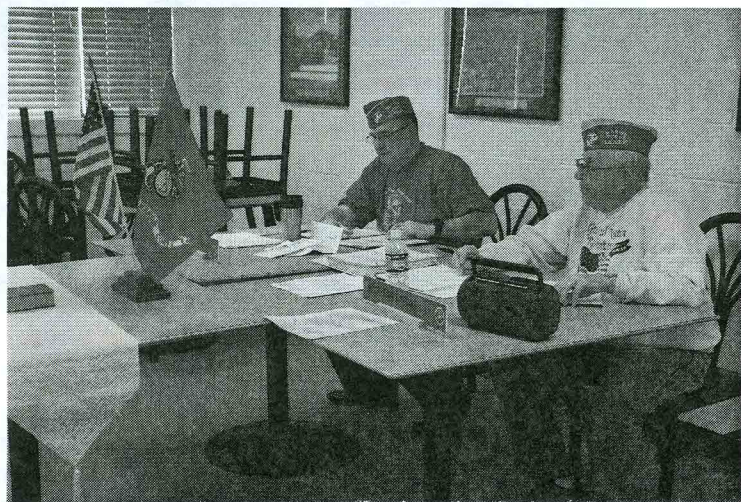




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Business Meeting

The Work of the Detachment



Commandant Ken Ohls and Adjutant/Paymaster Ralph Elston before the meeting.

Every month, the third Thursday of the month, from September through June the Treasure Valley Detachment Marine Corps League has their Business Meeting. The meeting is draped in tradition and rituals from the very foundation of the Marine Corps League in 1923 by Commandant John A Lejeune. Congressionally Chartered in 1937 by the Seventy-Fifth Congress and signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Each proceeding follows a set

guideline proscribed by the National Headquarters Marine Corps League.

After the ceremonial opening of the meeting is the proscribed order of events to conduct the business of the detachment. The purpose of the Business Meeting is to conduct the affairs of the detachment, plan the events, which the detachment participates in, and determine ways to best serve Marines, former Marines, and those at the VA Hospital and The Idaho State Veterans Home in

Treasure Valley Detachment Marine Corps League

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Boise. At the conclusion of the old and new business order, the Business Meeting will have the good of the League, which includes a raffle and then the closing ceremony.

Currently the detachment is working on by-law changes for the Department Pre-Convention, Memorial Day Ceremony, and the Coffee Wagon. As well, elections are on the table, with elections to be held in April's Business Meeting.

TREASURE VALLEY DETACHMENT MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

DETACHMENT NO. 878

To have a quorum the meeting must have 10 percent of the membership present and one of the members present must be an elected officer. Your participation is important because it allows you to have a voice in the detachment, as well your ideas and

suggestions would best help meet the goals and purpose of the detachment. To participate in the meeting you need to be there. The meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month in the Indoor Pavilion at Gowen Field. To get on base, the

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guard at the gate has a membership roster and if you're a member you will be allowed on base for the meeting.



Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund

Serving those Who Preserve Our Freedom

The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, founded in May of 2004 by Karen Guenther a nurse at Camp Pendleton Naval Hospital. She witnessed the needs of injured Marines fresh from combat and the financial impact it had on their families. Mrs. Guenther, her husband was deployed to Iraq at the time, formed a group of Marine Corps spouses to create a plan to help these heroes and their families.

This plan was to give financial assistance to Marines injured in combat or training, to other service members injured while in direct support of Marine Units, and to their families. The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund helps to provide money to pay for the expenses incurred during the hospitalization, rehabilitation and recovery of the injured Marine.

You can support them by your donation to the:
Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund
825 College Blvd., Suite 102
PMB 609
Oceanside, CA 92057

Online:
<http://www.semperfund.org>

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.

Business Meeting for April 2007

The regular Business Meeting of the Treasure Valley Detachment Marine Corps League for March will be held at the Pavilion on Gowen Field at 1900 hours. April 19th. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend. The next regular business meeting will be May 17, 2007. Your opinions, ideas, and voice is important to the detachment. So please make a note on your calendar to attend the meetings.

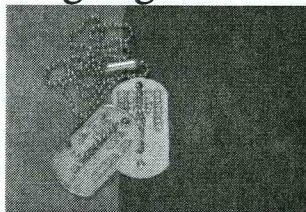


Gordon and Velma Williams at a Happy Hour.

Happy Hour and Koffee Klatch

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 April 21st.

Dog Tags Needed



The Collection Continues...

