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Happy New Year

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Regular Business Meeting of the Treasure Valley Detachment Marine Corps League will meet at 1900 hours, January 18th, at the Pavilion on Gowen Field. The next regular business meeting will be February 15, 2007. Your opinions and voice is important to the detachment. So please try to attend the meetings every month.

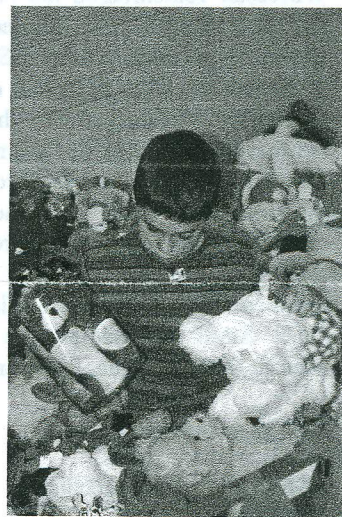


Happy Hour & Koffee Klatch, We will have Koffee Klatch at Quinn's on Vista Ave at 0800 hours. Happy Hour Breakfast will be on the third Saturday of the month at 1000 hours, this month will be on January 20th. All

other Saturdays are for the Koffee Klatch. If you get there early enough maybe you can get a seat, never the less the gang will make room for you and you can join in and give a little scuttlebutt as well.

Toys for Tots Campaign

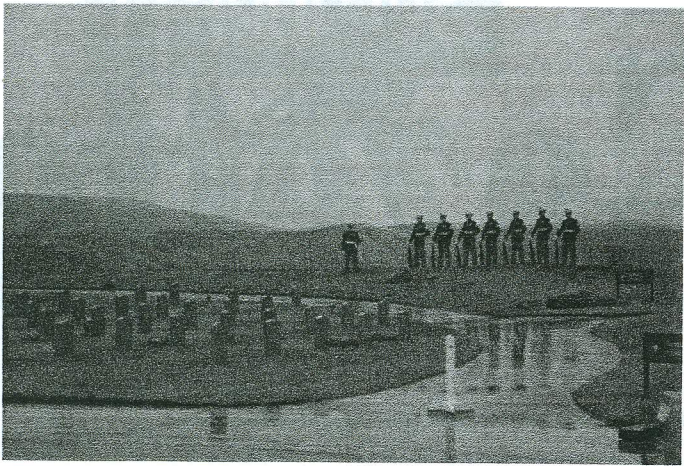
was the most successful, record breaking one ever held for the C Co. 4th. Tank Bn. The toy drive kicked off the week before Thanksgiving and the last toy order was filled and picked up on the Saturday before Christmas. C Co. 4th. Tank Bn. gave out toys to 16,207 children in their general region of responsibility. The amount of toys that went through the warehouse was impressive, the Marines and volunteers



Young Volunteer sorting stuffed animals

handled a total of 72,282 toys. Of that total 30,075 toys were collected from collection boxes and events, another 21,414 toys were purchased with monetary donations, and 20,793 toys were sent to C Co. 4th. Tank Bn. by the Toys for Tots Foundation. 1st.Sgt William Heyob reported that the Marines met the needs of 3000 more children this year, then the amount served last year or any other year. Kudos goes out to the membership for their help in this year's successful campaign. Special kudos to Ralph and Barbara Elston and Pat Coonrod for their

help at the warehouse and the collecting of the toys. As well the efforts of Maj. Storer and 1st.Sgt Heyob and their Marines must not be overlooked, a job very well done.



Marine Firing Detail stands ready to give the 21-gun salute

Wreaths Across America, December 14, 2006 was a cold rainy morning, but it did not dampen the spirit of the young men and women cadets of the Idaho Civil Air Patrol (CAP) from laying wreaths at each flag that represents the five military branches and one for the MIA/POWs at the base of the large American flag at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery. The wreath laying was in conjunction with the “Wreaths Across America”, which started in September of 2006. Although the program has fifteen-year old roots, originally named the Arlington Wreath Project, founded by Morrill Worcester, President of the Worcester Wreath Co of Harrington, Maine. In 1992 Worcester Wreath was saddled with a 4000-wreath oversupply as the season ended. Mr. Worcester remembered his boyhood trip to Washington DC and to Arlington and decided to lay those wreaths on the graves of our nation's heroes. Since its humble beginning up to 5000 wreaths have been laid each year at Arlington National Cemetery. When asked why the observation in December. Mr. Worcester explained it, “By mid-December we are nearly at the end of our season. Everyone is rushed with planning for the holidays. We can't imagine a better time to stop and take a moment to say thank you, to remember what we have today is only here because of those who gave their lives and the families who will be without loved ones during the holidays.” Buck Stout represented the Treasure Valley Detachment Marine Corps League, for the morning's ceremony.

