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**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE TREASURE VALLEY**  
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**BOISE, IDAHO**



The Department of Idaho or annual State MCL Convention is now accomplished. Art Kilton, Arnie Strawn, Dave Swickard, and Bobby Lee were the first team players that enabled the TVD to accomplish its host responsibilities in good order. Accordingly, and on behalf of the detachment I thank them for their good work. Skip Nakashima's brother, Roger, conducted a live auction in conjunction with the closing banquet that was both entertaining and added to the funds of the department and detachment.

I have mentioned the North Idaho Medal Honor Highway in the past, but during the convention I learned that designating the highway as "North Idaho" means literally that once complete the project will honor MOH recipients from North Idaho only, and none from Southern Idaho. That said; the bill that authorized the North Idaho MOH Project provided for a similar highway in the southern half of the state. I think that a South Idaho MOH Highway is a project that the TVD should consider undertaking first because designating such a highway in southern Idaho is the right thing to do; and second, if the TVD makes it happen, then both MOH Highway projects will be attributable to the MCL. I would like to receive your thoughts on this possible project.

Based on some of the information that was passed during the convention, I believe that we should consider having a booth this year at the Western Idaho State Fair. I believe that having a booth has been discussed, and then not acted on because of the rather high charges that fair managers levy on booth sponsors. However, both detachments that have sponsored booths at fairs in north Idaho indicated that they paid off in both donations and new members. We will examine this possibility in the near future.

I distributed a "heads-up" announcement for our May meeting several days ago. One of the items mentioned was the detachment August Picnic. We need volunteers to help with the organization of the picnic, which is especially important this year because we are going to invite the Marines and Corpsmen of C Company, 4<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion to join us. Please keep in mind that volunteering to assist with organizing and conducting detachment events and projects will not cause cancer, heart disease, brain damage, or other serious illnesses.

Speaking of detachment events, May 19<sup>th</sup> is the spring cookout at the Veterans Home, and the detachment was again invited to do the cooking. We keep getting re-invited so we must be doing the work right, but who would have thought otherwise. If you are going to assist with this event then please let me know, and plan on arriving at the home about 0930 on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

There are many items to discuss during the May meeting at Fuddruckers on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, so please be there. In addition to the several discussion items, I have a good number of department awards to present members who did not attend the state convention banquet.

Finally, and in the spirit of saving the best for last, my salute to Art Kilton who was honored at the state convention as both the Department and North West Division Marine of the Year. SALUTE!

**A HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY TO:**

**Linda Emery**   **Grace Janko**  
**Patricia Hisaw**   **Velma Williams**





I have been promoted from Junior Vice, to Senior Vice Commandant, because of the recent resignation of our Senior Vice Commandant, David Kleinfeldt, who has too many other commitments to continue. We will surely miss him at this post. I have assumed the Senior Vice duties per the orders of Commandant, Gary Randel.

The Idaho State Convention just completed its business. The Spring Hill Suites did an admirable job of providing services to our members. If you didn't attend, you missed an important part of the Marine Corps Leagues' regular activities. For the first time we had a live auctioneer, Roger Nakashima. Roger is the brother of our

member Skip Nakashima. Roger did a bang up job. He was entertaining and a lively auctioneer. Too bad we didn't have him last August at the National Convention. Our hospitality room was large enough to hold all the guests with some space between the bodies. While the Devil Dogs had their meeting, a few of the ladies took advantage of the Idaho History Museum tour. Their comments indicated that it was an enjoyable time

The Breast Cancer "pink" walk and run went right by the hotel. If you weren't already inside the hotel on Saturday morning, getting onto Park Center Blvd was impossible. Some of us had to get close to the hotel, by driving back streets, find a parking place, and join the parade and walk a few blocks, while melding across the mass of bodies to the hotel. As a fund raiser, they had a great day. There must have been 10 thousand people in that parade. We should do so well with our fund raising. It was an interesting morning. The barricades didn't come down until almost noon. In spite of the difficulties we had a roomful of Marines to participate in the Saturday morning ritual to honor our fallen comrades. A "Well done" to our State Commandant, Lou Roane, and our NW Division Commandant, John Woods for their efforts to make the 13th annual State convention come off so well. Next year the meeting will be in Kellogg, Idaho, sponsored by the Silver Valley Detachment.