The Gift Shop in the new National Museum of the Marine Corps will feature two opportunities for making dog tags. One will be an antique maker for display and special occasion use, and the other for every-day production. We plan to have a wall of "used" dog tags behind the equipment; there, we will need a large number of them. If you wish to donate a dog tag (it will not be returned) to be permanently displayed on the wall, send it to:

Dog Tag Wall
c/o Museum Shop
18723 Fuller Heights Road
Triangle, VA 22172

Happy Birthday to Our Ladies:

Dawn Partridge, Elaine Stonebraker, and Nancy Teague

Attention All Hands

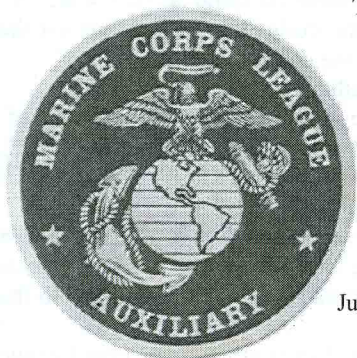
On April 19, 2007 at 1830 (6:30 PM) the Marine Corps League will be honored as the Organization of the Year by the Idaho State veterans Home ,Boise, at their Volunteer Appreciation Day event. The event has a western theme, so wear something red. Invitations will be forth coming.

Coffee Wagon Returns

The Coffee Wagon will again be on station at the westward bound rest stop a Black Creek on I84 for the Memorial Day weekend in May.

Auxiliary News

Treasure Valley Marine Corps League Auxiliary #408



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Minutes for February, 2007.

Editor: Ken Johnson, if you have questions or anything to add, please call me at 208-440-0881, or email: kenj7@clearwire.net

Minutes for March was not received for this month.

The mailing Address for the Auxiliary is:

Ralph or Barbara Elston
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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.

EVENT HORIZON

- Passover, April 3rd.
- Easter April 8th.
- Volunteer Appreciation Day April 19th., 1830 hours
- Regular Business Meeting, April 19th., 1900 hours
- Happy Hour, April 21st. 1000 hours
- Pre-Convention Meeting April 20-21st.

Political Battle of the Marine Corps

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Marine Corps Act of 1834 did little to solve all of the Corps problems, especially with the Navy Department and the Board of Navy Commissioners. The most grievous of the problems was with the command authority of the Marine barracks at Navy shipyards. The shipyard commandants claimed authority over the Marines stationed at their yard. Any correspondence from Barracks Commanders had to pass through the yard commandant before it was forwarded to Headquarters Marine Corps. The same was true with correspondence from Headquarters Marine Corps. Yard commanders and the Navy Department would also transfer Marines as deemed necessary, leaving a severe manning problem with Headquarters Marine Corps to fill the necessary billets at shipyards and also afloat. Commandant Henderson wanted unfettered control over all Marines afloat and ashore. He doggedly pursued this through the 1830s to 1842 when the Board of Navy Commissioners dissolved, and he had free access to congress and the Secretary of the Navy. Because of the restrictions of command authority, training suffered due to lack of manpower and time to train for the mission that the Marines had to fulfill. Congress in 1842 queried the Navy Department about the amount of Marines needed for the Barracks and

those afloat; and soon increased the manning level of the Marine Corps in 1844.

Another serious problem was the manning of civilian watchmen at Navy yards. The Navy Department and the Board of Navy Commissioners wanted to replace the Marines with civilian contractors in providing security at all Navy Yards except for the four largest yards. Commandant Henderson gathered evidence to prove that it was more cost effective to man Marines at shipyard and that the yards suffered less pilfering then when they had civilian watchmen. It was proven that the Marines could do a better job, and provide a force in ready to quell civil unrest in the civilian communities near the shipyards.

Relations between the Marine Corps and Navy department remained the same throughout the 19th century. Although the advent of the steam ship, brought on new attempts to remove the Marines from shipboard billets. The quality of sailors had improved and discipline was not as large of a problem as it was in the past. The old Navy and the new Navy clashed. With younger Naval officers that was more technologically minded, did not view the Marine Corps as a necessity aboard their ships. They viewed the Marine Corps as part of the old navy of iron men and wooden ships. Do to low manning strength and the views of younger Naval officers, the Congress in 1867-68 threatened to abolish the Marine Corps; or at the least cut its strength in half. Vice Admiral David Dixon Porter championed in the Marines behalf with his testimony on the hill. He told Congress that "if the Marines where abolished, half of the efficiency of the Navy would be destroyed. Threat lessened but the arguments and debates continued for twenty more years, about the strength of the Marine Corps, whether it should be at 3000 men or 1800 men in the ranks.

Marine Corps mission was slowly evolving as well in the last half of the century, with more of a policing action in trouble spots throughout the Caribbean, Mexico, Asia, Central America, and South America. The Marines was taking on more of a roll in landing

parties and expeditionary forces on the ground. Although Commandant Charles G. McCawley held on to the traditional role of the Marine Corps, of ships guards and Marine Barracks, although he was able to reform many of the inadequacies found in the Marine Corps officer corps and the quality and retention of enlisted men. It wasn't until Commandant Charles Heywood, who pursued a greater emphases on tactical and infantry training of barracks Marines and on-shore training for shipboard Marines.

