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Semper Paratus Gazette



*"To care for him
Who shall have
borne the battle
and for his widow
and his orphan."*

Abraham Lincoln



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**To be connected with VA
suicide Prevention and Mental
Health Professionals. Call the
toll-free National Suicide
Prevention hotline and indicate
you are a veteran.**

1-800-273-8255

Happy 234th Birthday Marines



NW DIVISION CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 12, 2009

Participating are Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington States



SrVice Commandant for the NW Division, John Woods, front row center. Our Dept Commandant, Lou Roane is seated to his left. Arnie Strawn, Sgt-at-Arms, left standing

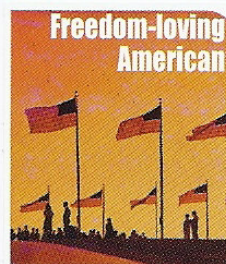


Casual dinner and evening socializing at the Doubletree, Riverside Hotel. After a long day discussing the agenda for the MC League's NW Division a night out on the town is well deserved. NW Division's SrVice Commandant, John Woods is seated left foreground, Our Dept Commandant Lou Roane second left and John Walker, Arnie Strawn are left of Cmdt Roane. Seated on the right second from Cmdt John Woods is Walt Modler, our Detachment Sgt-at-Arms

Checkout our website; tvdml.org



Ctr NW Div SrViceComdt, John Woods, (L) John Walker, JrViceCmdt & ® Bobbie Lee, Detachment



"If you can read, thank a teacher. If you can read it in English, Thank a MARINE"



A day to enjoy....fishing at Stan Meholchick's pond. This veteran resides at the Idaho State Veterans Home and his love for the outdoor still shows. Stan Melholchick is a life member of the MC League and he gives his time and devotion to make life a little better for these veterans. Stan also supports the TVD Young Marines on their projects throughout the year. Thanks Stan.....Semper Fi



The day was windy and a chilly, but the fishing was great. Everyone had a great time, reported by Arnie Strawn, SrViceCmdt

Next Business Meeting Is November, 2009



Our Officers; L-R John Walker, JrViceCmdt, Rich Erickson, CMDT, SrViceCmdt Arnie Strawn, Bob Smith, Judge Advocate

Business meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month. November's meeting will be 19th at 1700 in the Pavilion on Gowen Field. Please come out and give us your input, ideas or offer your services to help us organize this upcoming 2011 National Convention.



Bob Smith awarded for 15yrs service in the Marine Corps League. Presented by Cmdt Erickson and Sr Vice Cmdt Strawn



Koffee Klatch

Quinn's restaurant on Vista Avenue. Howdy Marines. Well another Saturday is approaching and time for more coffee and a lot of BS. We also have a lot to talk about on our Marine Corps League, 2011 National Convention. If you're interested in hearing more about what's going on in the future feel free to come in and get the latest scoop. "See you at Coffee." Semper Fi, Marines



November Birthdays

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

From the members of the Marine Corps League, Treasure Valley Detachment, #878 we wish you all a very, very **"Happy Birthday"** and many years to come.

"Semper Fi, Ladies"

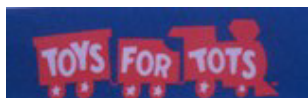


Dates of Interest for November

- Nov5th **1901** - Marines participated in the battle of Sohoton River, Samar during the Philippines Insurrection
- Nov6th **1854** - The morning report showed the Marine Corps totaled 63 officers & 1,389 enlisted men
- Nov7th **2004** - Operation Phantom Fury (Al-Fajr) began in Fallujah, Iraq
- Nov9th **1968** - Maj Walter Cunningham received Apollo 7 astronaut wings
- Nov10th 1775 - Continental Congress authorized the creation of the MARINE CORPS**
- Nov11th **1918** - Armistice Day. WWI ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of The year
- Nov13th **1968** - Operation Daring Endeavor was commenced by the 7thMarRegt in Vietnam
- Nov15th **1950** - Elements of the 1stMarDiv reached the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea
- Nov20th **1943** - 2ndMarDiv landed at Betio Island, Tarawa Atoll
- Nov22nd **1943** - Tarawa was secured after 72 hours of bitter fighting
- Nov29th **1804** - Lt. Presley O'Bannon and seven Marines landed in Alexandria, Egypt



Murphy's Law of Combat;
Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons



4th Tank Bn, "C" Company

Not new information about this program yet??? I will keep you posted when I can get hold of Capt Stephenson He's been out of his office for some time.

