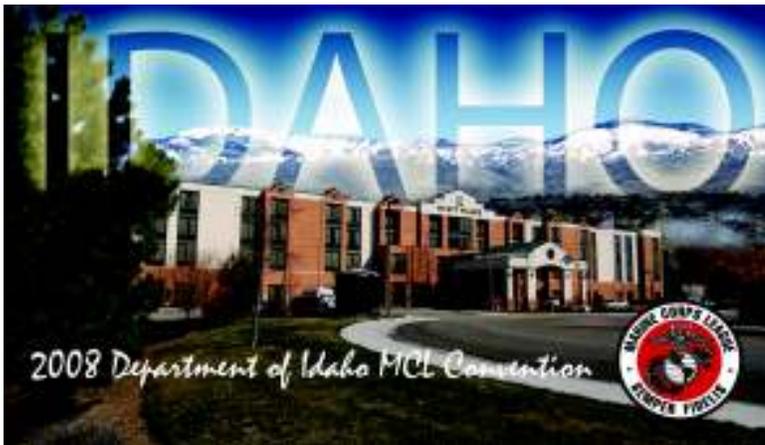




## Convention

*The Honor to Host*



*We have the honor to host this years Department Convention in Boise.*

Again the Treasure Valley Detachment Marine Corps League has the privilege to host the Department Convention for the State of Idaho. The convention will be held on the 30th, 31 of May and the 1st. of June at the Hyatt Place Hotel at 925 N. Milwaukee Boise, ID. The hotel is near the Town Square Mall. The buffet banquet will have the choice of meals, which will be Prime Rib or Salmon with all the fixing's. The first State Convention was held in 2000 and was hosted by the Pappy Boyinton Detachment in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Our first convention that we hosted was in 2001 at the Red Lion, Riverside Hotel. The National Commandant of the Marine Corps League, John Tuohy was at this convention. Commandant Tuohy was the keynote speaker and installed the new Department Officers. We had about 30 members in attendance at this convention and five detachments were represented.

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## Business Meeting for March 2008

The regular Business Meeting of the Treasure Valley Detachment Marine Corps League for April will be held at the Pavilion on Gowen Field at 1900 hours. April 17th. All members are encouraged to attend. The next regular business meeting will be May 15th, 2008. Your opinions, ideas, and voice is important to the detachment. So please make a note on your calendar to attend the meetings.

## Happy Hour and Koffee Klatch

Koffee Klatch starts at 0900, although you can show up as early as you want, but you should wait until they open. Koffee Klatch is held at Quinn's on Vista Ave. every Saturday morning, except the third Saturday of the month. That day is our Happy Hour Breakfast with the ladies and guests.. Happy Hour is at 1000 hours and this month it will be on April 19th.

## Happy Birthday to Our Ladies:

Dawn Partridge, Elaine Stonebraker, and Nancy Teague

## Pre-Convention

The pre-convention will again be held in Mc Call, ID this year on the 25 & 26 of April at the Super 8 Motel, 303 S. 3rd St, Mc Call, ID. For Reservations call 208/634-4637. Rooms will be \$72.00 per night.

## Idaho Department State Convention

Our detachment will host the State Convention this next year. The convention dates are May 30th. and June 1st. More information will be given as received. If you have any ideas to make this a great convention please contact Arnie Strawn, 208-454-8295.

## Coffee Wagon

Dates for the Coffee wagon:

- June 7 & 8
- July 4 thru 6
- Aug 2 & 3
- Sept 6 & 7
- Possibly Labor Day Weekend

Again it will be at the West-bound Rest Stop at Black Creek on Interstate 84

# Auxiliary News

Treasure Valley Marine Corps League Auxiliary #408



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### Minutes for March

No meeting was held for the month of March.

### The mailing Address for the Auxiliary is:

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**Note from the editor:** I must have the minutes by the last Friday of the month or they may not be in the newsletter, editor.

