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Detachment Commandant Gary Randel

After our meeting on Thursday June 21st, which I encourage you to attend we will not have a business meeting until September, but we will not be inactive during July and August. We are examining the possibility of participating in the Caldwell 4th of July Parade, which will actually take place on the 4th, and not the following weekend; and in August we will host a BBQ for Company C, 4th Tank Battalion and that will concurrently honor our Korean War veterans. 2012 is the 60th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War. Because of the Company C/ Korean War veterans' BBQ, our detachment summer picnic is now planned for September, which I think will work out well because the weather will still be warm. To learn more about these events attend the business meeting on June 21st.

The detachment's bylaw review committee has worked diligently on our bylaw revision project since October 2011, and has produced a nearly complete revision. There is one final "tweak" being worked, which means that at this moment in time we do not plan to distribute the newly revised bylaws for detachment member reviews until September. Some of the important and useful changes include references in most sections to corresponding national and department bylaws, an index, and a cross reference section. These features will facilitate the usefulness and as we say these days, the "friendliness" of our bylaws.

The June 21st business meeting will include a presentation by a local Boy Scout who is seeking detachment support for his Eagle Scout project. The project involves an enhancement of the landscaping at the main entrance to the Veterans Cemetery. We will also discuss the possibility of accepting the donation of a trailer that would replace the current Coffee Wagon and also serve as a storage place for most of the detachment's property. That property is currently stored in the garages of various members. Several other important actions will be discussed during the June 21st meeting including providing an MCL information/recruiting table at the July 7th picnic for the Patriot Guard motorcycle club at Stan Meholchick's Juniper Ranch. This event is an initiative of Stan Meholchick to recognize the contributions to veterans and their families by the Patriot Guards and other motorcycle clubs. Also, our fundraising chairman, Arnie Strawn, will present information on that status of our fundraising efforts to include a concept plan to hold a raffle for an Alaskan cruise. This would be an ambitious project that can only happen if the detachment gets behind the ticket selling requirement. Our small detachment has a lot going on, so please attend the June business meeting on Thursday June 21st to have your say and to learn how you can contribute to the detachment's success.

OUR REGULAR JUNE BUSINESS MEETING 21 JUNE AT

FUDDRUCKERS'

**3421 N. Eagle Rd.
Meridian, ID 83646
Franchise Location
Phone: (208) 887-2194**



A HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAY TO:

**BARBARA ELSTON NANCY GRIGSBY
AND ANNETTE ROGERS**



FROM AROUND THE CORPS



HONOR DEDICATION AND COURAGE

Before 9/11, Burma native Than Naing served fast food. Ever since the terror attacks, he's served the United States.

Spurred into action in 2001 by the sight of the World Trade Center towers falling, Naing overcame daunting odds to become a Marine and has since been wounded fighting in both Iraq and Afghanistan and earned the elite fighting corps' Marine of the Year award. He became a citizen in 2007, recently earned his college degree

and is working toward his next one, all while proudly serving in the military and earning the admiration of his commanding officers.

"I'm a U.S. citizen and I felt like I needed to do something for this country," the soft-spoken war veteran said. "That's what being a citizen is all about."

Naing was 23 when his mother won a green card lottery. Although she and the rest of the family stayed behind, Naing sprang at the chance to start a new life in America.

Speaking no English and knowing no one, he moved to New York City in 2000. He was working at a Queens McDonald's when Al Qaeda terrorists flew planes into the World Trade Center, and he felt the pain and anger of his fellow New Yorkers. He asked neighbors how he could fight for America, and they told him to join the Marines.

"I went to a recruiting station a week later to join," he said. "I saw what happened on the television and I felt terrible. I had to help. I had to do something."

The Marines weren't ready for their newest volunteer, because he wasn't fluent in English. But the recruiter saw something in the earnest immigrant and agreed to help him learn the language skills he needed to pass the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery. Working nightly for an entire year, they got Naing through the exam. By May 2004, Naing shipped out for boot camp at Parris Island in South Carolina.

