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Idaho State Veterans Home Volunteer Appreciation Day

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Regular Business Meeting for March, will be held at 19:00 hours April 20th, and will be held at the Indoor Pavilion on Gowen Field. The next meeting is May 18th.

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 April 15th, 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.

We have been cordially invited to a party. The Idaho State Veterans Home has their Volunteer Appreciation Day "Pirate Stew" at 18:30 on the 25th of April. Phil Hawkins has asked us to attend.

Kudo's go out to Capt. Ron Storer, and Barbara and Ralph Elston who attended the Medal of Honor Presentation for Landsman Gordon H. Barter, Civil War Medal of Honor Recipient. Held on 25 March at the Military History Museum.

Gurdon H. Barter earned the Medal of Honor while serving aboard the USS Minnesota during the Civil War battles of December 1864 and January 1865 at Ft Fisher, North Carolina. Landsman Barter was never aware of the award and the Medal has been in the possession of the Navy since it was approved for issue on June 22, 1865. History, even his citation, recorded his date of action as January 15, 1865, but his actual Medal of Honor is engraved with the dates of both battles at Ft Fisher. The engraving reads

Personal Valor
Gurdon H. Barter
Landsman
U.S.S. Minnesota
Fort Fisher
Dec. 1864 & Jan 1865

Landsman Barter's Citation: On board the U.S.S. Minnesota in action during the assault on Fort Fisher, 15 January 1865. Landing on the beach with the assaulting party from his ship, Landsman Barter advanced to the top of the sandhill and partly through the breach in the palisades despite enemy fire, which killed and wounded many officers and men. When more than two-thirds of the men became seized with panic and retreated on the run, he remained with the party until dark, when it came safely away, bringing its wounded, its arms, and its colors. Gurdon Barter passed away on April 22, 1900, and is buried in Viola, Idaho. On March 25, 2006,

Congressman Otter, who assisted with the coordination, presented Landsman Barter's Medal of Honor to the Idaho Military History Museum where it was placed on public display.

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)

SERGEANT MAJOR

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

2 Of 2 parts

His service was varied and included sea duty aboard the *USS Newark*, *Panther*, *Cleveland*, *Marietta*, *Mississippi*, *Ohio*, and *Machias*. In addition to combat in China, Haiti and France, he served in Panama, Cuba, Mexico and Puerto Rico, and on eight United States posts. During World War I, he served from 4 November 1917 to 21 April 1919, participating in combat in the Toulon Sector (March-May 1918); Aisne Operations (June 1918); and the Chateau-Thierry Sector (Belleau Wood, June 1918). During this operation, on 5 June and at the risk of his life, he extinguished a fire in the ammunition dump at Lucy le Bocage. Two days later, while the same sector was under one of its heaviest bombardments, he visited all machine gun crews of his company, then posted over a wide section of the front, cheering his men. On 10 June, he single-handedly attacked an enemy machine gun emplacement, capturing it by the use of hand grenades and an automatic pistol. On the same date, during an enemy attack on the village of Bouresches, he brought in wounded under heavy fire.

He also served in the St. Mihiel Offensive (September 1918) and the Champagne Offensive (Blanc Mont, September-October 1918). He was wounded in action on 21 June and twice on 8 October 1918. He then served with the American Army of Occupation in Germany following the Armistice, which he considered "not a bad birthday present."

A complete list of SgtMaj Daniel Daly's decorations and medals includes two Medals of Honor; Navy Cross; Distinguished Service Cross; three Letters of Commendation; Good Conduct Medal with two bronze stars; China Relief Expedition Medal; Philippine Campaign Medal; Expeditionary Medal with one bronze star; Mexican Service Medal; Haitian Campaign Medal; World War I Victory Medal with Aisne, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne and Defensive-Sector clasps; Medaille Militaire; Croix de Guerre with Palm; and the Fourragere (the last three awards from the French government).

