

**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: July 22, 2021

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

The Detachment's last newsletter was August 2020. Publication ceased until now due to the COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings.

This is an especially important time to resume publication of the newsletter. Because of the deactivation of Company C, 4th Tank Battalion, the Detachment has responsibility for planning, organization, and hosting the Treasure Valley area 2021 Marine Corps Birthday celebration and ball. **This is one of those undertakings in the life of an organization when failure is not an option.** The Detachment needs members who have been in the shadows to reinvolve themselves in the Detachment's business and support the planning, organization, and hosting the 2021 MC Birthday Celebration and Ball.

Here are the Ball Committee members:

Chair, Chuck Crist.

Other members: Dave Swickard, Gary Randel, Dick Keplinger, Michele Crist, Chris Christopher, 1stSgt Wilcox, Boise I&I Staff, and Walt Modler for design work.

Ball Committee personnel requirements not filled: Program Committee Chair, Advertising Committee Chair, Fundraising Coordinator, and Entertainment Coordinator.

If you are interested on filling any of these positions or acting in some other way to support the Birthday Ball Committee, please contact Chuck Crist at: chuckc479@gmail.com

See the included document for committee member job descriptions.

TICKETS: A Birthday Ball ticket order form may be found at the Detachment's website [246th Marine Corps Birthday Ball | Treasure Valley Detachment Marine Corps League \(tvdmcl.org\)](https://www.tvdmc.org/246th-Marine-Corps-Birthday-Ball-Treasure-Valley-Detachment-Marine-Corps-League-tvdmcl.org)

Alternatively, if you do not plan to attend, then please consider a cash donation equal to the cost of attending, \$55.00, or greater if you can to the Detachment's MC Ball Fund. Make your check payable to: TVD 2021 Birthday Ball Fund, and mail it to TVD MCL, P. O. Box 45874, Boise ID 83711.

Pre-meeting event. Presentation of \$1,000 scholarship checks as follows: Elana Nava, Junior, ISU; Samuel Nava, Freshman, ISU; Alexander Norris, Freshman C of I.

MEETING REPORT

Correspondence: The national MCL organization is seeking a new Board member for the Marine Corps League Foundation. This would be a challenging position for someone interested in national level fund raising for the MCL. Contact Dave Swickard for specific information about the position.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Commandant:

Stressed the importance of remembering that the MCL is a non-political organization, and that during deliberations we must guard against expressing political opinions. Future detachment meetings will include a reminder of this fundamental League precept.

Commandant Crist also discussed the purpose of the Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting that is held approximately one-week before each detachment meeting. Briefly, the meeting's purpose is to prepare the specific agenda for the coming detachment meeting. The BOT meeting also provides detachment members to opportunity to inform the BOT of any matter they want to present to all detachment members. The meeting then serves as a way for members to see if a proposal they may want to present to the detachment is completely thought through. Done right, complete preparation of a member's proposal to the detachment saves time, avoids misunderstandings, and makes the presenter look good to the members.

Senior Vice Commandant reported that the Memorial Day weekend coffee wagon event realized an addition of \$1111.96 to the detachment's charitable funds account. Thanks to all the members who supported the event.

Junior Vice Commandant:

Discussed the Saturday June 20th event at the Veterans Home the detachment has been asked to support. (This event is now history.) Members, in addition to Commandant Crist, who worked the event are Bob Balfour, Chris Christopher, Chuck Tate, Dave Swickard, Dick Keplinger, Maggie Modler, Walt Modler, and Tom Rogers. Well done and thanks for helping the Veterans Home.

Also mentioned, staffing shortages at the Home that are limiting the number of residents the Home can accommodate. For example, they are short eleven certified nursing assistants. If anyone knows of someone interested in this type of work, the Veterans Home can help with the cost of training. Contact Bob Balfour for more information.

Judge Advocate did not offer a report.

Chaplain:

- Jack Cunningham's wife Connie continues to suffer the effects of Alzheimer's and as Jack put it, "She is hanging in there."
- Dick Heyob, who had to depart the recent Department Annual Convention early due to the intense pain he was experiencing at the time, is now recovering from surgery that we hope repaired his separated right shoulder. Dick's resilience is impressive.
- Steve Neff continues to progress positively in his cancer fight, while his wife Kris has overcome a sudden and severe arthritis attack with prayer and a terrifically positive attitude.
- Stan Meholchick's, according to Walt Modler, scheduled procedure to insert a device to help restore regularity in his heart beat rhythm was delayed due a broken ankle that must heal before the other procedure can take place.

Whew! The rest of us can be grateful for our relatively good health.

Scholarship Committee. Maggie Modler reported that with the presentation of three scholarships, the committee's work is temporarily complete, and the detachment must work to replenish the fund. Maggie has done a terrific job with the scholarship fund by among other undertaking seeking our qualified applicants. WELL DONE Maggie!

Eagle Scout Committee Chair Mike Schubert reported that with the nationwide turmoil in the Boy Scout organization, the future of the MCL's Eagle Scout Program is uncertain. Nevertheless, he was able to present five certifies and three medals locally.

ACUVC AND IDVAL: There was no updated information from either the Ada County United Veterans Council or the Idaho Veterans Assistance League.

Training Officer. From time-to-time we must remind ourselves that Robert's Rules of Order are the parliamentary procedures for all MCL business meetings. At times, following Robert's Rules feels awkward, but following them serves the useful purposes of keeping meetings on track, and avoiding personal conflicts during meeting deliberations. One of the rules is for members to always address the meeting chair (Commandant) during debate and not another member. You have probably seen these procedures demonstrated in several Hollywood productions. One movie especially comes to mind for illustrating correct parliamentary procedures and it is "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington."

So, during detachment business meetings, when you want to address the meeting, stand up and when recognized begin your comment with the words: Sir Commandant. Look at the commandant when speaking and not at any other person.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Department Commandant, Skip Nakashima, stated that the next Department Conference host detachment will probably be the Pappy Boyington Detachment, and held in either Lewiston or McCall, May 13-14, 2022.

The detachment is going forward with the purchase on a TVD unique "challenge" coin. With an initial order for 500 coins, that should be available for the 2021 Birthday Ball.

One requirement of detachment bylaws for annual awards were suspended to provide for the selection of the detachment Marine of the Year early enough for the presentation to be made to the 2021 Birthday Ball. This procedure may become a future bylaws amendment.

To hold a social event, the detachment will hold a Pizza Night on July 21, 2021. Details will be provided separately, but please mark your calendars and plan to attend this event.

Gary Randel, Editor

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