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Detachment Commandant's Remarks

When I was still on active duty I attended a dining-in for Communications Company, 2nd Marine Division. For those who may be unfamiliar with the term "dining-in," it is formal dinner for different groups within an organization. In this instance the dining-in was for all of the officers and NCOs of the communications company, and various guests. One feature of a dining-in is a guest of honor who is asked to make remarks, which is rather like singing for one's supper. The guest of honor at this dining-in was Colonel (later major general) Ray Smith, who was C.O. of the 8th Marines.

Colonel Smith gave an entertaining talk that was tied to the essence of what a communication company does, and his opening remarks were very clever. They went something like this: He explained that two things were critical to effective communications; first, and he was referring to field radios--, there must be someone out there on the radio you are calling who wants to talk to you; and second, that person must be smart enough to move the little lever on the top of the radio from the "off" position to the "on" position. Now, Colonel Smith's delivered his comments with a humor that my dry summary misses, but I believe that you can get the sense of his message. Communications between human beings (Including Marines.) is a two-way endeavor.

I've sent a number of emails to the detachment membership this past year, and a lesser number of "snail-mail" or USPS letters to those of you who are without either an Internet capability or who have not provided the paymaster with an email address. Very few of you, however, have seen fit to comment on the topics I've written about even when I asked for your comments. Therefore, I have come to assume that most of my emails are deleted without being read and that many letters are pitched unopened into the waste baskets without being opened. Whatever is happening to my messages, It would be very useful and for good of the detachment if you could figure out how to move that little lever from the "off" position to the "on" position.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, our junior-vice commandant has written about the upcoming Department of Idaho Convention, which will take place 10, 11, and 12 May at the Spring Hill Marriott on Park Center Boulevard in Boise. I encourage you to attend, and if not the business meeting at least the banquet on the final day. Let's be good hosts to our fellow Leaguers from Idaho.

EDITOR'S NOTE

GENERAL INFORMATION: This Newsletter will be published and sent for distribution by the second Friday of each month so that it coincides with the Board of Trustees meeting. That way any pertinent information affecting the regular upcoming business meeting can be passed on to the membership.

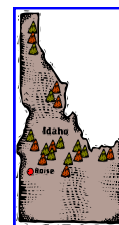
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DEPARTMENT OF IDAHO

Marine Corps League

PO Box 413



With everything considered on my part, I am looking forward to the best State Convention ever. I just want to share some information with you all.

Being a member of the Marine Corps League, a non-profit organization, I don't know how many of you are aware that you can deduct your expenses; motel, travel and mileage for attending the State Conventions on your tax filings. Just keep your receipts and present them to your tax preparer.

I would be very thoughtless by not acknowledging the Department of Idaho staff. They have made the Department of Idaho where it is today, by their diligent and professional performances of their duties. This is the twilight tour of duty for the current Department of Board of Trustees. I encourage you to start communicating with the current Board and get an understanding of the job, if you are planning or considering to step up. Don't hesitate to ask questions of those currently holding positions, that's how we learn.

I am looking forward with pleasure to seeing everyone at the Convention and thank you for the opportunity to comment in your newsletter.

Semper Fi.

Lou Roane, Department Commandant



JR VICE ART KILTON

April is tax time and no one is happy about it. Get your filing done and take a deep breath. The next business meeting is **April 19th, at Fuddrucker's restaurant on Eagle Ave, Meridian**. Have a hamburger, enjoy the company, and bring a new potential member. There are lots of Marines around who would enjoy being a member of an outfit like ours. They just need a little encouragement. Come early (6 PM) meet your friends and attend the meeting at 7 PM. Recruiting should be everyone's job. The last meeting at **Fuddrucker's** was a success. I look forward to a great turnout.

When you meet a potential member, have a conversation and jot down his name and telephone number. We can call him and give him a personal invitation. At the least, get his name and number and pass it on to me, and I'll follow up.

(FOR DETAILS SEE ADVERTISEMENT FOR "FUDDRUCKERS" ELSEWHERE IN THIS NEWSLETTER.)



**3421 N. Eagle Rd.
Meridian, ID 83646**

LOCATION OF BUSINESS MEETING.

Franchise Location:

**Phone: (208) 887-2194-To View
our Menu: Visit our local website
at: www.fuddruckerscaters.com**

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

A reminder that the Department Convention is going to be on us very quickly; four weeks to be precise! If you haven't registered and chosen your meals yet you need to do so as soon as possible. You can do so by contacting David Swickard at the following:

swickard@me.com or 208-229-3043

The sooner you register the better the Convention Committee can consolidate and prepare the things necessary for a flawless Convention. Hope to see you there!





by Scott Evans

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Heads-up on this article was from **Gail Hughes: Associate Member.**

KUNA -- There are a lot of kids out there who dream about flying. That dream came true Wednesday for one special 10-year-old Kuna boy.

When you're young the question is asked - what do you want to be when you grow up? For 10-year-old Jayden Bennett, he'd tell you he wants to become a **Young Marine.**

"Why don't you come with us? We have something we want you to get into," said Unit Commander Walt Modler with the Treasure Valley Young Marines.

