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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE-TREASURE VALLEY
DETACHMENT #878-NOVEMBER 2012
INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT: www.tvdmcl.org



COMMANDANTS' CORNER

As of November 3d we had only nine members who committed to marching in the Veterans Day Parade on November 10th. It would be much better if more of you would participate. That said; the detachment will form on Jefferson Street between 11th and 12th Streets, which is a change from the information I provided a few days ago. Please be there no later than 9:30 AM. The uniform is MCL cover, the detachment red sweatshirt, black trousers and dark shoes. If you need additional information contact me.

If you are participating, then you need to be in the vicinity of the assembly area by 8:30 AM or so. If you are not there that early, then finding a parking place will be a difficult for you. The assembly area is between 10th and 13th Streets and State Street on the north and Idaho Street on the south. I think it best if you look for parking either north of State Street or west of 13th Street. You cannot park within the assembly area. Of course you can also choose to park in one of the downtown parking garages, and walk to the assembly area.

Sales of the raffle tickets for the Alaska Cruise are not progressing well. We have sold approximately 150 tickets, and we need to sell about 310 to break even. We printed a total of 1,000 tickets in the belief that at \$10.00 a chance we had a good fundraiser, but only a few of the members who committed to this endeavor have done anything to advance its success. This situation is discouraging.

In other correspondence I asked each member to purchase at least one ticket as a gift for a friend or acquaintance. As I stated, \$10.00 is a very inexpensive gift and I think that it is an expense that most members can bear, but as of this writing I am the only member who has purchased any gift tickets. In case you are wondering whether I am following my own request, I purchased three gift tickets.

With money raised through events associated with the National Convention and from the AR-15 Raffle Raffle the detachment raised enough money to make several worthy donations that you all know about. We have also set aside money to remodel a trailer to use as a replacement Coffee Wagon. We raise money to support worthy veteran projects and the Young Marines, and occasionally we have given money to Marines in distress. However, we can only do those things if the membership supports our fundraising events.

We have approximately 100 members of which 12 do 90% of the detachment's work and another 17 will occasionally get involved in detachment activities. And then, there are 14 members whose age and/or physical condition limits their ability to get involved in detachment activities. That means there are some 50 members who do nothing other than pay their annual dues if they are not Life Members.

We also have a few members who make significant direct contributions. Recently that select group includes Robert Chester, Chris Christopher, Frank Partridge, and Bill Johnson.

That is the situation. I ask again, please take direct action to support the Alaska Cruise Raffle by purchasing a gift ticket or two, and also by selling a few tickets. In addition to the work of Arnie Strawn arranging for and placing a fundraising table at various locations, I have sold 37 and Dave Swickard has sold about 25. It is not all that difficult to sell a few tickets, so please get out of the starting blocks and take action.



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

Mary Ann Allen-Marcia Blakeley-Paula Niehoff

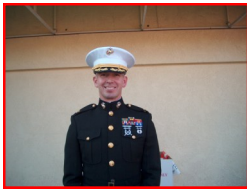
Anita Partridge-Karrie Seavey-Dee Lee

Sherry Meade-Theresa Nakashima

Cathy Schroeder-Lynne Sterling

MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO ALL!!!





Maj. Travis Carlson, C.O. Charlie Co. 3rd Tank Bn.

The November newsletter has snuck up on me. We've been strangely busy at C Co for this time of year; planning for the Birthday Ball, the Veteran's Day parade and the kickoff for our Toys for Tots campaign.

The Birthday Ball at the Grove promises to be a hit - for the first time in years we've sold out of tickets, so I expect to see a lot of the League membership there! 1stSgt Shay Henry checked in to C Co from the FMF (1/3 in K-Bay, Hawaii) this summer and has been running hard ever since. I won't pretend to know everything that goes into the senior-enlisted's day but I can tell you esprit de corps is up, ceremonies and traditions are spot-on and motivation around the Company really shows to the positive. He has worked (including with many of you) very hard to put together our ceremony this year. SgtMaj Bill Heyob - a native of Idaho and veteran of Charlie Company - will be the guest of honor at the Grove. We'll see how many good stories I will have to tell in the December newsletter...

