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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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you are a veteran.**  
**1-800-273-8255**



John Walker

### *Marine Corps League National Convention Up Date*



## **"WE WON THE 2011 NATIONAL CONVENTION"**

The word passed down from John Walker and Bobby Lee .....We get to host the

2011 Marine Corps League Convention in Boise, Idaho. Now the work begins I big congratulations and job well done for our Junior Vice Commandant, John Walker.

It's time we all do an inventory of our daily commitments and help out in our Detachment's upcoming 2011 National Convention. This is going to be a long and tiring work load for a few folks.....So lets all pitch in and give our Detachment members a hand. Some of you may have skills, knowledge and contacts that will be invaluable to our goals of making this the best and rewarding National Convention for Boise, Idaho.

Not only does the city of Boise benefits from this convention....so will our Detachment and the members as well. So please search your conscience and your heart and call or stop by our coffee klatch and volunteer your expertise.





## Koffee Klatch

Howdy Marines. It seems our coffee klatch is growing by the week. We have been getting a lot of Marines coming in for social gathering and a lot of BS. We sure would like to see you younger Marines, (Iraqi/Afghan Vets) show up. Don't worry about war stories. We've all been there and we know when to shut our mouth and change the subject. So come on in and join us for a few minutes of BS. You won't regret it. We hang out at Quinn's restaurant, every Saturday at 0900... But some diehards still show up at 0830. Parking is in the rear. Location is on Vista Avenue. Semper Fi, Marines



## Treasure Valley Detachment's Upcoming Events For 2009

- Aug 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Conference For Women Veterans Saturday, Doubletree Riverside Hotel. (For more info call: (208-246-8761 or [gina.stamper@veterans.idaho.gov](mailto:gina.stamper@veterans.idaho.gov))
- Aug, 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Marine Corps League Detachment Picnic, Saturday, 1100-1600 approx, At Juniper Ranch in Caldwell, (See google map)
- Sep 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Next Staff Meeting, Third Thursday of the Month. 1900 at the Pavilion, on Gowen Field
- Sep 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Veterans Olympics. At VAMC, 0630-0830 We put up flags, serve coffee & donuts.
- Oct 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Fall parking lot party, Idaho State Veterans Home (ISVH), 1100-1400
- Nov 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Marine Corps Birthday at the Idaho State Veterans Home. 1100 cake cutting ceremony
- Nov 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Veterans Day. MCL may host this year??
- Dec 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Christmas party, tentative date & subject to change. More info to follow

## Volunteers On Duty At The Coffee Wagon



We have one more Holiday weekend for the coffee wagon, Labor Day, Sep 5,6, & 7. If you haven't volunteered for the coffee wagon.... try it. Guarantee you'll enjoy the conversation and the people you meet. Don't worry about the routine/setup. There will always be a member with you to assist and help you through the routine. As we say in the Corps....SOP. "Give it a try"

## Three Senior Sisters

Three sisters, ages 92, 94 & 96 live in a house together. One night the 96 yr old was getting ready to take a bath. She puts her foot in the tub and pauses....She yells to the other sisters. "Was I getting in or out of the bath?" The 94 yr old sister yells back. "I don't know, I'll come up and see." She starts up the stairs and pauses..."Was I going up the stairs or down?" The 92 yr old is sitting at the kitchen table having tea and listening to her sisters. She shakes her head and says, "I sure hope I never get that forgetful, knock on wood." She then yells..."I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's knocking at the door."

## THREE RETIREES

*Three retirees, each with a hearing loss, were playing golf one fine March day. One remarked to the other, "Windy, isn't it?"*

*"No, the second man replied, it's Thursday." And the third man chimed in, "So am I. Let's have a beer."*



## News From the Hill

**Take notice all military retirees and those who are planning a military retirement.**

This alert comes from Rear Admiral USN Ret Tom Marfiak who obtained this info from an Air Force Association written by BG Bob Clements. I published this article some months ago in our newsletter and it's on the web site again. This time with more emphasis and detailed report. This is a long article and I won't be able to take up two pages of information. ↓

## News From the Hill, Continued

The Congressional Budget Office, (CBO) has already drafted a proposed legislation that would basically reduce our TRICARE for Life benefits to a system whereby we pay deductibles and co-pays up to \$6,301.00 the first year for you and your spouse, with future years being indexed to increase with inflation. (*Than you have Medicare to think about*).