That something was a battle dress uniform for Jayden. **"Get you all squared away here. Looking good," said Modler** as he buttoned up Jayden's jacket.

You see, you need to be dressed properly when you are made a Young Marine.

Wednesday was a big day for Jayden. Not only did he become a Young Marine, but he also gets to ride in a helicopter.

Jayden's mom, Boni Bennett, says those are just two of Jayden's wishes. "Jayden's fought real hard for three years with his battle against cancer," said Boni Bennett.

Jayden has osteosarcoma, a form of bone cancer. The cancer took his left leg. It spread to his lungs and spine. His cancer is terminal.

"And he's a gift to share with everybody and every moment of every day is treated like his last," said Boni Bennett.

And that's the reality; no one knows how much time he really has.

"We know that there's not much more they can do, that there's not going to be a cure for Jayden," said Boni Bennett.

But on this day, all that was put to the side.

"Oh, I can hear it," said Jayden.

Life Flight touched down in the school's playground to make a young boy's wish come true.

"I'm your pilot."

"Okay," replied Jayden.

"You're going to be my co-pilot."

"Okay," replied Jayden.

After a quick tour, and a kiss from grandma, Jayden was in the air. For close to a half an hour, he got a bird's eye view of the Treasure Valley.

He flew over his house and got a good view of Boise State's blue field.

"Jayden, your wish is coming true?" asked News Channel 7.

"It wasn't a wish," said Jayden.

"What was it?" asked News Channel 7.

"I don't know," said Jayden. "A surprise."

Jayden's older brother Andrew was able to fly with him. Jayden says he wasn't so much scared about flying as he was about landing. Both the flying and the landing were successful.

Speaking of landing, Jayden and his crew flew to Gowen Field. There the Idaho Army National Guard strapped Jayden into an Apache helicopter simulator where he flew a simulated mission engaging enemy targets.

After the simulation, his flight aviators gave him dog tags, an aircrew name patch and a spent 30 millimeter shell from the Apache's gun. It was a good end to a great day.



Support Your Young Marines

By Deborah K. White MCL/YM Liaison ; Submitted by Walt Modler

The Marine Corps League National Commandant has asked us to support the Young Marines Program. Just what does support mean?

To many, it means financial aid. That's a great start, but there is so much more. Think about how you support the League. We pay dues, meet, do community service and have guest speakers. We gather on a monthly (or more) basis and we just like coming together and sharing stories. Have you invited any Young Marines to one of your meetings as a guest speaker?

The Young Marines absolutely love to be around League Members. When you talk to them, your experiences make them feel they have hit a home run. I recently took a group of Young Marines to the Richard Campbell Veterans Home in Belton, SC, to interview WWII Veterans. The smiles on their faces were priceless. *That* is what your presence does.

You have so much more to offer than you know. This program is not about the adults who run it-it's about what the kids learn from those adults. As a Unit Commander, support to me means giving my time; attending meetings; teaching sharing knowledge; providing information and financial support; being a role model-the list goes on. Have you ever taken the time to read the rules and regulations in the *Registered Adult Manual*? http://www.youngmarines.com/YM_UPLOADS/LibraryDownloads/RAM2011.pdf

If you are interested in supporting the Young Marines, this is a must-read. So I ask you to step up to the plate and support a local Young Marines Unit. I can personally say that when they step up and take charge of their Unit during certain activities, that's the payment for properly mentoring and training them. That is a true measure of success! Can you make a difference in a kid's life? Absolutely. And remember: It's all about the kids.

Semper Fi,



THE WARRIOR'S CODE OF HONOR

Reference: Military Order of Purple Hearts: Commanders Henry Parker and Pete Oakander

You are respectfully requested to help spread the word about the Warrior's Code of Honor. Why help spread the word? Because **14 Purple Heart Medal recipients**, plus PTSD experts, testify that it helps combat veterans, Warriors currently serving, and their loved ones to read it. You are invited to verify the truth of these statements by visiting the FEEDBACK FROM COMBAT VETERANS section immediately behind the Warrior's Code at www.militarycodeofhonor.com.

EDITORS' NOTE: Well worth the read!



UNITED HEALTH CARE AWARDED THE TRICARE WEST REGION MANAGED CARE SUPPORT CONTRACT

• *Will provide health care services for nearly 2.9 million active duty and retired military service members and their families*

• *Administrative services contract worth \$1.4 billion over five years*

MINNETONKA, Minn. (March 19, 2012) – United Healthcare, a United Health Group (NYSE: UNH) company, said its Military & Veterans Services business unit has been awarded the Department of Defense's TRICARE Managed Care Support contract to provide health care services for active duty and retired military service members and their families in the West Region.

UnitedHealth Military & Veterans Services will be the Managed Care Support contractor serving nearly 2.9 million TRICARE beneficiaries in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa (excluding Rock Island Arsenal area), Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri (excluding the St. Louis area), Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, portions of Texas (including El Paso), Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

For more information visit: www.unitedhealthgroup.com

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
member to join us.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE APRIL LADIES OF OUR DETACHMENT

Janet Swickard and Nancy Teague



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!