In the 1890s the ships guard was again threatened by the rise of young Naval officers such as Lieutenant William F. Fullam, who pushed for the removal of Marine Guards on board the Navy's ships. The Greer Board headed by Commodore James A. Greer, was influenced by Fullam and his followers to abolish the ships guard and relegate the Marine Corps to shore duty. Although Navy Secretary Benjamin F. Tracy rejected the recommendation about the ships guard, yet the issue did not die.

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

UNIFORM - MALE

UNDRESS - (Long Sleeve)

- Standard Cover (Paragraph V)
- Devil Dog collar, if authorized (optional)
- Nametag (optional) (Paragraph IX)
- White shirt, with military creases (to be Airline pilot style with two (2) pockets with button down flaps and shoulder epaulets)
- Marine Corps League Sunburst insignias on collar, centered 1/2" inside the collar tip, with wings on the emblem parallel to the deck
- Shoulder patches as authorized (Paragraph IV)
- Marine Corps League ribbons -**OR**- Department of Defense authorized ribbons, wings, badges. (MCL AND DOD CANNOT BE MIXED)(NO MEDALS on this uniform)
- MCL ribbons should be centered over the left breast pocket, 1/8" above the pocket flap. DOD awards and decorations should be worn as authorized to the individual.
- Tie, Black, with Marine Corps or Marine Corps League gold tie bar (No open collar).
- Trousers, blue dress (with NCO "red" stripe) with Belt, Marine Corps khaki web, with web belt brass buckle

- Shoes, black, plain toe (military style, highly glossed)
- Socks, black
- OPTIONAL: Trousers, black, dress, with the black leather belt and square gold buckle with Marine Corps emblem may be worn as an option to the blue dress trousers and khaki web belt.

UNDRESS - (Short Sleeve)

The short sleeve UNDRRESS Uniform is the same in every way to the long sleeve UNDRRESS Uniform with the following exceptions:

- The shirt shall be the same Airline pilot style, but short sleeves instead of long.
- The shirt shall be worn with an open collar and no tie or tie bar is worn.

CASUAL (Red Blazer)

- Standard Cover (Paragraph V)
- Devil Dog collar, or other, if authorized (optional) (Paragraph X)
- White shirt, plain collar (No button-down collars. No sunburst insignias on collar)
- Tie, black, with Marine Corps or Marine Corps League gold tie bar
- Blazer, Red, with two (2) Marine Corps League buttons on front and three (3) Marine Corps League buttons on each sleeve cuff
- Marine Corps League Crest (Paragraph VII)
- Lapel pin(s) (optional) (Paragraph VIII)
- Trousers, black, dress
- Belt, black leather, with Marine Corps emblem on square gold buckle
- Shoes, black, plain toe (military style, highly glossed)
- Socks, black
- OPTIONAL: A black leather dress belt may be worn as a substitute to the black leather belt with Marine Corps emblem on square gold buckle. (The dress leather belt with a ratcheting gold Marine Corps emblem buckle is an approved optional dress belt.)
- NOTICE: No ribbons or medals are worn with the CASUAL Uniform. Sunburst insignias are not worn on the shirt collar and the Marine Corps dress blue trousers are NOT WORN with the CASUAL Uniform.

FORMAL DRESS

- Standard Cover (Paragraph V) (recommended not worn at indoor formal events/ceremonies)
- Devil Dog collar, or other, if authorized (optional) (Paragraph X)
- Military bow tie – black
- White shirt, formal (standard collar), pleated front. (NO RUFFLES)
- Gold cuff Links and gold studs
- Cummerbund, gold –OR– Gold vest front (only approved design)
- Trousers, black tux; –OR– trousers, black, with black dress belt (The dress leather belt with a ratcheting gold Marine Corps emblem buckle is an approved optional dress belt.)
- Marine Corps League Red Evening Dress Jacket, medium weight gabardine material with Marine Corps League buttons, gold waist chain, and sunburst insignias at locating holes in jacket collar.
- Lapel pin(s) (optional) (Paragraph VIII)
- Shoes, black plain toe (military style, highly glossed)
- Socks, black
- Miniature medals, wings, badges (Paragraph I, II, and III).
- OPTIONAL: The Red Blazer may be worn as an option to the Red Evening Dress Jacket with the FORMAL DRESS Uniform. If the red blazer option is chosen, the following applies.
- The Marine Corps League Crest (Paragraph VII) is optional if miniature medals are worn.
- Miniature medals may be worn per Paragraph I, II & III.

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TVDMCL Website

We have a website at:

http://www.mcleague.com/mdp/userpages/TREASURE_VALLEY-540.php

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.)

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