



Gold Country Det. #885
Grass Valley, California

The Boondocker

“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.



“THE PRESIDENT’S OWN” UNITED STATES MARINE BAND
By Consent



Commandant’s Message

Marines,

Greeting and welcome to Spring; or is it Summer? As I write this, the mercury hit over 85 degrees today!

As most of you read this, we have less than two weeks left before **Casino Night!** Much like the picture above, we are plunging into the deep. Some are driving the boat or onboard ready to hit the beach and others are standing on the sides of the well deck watching things happen.

I encourage all of you to get onboard and help us reach the objective in service to our League. 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.

As of this date, the average age of our Detachment is 57.6 years old. Not too old for sure but I would like to see us get some new members in and drive that number down just a little. We need to get recruiting again and reach out and invite Marines in town that haven’t joined our ranks yet.

Talk up the great things we do like Adopt-A-Squad, Casino Night, our Summer Parades, “The President’s Own” concert, our Birthday Ball and Toys for Tots.

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Chaplain	Jim Edwards
Chaplain	Carlos Flores

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I’ll also be talking about offering incentives for those of you who do recruit new members at the May meeting.

Memorial Day is just around the corner and we still need one Marine for the Color Guard; please step up and be counted.

I want to encourage you all to stay in touch throughout the month and let someone know when you need a hand, especially in this economy. It doesn’t have to be a money need, it might be that you need help with a household project, it might be you need someone to pray for you or with you. Get a hold of a Marine or our Chaplain Pastor Jim; I can tell you first hand that he is great.

Lastly, get outside and enjoy some of this beautiful weather we are having. We will do our best to advance our cause and have a good time doing it.

Semper Fidelis,

David Voors
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“I can’t say enough about the two Marine divisions. If I use words like brilliant, it would really be an under-description of the absolutely superb job they did in breaching the so-called impenetrable barrier.
Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, USA February 1991

This Month in USMC History

2 May 1946: Marines from Treasure Island Marine Barracks, under the command of Warrant Officer Charles L. Buckner, aided in suppressing the three-day prison riot at Alcatraz Penitentiary in San Francisco Bay. WO Buckner, a veteran of the Bougainville and Guam campaigns, ably led his force of Marines without suffering a single casualty.

15 May 1862: Corporal John Mackie, the first Marine to earn the Medal of Honor, was commended for service in the USS GALENA during action against Confederate shore batteries at Drewry's Bluff which blocked the James River approaches to Richmond.

26 May 1969: Operation Pipestone Canyon began when the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines and 3d Battalion, 5th Marines began sweeps in the Dodge City/Go Noi areas southwest of Da Nang. It terminated at the end of June with 610 enemy killed in action at a cost of 34 Marines killed.

29 May 1991: Elements of a joint task force that included the 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade departed the Bay of Bengal off the coast of Bangladesh after nearly two weeks of disaster relief operations following a devastating cyclone. The joint task force delivered tons of relief supplies using helicopters, C-130s, and landing craft in Operation Sea Angel.



Mac & Kathy McCammon enjoy 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

Who does the best with your Money

The American Institute of Philanthropy, a leading charity watchdog, recently issued a report card this for 29 veterans and military charities. Letter grades were based largely on the charities' fundraising costs and the percentage of money raised that was spent on charitable activities. Below are the somewhat surprising result of their report card in alphabetical order.

- Air Force Aid Society (A+)
- American Ex-Prisoners of War Service Foundation (F)
- American Veterans Coalition (F)
- American Veterans Relief Foundation (F)
- AMVETS National Service Foundation (F)
- Armed Services YMCA of the USA (A-)
- Army Emergency Relief (A+)
- Blinded Veterans Association (D)
- Disabled American Veterans (D)
- Disabled Veterans Association (F)
- Fisher House Foundation (A+)
- Freedom Alliance (F)
- Help Hospitalized Veterans/Coalition to Salute America's Heroes (F)

"let's make sure that the charities we give to are as careful with our dollars as we are.."

- Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund (A+)
- Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation (F)
- National Military Family Association (A)
- National Veterans Services Fund (F)
- National Vietnam Veterans Committee (D)
- Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (A+)
- NCOA National Defense Foundation (F)
- Paralyzed Veterans of America (F)
- Soldiers' Angels (D)
- United Spinal Association's Wounded Warrior Project (D)
- USO (United Service Organization) (C+)
- Veterans of Foreign Wars and Foundation (C-)
- Veterans of the Vietnam War & the Veterans Coalition (D)
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (D)
- VietNow National Headquarters (F)
- World War II Veterans Committee (D)

With these grades in mind, let's make sure that the charities we give to are as careful with our dollars as we are.