In another first for Charlie Company - at least a first since I've been here, and certainly a first-in-a-long-time - we will be 'marching' an M1A1 tank in the Veteran's Day parade on 10 November. In addition to the pageantry that surrounds this honorable event it should be quite a show to crew a main battle tank through downtown Boise. An on top of that, thanks to our good relationship with the League, and the good relationship with the community that this brings to all, Miss Idaho will accompany the lucky tank crew on the tank during the parade! The first time that I'll have to select from MANY volunteers to crew their tank on a weekend!

Finally, we kicked off our Toys for Tots season on 4 November with the third annual Toys for Tots Ride; a motorcycle rally planned, coordinated, and executed by four former Marines to benefit today's active Marines and the children who deserve a Christmas and benefit from the Toys for Tots program. This year's ride began at VFW post 63 and concluded at Quinn's restaurant. We haven't tallied all the toys yet but I know the Ride collected over 150 toys and nearly \$5000, all to benefit the children of the Treasure, Magic and Wood River valley areas - as you all probably know, every bit collected here stays here. I know the League is always willing to pitch in to support Toys for Tots and I appreciate all the presence and assistance of our members during this busy, and crucial, time. Let me say in advance that I don't always know exactly WHEN we will need assistance so it's not a lack of gratitude that causes me to sometimes turn down offers of help, I just can't put everyone to work sometimes due to a lack of toys at that moment, or sometimes we have all the help here that we can use. Please don't let these setbacks dissuade you from participating in the Toys for Tots program in some way. Even if it's getting a group of members together on a Saturday or Sunday to 'man a box' at a local store or take coffee to those young Marines standing at Wal-Mart or Toys 'R' Us soliciting. We sincerely appreciate everything that League members have done for the Corps and we value the dedication that keeps you giving to support the Corps.

As always, 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,
Travis Carlson.-

TOYS 4 TOTS EVENT-QUINNS NOV 4th



Marines of 3rd Tank Bn. Collect toys

Associate member Doug Hartley and Arnie Strawn.
Doug helped with traffic control and Arnie sold raffle



A portion of the 100+ bikes and riders that participated in the event. It must have been the free chili feed put on by Quinn's' ... or ... maybe they're just **PATRIOTS!**

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS'S CMDT/SGTMAJ'S 237TH BIRTHDAY MESSAGE 2012

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SUBJ/UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY MESSAGE 2012//

GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. AS WE PAUSE TO CELEBRATE THE 237TH BIRTHDAY OF OUR CORPS, WE REFLECT ON THE RICH LEGACY OF SERVICE HANDED DOWN TO US, WE RECOMMIT OURSELVES TO THE TASKS AT HAND, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TOWARD A BRIGHT FUTURE IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY.

2. MARINES EXIST TO FIGHT AND WIN OUR NATION'S BATTLES. WE ARE MOST PROUD OF OUR WELL-EARNED REPUTATION FOR ANSWERING THE CLARION CALL FIRST. THIS WAS NEVER MORE EVIDENT THAN AT THE EPIC BATTLE OF GUADALCANAL 70 YEARS AGO. PICKED TO LEAD THE FIRST ALLIED COUNTER-OFFENSIVE OF THE PACIFIC WAR BECAUSE THEY WERE THE "MOST READY," MARINES LANDED ON 7 AUGUST 1942 IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS. THEY PERSEVERED THROUGH MONTHS OF UNREMITTING DEPRIVATION AND BITTER COMBAT. BY THE TIME THE VETERANS OF THE BLUE DIAMOND, THE CACTUS AIR FORCE, OUR LEGENDARY MARINE RAIDERS, AND INITIAL ELEMENTS OF THE FOLLOW-ME DIVISION GATHERED TOGETHER TO RAISE A CANTEEN AND TOAST THE BIRTHDAY OF THEIR BELOVED CORPS SOME THREE MONTHS LATER, THE BATTLE WAS NO LONGER AN ISSUE. THE SITUATION WAS WELL IN HAND...VICTORY WAS ASSURED.

