



Esprit d' Corps

what it stands for



It is friendship, and something beyond friendship, that binds the Marine Corps together.

(Donald T. Regen, Secretary of the Treasury under President Ronald Reagan)

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noun

a feeling of pride, fellowship, and common loyalty shared by the members of a particular group.

ORIGIN late 18th cent.: French, literally 'spirit of the body.'

Joining the Marine Corps League is noble and right for former Marines. Those of us that joined the Corps to serve our nation. Some made it their career, others stayed until it was all over and then resumed their lives as civilians, or reservist. All served honorably, but serving doesn't end with a DD214. We that earned the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor, earned it forever, unlike those that served in other branches of our nation's military. We were proud and there was something special to march on that grinder the last time, not as recruits but Marines. We learned such terms as Honor, Commitment, and Courage and what they mean. These same words have the same meaning to those that have joined the Marine Corps League. To serve our fellow veterans, Marines and communities that we live in. To be knitted together again in pride, fellowship and common loyalty as Marine Corps League members. We need to put away our petty differences, find that uncommon valor by serving actively in our detachment. We have more Marines that show up at the Koffee

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Klatch then at our business meetings or various other events and services that we perform. The MCL is a service organization as well one that is social. Being a member is a way we can once again do something for someone else with fellow Marines.

Business Meeting for May 2008

The regular Business Meeting of the Treasure Valley Detachment Marine Corps League for May will be held at the Pavilion on Gowen Field at 1900 hours. May 15th. All members are encouraged to attend. The next regular business meeting will be June 19th, 2008. Your opinions, ideas, and voice is important to the detachment. So please make a note on your calendar to attend the meetings.

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 May 17th.

Happy Birthday to Our Ladies:

Dawn Partridge, Elaine Stonebraker, and Nancy Teague

Young Marine Graduation

The Young Marines graduated a platoon of 18 Young Marines, April 29th., the largest group in a couple of years. I think a good showing of members of the TVMCL at future graduations would show that we care for the kids and the programs that WE sponsor.

Idaho Department State Convention



Our detachment will host the State Convention this year. The convention dates are May 30th. 31st. and June 1st. More information will be given as received. If you have any Questions please contact Arnie Strawn, 208-454-8295. The cut-off date to register is May 10th.

Memorial Day

Memorial Day is on the 26th. of May, at 1000 hours. The ceremony is held at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery.

Memorial Day, a day set aside to remember and honor our fallen hero's. The day was first observed 5 May 1866 in Waterloo, New York and is credited as the birthplace of the holiday. After a proclamation by Gen. John A Logan, the National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, a veterans organization, General Order No. 11. The proclamation called for the laying of flowers and wreaths of the fallen Union and Confederate Soldiers graves at Arlington National Cemetery. Decoration Day as it was called was first named, was observed on the 30th of May, because it had no ties to any Civil War battles. The first observation was held on 30 May 1868. Decoration day was officially adopted by the State of New York in 1873 and by 1890 all of the Northern States observed it. Not until the end of World War 1 did the Southern State adopted it, to honor those killed in action in all of our wars. Memorial Day was an alternate name to Decoration Day and was first used in 1882. After World War 2 the Memorial Day name was more prevalent and became official by Federal Law in 1967. On June 28, 1968 The United States Congress passed the Uniform Holiday Bill, which moved the holiday from May 30th to the last Monday in May. The Law took effect on the federal level in 1971 and was soon followed by the States.

Pre-Convention

Mc Call, Idaho is a quaint destination spot for recreation, but not for the Department of Idaho Marine Corps League. It was all work to hammer-out the agenda for the Idaho Department State Convention at the end of this month at the Hyatt Place Hotel in Boise. Some of the topics that was brought up was membership, both getting new members and creating a desire to serve and become an active members those that are already members. We talked about the Young Marines and how we can better serve them. Liability concerns were brought up over the raffling of firearms. As well how we can be more visible to the general public by showing our colors at different events. Last but not least how we can put in our backs to help our Marines at C. Co. 4th Tanks, with Toys for Tots. As for our detachment, we barely have enough members show up for the business meeting to make a quorum, "maybe". We had three members represent us at the pre-convention.

Spring Parking Lot Party

Armed Forces Day is May 17th. and on that day the Idaho State Veterans Home has their annual Spring Parking Lot Party. Our detachment has been invited again to be the cooks for the event. This is a fun event and is well attended and it gives us the chance to show off our culinary talent in grilling hamburgers, hot dogs and our famous

grilled onions. Please be there by 1030 hours because the party starts at 1100 and ends at 1400 hours. It is your chance to cook for a lot of great people and especially for the resident Veterans at the home.

