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A BIRTHDAY MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

During the summer of 1982, in the wake of a presidential directive, Marines went ashore at Beirut, Lebanon. Fifteen months later, on 23 October, 1983 extremists struck the first major blow against American forces...starting this long war on terrorism. On that Sunday morning, a suicide bomber drove an explosive-laden truck into the headquarters of BLT 1/8, (Battalion Landing Team), destroying the building and killing 241 Marines and Corpsman. Extremists have attacked our Nation, at home and abroad numerous times since that fateful day in Beirut. Their aim has always been the same-to kill as many innocent Americans as possible. The attacks of September 11, 2001 changed our Nation forever, and our President has resolved that this nation will not stand idle while murderous terrorists plan their next strike. Marines will continue to take the fight to the enemy...hitting them on their own turf, crushing them when they show themselves and finding them where they hide.

Only a few Americans choose the dangerous, but necessary work of fighting our nation's enemies. When our chapter of history is written, it will be a saga of a selfless generation of Marines who were willing to stand up and fight for our nation; to defend those who could not defend themselves; to thrive on the hardship and sacrifice expected of an elite warrior class; to march to the sound of the guns; and to ably shoulder the legacy of those Marines who have gone before.

On our 233rd birthday, first remember those who have served and those "angels" who have fallen-our reputation was built on their sacrifices. Remember our families; they are the unsung heroes whose support and dedication allow us to answer our nation's call. Finally, to all Marines and Sailors, know that I am proud of you and what you do. Your successes on the battlefield have only added to our illustrious history. Lieutenant General Victor H. "Brute" Krulak said it best when he wrote. "The United States does not *need* a Marine Corps....the United States *wants* a Marine Corps."

Your actions in Iraq and Afghanistan and across the globe, are at the core of why America loves her Marines.

Happy Birthday, Marines!

Semper Fidelis

James T. Conway
General, U.S. Marine Corps



*M*arines it is fitting that on the 233rd anniversary of our beloved Marine Corps that we gather in memory of the founding of our Corps. This is a special day to remember our elite history and those brave warriors who have set the standard and the traditions since 1775.

Marines everywhere can take pride in their contributions to our Corps and this great Nation. Those courageous actions that took place on the battlefields throughout history have been a trademark of our heritage as United States Marines and Corpsmen. We as Marines pass on this spirit from Marine to Marine and generation to generation the legacy of our Marine Corps. Ever since Major General John A. Lejeune first issued Marine Corps Order number 47, series 1923, this order has been read at every Marine Corps Birthday celebration

throughout the years. When Marines have come together on November 10th to once again celebrate the birth of our corps.

As we celebrate this special occasion let us please take a moment to remember those valiant Marines and Navy Corpsmen who are on active duty defending our freedom and our way of life. Those of us that faced battles of long ago only have to look at the faces and actions of our Marines today, it is these Marines and Corpsmen that have set the bar of excellence higher than ever.

As Marines it is fitting that our Marine Corps was started in "*Tun Tavern*". Now to all those Marine Corps and Navy Corpsman on active duty and to all those Marines and Corpsmen past, "*a toast*" for upholding the Marine Corps traditions and Corps values and for those in a war zone we pray for a safe return to their families. To those who are with us to celebrate this great occasion, thank you for your service and contribution to our beloved United States Marine Corps and the Marine Corps League.

To all Marines past and present...."*HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARINES and God bless you.*"

James "Jim" Laskey
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Upcoming Events For November

- November 7th, 1000hrs Missing In Action ceremony at Veteran's Cemetery. Eleven veterans will be interned and two wives
- November 8th, Veteran's Day Parade. For those who are going to participate...Assemble at the Cascade Building at 0900hrs. Parade commences at 1000hrs
- November 10th, Cake Cutting ceremony at the Idaho State Veteran's Home at 1100hrs
- November 11th, 1100hrs, Veteran's Day ceremony at the Idaho State Veteran's Home



Business Meeting For November, 2008

The regular business meeting for the Treasure Valley Detachment, Marine Corps League will be held at the Pavilion, Gowen Field. Time/Date; 1900 hrs, November 20th.

Please make a note on your calendar and try to attend. Your voice and recommendation is needed to keep our organization running and to support our local Marine Reserve Center as well as our local Marine Recruiting station. Like our generation of Marines before us, we have an obligation to uphold the highest tradition of our forefathers and to set the same standards for our future Marines. Nothing has changed since your departure from the regular Marine Corps.....Marines ! It's still our duty as Marine Corps League members to uphold the same traditions and values as we did as regular Marines. So fellow Marines make it a part of your personal everyday life... a tradition to keep our Corps and our Marine Corps League in the forefront of our community and to inspire others to join up and support our beloved Marine Corps.... Semper Fi.



News Flash

Washington (Oct.30, 2008) Defense Authorization Act of 2009. Signed into law by President Bush on October 14, 2008 and sponsored by Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma. Veterans and active-duty military not in uniform can now render the military style hand salute during the playing of the national anthem as well as passing of the colors and lowering and raising of the colors.

