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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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Boise Marine Dies in Afghanistan

By Jamie Grey, Idaho's News Channel 7



A Boise Marine has died in combat in Afghanistan, according to the Department of Defense.

The Department of Defense says 22-year old Lcpl Cody Roberts died August 31st, Tuesday, in Helmand Province, Afghanistan while supporting Operation *Enduring Freedom*. He was supporting combat operations and was assigned to the 2nd Battalion,

6th Marines, 2nd MarDiv, II MEF, from Camp Lejeune, N.C. Below a Marine sentry from 4th Tank Bn, guards the casket of Lcpl Cody Roberts at the outdoor cathedral at the Veterans Cemetery.

Lcpl Roberts was laid to rest today Sep 9, 2010. His Mother said Cody embodied the true spirit of the Marine Corps, believing entirely in his God, Family and his Country. Idaho Gov. Butch Otter stated his sacrifice should be remembered and his loss mourned by every Idahoan. Semper Fi !



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**

NOTICE; Please notify the TVD Newsletter of any changes or corrections to your name, address or email address. Call the Editor at 208-898-0974 or email; griffthusmc@msn.com

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



Capt Stephenson I&I, 4th Tank Bn presenting flag to Mrs. Roberts, wife of Lcpl Cody Roberts.



Marines from 4th Tank Bn presenting flags to the family members of Lcpl Cody Roberts



Taps....The final resting place for Lcpl Cody Roberts Remember him always, for he has earned our respect and admiration with his blood. For he is a "MARINE GRUNT."

MC League Staff Meeting



Next meeting is Sep 16th at 1900, at the Pavilion on Gown Field. Topics for discussion will be on the National Convention and Detachment business. Please show up and voice your support Remember also you have to be present to get your winning of the *Progressive Jackpot*.

NOTICE TO ALL HANDS

We have a young Marine, Cpl Shane Hathaway who underwent surgery on, 30 Aug 2010. He was shot 4 times. His family has said he would love to receive cards and letters to cheer him up. So let's do it. **Send to:** Cpl Shane Hathaway, USMC, Surgical Unit 5th Floor, National Naval Medical Center 8901 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20889-5600

"NOTICE SPAM"

Per Commandant Voltaggio;

The solicitation outlined below is NOT AN AUTHORIZED solicitation. Beware. If you get this thru your email just delete the request. The solicitation goes like this; From: Michael Corbett <mcorbett@dvlmf.org>
Subject: Update on Ground Breaking
The request is asking for Departments and Detachments to make contribution for a ground breaking project a couple of blocks from the WH in DC. The project is called *American Veterans Disabled for Life*. (DVLmf). If you get this email delete and notify all our members you come in contact with.

Editor, Don Griffith

Upcoming Calendar of Events

Sep 18th..... Veterans Olympics

Time: 0630

Place: VA Medical Center

Assemble at flag pole: 0630. Dress for the weather. Some mornings are chilly for the first 2 hrs. We will setup tables for coffee and donuts

Oct 3rd..... Parking Lot barbeque at Idaho State Veterans Home. Assemble approx 1100. Prep work for barbeque. Serving goes at approx 1200 noon



Treasure Valley Detachment No 878, Marine Corps League Annual Picnic



The old Commandant at ease and wondering where the next meal is coming from. Mess Sgt !




Ralph and his wife Barb enjoying the scenery and the fishing pond. Oh ya, to be 12yrs old and fishing along the river and no worries in the world.



Chris waiting for the big one or just enjoy a little peace of heaven



Roy and his guess setting around the table and enjoy each others company.


I was that which others did not want to be , I went where others feared to go and did what others failed to do. I asked nothing from those who gave nothing, and reluctantly accepted the thought of eternal loneliness, should I fail. I have seen the faces of terror; Felt the stinging cold of fear, and enjoyed the sweet taste of a moments' love. I have cried, felt pain, and hoped..... But most of all I have lived at times others would say were best forgotten. At least someday I will be able to say that I was proud of what I am.

A, “ United States Marine”



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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Coffee



Klatch

Don't forget folks our coffee time at Quinn's Restaurant. Last Saturday we had the drawing for the 9mm pistol. The pictures below show are gathering at Quinn's. It was a great turnout and there is always something to talk about....War stories, Politics, Football, BSU's nerve racking performance with Virginia Tech Enjoy yourself at Quinn's. You won't go away disappointed.



Our young waitress is drawing the winning ticket.....and the winner is??? Bill Sawyer. Bill is out of town, but he'll be excited to know he has won the 9mm pistol.

We also have two new members joined today. They are a father and daughter team. Gail Hughe and her Father, Rawleigh Hursh. Welcome aboard Marines. We are excited to have you both on board. Don't forget folks We meet every Saturday at Quinn's Restaurant, on Vista Ave downtown Boise. From 0830-to whenever we talk ourselves out of anything to say. Semper Fi,

NOTICE; ALL CHAPTERS AND WIVES SHOULD RETAIN A COPY OF THIS MESSAGE FOR FUTURE USE IN ASSISTING MEMBERS/ WIDOWS.

