



That Red Trailer

Committed to Service



Coffee Wagon vs Semi.

The Coffee wagon made its maiden voyage in May of 2003 at Black Creek rest-stop on I84 and is once again on station at the remodeled rest-stop on Interstate 84 west-bound. After its first season we found that it was a complete success and provided some fun catching styrofoam cups when the wind would blast through the natural wind-tunnel in the area. And more than once we came close to being clob-

bered by a passing semi as it was leaving its parking spot on the truck and RV side of the rest-stop where we were located. The new rest-stop has us on the passenger car side now and out of the way of the big rigs. We are closer to the main building which is nice. Our first excursion out this year was on the Memorial Day weekend and we thank everyone for their hard work giving out refreshments to the weary traveler

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as they pass through. They come from all parts of the country and even some from the far reaches of the globe visiting our great and beautiful Nation. This year the Coffee Wagon will be at the rest-stop in the months of June through September. Sign up to work at the wagon will be at the Koffee Klatch and the Business Meeting.



Merikay Jost and Enoch Hansen cooking onions for the Parking Lot Party.

Fat Fenders Rod & Custom Show – Parking Lot Party

Idaho State Veterans Home once again had their annual spring parking lot party with plenty great cars, music and fun on May, 19th. We grilled the hotdogs, onions and hamburgers on new BBQ grills. Kudos to everyone that showed up.

Business Meeting for June 2007

The regular Business Meeting of the Treasure Valley Detachment Marine Corps League for June will be held at the Pavilion on Gowen Field at 1900 hours. June 21st. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend. The next regular business meeting will be Sept. 20th, 2007. Your opinions, ideas, and voice is important to the detachment. So please make a note on your calendar to attend the meetings.

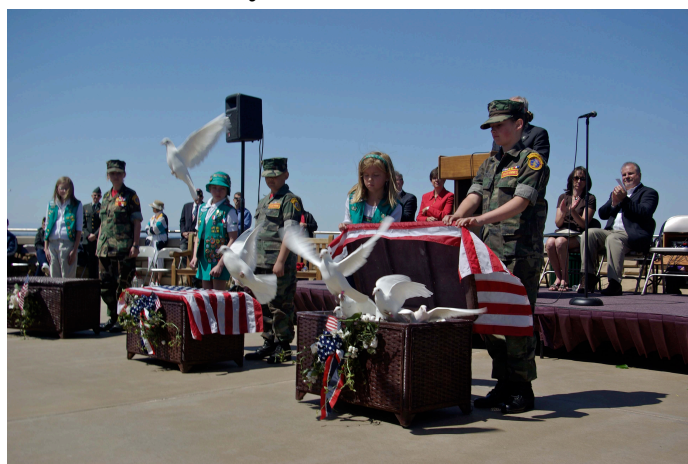


Roy Jost and Bob Smith at a Koffee Klatch.

Happy Hour and Koffee Klatch

Koffee Klatch started is at 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, 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 June 16th.

Memorial Day, 2007



Young Marines and Girl Scouts release doves at the ceremony.

Memorial Day Ceremonies was held May 28th. at various locations around the Treasure Valley. We attended the wreath laying ceremony beneath the flag at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery. We also laid a wreath in memory of Gary Strong. The morning was clear and warm, but the wind was vary strong. Gov. Butch Otter and Congressman William Sali spoke to a well represented audience. Ralph Elston laid the wreath to honor the fallen Marines. The Treasure Valley Young Marines was there to honor the veterans as they arrived and participate in the ceremony.



Coffee Wagon on location at Blacks Creek rest-stop

Coffee Wagon Returns

The Coffee Wagon will again be on station at the westward bound rest stop a Black Creek on I84. We will be there in June giving out coffee and cookies to the motorist that stop. Sign up with Rich Erickson at the Koffee Klatch or call, 208-562-0498.

Happy Birthday to Our Ladies:

Melba Butler, Priscella Dunn, Barbara Elston, and Nancy Grigsby,

Auxiliary News

Treasure Valley Marine Corps League Auxiliary #408



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Minutes for May 17, 2007.

