

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
TREASURE VALLEY DETACHMENT # 878 & TREASURE VALLEY POUND # 270**

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COMING EVENTS

Next Regular Monthly Meeting: 7.00 PM, Thursday November 16, 2017 at the American Legion Hall, Meridian, ID

Next Quarterly Devil Dog Growl/Pack Growl: 28 November 2017, 1900 Nampa FRA building, 1012 11th Ave North, Nampa, Idaho.

Monthly Breakfast with Spouses: 3rd Saturday of each month at Quinn's 1005 S Vista Ave., Boise, ID

Weekly Coffee: 8:30 AM Saturdays at Quinn's, 1005 S Vista Ave., Boise, ID

PURPOSE & INTENT: To keep detachment members informed of past and future detachment actions and activities. To present a concise summary of the detachment's monthly business meeting.

2017 MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL AND CELEBRATION

HOSTED BY COMPANY C, 4TH TANK BATTALION, 4TH MARINE DIVISION AT THE BOISE CENTER

BALL DATE: NOVEMBER 4, 2017 --- FORMAL ATTIRE

MAKE YOUR RSVP OR RESERVATION NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 27TH

\$60.00 PER PERSON -- MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FUND BOISE RESERVE MC BALL-- NOTE ENTRÉE CHOICE(S) W/CHECK

ENTREE CHOICES: Grilled Top Sirloin or Fresh Idaho Trout Almandine

MAIL YOUR CHECK TO: 9616 W Canford Dr., Boise, ID 83709

POC Sgt Scott Waldram Phone: 208-608-3501 --- Email: whereswaldo62@hotmail.com

BOISE CENTER IS AT 850 FRONT STREET, DOWNTOWN BOISE, IDAHO

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DETACHMENT OCTOBER MEETING:

Meeting opened at 1900

All officers were present except the senior vice-commandant who had provided the commandant advance notification that he would not be able to attend.

MEETING ATTENDANCE: 14 members and 2 associate members. A new member, Joshua Spivey, was initiated.

DETACHMENT DEATH REPORTS: Member Paul Clark. Member's spouses: Ester Griffith and Mayumi Kwan.

MINUTES of the September meeting were approved. They are available for reading on the detachment's website.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The adjutant announced that the VA Hospital is hosting a "Trick or Treat" event on the hospital grounds on October 28th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Hospital employees will bring their children to load up on candy. (I presume dentists will be on hand to advise them to not eat the candy.) The junior vice-commandant and the adjutant will man the TVD table and be on the alert for candidates, from the adults, to join the detachment. (Perhaps the TVD will only pass out sugar free gum and earn a gold star from the dental department.)

The adjutant also advised that the Marine Corps Youth Foundation will display a Tree of Light for the Christmas/Holiday Season at its office in Stafford, Virginia. As a fundraiser, the Foundation is accepting donations of \$10.00 to \$500.00 for various colored lights to place on the tree. If you want to purchase a bulb contact Dave Swickard for mailing information.

The adjutant further reported that our national headquarters has poorly handled the dues collection process, but that he has the situation in hand for TVD members. If you need to contact the national headquarters for any reason to included placing orders with the Ship's Store, address your correspondence to: MCL National Headquarters, Suite 115, 3619 Jefferson Davis Highway, Stafford, VA 22554. The phone number is: 703.207.9588

PAYMASTER REPORT was accepted without modification. The paymasters report it is available from David Swickard by request.

ANNUAL ACTIVITIES REVIEW

The Commandant conducted the required annual activities review, and the members present voted to continue the following activities:

	ACTIVITY	PROJECT LEAD
MAY	New officers' installation dinner with spouses	Commandant
MAY	Veterans Home Spring Parking Lot Cookout	To Be Determined
MAY	Veterans Home fishing trip	Jack Cunningham
MAY	Memorial Day Wreath Presentation Veterans Cemetery	Commandant
JUNE	Flag Day activity at the Veterans Cemetery:	Gary Randel
JULY	4 th July/Independence Day Parade, Caldwell, Idaho	Bill Heyob
AUGUST	Fall Family Picnic	Walt Modler
SEPTEMBER	Veterans Home fishing trip	Jack Cunningham
SEPTEMBER	Veterans Olympics	Dave Swickard
SEPTEMBER – MAY	Veterans Day School Program	Jack Cunningham
OCTOBER	Veterans Home Fall Parking Lot Cookout	To Be Determined
NOVEMBER	Boise Veterans Day Parade	Dave Swickard
NOVEMBER	Marine Corps Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony	Commandant
DECEMBER	Annual Christmas/Holiday Dinner and Awards	2017, Maggie Modler
AS REQUESTS ARE RECEIVED	Fallen Marine Program	Dave Swickard
AS DEATHS OCCUR	Additions to the Detachment Living Memorial located on the Veterans Hospital Grounds	Walt Modler

A complete detachment activities list including activities discontinued will be posted on the detachment website.

<http://tvdmccl.org/what-we-support/>

2017 VETERANS DAY PARADE. Muster at 9:00 AM near the corner of 11th and Bannock Streets in downtown Boise. (Near the Boise Cascade office building.) *The detachment is the fourth unit in the parade this year.* immediately behind C Company, 4th Tank Battalion. The 25th Amy Band is the parade lead unit.

A tribute to World War II Medal of Honor recipient Art Jackson will take place on the State Capitol's steps immediately before the parade starts. Members of Art Jackson's family are expected to be in attendance. The parade's primary purpose, as always, is to salute all veterans of the U. S. Armed Forces, but this year's parade will also serve as what could be considered a pass in review honoring Art Jackson.

BYLAWS REVIEW AND BYLAWS REVIEW COMMITTEE

Section 1504 of the detachment bylaws provided for a bylaws and administrative procedures review in January of even numbered years; hence, January 2018 is a review month and year. The purpose of the review is to ensure that detachment bylaws and procedures are in synch with national bylaws and procedures.

NOTE: The bylaws review required in Section 1504 and the detachment procedure for making amendments to the current bylaws are separate but overlapping actions. The amending process is explained in Article 16 of the bylaws. The bylaws are posted on the detachment website.

The committee for this review is: Gary Randel, chair; and Frank Guy, Gordon Souza, Maggie Modler and Tim Tomaszewski, members.

VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS

This project ended because only 1 or 2% of the members demonstrated any interest in the project. That said; the project lead submitted a proposed detachment mission statement to the Commandant, which is now with the Commandant and Board of Trustees for their review and action.

TRAINING

The training officer is working from a list of topics provided by Commandant Modler for five-minute training sessions during each monthly meeting. The October session addressed the responsibilities and obligations of a detachment commandant and presented an argument for why the members need to support the commandant. If you care to review the lesson outline and the lesson handouts let Gary Randel know and he will email them to you.

EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION PROGRAM.

The program coordinator, Chris Christopher reported that she will present a certificate to Boy Scout Xavier Suariz on October 24th.

VETERANS DEPARTMENT APPEAL PROCESS:

VA has moved to a three-phase or step appeal process of their decisions. Step 1 is re-submitting, Step 2 is re-submitting with corrected supporting documents; Step 3 is re-submitting with new documentation. VA is hiring contractors to better process the 490K backlog of appeals, but Step 3 appeals may take years to resolve. Contact Idaho Division of Veterans Affairs for more information.

AWARD: Commandant Walt Modler received a national recruiting award.

DONATION: The detachment voted to contribution \$200.00 to the Wreaths Across America program. To place a wreath on every grave site in the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery.

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Available for viewing at the detachment website page: <http://tvdmcl.org/newsletters/>
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