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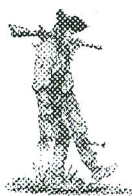


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*"To care for him
Who shall have
borne the battle
and for his widow
and his orphan."*

Abraham Lincoln



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1-800-273-8255

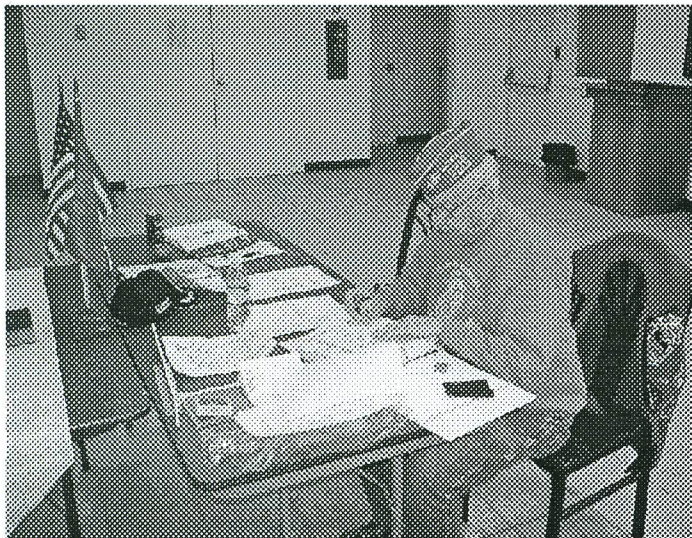
Congratulations to our newly elected Officers of Marine Corps League, Treasure Valley Detachment, No 878



(L-R) Roy Jost, Acting Chaplin swearing in the newly elected Officers....
Commandant Rich Erickson, Jr Vice Cmdt John Walker, Adj/Pay Master Ralph
Elson, Judge Advocate, Robert Smith, Sr Vice Cmdt Arnold Strawn

Also congratulations to Walt Modler our newly appointed Sergeant-at-Arms and
Robert Lee our newly appointed Detachment Chaplin.

Let's all give our support and backing to our newly elected Officers and when
you see them in person, give them a hardy hand shake and your blessing for the
upcoming year(s) of their volunteer services and for helping to keep our
Detachment running and focusing on our many commitments we have for the
year 2009. Semper Fi Gentleman.....and God Bless our Marine Corps League
Treasure Valley Detachment, No 878



Pay Master at Work

Delinquent Members.....If you forgot your dues please get them into the Paymaster asap. The following are; Frank Hernandez, Kraig Laskowski, Gregory McAdams, Jolynn Morriss, Nathan Morriss, Art Motz, Michael Orduno, Delbert Rupert, George Seavey and Larry Webster. Your membership and your dues are greatly needed. With the economy like it is and the job market failing it's understandable you might be among this category of folks. Please contact the Pay Master, Ralph Elston at (208) 853-7344 and keep him updated on your situation or your intention to drop or continue being a member of the MCL. Whatever your decision, we hope you continue to support your Detachment so we can continue to serve our Community and our fellow Veterans....

Semper Fi Marines and God Bless.



Business Meeting For May 2009

Our regular scheduled Treasure Valley Detachment business meeting is always scheduled on the third Thursday of the months in the Pavilion on Gowen Field...unless otherwise noted in our newsletter.

The date and time for May's scheduled meeting is on the 21st at 1900 hours. As always I wish you would make it a point to come and help in making decisions and give our Officers some new ideas. I know we have some Iraqi and maybe a few Afgan Veterans among us.....Please come out and if anything just set and listen to your Detachment's business.



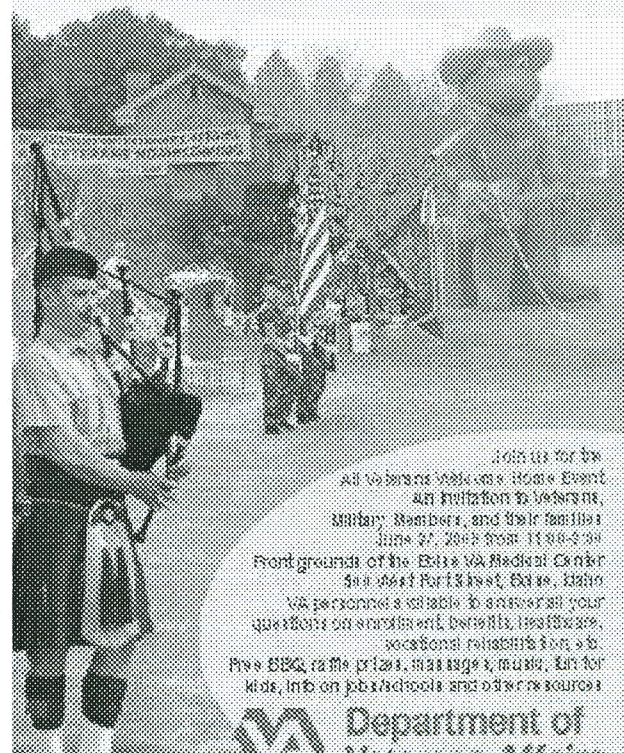
Treasure Valley Detachment's Upcoming Events For 2009

- May 16th ~ Spring Parking Lot Party. Idaho State Veterans Home, 1100-1400
- Sep 19th ~ Veterans Olympics. At Boise VA Medical Center, 0630-0830. We put up flags along The road leading to the hospital and serve coffee, donuts and etc.
- Oct 4th ~ Fall Parking Lot Party. Idaho State Veterans Home, 1100-1400
- Nov 10th ~ Marine Corps Birthday at the Idaho State Veterans Home. 1100 Cake cutting ceremony
- Nov 11th ~ Veterans Day. MCL may host this year..... If we do we need a Narrator and other help.
- Dec 24th ~ Christmas Parties, tentative date & subject To change. More info to follow.