Pfc. Naing soon found himself in Iraq, patrolling the streets of Fallujah. It was there that he learned in 2006 that his mother had died. Believing he was needed on duty, he didn't even tell his commanding officers. [Click on the below link to read the rest of the story.](#)

[In his own words](#)

As a citizen of the United States of America, I believe that I have a responsibility to protect the country. I have freedom of choice; I have responsibility for my individual freedom and we are equal in the America. I remember that when 9/11 happened; I was not a citizen yet. But this is the country I live in and I realized that I had to do something for this country to repay what I owed. So I decided to join the Marine Corps. I felt that that was a right thing to do. America not only gives me freedom but also my dignity.

All the Marines and sailors are my brothers. We all been through all the training and hardship. We protect each other and we respect each other. We came from different backgrounds and different families, but we love each other.

The United States Marine Corps gave me leadership skills, experience and the ability to make difficult decisions in stressful situations. I like to say I was "born in Burma, but made in U.S.A."

Read more: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/05/25/marine-tale-how-one-man-served-his-adopted-country/>

Here is the schedule for the Coffee Wagon on June 23 & 24.

We still have an opening on Saturday June 23 1300 to 1600 and June 24 1600 to 1900

	Saturday	Sunday
	June 23, 2012	June 24, 2012
0700-1000	BOB SMITH	BOB SMITH
	ROY JOST	ROY JOST
1000-1300	Arnie & Marie	ENOCH & LINDA
		HANSEN
1300-1600	JACK CUNNINGHAM	Bob Lee
		Dee Lee
1600-1900	Walt & Maggie	RICH ERICKSON-Gary Randel

If you can fill the 1300-1600 slot on the 23rd please contact Rich at: ericksonr1@cableone.net or call 866-8209 or 562-0498.

It has been a very busy time since our last Newsletter so here are some pictures to try and catch you up. Congratulations to all recipients ... the awards were well deserved!



Bill Sawyer receives the Detachment "Marine of the Year Award" from Past Cmdt. and recipient of the Detachment "Marine of the Year", Arnie Strawn.



From L to R: "Doc", Ralph, "Mac", Skip and Frank all receive "Certificates of Appreciation" from Cmdt. Randel for the work and dedication they have shown the detachment.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES REMEMBERING THE SACRIFICES OF OUR FALLEN COMRADES IN ARMS HELD AT THE VETERANS CEMETARY IN BOISE. THESE PICTURES NEED NO EXPLANATION



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These markers make apparent the sacrifices



The massive crowd pays tribute to our fallen Veterans



A-10 BRONCOS FLY THE "MISSING MAN" FORMATION



*Administrator, IDVS
Dave Brasuell*



ABOVE IS THE DETACHMENT CMDT. GARY RANDEL AND ASSISTED BY RICHARD "DICK" CROSS PROUDLY PRESENTING THE DETACHMENT WREATH



Boise I&I Staff Firing Detail



FROM: American Forces Press Service

President Proclaims 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War

WASHINGTON, May 25, 2012 - In a proclamation issued today, President Barack Obama urged Americans to remember the courage and sacrifice of U.S. military members who served during the Vietnam War, and he declared May 28, 2012, through November 11, 2025, as the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War.

In his proclamation, Obama called upon federal, state, and local officials "to honor our Vietnam veterans, our fallen, our wounded, those unaccounted for, our former prisoners of war, their families, and all who served with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities" during the 13-year commemoration.

"As we observe the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, we reflect with solemn reverence upon the valor of a generation that served with honor," Obama said in his proclamation. "We pay tribute to the more than 3 million servicemen and women who left their families to serve bravely, a world away from everything they knew and everyone they loved.

"From Ia Drang to Khe Sanh, from Hue to Saigon and countless villages in between, they pushed through jungles and rice paddies, heat and monsoon, fighting heroically to protect the ideals we hold dear as Americans," the president continued. "Through more than a decade of combat, over air, land, and sea, these proud Americans upheld the highest traditions of our armed forces."

Today, grateful Americans "honor more than 58,000 patriots -- their names etched in black granite -- who sacrificed all they had and all they would ever know," Obama said. "We draw inspiration from the heroes who suffered unspeakably as prisoners of war, yet who returned home with their heads held high. We pledge to keep faith with those who were wounded and still carry the scars of war, seen and unseen. With more than 1,600 of our service members still among the missing, we pledge as a nation to do everything in our power to bring these patriots home.