President, Theresa Nakashima called the meeting to order. The opening prayer was read and the flag salute was given. Roll call was made and minutes of our April meeting were read by Donna Schumaker. She will make a copy of them and send to the secretary for the files. Treasurer's report was given and a report on members given by our chaplain. Linda Hansen will

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have surgery on May 29. Melba Butler reported that her leg is doing much better and Pauline Evans said she was better now. A thank you from Ronald McDonald House was read for the pull tabs given. Officers all agreed to serve one more year in their present capacity and we held their installation of office. We are in hopes that during this year, we can gain better cooperation and participation from the rest of the members who have remained so inactive. A discussion was held concerning our minutes being included in the Detachment Newsletter. We are in hopes that they will continue to include these as it is the only way we have to keep our members informed. Donna Schumaker suggested we have a picnic in June. After discussion we decided to have it on June 30. An invitation to all follows:

THE AUXILIARY INVITES ALL DETACHMENT AND
AUXILIARY MEMBERS TO A SUMMER PICNIC

DATE - JUNE 30, 2007

TIME-1600 HOURS

PLACE -Pauline Evans home 1905 Regent Ave. Boise, please bring your own meat to BBQ, a side dish, your own drinks and tableware, and lawn chair to sit in. The Auxiliary will furnish a cake for dessert!

We hope everyone will be able to come and enjoy the food and excellent company. The closing prayer was read and the meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Meade, Sr. Vice and Secretary

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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

- Flag Day, June 14th
- Happy Hour, June 16th. 1000 hours
- Father's Day, June 17th.
- Regular Business Meeting, June 21st., 1900 hours

Political Battle of the Marine Corps

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The last great battle started in 1944, yet the road to it and World War II was rocky and very lean for the Marine Corps. In 1916 the Army General staff sent a proposal to the Joint Army and Navy Board to require that only senior Army officers should command mixed Army and Marine Corps units; this proposal was tabled. During the lean years of the 1930s and competition for funding was high, Gen. Douglas MacArthur strongly urged President Herbert Hoover to abolish the Marine Corps. Yet the Marine Corps had its friends in Congress that protected it.

Since 1916 the Army General Staff had concerns about the United States having two land Armies. One of the most outspoken of the Army critics of the Marine Corps was Gen George Marshall. By the start of the Second World War he attained the position of the Army's Chief of Staff. In December of 1941 there was no unified command structure to coordinate the various military operations, so President Franklin Roosevelt with the recommendation of Gen. Marshall, established the Joint Chiefs of Staff, consisting of Adm. W. D. Leahy, Roosevelt's Chief Advisor, Gen. Marshall Chief of Staff of the Army, Adm. E.J. King Chief of Naval Operations, and the Senior Army Air Corps Officer, Maj. Gen. H. H. Arnold.

As early as November 2, 1942, Gen. Marshall championed the Unification of all of the American Armed Forces under one civilian Secretary consisting of ground, naval, and air components. A Joint Strategic Survey Committee (JSSC) was formed to study the feasibility of a unified military structure. On March 8, 1944 the committee delivered its findings to the JCS "every effort should be made toward attainment of the ideal of a single military service". The Army's intent in the report was that the Marine Corps be kept at 399,000 Officers and men. The Navy balked at this and wanted to keep it at the 14% of Naval strength. Shortly after the report was released, Rep. James W. Wadsworth introduced a House Resolution to form a committee on post-war military policy. It passed on the 28th of March. Chaired by Clifton A Woodrum, the Woodrum Committee was the start of the long bitter process to unification. The Army was on record that the Marine Corps was a duplication of military missions and should be abolished or severally reduced in manning and mission. By May 19, 1944 the committee decided that legislation "was not in the best interest of the war effort" at this time.

By October 7, 1945 the Senate Military Affairs Committee began hearings on two unification bills, S.84 and S.1482. At this point the War Department under Secretary of War Robert P Patterson and Gen. Marshall went to loggerheads with the Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal and the Department of the Navy. The War Department wanted a unification of the military branches and no JCS under the command of one Secretary; where as the Navy Department wanted no unification and a permanent JCS. This was the rub between the two in front of congress until a compromise was achieved with the passage of the National Security Act of 1947; which created the Defense Department under the Secretary of Defense and the JCS. With this Act the Marine Corps and its mission was codified into law. The Marine Corps did get a non-voting seat on the Joint Chiefs of Staff and in 1978 the Commandant was made a full member.

As for the Marines at sea on ships President William Clinton finally abolished the guard in the 1990s.

For further reading; The U. S. Marine Corps and Defense Unification 1944-47, The Politics of Survival, by Col. Gordon W. Keiser, First to Fight, by Gen. Victor H. Krulak and Semper Fidelis, The History of the United States Marine Corps, Allen R. Millett is recommended.

