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

Abraham Lincoln

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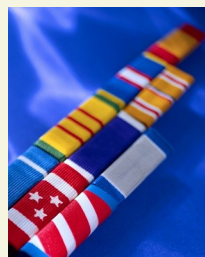
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August 28th Marine Corps League Picnic is Already Here

Check Out The Details Inside

**Great Fun For The Family
Come Out And Enjoy The Con-
versation...Or Just Enjoy The
Fishing**



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professionals,
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STORIES; If you have a story to tell about your
involvement in any conflict please feel free to share
your story (s) with your fellow Marines. I will be
privileged to print your story for all to share.
Whether it is funny or serious. Semper Fi, Editor



Commandant

On the 15th of July we held our regular monthly meeting. It took a little time but we finally got enough Marines to hold a meeting. Next month, (August) we are having our yearly picnic to be held at Stan Meholchick's pond in Caldwell on Sat. the 28th of August. If you have not been out to Stan's you are missing out on a good time. Lots of fishing excellent food, or just sitting around socializing with everyone.

As of August, one year from now, we as a whole Detachment have a lot of work to do to make the convention a success. Everyone will have to be willing to do their part. If we all work together we can do this and be proud of what we have accomplished,

not only for us but also for the State of Idaho. We also have other activities coming up throughout the year that we need help with. If you have not been to some of these events you are missing a lot.

Coffee wagon is coming up this weekend the 7th and 8th. Then, again on the 11th and 12th of September. Now would be a good time to be thinking about signing up.

Semper Fi Marines,

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MC League Staff Meeting



Next meeting is August 19th at 1900, at the Pavilion on Gowen Field. Topics for discussion will be on the National Convention for Aug 2011. Please show up and voice your support and advice to make this National Convention, one we will always be proud of. Meeting of **15 July** was the second drawing of the newest

progressive lottery pot for the TVDMCL with Marine **Ken Ohls** name being drawn. Sadly he was not present to accept his winnings. His loss this month was **\$13.00** but with the progressive nature of the drawing the pot is sure to continue growing. Again to win you have to be present and make your buy-in for \$1 dollar. See you at the next meeting on Gowen Field on 19 August.
Walt Modler, Sgt-at-Arms

Detachment's Annual Picnic



Here's last year's picnic at Stan's ranch. The guys catching up on old news or gossip. Correction, Marines don't gossip, we do a lot of BSing. Sorry Ladies.

Everyone will need to bring their own food, plates, utensils, drinks, etc PLUS;

Here's a list of things we ask you to bring by alphabetical last names;

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

The Picnic will be on Saturday, (August 28th) Starting at 11:30 AM to approx 4:00 PM at Stan Meholchick's ranch, (Juniper Ranch). See map on enclosure back page for directions to Juniper Ranch.

Address; 21500 Wells Rd,
Caldwell, Id 83605

For further questions you can contact the editor, Don Griffith at 208-898-0974 (H) C# 208-412-1409

Not as

Still

Always



Lean

as mean

a Marine

Awards of Appreciation were given out to the following businesses for their financial support for the St Lukes Children Hospital, Golf Scramble held on June 24th



Presenting award is Arnie Strawn, Det Commandant and Art Kilton, Jr Vice Commandant to Mr. Dan Wiebold, of Dan Wiebold's Ford. Mr. Wiebold is 2d from (R). His son, DJ is holding the Appreciation Award



Presenting award to Mike, Manager of Hooters are Art Kilton, Jr Vice Commandant and Arnie Strawn, Det Commandant



Arnie Strawn, Det Commandant and Art Kilton, Jr ViceCmdt presenting Certificate of Appreciation to Boise Mattress. Standing in for Scott Erickson, Manager is employee, Joel



On behalf of the MC League, Treasure Valley Det. # 878 a donated check from the Golf Scramble is presented to Camile Ramsey of the St Lukes' Children Hospital. Presenting the check is Art Kilton, Jr Vice Commandant and Arnie Strawn, Treasure Valley Det Commandant. Looking on is Don Griffith

