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DETACHMENT #878, BOISE, IDAHO

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Welcome to the first edition of the Newsletter in quite some time. We have missed Don Griffith's expertise as Chief Editor but the need to start publishing again has been stated by many members so I will do my best to get a good letter out, but I doubt it will be anywhere near the quality Don produced. We miss you Don!

I welcome feedback and input for the letter as long as it relates to information pertaining to the Marine Corps, the League or information pertaining to our members. Pictures from our events will always be welcome but make sure they are in jpg. format. If this is confusing please contact me.

ATTENTION

THE POSITION OF DETACHMENT CHAPLAIN IS STILL OPEN AND DESPERATELY NEEDS TO BE FILLED. THE JOB ISN'T THAT HARD TO DO AND THERE'S PLENTY OF HELP AVAILABLE TO ANYONE WHO WILL STEP UP. PLEASE CONTACT GARY RANDEL IF YOU MAY BE INTERESTED. ALSO, THE TWO POSITIONS OF HISTORIAN AND PHOTOGRAPHER FOR THE DETACHMENT ARE OPEN. IF INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT GARY.

FUNDRAISING



A request from Arnie Strawn (Fund Raising Chairman): The drawing for the "Idaho AR 15" is drawing near. If you have unsold tickets please have them in to Arnie by April 1st. The drawing is April 15th at the Boise Gun Show and it will be the last chance to sell them but we need them on hand to do so.

**VISIT US AT QUINN'S EACH SATURDAY 0900
UNTIL ??? FOR COFFEE!**

Quinn's Restaurant & Lounge 1005
South Vista Avenue, Boise, ID 83705-
2428 (208) 342-9568. Parking is
available in the rear. All Ma-
rines, FMF Corpsmen and any guest
are welcome to come so bring a
guest. You do not need to be a

A MARCH HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Donna Schumaker
Melody Vaquera



MAKE SURE YOUR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION IS CORRECT. CONTACT DAVID SWICKARD TO CHANGE INFORMATION. THIS NEWSLETTER IS SENT OUT FROM INFORMATION LISTED ON THE ROSTER.



FROM COMMANDANT GARY RANDEL'S DESK

I'll begin by expressing my thanks to Bobby Lee for volunteering to take the lead on getting the detachment newsletter reestablished.

For the March business meeting we initiated a different approach and meeting location. We began gathering at 1800, which provided a one-hour social hour with the opportunity to also purchase food before the business meeting began at 1900. The new location was Fuddruckers Restaurant in Meridian. We made this change for two reasons: to encourage a larger meeting attendance, and to provide members the opportunity to discuss business meeting agenda items before the start of the formal meeting. The obvious question is: "Did the changes make a difference?" Attendance was not greater than what we normally have at Gowen Field. Whether the social hour before the meeting was and will be useful remains to be seen, but the members present decided that we should continue this different approach to our monthly meeting in April. If you don't or seldom attend the detachment monthly meeting, then you are encouraged to come and experience this new approach.

I believe that most members know that the money the detachment realized as a consequence of fundraising associated with hosting the 2011 MCL National Convention has dramatically changed the detachment's financial situation, which is why I have been encouraging you to contribute to the development of a detachment vision to guide us forward for the next few years. Additionally, the current AR-15 fundraiser is progressing extremely well. To date, of the one-thousand tickets we had printed more than 700 have been sold. The scheduled drawing for the AR-15 will be April 15th at the gun show at the Boise Expo or fairgrounds. The drawing will take place about 1500.

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OUR PURPOSE

THE TREASURE VALLEY DETACHMENT OF
THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE IS DEDICATED TO SERVING THE MARINES, OUR
NAVY CORPSMEN, AND ALL VETERANS AND
THEIR FAMILIES WHERE POSSIBLE. WE
ENDEAVOR TO CONTINUE THE ESPRIT DE
CORPS WE HAVE SO DEARLY LEARNED TO
ENJOY AND PROMOTE LOVE OF THE
CORPS AND COUNTRY ALONG WITH
FAITHFULNESS TO THE CORE VALUES WE
HAVE LEARNED AS MARINES!



Semper Fidelis distinguishes the Marine Corps bond from any other. It goes beyond teamwork—it is a brotherhood that can always be counted on. Latin for "always faithful," ***Semper Fidelis*** became the Marine Corps motto in 1883. It guides Marines to remain faithful to the mission at hand, to each other, to the Corps and to country, no matter what. Becoming a Marine is a transformation that cannot be undone, and ***Semper Fidelis*** is a permanent reminder of that. Once made, a Marine will forever live by the ethics and values of the Corps.

<http://www.marines.com/history-heritage/principles-values>



Please don't forget ... we have a number of events coming up soon. Memorial Day, Spring Veterans Cookout at the V.A. Home, Coffee Wagon just to name a few. These events are all participated in as Volunteers so try and help out if you can. Dates and times will be published when they are available.

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SEE FUDDRUCKERS' ADVERTISEMENT, pg. #4 FOR ADDRESS & PHONE#.