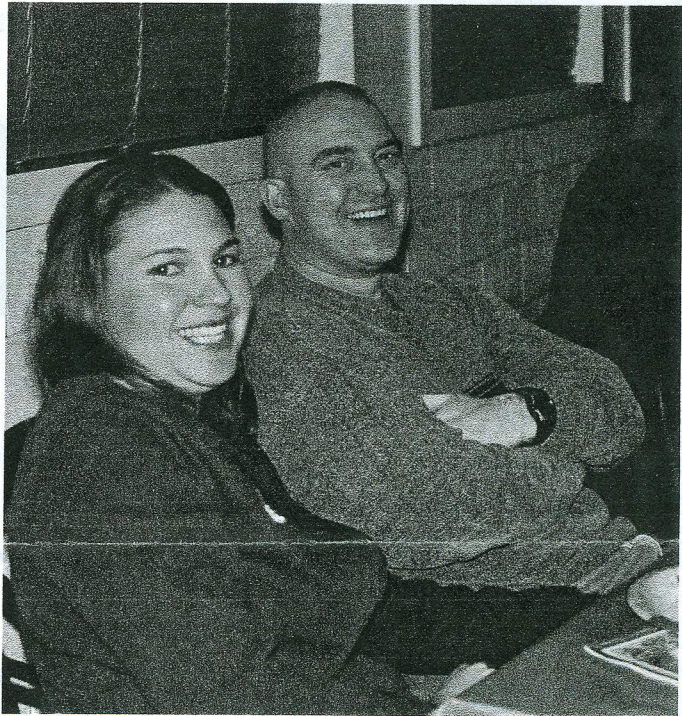
Life Membership Dues

AGE GROUP	As of 01/01/2007	As of 01/01/2009
0 - 35	\$400	\$500
36 - 40	\$350	\$400
41 - 50	\$350	\$400
51 - 60	\$250	\$300
61 - Over	\$125	\$150

To become a Life Member, you must be already a Regular Member in Good Standing.

Our new annual dues will be \$31.00 effective January 1, 2007. Life Membership dues will also go up on January 1st.

Happy Birthday to the Ladies: Linda Hansen, Maggie Molder, Susanne Peters, and Darlene Toluse.



Maj. Ron Storer and his lovely wife Diane

One delightful evening was in store for the Detachment's Christmas Party on the 21st. of December at the Pavilion on Gowen Field. Food was very good and everyone enjoyed themselves. Probably the most fun at the Christmas party is the gift exchange, because you don't ever expect what will happen. Every year the detachment awards the Treasure Valley Detachment Marine Corps League, Marine of the Year Award at the Christmas Party. The 2006 awardee is your editor of the newsletter, Ken Johnson, for his work on the newsletter. I wish to thank you all for this great honor that you have bestowed upon me. I will work even harder to make your newsletter, more informative, entertaining, and educational, as I have set these standards to build upon. Those in attendance at this year's party were, Bob and Virginia Smith with granddaughter Julie, Pauline Evans, Skip and Theresa Nakashima, Ralph and Barbara Elston, Ken and Ginny Ohls, Buck and Diana Stout, Roy and Merikay Jost with Daughters Stephanie and Amy and friend Alex, Maj. Ron and Diane Storer, 1st.Sgt. William Heyob, and myself.

AUXILIARY NEWS

TREASURE VALLEY MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY #408

TVDMCL Auxiliary Leadership

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Treasure Valley Marine Corp Auxiliary Meeting
No Auxiliary minutes for December

Note: I must have the minutes by the last Friday of the month or they may not be in the newsletter, Ed.

