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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE TREASURE VALLEY DETACHMENT #878 October 2012 BOISE, IDAHO

THE COMMANDANTS CORNER



First, I say thanks to the members who assisted with the Boise Veterans Home parking lot cookout. Those members were: Chris Christopher, Ralph Elston, Rich Erickson, Walt and Maggie Modler, Arnie and Marie Strawn, and Dave Swickard. Also helping out was a new member who is transferring in from Spartanburg.

South Carolina; Robert K. "Ken" Elliott. During the cookout Ken offered a comment that I would like to see inspire many of our members: "I didn't join to just be a member, I joined to work." Go Ken!

We are entering that time of year when several annual events require our attention: The Veterans Day Parade, the Marine Corps Birthday cake cutting at the Boise Veterans Home, Veterans Day at the Boise Veterans Home, and then our annual awards and Holiday Dinner. In addition to those events there is the Marine Corps Birthday Ball that is organized and hosted by Company C, 4th Tank Battalion. Here is what you need to know about each event.

The **Veterans Day Parade** will take place in downtown Boise on Saturday November 10th. The detachment is presently slated to assemble on Jefferson Street between 11th and 12th Streets, which the street that is on the north side of the Boise Cascade Building. The **uniform for the parade** is The Marine Corps League Cover (No ball caps.) the detachment red sweatshirt, dark trousers (No blue jeans and Levis.), and black shoes. We will try to have a vehicle in the parade for those members who are unable to walk the 15-city blocks parade route.

Marine Corps Birthday at the Boise Veterans Home will happen essentially as soon as the detachment finishes the Veterans Day Parade and can get to the Home. This means, that we will begin the cake cutting ceremony about 12:30 PM. Our Senior Vice-Commandant, Art Kilton will conduct the ceremony this year. I will not be at the cake cutting because my responsibilities with the Veterans Day Parade Committee include post-parade requirements; i.e. police call of the parade route.

Company C, 4th Tank Battalion's Marine Corps Birthday Ball begins at 1700 on Saturday November 10th at the Grove Hotel in Boise. It will be good for the C Company Marines if they see a large number of older Marines who are no longer on active duty at the Ball. Good interaction between us and C Company Marines may help our recruiting. The cost for the Ball is \$50.00 per person attending. You may make your check payable to "Marine Corps Birthday Ball," and mail it to: 1st Sgt Shay Henry at Company C, 4th Tk Bn, 4087 Harvard, Bldg, 800, Boise, ID 83705

Veterans Day at the Boise Veterans Home will follow the Home's long-standing Veterans Day observance format. That observance begins promptly at 1100 on Sunday November 11th, and features remarks by several local dignitaries and the presentation of Senator Crapo's Sprit of Freedom Awards. If you attend this event, then please wear your scarlet blazer uniform. Casual dress is definitely not appropriate for this ceremony.

The annual Christmas party will be December 20th at Marie Calendar's on Fairview Avenue in Boise. Art Kilton will work with the restaurant to prepare for the party. December 20th is after the date Company C plans to complete its Toys-For-Tots operation; therefore, we will not collect toys this year but we will ask members for a \$10.0 Continues on page #14

FOR ALL OF OUR BIRTHDAY GIRLS IN OCTOBER HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!



Mary Ann Allen, Marcia Blakeley, Carol Nance, Anita Partridge, Karrie Seavey

MANY HAPPY RETURNS DEAR LADIES!!!



SENIOR VICE: ART KILTON: Hard to believe it's the middle of October. Our birthday, November 10th and Veteran's day November 11th are upon us. We just had a great cookout at the Veteran's home on October 7th. I spent a week in San Diego, California to celebrate a reunion with Sea Going Marine shipmates. They had a special treat planned at MCRD, a bus ride to the yellow footprints and to experience the first 5 minutes of a recruits arrival at boot camp. The treat fell through, because there were too many recruits coming into MCRD for them to spare the time for us. We did watch the graduation ceremonies. The recruiter who pro-

vided the most outstanding member of the graduating Company was especially honored, as was his recruit. How come all those boys looked so young. The average age was 19. We enjoyed a nice luncheon at the mess hall. I don't remember our mess hall looking like a well appointed restaurant. I don't think recruits eat there.