Daly remained unmarried all his life. In 1919 he was reported as saying, "I can't see how a single man could spend his time to better advantage than in the Marines." Soon thereafter he was placed on the retainer list of the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, awaiting retirement. He took a job as a bank guard on Wall Street, New York City, and held the position 17 years. Retired officially on 6 February 1929, SgtMaj Dan Daly died at Glendale, Long Island, New York, 28 April 1937. His remains were buried in Cypress Hills.

Today a destroyer bears Daly's name. His record as a fighting man remains unequalled in the annals of Marine Corps history.

Happy Birthday to the Ladies: Elaine Stonebraker, and Nancy Teague

AUXILIARY NEWS

**TREASURE VALLEY MARINE
CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY #408**

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Treasure Valley Marine Corp Auxiliary Meeting

Minutes - March 16, 2006

The meeting was opened with 7 members present. A prayer and flag salute was given.

The minutes were read and approved and the treasurer's report was given.

It was announced that we have 4 new members. Excerpts from the National Newsletter were discussed. A letter from Rosemary Foster, our NW Division Sr. Vice was read. Our unit received a special Certificate of Appreciation for our service and 100% renewal of membership.

Our new slate of officers was discussed and approved. The officers will be voted on at our April meeting. The new officers to be voted on are:

President - Theresa Nakashima

Sr. Vice - Sherry Meade

Jr. Vice - Melba Butler

Judge Advocate - Donna Schumaker

It was announced that we have only 2 of the Marine Car Magnets left. They are \$5.00 each. Contact Barbara Elston if you wish to purchase one.

We discussed some ideas for more altruistic projects to be added to the ones that we already have. Some ideas mentioned were Young Marines, YWCA, Women In Crises Program, Golden Agers (Blind Veterans), and help to our National Headquarters for their special charities and their Scholarship Fund. We will be discussing this more next month and other ideas are welcome.

The closing prayer was given and the meeting was adjourned.

EVENT HORIZON

- Regular Business Meeting, April 20th, at 19:00 Hrs.
- Volunteer Appreciation Day ISVH, April 25th, 18:30 Hrs.

Official website of the United States Marine Corps
<http://www.usmc.mil>

Marines trade everyday jobs for guard force

Submitted by: I Marine Expeditionary Force

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Story by Cpl. Joseph DiGirolamo

AR RAMADI, Iraq (March 24, 2006) -- At Hurricane Point, the Marines of 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment work around the clock planning, executing, and refining operations in western Ramadi. Day and night, a select group of Marines fortify positions surrounding the camp allowing fellow warriors to work, live and rest in relative security as they accomplish their missions. These Marines have a mixture of different military occupational specialties. However, today they are united together to carryout one job in particular -- the interior guard force. The battalion deployed last year to Fallujah from January 2005 to August 2005. Now the Marines and sailors have returned to Iraq to participate to conduct operations in western Ramadi. The Marines of the guard force keep a watchful eye on everything that goes on in the city around them, constantly on the lookout for suspicious activity. Before they could stand post, the new sentries went through a rigorous five-day training evolution. Their training covered areas such as escalation of force procedures, weapons conditions, the purpose of each post, and how to use the new Multi-Functional Agile Remote Control Robot. Unit cohesion is also important. Since the Marines come from all different sections of the battalion, they must quickly learn how to operate as a team. Standing post for hours at a time can be challenging; however, the Marines know with certainty that staying sharp could be a matter of life or death. "They have to be observant and pay attention to every detail, they can't get complacent," said Lance Cpl. Richard R. Ricketts, a mortar man for the company. The Marines observe everyone and keep an eye out for anything suspicious, such as people potential IED's or other kinds of explosives, said Lance Cpl. Joel J. Fuller, a Nuclear Biological and Chemical Defense specialist with the guard. The sentries keep a continuous watch for their fellow Marines and hopefully, everyone inside camp can conduct their missions with a little peace of mind. The battalion lives by the motto "everyday is day one." This is especially true for the guard. "Without the guard force, Marines simply couldn't sleep at night," said Sgt. Antoine M. Beasley.

"Retreat Hell! We're just attacking in another direction."

(Attributed to Major General Oliver P. Smith, USMC, Korea, December 1950.)

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TREASURE VALLEY DETACHMENT
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