I urge everyone to attend our next Detachment business meeting, Thursday May 17, 2012 at Fuddrucker's Restaurant on Eagle blvd, at the NW corner of Ustick Ave. Social hour begins at 1800. Have a burger and visit with friends. Attend the business meeting at 1900. We are doing our best to keep the meeting short. No more than an hour and a half. Participation by all members is important to the overall health of our Detachment. Treasure Valley Det got many kudos for our efforts at the National Convention. That includes everyone on our rolls. Make a point to participate actively. Our next activity is a cook out for our veteran's at the Veteran's home. Come out to the home and cut some onions, fry a burger, or serve the condiments for them, on Saturday, the 19th. Semper Fi, Art

#### DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT LOU ROANE'S COMMENT:



**"THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU" to the Treasure Valley Detachment for hosting another successful convention.**

## TRANSITION

**VETS HEALTH CARE EXEMPT FROM BUDGET CUTS** The Office of Management and Budget announced April 23 that veterans' health care programs under the Department of Veterans Affairs will not be subject to budget cuts as a result of sequestration. The Budget Control Act of 2011, which included sequestration as a mechanism for cutting federal programs if a deficit spending agreement wasn't reached, specifically exempted veterans' benefits but had no clear statement about what would happen to veterans' medical care expenses. Sequestration is looming because Congress and the White House failed to reach an agreement on a 10-year, \$1.2 trillion deficit reduction plan. [Read More](#)



**Pictured above: Gary Randel, Detachment Commandant, and Arnie Strawn, Fund Raising Chairman, along with Arthur Kilton, Convention Chairman and Senior Vice Commandant, present Certificates of Appreciation to the Managers of Sports Authority Store, Nampa, Idaho, Dain Johnson and Scott Scrowley, for their support in making the Detachment's AR-15 Rifle event such a great success.**

**They offered their store and customers to us every Saturday and Sunday for many months, to take donations and sell raffle tickets. Without their unselfish offer of use of their property it is doubtful the fundraiser would have been as successful since almost half of the 1000 tickets sold was sold at Sports Authority, Nampa.**

**A great big "THANK YOU", Dain and Scott, for your Patriotism and support.**

***NOTICE: We have many older Veterans, especially our WW II and Korean Veterans and now even our Vietnam generation, that will not be here forever. Your histories and stories of valor NEED to be told and recorded. Please consider contacting the folks listed below ... no story should be left untold!*** Submitted by Walt Modler

### **Warhawk Air Museum Veterans History Project**

We are proud to preserve our veterans histories during times of wars in which they served. The Warhawk Air Museum partnered with the Library of Congress 7 years ago to preserve our veterans' stories on film. To date, we have preserved over 700 stories from WWII, Korea, Vietnam and Cold War Era, Desert Storm, and all other conflicts including the present day war. It is important that veterans preserve their own histories so that future generations of Americans will benefit from real live history lessons.

The filming will take approximately 2 hours and **can be scheduled with the Warhawk Air Museum at 208.465.6446. The program is free and we give a copy of the DVD interview to the veteran as a gift to keep forever.** Please do not let your history be lost. **Every veteran is a piece of the fabric which holds our great nation together and your experiences are important to preserve.**

**To learn more about the national Veterans History Project go to: [www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets).**

**Sue Paul, or talk to one of the Detachments' Staff and we will assist you.**

***Sue Paul, Executive Director***

***"Never forget the importance of history. To know nothing of what happened before you took your place on earth is to remain a child forever and ever."***





On April 18th L/Cpl Richard McClure, departed for deployment to Afghanistan. Present at the Boise airport to see him off were his family, representative of the Treasure Valley Marine Corps League and The Patriot Guard Riders Association from around the Valley who honored his service with a Flag Line. L/Cpl McClure was a member of the Treasure Valley Young Marines for many years prior to graduation and becoming a real Marine. He achieved the rank of Gunnery Sgt, not an easy task to accomplish! His Brother and Sister pictured above in the top left photo have followed in his footsteps and are also Young Marines in the Treasure Valley unit.

