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## 2006 Pre-Convention

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**Regular Business Meeting for March**, will be held at 19:00 hours March 16<sup>th</sup>, and will be held at the Indoor Pavilion on Gowen Field. The next meeting is April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Happy Hour** (10:00 AM) for all Marines, their wives and guests Come early and get a good seat, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month. This month will be March 18<sup>th</sup>, 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** the Women's Auxiliary, particularly Barbara Elston, Pauline Evans, Jeanette L' Abbe, Sherry Meade, Theresa Nakashima, Donna Schumaker, and Virginia Smith for such a delicious spaghetti dinner.

**Monday March 28<sup>th</sup> at 0920**, for those who forgot. We met Cpl. Edward Keating at the Airport. He was

returning from Afghanistan. Meeting him were: Capt. Ron Storer – 1stSgt Bill Heyob, Walt and Maggie Modler, Bobby Lee, Malcolm Emery, Joe Toluse, Ralph and Barbara Elston.

**Pre-Convention: April 8, McCall, Idaho**, 1300 -? at the Best Western, rooms are \$63.00 per room. To make reservations call 208-634-6300. As many members as possible should make it. Not only is a good time had by all, but sets up the agenda for the State Convention. We expect to have at least one representative from each Detachment attend.

**Department Convention: May 19 & 20**, Jackpot, Nevada. The William L. McCauley/Magic Valley Detachment put on a great Convention there in the past and this one being in Jackpot again will be just as great, if not better. We will hear more from Twin Falls at the Pre-Convention.



# DISTINGUISHED MARINES

(From the Marine Corps History & Museums Division,  
[www.history.usmc.mil](http://www.history.usmc.mil))

## SERGEANT MAJOR

**DANIEL "DAN" JOSEPH DALY, USMC  
(DECEASED)**

### 1 of 2 parts

Sergeant Major Daniel "Dan" Joseph Daly was once acclaimed by MajGen John A. Lejeune, former Commandant of the Marine Corps, as "the outstanding Marine of all time." MajGen Smedley D. Butler called him "The fightinest Marine I ever knew," and wrote that "it was an object lesson to have served with "him." This kind of praise was generally expressed by Marine officers and enlisted men alike and, according to the record, Dan Daly deserved it. Sergeant Major Daly and MajGen Butler are the only Marines who have ever received the Nation's highest military award-the Medal of Honor-twice for separate acts of heroism.

A small man (five feet, six inches in height and weighing only 132 pounds), SgtMaj Daly nevertheless was a fine military figure, erect and well-proportioned. His keen gray eyes looked upon danger without fear. Although a "natural" for publicity, he disdained it and disliked all the fuss made over him. He termed medals "a lot of foolishness." Personally he enjoyed a pipe, crammed with cut plug tobacco, but did not drink. He was a strict disciplinarian, yet fair-minded and very popular among both officers and enlisted men. He was noted not only for his reckless daring, but also for his constant attention to the needs of his men. Offered a commission on several occasions, he is said to have declined on the grounds that he would rather be "an outstanding sergeant than just another officer."

Sergeant Major Daly is perhaps best remembered for a famous battle cry delivered during the desperate fighting in Belleau Wood in June 1918. Marines took a terrific pounding on the outskirts of Lucy le Bocage ("Lucy Birdcage" to the American Expeditionary Forces) at the fringe of Belleau Wood. They were outnumbered, outgunned, and pinned down. 1stSgt Daly ordered an attack. Leaping forward, he yelled to his tired men, "Come on, you sons of bitches, do you want to live forever?"

Very little is known about his early life other than the fact of his birth in Glen Cove, Long Island, New York, on 11 November 1873, and the fact that he was a newsboy and something of a fighter for his weight and size. With the hope of getting into the Spanish-American War, he enlisted in the Marine Corps on 10 January 1899. But he didn't make it. Before he had finished boot-

camp training, the war had collapsed and he was ordered aboard ship and sent to the Asiatic Fleet. In May 1900, he deployed aboard the USS *Newark* for Taku Bay, China, where he landed with other Marines enroute for Peking.

The U.S. Marines and German forces had been stationed on Tartar Wall, south of the American Legation, but intense enemy fire had driven them from the position. With Capt Newt Hall, Pvt Daly mounted the wall bastion, bayoneted rifle in hand. On 14 August, Capt Hall left to bring up reinforcements and Pvt Daly remained to defend the position single-handed. Chinese snipers fired at him and stormed the bastion, but he fought them off until reinforcements arrived. For this gallantry he was awarded his first Medal of Honor. Fifteen years later, in action against Haitian bandits, GySgt Daly earned the rare distinction being awarded a second Medal of Honor.