3. WE CARRY THAT SAME LEGACY OF RESOLUTE COMMITMENT AND VALOR TODAY. OVER THE PAST YEAR, MARINES HAVE STOOD FIRM IN THE TOUGHEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES AND ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS. WE'VE TAKEN THE FIGHT TO THE ENEMY IN HELMAND AND TO THE HORN OF AFRICA. WE'VE MANNED THE RAMPARTS OF BELEAGUERED EMBASSIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA, FOUGHT ALONGSIDE OUR ALLIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, WHILE BEHIND THE SCENES, AFLOAT AND ASHORE, OTHER MARINES DID THE PAINSTAKING HARD WORK REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN OUR HIGH LEVELS OF READINESS AND EFFICIENCY.

4. AS WE LOOK TOWARD THE FUTURE, WE KNOW THAT OUR SENTIMENTAL PLACE IN THE HEARTS OF OUR FELLOW AMERICANS AND CRITICAL ROLE IN THE DEFENSE OF OUR WAY OF LIFE ARE ASSURED. AMERICA HAS ALWAYS WANTED A MARINE CORPS...IT'S ALWAYS BEEN THAT WAY. NOW, MORE THAN EVER, AMERICA NEEDS ITS MARINES AS WE CONFRONT A DANGEROUS AND UNPREDICTABLE WORLD. FACED WITH DIFFICULT DAYS AHEAD, WE WILL CONTINUE TO DRAW STRENGTH FROM OUR RICH HERITAGE AND THE SHARED VALUES OF THE MARINES TO OUR LEFT AND TO OUR RIGHT. WE KNOW WHO WE ARE...WE KNOW WHAT WE STAND FOR. AS EVER WE WILL STRIVE TO BE FOUND WORTHY OF THE LEGENDARY TRUST OF OUR FELLOW AMERICANS.

5. I SALUTE THE ENDURING FAITHFULNESS OF THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE, OF THOSE WHO WEAR OUR CLOTH TODAY, AND OF THE FAMILIES WHO STAND SO RESOLUTELY AT OUR SIDES. HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARINES...AND SEMPER FIDELIS. JAMES F. AMOS, GENERAL, U.S. MARINE CORPS, COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS.//

To view the Cmdt's and SgtMaj's video of the message: <http://www.dvidshub.net/video/158810/honor-country-2012-marine-corps-birthday-message>

Free Veterans Day Meals and Discounts

<http://themilitarywallet.com/veterans-day-free-meals-and-discounts/>

This is the annual and **UPDATED** list of participants.



From the Junior Vice Commandant

Why be a member of the Marine Corps League?

Have you given a thought as to the reason you are a member of the Marine Corps League? What does membership in the League mean to you? Is it just for bragging rights over a beer? "Hey buddy, I am a member of the Marine Corps League, how about you"? Is it just to get the Semper Fi magazine to read? Maybe it's just to have coffee and shoot the breeze on Saturday morning? Does just being "on the rolls" really make you a member? Each Detachment is only as strong as its weakest member. We need members who are willing to pull their weight. I know some of you are unable to help out the Detachment very much due to age or other infirmities. I am also sure that there are many of you who have just gotten out of the habit of attending meetings. The purpose of moving the meetings from Gowen Field to Fuddruckers was hopefully to bring more of you out to the meetings. That hasn't been the result so far. The Detachment is there to serve the needs of its members but we can only do that when we know what you want. If we are not living up to what you expected when you joined the Marine Corps League, please come to the meeting and explain to all of us how we can better serve you. Being a member of other Veteran's Service Organizations, our Detachment has the potential to be a real force in projecting the goals and aims of the League. That takes active members who are willing to help out whenever they can. So get up off that couch on the third Thursday of the month and come down to Fuddruckers at 1800 if you'd like to eat or at 1900 if you'd just want to attend the meeting. Hope to see more of you there. I'll even share my peanuts with you.

Jack Cunningham
JVC



SR. VICE ART KILTON

2012 CHRISTMAS PARTY INFORMATION

Our December business meeting is on December 20th. It is a combination Christmas party and business and awards meeting. Instead of exchanging gifts, we've chosen to make a \$10 donation to *Toys for Tots*. That makes "how much to spend" and "what to give" easy. No thinking required.

