



The Detachment

Who we are



4th of July Parade

Treasure Valley Detachment Marine Corps League

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The Treasure Valley Detachment Marine Corps League was first chartered in April 1994. The Detachment has 85 members with 45 of those Paid Life Members. Of the activities the Detachment has or participates in, the Koffee Klatch and Happy Hour are the most well attended. The activities the Detachment have are the Monthly Business Meeting, Koffee Klatch and Happy Hour, both spring and fall parking lot parties at the Idaho State Veterans Home, Boise. The Detachment Picnic in August or September. Veterans Olympics which is held annually in September. The Homeless Veteran Stand-

down and the first Business meeting for the year are also held in September. Veterans Day Parade in Boise, Veterans Day Celebration at the Idaho State Veterans Home, and the Marine Corps Birthday Celebration, also at the Vet Home, these activities are held in November. In December we have our Christmas Party and help with the Veterans Home Christmas Party. February, the Ladies Auxiliary hosts the Spaghetti Dinner. Memorial Day Services at the Veterans Cemetery, and the start of the Coffee Wagon summer season at the Black Creek rest-stop which ends in September after Labor Day. We have our last Business Meeting in June and July brings the 4th of July Parade in Boise. At any given event only 10% or less of the membership attends and these are the active members of the detachment. On average we have 11 members at the business meetings, we must have 9 members and at least one of them must be an elected officer. At times we can not hold a meeting, because we could not reach the 10% of the membership requirement. To attend the business meetings is easy, we have a membership roster at the main gate, you show your drivers license to the personnel on duty, they will check it with the roster and direct you to the Indoor Pavilion. This is your Detachment, your participation is more than welcome.

Business Meeting for September 2007

The regular Business Meeting of the Treasure Valley Detachment Marine Corps League for September will be held at the Pavilion on Gowen Field at 1900 hours. Sept. 20th. All members are encouraged to attend. The next regular business meeting will be Oct. 18th, 2007. Your opinions, ideas, and voice is important to the detachment. So please make a note on your calendar to attend the meetings.



Pauline Evans, Harold Kwan at a Happy Hour.

Happy Hour and Koffee Klatch

Koffee Klatch starts 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 August 18th.



Coffee Wagon on location at Blacks Creek rest-stop

Coffee Wagon

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

4th of July Parade

Due to the lack of participation, the members present (6) decided not to participate in the parade. Kudos to those that showed up for the parade.

August Means Picnic

This years picnic will be held on Saturday August 25th. at the Quarry View Park near the old Idaho State Penitentiary on Warm Springs Ave. There will be a flyer with this newsletter.

New Member

We wish to welcome the new 1st.Sgt. for 4th Tanks Bn. 1st.Sgt. Kraig M, Laskowski to the Detachment and to his new post.

Happy Birthday to Our Ladies:

Kathy Bonham, Kathy Erickson, Jeannette L'Abbe, and Frances Smith.

The mailing Address for the Auxiliary is:

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7845 W. Powell St.
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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

- Happy Hour, August 18th. 1000 hours
- Detachment Picnic, August 25th. 1200-1600 Hours
- Labor Day, September 3rd.
- Patriot Day, September 11th,
- Veterans Olympics, September 15th.
- Stand-down, September 15th.
- Regular Business Meeting, September 20th., 1900 hours

History of Marine Divisions



History of 1st Marine Division
Part 1 of 3
The Old Breed
1st Marine Division
(Revised March 2006)
1st MarDiv Staff Secretary

Auxiliary News

Treasure Valley Marine Corps League Auxiliary #408



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Minutes for June 21, 2007.

No Minutes for June

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

From 1st Marine Expeditionary Force website
<http://www.i-mef.usmc.mil/DIV/generalinformation.asp>

The 1st Marine Division was activated aboard the battleship Texas on 1 February 1941. It is the oldest, largest, and most decorated division in the United States Marine Corps, with nine Presidential Unit Citations (PUCs).