DFAS AOP: Retiree arrears of pay (AOP) is any pay due the retiree but unpaid at the time of their death, to which a named beneficiary is entitled. Typically, this is a prorated amount that covers the first day of the month through the retiree's date of death. The retirement pay of a military member stops on the first day of the month in which the retiree dies. Therefore, all pay deposited after the date of death - including pay deposited for that month - is automatically recouped by DFAS from the retiree's checking account. After a complete audit of the retirement account, any arrears of pay is calculated and paid to the retiree's named beneficiary. Prompt reporting of a retiree's death is necessary to avoid extensive recoupment of unearned payments. Arrears of Pay distribution is based exclusively on the retiree's beneficiary election on their retired pay account. If no beneficiary was elected on the retired pay account, payment will be distributed in accordance with the federally-mandated Order of Precedence. Questions about arrears of pay can be directed to the DFAS Contact Center at 1-800-321-1080 between 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. EST M-F. Two documents are needed by DFAS to process an Arrears of Pay claim. Both must be forwarded to DFAS either via FAX at (800) 469-6559) or mail addressed to: DFAS, P.O. Box 7130, London, KY 40742-7130. Note that all outstanding funds must be returned to DFAS before an Arrears of Pay can be made. The documents needed are:

- . SF1174 claim form for each beneficiary. This form can be downloaded at www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/infomgt/forms/eforms/sf1174.pdf. Supplemental instructions for completing the form are available at www.dfas.mil/rapay/forms/SF1174-Instructions.pdf.

- . A copy of the retiree's Death Certificate that specifies the cause of death

www.dfas.mil/rapay/retirementpay/arrearsofpay.html



HEADS UP ALERT SEC GATES

Back on February's newsletter I had a piece about Tricare health insurance. The headlines said; *"Tricare is Safe and Sound Under Health Reform."* The message goes on to say The President priorities has been to give our veterans the care they were promised. Another message I placed in our headlines front page on April 2010 outlined, *"What About Health Care Insurance For The Military Retired Family?"* Rep Ike Skelton, D-MO stated it was only a rumor to increase premiums on prime insurers and to charge premiums on Tricare For Life, [TFL]. Sec Gates goes on to say That he and the President are committed to seeing that our troops, retirees and their families will continue to receive the best quality health care. Sec. Gates reassured servicemembers and their families that legislation won't have a negative effect on Tricare. ***Well here's the latest news as of September, 2010***

[Stars and Stripes](http://StarsandStripes.com) by Kevin Baron

CAMP RAMADI, Iraq -- Defense Secretary Robert Gates launched into a brutal assessment of the military's health care system, Tricare, this week, calling it a constant source of complaints from troops and badly in need of financial reform in the face of rapidly increasing cost estimates to the federal government. Gates for months has called on Congress and the Defense Department to head off the potentially explosive costs facing military health care in coming decades for millions of young servicemembers who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Health care cost the department \$19 billion in 2000, but is estimated to reach \$50 billion in fiscal 2011 and \$65 billion by 2015, according to Gates. "We simply can't sustain that," he said. One of the reasons behind the deficit is that Tricare has not increased premiums in nearly 15 years since its creation in 1996. Active-duty personnel and their families should not have to pay higher health care premiums to finance those reforms, Gates told a gathering of several hundred Soldiers at Camp Ramadi in Anbar province. Rather, he suggested possibly charging higher premiums and co-pay fees to those retired personnel using the system who have access to private health care plans through their employers.



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Pentagon planners have pushed for those premium increases for years, but veterans groups and many members of Congress -- both Republican and Democratic have strongly opposed such a move. Congressional budget planners have removed the idea from the Pentagon's annual budget proposal multiple times over the last decade.

Marines and family members I don't know about what you think or feel you can do-But I'm going to notify our Representatives of Idaho and anyone else about this shift in ideas in the White House . If you don't respond to this message you just may see your Tricare For Life with a new premium payment. On top of that we don't even have a forecast of a COLA in the near future. We also have to be aware of our Medicare premiums going up for next year. What else can go wrong for the year 2011 ?? *This is only the Editors opinion*

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- Veterans Homes

Other State Benefits

- Idaho State Veterans Cemetery
- License Plates

***Dates of interest for September;***

- Sep 2, 1945.....Japan formally surrendered aboard *USS Missouri* in Tokyo Bay
- Sep 6, 1961.....Marines of *Task Force Salant Amity II* completed their visit to 17 African ports
- Sep 10, 1813.....Marines served with Commodore Perry during the *Battle of Lake Erie*
- Sep 11, 1990.....The 4th MEB embarked & arrived in the Gulf of Oman in support of *Operation Desert Shield*
- Sep 14, 1942.....Japanese on Guadalcanal's *Bloody Ridge* were shredded by Edson's Raiders
- Sep 23, 1776....Continental Marines were ordered to reinforce Gen George Washington in New York
- Sep 29, 1812.....Seminole Indians ambushed Marines at *Twelve Mile Swamp* in Florida
- Sep 30, 1969.....The 1stMarRegt was presented the PUC for *Operation Hue City*, (Vietnam)



Barbara Baron
Marilyn Burke
Merikay Jost
Ginny Ohls
Barbara Smith
Taylor Yost

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



Like to see the outdoors of Idaho? Enjoy the mountains and lake sceneries ?

Smell the clean air and the crisp morning air as you wake up and get the camp fires going and hot coffee to start your day off. There's nothing like it except, in God's Country.

Enjoy the abundance of wildlife. Deer, Elk, Bears, Cougars and we also have the small critters as well, to take pictures and enjoy their company around the campfires.

If you would like to try your hand at Cougar hunting then you'll need to checkout our website at; www.tvdmcl.org

More details on our website and how you can purchase your tickets. Don't want to hunt Cougars. There's an alternative to not wanting to hunt and still enjoy your winning. Don't miss out on a great hunt. For \$5.00 you can't beat it anywhereThe alternative?? Well I'll let you check that out.

"See you all at the 2011 National Convention."

Semper Fi !

