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Memorial Day May 31, 2011 Veteran

I was a proud veteran
That served my country well
To those that would listen
I had many stories to tell.

We fought for America's freedom
In far away places on foreign land.
Wherever the battle for democracy raged,
America's finest made a stand.

We fought for your future
And the right to remain free.
For we saw what freedom meant
To those not blessed with Liberty.

For you and yours
We would gladly have given our life.
We faced the fears and perils of battle
We braved endless turmoil and strife.

Please remember us veterans
And the sacrifices we made for you.
Please share the blessings of freedom.
Proudly wave the red, white and blue.

Lynne Carey
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that our flag was still there. ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Broad stripes and bright stars ...

gave proof that our flag was still there. ★ ★ ★ ★ ★





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

Abraham Lincoln



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The History of Memorial Day

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers. On May 5, 1868, Logan declared in General Order No. 11 that:

The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

During the first celebration of Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery. This 1868 celebration was inspired by local observances of the day in several towns throughout America that had taken place in the three years since the Civil War. In fact, several Northern and Southern cities claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day, including Columbus, Miss.; Macon, Ga.; Richmond, Va.; Boalsburg, Pa.; and Carbondale, Ill. In 1966, the federal government, under the direction of President Lyndon Johnson, declared Waterloo, N.Y., the official birthplace of Memorial Day. They chose Waterloo—which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—because the town had made Memorial Day an annual, community-wide event during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

By the late 1800s, many communities across the country had begun to celebrate Memorial Day and, after World War I, observances also began to honor those who had died in all of America's wars. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May. (Veterans Day, a day set aside to honor all veterans, living and dead, is celebrated each year on November 11.)



DONATIONS ARE WELCOME



To ALL Marine Corps Leagues, nationwide, We need your support and welcome any financial assistance for us in making this 2011 National Convention one to remember and enjoy. We hope to see and meet a large convention of Marine Corps Leaguers and want you all to take back fond memories of Idaho.... "Gung Ho!!"



Checkout our Treasure Valley Detachment, #878, Website. Log onto;

www.tvdmcl.org

81 DAYS BEFORE THE NATIONAL CONVENTION



Marine Corps League Treasure Valley Detachment Meeting

Our last month's Detachment meeting was a good turnout. We had 27 folks showed up. A great "THANK YOU" to Dick Cross for setting up the refreshments and snacks. Congratulations are in order for our new Commandant Gary Randel and our new Adjutant, Chris Christopher



Also for our other Officers who elected to continue their services for our Detachment. They are from (L) to ®; Frank Partridge, Judge Advocate, Art Kilton, Jr Vice Cmdt, Gary Randel our newly elected Det Commandant, David Kilton, Sr Vice Cmdt, Chris Christopher, newly elected Adjutant and Ken Johnson, Chaplin. A special thanks and hats off to our out-going Det Commandant, Arnie Strawn. Arnie had took on the job as Commandant and devoted his services as he always done whether he was Jr Vice Cmdt, Sgt-at-Arms. Each task he had volunteered for he undertook with selflessness and devotion to the task at hand. Even when times were hard Arnie stuck in there and gave it his all. Thanks Arnie for your services to our Detachment and to our Country. "Job well done"

Our next Detachment meeting will be back to our old building. The Pavilion on Gowen Field at 1900, (7:00PM) May 19th, 2011. Remember we are down to 72 days before the National Convention We still need a lot of help. Please come and help us make this Convention a success. Thank you. ⇨⇨



Lisa Edens being sworn in as Associate member by our outgoing Commandant, Arnie Strawn. Walt Modler our Detachment Sgt-at-Arms looking on.



Coffee Klatch

Don't forget to join your fellow Marines and Corpsman at Quinn's Restaurant on Vista Avenue for coffee and breakfast. We have a wide variety of conversation/gossip/BS for all hands. Whether you're a WWII vet, Korean vet, Vietnam vet, Afghan/Iraqi vet. Or just talk about world events and local events. We meet every Saturday around 0830 until the conversation/BS is over.

Happy Birthday

Linda Emery
Patricia Hisaw
Grace Janko
Velma Williams

From all the members of the MC League, Treasure Valley Detachment, we wish you ladies a much deserve, "Happy Birthday".

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2011

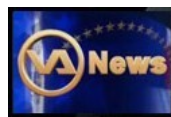
May 12-14- State Convention
 May 21st- Annual Parking Lot Party Veteran Home
 May 28-29th- Coffee Wagon
 May 30th- Wreath laying ceremony Veteran Cemetery
 June 4-5th- Gun Show in Marsing
 June 11th- Ceremony at Veteran Home for new Monument
 June 11-12th- Coffee Wagon
 June 14th- Flag Day, (Putting up flags at Veteran Cemetery) Take down 13th or 14th
 June 25th- All Veterans Welcome Home Day at VA Medical Center grounds
 Sep 3rd- Veterans Olympics, Setup Coffee & Donuts
 Sep 10-11th- Fort Boise Gun Show

***Further details will be announced as the events near.
 For further inquiries contact the newsletter Editor.
 Telephone 208-898-0974***



MGySgt 3. If you ever find yourself in the MGySgt's office, there is a good chance you'll be able to sit down and talk shop with a ready-made cup of hot Joe and get a strong hand shake on the way out.