EVENT HORIZON

- TVDMCL Happy Hour Breakfast Jan. 20th.
- Business Meeting Jan. 18th, Pavilion, Gowen Field

Political Battle of the Marine Corps

Part 1 of 6

Fighting any battle is a hard endeavor, and will require all the resources that a commander can muster and more to win the battle. The United States Marine Corps has fought countless battles in its long history, yet it has never backed down from a fight nor ran from one. Marines are known for their commitment to be the "First to Fight", in the early twentieth century the Army recruiting posters had the slogan, "Join the Army and Learn a Trade". Likewise, the Navy's famous "Join the Navy and See the World" appeared on their posters. As for the Marines during the same period of time a 1907 poster proclaimed "First to Fight" was all that was needed to be said of what it meant being a Marine.

Battles fought and won by the Marine Corps are well known throughout its illustrious history, but there is one that continues, even to this day. This battle is not in a far off battlefield in Afghanistan or Fallujah, Iraq. This battle has been fought between the Army, Navy, Air Force, the White House, and in the halls of Congress; as well between the Marine peers in the other military branches. The start of this battle was before November 10, 1775 when Gen. George Washington told the Continental Congress "would not only cost the army time, anxiety and pain, but would also weaken it" concerning Congress' decision to raise two battalions of Continental Marines. After the Marines were established, general opinion of them were that they were "Prima Donna's". This opinion was apparent in the leadership of the Continental Army, because when Gen. Washington in November 30, 1776 was routed by the British in New York and was in full retreat through New Jersey with the British fast behind him, he sent for reinforcements from Philadelphia, itself in dire straits. Philadelphia sent Washington, militiamen, seamen from two frigates, and three companies of Marines. When Washington sent for the relief from Philadelphia, he urged Colonel Cadwalader, his commander at the time to "let me know in the meanwhile if they [Marines] came out resolved to act upon land or meant to confine their service to water only". Marines did turn out at Washington's call, on the 2 December, a Marine detachment of 131 men from the Privateer Hancock held Burlington, New Jersey and a battalion under the command of Major Nicholas did engage the enemy in Princeton, although a small engagement with British forces, with the lose of an officer and four enlisted. The Marines

fought two battles that day and won, the first they over came the physical enemy and they showed that their more than able to come out and fight when called upon, although the third battle goes on.

United States Marine Corps News

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EOD Techs Passionate About Their Job

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Story ID# 2006122571311
By LCpl. Ryan L. Tomlinson, 1st Marine Logistics Group

AL ASAD, Iraq (Dec. 25, 2006) -- Most Marines try their best to avoid improvised explosive devices, but these hard-charging Marines seek them out.

Explosive ordnance disposal technicians with 2nd EOD Platoon, 1st Marine Logistics Group (Forward), counteract IEDs everyday.

"The great element of this job is I'm able to work tight with my unit," said Sgt. Harry W. Parker, an EOD technician with 2nd Platoon. "We're one team and that is it Cohesion is important, and EOD units consist of small teams for a reason. The Marines said that is a job with no margin for error, trusting each other is vital.

The three Marines in 2nd Platoon said they joined EOD for a challenge.

"I joined EOD to better myself," said Staff Sgt. John Pado, leader of Team 'Chuck Norris', EOD Platoon.

"In this (occupation) you have the skill to minimize a threat to save Marines."

The threats of IEDs are dreadfully real, and not only are these Marines aware of the dangers they face, but it drives them to keep executing their missions.

"The danger is a given factor," said Parker, 34, a Cedar Hill, Texas. "When you go out you have to be in a mind set where you have to be as cautious and know what you are doing."

He said there is never a dull day in the life of an EOD technician.

"It's an adventure beyond what I could imagine," said Pado, a native of Toledo, Ohio. "Because of the experience, it has opened up numerous opportunities for me to become a better Marine."

The Marines remain enthusiastic about their job despite their high deployment rate. Currently, they spend six months away from their family every year.

Pado said the job takes a lot of self-discipline and family support to exercise caution during day-to-day operations counteracting IEDs.

"You have to have the love for the job," said Sgt. Scan D. Pinckney, 30, an EOD technician with 2nd Platoon and a native of Jeffersonville, Ind. "The explosions, gathering up wire, it takes a lot of patience."