We appreciate member attendance at our monthly meetings. Last month we did have to compete with Bronco football, and we forgive those members who were lured away to their TV sets. Perhaps a call to the Broncos to hold their games on a day other than the 3rd Thursday of the month, would make a difference. I'm glad they are winning most games.

A reminder, our next business meeting is October 18th. We start with an early get together at Fuddrucker's hamburger shop. The meal starts at 1800 and the meeting starts promptly at 1900. Gary holds the meetings to 90 minutes and has been quite faithful to the agreement. Let's get a larger crowd out this month. Come and have a burger with your friends and stay for the meeting. You'll enjoy yourself!

Semper Fi, Art



Thanks to Walt Modler for these pictures of the Cruise Raffle Sales Booth at Albertsons' Groceries and the Vets' Home Cookout. The Detachment needs those who can, to help support the effort by volunteering just 3 hours of your time for this fundraiser. For information Contact Arnie Strawn by phone at 208-454-8295 or by email at:

arnieaws@cableone.net

Any help you can give will be appreciated no matter if it's 3 hours, 3days or more.

FOR MORE INFO COME TO THE BUSINESS MEETING ON 18 OCT AT FUDDRUCKERS. (see advertisement in this letter)





EDITORS' NOTE

Included in this issue is the information and registration form for the Department Convention in June 2013. It

would be a good idea to register earlier rather than later. This is an election year for the Department and will decide the leadership for the next two years. Your voice is important on this matter so I hope everyone who can, will participate. If you have questions or are interested in a Department office contact either myself or Gary Randel.

Semper Fi, Bobby J Lee



INSPECTOR-INSTRUCTOR; CHARLIE COMPANY, 4th TANK BATTALIONS' CORNER

Gentlemen, Ladies,

Probably a brief introduction is in order as I (we here at Charlie Company) haven't contributed to the news-



letter before. I am Maj. Travis Carlson, the inspector-instructor of Charlie Company, 4th Tank Battalion. Originally from Oregon, but kicking around the Marine Corps' favorite places - 29 Palms, K-bay, Oki, Iraq and Afghanistan, etc - since 1995 it's truly a pleasure for me and my family to be back in the Pacific Northwest! I've had the pleasure of meeting many of the members through Toys for Tots, a great BBQ honoring our Korean War veterans, and other events throughout the community where the League and our small I&I station have crossed paths.

For those of you who aren't familiar, C Co is a reserve tank company; part of the 4th Tank Battalion which is headquartered in Miramar, California - yes it's kind of nice to be away from the flagpole. We have about 100 Marine Reservists associated with the Company at any given time and train, loosely based on the 'one-weekend a month, two weeks in the summer' model. As a tank unit we also conduct an annual gunnery qualification where the tank crews spend a week at the range ensuring that they function as a team and can employ their weapon effectively.

More recently, September 1st was family day for the Company; a very well-attended event with over 130 family members receiving information from the Family Services team aboard base, touring the tanks and trucks of the Company and enjoying a BBQ. The Company 1stSgt arranged for a climbing wall, dunk tank, clowns, face painting and multiple bounce-houses. Overall the event was a huge success and continued to build on the camaraderie established at Annual Training and through the rifle range drill-period. Behind the scenes the Company leadership and I&I staff spent hours and days drafting and refining the annual training plan. An aggressive, and progressive plan has been drafted and concrete targets have been set for Marines and platoons to strive for.

I know that everyone is aware that the Birthday is coming up, but I'll take a moment to remind that tickets to the Company's Birthday Ball (on 10 November at the Grove in Boise) are available through 1stSgt Henry (more about him in next month's submission)

A little further afield, but still well within our radar picture, Toys for Tots is upon us. We are gearing up to ensure all the parts and pieces are in place and functioning smoothly to collect, and then redistribute, 60,000 toys to the nearly 15,000 needy children of the Treasure Valley and beyond. We all know Marines don't fail, and we don't quit, so I am extremely confident that, with our partners in the community and with the invaluable help from volunteers across the state we will meet the goal and every child will receive a little Christmas.