Dinner is at **Marie Calendar's restaurant on Fairview.**

Three choices for meals: 1. Fresh roasted **Turkey**. 2. Braised and slow roasted **Pot Roast**. and 3. **Mahi Mahi** (fish). if you chose Mahi Mahi you can select one of three styles. Chose your style at the dinner. a) Cajun b) Lemon Pepper or c) Mediterranean.

Dinner cost is \$ 26.00. Dinner includes Caesar salad, entree, cornbread, fountain drinks, coffee, or tea, with a slice of pie. (Apple, Chocolate Cream, or Lemon Meringue). Please put your reservations in early. We need to alert the restaurant with our head count at least a week before the party. Please call **David Swickard 208-229-3043 hm, or 208-631-4384 cell** with your reservation. Send checks, attn: David Swickard, Payable to TVD MCL, , to: **PO Box 45874, Boise, ID 83711.**

Marines Assist New York's Storm-stricken Staten Islanders: **Follow this link to see what the 26th MEU is doing.**

Metro Express Car Wash to give a free wash to veterans on Nov. 11

Idaho-based washes seek to honor sacrifices of service members.

Metro Express Car Wash in Boise, Meridian and Nampa will give free car washes to veterans on Sunday, Nov. 11, as part of the Grace For Vets program (www.graceforvets.org).

For more information: Martin Johncox, 208-658-9100; Bill Martin, 208-331-1301

www.facebook.com/metroexpress

www.twitter.com/metroexpress

www.youtube.com/metroexpresscarwash

www.metroexpresscarwash.com



Sr. vice Art Kilton

The month of November is a busy one for the Treasure Valley Marine Corps League. We celebrate The Marine Corps birthday on November 10th. That notice is just in case you don't remember !

Quinn's restaurant is having two events. Two cake cuttings at 3:00 PM. And again at 7:00 PM. Dress is casual or dress blues like Gary Sullivan, if you want to dress up. Just wear something with Marine Corps on it. Gary always puts on a fun and noisy affair.

The Veteran's day parade starts at 1000 in downtown Boise. Muster 0930 at 11th and Jefferson. The dress is the MCL sweatshirt and fore & aft cap. Plan to participate. If walking is difficult, we will have rides for our guys.

We have a cake cutting at the Veteran's Home at 12:30 PM. Plan to attend. Help us pass out the cake to the veteran's. Dress is crimson blazer, with black pants and fore and aft cap.

The Marine Corps Ball is being held at the Grove Hotel at 6:00 PM. Dress is formal. Tickets are \$50.00 each, but are likely sold out by now. To check for availability of tickets call the Reserve Center.

On November 11th, Veteran's Day, there is a formal ceremony at the Veteran's Home. Many of our local politician's and dignitaries will participate. This is an activity that we all should attend. Dress is Crimson Blazer and black pants if you have them or proper civilian attire.

The last business meeting at Fuddrucker's was enjoyable. The crowd is growing steadily. Put the next meeting on your calendar and plan to attend. It's November 15th at Fuddrucker's on Eagle North of Ustick. Come at 6:00 PM for a burger with friends. Where else can you get an Elk burger? Enjoy the company and attend the meeting. Commandant Gary Randel does a good job of keeping the meetings on schedule. The business is conducted within a 90 minute time limit. We are becoming more active in community affairs, supporting veteran's causes and the Young Marines. When we make decisions, your vote is important.

We are actively selling raffle tickets (at \$10 each) for an Alaskan Cruise. A trip for two with \$1,000 of spending money. Take the cruise when convenient to the winner. Help out by taking on at least 5 tickets. Sell them to others or buy them as Christmas gifts for friends. We must sell at least 300 tickets to cover our expenses. Lend a hand. We don't have much time. The drawing is Dec 20th at Marie Calendar's. (See the brochure attached to this letter)



A message from the TVD Ship Store Keeper.

