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Congratulations To our Junior Vice Commandant, Arnie Strawn. "For Marine of the Year Award". Arnie has continuously demonstrated his loyalty and devotion through out the year in support of our Detachment. He constantly volunteered in almost every event this year, as well as setting up and coordinating the Convention for 2008 in Boise, Idaho. Arnie has demonstrated the spirit and pride that is the hall mark of every Marine. Past and Present. Congratulations Arnie.....Semper fi.



Business Meeting For October 2008

The regular business meeting for the Treasure Valley Detachment, Marine Corps League will be held at the Pavilion, Gowen Field. Time/date 1900, Oct 16th.

Please make a note on your calendar and try to attend.



Our last meeting we had five officers and four members attending....That leaves approximately 75 members??? Your input is very important for the survival of our League. Please attend !!

Looking Back in September's Events



Our Veteran's Olympic event on Sep 20th was cancelled due to rain as noted by our volunteers →



Koffee Klatch

Koffee klatch starts at 0900 every Saturday at Quinn's...Although you can come earlier, but you should wait until Quinn's officially open their doors for business.

Quinn's is located on Vista Avenue
Whether you are a member or not....All Marines and Navy Corpsman who served with the Marines are welcome. It's a great way of meeting old friends and new friends.

Continued... from September Events



That was an excuse to chow down on donuts and coffee. Even a few visitors came calling and wondering when we were going to kick off the events.????



Could be a VC checking up on us? ↓

Continued from September Events

Here's our young Treasure Valley Marines along side our WWII veterans serving up food for our fellow veterans & their guest at the Idaho State Veterans Home.



Our barbeque event on Oct 5th at the Idaho State Veterans Home was a great success as noted by our Marine Corps League volunteers;



Here's our Commandant & Adjutant doing food prep work...For us old timers, "KP"

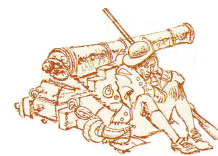


Subic Bay, Philippines-
Garrison Marines on patrol
outside Olongapo City.

*Marine Corps Birthday Event*

The up-coming Marine Corps Ball is scheduled for November 1, 2008, at the Grove Hotel starting with cocktails at 1700 and the main event kicks off at 1800.

The seating arrangement this year has 1-32 seats available for our Detachment to be together. So get your reservations in quickly to get a seat among your

*Scuttlebutt of the Day*

The latest scuttlebutt says there might be a 3.9% pay increase in the very near future, for retired military, VA disability/compensation & Social Security. What's up with the Veterans Day parade on November 11th?

Anyone hear about Chesty Puller lately?

*Treasure Valley Young Marines*

Some of the accomplishments for the YM for 2008 are the Leadership Training at Camp Pendleton, put on by National Young Marines Hqtrs. Of the three YM in the junior leadership one made, "Platoon Honor Man." Other YM's attended a Battalion JLS in Merlin, Oregon where another of our Treasure Valley YM took, "Honor Man." ↓

Continued..... from Treasure Valley Young Marines

On July 4, 2008..."We The People" parade in Boise our young Marines marched as a unit and took around the parade route the flag barrel, raising money selling flags to support the parade. Kuna Day parade was another parade for the unit, where the unit received the First place ribbon for military units. (To continue in November's newsletter)

***Fifth Marine Division****("The Spearhead")*

The 5th MarDiv was activated on Armistice Day, November 11, 1943. The division's Hqtrs Battalion officially began operating at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton on December 1st. The official activation date for the Division was January 21, 1944. The division had a solid core of combat veterans from the 1st Marine Parachute Regiment, the Raider Training Battalion, the Parachute Training School West Coast and the Parachute Replacement Company.

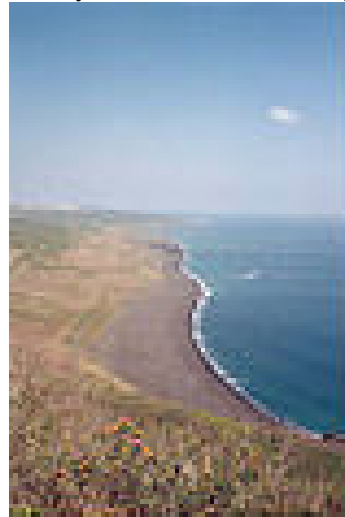
The 5th Marine Division saw it's first action at the battle of Iwo Jima where it sustained the highest number of casualties among the invasion force.



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The battle for Iwo Jima took place from February 19, 1945 until March 25, 1945 where they would sustain 1,098 killed in action and 2,974 wounded in action. The Division left Iwo Jima on March 27, 1945. On March 21, 1945 the 5th Marine Division Cemetery was formally dedicated on Iwo Jima, Chaplains prayed, MajGen Keller E. Rocky added a tribute to the dead and Lt. Roland B. Gittelsohn, U. S. Navy and a 5th MarDiv chaplain, spoke of friends buried and the ghastly price of freedom.... The flag was raised then lowered to half- mast. Taps was played echoing across the dark foreboding ash of Sulfur Island. After the Japanese surrender the division was sent to Japan where they occupied the southern island of Kyushu. The division left Japan in November of 1945 and arrived in San Diego, California the week of Christmas 1945. The division was deactivated shortly thereafter on February 5, 1946.



Today's aerial view of some of the fiercest battles fought at Green, Red, Yellow and Blue beach, as seen from the enemy's bird's eye view atop Mt Suribachi, looking south.

Elements of the 5th Marine Division saw action once again in 1966 in Vietnam. 26th Marine Regiment, 27th Marine Regiment, 13th Marine Regiment, 3rd Military Police Battalion FMFPac and the 5th Military Police Battalion, Camp Pendleton.

Ref; [www.Wikipedia.org/wiki/5th Marine Division](http://www.Wikipedia.org/wiki/5th_Marine_Division)



Dates of interest.....for October, 2008

1st...1880-John Philp Sousa was named leader of the Marine Corps Band

6th...1945-Japanese forces in North China surrendered to III Amphibious Corps

9th...2001- 15thMEU (SOC) (-) moves ashore to Jacobabad, PX for security/TRAP operations.

10th...1968- The 1stMarDiv & 1stMAW were awarded the PUC, DaNang, Vietnam

11th...1951-HMR 161 in Korea transported 3/7 in the first Battalion size combat hedonist.



Colonial Marine



The Final Inspection

The Marine stood and faced God, which must
always come to pass.
He hoped his shoes were shining, just as brightly as
his brass.

Step forward now... You Marine. How shall I deal
with you?

Have you always turned the other cheek?

To my church have you been true?

The Marine squared his shoulders and said, " No
Lord, I guess I ain't, because those of us who carry
guns can't always be saints.

I had to work most Sundays and at times my talk
was tough, and sometimes I've been violent.
Because the world is awfully rough, but I never took
a penny that wasn't mine to keep...

Though I worked a lot of overtime when the bills got
just to steep and I never passed a cry for help.
Though at times I shook with fear and sometimes,
God forgive me, I've wept unmanly tears.

I know I don't deserve a place among the people
here, They never wanted me around, except to calm
their fears.

If you've a place for me here Lord, it needn't be so
grand. I never expected or had to much, but if you
don't, I'll understand.

There was a silence all around the throne, where the
saints had often trod, as the Marine waited quietly,
for the judgment of his God.

Step forward now, You...! Marine. You've borne
your burdens well. Walk peacefully on heaven's



GOD BLESS OUR COUNTRY & OUR MARINE CORPS