I and my staff are available at the convenience of all members and families of the Marine Corps League. Please don't hesitate to contact us here at Gowen Field if there is anything you need of the active Force.

Very respectfully, Semper Fidelis, Maj. Travis Carlson.



Editors note: This is the first of what we in the detachment hope will be a monthly brief from the skipper letting us know what's happening with <u>our</u> marines in Charlie Company and in the active Marine Corps. Thank you sir for this contribution!

VET DAY PARADE SUPPORT

This year to raise money to help defray the expenses associated with conducting the Veterans Day Parade, the parade committee is offering three ceramic coins for sale. We have only ordered 150 of each coin because we do not know how well they will sell. That said; you may advance order one or all three of these coins, which are 39 mm thick and 1/53 inches in diameter. The coins will sell for \$3.00 each or all three for \$7.00.

If you would like to help support the parade by purchasing one or more coins let me know and I will reserve them for you. We expect to receive the coins the week of October 29th.

It is not necessary to make your purchase in advance of the parade committee receiving the coins, but you may reserve one or more in advance. Just let me know by return email.









Department of Idaho

14th Annual State Convention

Hosted by: Silver Valley Detachment #1060 – Kellogg, Idaho

Wallace Inn - Reservations: (208) 752-1252 or 800-643-2386 100 Front Street; Wallace, Idaho 83873

When you call, mention you are with the MCL Convention June 6, 7, & 8, 2013 Convention Reservations cutoff is May 30, 2013

Room occupancy rates: **Single** - \$78.00, **Double** - \$94.00 (plus applicable taxes & fees of 11%). Breakfast buffet each morning is included. Free internet service and free parking, Please register early, as registration is limited

Registration for the convention and dinner request can be made by using the form below. The form and all monies need to be sent to the Silver Valley Detachment #1060:

PO Box 91, Osburn, Idaho 83815

Questions: Contact Phil Daugherty Phone# 208-762-0233
Cutoff for convention registration and meal selection is May 30, 2013

Make check payable to Silver Valley Det. #1060

Agenda

Thursday, June 6 1600-2000 Registration and Check-in

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Thursday, June 6	1600-2000	Registration and Check-in
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Friday, June 7	0800-1130	Commandant Council, Registration and Check-in
	1130-1300	Lunches
	1300-1630	Registration, Opening Session and Business Meeting
	1630-2000	Hospitality Suites
Saturday, June 8	0900-1200	Conclusion of Business meeting
	1200-1300	Lunches
	1300-1400	Memorial Services
	1430-1630	Devil Dog Growl
	1700-1800	No Host Social Hour
	1800-2200	Banquet: Dinner & Awards Ceremony

Please note: All times are flexible and may exchange to meet needs of the convention

Banquet and Awards Ceremonies

Banquet Dress: Semi Formal Men and Marines – Coat and Tie Ladies – Dress/Pant Suit

Marine Corps League, Department of Idaho 14th Annual State Convention

Registration Form

Name	Office:		
Spouse			
Detachment:	Delegate (circle one) Y N		
Registration for each member/Auxiliary me	mber \$10.00 Total:		
Choice of meal:			
Chicken ala Wallace w/ rice pilaf			
2. Grilled Rainbow Trout w/baked potato			
3. Roast Beef w/ mashed potatoes & gravy			
*All meals served with dinner salad, roll & butter, vegetable, co	offee, iced tea, chef's desert inclusive of tax and service charge.		
Banquet Dinner:of meals	\$25.00 per meal Total:		
#	Total amount remitted:		



Oct. 7th ... These volunteers stepped up and did the cooking at the Veterans Home Cookout. If you missed it you missed a great time. These are the types of events that are personally rewarding. Next time try it and you'll see what I mean! Left to Right:

Ken Elliot Arrie Strawn and wife Marie Rich Erickson

Ken Elliot, Arnie Strawn, and wife Marie, Rich Erickson, Gary Randel, Walt Modler and wife Maggie.

Right Photo: Detachment Paymaster Dave Swickerd and Adjutant Chris Christopher fryin' up dem' onions!





