



Idaho Veterans Olympics

20 and still going strong

20th Annual Idaho Veteran's Olympics



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The Treasure Valley Detachment Marine Corps League once again has the privilege to serve hot coffee, cocoa and donuts to the volunteers for the VA/Idaho State Veterans Home, Veterans Olympics. The Olympic games are designed for all Veterans and physical abilities. The volunteers that we serve, assist the Veterans that need help going to each game. Set up the games, score each participants results, and assist the Veteran in learning how to play each game. The volunteers also cook and serve the food at the Heros BBQ, after the games. Our Young Marines will be there to help our vets win their Gold and Silver Medals. Good luck to the participants. We need to be there at 0630 and start serving at 0700. The Veterans Olympics is on the 15th of September, on the VA grounds.

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 September 15th.

Transferred to a New Duty Station

Jerry Bob Shafer July 28, 1927-August 18, 2007. Jerry Bob was a well known fixture at the Idaho State Veterans Home in Boise and well loved and respected, he will be missed by all of us.

Marine Corps Birthday Ball

The Ball this year will be at the Grove Hotel Grand Ballroom, on the 3rd. of November. Social hour begins at 1700 and the Ceremony begins at 1800. The price of the tickets are \$40 and are available from SSgt. Dennison at Gowen Field. (208) 422-6248.



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 September 8th and 9th. giving out coffee and cookies to the motorist that stop. This will be the last time out for this year. Sign up with Rich Erickson at the Koffee Klatch or call, 208-562-0498.



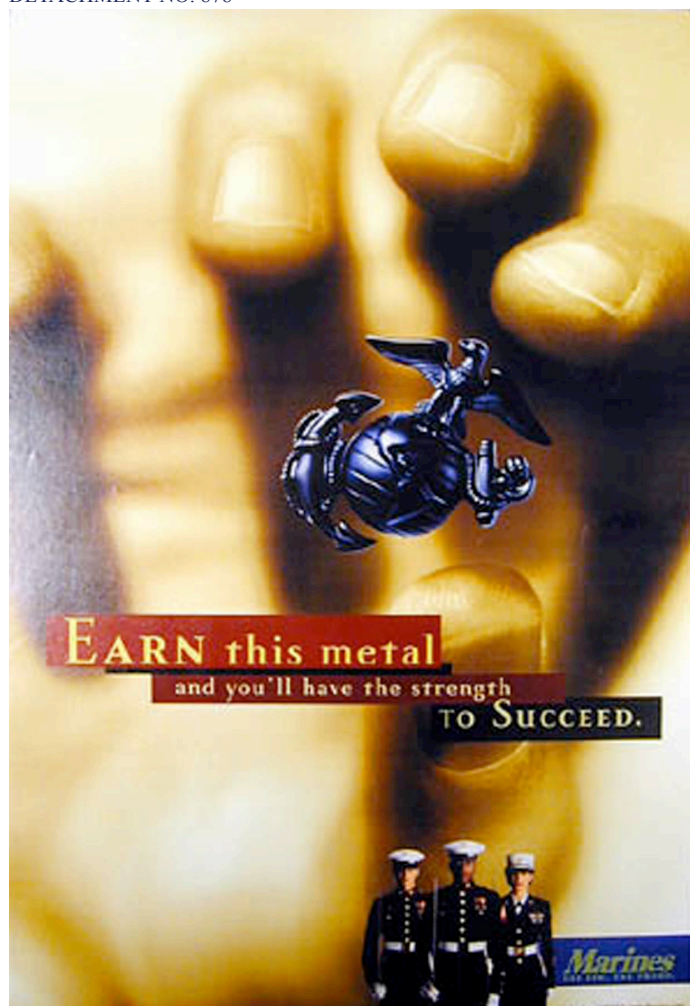
Roy & Merikay Jost and Skip Nakashima having a conversation on this end of the table.

August Detachment Picnic

This years picnic was held on Saturday August 25th. at the Quarry View Park near the old Idaho State Penitentiary on Warm Springs Ave. Attendance was small, but everyone had fun. Ralph Elston informs me that he is the reigning undefeated champion on the washer board.

Happy Birthday to Our Ladies:

Marilyn Burke, Cathryn Foster, Pam Heyob, Merikay Jost, Ginny Ohls, Ronda Ortega, and Barbara Smith.