A different start for the detachment Ships Store our new unit Storekeeper is Associate Member Maggie Modler. Her plan is to bring out the inventory to the members. Some of the inventory will be on display at Saturday coffee klatch's and at the monthly meetings. Items requested, if not at Quinn's or the meeting, will be delivered at the next coffee or meeting. For members unit shirts and assistance with acquiring uniform items are just an email away (wmodler@Q.com), or by calling 371-4236. Thank you for your continued support and any suggestions for additions to the inventory are welcome.

Maggie Modler

Walt & Maggie Modler

Nampa, ID.
208-941-1390



A SMALL GROUP OF OUR MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MEMBERS CONVERGED ON MURPHY IDAHO ON OCTOBER 27th FOR BREAKFAST AT “THE MURPHY GENERAL STORE”, OWNED BY MEMBER TODD KERN. L-R are Ron Blakeley, Mac Emery, Marie Strawn, Owner Todd Kern, Dee Lee, Bobby Lee, Arnie Strawn, Art Kilton, Bill Sawyer, Harold Kwan and Jack Cunningham.

Murphy is located on Highway 78, and 48 miles SW of Boise. Best route to reach Murphy is to go to Nampa, Id and exit at Garrity Blvd, Exit #38 . Turn left (from Boise) and follow into Nampa . Garrity Blvd turns into 12th Ave which is Highway 45, follow until it converges with highway 51 into Murphy. Todd's store/restaurant is located on the right at the far end of town. Give it a try, the food's great! By the way; Todd was one of the last true Marine Corps school trained cooks to graduate from the school, now that's "Old Corps".

To contact Todd: [208-495-1144](tel:208-495-1144) or murphygenstore2@aol.com

Boise veteran's home gets a paint makeover

<http://www.ktvb.com/home/A-military-makeover-176505251.html>

Best branch of service...Submitted by Bob Chester, Sr.

A Soldier, a Sailor, an Airman and a Marine got into an argument about which branch of the service was "The Best." The arguing became so heated the four service men failed to see an oncoming truck as they crossed the street. They were hit by the truck and killed instantly. Soon, the four servicemen found themselves at the Pearly gates of Heaven. There, they met Saint Peter and decided that only he could be the ultimate source of truth and honesty. So, the four servicemen asked him, "Saint Peter, which branch of the United States Armed Forces is the best?" Saint Peter replied, "I can't answer that. However, I will ask God what He thinks the next time I see Him. Meanwhile, thank you for your service on Earth and welcome to Heaven."

Sometime later the four servicemen see Saint Peter and remind him of the question they had asked when first entering Heaven. The four servicemen asked Saint Peter if he was able to find the answer. Suddenly, a sparkling white dove lands on Saint Peter's shoulder. In the dove's beak is a note glistening with gold dust. Saint Peter opens the note, trumpets blare, gold dust drifts into the air, harps play crescendos and Saint Peter begins to read the note aloud to the four servicemen:

Memorandum From: The Desk Of The ALMIGHTY ONE

TO: All Former Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines

SUBJECT: Which Military Service Is the Best

1. All branches of the United States Armed Forces are honorable and noble.
2. Each serves America well and with distinction.
3. Serving in the United States military represents a great honor warranting special respect, tribute, and dedication from your fellow man.
4. Always be proud of that.

Warm regards,
GOD
USMC (Retired)



DRAWING

The meeting of **18 October** drawing of the progressive pot lottery for the TVMCL with Marine **Charles Goss's** name being drawn. Sadly he was not present to accept his winnings. His loss this month was **\$12.50** but with this progressive nature of the drawing the pot is sure to continue growing. On several occasions it has risen to almost \$50. Again to win you have to be present and make your buy-in of \$1 dollar. See you at the next meeting on Fuddruckers in Meridian on 15 November.

Also the regular 50/50 drawing rose to \$12.50 with half going to Marine Gary Randel, the drawing winner.

Walt Modler Sgt at Arms

Editors note: Each meeting there are two Drawings. The **50/50** drawing is \$1.00 each chance and you may buy as many chances as you wish.

The **Progressive Lottery** is a \$1.00 buy in and **EVERY MEMBER'S NAME** is in the drawing but you must be present to win and have bought the \$1.00 ticket if your name is drawn.