SgtMaj 3. If you ever find yourself in the SgtMaj's office, it's very likely you won't be able to sit down at all because of all of the "I love me" stuff and you won't have time for a cup of coffee because you'll be too busy making sure every sentence ends in SgtMaj. On the way out he'll make sure and remind you about your duty on Christmas day.



Filner Bill Allows Elderly Veterans to Use Their Earned Medicare Dollars for VA Health Care

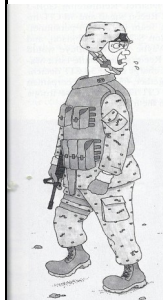
April 6, 2011

Washington, D.C. - Ranking Democratic Member Bob Filner (D-CA) reintroduced H.R. 814, legislation to allow veterans to use their earned Medicare benefits to receive health care and services from the Veterans Health Administration at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

"There are veterans who have earned VA health care benefits with their service to our country," stated Bob Filner.

"They have also earned Medicare benefits by contributing to the Medicare program during their working years. Because VA cannot bill Medicare, elderly veterans are unable to use their Medicare benefits, even if they may prefer to receive care at a VA facility among their fellow veterans. So for those veterans, they basically forgo the hard-earned dollars that they contributed towards Medicare benefits during their working years. This bill is important legislation that would allow elderly veterans to access both VA health care and their Medicare benefits."

Under current law, VA has the authority to bill enrolled veterans and their private health care insurers for the treatment of veterans' non-service-connected conditions. Current law, however, prohibits the billing of Medicare, barring elderly veterans from using their earned Medicare benefits at VA health care facilities. H.R. 814, the Medicare Reimbursement Act of 2011, would require VA to develop a program that would allow VA to bill Medicare for services rendered to veterans enrolled in Medicare Part A or B.



We failed our mission with God, but at least Bin laden was quickly dispatched to see God.
 Compliments of Seal Team 6



New Caldwell VA Clinic open April 29, 2011
4521 Thomas Jefferson St. Caldwell, Idaho 83606



Mountain Home VA Outpatient Clinic - 815 North 6th East,
Mountain Home, ID 83647

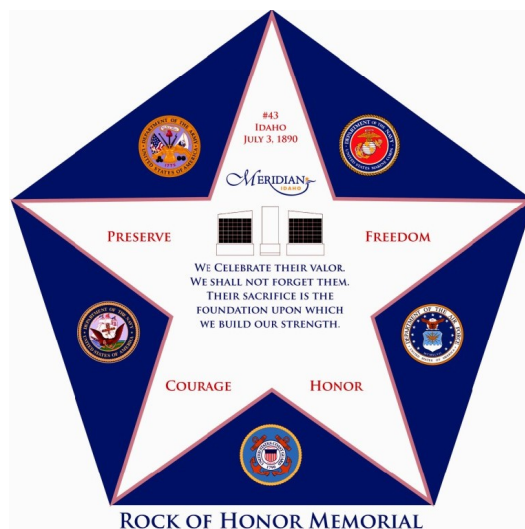
In order to provide easier access to VA health services, the Boise VA Medical Center is working to bring health care closer to the veteran. This brand new, state of the art outpatient clinic will meet the primary health care needs of Elmore County and surrounding area veterans for many years to come.

JULIUS M KLEINER MEMORIAL PARK

Ground breaking for a new memorial dedicated to our fallen veteran citizens of Meridian from . The memorial will be a rock cut from sandstone from Idaho quarry and a plaque embedded to show all our fallen war veteran citizens from Meridian, Idaho. On Hand to help in the opening ceremony is our Meridian Mayor Tammy de Weerd, who helped coordinate the site at the newest largest park in Meridian. This memorial site is entirely made up of donations from our local citizens. The goal of this organization is to raise ⇒⇒

enough money to have the project completed by Veterans Day, November 11, 2011. Please contact the “*The Rock Of Honor*,” secretary to request a press kit and will also answer any questions you may have.

