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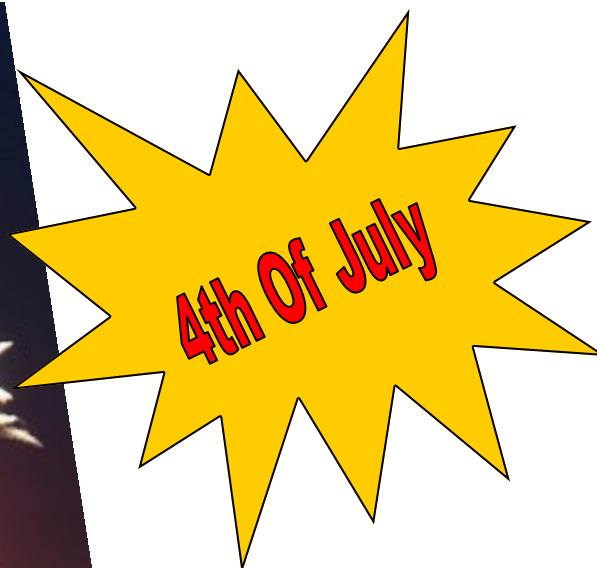
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Shown are the units of Young Marines of Treasure Valley and Gem State, parading downtown Caldwell, Idaho



"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

The winner of the 50/50 drawing for June

Frank Partridge was the winner

Meeting of **30 June** was the 2nd drawing of the newest Progressive Pot Lottery for the TVDMCL with Marine **William Heyob** name being drawn. Sadly he was not present to accept his winnings. His loss this month was **\$15.00.....**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 \$1dollar. See you at the next meeting on Gowen Field on 21st of July, 1900.

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We have 23 days before the MC League National Convention kicks- off and only ten days after our July 21st meeting. Please show up at the meeting and show your support and volunteer your services. We still need folks to help out. This Convention will be one for our Detachment to remember. At our last meeting the results of our financial status is very good. We already have the Double Tree Motel booked to capacity and and folks are still coming in and we are now using the Red Lion Down Towner to cover the overflow. So it looks like we are getting a lot of Marine Corps League members from all over the Nation visiting Idaho. It's going to be a big event for Boise, Idaho and for our Detachment. So come on out and take part in your Detachments' history being made. Meeting is at 1900, at Gowen Field in the Pavilion Bldg.

Semper Fi, Marines !!



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

Notify Newsletter Editor of any changes in your email address, telephone numbers or residency



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.

GUN SHOW
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Even though this newsletter is getting out late your help is still needed for this gun show. So contact Ken Johnson at 208-440-0881, or Arnie Strawn at 208-454-8295



Murphy's Law

If you are forward of your position, your artillery will fall short.

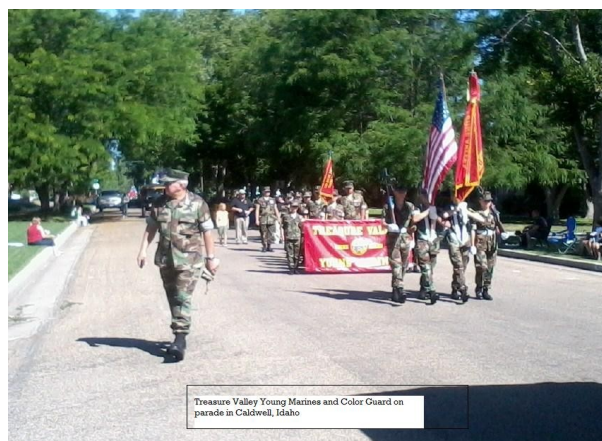
Caldwell 4th of July Parade With Gem State and Treasure Valley Young Marines



Gem State Young Marine Color Guard on parade



Pickup driven by Marine Corps League member Ken Johnson, with Arnie Strawn, Past Commandant of Treasure Valley Det #878 sitting in back.



Treasure Valley Young Marines and Color Guard on parade in Caldwell, Idaho



Jill Greene

Crystal Severson

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."



News From Abroad

Walgreens vs. TRICARE

On June 21, Walgreens pharmacy announced that it had broken off negotiations to renew a contract with TRICARE Retail Pharmacy's contractor, Express Scripts, Inc. Walgreens is the nation's largest retail drugstore chain, and the largest TRICARE network pharmacy.

What does that mean to TRICARE beneficiaries who use Walgreens? For the near term, Walgreens will continue to fill prescriptions for TRICARE patients at least until January 1, 2012. At that point, if both sides are unable to come to an agreement TRICARE Pharmacy benefits will no longer be available at Walgreens.

Should it come to that, one TRICARE official said, "99% of beneficiaries have another network provider within 5 miles of the Walgreens they now use, and on average, another pharmacy within our national network is within ½ mile of a Walgreens."

It's too early to tell if Walgreens' break-off of negotiations is just a negotiating technique or if Walgreens has truly given up on renewing their contract with Express Scripts.

