



Gold Country Det. #885
Grass Valley, California

The Boondocker

“The President’s Own” Marine Band, What a show!

The concert, which sold out in approx. 3hrs and held about 1,835 people in the High School Gym was in a word, THRILLING!

It was a very special night that displayed a myriad of music and featured marches by "The March King", John Philip Sousa such as "The Stars and Strips Forever" & "Semper Fidelis". Soloist & narrator GySgt Kevin Benear was absolutely spectacular as he recited the "Gettysburg Address" and sang "Oh Danny Boy" & "God Bless America."

We printed brochures describing the MCL and our detachment and have at least a dozen leads for members from the Veteran Marines in attendance.

Finally, the band members held workshops for the High School band members the next day. Just impeccable in performance and deed.

Semper Fidelis! !



234 years of war fighting excellence!

Commandant's Message

Hello Marines,

I am STILL having people stop me in town saying how wonderful "The President's Own" was! What a night of great music and the real pinnacle to the entire event was the next day when members of the band came to the high school and gave instruction and perspective on being a professional musician and a Marine. These young men & women and especially the parents are so grateful, you wouldn't believe it!

The weather has finally turned and it feels like fall outside. Mild to crisp days and chilly nights are upon us and "the birthday" is rapidly approaching. I hope you'll be able join the informal gathering that Marine McCammon is having at the Mouse Lodge to celebrate the birthday:

- 10 November
- Happy hour 1900—2000hrs
- Cake cutting 2000hrs
- Allison Ranch Rd. & Hwy 49
- RSVP 530-272-6289

Happy Birthday to all of you Marines! I hope that this will be a memorable birthday for you. God bless our Country and Corps!

It will be up on our website but I hope you all take the chance to view the Commandant's birthday message. It is one of the better ones and truly inspiring.

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	Dan Baldwin
Quarter Master	Skip Rankin
Chaplain	Jim Edwards
Chaplain	Carlos Flores

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Please come to our next meeting. I look forward to seeing you all there. Come and get the latest details about coming events and be part of deciding our future.

"We will do our best to advance our cause and have a good time doing it."

Semper Fidelis,

David Voors
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This Month in USMC History

8 November 1990: President Bush announced that he planned to add more than 200,000 U.S. troops to those already deployed in Operation Desert Shield in the Persian Gulf area. The number of Marines in the area would be doubled by the addition of II MEF units from the Corps' east coast bases, and the 5th MEB from California. Within the next two months, Marine strength in the objective area would increase to nearly 90,000 Marines.

10 November 1921: This date marked the first formal commemoration of the birthday of the Marine Corps as 10 November. On 21 October 1921, Maj Edwin McClellan, OIC of the Historical Section, HQMC, sent a memo to MajGen Commandant John A. Lejeune, suggesting that the original birthday of 10 November 1775 be declared a Marine Corps holiday to be celebrated throughout the Corps. Accordingly, on 1 Nov 1921, Gen Lejeune issued Marine Corps Order No. 47 summarizing the history, mission, and tradition of the Corps, and directed that it be read to every command each 10 November.

13 November 1982: The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, containing the names of more than 13,000 Marines who lost their lives in Vietnam, was dedicated this date at the Memorial site in Washington, D.C. The dedication and parade that preceded it were part of a week-long National Salute to Vietnam Veterans.

24 November 1992: Marines lowered the flag at Subic Bay, U.S. Naval Facility, Republic of the Philippines, for the last time during ceremonies to turn over the facility to the government of the Philippines. The withdrawal ended almost a century of U.S. presence in that nation.



Colonel Michael J. Colburn, USMC

Directs the President's Own Marine Band at the Nevada Union High School Gym

The Service Songs & The Marines' Hymn

History of The Marines' Hymn:

For the U.S. Navy, Anchors Aweigh was written in 1906 by Lt. Charles Zimmerman and midshipman Alfred Miles. Initially the song was a tribute to the Naval Academy Class of 1907. Various people revised it later, trying to weed out the nonsense. Another midshipman, Royal Lovell, penned the final stanza in 1926. Anchors Aweigh has a snappy little tune, but no one knows what the words imply. The original first stanza in 1906 had dealt solely with the game of football. Even today, the song offers a bittersweet "farewell to college joys." The lyrics end by "wishing you a happy voyage home." Many musical experts think that Anchors Aweigh is a ballad for football players who like sailboats. But, no one really knows for sure.

The U.S. Army adopted a snazzy tune for The Caisson Song. Unlike the words in the Navy's song, the words of the Army's song make sense. According to the words of each stanza, The Caisson Song clearly is a melody for rural motorists.

Edmund Gruber wrote the original lyrics in the Philippines during World War I. Naturally, since most of the fighting was 8000 miles away in Europe, Gruber made only a passing reference to warfare. Yet, he was careful to be "politically correct." He apparently sought the help of first grade students in composing the lyrics. The banal "Hi, hi, hee" is a dead giveaway. No one has a clue as to what it might mean. Still, at least it rhymes.

The U.S. Air Force did not exist in 1938. But, that year Liberty

Magazine sponsored a contest for an official song for the Army Air Corps. The magazine received 757 entries. A group of Army Air Corps wives (yes, believe it or not, wives) selected the entry from Robert Crawford, Off We Go into the Wild Blue Yonder. After World War II the Army Air Corps evolved into the U.S. Air Force. This fledgling flying club adopted Off We Go' as their official song. It suited the illusionary nature of the new Wild-Blue-Yonder-Wonders with references to "those who love the vastness of the sky" and the fictitious "rainbow's pot of gold." The final stanza speaks of the "gray haired wonder," an admirable gesture of non-discrimination for Air Force.

