



TREASURE VALLEY DETACHMENT, NO 878



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## FLAG DAY-JUNE 14TH



COUNTDOWN-52 DAYS FOR THE MC LEAGUE NATIONAL CONVENTION



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

*Abraham Lincoln*



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## Detachment Monthly Business Meeting



Photo on left is the presentation of a citation to Noel Janko as the number one recruiter in the Department of Idaho for 2010 with eight new members. Great job "Doc"

Cmdt Randel attaching meritorious unit commendation streamer to the detachment's colors for the period May, 2010 to May, 2011. The award



also permits detachment members who were active members during the period to wear the meritorious unit commendation ribbon.

**Don't Forget Marines**— June 30th, (Thursday) is our next Detachment meeting.... **NOT** June 16th. Time is the same 1900 at the Pavilion Bldg on Gowen Field. We will be raffling off the Quilt blanket made, designed and donated by our member Chris Christopher. Thank you Chris. So get in your tickets and money asap !! See you all at our next meeting.



### 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, Website.**

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





### Coffee Klatch

Don't forget to join your fellow Marines and Corpsmen 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.



Volunteers are need to work the table/booth for the gun show. If you're interested in helping out please contact Arnie Strawn at 208-454-8295. Next showing is July 9 & 10th as shown on poster above. Please help out. Only a few are doing the work of many.....



Another commitment is being asked of our members. Again..... You can see by our upcoming events we need everyone to help out as much as she or he can.. This event as seen by this poster is a new memorial completed at the Idaho State Veterans Home. I ask you all to try and make room in your busy schedules to show up and represent our Marine Corps League Detachment. There will be representation from all if not most organizations in Boise, i.e. VFW, ALG, VVA, DAV and many more. So lets show up in uniform and represent our Detachment and give thanks for those who built this memorial in honor of so many Veterans from so many wars and conflicts. *Semper Fi*



### UPCOMING EVENT

**FLAG DAY June 14th....** We will need volunteers to help put up over a 100 flags at the Veteran's cemetery on June 13th, Monday. Assemble at 1500hrs at the cemetery office. Need help call Don Griffith at 208-898-0974

# Happy Birthday

Barbara Elston  
Nancy Grigsby  
Annette Rogers

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

I know we have more ladies out there with birthdays. With 112 members I know who keeps the Marines in line. It's not themselves.... Don't be bashful Ladies. Let me know your birthday so we all can say, "Thank You for serving."



## MEMORIAL DAY WEEK EVENTS



Firing Detail was from, "C" Company, 4th Tank Bn, 4th MarDiv. A special thanks and a job well done by the Marines. Their pride and professionalism was noticed by a lot of on lookers as well as myself. A lot of visitors wanted pictures taken with their kids and the Marines, as if they were movie stars. They are our Heroes and Warriors The Commanding Officers is; Brian Stephenson, Maj. USMC



Laying of the wreath by Ralph Elston and Commandant Gary Randel



Our Detachment members squared away in their Red Blazers and fore'n aft covers. A lot of folks comment about our red blazers and how sharp we look compared to other organizations. It seems our Dress Blues stand out as the sharpest uniform among the Services and impresses a lot of folks. Even us old Marines in Red Blazers, we still stand out as the sharpest bunch of old Marines around. Huraah !!



It was said one time by a VC commander to his troops never shoot at an American chopper.....Evidently one private didn't get the word. The whole patrol was wiped out except for the Commander. (True story)





## *The Difference Between A SgtMaj And A MGySgt*



MGySgt 4. If you run in to the MGySgt at the club, he'll probably be a half-a-beer away from smacking some lieutenant and about 3 chicken wings away from a heart attack. He'll gladly invite, *order* you to come over and drink a beer with him while he tells you how hot shit of a Marine you are (can you drive him home).

