



# Semper Fidelis

*what it stands for*



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

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

semper fidelis | 'sempər fi 'dālis| (also semper fi | 'sempər 'fī)

adjective

always faithful (the motto of the U.S. Marine Corps).

ORIGIN Latin.

## THE MARINE CORPS MOTTO

“Semper Fidelis” (“Always Faithful”) is the motto of the Corps. That Marines have lived up to this motto is proved by the fact that there has never been a mutiny, or even the thought of one, among U.S. Marines. Semper Fidelis was adopted about 1883 as the motto of the Corps. Before that, there had been three mottoes, all traditional rather than official. The first, antedating the War of 1812, was “Fortitudine” (“With Fortitude”). The second, “By Sea and by Land,” was obviously

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a translation of the Royal Marine's "Per Mare, Per Terram." Until 1848, the third motto was "To the Shores of Tripoli," in commemoration of O'Bannon's capture of Derna in 1805. In 1848, after the return to Washington of the Marine battalion that took part in the capture of Mexico City, this motto was revised to: "From the Halls of the Montezumas to the Shores of Tripoli" – a line now familiar to all Americans. This revision of the Corps motto in Mexico has encouraged speculation that the first stanza of "The Marines' Hymn" was composed by members of the Marine battalion who stormed Chapultepec Castle.

It may be added that the Marine Corps shares its motto with England's Devonshire Regiment, the 11th Foot, one of the senior infantry regiments of the British Army, whose sobriquet is "the Bloody Eleventh" and whose motto is also Semper Fidelis.

Courtesy of the United States Marine Corps History Division  
[http://www.tecom.usmc.mil/HD/Home\\_Page.htm](http://www.tecom.usmc.mil/HD/Home_Page.htm)

## 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. June 19th. All members are encouraged to attend. The next regular business meeting will be September 18th, 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 June 21st.

## Happy Birthday to Our Ladies:

Melba Butler, Priscella Dunn, Barbara Elston, Nancy Grigsby, and Michelle Lawkowski.

## Happy Hour at Quinn's

Happy Hour will officially begin at 0900 starting on the third Saturday of July, unofficially it can happen in June if you wish to be at Quinn's Restaurant at 0900. Most of us will be there at that hour, so don't be late. Koffee Klatch will remain the same as it has always been. You don't need to be a member join us at either event, just have some fun and swap sea stories.

## This is the End of the Season

The last Business Meeting will be this month and there will be no newsletters until August or September with information about the Detachment Picnic. Although we are still active during the summer with events as they come up. We need to show our colors at all local events and the 4th of July Parade, so be part of the solution, not the cause of the lack of identification in the local commu-

nities and former Marines that don't know about us. Let's not cancel the 4th. of July Parade again because of a lack of participants.

## Idaho Department State Convention



Our detachment hosted the Idaho Department State Convention this year. The convention dates were on May 30th, 31st, and June 1st. With a buffet banquet, silent auction, and a raffle, three swords were given away among quite a few other nice items. The convention passed two by-laws, the first created a fiscal year for the Department; and a raise in membership dues the detachment pays for each member to \$5.00. Topics for the convention was ways to boost membership, be active in the community and scholarship programs. Two important item discussed was the wearing of any Marine Corps League uniform item to a political rally is in violation of the National By-laws. Department of Defense is asking all veterans to wear their medal or ribbons on Veteran's Day, Memorial Day, and the Fourth of July, can be worn on civilian attire.

The 2009 Idaho Convention will be held in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho on the 14th, 15th, and 16th. The Department plans other activities to do then just meetings. The pre-convention is in Salmon, Idaho on the 17th and 18th of April. More information will be posted as given.

The convention had a guest speaker for the Marine 4 Life Program, Major Darin Letzring of the Boise District. he described



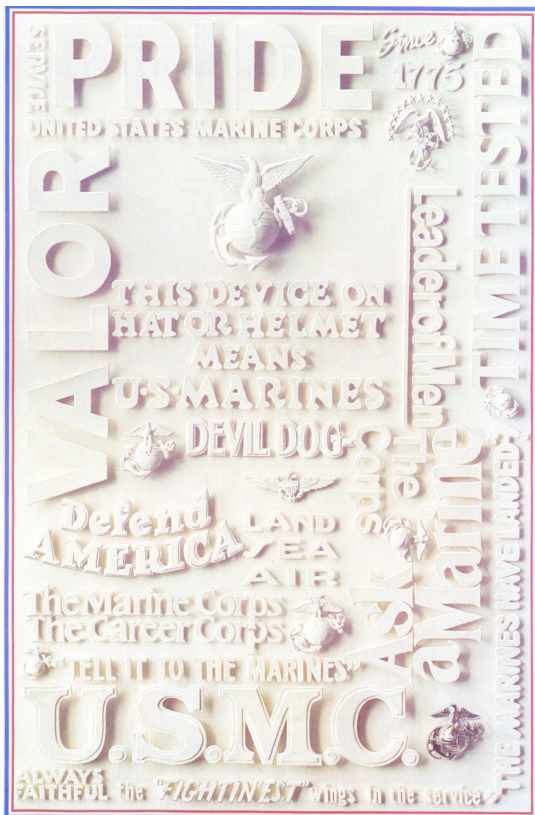
the Wounded Warrior Regiment and how we can help the Marie 4 Life program and who is eligible for services. Major Letzring was informed of our Koffee Klatch as a contact for young Marines to make contact with other Marines. He is asking for mentors for our area. their website is <http://www.M4L.usmc.mil>. Email for the Major is [darin.letzring@gmail.com](mailto:darin.letzring@gmail.com) and phone number 208-705-7718.

