and his orphan."*

*Abraham Lincoln*



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*Easter- April 24, 2011 A Prayer For Our Troops*

*God grant our troops the serenity to accept the things we cannot change;  
Courage to change the things we can;  
and wisdom to know the difference.  
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace.  
We pray for their safe return home to their families and love ones.*

*Amen*



*To be connected with VA Suicide Prevention & Mental Health professionals. Call the toll-free National Suicide Prevention hotline & indicate you are a Veteran...*

**1-800-273-8255**



### **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.... "Gung Ho!!"*

***Checkout our Treasure Valley Detachment, #878, Marine Corps League Website.  
Log onto; [www.tvdmcl.org](http://www.tvdmcl.org)***

### *From Our Detachment Commandant*

I would like to take this opportunity to express my Thanks and appreciation for the following members and their donations to the Detachment/National Convention. The list keeps growing and I'm proud to see our members helping out financially;

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	Dave Brasuell
Enoch Hansen	Frank Partridge	Harold Wood
Bill Sawyer	Malcolm Emery	Jerry Hanson

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. 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](http://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 118 days left before the Convention starts in Boise



*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*

Meeting of **17 Mar** was the third drawing of the newest progressive pot lottery for the TVDMCL with Marine **Walt Molder's** name being drawn. He was present and bought a ticket and did accept his winnings of **\$24.00**. With the progressive nature of the drawing the new pot is sure to begin growing. Again to win you have to be present and make your buy-in for \$1 dollar. See you at the next meeting on **21 April, (Thurs) at 3983 E. Pine Av. Meridian, ID. The JFR & Associates, Inc. Car Warehouse.** (See page 6 for more details)

The reason for the change in meeting places, we will be having a party to celebrate our newly elected Officers. A Special Thanks to Dick Cross for the use of his establishment and for arranging the food and drinks. Happy Hour will commence at 6:15 PM - 7:00 PM; There will be appetizers, soft drinks, beer and wine for refreshments. So come on out and enjoy and congratulate your newly appointed Officers.

April



Birthdays

**Elaine Stonebraker****Janet Swickard****Nancy Teague**

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

**Full Concurrent Receipt**

Week of March 14, 2011

Legislation has been introduced in both houses of the 112th Congress that would allow qualified military retirees to receive both their VA disability compensation and DoD pensions at the same time. Concurrent receipt of retirement pay and disability compensation has been expanded in recent years, but it still does not apply to military retirees with service-connected disabilities rated less than 50 percent. Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., introduced the "[Retired Pay Restoration Act of 2011](#)" S. 344 on Feb. 14 to go along with a similar measure, H.R. 333, previously introduced in the House by Rep. Sanford Bishop, D-Ga. H.R. 333 already has 97 cosponsors. Two other House bills also address lifting the ban on concurrent receipt.



MGySgt 1. When you meet a MGySgt in the passageway and say, "What's up Master Guns?", he says, "What's up Devil Dog?"



SgtMaj 1. When you meet a SgtMaj in the passageway and say, "What's up SgtMaj?", he says, "Your chevrons are chipped and your skivvies aren't marked Devil Dog; and by the way, the appropriate greeting is 'Good afternoon Sergeant Major!'"

**DATES OF INTEREST FOR APRIL**

Apr 3, 1847—Marines & Sailors from USS Portsmouth landed and captured San Lyncas, Mexico

Apr 4, 2004—*Operation Vigilant Resolve*, (First Battle for Fallujah) commenced in Iraq

Apr 6, 1776—Continental Marines in USS Alfred participated in the first naval engagement

Apr 7, 1958—8th & 6th Marines landed in Beirut, Lebanon

Apr 11, 1904—One Officer & 20 enlisted men became the first Marines to garrison Midway Island

Apr 13, 1847—Marines captured LaPaz, Calif, during the Mexican War

Apr 24, 2011—*Easter Sunday*

Apr 24, 1962—Marine helicopters supported the 21st Army of the RVN Division during *Operation Nightingale* near Can Tho



\$7.00-Retired patch for your jacket



\$7.00-Detachment patch for jacket or hats



## ***Court: Stolen Valor Act Unconstitutional***



McClatchy-Tribune  
Information Services

**March 24, 2011**

PASADENA -- The Stolen Valor Act, under which former water board member Xavier Alvarez was fined and ordered to perform community service in 2007, was upheld as being unconstitutional. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld an earlier ruling determining that a law barring people from lying about their military heroics was a violation of free speech. The earlier ruling, which was made by three of the court's members in August, invalidated the 2006 act by Congress



Week of March 28, 2011

## ***Impact of Fed Shutdown Still Unclear***

If the federal government closes for business on April 8, veterans may find some VA services unavailable. The unofficial word is that administrative support and claims processing will likely be the hardest hit. So far there has not been any indication of what would happen to [VA health care](#) and social services. It is safe to assume that most VA health care services would continue. But the question of what that means to veterans seeking medical services remains unanswered. Not only has the VA not released any "official" guidance on what affect a federal shutdown would have on their services, nobody is willing to offer any comments on the subject



If the enemy has done nothing for the past half hour while you dig in, it's probably because they've been in the tree line right behind you the whole time. ☺



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### **ENTRY FORM**

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**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](http://www.tvdmcl.org)**

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*Mark your calendars and come on out to celebrate our newly elected Officers.*

**APRIL 21, 2011** **HAPPY HOUR:** Starts at 6:15 PM—7:00 PM.

**PLACE;** Address and directions above.

*There will be beer, wine, sodas and appetizers served. So come on out and enjoy and meet your newly elected Officers. A big bunch of KUDOs for Dick Cross for setting up the arrangement and allowing us the use of his establishment. Semper Fi*

*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!**

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Check or money order. Please do not send cash.

Send to:

**MCL 2011 National Convention**

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**Boise, Idaho 83711**

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

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