Koffee



Klatch

Don't forget folks with all that's going on for this month, remember Saturday's our get-together for coffee and a round of BS. Join us at Quinn's Restaurant on Vista Ave in Boise. Time; between 0800-1000 or whenever you had too much coffee or running to the head. Hope to see you all there, *Semper Fi*



MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY NOVEMBER 2010

I wanted to pass along some information in regards to the upcoming celebration of our 235th Birthday. The Marines of Company C and the Site Support Staff will be holding the ball once again at the Grove Hotel. The celebration will be on 6 November. Cost per ticket is \$50. Tickets can be purchased at the company office on Gowen Field and I will also bring some to the monthly MCL meetings starting this month. Meal selections will be Beef, Chicken, Fish and Vegetarian. If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Semper Fi

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Department Commandant

Lou Roane

This is to info all that the State Convention has been scheduled for May 12, 13, 14 & 15, 2011 in Lewiston, Idaho.

So circle those days on your calendar and plan to attend. It will probably be the last chance that we all can get together before the National Convention in August 2011.

Lou Roane

Dept. Commandant



Retired GySgt Roy Weaver on the left, our SrVice Cmdt for the Department of Idaho and a POW from WWII has the honor of assisting in hoisting the Ensign aboard the USS Constitution.

Semper Fi, Roy

Gem State



Young Marines



Sunday August 8, 2008 The Gem State Young Marines accepted the honor of being the Color Guard for the City picnic in Emmett honoring the 116th Cavalry in their future deployment.

The color guard consisted of Right Guard Ym Private Patrick Stotts, American Flag Private First Class Kristopher Cook, Unit Flag Private First Class Mikaella Watkins, Left Guard Private Dennis Twohy, Color guard Aid-de-camp Recruit Zebediah Walker. Each member had the opportunity to Shake each soldiers hand and thank them for their service and wish them well in the future. The National Guard company consisting of 98 enlisted and officers is commanded by Captain Cook, 116th Cavalry Brigade. "Huraah"

Treasure Valley



Young Marines



Treasure Valley Young Marines physical fitness training



A Treasure Valley Young Marine trying his hand at a sport called, "Highland" Sport .

Tricare for  Guard, Reserve

Week of July 26, 2010

The [TRICARE SMART website](#) is a one-stop, online information portal full of accurate, up-to-date information about TRICARE benefits that members and their families can easily access in the comfort of their homes. The "TRICARE Choices Guide," which can be found under "Handbooks" on the website, makes it easy for a guardsman or Reserve member to make informed decisions about programs such as TRICARE Prime and Standard for his or her family. A guardsman or reserve member can also subscribe to [TRICARE alerts](#) to receive updates on new benefits and programs.

Military.com surveys found that most service members and their families are confused by TRICARE. [Get the facts and latest news on TRICARE](#)



VA Offering Medallions For Deceased Vets With Private Headstones Or Markers

The [Muskogee \(OK\) Phoenix](#) (7/2, 14K) reports, "The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is offering bronze medallions to attach to existing private headstones or markers, signifying a deceased's status as a veteran. 'For veterans not buried in a national or state veterans cemetery, or those without a government grave marker, VA is pleased to offer this option that highlights their service and sacrifices for our country,' said" VA Secretary Eric Shinseki "in a media release."

Judge Rules Stolen Valor Act Illegal



DENVER -- A law that makes it illegal to lie about being a war hero is unconstitutional because it violates free speech, a federal judge ruled Friday as he dismissed a case against a Colorado man who claimed he received two military medals. Rick Glen claimed he was an ex-Marine who was wounded in Iraq and received the Purple Heart and Silver Star, but the military had no record he ever served. He was charged with violating the Stolen Valor Act, which makes it a crime punishable by up to a year in jail to falsely claim to have won a military medal. U.S. District Judge Robert Blackburn dismissed the case and said the law is unconstitutional, ruling the government did not show it has a compelling reason to restrict that type of statement.

