



The Boondocker

Gold Country Det. #885
Grass Valley, California

“The President’s Own” Marine Band is coming!

When: Thursday, 15 October

Where: Nevada Union HS

Time: 1900

The Marine Corps League, Gold Country Detachment #885 in association with Music in the Mountains and The Union Newspaper are proud to announce that “The President’s Own” Marine Band will be visiting Grass Valley on their West Coast Tour this year.

A free concert for the public will be held on October 15, 2009. Ticket information will be available this Summer.



Commandant’s Message

Marines,

Hello & welcome to the new Boondocker! In this, my first message to you, I want to tell you how privileged I feel to be Commandant

First, I’d like to thank Commandant Povic for the last two years of his Leadership, talents & time. Our Detachment, League and community are better because of his service. I look forward to him staying on the Board of Directors.

We are poised to have a very successful year with a lot of great things happening in 2009.

Our 2nd Annual Casino Night is coming May 2nd. We should have a very successful event if we can just sell some tickets and get people there.

We are asking all members to sell five (5) tickets to support our own cause. If you talk to just a few friends you should be able sell your five easily.

We need to get recruiting again. Although we have a good number of us attending meetings, we need to reach out and invite Marines in town that haven’t joined our ranks yet. We have plenty to talk about with Casino Night, Memorial Day, our Summer Parades, “The President’s Own” concert, our Birthday Ball and Toys for Tots.

2009-2010 Officers

Commandant	David Voors
Sr. Vice Commandant	John Bynes
Jr. Vice Commandant	David Spencer
JAG	Ed Rossovich
Adjutant/Paymaster	Gary Miller
Sgt-at-Arms (1)	Hans Koschyk
Sgt-at-Arms (2)	Dan Baldwin
Quarter Master	Skip Rankin
Chaplain	Jim Edwards
Chaplain	Carlos Flores

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Just like the Corps itself, we may not be the largest Veteran’s group in town but we are the best, most recognizable and the most active.

We also need to reach out to those members who may not be coming to meetings regularly or not at all.

While I think we have one of the finest MCL websites in the nation (I am prejudiced) and we communicate well through email, not everyone is online and so we need to reach out and stay in touch with **ALL** our comrades.

With the time change and a little bit longer days I hope to see some of you Marines that don’t like driving after dark. We meet at 1800 so there’s no excuse now, you can come to the meeting and still be home before dark; if you need a ride call me and we’ll arrange it.

Lastly, I want to thank you on behalf of the new staff for your confidence in us. We will do our best to advance our cause and have a good time doing it.

Semper Fidelis,

David Voors
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“THE PRESIDENT’S OWN” UNITED STATES MARINE BAND In Concert

This Month in USMC History

3 April 1945: On Okinawa, Marines of the III Amphibious Corps cleared Zampa Misaki and seized the Katchin Peninsula, thus effectively cutting the island in two. By this date (D+2), III AC reached objectives thought originally to require 11 days to take.

15 April 1962: Marine Corps operational involvement in the Vietnam War began on Palm Sunday when HMM-362 arrived at Soc Trang in the Delta south of Saigon

18 April 1983: One Marine Security Guard was killed and seven were wounded when a large car bomb exploded just outside the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon. Lance Corporal Robert McMaugh was standing guard at Post 1, just inside the front entrance when the bomb exploded outside the door. The explosion killed 61 people including 17 Americans. LCpl McMaugh was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on 26 April.

28 April 1993: The last A-6E Intruder departed from Marine Corps service. Marine Attack Squadron 332 prepared for the squadron's transition to the F/A-18D and eventual movement from Cherry Point to Beaufort, South Carolina.



Sgt. at Arms Hans Koschyk oversees the gaming at last years Casino Night

Casino Night & Cinco de Mayo Party!!!

When: Saturday, May 2nd

Where: Grass Valley Veteran's Hall

Time: 6 - 10PM

All members are asked to sell five (5) tickets to the event to help our own cause.

- No Host Bar
- \$1 Taco Bar
- Great Prizes
- Live DJ & Dancing
- Roulette
- Poker
- Black Jack
- Craps

Tickets also available at :

- Raley's Supermarket
- KNCO radio station
- Caldwell Banker Grass Roots Realty in LOP
- Lyon Realty in Auburn
- www.MCL885.org



2nd MEB prepares to deploy

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. —

The Marines, sailors and families of the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade's Command Element gathered here March 19 and 20 for pre-deployment briefs.

The brigade, also known as Task Force Leatherneck, is scheduled to deploy to Afghanistan later this spring to conduct counterinsurgency operations.

