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Idaho State Veterans Home Parking Lot Party

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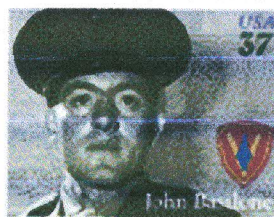
Regular Business Meeting for March, will be held at 19:00 hours May 18th, and will be held at the Indoor Pavilion on Gowen Field. The next meeting is June 15th.

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 May 20th, 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.

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.

DISTINGUISHED MARINES



(From the Marine Corps History & Museums Division, www.history.usmc.mil) **Part 1 of 2**

Lieutenant General Lewis "Chesty" Burwell Puller, colorful veteran of the Korean fighting, four World War II campaigns and expeditionary service in China, Nicaragua and Haiti, was one of the most decorated Marines in the Corps, and the only Leatherneck ever to win the Navy Cross five times for heroism and gallantry in action. Promoted to his final rank and placed on the temporary disability retired list 1 November 1955, he died on 11 October 1971 in Hampton, Virginia after a long illness.

The general's last active duty station was Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, where he was commanding the 2d Marine Division when he became seriously ill in August 1954. After that he served as Deputy Camp Commander until his illness forced him to retire.

A Marine officer and enlisted man for 37 years, General Puller served at sea or overseas for all but ten of those years, including a hitch as commander of the "Horse Marines" in China. Excluding medals from foreign governments, he won a total of 14 personal decorations in combat, plus a long list of campaign medals, unit citation ribbons, and other awards. In addition to his Navy Crosses (the next-highest decoration to the Medal of Honor for Naval personnel), he holds its Army equivalent, the Distinguished Service Cross.

He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and his fifth Navy Cross for heroism in action as commander of the 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division, during the bitter fight to break out of Korea's Chosin Reservoir area. The latter citation, covering the period from 5-10 December 1950, states in part:

"Fighting continuously in sub-zero weather against a vastly outnumbering hostile force, (the then) Colonel Puller drove off repeated and fanatical enemy attacks upon his Regimental defense sector and supply points. Although the area was frequently covered by grazing machine gun fire and intense artillery and mortar fire, he coolly moved among his troops to insure their correct tactical employment, reinforced the lines as the situation demanded and successfully defended his perimeter, keeping open the main supply routes for the movement of the Division.

"During the attack from Koto-ri to Hungman, he expertly utilized his Regiment as the Division rear guard, repelling two fierce enemy assaults which severely threatened the security of the unit, and personally supervised the care and prompt evacuation of all casualties.

"By his unflagging determination, he served to inspire his men to heroic efforts in defense of their positions and assured the safety of much valuable equipment which would otherwise have been lost to the enemy. His skilled leadership, superb courage and valiant devotion to duty in the face of overwhelming odds reflect the highest credit upon Colonel Puller and the United States Naval Service.

"Serving in Korea from September 1950 to April 1951, the general also earned the Army Silver Star Medal in the Inchon landing, his second Legion of Merit with Combat "V" in the Inchon-Seoul fighting and the early phases of the Chosin Reservoir campaign, and three Air Medals for reconnaissance and liaison flights over enemy territory.

General Puller also fought with the 1st Marine Division in the World War II campaigns on Guadalcanal, Eastern New Guinea, Camp Gloucester and Peleliu, earning his third Navy Cross and the Bronze Star and Purple Heart Medals at Guadalcanal, his fourth Navy Cross at Cape Gloucester, and his first Legion of Merit with Combat "V" at Peleliu. He won his first Navy Cross in November 1930, and his second in September and October 1932, while fighting bandits in Nicaragua.

Happy Birthday to the Ladies: Betty Bryant, Linda Emery, Gloria Kilton, and Velma Williams.