# Event Horizon

- Happy Hour, April 19th. 1000 hours
- Regular Business Meeting, April 17th., 1900 hour
- Pre-Convention, April 25-26

## History of Marine Divisions

History of 3rd. Marine Division  
Part 1 of 2

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The 3d Marine Division officially activated 16 September 1942 at Camp Elliott, San Diego, California. It was built around the 9th Marines, com-

manded by Colonel Lemuel C. SHEPHERD, Jr. who later became the 20th Commandant of the Marine Corps. Ma-

Major General Charles D. BARRETT was the first Commanding General of the Division.

As 1942 drew to a close Headquarters Battalion was still located at Camp Elliott. It busied itself organizing and training for action in the South Pacific. In January and February 1943 the Battalion moved to Auckland, New Zealand.

By August 1943 the Battalion was stationed on Guadalcanal where special training and rehearsals for the Bougainville operation were intensified. On 1 November 1943 the Division landed at Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville. For approximately two months the Battalion participated in the fight against stiff and heavy enemy resistance. On 16 January 1944, with the transfer of command in the area to the Army's XIV Corps, the last elements of the Battalion returned to Guadalcanal.

Following the Bougainville operation the Battalion began training for the next campaign. Verbal instructions received in February 1944 led to planning for an operation against the Japanese on Emirau Island. The projected Emirau operation was subsequently cancelled and instructions were received to initiate planning for an operation against enemy forces at Kavieng, New Ireland. This operation was also called off. A few days later the Battalion received word to start training for the amphibious assault against the Japanese on Guam, Marianas.

The Battalion embarked at Guadalcanal on 2 and 3 June 1944 and sailed for Kwajalein, Marshall Islands enroute to the Marianas. It remained afloat off Saipan from 15 to 28 June 1944 as part of the reserve force for the Saipan operation, then being carried out by the 2nd and 4th Marine Divisions in conjunction with the 27th Infantry Division. With the situation on Saipan well controlled the Battalion returned to its restaging area awaiting the target date for the Guam operation.

On 21 July 1944, as a part of the Southern Troops and Landing Force, the Battalion landed on western beaches of Guam in the vicinity of Asan Point. After twenty days of savage fighting the Division troops reaches the northern coast of the island. On 10 August 1944 Guam was declared secure. Until its departure for the Iwo Jima campaign, the Battalion remained on Guam taking part in the mopping up operations.

By the middle of February 1945 the Battalion completed embarkation at Guam preparatory to participation in the Iwo Jima operation. Initially, the Battalion remained afloat off Iwo Jima as Expeditionary Troops Reserve. The Battalion landed on 24 February, and the next morning at the 3d Marine Division launched an attack in its zone between the 4th and 5th Marine Divisions. The 3d Marine Division faced well-organized and determined enemy

resistance. The terrain, ideal for defense, was heavily fortified by pillboxes, caves, and covered artillery emplacements. Progress was slow and casualties heavy during the first few days of fighting. The Division slowly pushed the enemy back and by 3 March had severed the last enemy east-west artery of communication by occupying positions overlooking the sea. The 3d Marine Division secured its zone of action on 11 March and then initiated intensive patrolling and mopping-up operations. On 16 March, units of the 3d Marine Division relieved elements of the 5th Division and delivered the final attack of the Iwo Jima operation – a drive to Kitano Point. Iwo Jima was declared secure on the same day. On 4 April the 3d Marine Division was relieved by Army units.

By mid-April 1945 the Battalion was back on Guam preparing for the next operation. On 3 August 1945 the Battalion received initial plans for the "Olympic" operation which called for an amphibious landing of Kyushu about 1 November 1945. The 3d Marine Division, along with the 2nd and 5th Marine Divisions, was assigned to the V Amphibious Corps for the projected operation. Japan's agreement to cease hostilities and subsequent surrender cancelled "Olympic", and the Battalion remained on Guam until the date of its disbandment on 28 December 1945. The Battalion was reactivated on 7 January 1952 at Camp Pendleton, California.