Veterans Day Parade Nov 7th 2009



L-R Holding banner; Cmdt Erickson and Roy Jost



Our MCLeague Treasure Valley Detachment, 878



FRA- Fleet Reserve Association





Color Guard from Charlie Company, 4th Tank Bn



Charlie Co 4th Tank Bn



DAV and their convoy of Vans who are always there in the VA Medical Center parking lot to assist our veterans

Checkout our Website; tvdmcl.org



Our U.S. Coast Guard fleet of vessels. Always assisting boaters who are in need of help on the numerous Reservoirs in Idaho waters



Our young Treasure Valley Marines



Gem State Young Marines from Caldwell





Treasure Valley Det. Young Marines preparing to march off in the Veterans Day parade



Gem State Young Marine Color Guard



Don Carlisle marching along with his Young Marines

Murphy's Law of Combat; Bravery is being the only one who knows you're afraid



Message From The Chaplin's Corner

I'm happy to report that I don't have much to report for the newsletter. Gary Schumaker is back home after his surgery and is recovering. After the back surgery and replacing the pins in his hip with shorter ones, the pain has subsided quite a bit. Gary's spirits are up.... "Way to go Gary!!" Get well soon and we hope to see you at coffee and our monthly meetings soon.

I spotted Joyce Johnson with Ken at the Post Office and she's in good spirits. Ken said she got a new walker so maybe we'll see them at coffee and future meetings again soon.

Jon Peters will be going in for knee replacement on November 16th at St Lukes downtown. St Lukes will be doing the surgery....so please keep Jon in your prayers and thoughts. Take a few minutes and drop by and visit Jon after his surgery. He might be held over for a few days depending on how well the surgery went.

If anyone knows of a sick or hospital patient or someone going to the hospital, let me know either by phone or email.

God Bless to all and to our Troops until next issue

Bobby Lee

TVMCL Chaplin

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***VA Regional 444 West Fort Street
Boise, Idaho 83702***

The new address for the Idaho Division of Veterans Services Office of Veterans Advocacy is ; 444 West Fort Street, Room 140, Boise, Id 83702. Our new phone number is; 208-429-2145, (temp for now)

Word of advice.....If you only want to stop by and visit the new facility, FORGET!! The Security is tight. Unless you know someone inside you will not get in. If you have an appointment that's another story. If you know someone and only want to visit the new facility you will have to make contact with an employee and set up a day to visit. Otherwise you will not be able to get in.



Caldwell Reports Plans For a New VA Clinic

The new 10,000 square foot facility was scheduled for Downtown Caldwell, but has been relocated to be built at ***Sky Ranch Business Center***....near the city airport. Plans also call for a new Treasure Valley Community College campus on the same block area as the VA facility.

VA Expands Agent Orange Illness List

The Department of Veterans Affairs established a service-connection for Vietnam veterans suffering from Parkinson's disease, ischemic heart disease (IHD) and B-cell leukemia's such as hairy-cell Leukemia. These illnesses are now considered "*presumed*" illnesses. This new policy will not go into effect until sometime in 2010. At which point affect veterans will be urged to submit new disability claims.

A New VA-Produced Video- "VA Telehealth"

A new VA-produced video "VA Telehealth...Real Time Access to Care" is now available for veterans and their caregivers to view on YouTube. Care coordination Services, which is responsible for VA's telehealth program, posted the video to educate veterans about telehealth and how it can help them access services quickly and conveniently, minimizing travel. The video highlights the experiences of veterans the treat long distances, demonstrating how different telehealth programs provide them clinical consultations and care, (including counseling) You can see the intire nine-minute video at www.youtube.com/watch? The video also can be accessed on the VA Web site at www.carecoordination.va.gov/video/

It's God's job to forgive Bin Laden - It's our job to arrange the meeting

Stop Loss Compensation Pay

Current and former service members who were involuntarily held on active duty beyond an approved separation or retirement date as a direct result of stop loss from September 11, 2001 to September 30, 2009, may be eligible for a Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay compensation of \$500.00 for each month they were affected. To make a claim, eligible active, retired and former service members, or legally designated beneficiaries, must provide documented proof they were stop loss with their cclaim. Family members of deceased service members should contact the appropriate military service for assistance in filing their claim.

Visit www.manpower.usmc.mil/stoploss or email: stoploss@usmc.mil
Navy : email NXAGN132@navy.mil



From The Senate

The President supports a one-time payment to Seniors in 2010 in lieu of Social Security cost-of-living adjustment In the absence of a COLA, for Social Security in 2010 the President has supported a one-time payment of \$250.00 for Seniors, Veterans and people with disabilities.

Happy 234th Birthday Marines and Corpsmen



Uncommon Valor Was a Common Virtue