

**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 May 17, 2018 American Legion Hall, 22 West Broadway, Ave., Meridian, Idaho

Next Quarterly Devil Dog Growl/Pack Growl: Date and time: (1) May 5 at the Department Convention in Twin Falls, ID, and (2) August 8, 1900 at the FRA Building, Lloyd Thies Hall. 1102 11th Ave. South, Nampa, ID.

Monthly Breakfast with Spouses: 3rd Saturday of each month, 8:30 AM 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.

**LONG TIME DETACHMENT MEMBER ARNIE STRAWN DIED APRIL 12TH
HIS FINAL SERVICES DATE IS PENDING GAINING APPROVAL FOR BURIAL AT THE IDAHO VETERANS CEMETERY, WHICH
WAS NOT PRE-ARRANGED. DD-214 NOT FOUND IN HIS PAPERS.**

Meeting opened at 1900 with all officers either present or accounted for.

- 21-members and 3-guests were present.

A new member, Matthew Letterloh, was sworn in. Matthew is a former combat engineer and EOD Marine.

Minutes of the most recent meeting approved.

No correspondence was presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FORMER MARINE, NICK BURNS, but not yet a detachment member, and student at the College of Western Idaho, explained a paper he is writing for one of his courses. To complete his paper, he requested input from detachment members. An email was sent on Friday April 20th, to detachment members that further explained his request. His request was transmitted earlier; i.e. ahead of this newsletter's transmittal

The detachment is seeking a volunteer for the MARINE FOR LIFE COORDINATOR position. This is a program that helps Marines leaving active duty to transition to civilian life. If you are interested in learning more about this important function contact Commandant Modler.

The JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDANT mentioned that our meeting coffee mess functions on member donations only; i.e. detachment funds are not used to support the mess. A donation jar is placed on the coffee mess table, so if you use this mess, then please donate to support it.

The SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE Chair announced that two scholarship requests have been received; one a Young Marine and the other from a detachment member's grand-child. The scholarships will be presented at the Detachment's June meeting.

There was no report from the EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION COMMITTEE.

ART JACKSON RECOGNITION. Re-naming the detachment for Art Jackson was previously voted down; however, interest in recognizing Art, remains strong. Marine Skip Nakashima, took charge of the work to develop ideas to recognize Art Jackson, as a detachment member and WW II Medal of Honor recipient. He presented two possible actions for member consideration; one, an appropriate banner that would be carried in parades along with the detachment's banner, and two, an embodied patch with Art's name and Medal of Honor information saluting his exceptional heroism in combat. No motions were made on either possibility because design details remain.

2018 Detachment Christmas and Awards Dinner: The perennial organizer of this event, Maggie Modler, is in the process of checking a new location now that Marie Calendar's Restaurant is closed. She is considering a Nampa location. Other possibilities are the Boise Elk's Club and the all-ranks club at the Gowen Field Army and Air National Guard Base. She requests the nomination of other venues including date availability, meal and other costs, etc.

A NORTHWEST COMMANDANT MESSAGE passed the word that the ratchet type MCL uniform dress belt is now available from the national headquarters ships' store.

The SENIOR VICE-COMMANDANT, Richard "Dick" Heyob, resigned his post due to an on-going medical issue with his eyes. The prognosis for a successful resolution of the excessive pressure buildup in his eyes is uncertain.

NEW BUSINESS

TWO NEW ELECTED OFFICERS: With Dick's resignation and the earlier resignation of the detachment Judge Advocate, two elected officer positions were vacant. Given that situation, the Commandant asked for volunteers and nominations to fill the positions. After discussion, MARINE ROBERT R. BALFOUR VOLUNTEERED FOR THE SENIOR VICE-COMMANDANT position, and MARINE JOHN (JACK) E. CUNNINGHAM VOLUNTEERED TO BECOME DETACHMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE. There were no other volunteers, and with no nominations from the floor, Balfour and Cunningham were elected by acclamation. Congratulations Robert and Jack and thank you for stepping forward and accepting responsibility to fill these important posts. WELL DONE!

Marine Dick Keplinger proposed the detachment purchase a brick supporting the establishment of a Vietnam Veterans Memorial in the Boise Veterans' Park. He discussed three brick options of \$100.00, \$500.00, and \$1,000.00 each. A motion was made to purchase a \$100.00 brick with the name of the Treasure Valley detachment embossed on a brick that will eventually be part of the walk way leading to the memorial.

VETERANS' HOME PARKING LOT CAR SHOW AND COOKOUT. This year's spring event is on Saturday May 19th. Notify the Senior Vice-Commandant of your participation at: rbalfour1@live.com

MEMORIAL DAY 2018 CEREMONY, MONDAY MAY 28TH at the Veterans Cemetery. Buses will begin to leave the parking lot near the Horseshoe Bend Road and Hill Road intersection at 0830 for the 1000 event.

The meeting closed at 2030.

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