The command held the briefs to inform the service members and their families of what lies ahead for them in their ensuing journey. Brig. Gen. Larry Nicholson, 2nd MEB commanding general, said the Marines and sailors will be deploying to a region of Afghanistan that is both dangerous and austere.

"It's not the garden spot of the world," Nicholson said. "It's a tough neighborhood."

The Command Element and Brigade Headquarters

Group's Family Readiness Team was introduced at the beginning of each brief as the individuals who will help guide the families through the deployment. The team provided informative materials to the service members and their families.

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Nancy Wike, the BHG family readiness officer, said the readiness team has "grown by lengths and bounds and continues to get better."

"The families have a single person to dispense information, which ensures information gets out to everyone," Wike said. "They have a single person for the resources and knowledge they need to know."

3/20/2009 By Cpl. Aaron Rooks , 2nd MEB





Adopt-a-Squad update

Good news from SSgt. Ed Rossoovich, some of his Marines came home on Saturday, 21 Mar 09!

This is great news as we ramp up for other future deployments.

We've recently updated/upgraded our website to include the "Adopt-a-Squad" program. Members as well as the public can donate online to help with

the costs incurred by sending care packages every month.

Skip & Sparky Rankin, our Quartermasters, have started their own online donation program for Adopt-a-Squad at their business, eMarinePX.com.



Thanks guys, you are the best!!!

President Obama Reverses position on VA 3rd Party billing

As a result of the outcry from the veterans' community, President Obama withdrew a controversial proposal that would allow the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to bill a veteran's private health insurance for the care and treatment of service connected wounds and disabilities. Keep your eye on the "Commander-in-Chief"

Around the League

Department of California
77th Annual Convention
and Growl

- June 4-6, 2009
- Concord, California
- Info: Wil Wilcox, (925) 672-6159

86th National Convention

- July 31-Aug 8, 2009
- Rochester, Minnesota
- Info: David Nogosek (507) 951-5191

Marine Quotes

"There are only two kinds of people that understand Marines: Marines and the enemy. Everyone else has a second-hand opinion."

- Gen. William Thomson, U.S. Army

"Hell, these are Marines. Men like them held Guadalcanal and took Iwo Jima. Bagdad ain't shit."

- Marine Major General John F. Kelly

Happy Birthday!!!

March:

- Ken Brady
- Jim Edwards
- Larry Ransdell

April:

- Dennis Larson

Adjutant / Paymaster's Corner

The March meeting was well attended and our new officers were sworn in. Our new Commandant, Dave Voors, has asked me to continue the job of Adjutant/Paymaster for another year.

As a part of my duties I am making an effort to bring our Roster up to date. Over fifteen letters were sent out to members that had not been to meetings and were behind in their Dues. I am pleased to report that half of those contacted have brought themselves current and now we look forward to seeing them at the meetings

As a service to the members I would

like to use this column to remind the members that are coming due on their Dues. Yes, I know that National sends you a renewal letter. This is just a gentle reminder to send the check to me at the address below. Better yet, bring it to the meeting. We really want to see you. The members that have come due for their dues are:

- Dan Harkins
- Sean Metroka
- Larry Ransdell
- Ed Rossoovich
- Orlo Steele

In the words of a great chef, "I love cooking with wine, sometimes I even put it in the food."

Semper Fi.....Gary



Upcoming Events

- **April 6 , 2009—Regular Meeting & Devil Dog Meeting**

1800 at the Grass Valley Vet's Hall. Please be on time and bring a friend! Get you tickets for Casino Night! Devil Dogs meet immediately following the regular meeting.

- **April 15 , 2009—Staff Meeting/Casino Night Committee —1730**

3rd Wednesday of every month

- **April 24 , 2009—Haircut Donation Day at Gentlemen's Quarters**

Minimum \$10 donation, all proceeds go towards Adopt-A-Squad! Tell ALL your friends!

- **May 2, 2009—Casino Night & Cinco de Mayo Party**

6—10PM at the Grass Valley Vet's Hall, no host bar, \$1 Tacos, DJ & dancing, tell all of your friends and sell your 5 tickets!

- **May 4, 2009—Regular Meeting**

1800 at the Grass Valley Vet's Hall. Please be on time and bring a friend!

- **May, 20,2009—Staff Meeting—1730**

3rd Wednesday of every month

- **May 25, 2009—Memorial Day, Remember our fallen**

Services/Ceremonies in Nevada City & Grass Valley

- **June 1, 2009—Regular Meeting**

1800 at the Grass Valley Vet's Hall. Please be on time and bring a friend!

Please think of a date between June 20th & August 15th that would be good to have a Detachment BBQ / Picnic.

SSgt. Ed Rossovich in Funeral detail

Lest we Forget

"No arsenal, no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women.

- *Ronald Reagan*

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Your Worst Enemy



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