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Merry Christmas

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Regular Business Meeting of the Treasure Valley Detachment Marine Corps League, there will not be a meeting on December 21st, but our annual Christmas Party. We will meet at 18:30 hours, be early to help decorate the Pavilion. The next regular business meeting will be January 18th. Your opinions and voice is important to the detachment. So please try to attend the meetings every month.



Happy Hour & Koffee Klatch, We will have Koffee Klatch at Quinn's on Vista Ave. Happy Hour breakfast will be on the third Saturday of the month, this month will be on December 16th. All other Saturdays are for the Koffee Klatch. If

you get there early enough maybe Gordon will sing for you, never the less the gang will make room for you and you can join in and give a little scuttlebutt as well.



Out of step, but who cares, we're finally moving along Jefferson St. after leaving our staging area at the Boise Cascade Building.

Rainy morning turned into a beautiful warm sunny autumn day for the Veterans Day Parade held on Saturday, the 4th of November and the parade started at 1000 hours. Although the turnout was not as expected by this reporter, the true patriots were there rain or shine, popular war or not. The main thing was to honor all of the veterans in the Treasure Valley area, and they did. As we marched by, the viewers saluted us and gave a hearty cheer. Little kids waved their flags and I saw two dogs with flags in their collars. The parade started with a fly over by four Army Black Hawk helicopters in formation and the high school bands and bag pipers struck their first notes. We still had to wait quite some time before it was our time to leave the staging area with C Co. 4th Tanks ahead of us and the Young Marines taking up the rear. Rich Erickson, Ralph Elston, Major Pat Coonrod, Tommy Hisaw, John Sterling, Roy Jost, and Art Kilton, represented the detachment at the parade. Major Ron Storer lead C Co. 4th Tank Bn.,

Treasure Valley Young Marines were present, as well as Fred Kee and Walt Molder with the Gem State Young Marines. A special kudo to John Sterling, who provided his Vietnam era Jeep for the walking wounded.



Rich Erickson and Ralph Elston putting the first piece of cake on a plate for Gary Strong, setting behind them.

The 231st Marine Corps Birthday Celebration at the Idaho State Veterans Home was held at 1100 hours in the dinning room, on the 10th of November. This is a time honored tradition with the Treasure Valley Detachment and the Veterans Home, which we proudly perform each year. The detachment held the cake cutting ceremony, which Rich Erickson read the Birthday proclamations from both Maj. Gen. John A Lejeune USMC (CMC 1920-29) (Ret) and Gen. Michael W. Hagee CMC. Afterwards, Erickson and Ralph Elston proceeded to cut the cake with a Mameluke sword and served a piece of the cake to Gary Strong the oldest Marine in residence and to Leon Louis the youngest Marine at the Veterans home. In attendance were Lewis Dille, Thomas McNeil, Virginia Beauchamp, John Wortman, Paul Tullar, Janice Lipkin, and Leon Lewis, all Marines and reside at the home. Representing the Treasure Valley Detachment Marine Corps League was Gary Strong, Jerry Bob Shafer (Gary and Jerry Bob reside at the home as well), Mike Grigsby, Roy Jost, Gordon and Velma Williams, Rick Erickson, Ralph and Barbara Elston, Bob Smith, Arnie Strawn, and Ken and Ginny Ohls. We must give a special note of appreciation and recognition to 1st Sgt William Heyob and members of C Co. 4th. Tank Bn., who escorted the Marine residences at the home. On a side note one of the other residence's birthday was also on the 10th, that was Sheriff, he turned 82.



Cpl. Bill Johnson ringing the Eleven Bells Ceremony, standing behind him is Phil Hawkins of the Idaho State Veterans Home.

Honoring the Sacrifices, on The 11th of November the Idaho State Veterans Home had their Veterans Day Program at 1100 hours. On the 11th month of the year, the 11th day of the month, and at the 11th hour of the day in 1918 the war with Germany, Ottoman Empire, Austria-Hungary, and Bulgaria ended. This day today celebrates and honors the men and women that put their lives on the line for the defense of the freedoms we all hold dear. The Marine Corps League hosted this year's event at the Vet Home. At the 11th hour Cpl. Bill Johnson (USMC WWII) performed the Eleven Bells Ceremony. Our nations, Pledge of Allegiance was lead by TVDMCL Commandant Ken Ohls, the stirring Invocation was performed by Gordon Williams (USMC/USA (Ret)). The Treasure Valley Young Marines posted the Colors in a crisp and proper manner, after which our own Bob Smith (WWII, Korean War) give a Veterans Day remarks about his experiences in WWII. Gen. Lawrence Lafrenz gave the keynote address and the Master of Ceremonies was Capt. Rich Erickson (USMC) (Ret.), also Rich is our Sr. Vice Commandant. Treasure Valley Young Marines and the Gem State Young Marines joined together to perform the duties of escorts and ushers.

