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## Idaho State Veterans Home Volunteer Appreciation Day

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**Regular Business Meeting for March**, will be held at 19:00 hours April 20<sup>th</sup>, and will be held at the Indoor Pavilion on Gowen Field. The next meeting is May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Happy Hour** (10:00 AM) for all Marines, their wives and guests Come early and get a good seat, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month. This month will be April 15<sup>th</sup>, the rest of the Saturday's of every month is devoted to the Koffee Klatch at 8:30 AM for all Marines and their guests. Breakfast and Koffee Klatch is held at Mikes Restaurant: Hillcrest Shopping Center on the corner of Overland and Orchard.

**We have been cordially invited** to a party. The Idaho State Veterans Home has their Volunteer Appreciation Day "Pirate Stew" at 18:30 on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April. Phil Hawkins has asked us to attend.

**Kudo's go out to** Capt. Ron Storer, and Barbara and Ralph Elston who attended the Medal of Honor Presentation for Landsman Gordon H. Barter, Civil War Medal of Honor Recipient. Held on 25 March at the Military History Museum.

**Gurdon H. Barter earned** the Medal of Honor while serving aboard the USS Minnesota during the Civil War battles of December 1864 and January 1865 at Ft Fisher, North Carolina. Landsman Barter was never aware of the award and the Medal has been in the possession of the Navy since it was approved for issue on June 22, 1865. History, even his citation, recorded his date of action as January 15, 1865, but his actual Medal of Honor is engraved with the dates of both battles at Ft Fisher. The engraving reads

Personal Valor  
Gurdon H. Barter  
Landsman  
U.S.S. Minnesota  
Fort Fisher  
Dec. 1864 & Jan 1865

Landsman Barter's Citation: On board the U.S.S. Minnesota in action during the assault on Fort Fisher, 15 January 1865. Landing on the beach with the assaulting party from his ship, Landsman Barter advanced to the top of the sandhill and partly through the breach in the palisades despite enemy fire, which killed and wounded many officers and men. When more than two-thirds of the men became seized with panic and retreated on the run, he remained with the party until dark, when it came safely away, bringing its wounded, its arms, and its colors. Gurdon Barter passed away on April 22, 1900, and is buried in Viola, Idaho. On March 25, 2006,