### Frozen Chosin: Bear's Bandits

In order to earn the Marksmanship Ribbon in the Young Marines, members of the Treasure Valley Young Marines took an NRA approved shooting course at the Nampa Rod & Gun Club, Nampa, Idaho. The Club sponsors an event, called the Frozen Chosin, in honor of the Marines who fought at the Chosin Reservoir in the Korean War. The club asked if several Young Marines could create a group to participate at this event. It was 4 man fire teams using WWII era weapons.

We named our team 'Bear's Bandits' in honor of our Commanding Officer, Lt. Col 'Bear' Lyndaker. The members of Bear's Bandits 2008 were Young Marine PFC A. McKinney, Cpl L. Glenn, Cpl J. Bradberry, and Sgt A. Bradberry. It was a very early day, waking at 0600 on Saturday, 26 January 2008. The temperature hovered in the low 20's and snow was falling.

Each team was allowed 1 minute to fire at 16 targets. Then 30 seconds at a second group of targets, the alternating for a total of 2 minutes of shooting with a walking target. Each person had 100 rounds total for the entire match. After taking our turn on the firing line, we slogged down-range and worked in the target pits. We raised and lowered the targets. The one moving target was handled by one of the adults.

While we did not win the match, we did not finish last either. We each received a stripper clip for an M1 Garand with the date and name of the match on it. We were recognized as one of the first two youth teams ever to participate in this match. Bear's Bandits beat the other youth team who were children of Club members. Many of the other shooters were former military and we enjoyed meeting them and learning from them.

Bear's Bandits had an excellent time participating at this event. We may not have won the shoot-off, but we did earn some new friends.

## Marine News

### Base in safe and capable hands

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By Cpl. Tyler B. Barstow, 1st Marine Logistics Group

AT-TAQADDUM, Iraq (March 28, 2008) -- The management and control of safety throughout the entire 1st Marine Logistics Group rests in the hands of seven capable individuals.

Alfonso Vasquez, a tactical safety specialist with Base Safety and Environmental, 1st Marine Logistics Group, explains the upcoming obstacle to the all-terrain vehicle operators during their training course at the base's ATV driving lot. Vasquez and Petty Officer 3rd Class Dexter M. Cubol, a safety inspector with Base Safety and Environmental, took seven Marines through the course March 14. The course is designed to familiarize service members with the machines and their capabilities in order to reduce the amount of accidents involved with operating them at Camp Taqaddum.

Marines from various units from at Camp Taqaddum showed up March 14 to attend the all-terrain vehicle course, hosted by Base Safety and Environmental. The course qualifies graduates to train Marines in their own

units on how to safely and properly use the machines that are frequently used around base. Alfonso Vasquez, a tactical safety specialist and Petty Officer 3rd Class Dexter M. Cubol, a safety inspector, both with Base Safety and Environmental, teach the course every Friday. The course is designed to familiarize service members with the ATV's by having them navigate various twists and turns in an open lot until they get a grasp of the machines' capabilities.

Before rolling out, Alfonso Vasquez, tactical safety specialist with Base Safety and Environmental, 1st Marine Logistics Group, ensures the all-terrain vehicle student operators are good to go. One of Base Safety's new goals is to make the roads at Camp Taqaddum safer by ensuring the ATV's are driven by people capable of handling them. Vasquez and Petty Officer 3rd Class Dexter M. Cubol, safety inspector with Base Safety and Environmental, manage an ATV operator's training course that gives service members a chance to get a feel for the vehicle before taking it out on the open road.

Their area of responsibility covers all units within the 1st MLG, regardless of where they are stationed. All mishap reports from units at Fallujah, al Asad, and other bases in Anbar province all come to Lt. Cmdr. Dan S. Ratican's shop. The team of seven brought with them more than 60 years of experience and approached their deployment head on, already making changes to keep people under their watch safer. Within their first week here, they did an initial survey to look for areas that needed improvement. For example, new road signs, reflectors and other basic traffic safety elements have since been installed.