**Happy Birthday to the Ladies:** Donna Schumaker.

## 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 available for February

## EVENT HORIZON

- Regular Business Meeting, March 16<sup>th</sup>, at 19:00 Hrs.

#### Marine Corps League News

[http://www.mcleague.com/mdp/index.php?module=daily\\_archive](http://www.mcleague.com/mdp/index.php?module=daily_archive)

#### Military Severely Injured (MSIJSOC) Program

Posted by: Admin on Thursday, February 23, 2006 -  
04:56 PM IDLW

We recently became aware of the needs of Marines, soldiers, and veterans recovering from war-related injuries. To address these specific situations TSA has partnered with the Department of Defense (DOD) and have developed a process so that we will have better awareness of when our injured military heroes are traveling through our Nation's airports. In early February 2005, TSA was granted permission by DOD to place TSA watch standers in the newly commissioned MSIJSOC on a 24-hour, 7-day a week basis. Here is how the process works: Once flight arrangements are made with the airline, the severely injured service member, their families, individual service severely injured programs, and/or even military treatment facilities & VA hospitals (calling on behalf of the injured service member to be discharged) can call the Operations Center's 24/7 toll-free number (1-888-774-1361) with details of the itinerary. The caller will be connected to a TSA liaison team member via the Center's care managers. The TSA liaison person will then notify the appropriate Federal Security Directors at the involved airports to ensure that any security screening required at those affected airports will be conducted by TSA screening experts with empathy and respect in order to make the overall experience for the service member as expeditious and pleasant, as possible.

#### **Memorial Day Special |**

Posted by: Admin on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 - 02:12 PM IDLW

On the eve of Memorial Day, an annual tradition honors the bravery and sacrifice of America's servicemen and women with PBS' top-rated and critically acclaimed holiday special the National Memorial Day Concert. Co-hosted by acclaimed actors Gary Sinise and Joe Mantegna, the concert will also feature performances by country music sensation Lee Ann Womack, Academy Award-winning actress Dianne Wiest, distinguished actor Charles Durning and beloved opera singer Frederica von Stade, among others, who will be joined by the National Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Erich Kunzel. The U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, choruses and color guards from each of the armed forces will also play a special role in the concert. The 17th annual Memorial Day Concert will remember the thousands who have given their lives as well as the wounded and their families - from Iraq to Vietnam, Korea and World War II. Two major segments will also honor the contributions of the "citizen soldiers" serving

in the National Guard and pay tribute to the brave Air Force pilots who flew over Germany during World War II. The nation's premier holiday event will be broadcast live on PBS from the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol on Sunday, May 28, 2006 from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. ET. It airs overseas on American Forces Radio and Television Network.

#### **News from the Official Website for the United States Marine Corps**

<http://www.usmc.mil/marinelink/mcn2000.nsf/frontpagenews>

#### **Marines clear Sakran region in western Al Anbar**

Submitted by: 1st Marine Division

Story Identification #: 2006226115926

Story by Cpl. Adam C. Schnell

**SAKRAN, Iraq (Feb. 14, 2006)** -- Four helicopters carrying Iraqi soldiers and Marines broke a pre-dawn silence and inserted into this small town Feb. 14, signaling the start of a counterinsurgency operation here.

Marines from K Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, along with Iraqi Army soldiers, were inserted into this western Al Anbar province town four days into the week-long Operation Pit Bull - a battalion-wide operation designed to squash insurgent operations east of the Euphrates River here. Their mission: to secure the town of Sakran and ensure insurgents no longer use it as a logistical staging point and for launching attacks on the town's much larger neighbor - Barwanah. In the past, weapons caches and bomb-making material have been found here, prompting Marines and Iraqi soldiers to clear the town. The Camp Pendleton, Calif.-based Marines and the Iraqi soldiers have spent almost six months in Iraq's western Al Anbar Province conducting counter-insurgency operations and providing stability to the "Triad" area of Haqlaniyah, Barwanah and Haditha. The Marines and Iraqi soldiers moved through the town systematically clearing houses and searching cars while looking for weapons caches, vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices and any signs of insurgent activity. During the operation, Iraqi Army soldiers were shoulder-to-shoulder with the Marines, and provided an invaluable aid to the operation's success - translation of English to Arabic and vice versa, allowing the Marines to communicate with the local populace

*"Being ready is not what matters. What matters is winning after you get there."*

(Lieutenant General Victor H. Krulak, USMC, April 1965.)

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