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Marine Corps League

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September is a Busy Month

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Regular Business Meeting of the Treasure Valley Detachment Marine Corps League for September, will be held at 19:00 hours September 21st, and will be held at the Indoor Pavilion at Gowen Field. The next meeting will be October 19th. Your opinions and voice is important to the detachment.

Happy Hour (10:00 AM) for all Marines, their wives and guests, come early so you can get a good seat, Happy hour is the 3rd Saturday of every month. This month will be September 16th, at Mikes. The rest of the Saturday's of every month is devoted to the Koffee Klatch at 08:30 for all Marines and their guests. Koffee Klatch is held at Mikes Restaurant: Hillcrest Shopping Center on the corner of Overland and Orchard.

Congratulations Ralph Elston, he had one of the winning tickets that were drawn at the Nation Convention in Boston this last July. Ralph won a thousand dollar savings bond.

Kudos to all the Marines that made it to the Kuna Flag Day Parade and the 4th of July Parade in Boise. I apologize for not having your names, otherwise they would be listed here and I don't want to miss anyone.

This Years Standdown will be September 9th, from 08:00 to 15:00 at East Jr. High School. We will be standing security over the participant's gear. We could use your help anytime during the day that you can come out to give.

On the 16th of September will be the Veterans Olympics at the VA Hospital Grounds. The Marine Corps League will again have the hospitality booth and pass out coffee, hot chocolate, and donuts. Ralph Elston and Phil Hawkins of the Idaho State Veterans Home will pickup the donuts. We give the goodies to the volunteers who help out at Veterans Olympic when they check in the morning. So if you want to help, be at the VA Hospital grounds in front by the flagpole, by 06:00. We will serve the volunteers until 08:00. Also on the 16th, we will raise the flags along the "Avenue of Flags" at the VA. If you want to help it would be appreciated; the Young Marines normally show up to help with the flags.

The Detachment Picnic will be held September 23rd, from 12:00 to 16:00 at the Phillippi Park, in Boise. Please see flyer for a map and what to bring.

The first of October is the "Parking Lot Party" at the Idaho State Veterans Home. We will cook up hamburgers, hotdogs and the fixings for everyone, it is a lot of fun and you get the chance to see a lot of cool classic cars and hot rods. So come out and help us serve the Marines at the Home.

One of the agenda items to be discuss at the September Business Meeting is the move from Mike's to Quinn's for the breakfast, we will make a decision at that time as to what we will do about the change.

Happy Birthday to the Ladies: Marilyn Burke, Cathryn Foster, Pam Heyob, Merikay Jost, Ginny Ohls, and Barbara Smith.

AUXILIARY NEWS

TREASURE VALLEY MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY #408

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Treasure Valley Marine Corp Auxiliary Meeting
No Auxiliary minutes for June.

The mailing address for the Auxiliary is:

Ralph or Barbara Elston
7845 W. Powell St.
Boise, ID 83714

Ladies you are to be reminded that your dues are due for the Auxiliary.

EVENT HORIZON

- Standdown, September 9th.
- Veterans Olympics, September 16th.
- Business Meeting, September 21st.
- Detachment Picnic, September 23rd.
- Parking Lot Party, October 1st.

OREGON STATE PARKS VETERANS PROGRAM

Veterans with Service-Connected
Disabilities;
Active Military Personnel on Leave.



Oregon is home to hundreds of state parks - more than 50 with campgrounds. Veterans with any level of service-connected disability and active military personnel on leave can enjoy any one of them free of charge.

Here are the details:

- Free state park camping and day-use entry year round. This applies only to parks run by Oregon State Parks.
- Free state park camping applies to RV and tent sites only.
- You can camp free in a single state park for up to five days in a row, and up to 10 days per month system-wide. You could break in-between), or 1 day each in ten different parks.

- You do not always need a reservation (half the state parks do not even accept them). However, they are a good idea if you are going to visit during a busy time of year or if you want a specific site.

The \$3 daily vehicle day-use fee will also be waived. Please display your Oregon State Parks Veterans Card or other suitable identification. (See below).

Veterans with service-connected disabilities may apply to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) for a special card allowing them free year-round camping and day-use privileges in Oregon State Parks.

Active military personnel on leave will need to present leave papers issued to active duty personnel by the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard or National Guard. Personnel on leave should present a copy of DA Form 31 (for everyone but the Coast Guard), or CG-2519 (for Active Duty Coast Guard).