L/Cpl McClure is also a member of the Treasure Valley Marine Corps League Detachment 878 and we are proud to have him.

Richard, we all wish you a safe tour and look forward to your return. The term of the Naval service is "Fair Winds and Following Seas" to you.

**Gen Zinni speaks on Vietnam to the Marine Association:** If you're a Vietnam Veteran you do not want to miss this. Click on the link below:

<http://player.vimeo.com/video/38356372?title=0&byline=0&portrait=0>

#### **ASSIGNMENT OF WOMEN TO GROUND COMBAT UNITS**

link to NY Times article: You may have to copy/past the link to you browser.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2012/04/25/us/marines-moving-women-toward-the-front-lines.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/04/25/us/marines-moving-women-toward-the-front-lines.html?_r=1)

Agree or Disagree this is an interesting article but too long to include in the Newsletter. If you are interested click on the above link to follow the story.



**RICHMOND, Calif. (AP) —** Firing its 16-inch guns in the Arabian Sea, the **U.S.S. Iowa** shuddered. As the sky turned orange, a blast of heat from the massive guns washed over the battleship. This was the **Iowa** of the late 1980s, at the end of its active duty as it escorted re-flagged Kuwaiti oil tankers from the Persian Gulf through the Strait of Hormuz during the Iran-Iraq war.

Some 25 years later, following years of aging in the San Francisco Bay area's "mothball fleet," the 887-foot long ship that once carried President Franklin Roosevelt to a World War II summit to meet with Churchill, Stalin and Chiang Kai Shek is coming to life once again as it is being prepared for what is most likely its final voyage.

Not far from where "Rosie the Riveters" built ships in the 1940s at the Port of Richmond, the 58,000-ton battlewagon is undergoing restoration for towing May 20 through the Golden Gate, then several hundred miles south to the Port of Los Angeles in San Pedro. There it is to be transformed into an interactive naval museum.

On May 1, ownership of the Iowa was officially transferred from the U.S. Navy to the Pacific Battleship Center, the nonprofit organization that has been restoring the boat for its new mission.

To read more click on: <http://news.yahoo.com/historic-battleship-becoming-naval-museum-socal-150141738.html>

#### **TVD coming events:**

- White Cloud Coffee Company will supply us coffee, tea, and hot chocolate mix for the weekends we are operating the coffee wagon.
- May 19<sup>th</sup> is the spring Vet Home parking lot cookout. Need volunteers. We need to be there by 1000 or so.
- Memorial Day at Vet Cemetery, the 28<sup>th</sup>, a Monday is the assumed date.
- June 12<sup>th</sup> is the Vet Home fishing day at Stan's. Volunteers needed to assist home residents.
- June 23 and 24, coffee wagon operation
- June 7<sup>th</sup> Stan Meholchick is planning a cookout for Patriot Guards and other motorcycle clubs that support veterans. He has invited us to set up a table. Recruiting opportunity, volunteers needed
- July 14 and 15, Coffee wagon
- Aug 18 and 19, coffee wagon
- Aug for a TVD hosted party for Company C Marines. This event is not yet planned. Who would like to serve on the committee?

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at: [www.fuddruckerscaters.com](http://www.fuddruckerscaters.com)**

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

A reminder to all Treasure Valley Detachment Members ... Our May Business Meeting will be the 17th; this Thursday, at Fuddruckers on North Eagle Road in Meridian.

Please show up around 1800 for the Social Hour and a bite to eat and the meeting starts promptly at 1900 (7PM). There is a lot to discuss and the Commandant requests that if you can, **please** make this meeting.

### **A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

Due to the short period of time from the end of the Department Convention and the span in which we needed to get the Newsletter into your hands, I did not have time to process all of the post Convention information and organize the pictures for this edition. The June Edition will have all of the Department highlights and events along with photos from Walt Modler who was “snapping away” during all three days. This will also give him time to pick the best of the best for you.