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Semper Fi Gazette



*"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

Our Marine Corps League, Treasure Valley Detachment Picnic.



Bobby Lee, Det.Chaplin and John Walker,
JrViceCmndt. Talking business



Giovanni Griffith with a 3-4lb Rainbow
Trout. Grandpa kneeling in background.

*I*t seems everyone had a good time at the picnic. Some enjoyed just eating and socializing. Others talked business. The hunters and fishermen & women were stalking the fish pond for that elusive big rainbow trout or largemouth bass. It looks as though Ralph Elston our Adjutant/Paymaster finished up with a large catch of largemouth bass. The second most fish caught and largest rainbow trout caught, I believe is a little unknown...*Pro-fisherman*, at the ripe old age of 5yrs old. His name is, Giovanni Griffith. Here he is holding a 3-4 lb rainbow trout caught on his "ultra light" pole and reel...with a 6 lb test line. Check this out Ralph.....You might learn from this little Pro. I personally wish to thank Stan Meholchick, one of our Life Members for this great picnic outing. I know everyone who participated in this picnic are as grateful as I am. My wife, Son and our grandson, especially had an enjoyable time...On behalf of our Detachment members; *"Stan we thank you for a great time."*

Semper Fi



Koffee Klatch

Howdy Marines. Well another Saturday is approaching and time for more coffee and a lot of BS.... Our old coffee drinking buddy Bob Smith has been laid up for the past month due to a serious intestinal problem. Bob has been home for the past two weeks recuperating. Get well Bob and hope to see you soon at Koffee Klatch. 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.

Semper Fi, Marines

Coffee Wagon Volunteer Duty



Well, Labor Day has come and gone and time to put our old wagon in moth balls for the winter. We had to struggle this year to keep our four hour duty shifts operating a full three day weekend.... with Bob Smith, one of our permanent volunteer in the hospital this past month and volunteers in short supply... a select few volunteers who worked three day, four hour shifts, to keep the coffee wagon up and running smoothly, were able to keep the visitors and thirsty coffee lovers happy and content. I would like to also recognize one of our fellow Treasure Valley Detachment volunteers... Frank Partridge for going above and beyond his volunteer duties by taking a young man into Boise on a Sunday, a holiday weekend, to buy a new tire for his flatbed trailer. The young man was traveling from Sun Valley to Boise to relocate for his new job when his rear tire blew and completely shredded. It's little sacrifices like this that make our reputation shine just a little brighter in the eyes of the public and is never forgotten. Thanks to all who volunteered this year and kept our coffee wagon in the spot light.....Semper Fi Marines...."Huraah"

Murphy's Law's of Combat..... You are not Superman; Marines & fighter pilots take note



Treasure Valley Detachment's Upcoming Events For 2009

- Sep 17th ~ Next Staff Meeting, Third Thursday of the Month. 1900 at the Pavilion, on Gowen Field
- Sep 19th ~ Veterans Olympics. At VAMC, 0630-0830
We put up flags, serve coffee & donuts.
- Oct 4th ~ Fall parking lot party, Idaho State Veterans Home (ISVH), 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??
- Dec 24th ~ Christmas party, tentative date & subject to change. More info to follow



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE National Headquarter

News from National Hqtrs.....Effective with the close of the Marine Corps League's 86th National Convention, (August 7, 2009).The KHAKI (tan) SHIRT is no longer authorized for wear as part of the Marine Corps League Uniform for any purpose. The members in attendance voted overwhelmingly to remove the "Khaki" (tan) shirt as an authorized part of the Ceremonial Uniform. It has not been authorized for wear with any other MCL uniform for several years. All Detachment and Department Color Guards and Honor Guards are to suspend wearing of the Khaki Shirt and change over to the "Casual" uniform or "Undress" uniform as proscribed in "*National Bylaws Enclosure Three (3)*"

Murphy's Law.....Don't look conspicuous-it draws fire. (this is why aircraft carriers are called bomb magnets)

Checkout our Website: www.tvdmcl.org



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.



