



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

We’re only 40 days or so away from “The President’s Own” Marine Band visiting Grass Valley on their West Coast Tour.

Anticipation is building and final preparations are being made. The concert will be held in honor of Nevada County’s fallen who lost their lives in the Global War on Terror: Adam Strain, John (J.T.) Lucente, Nathan Krissoff & Sean Stokes.



## Commandant’s Message

Marines,

Hello & welcome back from a short Summer break. I hope everyone has had a great Summer! September is here and with it, hopefully, a little bit cooler weather.

So much has happened over the last couple of months. The 4th of July was great followed by our picnic/BBQ at “Club Rankin” then the Fair where we performed a Color Guard before the monster truck show on Armed Forces Appreciation Day. I want to personally thank everyone who participated in events over the summer weather you just came to eat or hoisted a flag or rifle for a Color Guard. Our name and reputation are getting out in the community as we receive more and more requests for Color Guards for events.

As September is upon us so are the beginning stages of our Toys for Tots campaign. We’re already getting promotional material in, talks have begun with current friends at the Sheriff’s Department and the media and new partnerships are forming with the Salvation Army & the Roamin’ Angels. I am excited about what’s happening and the synergies being created as we continue to lead the way as the best toy program in the County.

Please remember that this month’s meeting is 14 September (2nd Monday) because of the Labor Day holiday.

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A few coming events, the DAV mobile van will be in Grass Valley at the Vet’s Hall on 22 September 09 from 1000—1700.

I am gathering details for the Marine Corps Balls in Reno, Sacramento, San Francisco & Auburn and will distribute to all when complete.

The Constitution Day Parade is coming and we need a Color Guard; volunteers please step forward.

We have started sending out checks as per our budget with the first going to Fisher House. I am proud as I know you are to support this great organization.

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

Semper Fidelis,

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## This Month in USMC History

**2 September 1945:** The Japanese officially surrendered to the Allies on board the battleship *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay. With General Holland Smith transferred home in July 1945, the senior Marine Corps representative at the historic ceremony was LtGen Roy S. Geiger, who had succeeded Smith as Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.

**6 September 1983:** Two Marines were killed and two were wounded when rockets hit their compound in Beirut, Lebanon. Heavy fighting continued for the 24th Marine Amphibious Unit peacekeeping force in the area near their positions around the Beirut International Airport.

**27 September 1944:** The American flag was raised over Peleliu, Palau Islands, at the 1st Marine Division Command Post. Although the flag raising symbolized that the island was secured, pockets of determined Japanese defenders continued to fight on. As late as 21 April 1947, 27 Japanese holdouts finally surrendered to the American naval commander on the scene.

**20 September 1950:** Marines of the 1st Marine Division crossed the Han River along a six-mile beachhead, eight miles northwest of Seoul, Korea. Five days later, the city was captured.



## A Little History Lesson

Someone asked me a question about which of the two is the oldest branch of service, the Army or the Coast Guard? Well, that piqued my interest, so I did some digging. I went beyond your original question to satisfy my own curiosity. Here is what I came up with:

1. On 12 June 1775 there was a revolt in Machias, Maine that resulted in a British warship being taken by private citizens. This led to the Continental Congress and various colonies to issue Letters of Marque to privateers which some consider the start of the Merchant Marine.

2. Two days later, on 14 June 1775, the Continental Congress established the Continental Army, to be 4. Less than a month later, on

10 November 1775, the Continental Congress, meeting at Tun Tavern in Philadelphia, authorized two Battalions of Continental Marines.

It's kind of ironic that the Corps was born in a bar. When Congress could no longer afford the Navy and Marines they were disbanded, although individual Marines stayed on for the few American naval vessels left. The last Continental Marine was discharged in September 1783. The Corps would not be resurrected until 1798. In that year, in preparation for the Naval War with France, the United States Congress created the United States Marine Corps. Marines had been enlisted by the War Department as early as August 1797 for service in the

newly built frigates authorized by Congress. The "Act to provide a Naval Armament" of March 18, 1794 authorizing them had specified the numbers of Marines to be recruited for each frigate. This means that there were no Marines for eleven years.

5. On 4 August 1790 the first United States Congress established the forerunner of the Coast Guard, originally known as the "Revenue Marine" and the "Revenue Cutter Service". With the exception of the Army, the Coast Guard is the oldest, government formed, continuous branch of service in the United States of America.

6. Finally on 18 September 1947 the U.S. Air Force was formed as a separate branch of service. Originally a part of the Army from 1907, it was renamed the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1926.

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I hope this helps clear up the quandary. Apparently the Coasties think that 'broken time' doesn't count. Anyway I am still going cut the cake on 10 November. If it wasn't for the internet, I never would have known all of this.

Semper Fidelis,

Gary Miller  
Christian, Parent, American,  
Patriot & Marine



## Adopt-a-Squad update

Ed sent of 36 boxes last Wednesday to "our" Marines! Come find out what's happening

Skip & Sparky Rankin, our Quartermasters, continue their online donation program for Adopt-a-Squad at their business, [eMarinePX.com](http://eMarinePX.com).

Thanks guys, you are the best!!!



## Khaki shirts cause a stir!

Recently at the nation convention, a vote was taken to remove the khaki shirt from the MCL ceremonial uniforms. This has caused quite a stir in the Department of California as we have filed a formal appeal to National because parliamentary procedures were not adhered to.

From Terry Ferguson, Adjutant, Dept. of Ca. "I submit that this decision is a violation of Marine Corps League National Bylaws and should be stricken down as an illegal and inappropriate action."

He goes on to cite sections CH 1-95(a) & (b) and asks the questions "Was the proposal to change National Bylaws to disallow the use of the Khaki shirt submitted to the National Adjutant/Paymaster no later than April 1, 2009 as required by the bylaws? If so, why were the Departments and Detachments not notified by the National Adjutant/Paymaster no later than May 1, 2009 as required by the bylaws?"

Stay tuned, we shall see!

## Around the League

Fall Conference  
Friday-Saturday,  
October 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

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

Must call before September 9<sup>th</sup> to get special MCL Room Rate

## 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 Thornton,  
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!!!

### August:

- Herb Gardner
- Bob Lewis
- Jackie Nash

### September:

- Ben Barry
- Coston Beauchamp
- Don Biagi
- Eric Harkins
- Tom Harkins
- Dave Spencer
- Stephan Povio
- G.B. Tucker

## Adjutant / Paymaster's Corner

As a part of my duties I am making an effort to bring our Roster up to date.

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

As a service to the members I am trying to keep everyone informed of their membership status.

Semper Fi.....Gary

Members who's dues are past due are:

- Pavlik
- Strapak
- Warner
- Wolf

Members due in Sept/Oct are:

- Bynes
- Koschyk



## Upcoming Events

- **September 14, 2009—Regular Meeting & Devil Dog Meeting**  
1800 at the Grass Valley Vet's Hall. Please be on time and bring a friend! .
- **September 23 , 2009—Staff Meeting/Casino Night Committee —1730**
- **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**
- **1900hrsw at NU Gym**
- **October 21, 20,2009—Staff Meeting—1730**  
3rd Wednesday of every month

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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