On the environmental side, they have started to clean up and organize their hazardous material lots and dumps, and they began removing their environmentally unsound items. Along with the general upkeep, new rules are also being introduced and enforced. The vehicles are useful but due to their small size, they present many limitations. Base Safety currently has a course set up that trains service members to train their own units how to operate them safely. Many units around base have already completed Base Safety's course, which trains Marines, sailors and soldiers in familiarizing themselves with the machines. The course also qualifies graduates to train service members in their own units on how to safely and properly use the machines that are frequently used around base. Their number one priority is to help keep everyone safe and environmentally sound.

Their sometimes overwhelming mission is not a problem for the team who sees the constant activity as a way to make the time pass faster. They're starting off 1st MLG's year on a good foot, ready to face anything.

## Prostate Cancer

Prostate disease - benign and malignant (cancerous)--is very common, particularly in older men. The prostate is a walnut-sized organ that surrounds the urethra; it produces a fluid that becomes part of semen.

According to the National Cancer Institute, more than half of the men in the United States between the ages of 60 and 70, and as many as ninety percent between the ages of 70 and 90 have symptoms of benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH.) Although this condition is seldom a threat to life, it may require treatment to relieve symptoms, which include difficulty urinating and frequency of urination, especially at night. The American Cancer Society estimates that 198,100 new cases of prostate cancer were diagnosed in 2001. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) report that fewer than ten percent of men with prostate cancer die of the disease within 5 years of diagnosis.

Scientists are doing studies to determine whether BPH or a sexually transmitted virus increases the risk for prostate cancer. At this time, they do not have clear evidence of increased risk in either case.

Physicians commonly use two methods for detecting prostate cancer:

\* Digital rectal examination (DRE) has been used for years as a screening test, but its ability to detect prostate cancer is limited. Tumors often form in areas of the prostate that cannot be reached by a DRE. Clinicians also can have difficulty distinguishing between benign abnormalities and prostate cancer.

\* The prostate-specific antigen (PSA) measurement is a blood test used by many doctors use. PSA is an enzyme measured in the blood that can rise naturally as men age or if prostate abnormalities are present. However, the PSA test cannot distinguish prostate cancer from benign growth or other conditions, such as prostatitis (inflammation of the prostate). PSA testing also fails to detect some prostate cancers.

### Current Conditions Considered by VA Presumptive to AO Exposure:

These are the diseases which VA currently presumes resulted from exposure to herbicides like Agent Orange.

*No one should pass an American in uniform without saying, "Thank you, we are grateful. Always mindful that they are prepared to risk all their dreams so that all of us can reach ours.*

(Secretary of Defense, William Cohen at the Memorial Ceremony for the service members that died aboard the USS Cole.)

## God Bless The United States of America and in God we Trust

The law requires that some of these diseases be at least 10% disabling under VA's rating regulations within a deadline that began to run the day you left Vietnam. If there is a deadline, it is listed in parentheses after the name of the disease.

If you would like any additional information regarding the specific medical conditions listed below, please see the Agent Orange Briefing Fact Sheets Web Page .

Chloracne or other acneform disease consistent with chloracne. (Must occur within one year of exposure to Agent Orange).

Hodgkin's disease.

Multiple myeloma.

Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma

Acute and subacute peripheral neuropathy. (For purposes of this section, the term acute and subacute peripheral neuropathy means temporary peripheral neuropathy that appears within weeks or months of exposure to an herbicide agent and resolves within two years of the date of onset.)

Porphyria cutanea tarda. (Must occur within one year of exposure to Agent Orange).

Prostate cancer.

Respiratory cancers (cancer of the lung, bronchus, larynx, or trachea).

Soft-tissue sarcoma (other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or mesothelioma).

### For information go to:

<http://www.cancercenter.com/prostate-cancer.cfm?source=googlppc&c=1351:1>

<http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/benefits/herbicide/>

## eGazette

Those members that I have an email address for, will not receive a hard copy of the newsletter this month, due to the increase of coping costs and the cost of postage increase in May