



The February Spaghetti Dinner

by the Treasure Valley Marine Corps League Auxiliary, February 15, 2007



Ah' February, the appetizing aroma of fresh French bread baking in the hot brick oven, and spicy spaghetti meat sauce with fresh homemade Italian sausage slowly simmering on the stove in a thick luscious tomato sauce; the garlic, basil, and oregano permeates the air. Fine food, fine company all on the menu at the annual February Spaghetti Dinner at the Pavilion on Gowen Field, February 15, 2007 at 1800 hours, the cost is \$5.00 per person. Please bring your own place setting and

beverage of choice. The Treasure Valley Marine Corps Auxiliary's menu will be the spaghetti sauce, green salad, garlic bread, and dessert. Please fill in the flyer and send it in as soon as possible. Due to short notice the ladies would like it if you would call in your RSVP to either Virginia Sigety-Smith at 939-2582 or Pauline Evans at 322-5489; you do need to make your reservations by February 10th.

When the Auxiliary first started the February dinner, it was a catered

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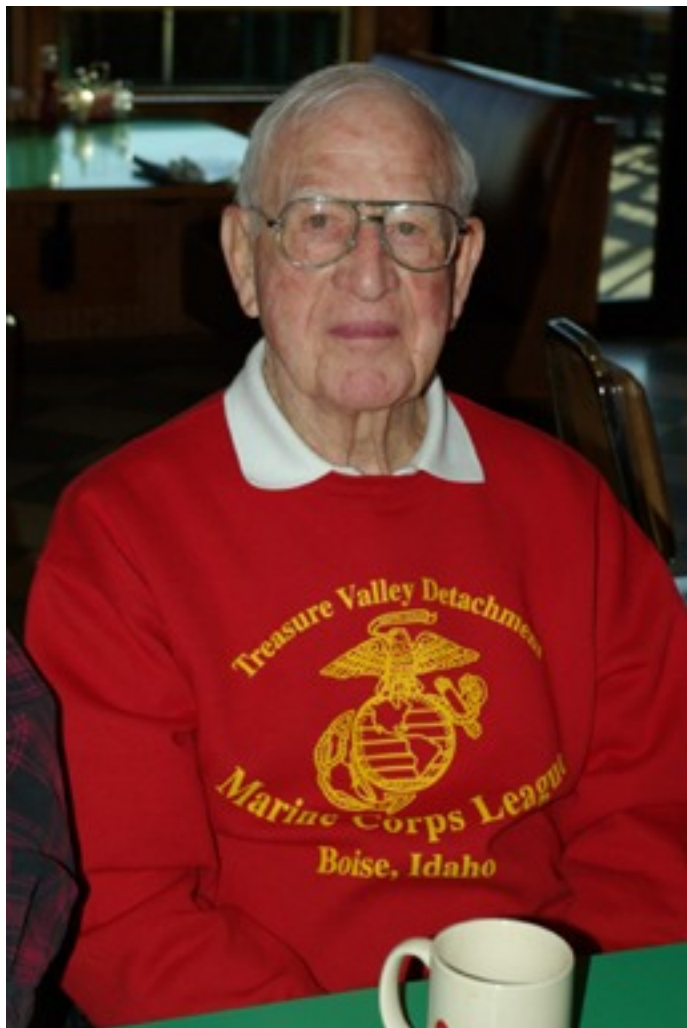
affair, with a choice of entree items. The Valentine Day Dinner of 2004 was catered and featured Chicken Savoyarde and Roast Pork Loin and the cost was \$18.00 per person. In 2005 it was changed to a spaghetti dinner, and continued again last year and was absolutely delicious, in this reporters opinion.

The \$5.00 charge of the dinner will go into the Auxiliaries Charity fund. In the Auxiliary News you will learn more about the Auxiliary and what they do for the Veteran Community.

Business Meeting for February 2007

The regular Business Meeting of the Treasure Valley Detachment Marine Corps League for February will not be held because of the February Spaghetti Dinner. The next regular business meeting will be March 15, 2007. Your opinions, ideas, and voice is important to the detachment. So please make a note on your calendar to attend the meetings.

Happy Hour and Koffee Klatch



Stony at his birthday, look'n good for a biker, rev'em up Stony and hit the road flying

Although it has been reported that Koffee Klatch started at 0800 hours for the last year or so, that has been in error, the actual time is 0900, although you can show up as early as you want, but you should wait until they open. Koffee Klatch is held at Quinn's on Vista Ave. every Saturday morning at 0900; except the third Saturday of the month. That day is our Happy Hour Breakfast with the

ladies and guests.. Happy Hour is at 1000 hours and this month it will be on February 17th.