VA Eases PTSD**Claims Process**

Week of July 26, 2010

The Veterans Affairs Department has published a final regulation intended to ease the claims process and improve access to health care for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder. Under the new rule, VA no longer will require substantiation of a stressor tied to fear of hostile military or terrorist activity if a VA psychiatrist or psychologist can confirm that the experience recalled by a veteran supports a PTSD diagnosis and the veteran's symptoms are related to the stressor. The Veterans Affairs Department has posted a fact sheet including questions and answers about the new rule governing PTSD claims on the [VA website](#) or call VA's toll free benefits number at 800-827-1000

Tricare For "Gray**Area" Retirees**

Week of August 02, 2010

TRICARE Retired Reserve, a new program being launched in the Fall, will allow certain "gray area" retired National Guard and Reserve personnel, who are not yet age 60, the opportunity to purchase TRICARE health coverage. Under TRICARE Retired Reserve, TRICARE Standard and Extra coverage will be available for purchase to "gray area" retirees. Other details involving specific eligibility rules, coverage and costs are still being coordinated and finalized. Potential beneficiaries who would like to be among the first to know about final details for TRICARE Retired Reserve are encouraged to sign up for e-mail updates from TRICARE by visiting the [TRICARE website](#) -- sign up for "Benefit Changes" for "Retired National Guard and Reserve Member."

Update: The Premium rates were unveiled on Aug. 6. The premiums - \$388.31 per month for single coverage and \$976.41 a month for family coverage - have been set high enough to cover the full cost of the program because the benefit is not subsidized by the government.