"In the reflection of The Wall," he continued, "we see the military family members and veterans who carry a pain that may never fade. May they find peace in knowing their loved ones endure, not only in medals and memories, but in the hearts of all Americans, who are forever grateful for their service, valor, and sacrifice."

Obama urged citizens to "renew our sacred commitment to those who answered our country's call in Vietnam and those who awaited their safe return."

Beginning on Memorial Day, May 28, 2012, he said, the federal government will partner with local governments, private organizations, and communities across America to participate in the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War.

The 13-year commemoration, he added, will "honor and give thanks to a generation of proud Americans who saw our country through one of the most challenging missions we have ever faced."

No amount of words will ever be enough or fully worthy in praising military members for their service in the Vietnam War, nor any honor truly befitting their sacrifice, Obama said.

However, "it is never too late to pay tribute to the men and women who answered the call of duty with courage and valor," he said, adding it's also important to "renew our commitment to the fullest possible accounting for those who have not returned."

Obama urged all Americans to provide "our Vietnam veterans, their families, and all who have served the fullest respect and support of a grateful nation."

To read more on this article click on the [headline](#) and go to the [Defense website](#).

To follow any of the below stories click in the [Headline!](#)

[Supreme Court turns down appeals from Guantanamo Bay detainees](#). The Supreme Court made clear Monday it is not willing to closely review the claims of the remaining Guantanamo Bay detainees, as the justices turned down appeals from seven inmates without comment.

[Pentagon to deploy pint-sized but lethal Switchblade drones](#). Seeking to reduce civilian casualties and collateral damage, the Pentagon will soon deploy a new generation of drones the size of model planes, packing tiny explosive warheads that can be delivered with pinpoint accuracy.

[HHS Awards Funds To Expand Long-Term Care](#). [American Medical News](#) "The Dept. of Health and Human Services on May 31 made available \$25 million in health reform funding to help states strengthen and expand access to home- and community-based long-term-care services. The initiative, the Aging and Disability Resource Center Program, is established through a partnership between the Administration for Community Living, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services," and Veterans Affairs' Veterans Health Administration. The "program will help state agencies administer and better coordinate state and federal long-term-care programs for older adults, disabled veterans and other people with disabilities."

[US Must Do More To Combat Military Suicides](#). [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#)

Beware...scam letter!

A letter is making the rounds purporting to be from DFAS asking military member's fiancées to register in "our system" entitling them to benefits in the event of the member's death. All for only a \$350 fee. Bottom line, save your money. It's not true, it's not a DFAS letter, it's a scam. Please let your fellow Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and families know the score. The letter is a typical scam phishers use to try and obtain your personal information and, in this case, money.

DFAS policy: we will not send you unsolicited email messages with attachments (especially as poorly written as this!) or letters asking you to send money to pay for some benefit that sounds too good to be true. Customers who receive messages they believe to be attempts to get their personal information should take precautions against criminals wishing to gain access to their computers or those hoping to fool them into providing valuable personal information. Read our agency email policy that has been developed to protect customer privacy.

Source: <http://www.dfas.mil/> **Below is an example.**



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
DEFENSE FINANCE
AND
ACCOUNTING SERVICE



FIANCE REQUEST FORM

The Fiancée is to complete the data below correctly and in capital letter in respective of the military officer:

SECTION A (FIANCEE):

NAME:
SEX:
ADDRESS:
ZIP CODE:
PHONE NUMBER:
CITY:
STATE:

NOTE: The registration fee (\$ 350.00) .

SECTION B (MILITARY OFFICER):

NAME:
SEX:
RANK:
BRANCH:
STATE OF DEPLOYMENT:
DATE:

Once you provide us with the above information you are no longer anonymous to us, you will be registered in our data base as the fiancée and you will be entitled to his entire asset upon death or natural circumstance.

(We) protect your privacy. We do not insist you to provide extra personal information than necessary.

