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Happy New Year, 2006

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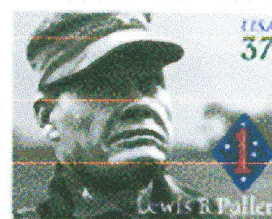
Bill Johnson 208-384-1844

Regular Business Meeting for January, will be held at 19:00 hours January 19th, 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 January 21st, 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 to Gordon and Velma Williams for helping distribute Christmas gift to the patients at the VA Hospital. Ralph and Barbara Elston with the help of Capt. Storer, 1st Sgt. Heyob, GySgt Borr, and SSgt Spalding from C Company gave out gifts to the vets living at the Idaho Veterans Home.

There was 416 Hours worked for the October through December quarter 2005 for the Volunteer services at the VA Hospital credited to the Marine Corps League. The Following are the detachment members that Volunteer at the VA Tony and Nancy Austin, Garry Strong, and Gordon and Velma Williams.



DISTINGUISHED MARINES

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

**LIEUTENANT GENERAL
JOHN A. LEJEUNE, USMC
(DECEASED)**

1 of 2 parts

Lieutenant General John Archer Lejeune, 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps, was born at Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, on 10 January 1867. He was educated at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge,

from which he graduated with a B.A. degree. Subsequently, he secured an appointment as a midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy, from which he was graduated in 1888. At the expiration of a two-year cruise as a cadet midshipman he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps on 1 July 1890.

Second Lieutenant Lejeune reported for duty on 31 August 1890 at the Marine Barracks, New York, serving at that post until he was detached, joining Marine Barracks, Norfolk, Virginia, on 3 November 1890. From 1 October 1891 to 28 July 1893, Lt Lejeune served on board the USS *Bennington* and was promoted to first lieutenant on 26 February 1892. On 28 August 1893, he reported for duty at the Norfolk Barracks, where he served until 31 July 1897.

On 2 August 1897, 1stLt Lejeune assumed command of the Marine Guard of the USS *Cincinnati*, on which vessel he served throughout the Spanish-American War. He was detached from the USS *Cincinnati* 17 February 1899, and on 18 February 1899, joined the USS *Massachusetts*, to command the Marine Guard. He was promoted to captain on 3 March 1899 and left his position on the *Massachusetts* on 10 May 1900.

From 3 July 1900 to 12 November 1900, Capt Lejeune performed recruiting duty at Boston, Massachusetts, and on 22 November 1900 reported at the Marine Barracks, Pensacola, Florida, to command the Marines. From 12 January 1903 to 21 January 1903, Capt Lejeune was on duty at the Norfolk Barracks, going to recruiting duty at New York City on 26 January 1903. He was promoted to major on 3 March 1903 and was on duty at Headquarters, Washington, D.C. from 15 May 1903 to 8 August 1903.

On 8 August 1903, Maj Lejeune was ordered to the USS *Panther* to command the Marine Battalion on board that vessel, joining 16 August 1903. On 23 October 1903, the battalion, with Maj Lejeune in command, was transferred to the USS *Dixie*. From 16 December 1903 to 21 December 1904, Maj Lejeune was on duty ashore on the Isthmus of Panama in command of this battalion, leaving there on the latter date on board the USS *Yankee*.

From 27 January 1905 to 20 May 1906, Maj Lejeune served at the Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. He then returned to Panama in command of a battalion of Marines from 29 May to 6 July 1906, the battalion being transported both ways on board the USS *Columbia*. This was detached duty, and on 29 March 1907, Maj Lejeune was detached from command of the Washington Barracks and ordered to the Philippines.

Arriving in the Philippines on 2 May 1907, Maj Lejeune assumed command of the Marine Barracks and Naval Prison, Navy Yard, Cavite, on 6 May 1907. He assumed command of the First Brigade of Marines on 15 June

1908 and was promoted to lieutenant colonel on 13 May 1909. He was detached on 8 June 1909 and ordered to return to the United States.

