

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

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED FUTURE EVENTS

Next Regular Monthly Meeting: To be determined based on coronavirus restrictions

Next Quarterly Devil Dog Growl/Pack Growl: TBD

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.

The August 2020, detachment business meeting began on time at 1900, on Thursday, August 20, 2020. Immediately following the opening ritual, the Commandant suspended the ritual procedure for a presentation by Captain Jacob Johnson, I&I, for C Company, 4th Tank Battalion, 4th Marine Division.

As you should recall, Company C had its formal deactivation ceremony at 1800 on Friday August 14, 2020. Here is a concise summary of Captain Johnson's comments on the future of a USMCR presence in the Boise, Idaho.

- Although deactivated, the company's Marines will continue to drill into March, 2021, when most if not all of them will be transferred to other USMCR units or separated.
- By March 2021, the current I&I staff will be reduced from fourteen to eight Marines.
- This year's Toys for Tots campaign will be accomplished by the organization's active duty and reserve Marines.
- For 2021, the reduced I&I Staff, or whatever name HQMC assigns it, will need TVD support for any Toys for Tots campaign they may undertake.
- The I&I Staff/Company, will not host and conduct a formal Marine Corps Birthday Ball this year; rather, they will conduct a cake cutting ceremony for company members only. Gowen Field COVID-19 restrictions will not permit the company to invite non-company members to the cake cutting ceremony.
- The I&I Staff/Company will continue to provide funeral support to the limit of their capabilities.
- Captain Johnson believes that the Marine Corps will want to continue a USMCR presence in the Treasure Valley, but what that presence might be he does not know.

Captain Johnson, responded to several questions, but the foregoing is the essence of what he had to tell us about Company C, and the future of the Marine Corps Reserve in Boise, Idaho/the Treasure Valley.

This important note from the awards committee chairman, Senor Vice-Commandant Lee: Needed, two members to volunteer to serve as awards committee members. Please submit your willingness to volunteer and for all members, your recommendations for awards to bobbyjleeusmc@gmail.com as soon as possible. State recommendations by name and provide a justification for your recommendation.

Reading of the minutes of past meetings was waived by unanimous consent of the members present. They are available online at the Detachment's website.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from the Veterans Home informed us that COVID-19 restrictions have led to a closing of the Home's canteen. Therefore, the Home's staff has been providing canteen offerings to the residents at no charge. The staff is seeking donations equaling approximately \$1,500.00 a month to continue the practice.

The Iwo Jima Association had to cancel its 75th Anniversary trip to Iwo Jima, but plans a 2021 trip. The association seeks new members and supporters. Additional information is available at the association's website.

A Marine living in the Jerome, Idaho area is seeking a way of providing a home to a disabled Marine living in Jerome. For additional information contact Dave Swickard.

PAYMASTER'S REPORT accepted without comment. It is available from the paymaster, Dave Swickard.

OFFICER REPORTS:

- Commandant: The Veterans Home will undergo additional COVID-19 driven modifications at a cost of \$2.4M. A visiting area will be built on front of the building, and an enhanced employee changing area will be built on the rear of the building. Construction should be complete by the end of this year.
- Senior Vice-Commandant: Juniper ~~Rand~~ Ranch Detachment Picnic, previously scheduled for August 22nd, was cancelled by the board of trustees at their July meeting because by July, there was insufficient time to plan and execute the picnic. Additionally, Juniper Ranch, did not have another open date until December.
- Junior Vice-Commandant: COVID-19 restrictions have forced temporary closure of the War Hawk Air Museum in Nampa, Idaho. He stated that he is continuing his recruiting effort but no specific result was reported.
- Adjutant: No report.
- Sergeant-At-Arms: Eleven members present, and one guest; Captain Johnson, present at this meeting.
- Chaplain: There is essentially no change in Jack Cunningham's wife's battle with dementia.
- Eagle Scout Committee: 22 certificates have been presented.
- No report on the activities of the Ada County United Veterans Council's activities.

Coffee Wagon's next employment will be August 29th and 30th. Contact Dick Keplinger to schedule yourself for a shift. There will also be an opportunity to work a shift in September. So far this year, the detachment has received \$1,349 in donations from people who received coffee, tea, or water from the Coffee Wagon.

Future Events:

- BBQ/Picnic September 19th from 1300 to 1600. Location will be VFW Post 63's facility. The Post will not charge us a fee, but we were asked for a donation to pay its bar tender. (We cannot bring our own alcoholic beverages.) A motion was made and passed to donate \$100.00. to Post 63. Additional information will be distributed soon.
- Christmas Holiday and Awards Banquet is scheduled for December 19th at the Plantation Golf Course. A buffet dinner will be served at a per person cost of \$35.00. Additional information is forthcoming.
 - NOTE: The planner will try to shift the dinner to Thursday, December 17th, which would be the Detachment's normal December meeting date.
- **NOTE:** Both events are contingent on COVID-19 restrictions of either Boise City or the Ada County Health Department.

Good of the League:

- A motion was made and passed to donate \$50.00 to the Nampa Judo Club. The club is a youth organization operated by a detachment member.
- ~~A motion was made and passed to donate \$50.00 to the Roy Weaver Scholarship Fund. This year, the fund awarded \$500.00 scholarships to two Treasure Valley students.~~ **NOTE: A donation to the fund was not made.**
- The next national convention is scheduled for August 9-14, in Springfield, Illinois. Room charge for a single room with double bed will be ~~\$1150.00~~ **\$150.00** per night. Additional information will be published later.
- **Raffle drawing was won by Skip Nakashima, who donated his winnings back to the detachment.**

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