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 - FEMALE

CASUAL

- Standard cover, male or female style. (Paragraph V) Devil Dog collar, or other, if authorized (optional) (Paragraph X)
- White blouse, women's, (USMC style worn with the Dress Blues) –OR- White shirt, long sleeve, plain collar (No button-down collars. No sunburst insignias on collar)
- Tie, black, cross over (Marine Corps style), -OR- Tie, Black, with Marine Corps or Marine Corps League gold tie bar
- Blazer, Red, (women's style) 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) (optional)
- Lapel pin(s) (optional) (Paragraph VIII)
- Skirt, black, straight (length should be 1-2" below knees) –OR- Trousers, black, dress, with the black leather belt and square gold buckle with Marine Corps emblem, or black dress belt. (The dress leather belt with a ratcheting gold Marine Corps emblem buckle is an approved optional dress belt.)
- Shoes, black, plain closed toe, pumps, (with skirt) –OR- Shoes, black, plain toe, Women's Oxford, (with trousers)
- Hose, nylon, black, (with pumps) –OR- Socks, black, (with trousers).
- Earrings, (optional) Small white pearl (or pearl like) –OR- gold ball, not to exceed 9mm. When worn, earrings will fit tight against the ear and will not extend below the ear lobe.
- 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 – NOT WORN BY WOMEN Devil Dog collar, or other, if authorized (optional) (Paragraph X)
- White shirt, formal (standard collar), pleated front. (NO RUFFLES)
- Gold cuff Links and gold studs

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- Tie, black, cross over (Marine Corps style) –OR- black military bow tie.
- Cummerbund, gold –OR- Gold vest front (only approved design)

- Skirt, black, straight, ankle length, with slit on left side no higher than mid-knee or bottom of kneecap –OR- Trousers, black, dress, 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 closed toe, pumps, (with skirt) – OR- Shoes, black, plain toe, Women's Oxford, (with trousers)
- Hose, nylon, black, (with pumps) –OR- Socks, black, (with trousers).
- Earrings, (optional) Small white pearl (or pearl like) –OR- gold ball, not to exceed 9mm. When worn, earrings will fit tight against the ear and will not extend below the ear lobe.
- 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.
- Miniature medals may be worn per Paragraph I, II & III.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER UNIFORM

The Uniform Code for both male and female apply to all Associate Members with the following exceptions:

- The Associate member is to wear the 1/2" x 1/2" gold "MCL" insignia in lieu of the Marine Corps Emblem on the cover and in lieu of sunburst insignias on the shirt collars. "MCL" should read parallel to the deck.

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- The Marine Corps League "Associate" shoulder patch will be worn in lieu of the standard Marine Corps League shoulder patch. (Paragraph IV, A)
- Flag patch, on right shoulder, may be worn (Paragraph IV, B)
- No Blazer Crest/Bullion Seal will be worn unless one is designed and approved by a National Convention.
- Marine Corps Dress Blue trousers may be worn, but without the NCO "red" stripe.

CEREMONIAL UNIFORM

Regular members of Departments and/or Detachments having "COLOR GUARDS" may wear the "CEREMONIAL Uniform" ONLY when participating in those ceremonies. This uniform is authorized for both Males and Females.

- Standard Cover (Paragraph V)
- Devil Dog collar (optional)
- Nametag (optional) (Paragraph IX)
- SHIRT, KHAKI (tan), long sleeve with military creases, with TIE, KHAKI, and Marine Corps or Marine Corps League gold tie bar.

–OR–

- KHAKI (tan), short sleeve with military creases, open collar without tie/tie bar.
- 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 "ONLY" –OR- "NO" ribbons at all. (No DoD ribbons, wings, or badges)
- MCL ribbons should be centered over the left breast pocket, 1/8" above the pocket flap.
- 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

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The new software that I'm doing the newsletter with, I'm able to send it to you, via email in a portable document format (PDF). So you can now get the newsletter as you would in the mail but in color. To help cut the costs of printing the newsletter and postage and you have access to the internet as well, have an email address, you can sign up for the eGazette just by sending me an email at kenj7@clearwire.net. You will need the Adobe Reader and you can download it free from www.adobe.com.

TVDMCL Website

We have a website at:

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

I earned my stripes as a Marine, and the Corps gets full credit for straightening me out. At 17, I was young, I was unhappy, and most of all, I was undisciplined. The Marine Corps was the right service in the right place at the right time.

(Art Buchwald, prize-winning syndicated columnist and humorist)

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

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Time-1600 Hours

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