Spirit of Freedom Service Awards was also given out at the end of the program. Idaho Senator Mike Crapo originated the award four years ago to honor veterans for their service to our nation and the volunteers who assist our veterans; this years recipients in the Treasure Valley were Veterans, Bernard Fisher, Keith Galbraith, Donald S. Holloway, and Phil Hawkins. The volunteer recipients were Marge Johnson, Edna Siggelkow, Velma Williams (MCLA), and Augusta Wright. Col. David E. Brasuell and Bob Ford, the Office of Senator Crapo presented the awards.

In attendance as well were Skip and Theresa Nakashima, Roy and Merikay Jost, John L'Abbe, Ralph and Barbara Elston, Virginia Smith, Fred Kee, Walt Molden, Arnie Strawn, Ginny Ohls, Mike Grigsby, Gary Strong, and Jerry Bob Safer. C Co. 4th. Tank Bn. was present as well.

AUXILIARY NEWS

TREASURE VALLEY MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY #408

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Treasure Valley Marine Corp Auxiliary Meeting

No Auxiliary minutes for November

Note: I must have the minutes by the last Friday of the month or they may not be in the newsletter, Ed.

EVENT HORIZON

- TVDMCL Happy Hour Breakfast Dec. 16th.
- Christmas Party Dec. 21st. Pavilion, Gowen Field
- Christmas Party Dec. 22nd. Idaho State Veterans Home



Raggedy Ann Needs a Family

The war was over, and peace finally settled in Europe and the Pacific, and Diane had spare time to handcraft a Raggedy Ann doll. In the autumn of 1947 she wanted to give it to a destitute child for Christmas in the Los Angeles area, in which her and her husband Bill lived. Diane gave it to Bill and asked him to give it to an organization that did such things for the needy children at Christmas time. Well, her husband, searched for such an agency and found that there wasn't one to be had, so he told his wife the sad news. Determined that this doll would be in the hands of a child at Christmas, she told her husband to create one. Now Bill a Marine Major and a reservist in Los Angeles, California was ready and more than willing to take on the challenge to start this new project in the fall of 1947.

Major Bill Hendricks, USMCR, and fellow Marine reservists from Los Angeles collected and distributed 5000 toys to needy children in the area in that year. The 1947 "Toys for Tots" pilot project had succeeded so well, that the Marine Corps adopted the "Toys for Tots" program in 1948 and launched it



Col. Dave Brasuelli (USMC) giving the Introductory Remarks, before him is the Veterans to be inurned.

Missing in America, A ceremony to honor forgotten Veterans, on November 9th, twenty-one Veterans and one spouse were inurned at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery. The morning was cold and rainy but the turnout was nice. Each military branch was represented for the flag folding ceremony. C Co. 4th. Tank Bn.'s Marine Corps Honor Guard performed the rifle salute and the posting of the Colors. Governor Elect Butch Otter gave the keynote address. In attendance were Ralph and Barbara Elston. Bobby Lee, Arnie Strong, Bob Smith, Pat Teague, and Bill Johnson.

A correction is in order, the dues increase amount for the Treasure Valley Detachment Marine Corps League stated in last month's newsletter was premature, the actual amount will reflect the increase that was accepted at the National Convention, which was a \$6.00 increase to the yearly dues. Our new annual dues will be \$31.00 effective January 1, 2007. Life Membership dues will also go up on January 1st.

Life Membership Dues

AGE GROUP	CURRENTLY	As of 01/01/2007	As of 01/01/2009
0 - 35	\$325	\$400	\$500
36 - 40	\$300	\$350	\$400
41 - 50	\$275	\$350	\$400
51 - 60	\$200	\$250	\$300
61 - Over	\$100	\$125	\$150

To become a Life Member, you must be already a Regular Member in Good Standing.

Christmas party will be at 2 p.m. on Dec. 22 at the Idaho State Veterans Home, we help pass out gifts to the residents to the home on this day.

Kudos go to Jerome Beau for his gracious donation to the Detachment with half going to the Auxiliary. Jerome is a GySgt (Ret.) in the Marine Corps and occupies his time as a historian on the Marine Raider Battalions.