FROM THE JUDGE ADVOCATE

Currently the Detachment By-laws are in Committee for review and update. I expect the results will be put before the members for review and vote in the near future.

OUR PHOTO SECTION BELOW

THE BELOW PHOTOS ARE OF THE POWER SCOOTER THAT WAS PURCHASED BY THE NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE BEING PRESENTED TO THE BOISE VETERANS HOME. REPRESENTING OUR DETACHMENT ARE: BILL SAWYER, GARY RANDEL AND ART KILTON ACCEPTING THE SCOOTER IS PHIL HAWKINS



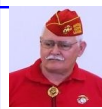
Gary Randel and Bill Sawyer unload the Power Scooter to be presented to the Veterans Home.



Phil Hawkins gives the Scooter a "Test Run" before the presentation.



Evidently Phil found the ride to be of his liking. The official presentation and acceptance of the Scooter is now done!



SGT-AT-ARMS TVMCL #878
WALT MODLER

The meeting of **14 March** was the First drawing of the newest progressive pot lottery for the TVMCL with Marine **John Sterling's** name being drawn. Sadly he was not present to accept his winnings. His loss this month was **\$7.50** 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 20 April.

Also the regular 50/50 drawing rose to \$37 with half going to Marine Dave Swickard the winner of drawing .

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**FROM THE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION CHAIR AND JR. VICE CMDT.
ART KILTON**

A reminder to all members ... the Department Convention is May 10th through the 12th. As you know, we are the host detachment. If you have not registered yet please do so. It will help us to plan the details so we have a smooth and well organized Convention.

For information or to get a registration form contact Dave Swickard at swickard@me.com or call 208-229-3043; Art Kilton (Convention Chairman) at arthurkilton1@msn.com or call 208-440-4057.

Riding on the success of a great MCL National Convention held last August in Boise, Idaho, we are holding the State of Idaho MCL convention on May 10-12, 2012. It will be held at the Spring Hill Suites, 424 E Park Center Blvd, Boise, ID 83706. Registration fee is \$10.00 per person. The workday luncheon on Friday is \$17.25 The banquet meal on Saturday is \$24.00 per person. It helps our planning to have reservations made, and fees paid, in advance of the convention.

Please make your Motel reservations early. Spring Hill Suites telephone # is 208-342-1044. Rates are \$77.00 for rooms. All rooms are suites. There are many activities available around the city. Although our free time during the convention is limited, but an interesting option is available. If enough interest is generated we may be able to organize a combination horse drawn wagon ride and wine tasting at a local winery. Bogus Creek outfitters would assist us in finalizing the idea.

The motel has a cul-de-sac at the rear of the building where 3-4 motor homes could be parked, at no cost, during the convention. If any of you are planning your travel in a motor home, this arrangement will benefit you. It is a first come, first served arrangement.

Treasure Valley MCL has an AR-15 rifle raffle going on at this time. This weapon is a .223 cal. all Idaho made rifle. We received all the components from Idaho manufacturers. It was put together by a local armorer. Making the rifle very special. The drawing will be held April 15, 2012. Since the drawing is prior to the convention it is important that you purchase tickets early. Tickets are \$10 each. We have a limit of 1000 tickets, so the odds of winning are pretty good. Tickets are moving well. We expect to sell out before April first. Therefore, make your request ASAP. Orders can be made by sending a check for the number of tickets you want at \$10 each to: Treasure Valley Marine Corps League, PO Box 45874, Boise, Idaho, 83711. We will fill out the tickets, make sure they get in the barrel, and return the stubs to you.



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60th Anniversary of the Korean War

"We have taken our stand on the side of Korea and our pledge of faith to that nation is a witness to all the world that we champion liberty wherever the tyranny of communism is the aggressor."

****Harry S. Truman
President of the United States
June 27, 1950***



- More than 5.7 million Americans served in the armed forces during the Korean War from June 25, 1950, to July 27, 1953:
- 33,741 U.S. troops were killed in combat in Korea and 2,833 died there from other causes.

103,284 Americans were wounded.

Follow this official link:

<http://koreanwar.defense.gov/> ,for further information.



VETERANS NEWS

[How a contractor switch affects Tricare customers in 21 western states](#) Some beneficiaries in Tricare's western region may need to start looking for a new doctor. The Department of Defense has changed the contractor that creates the network of civilian health care providers for Tricare beneficiaries in the West region.

[Click on the above blue link for more information!](#)

Many Americans Seem Willing To Believe There Is Explanation Behind Killings. [AP](#) Many Americans "seem willing to believe that a 10-year US military veteran, worn down by four tours of combat and perhaps suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, simply snapped. That somehow there must be, if not an excuse, at least an explanation" for why Bales may have killed 16 Afghan civilians.