Frank R. Kenny 208-590-1710, 1st Secretary, Rock of Honor Memorial, Inc. You can also get more details from Meridian City website; www.meridiacity.org go to Dept of Parks & Recreation and scroll down



MajGen. Sayler, far left and Mayor Tammy de Weerd





Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month

Week of April 04, 2011

May is Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month. It was originally introduced as Pacific/Asian Heritage Week in 1977. This year's theme is "Leadership, Diversity, Empowerment, and Beyond." For more information, visit the [Asian Pacific American Heritage Month website](#) and the [Scholastic website](#). Find ways to support and honor U.S. military service members and veterans who protect our security and freedom. Visit the Military.com [Support our Troops](#) webpage



Japanese American Vets Get Medals

Week of April 11, 2011

Thirteen thousand Japanese-American (Nisei) veterans of WWII will soon receive the Congressional Gold Medal, the nation's highest civilian award. It will be presented to the three units: the 100th Inf. Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the Military Intelligence Service. The ceremony will take place in Washington, D.C. Because many of the aging veterans will not be able to attend, a Hawaii celebration will be held Dec. 17 with a parade in Waikiki followed by a banquet at the Honolulu Convention Center



Armed Forces Service Medal for Haiti Ops

week of May 02, 2011

Department of Defense officials approved the Armed Forces Service Medal (AFSM) for personnel assigned to Operation Unified Response who participated in humanitarian relief assistance to the people of Haiti following a 7.0 earthquake Jan. 12, 2010. Members must have supported the Operation between Jan. 14 and June 1 and must provide source ⇒⇒

Armed Forces Service Medal-Continued

documents confirming AFSM entitlement to their unit commander or designated representative



Humanitarian Service Medal for Pakistan

Week of May 02, 2011

The Department of Defense (DoD) has approved the Humanitarian Service Medal for service members who participated in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations in Pakistan following the flooding in Swat Valley on July 31, 2010. Military members must have provided at least one day of humanitarian assistance between July 31 and Dec. 15, 2010, in the immediate area of operation. Aircrews landing in the areas of operation during this period are also eligible. Members must provide source documents confirming HSM entitlement to their unit commander or designated representative.



Commandant Chooses Sniper as Top NCO

April 12, 2011

The Marine Corps' next top noncommissioned officer will be Sgt. Maj. Michael P. Barrett, an infantryman and former top leader of the service's Quantico-based sniper school with two combat tours in Iraq. Barrett is due to take over as sergeant major of the Marine Corps on June 9. Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James Amos announced Barrett's selection on April 11, saying that the 30-year Marine is "particularly well-suited to serve as my senior enlisted advisor through the challenges ahead."





DoD to Drop SSN From IDs

Week of April 11, 2011

Social Security numbers on military identification cards will soon begin to disappear. The effort is part of a larger plan to protect servicemembers and other Department of Defense (DoD) identification card holders from identity theft. Beginning in June, when current cards expire, they will be replaced with new cards having a DoD identification number, which will be a unique 10-digit number that is assigned to every person with a direct relationship with the department. The new number will also be the servicemember's Geneva Convention identification number. An 11-digit DoD benefits number also will appear on the cards of those people eligible for DoD benefits.



TRICARE Debuts 'Young Adult' Program

Week of April 11, 2011

TRICARE will soon allow qualified young adults, up to age 26, to purchase military health plan coverage on a month-to-month basis. Under TRICARE's new Young Adult Program. The new program will allow qualified, unmarried children of servicemembers without access to employer-sponsored health care coverage to buy health care coverage under their parents' TRICARE plans through age 26. The new program will include an option to make coverage retroactive to Jan. 1. TRICARE is expected to announce premium costs shortly, before enrollment begins.



Obama Taps Allen to Command Forces in Afghanistan

By Lisa Daniel

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, April 28, 2011 - Marine Corps Lt. Gen. John R. Allen, deputy commander of U.S. Central Command, is poised to become the first Marine to command all U.S. and NATO troops in Afghanistan.

President Barack Obama today named Allen as his pick to replace Army Gen. David H. Petraeus as commander of the International Security Assistance Force and U.S. Forces Afghanistan as part of a reshuffling of his national security team.



DATES OF INTEREST FOR MAY

- May 2, 1965- 1stBn, 8thMar participated in the intervention in the Dominican Republic
- May 3, 1898- Lt Dion Williams & Marines from the *USS Baltimore* raised the American flag over Cavite City, Philippines
- May 6, 1942- The Colors of the 4th MarRegt were burned to avoid capture on Corridor
- May 8, 1945- V E DAY
- May 15, 1862- Cpl John Mackie became the first Marine awarded the Medal of Honor
- May 31, 1900- Marines guarded Peking Diplomatic quarters during the Boxer Rebellion



NOTE OF INTEREST;

Have You Seen The May-June "Semper Fi" Magazine?

There's a two sided form to fill out for the Marine Corps League 88th National Convention in Boise, Idaho. Also on page 54 there's a good write up about the *City of Trees* and advertisement about our Once in a Life time Cougar Hunt. Just \$5.00 a ticket can get you an all paid expense Cougar hunt worth approximately \$7,000.00. Not a bad deal for only \$5.00.....Or better yet just take the cash award for \$2500.00 if you're not a hunter or physically handicap or just old! Like me. Further information can be seen on our website at: www.tvdmcl.org

COUNTING DOWN TO 81 DAYS