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Women Marines at 63

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No Regular Business Meeting for February, a spaghetti dinner will be held at 18:00 hours February 16th, and will be held at the Indoor Pavilion on Gowen Field. The next meeting is March 16th.

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 February 18th, 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

On the 22 of December Gordon and Velma Williams stuffed 94 Christmas bags and on the 23rd they helped to deliver them to all the veterans at the party for them at the Extended Care unit at the VA Hospital.

Marine Corps League

Dear Mr. William:

On behalf of the Boise VAMC patients and staff, We would like to extend our appreciation to you for your donation of items for the patient Christmas party and the craft program. Your thoughtfulness reflects the concern that you feel for our veterans and the service they provided to all of us while in service to our country.

Without your support, we could not provide for the smaller niceties that make hospitalization more bearable. Your Thoughtfulness also reflects the concern and compassion that our community feels for our veterans.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely

Sharon N. Clark

Chief, Voluntary Services

LIVING WILL

A man and his wife were sitting in the living room. He said to her, Just so you know--I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug."

His wife got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all of his beer.

DISTINGUISHED MARINES



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

LIEUTENANT GENERAL JOHN A. LEJEUNE, USMC (DECEASED)

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With the outbreak of World War I, BGen Lejeune assumed command of the newly constructed Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia. His overseas service was, however, inevitable, and in June 1918, he arrived at Brest, France. He was promoted to major general 1 July 1918.

Upon reporting to the commander of the American Expeditionary Forces, he was assigned to command a brigade of the 32nd Division and assumed command of the 4th Brigade of Marines of the 2d Division immediately following the attack of the division in the Soissons offensive.

On 28 July 1918, MajGen Lejeune assumed command of the 2d Division and remained in that capacity until August 1919, when the unit was demobilized. He was the first Marine officer to hold an Army divisional command, and following the Armistice he led his division in the march into Germany.

During that war he was recognized by the French Government as a strategist and leader, as evidenced by the Legion of Honor, and the Croix de Guerre bestowed upon him by that people. From General John J. Pershing he received the Distinguished Service Medal. The Navy Distinguished Service Medal was conferred upon him when he returned to the United States following the occupation of Germany.

In October 1919, he again was appointed Commanding General, Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia. He was

appointed as Major General Commandant of the Marine Corps on 1 July 1920. Subsequent to that time, he left his headquarters at Washington several times for tours of inspection in Haiti, Santo Domingo, Cuba, Puerto Rico, to the West Coast and elsewhere.

Upon the expiration of his second term as Commandant, MajGen Lejeune indicated his desire not to retire from the Marine Corps, but was relieved as Commandant in March 1929. On 10 November 1929, he retired in order to accept the position of superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute, serving there until poor health necessitated his resignation in October 1937. In February 1942, he was advanced to the rank of lieutenant general on the Marine Corps retired list.

Lieutenant General Lejeune died 20 November 1942 at the Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, and was interred in the Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. Today, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, bears his name and he is often referred to as "the greatest of all Leathernecks," having served more than 40 years with the Marine Corps.

Lieutenant General Lejeune's awards include: Distinguished Service Medal (Navy); Distinguished Service Medal (Army); Sampson Medal (USS *Cincinnati*); Spanish Campaign Medal; Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal with three Bronze stars for Panama, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic; Mexican Service Medal; Victory Medal with St. Mihiel Champagne, Meuse-Argonne, and Defensive Sector Clasp for World War I; Second Nicaraguan Campaign Medal; French Legion of Honor (Commander); and French Croix de Guerre with Palm

Happy Birthday to the Ladies: Ester Griffith, Mary Mac Connell, and Virginia Smith