The one item of most interest to Retired Military is in Article 189 in CBO report. If approved by Congress the first wave would hit in 2011 and would hit hard. It would initiate cost sharing to require retirees to pay the first \$525.00 of medical cost and 50% of the next \$4,725.00 for a first year total cost of \$2,888.00 per person. It would be indexed to increase with inflation. Also on page 189 of the CBO there is a strong recommendation to eventually eliminate the TFL program altogether as it is too expensive.

Folks you need to really get on the horn and notify your Representatives and let them know your feelings and possible financial hardship this recommendation by CBO will be bring to you and your Spouse. Remember.....*TFL is an "EARNED BENEFIT" that's been granted by a previous Congress.*



## Next Business Meeting Is Sep, 2009

Our next official business meeting will be on the third Thursday... September 17, 2009, at 1700 at the Pavilion on Gowen Field. There is no business meeting in August. Please come out and get a SitRep on John Walker's meetings in Rochester, MN and what is in store for our future commitments.



## August Birthdays

**Kathy Erickson**  
**Jeannette L'Abbe**  
**Frances Smith**

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 August

- Aug 1 ~ 1960-**The Corps' Enlisted rank & Pay structure changed with Lance Corporals, E8s & E9s  
The prefix acting was abolished by Gen David Shoup, 22d CMC
- Aug7 ~ 1942-** The 1stMarDiv landed at Guadalcanal to Open the WWII land offensive
- Aug14~ 1945-** VJ Day Unconditional surrender of the Japanese
- Aug14~ 1990-** Advance elements of I MEF & 7<sup>th</sup> MEB arrived in Saudi Arabia for possible Iraqi aggression
- Aug17~ 1950-** The 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Brigade battled North Koreans at Obong-ni-Ridge
- Aug18~ 1965-** Operation Starlite, Vietnam began
- Aug27~ 1893-** A giant tidal wave swept across Parris Island, Port Royal, SC
- Aug31~ 1950-** North Koreans swarmed across Nakdong River against the 1stMar Brigade

*Machine Gunners.....Accuracy by Volume*

Stan uses his ranch to support the Treasure Valley Young Marines. Stan has graciously offered his ranch for our Detachment's August 29<sup>th</sup> picnic. The Goggle map below should help

Juniper Ranch is owned by Stan Meholchick a "Life Member".

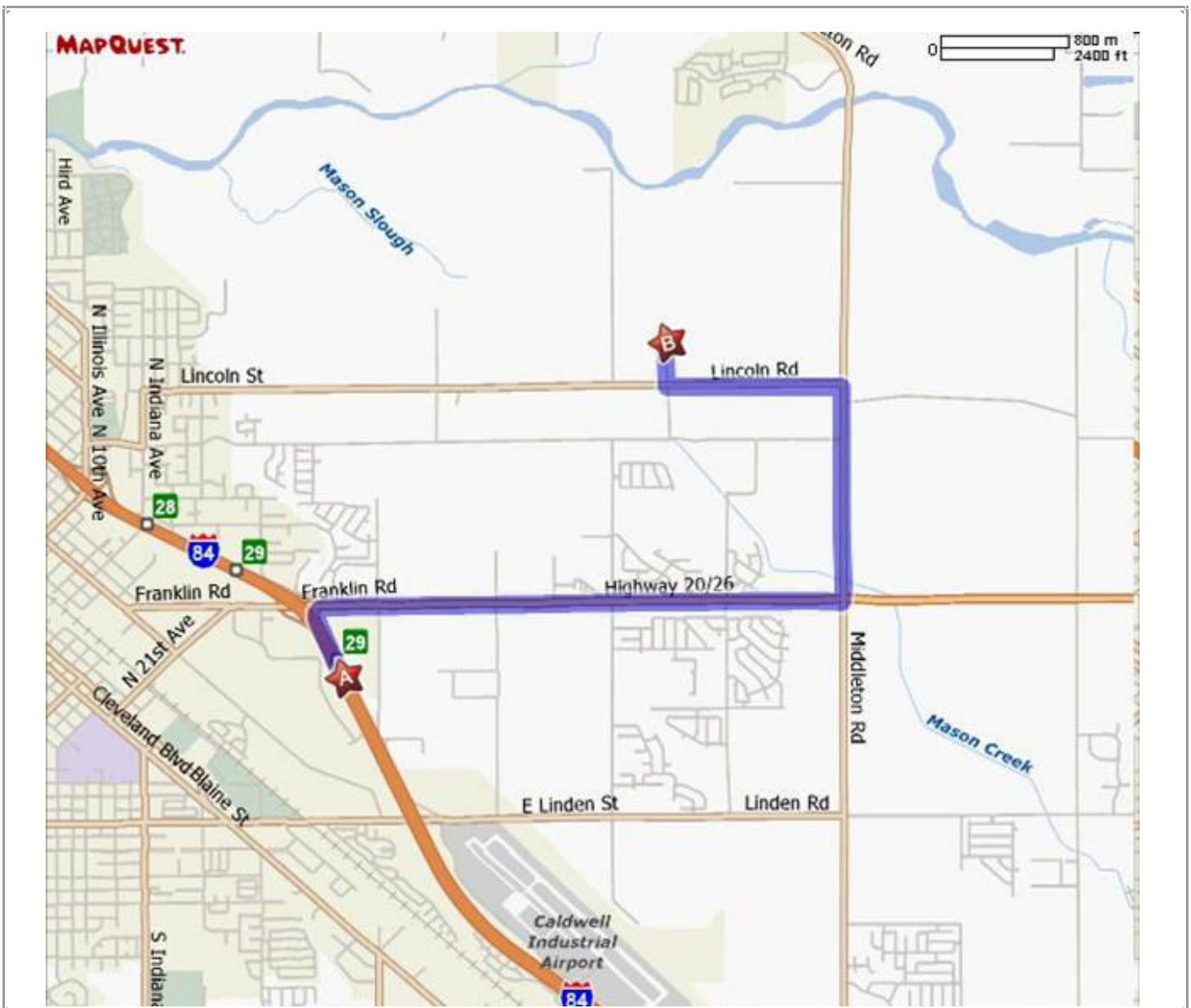
If you get lost call Stan at 454-1172. If you would like to help Stan to upgrade some of the areas, i.e. picnic tables wheel chair access, etc, Stan would be more than happy for your donated help.