SgtMaj 4. If you run in to the SgtMaj at the club, he'll probably be drinking a watered-down Pepsi and eating unsalted popcorn because his body is a temple. He wouldn't think of inviting you over because he's with his fellow 9999s and you just wouldn't understand. On the way out the door he counsels you on saying the f-word too much and reminds you about duty tomorrow



## *CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2011*

- June, 11th Dedication Ceremony at Idaho State Veterans Home. Saturday at 1930, (7:30 PM)
- June, 11th-12th Coffee Wagon
- June, 13th Assemble at Vets Cemetery Office at 1500 on Monday to put up flags for Flag Day
- June 15th Need volunteers to help take down flags. Assemble at Vets Cemetery office 0800
- June 25th "All Veterans Welcome Home" Table to be manned at 11-1400hrs at VA Medical Ctr
- Sep, 3rd Veterans Olympics. Need volunteers to setup tables and handout donuts/coffee

For further information contact newsletter Editor, Don at 208-412-1409 or Commandant Randel at 938-5171

## *Marines Eligible for Purple Heart*

Week of May 09, 2011

Stars and Stripes reports that under a new fleet-wide instruction, Marines who retain consciousness after a concussion may now receive the Purple Heart medal if diagnosed by a medical officer as not fit for full duty "due to persistent signs, symptoms, or findings of functional impairment for a period greater than 48 hours from the time of the concussive incident." The new instruction may affect thousands of troops who have served in battle since Sept. 11, 2001. Previously, only injuries that required medical treatment were eligible for a Purple Heart. For more information, read [MARADMIN 245/11](#)

## *Benefit Checks Go Electronic*

Week of May 09, 2011

VA benefits checks will soon be a thing of the past. The U.S. Department of the Treasury recently announced that as of May 1, anyone applying for Social Security, VA or other federal benefits will need to choose an electronic payment method because paper checks will no longer be an option. Additionally, people currently receiving federal benefits by check, including payments from the VA, must switch to direct deposit by March 1, 2013. Information about the change in the delivery of benefit payments, as well as application procedures, are posted on the federal [Go Direct website](#). Assistance is also being offered by the U.S. Treasury Electronic Payment Solution Center for free at (800) 333-1795.

## *VA to Issue Debit Cards*

Week of May 16, 2011

The Department of Veterans Affairs (through the Treasury Department) will offer beneficiaries without bank accounts the option to enroll in the Direct Express debit card program with Comerica Bank. Direct Express payments will be directly deposited into that account and made accessible through a debit card. Personal funds cannot be transferred into this account as it can only be used to receive Federal benefits. Direct Express card⇒⇒



## **NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS**

Lifts buildings and walks under them  
Kicks locomotives off the tracks  
catches speeding bullets in his teeth and eats them  
freezes water with a single glance  
"He Is GOD"

### Continue.....VA To issue Debit Cards

cardholders have 24/7 access to their money at automated teller machines and are able to make purchases at any retailer that accepts MasterCard

## House Committee Okay's TRICARE Increase

Week of May 16, 2011

Last week the House Armed Services Committee gave the go ahead for the Obama administration's plan to begin to raise out-of-pocket costs modestly for working-age retirees [TRICARE](#) beneficiaries. This would be the first increase in [TRICARE Prime](#) enrollment fees in more than 15 years. If approved the committee's budget bill would allow DoD to increase premiums by \$30 a year for individual coverage and \$60 a year for family coverage. The HAS defense budget would also allow DoD to raise the TRICARE Prime premium on an annual basis, but not at the rate they requested.

## Retiree COLA Increase Looks Likely

Week of May 23, 2011

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Consumer Price Index for April is up 0.8 percent over the March CPI. This is important for military retirees, and those drawing VA benefits, because the CPI is used to determine the annual [cost-of-living-adjustment \(COLA\)](#) and rate adjustments to [VA Disability and Compensation](#), [Vets Pension](#), and other VA rates for the following year. The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) reports that the April 2011 CPI is up 2.9% from the 2008 CPI, which means retirees may see a COLA increase in 2012, the first since 2008



## DATES OF INTEREST FOR JUNE

- June 1, 1918 "Retreat Hell! We just got here." 5th MarRegt in France
- June 2, 1918 French *Croix de Guerre* awarded those serving at Belleau Wood, France 2-13 June
- June 6, 1944 WWII D-Day, Allies land at Normandy, France for the invasion of Europe
- June 9, 1864 Col Jacob Zeilin succeeded Col J Harris to become the 7th Commandant of the Marine Corps
- June 12, 1948 President Harry Truman authorized the first women Marines in the regular Corps
- June 14, 1999 26th MEU entered Kosovo in support of *Operation Joint Guardian*
- June 18, 1945 MajGen Roy S Geiger assumed command of the 10th U.S. Army on Okinawa
- June 22, 1954 President Dwight D. Eisenhower authorized the use of the first official Marine Corps Seal
- June 25, 1950 **Korean War began**



## From Detachment Commandant



to all !