Left Photo: As Maggie Modler "gets the crew a crackin" (yes, pun is intended!) Dave Swickard looks on. The efforts put forth by all members is much appreciated by both the Staff of the Home, the Residents and their guests, too! Congratulations to everyone for another successful annual cookout!



Idaho State Veterans Cemetery receives VA grant to expand its facilities

Funds will be used to install needed burial vaults for future use

BOISE, IDAHO (Sept. 24, 2012) -- The Idaho State Veterans Cemetery has received a grant of \$2.5 million from the Department of Veterans Administration that will enable the cemetery to expand its capacity to serve veterans and their families into the future.

The grant will be used to install 2,897 additional in-ground concrete burial vaults, and 3,680 new niches in the columbarium where veterans' cremains are held. Currently the cemetery is within a few years of reaching its capacity. Without the expansion, the cemetery will run out of burial sites by 2016, and columbarium niches by early 2015.

"When a veterans cemetery gets within a 5-year window of filling up, the VA makes the funding available for this type of expansion," said Zach Rodriguez, director of the Idaho Veterans Cemetery.

It is estimated that construction will begin mid-October and will be completed by August 2013. To minimize disruption to cemetery users and ensure that the project is completed on time, construction will be performed Friday through Sunday each week, giving the contractors three full days of uninterrupted work time. The cemetery will still be open during construction, but will temporarily stop offering Friday interment services. To compensate for this, the cemetery is adding extra interment services every Monday through Thursday until completion.

"This project will enable us to expand our services to Idaho's veterans and their families, and we sincerely appreciate the public's patience during construction," said Rodriguez.

The cemetery administration office will be open regular hours, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

"We appreciate the support of Gov. Otter and Idaho's legislators for our veterans, and we are grateful to the Veterans Administration for continuing to invest in Idaho's veterans and their families," said David Brasuell, Administrator of the Idaho Division of Veterans Services. "Their continued support allows us to continue to serve Idaho's heroes with the highest level of dignity, honor and respect."

Guho Corp., General Construction and Beck & Baird Landscape Architecture, both of whom were on the original team that built the cemetery in 2004, are providing construction services.

About the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery -

The Idaho State Veterans Cemetery is located adjacent to the Dry Creek Cemetery just north of Hill Road and east of Horseshoe Bend Road in Northwest Boise. The land on which it is built includes approximately 40 acres donated in 2002 by the J.L Terteling Company, with the remaining acreage being purchased from the Dry Creek Cemetery District.

The cemetery was made possible by a grant from the Veterans Administration, State Cemetery Grants Program which funded 100 percent of the design, construction and equipment costs associated with developing the facility. It was dedicated to the State of Idaho in 2004 by then-Governor Dirk Kempthorne.

Media Contact:

Patti Murphy, Public Information Officer - 208-336-3424 Zach Rodriguez, Idaho Veterans Cemetery - 208-577-2330

*******IMPORTANT NOTICE: ******

As everyone who attended last month's meeting knows the Bylaws Committee has finished their review of the Detachment's Bylaws, made proposals to amend the current Bylaws, and has submitted them for review by the membership.

There have been some substantial changes proposed to your bylaws and if you have not seen them you should get a copy and closely review them. The importance of these changes cannot be stressed enough! They are what will govern the Detachments' legal business and decisions for a long time to come. Close scrutiny should be paid by all members since it will affect you personally.

You can obtain a copy of the Proposed Bylaws by visiting the Detachment Webpage at: http://tvdmcl.org (click this link) or requesting a hard copy from Art.

The actual vote by the membership will probably take place in November 2012 at the scheduled Regular Business Meeting after membership input and the second reading requirement has been completed at the October 18th meeting.

At the present time and according to current Bylaws <u>you must be present to vote!</u> Your participation is of the upmost importance.

