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Veteran's Olympics and Standdown This Month

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Regular Business Meeting for September will be held at 19:00 hours September 15th, The meeting is held at the Indoor Pavilion on Gowen Field

Happy Hour (10:00 AM) for all Marines, their wives and guests Come early and get a good seat, the 3rd Saturday of every month. This month will be September 17th; the rest of the Saturday's of every month is devoted to the Koffee Klatch at 8:30 AM for all Marines and their guests. Breakfast and Koffee Klatch is held at Mikes Restaurant: Hillcrest Shopping Center on the corner of OverLand and Orchard

Kudo's go out to everyone that attended the detachment picnic and all the good food that was brought. I hope everyone enjoyed the afternoon in the park.

Kudo's go out to the Marines, their wives and members of the auxiliary that spent long hours at the Coffee Wagon this summer. Thank you for your dedication to the detachment and to keep the Coffee Wagon staffed with people to make it a success.

Veteran's Olympics and the Homeless Standdown at East Junior High School are the two most important events to take place in September. The Veterans Olympics is held at the VA hospital and we serve coffee and donuts to the volunteers that arrive early so we need to be there from 06:00 to 08:00 hours on the 17th of September. The Homeless Standdown is held at East Junior High School to provide security for the peoples possessions from 0700 to 14:00 hour on September 10th.

Parking Lot Party will be held on the 2nd of October we need to be there by 10:30 to cook hotdogs and hamburgers. The party is at the Idaho State Veteran's Home.

Marine Corps League News

www.mcleague.org

Posted by: Admin on Monday, August 15, 2005 - 03:16 PM EST

New National Commandant

On Friday, August 12, 2005 the delegates of the Marine Corps League in attendance at the National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio unanimously elected Frank S. Kish as their National Commandant. Kish, who most recently served as the League's Senior Vice Commandant has been a member of the Marine Corps League for many

years. Frank has also served as National Junior Vice Commandant, National Judge Advocate and National Insurance Advisor as well as holding many positions at the Department and Detachment levels. John V. "Jack" Ryan was elected to the position of National Senior Vice Commandant, James R. Laskey was elected to the position of National Junior Vice Commandant and Vic Voltaggio was elected as the National Judge Advocate. For a listing of National Division Vice Commandants and Assistant Division Vice Commandants elected as well as a listing of the National Committee Chairmen and Committee Members, please click on "2005 Staff Roster" on the Main Menu.

Posted by: Admin on Tuesday, July 12, 2005 - 06:00 AM EST

Mail shortcut for Deployed Marines:

MotoMail, a shortened term for the Marine Corps Motivational Mail System, is up and operating in conjunction with the Marine Corps Community Services organization. The service is UNIQUE to the USMC. Only members of USMC and USN Hospital Corpsmen serving in Iraq and Afghanistan are eligible for the service. Go to the website <http://www.motomail.us> You must register and become a user first which is free. Then use the New Member Help which will assist you in sending your messages. Mail is then sent via the Internet to a designated USMC post office where the email is printed, folded, and sealed much like normal mail. The physical mail is then delivered through a regular unit mail call. MotoMail claims delivery of mail should occur within 24-48 hours instead of weeks through normal post channels. Customer support number is (toll-free) 1-877-763-2542. Use the web site and check out the FAQ section and all the "News" bits before you call them with a question that's answered on the site.

2005 Idaho Veterans Olympics

August 9, 2005

Dear Friends,

The 2005 Idaho Veterans Olympics are just around the corner. This year's theme is "Keeping the Torch of Freedom Burning," and this year's T-shirt reflects this emphasis. The 181 annual Idaho Veterans Olympics will get underway Saturday, September 17 at 10:00 a.m. on the VA Medical Center grounds, 500 West Fort Street. It seems like yesterday that a small group of volunteers created this heartwarming event; about 200 people participated. Today, thanks to your support, nearly 1,000 veterans and volunteers bask in camaraderie, competition, and memories that last throughout the year. Your contributions and volunteer help ensure the success of the Idaho Veterans Olympics. T-shirts are available at each Veterans Home Canteen and through the Recreation Department at the VA Nursing Home. We are pleased to be able to offer the short-sleeve shirt for \$10.00, the long-sleeve shirt for \$12.00, and sweatshirts for \$15.00. Every shirt you purchase provides a free T-

shirt for a veteran athlete! We also have commemorative pins for \$3.00 each. You may send your donations to the Idaho Veterans Olympics, PO Box 7191, Boise, ID 83707. Again this year, we need volunteer escorts for each athlete and lots of volunteers to work in the barbecue area. Everyone volunteering is welcome to attend the barbecue free of charge and will receive a complimentary pin! If you can share four hours of your time Saturday, September 18, please contact Phil or Jackie at 246-8727, or Janet at the VA Nursing Home, 422-1000, extension 7906. A volunteer briefing will take place near the stage at 8:30 a.m. The parade of athletes and the patriotic program will follow. The ceremonial lighting of the torch by veterans who have served in Iraq or Afghanistan will signify the beginning of the athletic events. The Heroes Barbecue will bring the morning to a close. We are looking forward to celebrating the 18th Annual Idaho Veterans Olympics with you Saturday, September 17!