AUXILIARY NEWS

TREASURE VALLEY MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY #408

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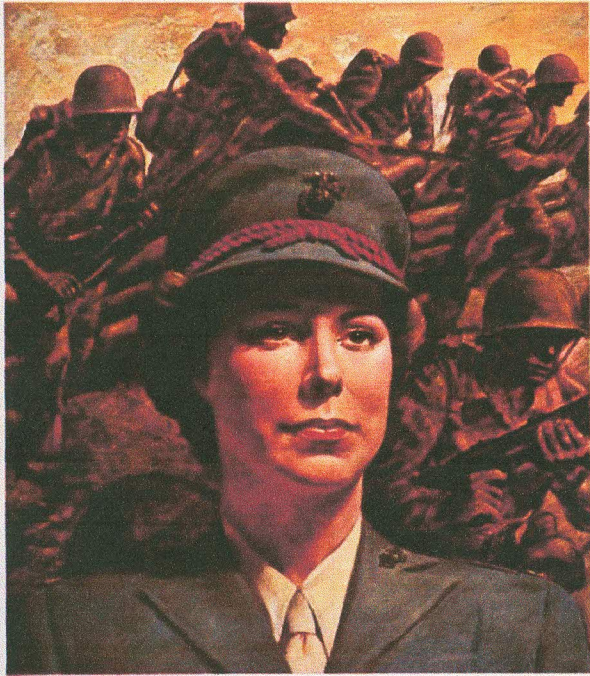
Chaplain: Pauline Evans
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Treasure Valley Marine Corp Auxiliary Meeting

Minutes - There were no minutes available for January

EVENT HORIZON

- The February Spaghetti Dinner February 16th 18:00 hours



BE A MARINE...

Free a Marine to fight

U.S. MARINE CORPS WOMEN'S RESERVE

63rd Anniversary of Women in the USMC

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<http://www.mcleague.org/>

It was 13 February 1943 when women were officially instituted as part of the Marine Corps. Though women have served their country honorably in the Corps since 1918 it was not until 1943 that the Women Reserves became an official part of Marine Corps.

On its first-year anniversary, 13 February 1944, a message from President Franklin D. Roosevelt read: The nation is as proud of you as of your fellow Marines — for Marine women are upholding the brilliant

traditions of the Corps with a spirit of loyalty and diligence worthy of the highest admiration of all Americans. You have quickly and efficiently taken over scores of different kinds of duties that not long ago were considered strictly masculine assignments; and in doing so, you have freed a large number of well-trained, battle-ready men of the corps for action

Today women make up 6% of the Marine Corps. They join the elite ranks of those who have earned the title Marine with the same determination and love of Corps as those from the past. The legacy lives on in the spirit and Corps values that were instilled in these women as they became Marines. Speaking for the vast majority of those women who served are members of the Women Marines Association: "Being a Marine is not something that one did for a few years. Marine is who we became the day we earned our title and is never taken lightly, never forgotten and never set aside. The Corps values that were passed on from our predecessors of honor, courage and commitment are an integral part of our lives today and will continue to be the foundation we build upon for future generations."

The Women Marines Association, formed in 1960, is the only non-profit veterans' organization for women who have served or are currently serving honorably in the United States Marine Corps. Marines, known for taking care of their own, work to promote the welfare of fellow veterans within local communities and wherever help is needed. They will celebrate their camaraderie, their history and their future September 1-5 in Louisville, Ky at the 24th Biennial WMA Convention and Professional Development Conference. This conference is open to all women who have earned the title Marine and their guests.

To learn more about WMA call 1-888-525-1943 or visit the website at www.womenmarines.org. In Michigan contact Mary Merritt, 586-752-9421 or email at merrittone@comcast.net

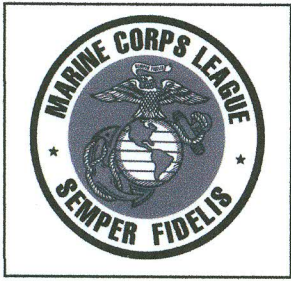
I have a new email address now, it is
kenj7@clearwire.net, and yes I'm back on the web.

"A ship without Marines is like a garment without buttons."

(Admiral David D. Porter, USN, 1863.)

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

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The February Spagetti Dinner

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