THE MAN SHOW AT THE EXPO BY ARNIE STRAWN



MARCH 31, 2012-This young lady, Miriya DeVore, age 2, the daughter of Paula DeVore, just had to have her picture taken with the Marines, so Marines Arnie Strawn and Rich Erickson are more than happy to help out! The Man Show crew consisted of Tom Rogers, Arnie Strawn, Art Kilton, Rich Erickson and Gary Randel. Thanks to this group there are only 78 tickets remaining and they expect these last tickets will be purchased at the Boise Gun Show on the 14th and 15th. So far only a handful of our members have been manning the tables to sell tickets so if you have some time available on the 14th or 15th please contact Arnie at : arnieaws@cablone.net or 1-208-454-8295 to help out. Proceeds from the Man Show were \$488.00 . Great job crew!!!

ATTENTION ALL HANDS



Hello members I have taken on the project of creating a new website for the unit and would like to make it a historical treasury, any help you can offer in locating things is great. I don't need more fingers in the pie, keeping track of my 10 thumbs is enough, it is finding old documents, files, pictures, newsletters, minutes just about anything... Boxes and boxes would be great. If you want them back, that I can do. I plan to scan everything into electronic files anyway. Even if you don't want them back I have a temporary storage location while I get the labor done. So maybe now is the time to clean out that closet. Just think about how happy she will be to see those treasures go away!

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VETERANS NEWS

Student vets group shuts down sham chapters at for-profit colleges. Student Veterans of America has shut down chapters at 40 for-profit colleges after discovering that many of the groups were memberless fronts used to promote the schools as “veteran friendly.”

[Click on above link to follow this story](#)

Partnership for Quality Home Healthcare Applauds VA Proposal. Market Watch The Partnership for Quality Home Healthcare today expressed strong support for a proposed rule by the US Department of Veterans Affairs to remove barriers to home healthcare by exempting in-home video telehealth care from having a required copayment ...[Click on above link to follow story](#)



Can you tell this is a Phony?

Once in a while, a ... **fine** ... specimen comes forward to receive non-earned accolades based on non-action in non-combat. This .. Non-SEAL/ Marine needs to be held accountable for ... representing something which he is not. Trying to locate present whereabouts somewhere on the west coast. I'm going to hit all of the Dunkin Donut shops and burger joints to see when is the last time he was there. I'm sure hamburger and donut places will recognize him immediately from his obviously daily visits.

[Photo and caption courtesy of Paul Sullivan...They're out there!](#)

NAVAJO CODE TALKER RELATES HISTORY AT YUMA

Article from “THE MARINE CORPS CONNECTION”

“It's great to be back with the Marines,” said the 83-year-old MacDonald, who was invited to speak on base. “Anytime I'm with the Marines, I feel very much at home. I wish I was young again and back in the Corps.”



After joining the Marines in 1944, Peter MacDonald learned he and 29 others had been recruited specifically to develop a new code for the Corps. “We didn't join to become Code Talkers. None of us did. All of us joined to be Marines,” he said. While visiting with Marines at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma March 27, MacDonald told of how it took the men three months to create the Navajo Code. Consisting of words spoken in Navajo that literally or symbolically corresponded to military terminology, it was understood by only the Navajo Code Talkers. The code was used to send messages in battles in the Pacific Theater during World War II and remains the only military code in modern military history that was never broken.

Read More [click here](#)

THE APRIL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE DETACHMENT IS SET FOR THE 19th AT FUDDRUCKERS IN EAGLE OFF OF NORTH EAGLE ROAD. 6PM(1800) FOR SOCIAL HOUR, AND BUSINESS STARTS AT 7PM (1900) SHARP, ENDING AT ABOUT 830PM (2030). PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO ATTEND—YOUR VOICE COUNTS!

W.Va. Women Share Home Front Service During WWII. [AP](#)

Charleston, West Virginia, on the women of World War II who "built fleets of Avengers and Marauders...carefully assembled countless explosive fuses and separated the chemicals for making TNT," and "unknowingly at the time...even crafted parts for the atomic bombs that helped end the war." The women are profiled as part of the West Virginia Rosie the Riveter Project, which has a goal of "creating a national model that shows other communities how to identify and enlist "Rosies" to preserve their stories." The West Virginia project is driven by Ann Montague, founder of the veterans group known as Thanks! Plain and Simple.

To view more of this story click on "AP" at top of article



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.



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.



About the Boise VA Medical Center

The Boise VA Medical Center and surrounding Community Based Out-patient Clinics are available to meet the health care needs of the estimated 100,000 military veterans living in the southern Idaho/eastern Oregon region of the United States. The Boise VA Medical Center and surrounding clinics treat almost 25,000 individual veterans each year in primary care, surgical, behavioral health, long-term care, oncology and dental services. The Boise VA Medical Center is an 87 bed teaching and research hospital dedicated to meeting the health needs of the

men and women who served in the United States military.

WHERE – 500 W. Fort Street Boise, Idaho ... In 1988 women veterans made up 4.4% of the total number of veterans; today women veterans account for 8%. **For information contact:**

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