[For more information click the AP link above!](#)

For Vietnam Vets, PTSD Flares Years After A Long-Ago War. [Erie \(PA\) Times-News](#) Cases of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), "especially among those who served in Vietnam, are increasing markedly at the Erie Veterans Affairs Medical Center. The number of Vietnam War veterans treated for PTSD at the Erie hospital has nearly tripled in the past decade, from 192 patients in 2001 to 554 today." The Times-News adds, "Watching the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan develop on television...has triggered the re-emergence" PTSD symptoms in Vietnam vets. The Times-News quotes Russell Jenkins, an Erie VA clinical psychologist who runs the hospital's PTSD care team. Jenkins said, "The new veterans coming back from Afghanistan and Iraq owe a great debt to the Vietnam guys, for raising awareness of PTSD and helping develop the treatments in place today."

[To follow this story click on "Erie \(PA\) Times-News" above !](#)

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More on the vision statement project: Because of our improved financial situation we need to decide which activities the TVD will support. Should we focus on the two local Young Marine units and other activities the MCL sponsors? Should we concentrate on providing assistance to currently serving and honorably separated Marines and USN Hospital Corpsman who served with the Marine Corps? Should we do more to support the Boise Veterans Home and/or other veterans' related activities? What do you think or focus should be? Please let me know, but as you think about this question let the purposes on which the MCL was formed help guide your thoughts.

Finally, you should know by now that we are hosting the Department of Idaho State Convention this year. Because we are the host detachment we should have many members in attendance, so please support the convention by attending all or some of the it's events. The venue is Springhill Suites Marriot Hotel in Boise. Convention dates are May 10 – 12. You should have already received registration information, but let me know if you still need that information. As part of the convention we will hold a silent auction. If you have something that is Marine Corps related or of other interest to Marines that you are willing to contribute to the auction let me know.

Semper Fidelis,
Gary Randel

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A BIT OF KA-BAR TRIVIA

Soon after its introduction in the mid-1920's, the KA-BAR (sometimes known as K-Bar) trademark became widely known and respected. There have been many versions of how the KA-BAR name came to be, but all evidence points to a letter received from a fur trapper. This particular fur trapper's testimonial turned out to be the most significant ever received by the company.

He wrote, in very rough English, that his gun had jammed and that he had therefore relied on his knife to kill a wounded bear that was attacking him. In thanking the company for their quality product the trapper described using his knife to kill the bear. All that was legible of his scrawled writing was "k a bar". The company was so honored by this testimonial that they adopted this phrase and used it as their trademark, KA-BAR.

On December 9, 1942, after the start of World War II, KA-BAR submitted a fighting knife to the United States Marine Corps in hopes that it would become general issue to that branch of the military. Working in conjunction with the Marine Quartermaster Department a design was devised and soon production was under way on a new and improved fighting / utility knife for the Marines. As the war escalated, the demand for these knives was so great that the KA-BAR factory alone could not keep up. The government assigned several knife companies to create similar knives as supplemental pieces for those serving the War. KA-BAR's wartime production totaled more than 1 million. The KA-BAR knives became so well recognized for their quality and so abundant in number that "Kabar" became the name by which many referred to this knife pattern, regardless of whether the knife was manufactured at the KA-BAR facility.

These knives were depended upon to perform daily tasks such as pounding tent stakes, driving nails, opening ration cans and digging foxholes, not to mention defending lives.

Growing so in popularity and earning only the greatest respect, the KA-BAR was adopted by not only the Marines, but also the Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Underwater Demolition Teams. Years after World War II, many KA-BARS were unofficially reactivated in the Korean, Vietnam, Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom conflicts.

The dependability and consistent quality of wartime KA-BARS was the result of constant strict quality control procedures by KA-BAR workers and supervisors as well as the US Marine Corps and Navy Supply inspectors who were assigned to the KA-BAR factory to work along with company personnel to accomplish this goal.

These high quality standards were maintained in 1976 when production was reintroduced to commemorate the Marine Corps 200th Anniversary of service to the United States. It was then that the original factory in Olean, New York, along with some of its original craftsmen, undertook the job of creating a "full dress model" of the original – a Limited Edition Commemorative that would prove to be most meaningful to the Marines. Using the original blueprints which had been stored in the company archive files, the recreated knife was a true work of art that retained the look, feel and performance of the original battle ready combat knife. The first one of its kind, serialized with the number "1", was presented to the Commandant of the Corps and was later put on display at the USMC Museum at Quantico.

The USMC Commemorative was so enthusiastically received that it became obvious that the original KA-BAR Fighting / Utility knife had retained its popularity through the years. The limited production Commemorative was so quickly taken up by the Marines, knife enthusiasts and collectors that KA-BAR decided to return it to regular production in its standard form. With only a few changes made possible by modern technology, the KA-BAR Fighting / Utility Knife was reintroduced.

Today, the original USMC Fighting / Utility Knife remains the first choice for many Marines who choose to carry it as their personal option knife during service. It is also a favorite of adventurers, survivalists, outdoor sportsmen and, of course, knife collectors who know that this knife – this "American Legend" – deserves a place in their collection.

And there you have it courtesy of Gary Randel!

Semper Fi to all until next issue