The mailing Address for the Auxiliary is:

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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

- Labor Day, September 3rd.
- Patriot Day, September 11th,
- Happy Hour, September 15th. 1000 hours
- Veterans Olympics, September 15th.
- Stand-down, September 15th.
- Regular Business Meeting, September 20th., 1900 hours
- Parking Lot Party, October 7th. 1000 hours

History of Marine Divisions



History of 1st Marine Division
Part 2 of 3
The Old Breed
1st Marine Division
(Revised March 2006)
1st MarDiv Staff Secretary

From 1st Marine Expeditionary Force website

Auxiliary News

Treasure Valley Marine Corps League Auxiliary #408

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Minutes for June 21, 2007.

No Minutes for June

<http://www.i-mef.usmc.mil/DIV/generalinformation.asp>

After six hard years, the 1st Marine Division returned to California in 1971, closing another chapter of dedicated service to Corps and country. In 1975, the Division supported the evacuation of Saigon by providing food and temporary shelter at Camp Pendleton for Vietnamese refugees as they arrived in the United States. In 1990, the 1st Marine Division formed the core of the force sent to Southwest Asia in response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. During Operation DESERT SHIELD, the Division provided the ground combat element of I Marine Expeditionary Force in Saudi Arabia against the Iraqi threat. In 1991, the Division fought alongside the 2d Marine Division.

sion under I MEF and with the rest of the Coalition Forces in Operation DESERT STORM. In 100 hours of offensive ground combat, 1st Marine Division destroyed the enemy in its path as it led the breakthrough to Kuwait City.

Immediately following the Persian Gulf conflict, the Division sent units to assist in disaster relief efforts in Bangladesh (Operation SEA ANGEL) and the Philippines (Operation FIERY VIGIL). In 1992, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines and the 15th MEU, brought relief to famine-stricken Somalia. The final phase of the operation involved the transition from a U.S. peacemaking force to a United Nations peacekeeping force. U.S. Marine involvement in Operation RESTORE HOPE officially ended 27 April 1993 when the humanitarian relief sector of Mogadishu was handed over to Pakistani forces. Elements of the Division ultimately participated in the extraction of U.N. forces from Somalia.

In early 2003, the Division deployed by air and sea to link up with its advance headquarters deployed to Kuwait under I MEF. In a high speed attack, and in conjunction with 1 U.K. Armored Division and the 3d U.S. Army Infantry Division, the Marines and Sailors conducted the deepest penetrating ground operation in Marine Corps history. Attacking to Baghdad alongside 3d ID and eventually seizing Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, the Division again showed the Marine Air-Ground team in action. The 1st Marine Division conducted stability operations in Baghdad, Tikrit, and then in south-central Iraq from May to October 2003. The Division then returned home to Camp Pendleton and 29 Palms and prepared for redeployment. These actions earned the Division its ninth PUC.

In March 2004, the 1st Marine Division relieved 82d Airborne Division in Iraq's Sunni Triangle. During Operation IRAQI FREEDOM II, the Division conducted counter-insurgency operations throughout the Al Anbar Province, culminating in Operation AL FAJR which liberated the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah and enabled the first legitimate elections to occur in Iraq. During February and March 2005, 1st and 2d Marine Divisions successfully conducted the largest relief in place in the history of the Marine Corps.

MNF-West Transition Team Sees Success In Faces Of Habbaniyah

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By Cpl. Ryan M. Blaich, II Marine Expeditionary Force (FWD)

HABBANIYAH, Iraq (Aug. 29, 2007) -- When a group of American military advisors deployed to Iraq and took over a small combat outpost on the outskirts of town recently, they knew the task ahead might get tough, but each day would be rewarding. The Marines and sailors that make up Military Transition Team 13, working alongside the 1st Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 1st Iraqi Army Division, are increasing the security of the area and the quality of life for local residents as well.

They operate out of a dusty, war-faced outpost named the OK Corral. They usually work long hours, patrolling streets with Iraqi soldiers or standing post overlooking the Euphrates River. They cook each meal themselves, because there is no chow hall to feed the 14 Marines, two corpsmen and company of Iraqi soldiers. They have learned to adapt, dealt with sweltering heat and braved the roadways of a foreign land.

Many of the men of MTT 13 have been to Iraq before, making them ideal candidates for an advisory team. The soldiers that make up 1st Battalion are veteran war fighters as well; hardened by battles past, experienced in combat operations. Perhaps that is why the people in this area trust the Iraqi soldiers.

Habbaniyah acts as a corridor in a crucial area, known as Jazeria, located between the once terrorist safe heaven cities of Fallujah and Ramadi. Nowadays, people go about their lives freely while searching for jobs, attending schools, plowing fields and shopping in crowded markets without fear of being shot in the crossfire of combat.

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TVDMCL Website

We have our own website now. It is <http://www.tvdmcl.org>

Ensure that no Marine who honorably wore the eagle, globe and anchor is lost to the Marine Corps family.
(Gen. James L. Jones Jr., USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps)

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