Lieutenant Colonel Lejeune embarked on board the USS *Ohio* on 26 May 1912 with the Second Regiment, First Provisional Brigade Marines, for Cuba. He disembarked at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, on 8 June 1912 and was in command of the District of Santiago from 9 June to 14 July 1912. On 15 July 1912, LtCol Lejeune embarked on board the USS *Prairie* and sailed for Colon, Panama. July 18-29, 1912 was spent at Camp Elliott, Panama.

After returning to the United States, LtCol Lejeune was again called upon for expeditionary duty. He sailed from Philadelphia, 20 February 1913 as second in command of the First Regiment, Second Provisional Brigade Marines and disembarked 27 February 1913, at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He returned to Philadelphia on board the USS *Prairie* on 2 May 1913.

On 27 November 1913, he sailed from New York with the 2d Advanced Base Regiment, with his ultimate destination Vera Cruz, Mexico, but returned to the United States to receive his promotion to colonel on 25 February 1914. Col Lejeune and his unit eventually landed in Mexico on 22 April 1914 and participated in the occupation of the city. He returned home in December 1914, this time to report to Marine Corps Headquarters in Washington, D.C., to become assistant to the Major General Commandant of the Marine Corps. He was promoted to brigadier general on 29 August 1916.

Raging Bulls charge into Iraq for the second time

Submitted by: 22nd MEU

Story Identification #: 200512269251

Story by Maj. Eric R. Dent

AL ASAD AIRFIELD, Iraq (Dec. 26, 2005) -- Marines and sailors poured from the back of assault helicopters to a familiar place last week as Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 261 (Reinforced) returned to western Iraq prepared to assist in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

For many of the "Raging Bull" aircrew and maintainers, the airfield at Al Asad is quite familiar. Nearly half of the squadron's Marines operated at the sprawling Iraqi air base for nearly seven months last year.

The composite squadron is currently deployed as the aviation combat element of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable). While in Iraq, the squadron will work under the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing for operations, with the rest of the 22nd MEU (SOC) operating with the 2nd Marine Division, which has been in Iraq for just under a year.

Cpl. Jacob McGuire, from Milwaukee, Wisc., is on his second trip to Iraq. After his aircraft landed on one of the vast taxiways, the CH-46E Sea Knight crew chief described the flight from USS Nassau in the northern Arabian Gulf to western Iraq as "quiet," and then quickly climbed up on top of the aircraft and began inspecting his helicopter.

"Now that we have arrived, we have to get these helicopters ready to go again, just in case we are needed tonight," McGuire said.

In addition to its organic complement of Sea Knights, the squadron also flies CH-53E Super Stallion heavy lift assault, AH-1W Super Cobra attack, and UH-1N utility helicopters, all of which arrived at Al Asad the same day as the CH-46Es. The squadron's detachment of AV-8B Harrier II attack jets flew into the airfield a day before the helicopters arrived.

In addition to HMM-261 (Rein), the 22nd MEU (SOC) consists of its Command Element, Battalion Landing Team 1st Bn., 2nd Marines, and MEU Service Support Group 22. The MEU is currently deployed to Iraq's Al Anbar province.

For more information on the 22nd MEU (SOC)'s role in Operation Iraqi Freedom, visit the unit's web site at <http://www.22meu.usmc.mil>.

Happy Birthday to the Ladies: Linda Hansen, Maggie Modler, and Darlene Toluse.

AUXILIARY NEWS

TREASURE VALLEY MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY #408

TVDMCL Auxiliary Leadership

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Treasure Valley Marine Corp Auxiliary Meeting

Minutes - There were no minutes for December



EVENT HORIZON

- Regular Business Meeting, January 19th

I have a new email address now, it is
kenj7@clearwire.net, and yes I'm back on the web.

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.

"Your Marines having been under my command for nearly six months, I feel that I can give you a discriminating report as to their excellent standing with their brothers of the army and their general good conduct."

(General John J. Pershing, USA, in a letter to Major General Commandant George Barnett, USMC, 10 November 1917.)