NOTES FROM THE SEPT. BUSINESS MEETING

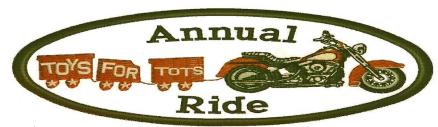
- 1. The detachment received a letter of thanks from the V.A. in recognition of 70 hours of volunteer Service.
- 2. The detachment received a letter of thanks from Pappy Boyington Detachment for support.
- 3. Availability of seats for the Marine Corps Ball was discussed. For more info contact Cmdt. Randel.
- 4. Veterans Day Parade participation: gather at 10th & Idaho in Boise; 0930hrs, parade kicks off at 1000hrs. All members are invited to participate. More info available by contacting Cmdt. Randel.
- 5. Immediately after Vet's Day Parade we will conduct the MC B-day Cake cutting Ceremonies at the Veterans Home.
- 6. The members voted and approved a \$100.00 donation to the Veterans Day Parade Committee to assist in defraying costs of the event.
- 7. Flue Season is here ... get your shots. Available @VA Hosp, Dr.'s offices and Pharmacies everywhere.
- 8. Drawing: Ken Ohls wins 50/50 (again! Way to go Ken); Norman Gore's name was drawn but he wasn't present and the monies was returned to the pot.
- 9. \$3000.00 was approved to refurbish the Coffee Wagon; \$250.00 approved to purchase a Brick for the Chesty Puller Monument at the MC Museum.

3rd Annual Toys For Tots Ride

Sunday November 4th, 2012

"Give a kid some Christmas fun, help us fill the 7-ton"





Registration: VFW Post 63 8931 W.Ardene Boise at 1000-12:30pm

Ride: Kicks off from VFW to Quinn's at 1pm Cost: \$20 registration with toy, \$25 registration without toy Silent Auction/Raffle, USMC Military Display, Chili Feed At Quinn's Restaurant and Lounge, 1005 S. Vista, Boise

All proceeds and toys collected go to the USMCR Toys for Tots Campaign at Gowen Field. For More information call 208-340-7078 Or e-mail: toysfortotsride@gmail.com

THE ABOVE ANNUAL EVENT WILL BE HAPPENING AT QUINN" ON THE 4th OF NOVEMBER

LAST YEAR THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE ASSISTED WITH THIS PROJECT AND IT WAS GREAT FUN. IF YOU CAN SPARE AN HOUR OR TWO ON THE 4th FROM ABOUT 1330 TO 1630 AND WOULD LIKE TO DO SOMETHING FOR THE TOYS 4 TOTS PROGRAM.

(Above mentioned registration fees do not apply to volunteers)

CONTACT:

BOBBY LEE @ 208-880-5097 OR EMAIL bobby jleeusmc@gmail.com



NEW PURPLE HEART MEDAL FOREVER STAMP

USPS issued a new *Purple Heart Medal Forever Stamp* that differs from the 2011 version with a slightly larger image of the Medal and on a white background. The new stamps can be purchased at Post Offices nationwide, online at usps.com/store and by phone at 1-800-782-6724. Post Offices probably will sell current inventories of the stamp before ordering the new version.



Junior Vice Commandant's Corner

As many of you realize, membership is very important to any organization. This is especially true with any volunteer group such as the Marine Corps League. Members are the

life-blood of all the Veterans Service Organizations (VSO's) because without them we would cease to exist. Each member of the Detachment is important to the overall effectiveness of it. We have many programs that function only because we have the manpower to accomplish them. Arnie Strawn is doing a great job in developing fund raising activities for the Detachment. We need Marines who can be counted on to man the booths for this to be successful. A hand full of people won't cut it. They will get burned out and then will not volunteer the next time. Our Coffee Wagon has been a wonderful opportunity for the members to earn a little money for the Detachment and provide service to the travelers on the freeway. Let's face it though; we don't receive a lot of money from the Coffee Wagon. Give Arnie a call and volunteer to help.

Members are also important at the Department of Idaho level. We need to show our support to the Department for it to function as it should. The Department needs members who are willing to serve in the many positions that need to be staffed. The Department Conventions exist only to assist the Detachments become better organizations.

And finally, the Marine Corps League National Office needs all the members it can get. When the leaders of our League appear before Congress, the only clout they have is our membership. The more members, the more clout. Each member is one bullet they have in their rifle to shoot back. We need to make sure our leader have all the ammo they need. How can you do this? By bringing new members into the Detachment and if you are not now active, getting active yourself. We have a good Detachment now but let's make it a great one. We need each one of us to do our part.