On the 27th. of January we had a vary special Koffee Klatch, it was Walter "Stony" Stonebraker and Gordon William's birthdays. Stony is 85 and a WW2 flying ace and Gordon is 29 and was frozen in the Chosen and then he risked his neck on the the excrement's of a silk worm, by jumping out of a perfectly good airplane; so he could one day sing for us at our Saturday morning affair. Happy birthday to both of you.

When Credit is Due, It is Given

I failed to give the proper credit to that great photograph of Major Storer and Diane, in last month's Semper Fi Gazette, I wish to thank Barbara Elston for the contribution to the newsletter. Barbara was the photographer at the Christmas Party.

Happy Birthday to Our Ladies:

Martha Andrus, Ester Griffith, Sarah Hill, Mary Mac Connell, Lynn Mc Adams, and Virginia Smith.

Auxiliary News

Treasure Valley Marine Corps League Auxiliary #408



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As of the January meeting of the Auxiliary twenty-six members have provided birthday cards and Christmas gifts to the lady veterans that reside at the Idaho State Veterans Home in Boise. They have also provided scholarship monies to the Young Marine Detachment. Sponsored Veteran's Day programs at a grade school, with supplies to their school room. Our Auxiliary also made a donation to the Boise Police Department fund for the emergency needs of crime victims.

The purpose of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary is fourfold.

First, to preserve the traditions and promote the interests of the United States Marine Corps and to maintain true allegiance to American institutions.

Second, to hold sacred the history and memory of the men and women who have given their lives to this Nation, and to perpetuate the history of the USMC and, by fitting acts, historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

Third, To create a bond of comradeship between the Auxiliary and the Marine Corps League, To aid voluntarily and to render assistance to all Marines and former Marines, as well as to their families, and to help decorate the graves of all deceased Marines whenever and whenever possible.

Fourth, To strive for the passage of legislation favorable to the Marine Corps League, Inc. and to the United States Marine Corps and its personnel, and to always foster love of Honesty, Loyalty and Truth, and a reverence to our God, Our Country, Our Family and Our Home.

Eligibility for Regular Membership in the Marine Corps League Auxiliary

If you know of someone who is related to a Marine or former Marine and think they would be interested in becoming active with our organization, please invite them to our dinner and a meeting.

Those eligible to become members of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary are women marines, former women marines, wives, widows, mothers, daughters, grandmothers, granddaughters, sisters, stepmothers, step-daughters and daughters-in law of a marine, former marine or FMF Corpsman eligible to belong to the Marine Corps League, Inc. (not less than 16 years of age)

Thank you Theresa Nakashima for your help in this article, ed.

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

Department of Idaho Marine Corps League Pre-Convention Meeting

The meeting will be held April 20-21, 2007 in Salmon, Idaho. The Eagles Lodge will be hosting and providing the meals. Accommodations have

been reserved at the Stage Coach Motel. Rates are \$63.00 per night for a roadside room and \$68.00 per night for a riverside room. The motel telephone number is 208-756-2919.

The motel will hold a block of twenty rooms until April 1, 2007. Be sure to call early to get the room you want

EVENT HORIZON

- ISVH-B Sweethearts Lunch, February 14th 1130 hours
- The February Spaghetti Dinner, February 15th. 1800 hours
- Happy Hour, February 17th. 1000 hours

Political Battle of the Marine Corps

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Revolutionary War having ended, and in 1783 Congress disbanded the Continental Navy and Marines after The Treaty of Paris. The Army had shrunk to only 700 men. Without funds and the means to tax, the Confederation of States was unable to pay off its war debt. The need for a Constitutional form of government was evident; in 1787 at the Constitutional Convention the issue of naval power received very little debate, yet the framers did propose to give Congress the power to "provide and maintain a navy". John Paul Jones wrote in December 1787, "America will soon be a very respectable Nation; and the creation of a Marine Force will necessarily be among the first objects of her policy". The need arose for a Navy after the French Revolution in 1793, the British was hindering American trade with France, and the French was hindering our trade with the British. As well in 1785 Algerian corsairs captured two American Merchant ships that had twenty-two passengers and crewmen and held them for ransom, which the United States refused to pay.