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Come on out....We will have a booth setup for the Treasure Valley Detachment

All Veterans Welcome Home **June 27th, 2009**



Join us for the All Veterans Welcome Home Event an invitation to veterans, Military Members, and their families June 27, 2009 from 11:00-2:00 Front grounds of the Boise VA Medical Center 560 West Fort Street, Boise, Idaho VA personnel available to answer all your questions on enrollment, benefits, healthcare, vocational rehabilitation, etc. Free BBQ, raffle prizes, massages, music, fun for kids, info on job/schools and other resources

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Dates of Interest for May

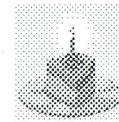
- 3rd ... 1898- Lt Dion Williams & Marines From USS Baltimore
Raised the American flag over Cavite City, Phillipines
- 6th ... 1942-The colors of the 4thMarRegt were burned to
Avoid capture on Corregidor
- 13th ... 1846- War was declared against Mexico
- 15th ... 1862- Cpl John Mackie became the first Marine awarded
The Medal of Honor
- 20th ... 1906-Maj John A Lejeune embarked his battalion for
Duty in Panama
- 25th ... 1775- Eight Marines escorted payroll; This was the first
recorded action of the Continental Marines
- 28th ... 1945-The 5thMarRegt began the final assault against
Shuri Castle, Okinawa
- 30th ... 1949-3rd Marines, last Marines to leave Shanghai, China
During May and arrived in San Diego, CA



Memorial Day Services



Memorial Day services will still be held at the Veterans Cemetery on May 25th.....The time of the ceremony has been changed to 10:00am. Hope to see you all there.



May Birthday

*Linda Emery
Patricia Hisaw*

*Gloria Kilton
Velma Williams*

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

Semper Fi



This is the New Gold Star License Plate



Our Governor has signed *House Bill H24* approving the Gold Star license plate. This plate represents the tremendous sacrifice each and every *Gold Star Family* has Endured. The plates will be available July 1, 2009

A special signing of House Bill H24 will take place on Monday, May 11, 2009 at 11:00am on the second floor of the Borah Building located on the corner of 8th Street and Bannock in the old court room. Please try to attend and ask any Gold Star Family members you know to attend. Lets show our support and thank you to the Governor and the folks who initiated and approved House Bill H24.



Koffee Klatch

Our weekly Saturday get-together for coffee is a great way to meet your fellow Marines and chat about the old days and the experiences we all had to endure and overcome. We might be hardcore and brain dead at times but we do discuss politics and other governmental affairs as well as sports and local gossip. So why not join us for coffee and breakfast or just tell us your sea stories. Remember the third Saturday we have our wives for breakfast as well.

We meet at Quinn's Restaurant on Vista Ave downtown Boise. Doors open at 0900, but some old timers still come earlier. See you there MARINES !



Military Order Of The Purple Heart

The MOP has launched a new Web Site for Veterans seeking Federal Employment... www.VetsJobs.net This site is specifically designed to assist Veterans in obtaining Federal Employment.

The "VetsJobs web site" provides a video, "How To Get a Federal Job," that walks Veterans through the process of applying for a federal employment.



Treasure Valley Young Marines

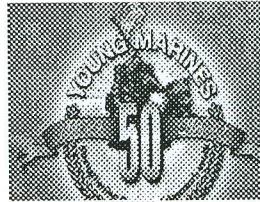
Doing what they do best...helping out in the community.



Color Guard starting off the day's events with "Walk Me Home"...Trash pick up day. The event was enjoyed by everyone as they walked a mile or more and cleaned up the Boise area of unwanted trash. This is one of many events the Young Marines participated in annually. The weather even cooperated in making this a great day.



Photos by; Charles McClure, PAO. Treasure Valley Young Marines



Celebrating 50 years of
"Strengthening the lives of
America's youth"



Gem State Young Marines

Just celebrated their 6th year and their 50th Anniversary of the National Young Marine Program with the graduation ceremony of Recruit Platoon 409 on Saturday night, April 18, 2009. There was over 200 families, friends and Young Marines and Staff in attendance. Thirteen new Young Marines have joined the ranks of our Gem State Detachment. The honor graduate was Nicole Gardner. She was also promoted to PFC. The *Iron Mike Award* was presented to Christopher Fonder for overall outstanding performance and a promotion to PFC. From the members of the Treasure Valley Detachment, No 878, Marine Corps League we congratulate your Young Marines for their hard work and endurance to become Young Marines and to be outstanding young citizens within their community. Remember this, all you Young Marines.....To set the example of good citizenship today means sacrifice on your part to set the example for other young boys and girls to follow. It's always easy to follow some one or a group....but it takes self sacrifice and on your part to set the example for others to follow and to become outstanding citizens within your community and within your heart.

Semper Fi, Gem State Young Marines.



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Tax payers To Get Rude Surprise May 4, 2009
Associated Press

Washington - Millions of Americans enjoying their small windfall from President Obama, "Making Work Pay." tax credit are in for an unpleasant surprise next year. The Government is going to want some of that money back... Check with your local tax accountants or financial advisor about this issue and be prepared.

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