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

1600-2000 Hospitality Suites

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 change 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

Print out & cut to mail in or request form from Gary Randel (phone number on front page).

Registration Form

Name _____ Office: _____

Spouse _____ Office: _____

Detachment: _____ Delegate (circle one) Y N

Registration for each member/Auxiliary member \$10.00 Total: _____

Choice of meal:

1. 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, coffee, iced tea, chef's desert inclusive of tax and service charge.

Banquet Dinner: _____ of meals \$25.00 per meal Total: _____
#

Total amount remitted: _____

DEPARTMENT NOTICE

The "Roy Weaver Scholarship Fund" grant application form is now available to students for applying so if you have a student in mind please contact the Department Commandant, (listed below) to obtain the form.

For further information or questions on who is eligible to receive this Grant contact your Department Commandant, Lou Roane, at: lroaneusmc@gmail.com or call 1-208-476-5483 Hm—1-208-512-3666 Cell or read the Department Bylaws.

Troop Care Package Event

Location: **6630 W. Overland Rd. Boise** (between Cole and Curtis, just west of the sky-bridge).

This event is sponsored by the Treasure Valley Blue Star Mothers, Patriot Guard Riders, Boise Valley POW/MIA, and KC's Bookkeeping. Several promotional radio spots are planned.

Free snacks and refreshments (donated by Albertsons) will be available.

Please come by to volunteer, donate, or just visit.

Idaho Power to Discount Camping Fees for Seniors and Disabled Vets Jan. 1

BOISE, Idaho, Oct. 30, 2012 -- Idaho Power has approved a three-year pilot program to provide discounted fees to service-disabled military veterans and senior visitors to our parks, beginning Jan. 1, 2013.

Any service-related disability would qualify an individual to receive a 50% discount on overnight camping fees, whereas seniors (age 60 and over) will receive \$2 off per night in the peak season, at any of our parks where overnight camping is allowed.

To learn more about this program visit: www.idahopower.com or www.idacorpinc.com

Contact: Brad Bowlin, Communication Specialist, Idaho Power
208-388-2803 or bbowlin@idahopower.com

LINKS OF INTEREST > **NOTE:** Since this letter goes out to some members without email addresses by USPO, I have chosen not to print full stories but rather “links” to interesting articles that are sent me due to postage and printing ink concerns. If you receive the paper form you can scan it into your computer and use the links or give your email address to David Swickard at: swickard@me.com and get put on the email list. Best way is to receive by email.

Wyakin Warrior Foundation

P.O. Box 9924
Boise, Idaho 83707
[\(208\) 995-9952](tel:(208)995-9952)

Check out the following link (<http://blog.uso.org/2012/10/15/wyakin-warrior-foundation-guides-wounded-veterans-through-college-life-transitions/>) from the USO's blog site.

The following link from the Huffington Post (http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/10/25/veterans-college-drop-out_n_2016926.html) talks about the increasing college drop-out rate for Post 9/11 Veterans.



Sequestration's Threat to Commissaries; Retiree Cola Set

<http://www.military.com/features/0,15240,251125,00.html?ESRC=airforce-a.nl>

U.S. NAVY CHRISTENS FUTURE USS AMERICA (LHA 6)

To follow story click: http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=70268

[The Pointy End of the United States Marine Corps](#) By Daniel Foster

Historian Analyzes Immediate Aftermath of Cuban Missile Crisis

Original article: <http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=118340>

Leominster to allow tax work-off for veterans

Worcester Telegram

LEOMINSTER — This is the second **community** in the state to approve a new military **veterans** tax work-off program to allow property tax reductions in exchange for performing town work. City Councilor Claire M. Freda, the sponsor of the petition, which ...

Manufacturers to train veterans for factory jobs

Reuters

It calls for working with community and technical colleges to speed up training; translating **military** skills into equivalent civilian **job** functions; helping employers with recruitment and managing workers; and developing on-the-**job** training programs in ...

