



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: 1930

We’re only 10 days or so away from “The President’s Own” Marine Band visiting Grass Valley on their West Coast Tour.

Please be early, you must be in your seat no later than 1915! Anyone not in their seat by 1915hrs will have to wait in line. Also, please wear your blazer or bring your cover, something to identify yourself as a member of our league! This will be a great opportunity to recruit and get people interested!



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



The President’s Own Marine Band at the White House

Commandant’s Message

Hello Marines,

It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to Marine Robert “Bob” Lewis. Bob finally succumbed to his battle with cancer. He was a stalwart member of our Detachment for many years and will be sorely missed. Please keep his family in your prayers.

The moment that we’ve all been waiting for is almost upon us. The “President’s Own” will be here and the atmosphere is electric! The concert promises to be a great one and the entire county is very excited with anticipation. I’ve said it in the article next door here but this is going to be a GREAT opportunity for us to recruit! Please wear something that identifies you with the League and be prepared to talk to people and extol the virtues of our organization! We will have a table in the lobby promoting membership and the various things we do to support our community. Please be a positive part of the experience!

I hope you all saw the last “California Leaguer” and the two articles that featured Detachment 885; We made the front page!

As I write this today, I wouldn’t say it’s fall but it is about 20 degrees cooler than this past weekend. A nice break for all I hope. Professionally, I just finished the quarter end at work and it was a very busy time which is great! Time to take a deep breath. I can tell that October is here because my kids are talking about Halloween costumes and how much candy they can fit in their

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mouth at one time! Football season is in full swing and Hockey season is getting ready to start!

I want to say a big thanks to my staff who put in a lot of extra time, especially my adjutant, Gary Miller. Gary has really put in a lot of extra effort this year and just done a superb job. Next time you see him shake his hand and say thanks for keeping our books and rolls squared away.

Lastly, personally, I want to ask that you bring a new Marine to our meetings. Most importantly though, come to the meetings! Some of you have been away for a couple of months, some on vacation but come back and be at the next meeting. Connect with your brothers in arms and enjoy yourselves. Share the camaraderie that only other warriors and Marines know.

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

5 October 1775: Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the 2d Continental Congress used the word "Marines" on one of the earliest known occasions, when it directed General George Washington to secure two vessels on "Continental risque and pay", and to give orders for the "proper encouragement to the Marines and seamen" to serve on the two armed ships.

31 October 1919: A patrol of Marines and gendarmes, led by Sergeant Herman H. Hanneken, disguised themselves as Cacos and entered the headquarters of the Haitian Caco Leader, Charlemagne Peralte, killing the bandit chief, and dispersing his followers. Sergeant Hanneken and Corporal William R. Button were each awarded the Medal of Honor.

23 October 1983: At 0622 an explosive-laden truck slammed into the BLT headquarters building in Beirut, Lebanon, where more than 300 men were billeted. The massive explosion collapsed the building in seconds, and took the lives of 241 Americans--including 220 Marines. This was the highest loss of life in a single day for Marines since D-Day on Iwo Jima in 1945.



Toys for Tots is really ramping up!

We have established a strong new partnership with the Grass Valley Salvation Army and I'm excited about this years program.

With the addition of the Salvation Army, we have effectively consolidated most of Nevada Counties toy programs. What does this mean? It means that most of the groups who give toys to kids at Christmas are working together to identify and qualify families who will need help this year.

We will be working from the same data base thereby eliminating "double & triple dipping" and allowing us to provide better quality toys to more families this Christmas.

Please contact Dan Baldwin to be part of a rewarding good time, December 12th is give-away day!

234th Marine Corps Birthday

As all of you know, MCL 885 will NOT be putting on its own Marine Corps Ball this year because as it says in *The Marine Officer's Guide*, "There is only one ironclad rule for the birthday ball: Make it a good one," and we did not have anyone volunteer to chair that committee in time to "make it a good one."

As promised though, here is information on other Balls & happenings in our area to celebrate the 234th birthday of our Corps:

1) An informal gathering of Marines and their friends will be held at the Grass Valley Moose Lodge, Allison Ranch Road & State Hwy. 49, Grass Valley, **Tuesday, 10 November 2009.**

- Non Moose members are asked to please sign the guest register at the entrance in the Lodge.

- Attire (either uniform or casual), medals and ribbons – optional.

- Celebration will start at 1900 hrs., beginning with hor d'oeuvres served, no host cocktails, socialization and telling of "sea stories".

- The Program will start at 2000 hrs., beginning with a prayer, salute to Our Flag, 1st verse of the Marine Corps Hymn, introduction of the Guest of Honor, introduction of the Oldest Marine and the Youngest Marine, culminating with the Cake Cutting Ceremony.

- Please RSVP before 3 November 2009 by calling Mac or Kathy McCammon (530) 272-6289.

2) You're invited to the Reno, NV Marines Birthday Ball hosted by 3rd Platoon, Bravo Company & Scout Sniper Platoon, Support Company, Anti-Terrorism Battalion

- **Saturday, November 7, 2009**
- **Harrah's Hotel & Casino, Reno, NV**

Dress for Active/Reserve Component or Retirees will be Blue Dress "A"/"B" or Service "A" Uniform. Black Tie or Formal Evening Wear for Guests

"There is only one ironclad rule for the birthday ball: Make it a good one!"