To apply for the identification card for disabled veterans, a person must:

1. Obtain a letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs stating that the veteran has a service-connected disability. You can contact the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in Boise at 1-800-827-1000 or 805 Franklin St. Boise, ID 83702
2. Complete and submit the short, one-page Oregon Parks and Recreation Department application. The application is now available in three different ways: online at http://egov.oregon.gov/OPRD/PARKS/fee_waivers_shtml, from state park offices and by calling 1-800-551-6949 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.). There is no fee to apply for the card.
3. Mail or bring the application and a copy of the letter from Veterans Affairs to:

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
ATTN: Veteran's Park Card
2501 SW 1st Ave, Suite 100
Portland OR 97201-4751

After the application has been processed, OPRD will send an identification card in the mail, even to veterans who choose to drop off their completed forms. The card will be valid for four years. When making camping reservations, veterans with service connected disabilities or active duty military personnel on approved leave may call Reservations Northwest, 1-800-452-5687, to reserve an RV or tent site. Reservations must be made by phone. Reservations Northwest agents will waive the site rental fee when informed of a caller's disability status or military-on-leave status; the \$6 reservation fee will still apply. You must bring your Oregon State Park Veterans ID card and photo identification with you to the park. If you do not have an Oregon State Park Veterans ID card, you must bring documentation proving service connected disability or active-duty-military-on-leave status plus photo identification.

What type of ID can I use until I get my card? Until you receive your card, one of the following forms of identification will be required for free camping and day use in Oregon State Parks:

- A Disabled Veteran license plate issued by the any state's Department of Motor Vehicles.

- A current Disabled Veteran Permanent Hunting/Angling License issued by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- A Washington State Parks Disabled Veteran ID card.
- Any VA photo identification card bearing the words "service connected disability."
- Any letter issued by the VA stating eligibility for any of the above programs, or bearing the words "service-connected disability."

For further information, please contact the Oregon State Parks Information Center at
1-800-551-6949, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Associated Press Photographer,

Joe Rosenthal passed away at the age of 94, Sunday, August 20, 2006 at his assisted living home in Novato, CA. Born October 9, 1911 in Washington, D. C. Rosenthal was better known for his Pulitzer prize winning photograph of the flag rising on Mount Suribachi during the landing assault on Iwo Jima.



As an AP photographer Rosenthal was imbedded with the Marines in the Pacific Theater of Operations during the war. On Iwo four days after the landing on February 23, 1945 a squad of Marines from the 5th Marine Division fought their way up Suribachi and erected a small American flag. When the first flag was raised all of the ships off shore sounded their horns, and the Marines on the shore gave a good hearty cheer. Marine Sgt. Lou Lowrey, Leatherneck Magazine, captured this first historic event on film.

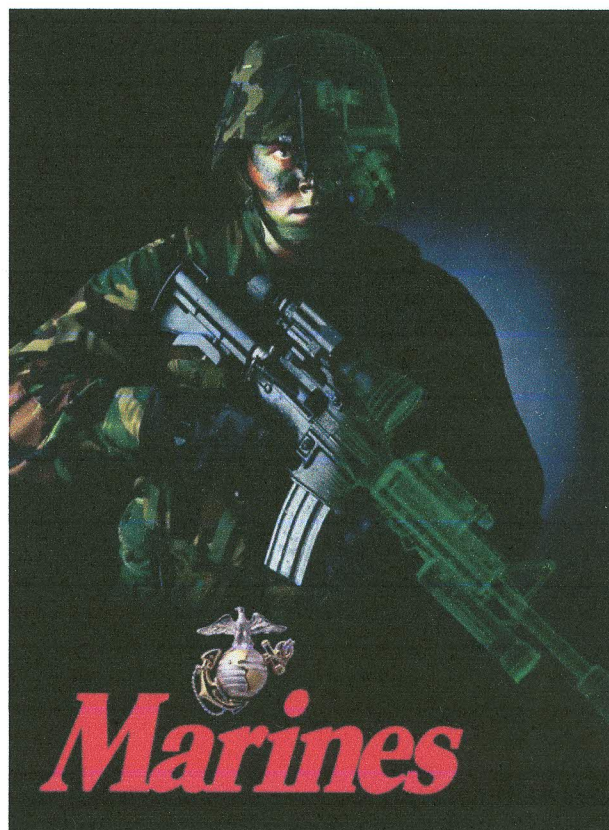
Because the battalion commander thought the flag had historic value he ordered a second group of Marines to replace it with a larger one. Rosenthal with his Rolleiflex camera followed the Marines up the hill. While on top of the hill the Marines were looking for a sturdier pole to attach the larger flag to, Rosenthal and a Marine Movie cameraman sat waiting. The movie cameraman glanced over to the five Marines and a Navy corpsman starting to raise the flag, and he caught Rosenthal attention and he got the picture that caused a sensation in the states. As well was the Inspiration for the Marine Corps Memorial in Arlington, Virginia.

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.

It has come to my attention that my URL is being blocked from the Official Marine Corps website (www.usmc.mil) and the Marine Corps History and Museums Division website (www.history.usmc.mil) as well as other usmc.mil websites. For the last two months I have been unable to open these two websites. Both of them I get valuable information to better

inform, educate, and entertain my readers. I have no Idea as to why they have blocked me. When I use a story or article I always reference the article with the reporters name, the articles number and the usmc.mil website as well as the date and time the article was posted. As for the articles from the Marine Corps History and Museums Division, I have a letter of permission to use their material from their website as long as I include their name of their website, the author if available, and web address which I have done faithfully. I don't believe the Marine Corps would willy-nilly block a person unless a complaint was filed from this area to the administrator of the Marine Corps web addresses. If this continues I won't be able to give to you the newsletter you deserve nor expect, I will try to find out why I am being blocked, and rectify it, if I can't, I'm considering passing the editorship on to someone more qualified then me. Thank you for your ear, Ken.