Semper Fi.
Jack Cunningham
Jr. Vice Commandant

VA assigns officer to verify claims involving secret missions

By Rick Maze - Staff writer

For veterans claiming they can't prove a service connection for their disability because it resulted from a secret operation, the Veterans Affairs Department has assigned a liaison officer to the U.S. Special Operations Command with direct access to classified files.

The little-known program has a VA employee work closely with the command historian at the command's headquarters at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., to review files on classified missions for special operations units in all services.

Befitting the nature of the missions involved, the program, quietly launched a year ago, has received scant attention. Joe Davis, spokesman for Veterans of Foreign Wars, was unaware of the initiative. "But it does make perfect sense, given the clandestine nature of their business," he said.

The liaison was established in December 2009 under an agreement between the Pentagon and VA.

The current VA liaison to the Special Operations Command is an Army veteran who was not part of a special operations unit but has the appropriate security clearances to review files, according to VA sources.

Lack of records access has been seen by many spec ops veterans as a roadblock to filing claims, especially for disabilities such as post-traumatic stress, for which there may be nothing in military health or personnel records to verify any treatment while the veteran was in uniform.

If a veteran says his claim is based on involvement in a secret mission, VA claims examiners turn files over to the liaison, who can verify the veteran's involvement, VA sources said. If more information is needed, the claims examiner requests that the liaison search for the information by requesting it from either U.S. Special Forces Command or one of its subordinate commands.

The liaison officer then prepares sanitized information for use by the regional VA office handling the claim. Veterans have direct contact with the liaison only if more information is needed to track down records, VA sources said.

Claims from veterans who say they took part in an intelligence operation run by the Defense Intelligence Agency, Central Intelligence Agency or other government organization also can be researched by the VA liaison officer if a classified mission is involved, VA sources said.

The liaison officer is a full-time employee of the Veterans Benefits Administration and has access to records involving special operations units including Army Rangers, Army Special Forces, the Army's 160th Aviation Regiment, Navy SEALs, Air Force Special Operations and Marine Corps Special Operations and Reconnaissance units.



Fundraising Chairman's Article

The fundraising is going slow. On sat October the 6th Walt Modler and Arnie Strawn setup the table in Meridian at the Albertsons Market on the corner of Eagle Rd. and McMillan. During our shift we sold 1 ticket & \$37.00 in donations. The afternoon shift sold 3 tickets and received \$50.00 in donations. As of today we have sold a total of only 53 tickets. At this rate we will be lucky if we can make enough to cover expenses. There was a bunch of people who

raised their hand and said they would help when this was discussed at the Business Meeting, now would be a good time to marine-up and help get this done. Your help is desperately needed and will be appreciated.

We need places to set up tables. We can set up at 2 different places at one time so if anyone has connections where we could get permission please contact Arnie. So far we have only been able to set up 1 table at a time. No people to turn out to help. And no place to set up.

SEMPER FI, ARNIE STRAWN

Contact Arnie at: arnieaws@cableone.net or call 208-454-8295

Now for a bit of humor

THE RANCHER AND THE COWBOY: A successful rancher died and left everything to his devoted wife. She was a very good-looking woman and determined to keep the ranch, but knew very little about ranching, so she decided to place an ad in the newspaper for a ranch hand.

Two cowboys applied for the job. One was gay and the other a drunk. She thought long and hard about it, and when no one else applied she decided to hire the gay guy, figuring it would be safer to have him around the house than the drunk.

The gay guy proved to be a hard worker who put in long hours every day and knew a lot about ranching.

For weeks, the two of them worked, and the ranch was doing very well. Then one day, the rancher's widow said to the hired hand, "You have done a really good job, and the ranch looks great. You should go into town and kick up your heels." The hired hand readily agreed and went into town one Saturday night.