Happy Birthday to the Ladies: Lyn Butterworth

Treasure Valley Detachment



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE Christmas Party

Thursday, December 21, 2006 at 6:30 pm. Gowen Field Pavilion
Marines and Guests

Each person should furnish their own tableware and utensils
Each person should bring their own drinks
Ham and Turkey, will be provided by the detachment
Each person or couple is asked to bring and exchange gift (wrapped and valued at no more than \$15.00).
If you don't bring an exchange gift you wont be part of the exchange gift part of the Christmas party
Each person or couple is asked to bring a new unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots Program
All members attending, are asked to come early to help decorate the Pavilion
Hope to see you at the party, If not Merry Christmas to all

Last name begin with:

A-E	please bring a salad
F-K	please bring an hors d'oeuvre
L-P	please bring a dessert
R-W	please bring a sidedish



into a nationwide campaign, with each Marine Reserve Unit collecting and distributing the toys for their own community. This has successfully been fulfilled every year since.

The initial objective of the "Toys for Tots" campaigns is to bring the joy of Christmas to America's needy children, and this objective still lives on today. Additionally the Toys for Tots Foundation, which formed in 1991 by the command of the U. S. Marine Corps in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding with the Commander, Marine Forces Reserve, desires to play an active role in the development of one our nation's most valuable natural resources, our children; to unite all the members of our local community for a common goal. Last but not least, to contribute to a better community in the future.

The goal in 1947 was to provide a toy to needy children at Christmas and from 1947 through 1979 the "Toys for Tots" program employed both used and new toys. While Marines were on drill weekends during October, November, and December they worked on refurbishing used toys, and collecting new and used toys and the distribution of the toys to local social welfare agencies, church groups, and other local community organizations to distribute the toys. As the years passed the Marine Reserves built up a good working relationship with these local community associations. From 1980, things changed, The Secretary of Defense's Total Force Program changed the role the reserves had in America's defense posture. Time for training was more valuable, on weekend drills. Other factors to change what toys were collected were the safety concerns of used toys and the how "hand-me-down" toys would fit into the goal of building good self-esteem and message of hope the Marines wanted to give to the needy children. Something a shiny new toy would give.



The Commander, Marine Force Reserve in 1999, delegated the authority of the "Toys for Tots" program to the President, Marine Toys for Tots Foundation to approve and manage local "Toys for Tots" campaigns in communities that don't have a Marine Reserve Unit. This way "Toys for Tots" can reach out throughout all 50 states. By doing this the Foundation can authorize selected Marine Corps League Detachments or local community organizations to conduct campaigns in their community.

Entering into the 59th season this year the "Toys for Tots" program has accumulated quite an impressive record the Marines have distributed more than 351 million toys to 166 million children. The Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator has given the Toys for Tots Foundation a 4-Star rating. The Chronicle of Philanthropy, the newspaper of the nonprofit world, ranked the charity #66 in the "Philanthropy 400".

An independent accounting firm determined that the foundation's program to support ratio was 98:2. Last year the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation conducted campaigns in 516 communities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and

Puerto Rico. And increase by 35 site. The "Toys for Tots" continue to enjoy local and national coverage on NBC and ABC Television and local and regional radio broadcasts.



This year our local "Toys for Tots" will kick off its 2006 campaign after Thanksgiving. 1st. Sgt William E. Heyob reported a very successful campaign for 2005 and took a couple of National awards. C Co. 4th. Tank Battalion received the

2005 National Toys for Tots Coordinator of the Year, and the 2005 National Campaign of the Year. Extremely impressive awards the Toys for Tots Foundation to gave to our very own reserve unit, which had just returned from a tour of duty in Iraq. Massive kudos for their devoted hard work, and vary appreciated, important effort for our community. 1st. Sgt Heyob, the "Toys for Tots" local coordinator deserves his share of the credit and kudos for his award as well, for his committed efforts which made it all come together for last years triumphant campaign, and this years effort.

So now you're all hyped-up and you want to help out, well you can. 1st. Sgt. Heyob has asked the Treasure Valley Detachment Marine Corps League for volunteers to help out with this years campaign. C Co. will be receiving, sorting and distributing the toys at the Reserve Center on Gowen Field and he can use your help, his phone number is (208) 422 6255. As well,



- we will have our traditional Christmas Party again at the Pavilion on Gowen Field on the 21st of December, and part of the party is that each person brings in an unwrapped shiny new toy. When you're out shopping for your family and you see a "Toys for Tots" barrel at the entrance of the store you're going into, just drop a new toy on your way out. Just be part of this years "Toys for Tots" campaign any way you can. Raggedy Ann would be happy in the hands of a needy little girl.