By 1793 Portugal signed a truce with Algiers, which allowed Algerian corsairs into the open Atlantic and to prey upon American shipping. American shipping in the Atlantic wasn't the only area affected; piracy was rampant in the Mediterranean along the North African Barbary Coast. January of 1794 the House of Representatives appointed a committee to report on the need and what form a Naval Force would be needed to protect American shipping. By the 20 January committee chairman Thomas Fitzsimons gave a report that the Congress should authorize the procurement of six frigates. Even with opposition from the frontier west, rural areas, and the south the Frigate Act passed by Congress, was signed by President George Washington, on 27 March 1794. While the frigates were still being built, a negotiated peace with Algiers

(September 5, 1795) was achieved at the price of one million dollars, which included the ransom for the American prisoners and a frigate for the Hassan Bashaw Dey of Algier. The Frigate Act called for a halt of all construction if there was peace with Algiers. President Washington, although urged Congress to complete at least three of the six frigates.

American shipping was still in jeopardy by the French, which ignored the Treaty of Paris after the French Revolution. The new French Government saw a commerce agreement with the British in 1794, or the Jay's Treaty, as a violation of the treaty of 1778 when France came to our aid in the War of Independence. France cut off negotiations and stepped up boarding and capturing of American shipping, even refusing to receive a United States minister in December 1797. To add further insult to our national honor French agents demanded a large bribe to restore relations, known as the XYZ Affair. On 27 April 1798 Congress authorized the President to acquire, arm, and man no more than twelve vessels of up to twenty-two guns each. This was the second organization of the Navy. President John Adams signed the bill establishing the Department of the Navy on 30 April 1798, Benjamin Stodert as the first Secretary of the Navy. Congress on 28 May authorized the vessels of the United States to capture armed French Vessels sailing off the coast of the United States. By 9 July Congress authorized the Navy to capture French armed vessels in open waters not just along the coast. Two days later President Adams signed the act establishing the United States Marine Corps.

Marine Corps News

Intel shines guiding light for ground forces

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By Lance Cpl. Geoffrey P. Ingersoll and Lance Cpl. Priscilla M. Juan, 1st Marine Logistics Group

CAMP TAQADDUM, Iraq (Jan. 27, 2007) -- The roads of the Al Anbar Province have proven the most hazardous threat to U.S. service members in Iraq. Every Marine's eyes must remain watchful to avoid these hazards, especially when darkness reduces their ability to see. But with a clearer picture of the battlefield in hand, intelligence Marines can shine a guiding light for the Marines on Iraq's roads, day or night. "We track enemy activity and try to piece together the puzzle to better understand the battlefield," said Sgt. James P. Kenyon, an intelligence specialist with Headquarters Company, Combat Logistics

Regiment 15, and 1st Marine Logistics Group (Fwd.). Intelligence personnel gather information from multiple sources and use it to aid coalition forces on the ground said Kenyon, a 26-year-old Las Vegas native. "Intelligence is imperative in this area of operations. Improvised explosive devices are (an important) focus in the Al Anbar Province," said Kenyon. With intelligence, with someone trained to look at the bigger picture, logistics has a better idea of what's going on, he added. Looking at the bigger picture doesn't keep Intelligence Marines confined to their desks all the time. Opportunities for information gathering present themselves both on and off base, and in and out of "hot" areas.

Combat definitely changes someone's perspective on life, said Kenyon, who has served three tours in the Middle East. "I vividly remember every experience. You think about it, reflect, and use that to move on," said Kenyon. "You've got to find that release, something to keep your mind off what's going on," he added. There is a lot of confusion about how intelligence personnel operate, said Kenyon. They process useful information for those Marines going out in town in order to give them a better understanding of what they may be facing, he said. This vital information can potentially save lives, said Kenyon. By processing collected information, intelligence can help prevent enemy ambushes and lower the risk of traveling through dangerous areas, he said. "The most rewarding part of the job is when units go out and return without casualties or incident," said Kenyon. "I know that some part of that was their knowledge of what is taking place." Helping Marines survive on the battlefield, no matter how indirect, is what Kenyon likes to do. "You're only going to have one shot at life, no matter what you believe, so you try to make the most of it as best you can."

Uniform Code-Marine Corps League

Adopted National Convention Boston 1988-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

VII. MARINE CORPS LEAGUE CREST

The metallic embroidered Marine Corps League Crest has clutch pins on the reverse and pins directly to the blazer pocket, or it may be worn on a plastic pocket sleeve, either glued or pinned to the plastic sleeve. The commercially sold pocket crest, with the Marine Corps Emblem or Marine Corps League Seal permanently set onto the plastic sleeve, may also be worn as optional wear.

Lying off shore, ready to act, the presence of ships and Marines sometimes means much more than just having air power or ship's fire, when it comes to deterring a crisis. And the ships and Marines may not have to do anything but lie offshore. It is hard to lie offshore with a C-141 or C-130 full of airborne troops.

(Gen. Colin Powell, U. S. Army Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff During Operation Desert Storm)

God Bless The United States of America and in God we Trust