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Idaho Veterans Olympics

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Navajo Code Talkers in World War II (Part 2 of 2)

(From the Marine Corps History & Museums Division, www.history.usmc.mil)

Initially, the course at Camp Pendleton consisted of training in basic communications procedures and equipment. At the same time, the 29 Navajos comprising the first group recruited devised Navajo words for military terms which were not part of their language. Alternate terms were provided in the code for letters frequently repeated in the English language. To compound the difficulty of the program, all code talkers had to memorize both the primary and alternate code terms, for while much of the basic material was printed for use in training, the utmost observance of security precautions curtailed the use of the printed material in a combat situation.

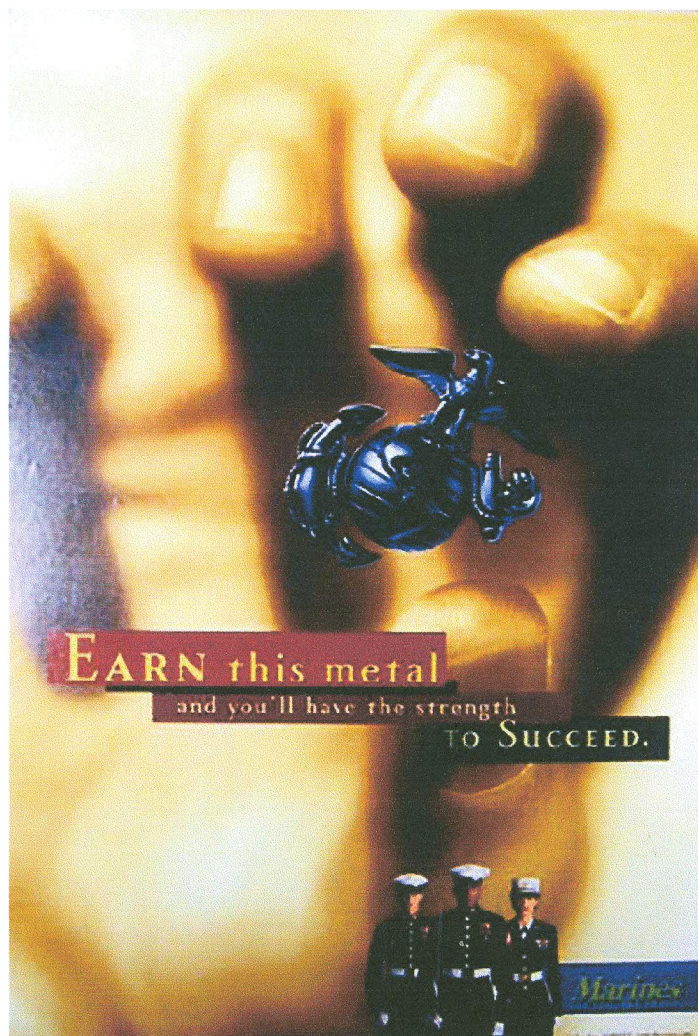
Once the code talkers completed training in the States, they were sent to the Pacific for assignment to the Marine combat divisions. In May 1943, in response to a request for a report on the subject, the various division commanders reported to the Commandant that excellent results had been achieved to date in the employment of Navajo code talkers in training and combat situations, and that they had performed in a highly commendable fashion. This high degree of praise concerning the Navajos' performances prevailed throughout the war and came from commanders at all levels.

Although recruitment of the Navajos was comparatively slow at the time the program was first established, Marine recruiting teams were sent to the Navajo territory and a central recruitment office was set up at Fort

Wingate, New Mexico. By August 1943, a total of 191 Navajos had joined the Marine Corps for this specific program. Estimates have placed the total number of Navajos in the code talker program variously between 37 and 420 individuals. It is known that many more Navajos volunteered to become code talkers than could be accepted; however, an undetermined number of other Navajos served as Marines, in the war, but not as code talkers.

The unique achievements of the Navajo Code Talkers constitute a proud chapter in the history of the United States Marine Corps. Their patriotism, resourcefulness, and courage have earned them the gratitude of all Americans

Happy Birthday to the Ladies: Marilyn Burke, Cathryn Foster, Pam Heyob, Merikay Jost, Heather McGehee, Ginny Ohls, and Barbara Smith.



"Casualties many; Percentage of dead not known; Combat efficiency; we are winning."

(Colonel David M. Shoup, USMC, Tarawa, 21 November 1943.)

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AUXILIARY NEWS

TREASURE VALLEY MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY #408

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Treasure Valley Marine Corp Auxiliary Meeting

No minutes available for June.

EVENT HORIZON

- Coffee Wagon, September 9th - September 11th
- Business Meeting 19:00 hours September 15th
- Veterans Olympics, 0630-0800 hours (serve coffee & Donuts) September 17th
- Breakfast at Mike's 10:00 hours, September 17th
- Homeless Standdown 07:00-14:00 hours September 10th
- Parking Lot Party 10:30 hours October 2nd.

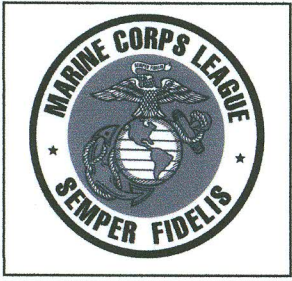
Koffee Wagon dates for this next summer are

September 9th - September 11th

Sign up now at the Koffee Klatch at Mike's on Saturday Mornings

All Submissions to the newsletter must be received before the last Friday of the month. It must be typed or printed from a printer. If it is a clipping from a newspaper I need to know the name of the paper the date of the paper the article was published in, this is due to copyright laws. Please document your submissions so they can be verified.

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A lot is happening this month so all of your help
is appreciated.

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