Coffee Wagon

Dates for the Coffee wagon:

- June 7 & 8
- July 4 thru 6
- Aug 2 & 3
- Sept 6 & 7
- Possibly Labor Day Weekend

Again it will be at the West-bound Rest Stop at Black Creek on Interstate 84

Auxiliary News

Treasure Valley Marine Corps League Auxiliary #408



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Minutes for March

No minutes for the month of April.

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

- Happy Hour, May 17th. 1000 hours
- Parking Lot Party, May 17th.
- Regular Business Meeting, May 15th., 1900 hour

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

- Mother's Day May 11th.
- Memorial Day May 26th.
- Convention, May 30-31, June 1

History of Marine Corps Divisions

History of 3rd. Marine Division

Part 2 of 2



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Immediately after its activation and still in its organizational state, the Division began intensive combat training, including new tactics and maneuvers based on lessons learned in Korean War.

During the remaining part of 1952 elements of the Division participated in numerous exercises and training problems, including vertical envelopment (helicopter landing), air-borne operations and attack, and defense against atomic weapons and missiles.

In August 1953 the Battalion arrived in Japan to support the 1st Marine Division in the defense of the Far Eastern area. In March 1956 the Battalion moved to Okinawa and remained there in a readiness posture until 1965.

On 6 May 1965, the 3d Marine Division opened the Marine Compound at the Danang Air Base, Vietnam. The Battalion operated in Vietnam from this time participating in operations from Danang to Phi Bai to Quang Tri/Dong Ha Combat Base. For Meritorious Service in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 January – 30 September 1968 the Battalion was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation. The Battalion departed Vietnam in November 1969 and moved to Camp Courtney, Okinawa, where it is presently located.

Missing in America

A program started by the State of Idaho to find the cremated remains of those Veterans and their spouses and properly inter their remains at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery. The following is the statutes that govern the process. At the pre-convention this topic was brought up and it was requested and suggested that we help find our Missing in America.

Idaho Statutes

TITLE 54

MORTICIANS, FUNERAL DIRECTORS
AND EMBALMERS

54-1144. UNCLAIMED REMAINS OF VETERANS. (1)

The division of veterans services may assume control over the cremated remains of a deceased person if:

(a) The decedent's remains have not been disposed of pursuant to a prearranged funeral plan as set forth in section 54-1139, Idaho Code;

(b) The persons vested with the right to control the disposition of the remains of a deceased person pursuant to section 54-1142, Idaho Code, have not made final arrangements for the disposition of the remains within one (1) Year following the deceased person's death or have not exercised control over those remains for a period of one (1) year; and

(c) The division of veterans services certifies that the deceased person is eligible for interment at the state veterans cemetery as an armed forces member pursuant to the rules of the state veterans cemetery.

(2) An Idaho chapter of a nationally chartered veterans services organization may assume control over the cremated remains of a deceased person if:

(a) The decedent's remains have not been disposed of pursuant to a prearranged funeral plan as set forth in section 54-1139, Idaho Code;

(b) The persons vested with the right to control the disposition of the remains of a deceased person pursuant to section 54-1142, Idaho Code, have not made final arrangements for the disposition of the remains within one (1) Year following the deceased person's death or have not exercised control over those remains for a period of one (1) year; and

(c) The Idaho chapter of a nationally chartered veterans services organization certifies that:

(i) The deceased person is an armed forces member as defined in the rules of the state veterans cemetery;

(ii) The Idaho chapter of a nationally chartered veterans services organization shall be solely responsible for the costs of interment, including the application for and receipt of any available governmental benefits.

(3) There shall be no liability of a funeral establishment, mortuary, cemetery, crematory, or a related entity, a licensed mortician, or licensed funeral director, or any employee or agent thereof who transfers the cremated remains of a deceased person to the division of veterans services or an Idaho chapter of a nationally chartered veterans service organization pursuant to the provisions of this section.

(4) There shall be no liability of the state of Idaho or any employee or agent thereof related to the transfer of the cremated remains of a deceased person to an Idaho chapter of a nationally chartered veterans services organization or the interment of such remains pursuant to the provisions of this section.

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Available Reference: *Search Instructions*.

<http://www3.state.id.us/cgi-bin/newidst?sctid=540110044.K>

eGazette

Those members that I have an email address for, will not receive a hard copy of the newsletter, due to the increase of coping costs and postage increase in May. If you have an email address and would like to receive the Gazette via email, then email me at kenj7@clearwire.net

Why in hell can't the Army do it if the Marines can? They are the same kind of men; why can't the Army be like Marines.
(Gen. John J. "Black Jack" Pershing, Commander-in-Chief, AEF, 12 February 1918)

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