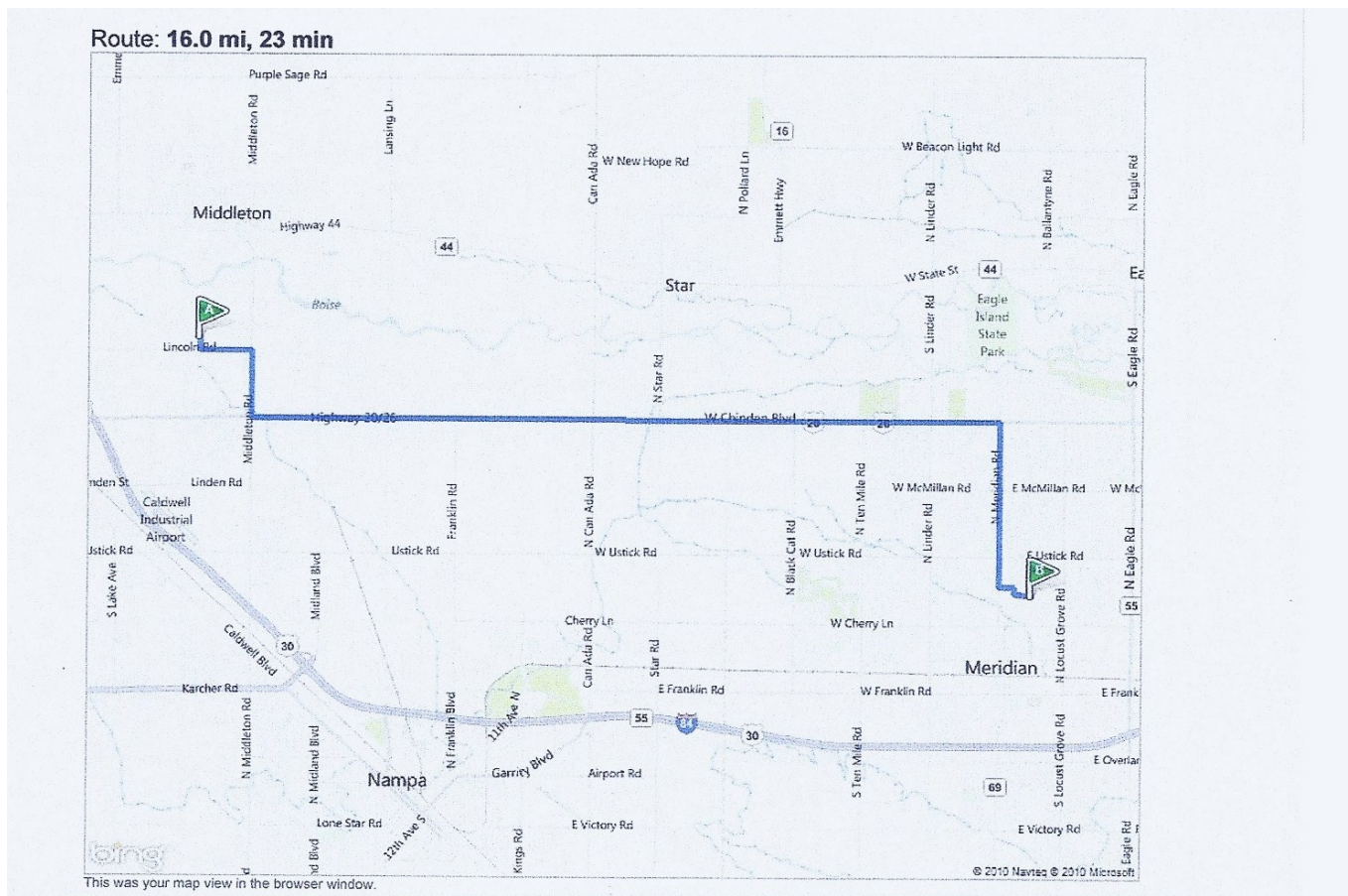
**Dates of interest for August;**

- August 2, 1950.....The 1st Provisional Marine Brigade landed at Pusan, Korea, one month after being alerted
- August 5, 1864.....Marines participated in the Battle of Mobile Bay in Alabama
- August 7, 1942.....The 1stMarDiv landed at Guadalcanal to open the WWII land offensive
- August 14, 1945....V-J Day President Harry Truman announced the unconditional surrender of the Japanese
- August 17, 1950.....1stMarine Brigade battled N. Koreans at Obong-ni-Ridge
- August 18, 1965.....Operation *Starlite*, (Vietnam) began 964 Viet Cong were killed in action
- August 20, 1942.....31 planes from MAG-23 were first to land at Henderson Field, Guadalcanal
- August 27, 1893.....A giant tidal wave swept across Parris Island (Port Royal, SC)
- August 31, 1950.....North Koreans swarmed across Naktong River against the 1st Marine Brigade.

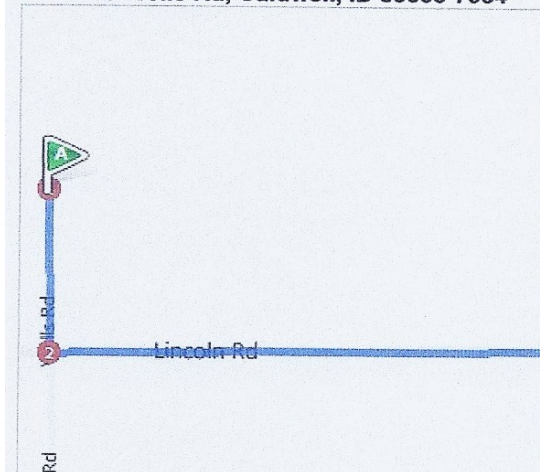


**Kathy Erickson
Jeannette L'Abbe
Frances Smith**

**From all the members of the MC League,
Treasure Valley Detachment, No.878
We wish you ladies a much deserved "Happy Birthday"**



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NOTE; This map is setup from my address, [B] to Stan's address, [A]. Folks coming in from the West will be different than folks coming in from the East, (Boise, etc) For those coming in from Boise can travel on I-84 or take Chinden, (As highlighted in blue above). Once you get onto Lincoln Road as shown to left insert you will look for a dirt road called **Wells Rd**. About a 100 yds up this road you will see several posted signs "No Trespassing" etc. continue on pass the gate and the dirt road will take you to Stan's ranch.