All information collected will not be used for any illegal activity
The information is what we are going to use to register you with our service.
Remember, the aforementioned fee is refundable

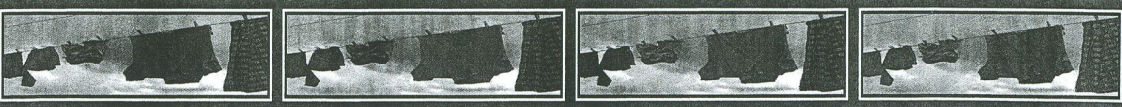
NB:
ONLY REGISTERED FIANCEE WILL QUALIFIED TO REQUEST FOR LEAVE ON BEHALF OF HER FIANCE.

Regards,
DFAS.
Feel free to our service (dfasmilitary@aol.com)
Information and data collection server
Copyright by **DFAS**. All Rights Reserved



BELOW IS A NEW SERVICE AVAILABLE TO VETERANS CONSIDER DONATING UNWANTED ITEMS TO THEM TO HELP OTHERS



THE BELOW NOTICE IS POSTED CONCERNING SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE BOISE FACILITY



DONATED CLOTHING FOR ALL VETERANS


*Do you or another veteran who you know
need warm clothes for the winter?*

(i.e warm coats, boots, shoes, blankets, and sleeping bags)



*Maybe a suit or slacks for that interview or
event? If so, the VA now has a clothing room
available for veterans who can benefit from this service.*

*For donations please call Karen Ross @ 422-1304, access into the
clothing room please call the Behavioral Health Building @ 422-1108.
(the clothing room is located in the basement of the Human Resource, bldg 24)*



ATTENTION MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MEMBERS

This is an interesting network. If you run across someone claiming to be a “hero” it’s a good place to go to and see if they are listed in the “wannabe” section. There are thousands of these phonies out there so if in doubt get their claimed information and check ‘em out; especially if they want to become members of the MCL!

<http://www.pownetwork.org/phonies/phonies.htm>

A BIT OF HUMOR FROM OUR VERY OWN...BOB SMITH: ENJOY!



FORGET REDNECKS; THIS IS WHAT JEFF FOXWORTHY HAD TO SAY ABOUT IDAHOANS !

- 1.If someone in a Home Depot store offers you assistance and they don't work there, you live in Idaho.
2. If you've worn shorts and a parka at the same time, you live in Idaho.
3. If you've had a lengthy telephone conversation with someone who dialed the wrong number, you live in Idaho.
4. If 'vacation' means going anywhere ...south of Salt Lake City for the weekend, you live in Idaho.
5. If you measure distance in hours, you live in Idaho.
6. If you know several people who have hit a deer more than once, you live in Idaho.
7. If you have switched from 'heat' to 'A/C' and back again in the same day, you live in Idaho.
8. If you install security lights on your house and garage but leave both unlocked, you live in Idaho.
9. If you can drive 75 mph through 2 feet of snow during a raging blizzard without flinching, you live in Idaho.
10. If you design your kid's Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit, you live in Idaho.
11. If the speed limit on the highway is 55 mph --you're going 80, and everyone is still passing you, you live in Idaho.
12. If driving is better in the winter because the potholes are filled with snow, you live in Idaho.
13. If you know all 4 seasons: almost winter, winter, still winter, and road construction, you live in Idaho.
14. If you find 10 degrees 'a little chilly' you live in Idaho.
15. If you actually understand these jokes and forward them to all your IDAHO friends, you live in Idaho

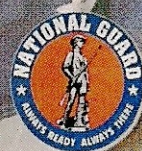
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Free time & dinner-1800
Business – 1900-2030
BE THERE!!

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WELCOME HOME



The City of Caldwell presents
July 4th Parade & Celebration
Wednesday, July 4th @ Memorial Park
Featuring the Pathway of Fallen Heroes

Parade Grand Marshals: Our Military

Schedule of Events

★ 10:00 - Parade

★ 11:30 - Opening Ceremonies:

Fallen Soldier & Flag Folding Ceremony

★ 12:00 - 4:00 Family Activities & Live Music

Food & Vendors, Farmer's Market, Car Show n Shine
Kid's Zone including Inflatables, Dunk Tank & WET ZONE!

★ At Dusk - Fireworks at Simplot Stadium

New this Year: Best Dressed Home Contest
Vendor, Parade & Best Dressed Forms at cityofcaldwell.org