UNIFORM CODE - MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

ADOPTED NATIONAL CONVENTION BOSTON 1986 - EFFECTIVE 1/1/87

Revised National Convention Cherry Hill - 8/94 - Effective 9/1/94

Revised and Re-Formatted Convention Cleveland - 8/05 - Effective 8/12/05

PREFACE

The guidance of this Uniform Code is presented as a standard to establish uniformity and define appropriate wear of the Marine Corps League Uniforms. The word "uniform" itself is defined as "(1) Always the same, as in character or degree; unvarying (2) Conforming to one principle, standard, or rule; consistent". Because many features about these uniforms clearly resemble United States Marine Corps uniforms, it is very likely that an unmindful public may see that we are the **Marines**; and when today's Marines see us wearing uniforms that are a likeness to their own, they will be seeing us as **one of their own**. Our appearance reflects upon the Marine Corps and Marines everywhere, and we should ever be aware of that responsibility. Uniforms prescribed in this Uniform Code are considered appropriate to preserve the respect and dignity of the Marine Corps League and the United States Marine Corps.

IV. SHOULDER PATCHES

- A. Shoulder patches are worn on the UNDRESS Uniform and the CEREMONIAL Uniform ONLY.
- B. The Marine Corps League shoulder patch will be worn on the left sleeve, centered on the sleeve and 1-1/2" below the shoulder seam.
- C. The United States flag patch (2"x 3 1/2") will be worn on the right sleeve, centered on the sleeve and 1-1/2" below the shoulder seam. The United States flag patch will have a white border, and will have the Field of Blue to the right (to the wearer's front).
- D. If a member of the Military Order of Devil Dogs, the MODD patch will be worn in place of the United States flag patch, centered on the sleeve and one 1-1/2" below the shoulder seam. No Service or Unit patches are to be worn on the Marine Corps League Uniform.

V. MARINE CORPS LEAGUE COVERS

- A. All members of the Marine Corps League are authorized the Red cover. Members elected to National office, or appointed to National Staff/Committees are authorized to wear Gold covers. The National Commandant will wear a White cover. Members elected to, or appointed on the Department (State) level are authorized to wear Red with Gold crown covers.

- B. The Past National Commandants are authorized to wear a Gold with White crown cover. Past National Division Vice Commandants, Past National Executive Directors, Past National Directors of Young Marines, Past Chief Devil Dogs, Past Department Commandants, Past Pack Leaders, and Past Detachment Commandants, with the years displayed for holding that office, are the only members who are authorized to wear their respective cover after their tour of duty is completed. All other members will revert back to the appropriate cover for their current elected or appointed office, removing their prior officer identification strips.

- C. The only insignia authorized for wear on Marine Corps League covers is the solid gold Marine Corps Emblem on the left side. The Devil Dog patch, if authorized, will be worn up front on the right side of the cover. The identification strips, i.e., Department or Detachment strip, or embroidering, will be centered on the right side. If the "LIFE" strip is worn, it will be to the rear of the right side. The "LIFE MEMBER" strip will be worn the same as the identification strips are worn, and should be worn above other strips. NO DIVISION PINS OR OTHER PINS/ORNAMENTS ARE AUTHORIZED ON MARINE CORPS LEAGUE COVERS.

VI. SPECIAL UNIFORM AUTHORIZATION

The standard Marine Corps League cover is the minimum uniform item worn by members to be considered "in uniform". Although clothing and apparel worn with the standard cover may or may not have a Marine Corps or Marine Corps League theme, and may be appropriate attire, that attire is not a uniform of the League. **ONLY** those uniforms that are outlined under "UNIFORM - MALE"; "UNIFORM - FEMALE"; "ASSOCIATE MEMBER UNIFORM"; and "CEREMONIAL UNIFORM" are approved uniforms of the Marine Corps League. No variation(s) of the prescribed uniforms are authorized. In case of inclement weather (rain, snow, sleet, or cold), the local detachment or department commandants may authorize appropriate outer wear to be worn over the Marine Corps League Uniform. Proposed changes to the Uniform Code must be submitted through the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures amendment process.

A Marine should be sworn to the patient endurance of hardships, like the ancient knights; and it is not the least of these necessary hardships to have to serve with sailors.

(Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery)

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

The Treasure Valley Detachment Auxiliary
Invites you to

The February Spaghetti Dinner

February 15, 2007, Gowen Field Pavilion, 6:00 PM

Price: \$5:00 per person

We need to know how many are coming to reserve your place by filling our form and mailing it with your check to Barbara Elston 7845 W. Powell, Boise, ID 83714. Please call Pauline Evans at 322-5489 or Virginia Sigety-Smith at 939-2582 for reservations by February 10th.

Name: _____

Number of people attending: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Menu

Spaghetti
Green Salad
Garlic Bread
Dessert

Please bring your own table
setting and the beverage of your choice