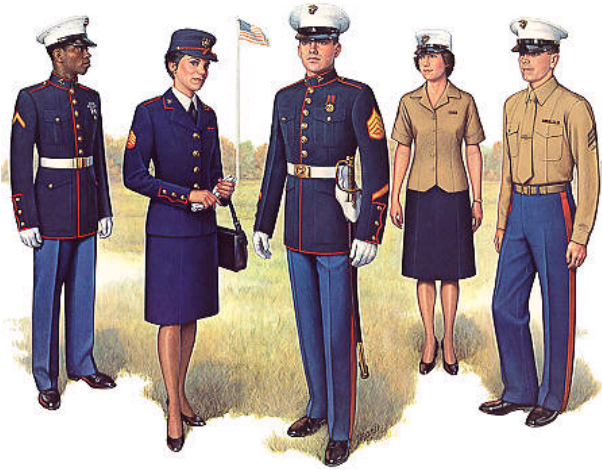
These three songs, Anchors Aweigh, The Caisson Song, and Off We Go into the Wild Blue Yonder, are often played at public events. They obviously delight the members and advocates of the affected service: Navy, Army, or Air Force. When their song is played, sailors, soldiers, and zoomies leap to their feet and shout, cheer, clap their hands, and jive with the music. They have a jolly time, almost like a high school pep rally.

"The Marines' Hymn is all about combat"

The U.S. Marine Corps is the United States'

military band of brothers dedicated to pure war fighting. The proud Brotherhood of Marines is guided by principles, values, virtues, love of country, and its Warrior Culture. This brotherhood of American Patriots has no song. Instead, Marine Warriors have a hymn.. When The Marines' Hymn is played, United States Marines stand at attention. They silently show their pride in their fellow Marines, their Corps and their Country.

The Marines' Hymn is all about combat, even in death "if the Army & the Navy ever look on Heaven's scenes, they will find the streets are guarded by United States Marines."



Adjutant / Paymaster's Corner

The Perfectionist

By Os Hillman

September 4, 2009

"Moses said to the LORD, 'O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue'" (Ex 4:10).

One of the greatest affronts you can commit against God is to refuse His calling that He has placed upon you. Imagine arguing with your Creator and telling him you know better than Him.

That is exactly what Moses did when God called him to be his spokesperson to Pharaoh. God and Moses got into an "I know best" competition. "The LORD said to him, 'Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.' But Moses said, 'O Lord, please send someone else

to do it.'"

God actually relented in the argument. Can you imagine that? But He's not happy about it. "Then the LORD's anger burned against Moses and he said, 'What about your brother, Aaron the Levite?'" God has to use Aaron as Moses' mouthpiece.

Have you ever not pursued something because it had to be perfect? There is a fine line between doing things with excellence and being a perfectionist. Perfectionists become argumentative with God. They refuse to step out in faith and obedience because they care too much about what others think if the results don't turn out perfectly.

I battled these same demons when God led me into the writing and speaking ministry. "Lord, I am weak in grammar and you know

A Birthday Toast!

*The wonderful love of a beautiful maid,
The love of a staunch true man,
The love of a baby, unafraid,
Have existed since time began.*

*But the greatest of loves,
The quintessence of loves,
even greater than that of a mother,
Is the tender, passionate,
infinite love,
of one drunken Marine for another.*

"Semper Fidelis"

General Louis H. Wilson
Commandant of the Marine Corps

Toast given at 203rd Marine Corps Birthday Ball
Camp Lejeune, N.C. 1978

Adjutant/Paymaster cont....

"I'm an introvert." Then He reminded me "...for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor 12:9).

When God places His anointing on you He uses whatever level of skill you have to fulfill His purposes in your life. This is why you need not fear moving into an unfamiliar area if He calls you there.

What is God waiting for you to do? It may be time to step out. He specializes in "cliff-catching."

Around the League

Marine Expo West
Jan 27 & 28, 2010
Camp Pendleton, Ca

Southwest Div Conference
Jan 29 & 30, 2010
Location: TBD

Dept. of Ca. 78th Conv.
June 3-5, 2010
Double Tree Hotel/Santa Ana

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Marine Quotes

The raising of that flag on Suribachi means a Marine Corps for the next five hundred years.

James Forrestal, Secretary of the Navy; 23 February 1945

For over 221 years our Corps has done two things for this great Nation. We make Marines, and we win battles.

Gen. Charles C. Krulak,
USMC

Happy Birthday!!!

November:

- Jim Brodeur
- Art Leitherer
- Matthew Sharp
- All Marines!!!

December:

- Ted Lingenfelter
- Tom O'Flanigan
- Felicia "Sparky" Rankin

Upcoming Events

- **November 02, 2009—Regular Meeting & Devil Dog Meeting**

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

- **November 10 , 2009 -234th Birthday of our Corps**
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Birthday celebration at the Moose Lodge, details inside

- **November 18 , 2009 -Staff Meeting -1730**
- **December 07 , 2009 -Regular Meeting**

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

- **December 12 , 2009 –Toys for Tots give-away**



Aftermath of the twin towers

Our enemies have made the mistake that America's enemies always make. They saw liberty and thought they saw weakness. And now, they will see defeat.

- George W. Bush,
41st President of the
United States



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Your Best Friend
Your Worst Enemy



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