Adopt-a-Squad update

Skip & Sparky Rankin presented a check for over \$700 to the Detachment last meeting in donations that they have collected for the Adopt-A-Squad program through their business eMarinePX.com. This is really appreciated because 100% of the donations went to the program. This is especially great because their business is internet based and they had to pay 3.5% on everything donated.

Thanks guys, you're are the BEST!!!

Adopt-A-Squad day at Gentlemen's Quarters!!!



Friday, April 24th from 1 - 5PM [110 W. Main Street in Grass Valley](http://www.eMarinePX.com)

Todd Frei & crew donating all the proceeds to our Adopt-A-Squad program! So whether you need a trim or haven't seen a Barber in months, go to Gentlemen's Quarters on the 24th!

Quartermaster Corner

Starting at the May meeting, our Quartermasters Skip & Sparky will be bringing their wares to the meetings so that you can get your MCL merchandise and any other Marine gear that you need.

They have a great selection of shirts, hats etc... so grab some great deals, get squared away & show your pride!



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

"I come in peace. I didn't bring artillery. But I'm pleading with you, with tears in my eyes: If you screw with me, I'll kill you all." ~ Marine General James Mattis to Iraqi tribal leaders

"Panic sweeps my men when they are facing the American Marines."
~Captured North Korean Major

Happy Birthday!!!

April:

- Dennis Larson

May:

- Big Nick de Zap
- Carlos Flores
- Kris Youngman (A)

Adjutant / Paymaster's Address

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ARE PAST DUE OR COMING UP FOR RENEWAL:

NAME	DUE DATE
METROKA, GORDON	DEC 2008
ESPINOSA, BOB	MAY 2009
KILBORN, ALAN	MAY 2009
POVIO, STEPHAN	MAY 2009
WASKOWITZ, PETER	JUN 2009
BRADY, KEN	JUN 2009
HARKINS, ERIC	JUN 2009
HOLVERSON, NORVAN	JUN 2009
MILLER, GARY	JUN 2009
PAVLIK, JOHN	JUN 2009
RACKERBY, ARCHIE	JUN 2009
SALINAS, ESTABAN	JUN 2009
WOLF, RIVER	JUN 2009

JUNE WAS A POPULAR MONTH FOR MEMBERSHIP. JULY IS ZERO AND THEN AUGUST HAS SIX. ALL OF THE INFORMATION WAS TAKEN OFF THE MOST RECENT (31 MARCH 2009) NATIONAL ROSTER, INCLUDING THE RENEWAL DATES.

THERE ARE CURRENTLY 62 MEMBERS OF THE DETACHMENT. TWENTY SIX ARE LIFE MEMBERS AND ONE OF THEM IS AN ASSOCIATE. THERE ARE AN ADDITIONAL FOUR REGULAR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS. THE AVERAGE AGE OF THE DETACHMENT IS 57.6 YEARS OLD. A LOT OF VIETNAM VETS.

AFTER THE LAST MEETING OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION LOOKS VERY GOOD. WE ARE GETTING READY TO SEND OUT CHECKS TO OUR SELECTED CHARITIES SUCH AS FISHER HOUSE.

WE ARE \$829 AHEAD OF OUR YTD GOAL FOR ADOPT-A-SQUAD PLEDGES. IT IS A GOOD MARGIN BUT WITH THE INCREASE IN DEPLOYMENT, WE ARE GOING TO GO THROUGH THAT RATHER QUICKLY. MEMBERS THAT MADE A PLEDGE IN DECEMBER ARE GOING TO BE REMINDED THAT WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP IF WE ARE GOING TO KEEP OUR COMMITMENT.

In the words of Ben Franklin, "The man who cuts his own firewood is twice warmed,"

Semper Fi.....Gary





MCL885 Color Guard, on parade in Grass Valley, 4 July 2008



"I have just returned from visiting the Marines at the front, and there is not a finer fighting organization in the world!"

~ General Douglas MacArthur, US Army

Upcoming Events

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

All proceeds go toward 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.

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Your Worst Enemy



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