## Fred Kee Young Marine Scholarship Fund

The Young Marine Scholarship, of the Treasure Valley Marine Corps League was rededicated to honor a brother and member who spend many hours over several years to benefit the Young Marines of the Treasure Valley having been a volunteer, staff member and elected officer to both the units of this area. His long stand and untiring efforts, had for a long time been in keeping with the motto of the Marine Corps League, Young Marines that of "Strengthening The Lives of America's Youth". The Scholarship fund now and forever more will be known as the, "Fred V. Kee Scholarship Fund".

## Memorial Day

Memorial Day was held on the 26th. of May, at 1100 hours. The ceremony was held at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery and Ralph Elston laid a wreath by the Marine Corps Flag at the Memorial area of the cemetery. Kudos to those few members that showed up for the ceremony.



## Spring Parking Lot Party



*Bobby Lee and Arnie Strawn slicing tomatoes*

Armed Forces Day was May 17th. and on that day the Idaho State Veterans Home held their annual Spring Parking Lot Party. Our detachment cooked 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. The next Parking Lot Party is held in October, 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

# Event Horizon

- Happy Hour, June 21st. 1000 hours (0900 if you like)
- Regular Business Meeting, June 19th., 1900 hour
- Flag Day, June 14th
- Father's Day June 15th.
- Convention, June 1

## History of Marine Corps Divisions



### History of 4th. Marine Division

History courtesy of the Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

This division was formed by the organization and re-designation of several other units. The 23rd Marine Regiment began as infantry detached from the 3rd Marine Division in

February 1943, the same month that an artillery battalion of the 12th Marines became the genesis of the 14th Marines and engineer elements of the 19th Marines formed the nucleus of the 20th Marines. In March the 24th Marine Regiment was organized, and then in May it was split in two to supply the men for the 25th Marines.

This war-time shuffling provided the major building blocks for a new division. The units were originally separated, however, with the 24th Marines and a variety of reinforcing units (engineer, artillery, medical, motor transport, special weapons, tanks, etc.) at Camp Pendleton in California. The rest of the units were at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. This East Coast echelon moved to Pendleton by train and transit of the Panama Canal in July and August. When all the units were finally together, the 4th Marine Division was formally activated on 14 August 1943, with Major General Harry Schmidt in command.

*A Marine should be sworn to the patient endurance of hardships, like the ancient knights; and it is not the least of these necessary hardships to have to serve with sailors.*  
(Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery)

After intensive training, it shipped out on 13 January 1944, and in 13 months made four major amphibious assaults, in the battles of Kwajalein (Roi-Namur), Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jima, suffering more than 17,000 casualties. It was awarded two Presidential Unit Citations and a Navy Unit Commendation, and then deactivated 28 November 1945.

In February 1966, it was reactivated as the lead division in the Marine Forces Reserve, and major units later served with distinction in the Persian Gulf.

### Lt. John Marshall Gamble

During the War of 1812, a seagoing marine became the only leatherneck to command a Navy vessel. Lt. John Marshall Gamble, with 31 Marines, sailed aboard Essex Oct. 22, 1812. The Essex crew captured three English whaling ships which were fitted for combat, and Gamble was given command of one of them, Greenwich. In 1813, Gamble and a crew of 14 men engaged a British whaler. The American commander used the best of naval strategy to block the escape of the English ship, then maneuvered into position for a few broadside cannon volleys and convinced the English sailors to strike their colors in surrender. The ship was Seringapatam--the terror of American whalers in the Pacific until that day in July when the English vessel and crew encountered the Marine-commanded warship in the Galapagos Islands.

Gamble later had a big problem with a mutiny after being left to hold some fortifications in the Marquesas Islands. The main body of ships and sailors was to return later, but were instead captured. Gamble was soon beset with the mutiny, which he, his Marines and some loyal sailors were unable to contain. They fled, were later captured in the Sandwich Islands and held captive until the end of the war. Gamble later reached New York during August 1815, where he was promoted to major and later Lieutenant colonel. He retired from the Marine Corps in 1834.

### 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](mailto:kenj7@clearwire.net)

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