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Disney presents Toys for Tots with million-dollar check Oct. 29, 2006

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. -- At 2:30 p.m., the feature entertainment event at the El Capitan Theater on Hollywood Boulevard was the Walt Disney Pictures World Premiere of Santa Clause 3 starring Tim Allen. To introduce this heart-warming family motion picture, Mr. Robert Iger, President &

PREFACE

The guidance of this Uniform Code is presented as a standard to establish uniformity and define appropriate wear of the Marine Corps League Uniforms. The word "uniform" itself is defined as "(1) Always the same, as in character or degree; unvarying (2) Conforming to one principle, standard, or rule; consistent". Because many features about these uniforms clearly resemble United States Marine Corps uniforms, it is very likely that an unmindful public may see that we are the **Marines**; and when today's Marines see us wearing uniforms that are a likeness to their own, they will be seeing us as **one of their own**. Our appearance reflects upon the Marine Corps and Marines everywhere, and we should ever be aware of that responsibility. Uniforms prescribed in this Uniform Code are considered appropriate to preserve the respect and dignity of the Marine Corps League and the United States Marine Corps.

I. MEDALS AND RIBBONS

- A. Marine Corps League and Department of Defense medals and/or ribbons should NEVER be mixed on any uniform. The wearer has only the choice of wearing authorized medals and/or ribbons of either, but never both together and mixed.
- B. Large (Standard) Marine Corps League medals or Department of Defense medals should not be worn with any Marine Corps League Uniform.
- C. Miniature Marine Corps League medals –**OR**– miniature Department of Defense medals, wings, and badges may be worn **ONLY** with the **FORMAL DRESS** Uniform, either on the Evening Dress Jacket, or on the MCL red blazer when worn as the optional jacket for the **FORMAL DRESS** UNIFORM.
- D. Enclosure Four (4) should be referenced for proper precedence of Marine Corps League medals and/or ribbons.
- E. Members are expected to know their individual authority to wear Department of Defense medals, ribbons, badges, devices, and awards and the proper way to wear those decorations. Appropriate military uniform directives should be referenced for proper precedence of Marine Corps or other Department of Defense medals and/or ribbons.

II. WEARING OF MINIATURE MEDALS

- A. Miniature medals may be worn on the **FORMAL DRESS** Uniform **ONLY**.
- B. Miniature medals worn on the Evening Dress Jacket should be worn centered on the left lapel, and below the tip of the lapel notch.

C. The following applies only if wearing the red blazer as an optional jacket with the **FORMAL DRESS** Uniform.

- Miniature medals may be worn on the left lapel of the Red Blazer with the medals placed evenly between the left lapel notch and the top edge of the breast pocket and one (1) inch out from edge of inside of left lapel. In those instances where regulation size holding bar/bars cannot be accommodated on the lapel, medals may be extended beyond the edge of the lapel to the left breast of the Red Blazer.
- Additional holding bars on the Red Blazer shall be placed under the top row in such a manner that the medallions of the upper row are in line immediately above the medallions of the succeeding row, unless medal count is uneven.

III. MOUNTING OF MINIATURE MEDALS

- A. When more than one (1) medal is worn, they should be suspended from a holding bar of metal or other material of sufficient stiffness to support the weight of the medals.
- B. When eleven (11) medals are worn, there will be five (5) medals on the first row, and six (6) medals on the second row (medallions cannot be even top to bottom).
- C. The maximum length of the holding bar for miniature medals should be four (4) inches, (3 ribbon Bar).
- D. Although a holding bar of maximum length has room for a maximum of five (5) medals side by side, it can however accommodate ten (10) medals if overlapped. Overlapping shall be equal (not more than 50%) and the right or inboard medal shall be shown in full.
- E. Mounting of medals by rows:
 - One to ten medals, 1 row only
 - Two medals, mounted side by side on a 1-5/16" bar (1 ribbon bar)
 - Three medals, mounted on a 1-5/16" bar (1 ribbon bar) overlapped
 - Four medals, mounted side by side on a 2-5/8" bar (2 ribbon bar)
 - Five medals, mounted on a 2-5/8" bar (2 ribbon bar) overlapped
 - Six to ten medals, mounted on a 4" bar (3 ribbon bar) overlapped
 - Eleven medals, 2 rows - first row (5), second row (6)
 - Twelve or more medals should be tiered on rows as above.

A Marine should be sworn to the patient endurance of hardships, like the ancient knights; and it is not the least of these necessary hardships to have to serve with sailors.

(Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery)

GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND IN GOD WE TRUST