One o'clock came, however, and he didn't return. Two o'clock and no hired hand. Finally the ranch hand returned around two-thirty, and upon entering the room, he found the rancher's widow sitting by the fireplace with a glass of wine, waiting for him. She quietly called him over to her."Unbutton my blouse and take it off," she said. Trembling, he did as she directed. "Now take off my boots." He did as she asked, ever so slowly. "Now take off my socks." He removed each gently and placed them neatly by her boots. "Now take off my skirt." He slowly unbuttoned it, constantly watching her eyes in the fire light. "Now take off my bra." Again, with trembling hands, he did as he was told and dropped it to the floor.

Then she looked at him and said, "If you ever wear my clothes into town again, you're fired."

OUR REGULAR BUSINESS MEETINGS AT FUDDRUCKERS' ARE EVERY 3rd THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH ... Next meeting October 18th 2012

3421 N. Eagle Rd. Meridian, Idaho 208-887-2194





Dinner & Social Hour 1800 Business Meeting Starts 1900 –2030

BE THERE!!! NEED A RIDE? <u>CONTACT ONE OF OUR OFFICERS!</u> GO TO: http://tvdmcl.org/?page_id=81

CLICKFOR MENU

http:// www.fuddruckers.com/local/ menu/Boise,%20N.% 20Eagle-menu.pdf

ONE LAST BIT OF HUMOR

Stunning Historical Discovery

By Peter Kirsanow and sent in by member Robert Chester

Cambridge, Mass. — Celebrated historian Bertram Oxley has uncovered a memorandum from former Japanese Emperor Hirohito to Admiral Yamamoto dated December 6, 1941, showing that the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor was motivated by an offensive film made by Charlie Chaplin ridiculing Japanese cuisine.

"Contrary to historical accounts over the last seventy years," Professor Oxley said in an interview today with the BBC, "What appeared to be a meticulously planned surprise attack was actually a spontaneous demonstration by moderate sushi connoisseurs in the Imperial Navy in response to a hateful and offensive movie. Thereafter, extremist elements within the Japanese military co-opted the spontaneous attack, transforming it into the overseas contingency operation sometimes referred to as 'World War II.'"

The discovery has created a sensation in scholarly circles. "This is a remarkable find," declared Reginald Smythe, chairman of the Progressive Historians Association and former State Department official. "Had President Roosevelt condemned this movie — instead of uttering that infernal 'Day of Infamy' provocation — the war could have been avoided and millions of lives would have been saved."

Reached at his home in Houston, former President George H. W. Bush, an aviator in the Pacific during the war, expressed skepticism. "It's simply inconceivable that the Japanese First Air Fleet, with six aircraft carriers, could have staged a spur of the moment attack on an island thousands of nautical miles from the Japanese homeland with such stealth and precision." Most experts dismissed Mr. Bush's remarks, however, since it's widely understood that World War II was primarily his son's fault.

White House spokesman Jay Carney, asked this afternoon about the memo's discovery stated, "Of course, hindsight's 20-20. But one can only wonder how much pain and suffering could have been averted had FDR simply apologized to Hirohito at the outset."

"Fortunately," Carney continued, waving off questions from White House reporters anxious to return to questions about Mitt Romney's grooming habits, "We've evolved to a more sophisticated strategy of leading from behind, so we're unlikely to repeat the disastrous mistakes of the past."

(No hate mail please ... it's all in humor)



FROM THE EDITOR

Many thanks to those who contributed to this newsletter. Without your comments, humor and excellent articles it would be impossible to do this task.

If anyone has an article that might be of interest, or might bring a smile to our members please email it to me and I will consider it. My address is: bobbyjleeusmc@gmail.com

If it comes from a news clipping or is copywrited in any way be sure to send that information. Photos are also welcome but send a description of what, where, who, when and etc.



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\$10.00 to \$20.00 dollar donation, which will be used for the 2013 Toys-For-Tots campaign.

We will also present awards to detachment members and hold our Cruise Raffle Drawing during the Christmas party. If you want to recommend someone for an award, then please notify me very soon. NOTE: the detachment may present awards to various entities and people who are not Marine Corps Leaguers.

The proposed and new detachment bylaws were presented to the membership in September. Recommend changes were required to reach Art Kilton by October 8th. The changes received will be presented to the membership during our October business meeting. The plan is for an up or down vote on the proposed revised bylaws during our November business meeting.

I encourage your participation at all of the events mentioned.