

**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 August 16, 2018 American Legion Hall, 22 West Broadway, Ave., Meridian, Idaho

Next Quarterly Devil Dog Growl/Pack Growl: Tuesday August 7, 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.

NOTICE: A service for departed detachment member **Jim Jones**, was held at the Veterans Cemetery at 1300 (1:00 PM) on Friday July 19, 2018. Approximately a dozen detachment members attended.

Meeting opened at 1902. The Junior Vice-Commandant was absent/excused. All other officers were present. Total attendance was 17-members, 1-associate member, and 1-guest.

REMINDER: The Detachment Summer Picnic is scheduled for Noon to 4:00 PM. August 18th, at Stan and Jeannie Meholchick's Juniper Ranch in Caldwell. Please let Maggie Modler know right away if you plan to attend so that the necessary amounts of provisions are secured without making unnecessary purchases. You should have already received the EVITE invitation for Walt, but Maggie's contact information is email: oliviamontana@q.com or 208-371-4236. **Don't screw this up or you'll receive her New York style wrath!**

NEW MEMBER: A new member, Randal Knapp was sworn into the League and the detachment. Randall is new to the local area. Randall attended recruit training at MCRD San Diego in 1985 and was released from active duty in 1992. His MOS was 2674, cryptologic linguists. Following completion of the Spanish language course at the Defense Language School, Monterey, California, Randall spent most of his active duty time at Marine Barracks, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Welcome aboard Randall!

Minutes of the June meeting were approved without comment. They are available for your review at the detachment website tvdmcl.org.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Paymaster report was approved with one amendment. Donations received during the June Coffee Wagon period were not recorded. The correction was made. Total income, 21 June – 18 July was \$482.22.

During the paymaster's presentation the detachment's CD was discussed; it matures on July 26th. Simply rolling it over was one option considered, but after discussion a motion was made to have the paymaster examine other possibilities that might earn a greater return on investment. Because the CD matures before the next detachment meeting, the paymaster was empowered to select the option that he deems in the detachment's best interest for the CD's renewal.

Senior Vice-Commandant Balfour: Reported that Marv Hagedorn, an Idaho State Senator and retired USN warrant officer was appointed as the next Idaho Director of Veterans Affairs. He will resign his senate seat to become the new director.

Chaplain reported that detachment member **Mike Riccardelli** is still home-bound and would appreciate visits from detachment members. He also reported that detachment member **Jeff Daugherty** is in a Seattle hospital undergoing treatment for cancer and will likely be there for some two months. The chaplain requested notification of any Marine, detachment member or not, who is ill so that he can contact him/her on behalf of the detachment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The **Eagle Scout Program** manager did not have any information on new Eagle Scouts.

The **Wagon Master** thanked the members who stood shifts last month and reviewed the schedule for the next Coffee Wagon operation near the end of this month. That information is available at the detachment's website under calendar, but the wagon master will call each member a couple of days in advance to remind them of their scheduled shift.

Art Jackson recognition. This project was discussed in the last newsletter. If you have suggestions for art work that may be turned into a sew-on patch, etc., then notify Skip Nakashima no later than August 1st.

OLD BUSINESS: The recommended bylaw changes were read for the required third and final time, discussed, and voted on. All changes were approved with the exception of the elimination of the requirement for an annual budget, which will remain a bylaw requirement.

NEW BUISNESS:

A motion was made and approved to require all members who wish to participate in debates and discussions at detachment meetings to procure and wear the Marine Corps League cover. Members who do not wear the Marine Corps League Cover may continue to attend detachment meetings but must remain silent during debates and discussions. New members will have 90-days from their joining date to procure the MCL cover. During that 90-day period, new members may participate fully in meeting debates and discussions with the expectation they are procuring their Marine Corps League cover.

As you know, the MCL cover is the only required uniform item of the Marine Corps League. You may also be interested in knowing that League members attending national conventions are not permitted entry into convention conference rooms and halls without the required cover.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

The commandant reported that he received a thank you email from Karen Schlosser for the support she and her family received in connection with the passing of her father and longtime detachment member **Arnie Strawn**.

The commandant also displayed a “thank you” plaque to the detachment from Stan and Jeannie Meholchick, for the detachment’s support during the many events they host at their Juniper Ranch.

Skip Nakashima discussed the possibility of holding the detachment’s monthly meeting at Louie’s Italian and Pizza Restaurant in Meridian rather than the Meridian American Legion Hall. Louie’s has one small room for separate parties that can accommodate up to 18-people. Louie’s also has large room options with different food ordering requirements. If the detachment were to opt for using the small room, members attending would have to order food from the restaurant’s menu, and everyone would have to order something. If a larger space were required; i.e. for more than 18-people, then we would need to decide on a set menu with a 25-person minimum charge. If we scheduled a meeting for 25 or more people and some did not attend, then the detachment would still have to pay for 25-people. Skip asks that members stop by Louie’s and check it out, and then let him know what you think about this option for the detachment’s monthly meeting.

The meeting was extended by fifteen minutes to have time to present several good of the league items and conduct the traditional meeting memorial for departed member Jim Jones.

The meeting closed at 2045.

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