News From Abroad.....continue

Proposed TRICARE Pharmacy Co-Pays

Week of June 27, 2011

The Senate Armed Services Committee's version of the 2012 National Defense Authorization Act includes several changes for TRICARE including a previously reported increase in TRICARE Prime enrollment fees for working-age retirees. The Senate committee also approved restructuring of TRICARE pharmacy co-payments to encourage use of mail order for refills. The restructuring will mean increasing the co-pay for generic medicines at retail outlets to \$5. TRICARE's home delivery program will continue to offer up to 90 day supplies of medications for \$3. In addition, co-pays for brand name drugs will increase to \$12 at retail pharmacies and the co-pays for non-formulary brand drugs will be raised to \$25, for both mail order and retail

VA Accepting Caregiver Applications

Week of July 04, 2011

The VA has assisted more than 625 veterans, servicemembers and their family caregivers in applying for services under the Caregivers act. Applications are still being at the [VA Caregivers website](#). For more information, visit the [VA Caregivers website](#) or call the VA's Caregiver Support Line at (855) 260-3274.

To learn more about your state's veteran benefits, visit the Military.com [State Veteran's Benefits Directory](#)

Military Retirement Under Attack

Week of June 27, 2011

The Military Officers Association of America is warning that the military retirement system is facing assaults from various fronts including outgoing Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, incoming Secretary Leon Panetta, Congress, and Vice President Joe Biden. Sec. Gates testified last week that he liked the idea of an early vesting system

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which would enable service members to leave the military with some form of retirement savings prior to reaching 20 years of service - similar to a civilian 401K. Military retirement cutbacks will likely be one of the outcomes of the deficit-reduction talks between administration and congressional leaders, which is currently being headed by Vice President Joe Biden

Reminder: ID Card Changes Coming

Week of June 27, 2011

As of June 1, Social Security numbers are no longer printed on new ID cards issued to members of the Uniformed Services, retirees and family members. The new cards will have a unique DoD Identification number in place of the Social Security number. For those eligible for benefits, such as health care, a DoD benefits number will be on the back. Beneficiaries using the Military Health System and TRICARE should be prepared to state their Social Security number (or their sponsor's) when accessing health care or pharmacy benefits. TRICARE beneficiaries and providers can get more information, see ID card samples and view frequently asked questions at the TRICARE website at www.tricare.mil/ssn. General information about the removal of SSN from ID cards can be found at www.dmdc.osd.mil/smartcard

REMINDER TO ALLS HANDS

It's your responsibility to keep the Editor informed of any changes in email address, home addresses and telephone numbers. Any changes to the above mentioned items will cause delay or not getting your newsletter in the future. Thank you. Don Griffith

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



The Difference Between A SgtMaj and a MGySgt



MGySgt - If you happen to see the MGySgt at PT, he'll be in cammies scratching his head because he thought you said "beer" run instead of "pier" run. If he did come to actually run he's probably still wearing his scarlet and gold PT gear and grey Velcro running shoes from Payless.

SgtMaj - When you see the SgtMaj at PT, he'll be running the guidon around the battalion because all of the Marines are really impressed that a 27-year Marine is still in that great of shape. After the run, he will counsel you for your PT shorts not being properly pressed and remind you to check in for duty after you change over

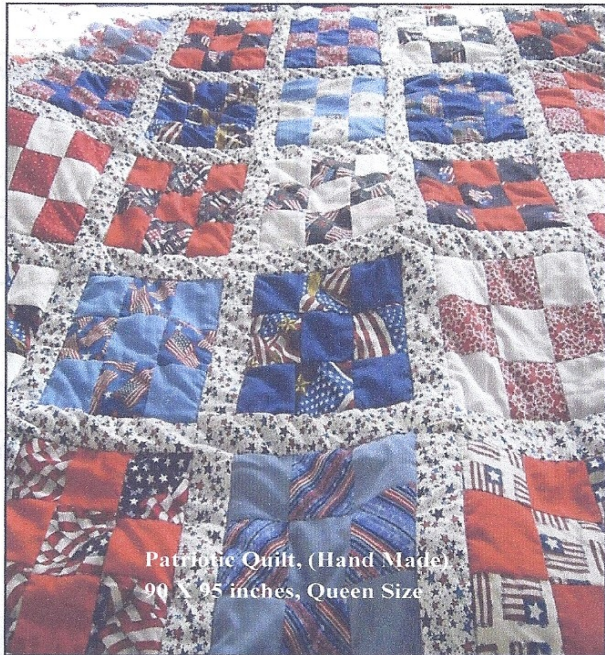


DATES OF INTEREST FOR JULY

- July 1, 1920—MajGen John A. Lejeune became the 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps
- July 4, 1834**— President Andrew Jackson ordered *Green and Buff* as the Corps Uniform colors
- July 8, 1930— MajGen Wendell C. Neville, 14th CMC, died in office
- July 12, 1798—Maj William W Burrows was appointed the 2nd CMC by Pres. John Adams
- July 20, 1950— The Marine Corps Reserve mobilized for duty in Korea
- July 27, 1953— Korean War ended
- July 28, 1918 - BrigGen John A. Lejeune assumed command of the 2nd U. S. Division in France



UPDATE ON QUILT RAFFLEThe Detachment has decided to extend the raffle date for the Patriotic Quilt to be the same date of the drawing for the Cougar Hunt. Which will be Aug 5th, during the Banquet. So you all still have time to buy your tickets. Good Luck !!



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

ENTRY FORM

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Email: _____

Mail-in entry form with check or money order...
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MCL, 2011 National Convention

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Donations may be made through our website also; www.tvdmcl.org

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

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**Or go to our website; www.tvdmcl.org
To place your order**

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

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23 DAYS FOR THE MCLEAGUE NATIONAL CONVENTION



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