The 1st Marine Division is comprised of Headquarters Battalion, the 1st, 5th, 7th, and 11th Marine Regiments, 1st and 3d Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalions, 1st Tank Battalion, and 3d Assault Amphibian Battalion. These units represent a combat-ready force of more than 22,000 Marines and Sailors.

Division regiments were in existence as early as March 8, 1911, when the 1st Marines was formed at Guantanamo

Bay, Cuba. It saw action in Haiti in 1915, in the Dominican Republic in 1916, and throughout the Caribbean during World War I. The 5th Marines was created in Vera Cruz, Mexico July 13, 1914. It served in Santo Domingo in 1925 and participated in 15 major engagements during World War I. These included Belleau Wood, Chateau and St. Mihiel. On Aug. 11, 1917, 7th Marines was activated in Philadelphia, Penn. It spent the duration of World War I in Cuba and was disbanded after the war. It was reactivated in 1941. The 11th Marines was formed in January 1918 at Quantico, Va., as a light artillery regiment. The regiment went to France as an infantry unit, providing a machine gun company and a guard company. Decommissioned and reactivated twice between world wars, the regiment again served as infantry in Nicaragua. Reformed in 1940 as a full-fledged artillery unit, 11th Marines joined 1st Marine Division.

Medal of Honor winners for heroism on Guadalcanal at a formation on 21 May 1943 were, from left, MajGen Alexander A. Vandegrift, Col. Merritt A. Edson, 2ndLt. Mitchell Paige and Platoon Sergeant John Basilone.

The Guadalcanal campaign in 1942 was the first major American Pacific campaign in World War II and the first time the 1st Marine Division conducted combat operations as a division. The Division's actions during this operation won it the first of three World War II PUCs. 1st Marine Division also won PUCs for the battles of Peleliu and Okinawa. Three weeks after Japan surrendered, the Division was dispatched to North China for occupation duty. While in China, the Division had numerous encounters with the Chinese Communists.

"The Old Breed," as the Division became known, provided the Pusan Fire Brigade when war broke out in Korea and then was chosen to land at Inchon on 15 September 1950. The Division subsequently fought into the mountains around the Chosin Reservoir. The Chinese Communists suffered more than 37,500 casualties trying to stop the Marines' march out of the "Frozen Chosin." These battles, and those that followed between April and

September, earned the Division its fourth, fifth, and sixth PUCs.

The 2d Battalion, 1st Marines deployed to Guantanamo Bay for two months in 1962 during the Cuban Missile Crisis. More than 11,000 Marines of the 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade participated in the naval blockade which forced the withdrawal of the missiles from Cuba.

In 1965, 7th Marines participated in the first major engagements for American ground troops in South Vietnam. March 1966 saw 1st Marine Division Headquarters established at Chu Lai. By June, the entire Division was in South Vietnam; its zone of operation – the southern two provinces of I Corps – Quang Tin and Quang Ngai. Between March 1966 and May 1967, the Division conducted 44 named and unnamed operations. Major engagements included Operations HASTINGS and UNION I and II. In these operations, 1st Marine Division units decisively defeated the enemy. During the 1968 Tet Offensive, the Division was involved in fierce fighting with both Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army elements. It successfully beat back and decimated every enemy assault in its area of operations, pursuing the enemy into his sanctuaries. It was during this period that the Division earned its seventh and eighth PUCs.

eGazette Could Be Yours

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

In August, I will be working on our own website, separate from that of the National Headquarters.

We have a website at:

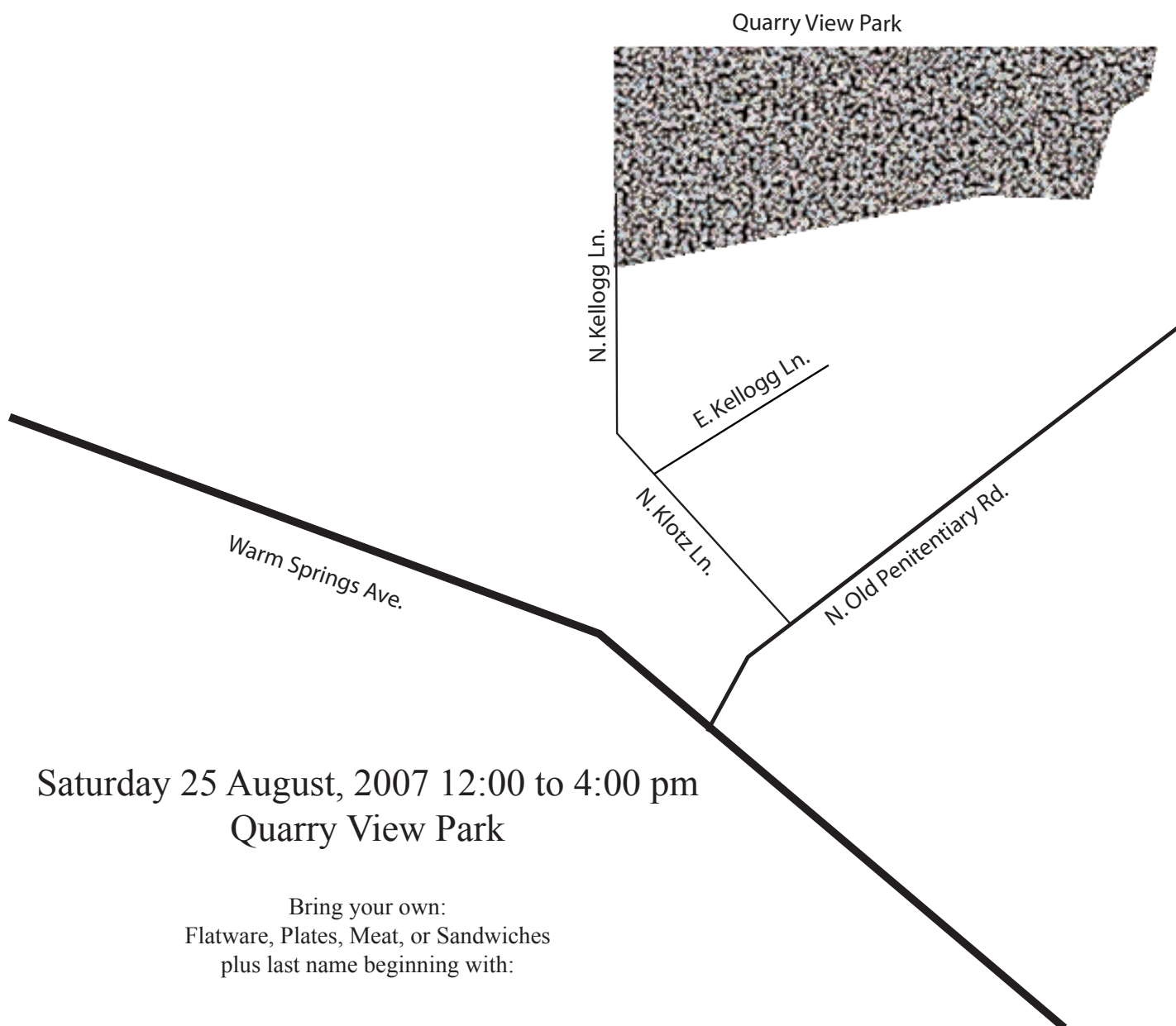
http://www.mcleague.com/mdp/userpages/TREASURE_VALLEY-540.php

The Marine Corps is the Navy's police force and as long as I am President that is what it will remain. They have a propaganda machine that is almost equal to Stalin's.

(President Harry S. Truman in a letter, September 1950. In the face of the resulting public turmoil, the President apologized five days later.)

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

Treasure Valley Detachment Marine Corps League Picnic



Saturday 25 August, 2007 12:00 to 4:00 pm
Quarry View Park

Bring your own:
Flatware, Plates, Meat, or Sandwiches
plus last name beginning with:

A-F Salad
G-R Snack / Dessert
S-Z Side Dish
to Share