OUR REGULAR JUNE BUSINESS MEETING AT FUDDRUCKERS' EVERY 3rd THURSDAY OF THE MONTH FOR NOV. IT WILL BE THE 15th

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

Dinner & Social Hour 1800
Business Meeting Starts 1900 –2030
BE THERE!!!





HAVE YOU HEARD?

VA Backed Home Loans Help Vets Achieve Home-Ownership

Thanks to low interest rates, VA-backed home loans [surged by 50 percent](#) in 2012. More than half a million loans were granted this year, the most since 1994.

[More information](#)

NightWatch

NightWatch is an internationally acclaimed nightly newsletter that tracks and assesses threats to US national security. It has an edgy, executive style unlike any other product of its kind. KGS now offers NightWatch and a suite of related analytical products exclusively. The Night-Watch archive on KGS includes editions not available anywhere else. It is fully indexed and searchable.

<http://www.kforcegov.com/Services/IS/NightWatch.aspx> to read or subscribe.

Interesting articles recommended by Harold Kwan.

MARINE CORPS CONNECTION

This link takes you to the Home Page and is chocked full of current articles concerning all facets of the USMC.

<http://www.marinecorpstimes.com/news/2012/10/marine-australia-darwin-success-101612/>



Navy's Laser Weapons Just 2 Years Away, Admiral Says

By Lee Ferran | ABC News – Tue, Oct 23, 2012

To follow story: <http://news.yahoo.com/navys-laser-weapons-just-2-years-away-admiral-173636089--abc-news-topstories.html>

[Medal of Honor recipient Barnum speaks at Gettysburg school.](#) Barney Barnum remembers recruiters from the Army, Navy and Air Force all coming onto the stage at his school and speaking, only to be met by heckles and noise from the student body. "But then this big Marine gunnery sergeant got up and he said, 'there is nobody in this audience that I would want in my Marine Corps', and he walked out of the room," Barnum said. "I thought, that's the kind of guy I want to be, and I went out after him."

[Former POWs share stories of imprisonment with Japanese children.](#) The fifth-graders looked curiously at the three aging Americans who were imprisoned here a lifetime before they were born, one in a forced labor camp less than a mile from their school. Their questions were innocent and blunt.

[Korean War veterans from Alabama returning to the country they defended.](#) Eleven Korean War veterans from the Decatur, Alabama area will revisit the land they fought to defend next month in a trip sponsored by the Legacy 4 Korean War Veterans Foundation of Huntsville and the South Korean government.

Individual Unemployability Benefit Can Help Veterans. [Fairfield \(CA\) Daily Republic](#) Ted Puntillo, director of Veteran Services for Solano County, explains TDIU grants - or Total Disability due to Individual Unemployability, a VA benefit that "grants the veteran the equivalent of a 100 percent rating" because they can't get or keep a job due to a disability that's not normally rated at 100 percent on the VA rating schedule. Puntillo explains some of the requirements and notes that "the fact that you have a paying job does not automatically disqualify you from being entitled to a TDIU rating," and a "TDIU is not necessarily a permanent benefit."

New Tech Has Paralyzed Vet On Her Feet For Race. [Military Times](#) Paralyzed Army veteran Theresa Hannigan will use an exoskeleton Saturday to walk for one mile in the Long Island Run for the Warriors race to raise money for wounded troops. She will walk with paraplegic Robert Woo, and both will use "ReWalk devices -


State Officials Warn Veterans About Scams Offering Assistance. [Fayetteville \(NC\) Observer](#)

13 of the VA's most needed Links for Veterans: <http://www.va.gov/health/NewsFeatures/20121015a.asp>

Experts say sequestration would target civilian jobs. The potential for layoffs in the defense contracting industry is taking center stage in the congressional showdown on how to avoid the "fiscal cliff," but experts say that sequestration's most immediate workplace cuts would be felt by civilian defense employees.

VA's eBenefits website helping veterans, current forces, families. Conceived in the wake of the Walter Reed scandal as a way for wounded warriors and their families to understand and access benefits, the eBenefits web portal has become an online gateway of enormous value and convenience to two million registered users.