September Birthdays

Barbara Baron
Marilyn Burke
Pam Heyob
Merikay Jost
Ginny Ohls
Barbara 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 September

- Sep1 ~ 1936-** Mitchell Paige, MOH recipient during the Guadalcanal campaign
- Sep2 ~ 1945-** Japan formally surrendered aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay
- Sep7~ 1990-** The 13th MEU embarked & arrived in the Gulf of Oman, joining U.N. forces
- Sep11~ 1990-** The 4th MEB embarked & arrived in the Gulf of Oman in support of Desert Shield
- Sep14~ 1942-** Japanese on Guadalcanal's "Bloody Ridge" were shredded by Edson's Raiders
- Sep15~ 1944-** The 1stMarDiv (Rein) landed against heavy opposition on Peleiu
- Sep25~ 1992-** Camp Pendleton observed its 50th anniversary
- Sep29~ 1812-** Seminole Indians ambushed Marines at Twelve Mile Swamp, FL

Murphy's Law's of Combat....If the enemy has done nothing for the past half hour while you dig in it's probably because they've been in the tree line right behind you the whole time.

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VA's Suicide Prevention Program Adds Chat Service

The suicide Prevention campaign of the Dept of Veterans Affairs(VA) is expanding its outreach to all Veterans by a pilot program online...One-to-One chat service for Veterans who prefer reaching out for assistance using the internet. For more information visit the website; www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org or call hotline number 1-800-273-talk for further help.

Agent Orange Exposure Linked to Parkinson, Heart Disease

An Institute of Medicine (IOM) report released finds "suggestive" but limited evidence of an elevated risk of these two conditions among military personnel who served in Vietnam.. Watch for further update on these findings from IOM.

Special House Care Improvements via the VA

If you or a relative use the VA health care system and have a disability that requires equipment being added to the home, the VA may....MAY pick up the total tab for the improvement(s).If your home requires permanent changes, like a ramp instead of front steps, you will have to apply for a "**Home Improvement and Structural Alterations Grant.**" The grants range from \$1,200 to \$4,100. Check with your local VA for further information.

VA Planning to open New Clinic in Idaho

Plans remain on schedule to open a medical clinic for military veterans in the Mountain Home area within the next 12 months. The Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Boise continues to review options to open a roughly 12-person clinic with either a VA medical team or contractors handling its day-to-day operations.

Some Tricare Preventive Services are Now Free

As of Sep 1st, certain Tricare beneficiaries no longer have to pay out of pocket for immunizations, mammograms and some other preventive services. However benefits does not apply to all preventive services or to Medicare-eligible beneficiaries. Check your Tricare or go online at www.tricare4u.com

Busy First Week of September Handing Out "LETTERS OF APPRECIATIONS."

This is the beginning of our public relations and recognizing those who throughout the State and City who are supporting our Treasure Valley Detachment and the future coming of the Marine Corps League, 2011 National Convention. Below are just some of our visits to the State and City Officials and other Team players involved in our Detachment.



L-R, Bobby Lee, Det Chaplin, Arnie Strawn, SrViceCmdt, Gov. C. L. Butch Otter, John Walker, JrVice Cmdt and Rich Erickson, DetCmdt



L-R, Art Kilton, John Walker, JrViceCmdt presenting Mayor David H Bieter Letter of Appreciation. Don Griffith & Bobby Lee, Det Chaplin



Lisa Edens, Tourism- being awarded a Letter of Appreciation for her services by our JrViceCmdt John Walker. Background also is Bobby Lee, Det Chaplin assisting with the presentation.



L-R, Bobby Lee, Det Chaplin, Danny Eddy being presented his award for appreciation in coordinating the hospitality room for our Convention delegates. John walker, JrViceCmdt and Russelee Morton, Controller

Murphy's Law's of Combat.....Try to look unimportant; The enemy may be low on ammo and may not want to waste a bullet on you.

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



Our newly assembled **Board of Directors**. L-R Rich Erickson, Cmdt., Board Member, Art Kilton, Secretary, John Walker, JrViceCmdt. Director, Bobby Lee, Det Chaplin, AsstDirector/Operations and David Brasuell, Board Member



Message from our Chaplin; The Director of Idaho Veterans has asked ALL Veterans of all services to come out and pay their respect for one of our MIA Veteran from Vietnam. Our Vietnam MIA Veteran, CWO Jesse Phelps' remains are being returned home after 44 years. The family of CWO Jesse Phelps, U. S. Army, has finalized plans for his services. The services will be conducted at Capital Christian Center, 2760 E Fairview Avenue, Meridian, Idaho. Commencing at 10:00 AM on Thursday, October 1, 2009, the birthday of CWO Jesse Phelps.