COLA of 5.8% has been approved for Social Security Military retirees, VA disability/compensations. Also your Medicare premium will remain the same for 2009



Happy Birthday Wishes to our Lady(s)

To our Ladies of our Treasure Valley Detachment and wives of our Marine members, before I acknowledge the following birthdays let me begin with my apology for neglecting you. As always it seems to be a custom in this society and in the past Marine Corps history to neglect the wives of our fellow Marines.....Who without their strong support and love for the Corps has been the backbone of our fighting Marines for centuries. And on this very special occasion of their birthdays I have forgotten to pay my respects and admiration for their devotion to their husbands and to our beloved Marine Corps. So for the months of November, I.... along with the Marines of Treasure Valley Detachment wish to say **"Happy Birthday"** to the following ladies;

Mrs. Carolyn Dunlap, Mrs. Delores Lee,
Mrs. Sherry Meade, Mrs. Theresa Nakashima,
Mrs. Catherine Schroeder, Mrs. Lynne Sterling

God Bless you ladies and Semper Fidelis

Note: Ladies....if I don't have you listed for November please update our Detachment's roster with your date of birth. We would like to have the opportunity to wish you well and years of happiness.

Marines in Olongapo, Philippines



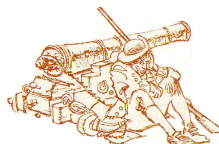


Koffee Klatch



Our weekly Saturday get-together for coffee, tall tales and sea stories.....even the wives have some tall tales to brag about. Our coffee klatch is every Saturday at Qinn's restaurant at 0900.....Although some of us early birds get there around 0800 the doors don't officially open until 0900.

The third Saturday is with our wives and sweethearts so bring them along for some great conversations and tall tales. If you are a former Marine, active duty Marine or a Navy Corpsman you are welcome to set in on our Saturday morning coffee and breakfast. We would love to hear your tall tales or sea stories as well.



Scuttlebutt of the Day

The latest word from the private setting on the last toilet, was the Democrats have won the House, the Senate and the Presidency???



Sixth Marine Division

The only Marine Division that, as an entire unit, never spent as much as one day in the continental U.S.A. It was composed of three infantry regiments; 4th Marines; 22nd Marines; 29th Marines; an artillery regiment; 15th Marines and several support units. The 4th Marines was originally formed in 1911 and spent many years in China prior to WWII. They were known as the CHINA MARINES. They were decimated during the early part of WWII on Bataan, but reactivated to become part of the 6thMarDiv. The 22nd Marines was formed on April 1, 1942. It was assigned to duty on Samoa and in February 1944 distinguished itself in the Eniwetok campaign. It became part of the 1st Provisional Marine Brigade and participated in the invasion of Guam.

The 1st Battalion, 29th Marines was bloodied in the Saipan campaign being instrumental in the capture of Mt Topatchau. "A" Company landed on Tinian. The 6th Marine Division was in existence for only 19 months and was the only division to be formed and disbanded overseas, never to see service in the U.S.A. The 6thMarDiv was awarded the PUC for it's superior performance during the battle of Okinawa. The division also was awarded the NUC for it's engagement at the battle of Guam.

The battle of Okinawa was a long, lasting 82 days. The 6thMarDiv had nearly 1700 Marines and Navy Corpsmen killed in action or died from wounds, with more than 7400 being wounded in action, (WIA). The highest causality rates were in the rifle companies, many of which were reduced to the level of under strength platoons, with NCOs commanding them. After the Japanese surrender, the 6thMarDiv, less the 4th Marines, sailed to Tsingtao, China to accept the surrender of the Japanese. The 4th Marines went to Japan. The 6thMarDiv occupied Tsingtao until April 1, 1946, On that date the division downsized by the loss of many of its Marines who had returned to the United States and was designated the 1stProvisvional Brigade. A year later the 6thMarDiv had ceased to exist.



Treasure Valley Young Marines

Continued from October's issue;



In July a large group of Young Marines went to the week long Division Encampment at Camp Rilea in Astoria, Oregon. Our TVD Young Marines took 1st place in unit drill and Color Guard competitions. Activities for the week of Aug 4th included traversing the Rope Bridge course, and the FATS (Fire Arms Training Simulator), was used to qualify all Young Marines for their marksmanship ribbon. Aug 5th was Land Navigation events. Aug 7th was Swim Qualification.

The Young Marines also helped out at several other events during the summer....They included helping out at the Hospital "Welcome Home Event", and placing flags at the Veterans Cemetery. The Young Marines participated in the Flag Day ceremony, including the Car Show, BBQ, motor Cycle Rally and tour of the War Hawk museum in Nampa.

The TVD Young Marines have raised over \$5,776.00 in discount pizza cards and the top honors go to the young salesman, PFC Chase Ogle (12) who raised a fantastic amount of \$2,140.00.

Now that Fall has begun our TVD Young Marines are returning to their respective schools, but they still have events to participate in and to continue to carry on the highest tradition of the Marine Corps and their Detachment.... "Job Well Done, Young Marines". From the TVD, No 878, Marine Corps League... Semper Fi



Dates of Interest.....for November

- 1st....1943, I Marine Amphibious Corps Landed at Cape Torokina on Bougainville. The 3rdMarDiv landed on Bougainville
- 5th.... 1901, Marines participate in the battle of Sohotan River in Samar, Philippines during the insurrection
- 8th....1942, The 2nd Raider Bn began its 150 mi perimeter patrol on Guadalcanal
- 10th....1775, **Continental Congress authorized the creation of the MARINE CORPS**
- 11TH.... **1918, ARMISTICE DAY, WW I** ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of the year
- 14th....1967, MajGen Bruno Hochmuth, CG 3rdMarDiv died in a helo accident in Vietnam
- 20th... 1943, The 2nd MarDiv landed at Betio Island, Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands
- 22nd.... 2001, Marines from 15th MEU,(SOC) secure Forward Operating Base vice FOB RHINO
- 27th....1950, Chinese Communists launched an attack, surrounding Marines at Chosin Reservoir



God Bless Our Country & Our Marine Corps