I need your help, I bought a new Imac and I'm given my old Mac G3 to the little girl across the street. I thought I saved all my upgrades on zip drives as well as a CD but the OS 9.1 upgrade that I need to bring the G3 back to where I had it, was corrupt on the CD I saved it on. If you have a Mac and OS 9.1 upgrade or know someone that does; if you can download it on a 100 zip disk for me, I can bring this antique back to life and have more capabilities for this eleven-year-old girl. She will need it to get a printer and a scanner, because I never bought OS 8.6 and it had a driver that OS 9.1 installed for those that did not have it. And to load the OS 9.2.2 upgrade that I have on a 100 zip, I must have OS 9.1 upgrade loaded first.



The safest place in Korea was right behind a platoon of Marines. Lord, how they could fight!
(MGen. Frank E. Lowe, USA; Korea, 26 January 1952)

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

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**



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Semper Fi

STANDDOWN

VETERANS OLYMPICS

BUSINESS MEETING

DETACHMENT PICNIC

PARKING LOT PARTY

ALL THIS MONTH AND THE FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER

***National Museum of the Marine Corps Governors Council
Idaho Liaison, Ronald Tapia
P.O. Box 4574, Pocatello, Idaho 83205
(208) 251-3364***

Dear Fellow Marines, Veteran Service Organizations, and Veteran Supporters:

Governor James Risch recently bestowed upon me the honor of being appointed as the Liaison to the National Museum of the Marine Corps for the State of Idaho. The museum is located in Quantico, Virginia, will depict great events of American history from a Marine perspective and help the American people understand the steadfastness, strength, and contributions of the United States Marine Corps since the American Revolution. (www.usmcmuseum.org)

As part of my liaison duties, I soon will be selecting five Marines from various parts of Idaho, from various eras in Marine history to represent our state at the dedication of the National Marine Corps Museum. The goal is to send a Marine to represent as many of these areas as possible: World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Global War on Terrorism, Native American Marines, Disabled Marines or any combination thereof.

HERE'S HOW I NEED YOUR HELP!

The museum dedication takes place November 10, 2006. The Delegation will consist of 5 Idaho Marines each with their guest, the Liaison and his guest. This Delegation should enjoy a round-trip flight to the Washington D.C. area, stay in a local hotel for three days and be provided an appropriate per diem for the area. During their visit, they will attend the Dedication of the Museum and given a personal tour of the Museum and surrounding area.

Since most of our Idaho heroes can not afford the cost of travel and hotel accommodations for themselves and their companion in the Washington D.C. area, I am asking for your financial support to ensure Idaho sends this most diverse and well-deserving group of Marine Corps representatives to this once in a lifetime dedication.

Please send your generous contributions to:

Mike McClendon Military Affairs Committee
Greater Idaho Falls Chamber Of Commerce
P.O. Box 50498 Idaho Falls, Id 83405-0498
www.idahofallschamber.com

Phone: 208-523-1010 Ext 12
Cell: 208-243-1045
Fax: 208-523-2255
mclendon@idahofallschamber.com

No later than October 20, 2006. If you have any questions call me at 251-3364, email rttapia@myexcel.com or mail to P.O. Box 4574 Pocatello, ID 83205

Thank you for your support in this monumental endeavor!

Ron Tapia
Idaho Liaison

Marine Contact Information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Marine _____ Family Member _____

Optional:

Dates of Service

From _____ To _____

Rank _____

Combat: Yes ___ No ___

Comments:

Send information to:

Idaho Liaison Ron Tapia

P.O. Box 4574

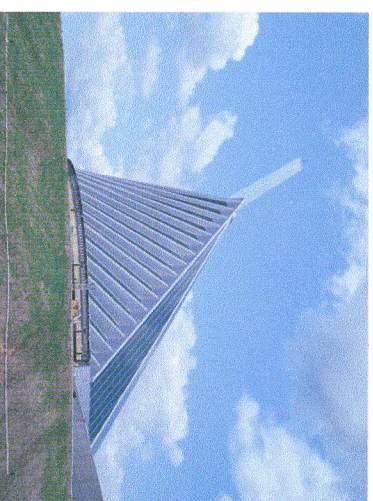
Pocatello, Idaho 83205

Or

Email to: (subject Marines)

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THE NATIONAL MUSEUM of the MARINE CORPS



NIMMC West elevation - July 2006

Marines

Past and Present

National Museum of the Marine Corps Dedication

November 10, 2006

Quantico, Virginia

The National Museum of the Marine Corps
would like you to be included in the Museum's Roll of Honor
and participate in the Museum activities.

For More information Contact:

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