CWO Jesse Phelps will be interred at the Idaho Veterans Cemetery with services commencing at approximately 11:30 AM-12:00 Noon at the Committal Shelter, depending on travel time from the memorial services. There will be a reception at Capital Christian Center immediately following the interment services at the cemetery. The remains of CWO Jesse Phelps will be arriving at the Boise airport, either September 27th or 28th. He will be arriving on commercial air. As soon as I find out the ETA and exact date I will notify you asap by email or phone. This is a very special time for the family.....and a long pass due closing of their grief for their loss. So lets show our support and love for the lost of one of our **"Brother-in-Arms"**.



Well as everyone has heard, Boise won the bid to host the National Convention in 2011. Those dates if anyone is already making plans are 31 July, 2011 to 6 August, 2011. It's going to be some exciting times.

The planning and fund raising is already underway. I am glad to announce the following Marines have agreed to serve as your Board members for the Convention. John Walker, Director, Bob Lee, AsstDirector, Gary Randel, Finances, Rich Erickson, Board Member, David Brasuell, Board Member. If you have any thoughts or want to help just get a hold of one of these Marines and they can provide direction and guidance. I also want to thank everyone that has already stepped forward and accepted a position to lead or participate on one or more committees. Many hands will make light work for all.

We have a mailing address as well for the Convention Committee; **Marine Corps League 2011 National Convention**
P.O. Box 45874
Boise, Idaho 83711

A final piece of information which I am certain Bobby Lee will touch on more, we have just announced our first fund raiser. We have a **Match M-1 Rifle**. Each ticket is \$5.00. We are only selling 2000 tickets so your odds of winning are very good. To have any chance of winning though, you need to buy at least one ticket. If interested, get a hold of Bobby Lee or myself and we can answer your questions.

Thanks again **Treasure Valley Detachment** for all your support and effort and to everyone in the **Marine Corps League**. We would not have won this without your support. I hope to see everyone in Boise in 2011.

Semper Fi,
John Walker
Chairman, Marine Corps League 2011 National Convention

Don't forget to checkout our website for further information and what our Detachment is doing or has done for the past year.....Also we are about to embark on a new website appearance and design in the very near future. www.tvdmcl.org

***NEW*M-1 GARAND W/MATCH COMPONENTS**

THIS RAFFLE WILL ONLY HAVE 2000 TICKETS-WHEN THEY ARE GONE THE DRAWING WILL BE DONE

SPRINGFIELD ARMORY NO LONGER MANUFACTURES THE M-1 GARAND AS OF JAN. 2008. THIS IS YOUR RARE CHANCE TO OWN A NEW M-1 AND IT COMES WITH A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY. THIS RIFLE HAS BEEN EQUIPPED WITH: 1/2 MIN. ADJUSTABLE MATCH SIGHTS, ADJUSTABLE GAS PORT, CRISP TRIGGER AT 4 1/2 lb. PULL, GENUINE MIL. SPEC. LEATHER SLING, EVERYTHING NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR NRA MATCH SHOOTING. INCLUDED ARE: AN AUTHENTIC M.C. AMMO BELT, 100 ROUNDS OF MILITARY AMMO, 31 NEW AMMO CLIPS TO INCLUDE A 2 RD CLIP FOR COMPETITION, AN ORIGINAL COMBINATION TOOL WITH BRUSH, BROKEN CARTRIDGE EXTRACTOR, THE ORIGINAL MIL SIGHTS AND GAS PLUG TO MAINTAIN THIS M-1 AS A COLLECTOR PIECE, AND A FACTORY INSTALLED STAINLESS BARREL INSERT FOR LONGEVITY OF THE BARREL. IT HAS BEEN TEST FIRED BY BOBBY LEE, (A PRIOR MEMBER OF THE MARINE CORPS SHOOTING TEAM AND HAS COMPETED AT CAMP PERRY NATIONAL MATCHES) AND HE VERIFIES A 1 MIN OF ANGLE OR BETTER ACCURACY. DON'T MISS THIS OPORTUNITY!!



\$5.00

TICKETS

TREASURE VALLEY MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS RAFFLE WILL GO TOWARD THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE CONVENTION 2011 TO BE HELD IN BOISE, ID.

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