Challenges Remain In Warrior Transition Units. [Military.com](#) US Army "wives stepped forward Tuesday at the Association of the US Army's annual conference to explain the continued struggle they face in rehabilitating their spouses injured in war and the challenges that remain working with Warrior Transition Units."

Foundation Building Homes For Wounded Vets. [CBS Evening News](#)  "There are more than 50 triple or quadruple amputees from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The US government gives them \$65,000 to build or modify a home," but the cost of doing so is often much higher.

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HOMELESS VETERANS STAND DOWN

NOV. 10th BOISE, IDAHO

(Boise, Idaho) The Boise VA Medical Center in partnership with the Department of Labor 'VETS' program and the Boise Vet Center are pleased to announce there will be a homeless veterans stand down event on November 10, 2012 from 10AM to 2PM at the Boise Vet Center located at 2424 Bank Drive, Boise, ID (off of Vista).

The purpose of the stand down event is to reach out to area veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and offer them assistance with a wide variety of challenges they may be facing. The stand down event will offer free clothes, free medical screenings, free food and much more. Also on hand will be representatives of various veteran organizations who can help link veterans to the many benefits they may be entitled to.

Proof of veteran status will be required and can be presented in the form of a VA identification, DD214 discharge form, retired military identification, or by verbally describing veteran status to event staff.

Those interested in volunteering or making a donation at the stand down event should contact [Brice Mateo at \(208\) 422-1000 ext. 4896](#). For more information about the event contact [Josh Callihan at \(208\) 422-1054](#).

Invasion orders found wrapped around cigars in field led to bloodiest day in U.S. history



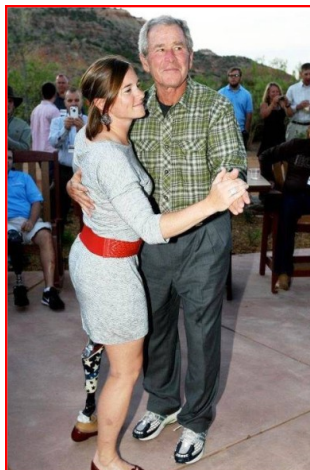
This article was submitted by Gail Hughes, an Associate member of the Treasure Valley Marine Corps League. It is a bit lengthy for publishing in this small Newsletter, however, it is a most interesting story (only 3 pages) of History and how the smallest of things can influence the outcome of War. Follow the link to the original story and enjoy a piece of UNKNOWN history!

The Editor thanks Gail for all of her efforts to bring this story to us!

This 1862 photograph made available by the Library of Congress shows casualties from the Battle of Antietam near the church of the pacifist Dunker sect near Sharpsburg, Md. When dawn broke along Antietam Creek on Sept. 17, 1862, cannon volleys launched a Civil War battle that would leave 23,000 casualties on the single bloodiest day in U.S. history and mark a crucial pivot point in the war. And yet it might never have occurred - if not for what a historian calls a "freakish" twist of fate. Days earlier, a copy of Gen. Robert E. Lee's detailed invasion orders, wrapped around a few cigars, accidentally fell in a farm field and were discovered by Union infantrymen who passed their stunning find up the chain of command, spurring action. (AP Photo/Library of Congress)

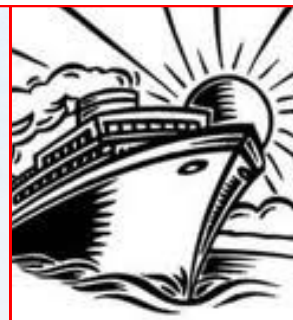
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PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH AND WIFE LAURA VISIT WITH WOUNDED WARRIORS

President Bush honors Wounded Warriors by holding a bi-weekly pic-nic at his Crawford Ranch in Texas and hosting sporting events. The young Warrior in this photo is 1stLt Melissa Stockwell, (Left two photos) USA (Ret) who lost her leg in 2004 when her Humvee was hit by a roadside bomb. Ms. Stockwell joined Military Order of Purple Hearts in 2009. President Bush and wife Laura (Right photo) pursue many activities to honor returning troops from the war such as showing up at airports unannounced to greet them without it being a photo-op. Reporters and Newises are never allowed.



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