

**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 July 19, 2018 American Legion Hall, 22 West Broadway, Ave., Meridian, Idaho

Next Quarterly Devil Dog Growl/Pack Growl: Wednesday August 8, 1830 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.

Meeting opened at 1900. All officers were present for a total of 18-members, 2 associate members.

Before the official meeting began, checks were presented to two Fred Key Memorial Fund Scholarship Recipients Young Marine Elana Nava, Britney Blakeley, granddaughter of Ron Blakeley.

A new member Jason Plank, 0311, was sworn in. He moved into the TVD area in May. Served in Iraq.

Minutes of the most recent meeting and the paymaster report were accepted and approved after minor corrections.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter from the Idaho Division of Veterans Services thanking the detachment for cooking during the recent Veterans Home car show.
- Letter from the Idaho Division of Veterans Services requesting a \$100.00 donation to help defray expenses for operating the hospitality suite during the upcoming service officer course July 11 – 13 2018.
- A letter announcing an Idaho Military Vehicle Preservation Society display Saturday and Sunday, June 23 & 24, at the High Valley Harley-Davidson dealership in Meridian.

OFFICER REPORTS:

- Commandant:
 - Thanked prior detachment officers present for their continuing participation in detachment activities.
 - Thanked all members who helped with the previously mentioned Veterans Home cookout event.
 - Thanked the members who helped raise flags at the Veterans Cemetery prior to Flag Day. *Commented that of the 19-members who committed at the October 2018, detachment meeting, only three were present for the event!*
 - Presented the detachment budget for the current year, which was accepted by the members present without amendment.
 - EDITOR'S NOTE: It is an excellent and useful document
- Senior Vice-Commandant: No report

- Junior Vice-Commandant:
 - Announced that one new member was recruited at the information table the detachment had at the Military Appreciation Fair on the VA Hospital grounds on Saturday June 16th and identified 7 additional prospects.
- Judge Advocate mentioned that a detachment member, Roy Cagnacci will have two vehicles in the show at the Military Vehicle Preservation Society show at the Harley-Davidson dealership.
- Adjutant/Paymaster presented the annual financial report as required by the detachment bylaws. The very detailed and informative report was accepted as presented.
- Chaplain:
 - Jeff Daugherty is battling cancer
 - Mike Riccardelli is battling cellulitis
 - Jim Jones is in a nursing home
 - Ken Elliott is dealing with emphysema which has limited his mobility and his ability to attend meetings
 - Ron Roberts is dealing with cataracts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Parade Committee: Mike Schubert announced that the Caldwell Fourth of July Parade is on for a 0900 start on Wednesday July 4th in Caldwell. Approximately a half-dozen members committed to participate. Form up on Kimball Street near the Caldwell National Guard Armory. **Please muster no later than 0830!**
- Wagon Master Dick Kiplinger reminded of this weekend's; June 23 and 24, coffee wagon operation at the westbound Blacks Creek I-84 rest stop.
- Eagle Scout Program: Chris Christopher reported that there are no Eagle Scout awards pending that she knew of.

TRAINING OFFICER: Discussed using the MCL Awards Program as a means to achieve recognition of the existence of the detachment and the MCL in the TVD area. For more information the lesson outline and award recommendation form will be sent separately.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Bylaw changes: The adjutant read a synopsis version of the recommended changes. A complete copy of those changes is available at the detachment's website, tvdmcl.org for your close examination.
 - A final reading will take place at the July detachment meeting.
 - A vote will then be called on each change following the opportunity for detachment members to speak either in favor of adopting or not adopting each recommended change.
 - Changes will be adopted if they receive a two-thirds majority yes vote by the members present at the meeting. Proxy and absentee voting is not permitted.
- Marine Nakashima, who has taken charge of the work to develop ways the detachment might perpetuate Medal of Honor recipient Art Jackson's legacy waits your ideas input. He encourages rough art work sketches to support your recommendations. You may call Skip at 208-867-0246 for more information.
- Marine Guy reported on two special projects under consideration: The detachment getting involved with (1) preparing essentially health and comfort bags for homeless veterans, and (2) assisting Marine Souza's project with the DAV of refurbishing wheel chairs and powered scooters for veterans who need them.
 - The review committee determined that detachment involvement in the comfort bag program was beyond the detachment's capability in terms of both member commitment and financial support.
 - The review committee determined that the detachment may be able to assist with refurbishing wheel chairs and scooters, but that further study is required before making a recommendation to support to the detachment.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The members present voted in favor of a \$100.00 contribution to help support the hospitality suite at the next service officer course as previously discussed.
- Marine Mike Schubert would like to establish a detachment color guard. If you are interested in this project, then please let Mike know by contacting him at either.
- If you have ideas for a 2018 raffle please provide them to Frank Guy at 208-989-1044.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Members were reminded that the single required uniform item is the MCL red garrison style cover. If you do not have one then you need to purchase one through the MCL ships store. Continuous participation in official detachment activities while not wearing the MCL cover is bad-form and really not acceptable conduct.
- A booth at the Western Idaho State Fair would cost the detachment \$1,500.00 to establish. No motion was made to either examine this possibility further or establish a booth.
- A booth at the Boise Hawks baseball game Military Appreciation Day would cost the detachment \$1,000.00. No motion made to either examine this possibility further or establish a booth.
- The long-running Veterans Olympics event held annually on the VA Hospital grounds is discontinued. It seems that with Phil Hawkins' retirement there is no enthusiasm to continue the Veterans Olympics Program.

AWARD PRESENTED: The Commandant presented a Distinguished Service Medal to former Senior Vice Commandant Dick Heyob, for his work on the Detachment Re-naming Committee, and an Elected Staff Ribbon for his time as Senior Vice Commandant. WELL DONE DICK!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WHEELCHAIR ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE. For members who have difficulty walking, the detachment now has a wheelchair, courtesy of Walt Modler, to transport members from the parking lot across Broadway Ave. to the Meridian America Legion Hall, and back to their vehicles at the meeting's conclusion. Let the commandant or any other officer know if you would like to use that service.

The meeting closed at 2030.

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