- Schedule of Events:
- Cocktail Hour 1700
- Ceremony 1800
- Dinner 1900
- Dancing 2000-2300

- Meal Choices:

- Beef: Filet Mignon broiled 8oz. center cut topped with garlic sautéed mushrooms and a side of mushroom ravioli.
- Chicken: Chicken Vincenzo, chicken breast stuffed with provolone cheese, roasted garlic, fresh basil & sundried tomato topped with rosemary lemon butter and a side of mushroom ravioli.
- Vegetarian: Mushroom Ravioli with sautéed vegetables.

- Ticket Prices:
- Enlisted & Guests \$35.00
- NCO's & Guests \$45.00
- SNCO's/Officers/Retirees/Veterans/Guests \$55.00
- Please make checks payable to: Marine Corps Ball Fund
- Rooms are available at the rate of: -\$79 for Friday evening and -\$99 for Saturday evening + taxes
- For reservations call 1-888-726-6311, and use group code: S09USMC
- For questions call (775)972-4998 Ext. 222



Adopt-a-Squad update

SSgt Rossovich,

Just wanted to drop you a line to thank you for the box you sent. We got the boxes within the second week of being in country. Nice timing. I think everyone was pretty surprised to get something so quick. The 9.1 Marines should be arriving home any day now. We got to see some of them on their way through our oasis in the sand. Sounded like they had a pretty good tour. Some small snafus but nothing significant. Those of us that are out here closing this thing down are doing pretty good.

I'm pretty sure that everyone is settled in and developing a solid routine. I hope all is going well for you and the Mrs.. Again, thanks to you and MCL 885, we really appreciate it!

VRS/Semper Fi!
CWO3 Noack, M. A.
Maintenance Co XO

eMarinePX.com and their loyal customers donated another \$900 to help keep AAS going! Are you doing your part?

Thanks Skip & Sparky, you are the BEST!!!



Marine Bob Lewis Called Home

Marine Bob Lewis, born on Aug 5, 1931 answered the final call at the age of 78 on 17 September 2009.

Bob joined the Marines and went through boot camp at Paris Island. He was enlisted from 1943 – 1945 during WW II. He broke his eardrum while working as an Aviator Armorer in the Mohave Desert and received a Disability Discharge because of it. Bob had enlisted as a Senior in High School so after he got out, he returned home to complete his GED.

Bob's daughter Linda said "He really enjoyed your detachment and all the guys. He was not a joiner, so 885 was his special place."

Jane & Linda will attend our November meeting (towards the end) and deliver their message. Afterward we'll have a small reception with cake and toast Bob's life.

Please plan on attending.

Around the League

Fall Conference
Friday-Saturday,
October 9th & 10th

Hyatt Vineyard Creek
170 Railroad St., Santa
Rosa, CA
1-800-233-1234

Must call before September 9th to get special MCL Room Rate

Marine Quotes

The United States Marine Corps, with its fiercely proud tradition of excellence in combat, its hallowed rituals, and its unbending code of honor, is part of the fabric of American myth.

Thomas E. Ricks; Making the Corps, 1997

Why in hell can't the Army do it if the Marines can. They are the same kind of men; why can't they be like Marines.

Gen. John J. "Black Jack" Pershing, USA; 12 February 1918

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

Happy Birthday!!!

October:

- Rick "Doc" Berringer
- Burt Duer
- Steve Hoss
- O.K. Steele

November:

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

Adjutant / Paymaster's Corner

Members who's dues are due:

- OCT: Bynes & Koschyk
- NOV: Voors & Youngman

Discrimination in some form or another rears its head somewhere almost every day and often it leaves a sour taste in our mouths. The following story shows us the side of diversity that we are all working for.

On a British Airways flight from Johannesburg, a middle-aged, well-off white South African Lady has found herself sitting next to a black man. She called the cabin crew attendant over to complain about her seating. "What seems to be the problem Madam?" asked the attendant. "Can't you see?" she said. "You've sat me next to a kaffir. I can't possibly sit next to this disgusting human. Find me another seat!" "Please calm down Madam," the stewardess replied. "The flight is very full today, but I'll tell you what I'll do - I'll go and check to see if we have any seats available in club or first class." The woman cocks a snooty look at the outraged black man beside her (not to mention many of the surrounding passengers) and a few minutes later the attendant returns.

"Madam, unfortunately, as I suspected, economy is full. "I've spoken to the cabin services director, and club is also full. However, we do have one seat in first class".

Before the lady has a chance to answer, the stewardess continues . . . "It is most extraordinary to make this kind of upgrade, however, and I have had to get special permission from the captain. But, given the circumstances, the captain felt that it was outrageous that someone be forced to sit next to such an obnoxious person."

With which, she turned to the black man and said: "So if you'd like to get your things, sir, I have your seat ready for you . . ." At which point, apparently the surrounding passengers stood and gave a standing ovation as the gentleman walked to the front of the plane.

.... People will forget what you said ... People will forget what you did ...but people will never forget how you made them feel.

Semper Fi.....Gary





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

Upcoming Events

- **October 5, 2009—Regular Meeting**
1800 at the Grass Valley Vet's Hall. Please be on time and bring a friend!
- **October 15th ,2009 -"The President's Own" Concert**
- 1930hrs at NU Gym
- **October 21, 20,2009 -Staff Meeting—1730**
3rd Wednesday of every month
- **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**



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