I want to extend my gratitude and THANKS for a great turnout for the *Idaho State Veterans Home, Spring Cookout*. Job well done

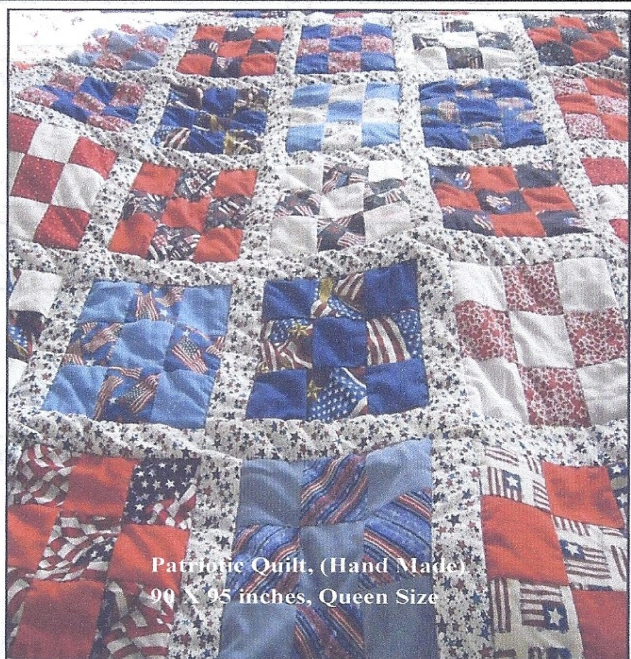
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Bob Smith  
Arnie Strawn

*Semper Fi*, Gary Randel  
Detachment Commandant

**Don't forget to checkout our website and get your order in on the Patriotic Quilt raffle and sweepstake for the Cougar Hunt. Remember on the Cougar Hunt you can except a cash prize of \$2500.00 instead of the hunt. Go to;**

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



Patriotic Quilt. (Hand Made)  
99 X 95 inches, Queen Size

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\$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)**

For further details contact, Art Kilton at—  
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**To place your order**

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

Information available from

• Art Kilton:  
[arthurkilton1@msn.com](mailto:arthurkilton1@msn.com)

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**Drawing for the Cougar Hunt is - August 5, 2011. Remember you can select the cash prize of \$2500.00 instead of the hunt**

**COUNTING DOWN TO 52 DAYS**





***TO: ALL HANDS***

***FROM: DETACHMENT COMMANDANT***

DetCmdt Gary Randel

We had a great turnout of detachment members supporting the Veterans Home Parking Lot Cookout. Members in attendance are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our preparations to host the League's 2011 National Convention are progressing satisfactorily. The Doubletree Hotel is booked to near capacity, and orders for planned recreational activities are received daily. This is the prime opportunity for TVD MCL members to attend a national convention. If you have not signed up for some obvious events; i.e. The Welcome Buffet and the Grand Banquet Dinner, I encourage you to signup today. You may sign up for activities by either completing the registration form in your most recent issue of "Semper Fi" magazine or using our website: [www.tvdmcl.org](http://www.tvdmcl.org). Please do not think that you can successfully sign up the day the convention begins. Once events are full, they are full. Moreover, June 30<sup>th</sup> is the cutoff date for signing up for most non-business meeting activities. Your status as a member of the host detachment will not give you a special status when signing up for activities. PLEASE ACT TODAY.

If you plan to attend the convention, then please let me know so that I can get you properly registered. The registration fee is \$5.00. Also note that when you check in at the convention that you must have your paper MCL Membership Card with you. Not the metal card issued to life members, but the paper card.

An informed citizen is a better citizen, and the same is true for MCL members. We will be a better organization if all of us read and understand our governing and instructional documents. To that end, I have a CD assembled by the Department of Idaho that provides expansive information on the MCL. It includes National Bylaws, the Detachment Officer Guidebook, the MCL Ritual Manual, MCL Uniform Regulations, and much more useful information. If you want a copy of the CD come to the next business meeting or to Quinn's for coffee on Saturday mornings and I will give you a copy. If you want me to mail you a copy, then send me your check for \$2.00 to defray the costs of postage and packaging. Make your check payable to the TVD MCL, and enclose a note explaining what the check is for. Mail to: Treasure Valley Detachment MCL Inc., 4087 Harvard St, Building 800, Boise, ID 83705

Start with our detachment bylaws, which were last amended in February this year. Before making a motion during a meeting, we should check to ensure that the action we are pursuing is not contrary to our bylaws.