Address: 21500 Wells Rd  
 Caldwell, Id 83605



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**U.S. MARINES- Travel Agents to**



*Saturday August 29, 2009  
Juniper Ranch  
1130-1600 (Approx)*

*Bring your own Food, Plates, utensils, drinks, etc*

*PLUS.....Beginning with last names please bring the  
Following;*

*A-F... Salad  
G-R... Snacks/Dessert  
S-Z...Side Dish*

**PLEASE NOTIFY THE TVD NEWSLETTER OF ANY CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS TO YOUR  
MAILING ADDRESS/EMAIL**



# HOG SQUEALS



## A Helping Hand

By: Mark Fink, Photographer

Well another HOG motorcycle rodeo has come and gone and I think it was a success. As I walked around the fairgrounds before and during the rodeo taking pictures, I was highly impressed with the Gem State Young Marines. During pre-rodeo setup the Gem State Young Marines were everywhere. As a vendor would come in the Young Marines were right there helping them unload equipment, set up the equipment, hauling out merchandise, and putting said merchandise on racks to be sold. They filled the water balloons for us this year which was highly appreciated by all us IMCHOG members. I noticed that they were right where someone was needing a hand helping out and they did it in a very orderly manner

The Gem State Young Marines is a youth education and service program for boys and girls ages 8 through completion of high school. The Young Marines promotes the moral and physical development of its members. The program focuses on character building, leadership, and promotes a healthy and drug-free lifestyle. The Young Marines is the official youth program of the U.S. Marine Corps and since it's humble beginnings in 1958 with one unit and a handful of boys, the organization has grown to over 240 units with 10,000 youth and 3000 adult volunteers in 46 states, the District of Columbia, Germany, Japan and affiliates in a host of other countries



So I, along with all the IMCHOG members, would like to thank the Gem State Young Marines that were there that day. Thank You to Nathaniel Chiles, Christopher Gardner, Nicole Gardner, Heydi Lint, Hunter Lint, Tristian Myers, Luis Rez, Marshall Smith, Brandon Sprague, Dustin Sprague, Victoria Sprague, Janier Tellez, Sarah Wyble, Reed Stevens, Dee Lint, Sharon Buyler, their Commanding Officers and support staff. I have heard tell that they will be back to give us a helping hand next year. I know we all look forward to their help. So in closing we hope to see you next year Gem State Young Marines. Thank you for all your help and a mighty big OORAH.

Mark Fink