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TREASURE VALLEY DETACHMENT
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE



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Happy
New Year
2006

The Treasure Valley Detachment Auxiliary
Invites you to

The February Spaghetti Dinner

February 16, 2006, Gowen Field Pavilion, 6:00 PM

Price: \$5:00 per person

We need to know how many are coming to reserve your place by filling our form below and mailing it with your check to Barbara Elston- 7845 W. Powell, Boise, ID 83714

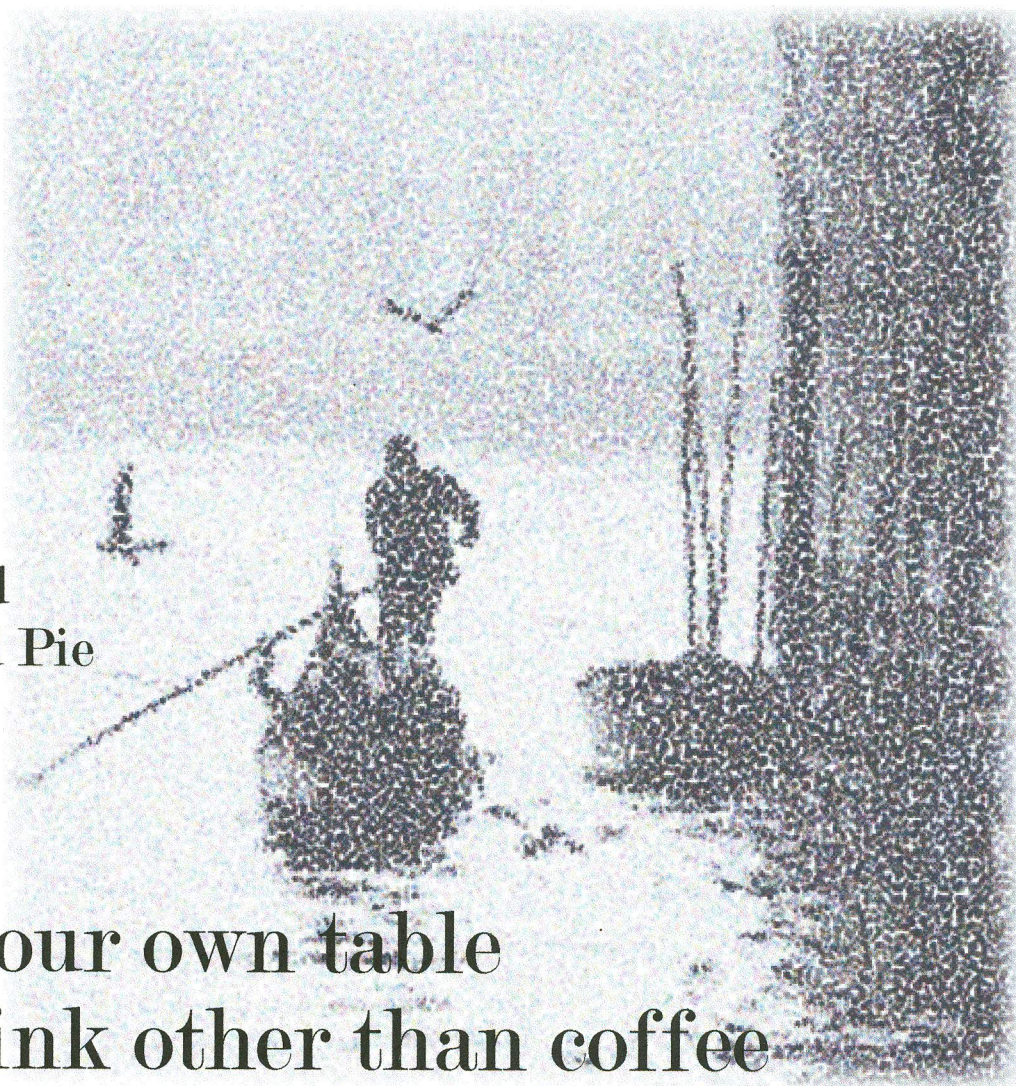
Name: _____

Number Of people attending: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Menu

Spaghetti
Green Salad
Garlic Bread
Fresh Baked Pie
Coffee



Please bring your own table
service and drink other than coffee