AUXILIARY NEWS

TREASURE VALLEY MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY #408

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Treasure Valley Marine Corp Auxiliary Meeting

Auxiliary Minutes April 20, 2006

The meeting was called to order and the prayer, flag salute, minutes, and treasurer's report was given. We have five new members now and want to welcome them all. Hope to see you at our meetings. Communications were read. We received a letter from Linda Shurtleff about making a quilt block for Karen Washabaugh. It is to be presented to her at the National Convention in August. She will be the first Auxiliary National President from the Northwest. It was voted to make this block at our May meeting to be included with others from around the nation. Karen Washabaugh sent a letter to ask for donations to our retiring National President Ruth Moyse. It was moved and passes that we send \$25.00 for our president's gift. Ways and Means asked for a No-Tea, Tea Party for funds to be presented at National Convention. It was moved and passed that we send \$15.00 for this purpose. Suggestions for an altruistic project was discussed again. We are thinking of supporting the local level. We are most interested in donating to the Blind Veterans here in Boise. Barbara Elston will talk to Phil Hawking at the Veteran's Home

about donating to this cause. Further discussion will be held at our May meeting. It was moved and seconded that our new slate of officers be elected unanimously. Motion passed and our new officers will be: President - Theresa Nakashima, Sr. Vice President - Sherry Meade, Jr. Vice President - Virginia Sigety Smith, Judge Advocate - Donna Schumaker. Theresa Nakashima invited us to hold our May meeting in her new house at 2353 South Monitor. It will be a salad potluck and installation of new officers will be held. This meeting is at 6:30 PM. If you can attend, call Theresa for directions. It is the last meeting before summer break. Next meeting is in September so we hope to see everyone there.

Pauline Evans brought some delicious brownies that were enjoyed by all. Meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Sherry Meade, Sec.

EVENT HORIZON

- Regular Business Meeting, May 18th, at 19:00 Hrs.
- Parking Lot Party, May 20th.
- Department Convention, May 19 and the 20th.

Seagoing Marines reunion.

The United States Seagoing Marine Association, Inc. has selected San Antonio, Texas as the site of our 6th annual "Fleet Review" (reunion). We will meet from August 23-27, 2006 at the San Antonio Hyatt Regency." For more information contact Art Kilton 208-378-1077.

Art & Gloria Kilton are celebrating our 50-year anniversary on Saturday, May 27th, 2006 at Holy Apostles Catholic Church in Meridian.

Parking Lot Party will be held at the Idaho State Veterans Home May 20th. If your not going to the Department Convention we need you here to help cook hamburgers and hot dogs for the veterans at the home. Be there by 10:30 in the morning. The Idaho State Veterans Home is next to the VA on 320 Collins Rd.

In June the Detachment is going to see how a change will be if we have the breakfast at Quines instead of Mike's restaurant. The day would be the same, the third Saturday of June. Which is June 17th.

The Boise Veterans Day Parade Committee is looking for Volunteers to put up flags before parade and to take them down after the parade. Contact Pat Coonrod for more information 208-378-9436.

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

Wounded Marine in iconic Fallujah photo awarded Navy Cross

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Story by Lance Cpl. Patrick J. Floto

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. (May 4, 2006) -- Sgt. Maj. Bradley A. Kasal feels he did what any good Marine would've done. That includes taking enemy rifle fire on Nov. 14, 2004, absorbing a grenade blast and refusing medical attention inside Fallujah's "House of Hell" during Operation Al Fajr (New Dawn). For his extraordinary heroism and leadership in Fallujah, Iraq, as the Weapons Company first sergeant for 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Kasal was awarded the Navy Cross during a ceremony here Monday. "The word hero is tossed around pretty loosely these days," said Maj. Gen. Michael R. Lehnert, Commanding General of Marine Corps Installations West, after awarding Kasal with the Naval service's second-highest decoration, in front of an audience that included the 1st Marine Division's past and present commanding generals, Lt. Gen. James N. Mattis and Maj. Gen. Richard F. Natonski, respectively. "Some may call a basketball player a hero for scoring the winning goal or a celebrity for donating a small portion of their earnings to a good cause, but Kasal is a true American hero." One day prior to being awarded the Navy Cross Kasal's father passed away. However, a live video teleconference feed to Kasal's hometown provided his mother, family members and friends an opportunity to watch him receive the Navy Cross, be promoted to the rank of sergeant major and reenlist for three years. "It's been a very emotional week," Kasal said. "I am blessed to recover from my injuries, which the doctors thought would never happen, and regain my place in the Marine Corps. I would take the pain of surgeries any day over the pain of being away from my Marines."

"To our Marines fell the most difficult and dangerous portion of the defense by reason of our proximity to the great city wall and the main city gate. . . The Marines acquitted themselves nobly."

(Mr. Edwin N. Conger, U.S. Minister, in commending the Marines for the defense of the legations at Peking, China, in 1900.)

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