



Gold Country Det. #885
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Commandant's Message



Happy Thanksgiving Marines!

What a bunch of wacky weather! As I write this it is snowing outside but Thanksgiving is supposed to be sunny & bright!

I hope this reaches you before the December 6th meeting! I'm inviting all of you and your spouse or significant other to our December meeting. We will be having a brief meeting and then retire to the lounge for hors d'oeuvres, to enjoy each other's company and toast the Christmas season.

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Happy Birthday!!!

December:

- Ted Lingenfelter
- Tom O'Flanagan

January:

- John Bynes
- Ed Rossovich
- Dan Harkins

February:

- Mac McCammon
- Bill McNamee
- Gary Miller
- Esteban Salinas

Although it's the end of the year, I'll quickly mention the election of Officers and ask that you start thinking about not only who you want to lead you through 2011 and into 2012 but what office you yourself might hold. Certainly our League is voluntary but I think each member should serve in some capacity other than "member". Please consider your talents and where you could best serve.

The Christmas Holidays are rapidly approaching! The weather has changed and outside is the hustle & bustle of the season, I love it for several reasons: the fact that for at least a few days a year most of us put others first, the way my children's faces light up when they open their gifts, raising

a toast with my Marines and that God sent His Son in the most unlikely way to save us from ourselves. I want to wish all of you and your families the most joyous holidays and a happy, healthy & prosperous New Year!

We have received at least a few inquires about membership since the Birthday which by all measures was a great success. We invited the public to attend at the National Hotel and they did. We had expected about 40-50 people and at the high point of the night had 80+!!! I am happy to say that we are attracting new Marines! In fact, we attracted a few of the old ones back. We'll see but I met one of our charter members (Bill) who came out to the birthday and had a great time. I think with just a little effort on our parts we could be getting even more

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From the Adjutant's Desk

The Pineapple Principle

By [Lysa TerKeurst](#)

May 11, 2007

With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God. [Mark 10:27](#) (NIV)

Devotion:

Let's face it; a pineapple is only sweet to eat if you know how to get inside it! For years I

didn't have a clue about how to cut up a pineapple. I would walk by the produce aisle looking at the fresh pineapples with such longing. I wanted what was inside it; I just didn't know how to get beneath its tough outer skin. I had visions of me slicing and dicing, dripping with sticky juice and so completely mangling the fruit that not even the dog would be tempted to partake.

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folks to stand on the MCL footprints. Please take the time to get a few of our brochures and give them to the Marines that you know. Recruiting is what will sustain us into the future and many hands make light work.

That being said, we must reach out to and care for those of us that are here, ill and may not be coming to meetings or just dealing with personal issues, job loss, PTSD, etc... if we fail those of us who are already here than new members don't matter that much.

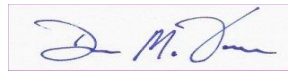
Toys for Tots is in full swing and bigger than ever! Our bike build and shopping night is December 17th at the Vet's hall from 1900 - 2100, distribution day in Grass Valley is December 18th, 0900-1100 at the Vet's hall. Come out and help and light the fire on your Christmas Spirit!

Lastly, I want to say a personal THANK YOU to the membership and especially my staff for making our detachment

so successful! We are not the biggest organization in the area but when people think of Veterans in Nevada County they think of Marines! We have a very large public presence because we answer the call. Whether it's leading the parade, decorating the chamber of commerce window (great job Art), throwing a birthday party for our brothers in town or making sure that local families who need a little help can make Christmas happen for their kids, we answer the call. In no uncertain terms people count on us, not just because they know we'll show up but because they know that it'll be done right! Thank you and Merry Christmas!

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

Semper Fidelis,



David Voors, Commandant

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But one day I watched a friend accomplish what I thought impossible. She didn't miss a beat as she sliced and diced a pineapple with ease. First she cut off the top and then the bottom. Next, she sliced the cylinder into four equal pieces. She then slid the knife along the back edge to cut off the skin and along the pointed center to cut off the hard core. Laying the long wedges down on the cutting board, she chopped them into bite size pieces and viola! Fresh cut pineapple was served. Watching her gave me courage to try it on my own. And, finally, I was able to help myself to the yummy fruit.

This might sound strange but learning to cut a pineapple became a real life lesson for me. More than just the skill of wielding the knife around a tropical fruit, I learned that I had bought into the notion that there were just some things I couldn't do. I was challenged by the thought that I might be missing out on a lot in life simply because I had talked myself into thinking it was impossible.

Mark 10:27 reminds us that with God all things are possible. When we ask for God's help, we dedicate our endeavor to Him. We admit that in our strength this would not be possible but we proclaim that God can accomplish anything through someone who is willing. We put God's courage into our heart with His truth. We retrain our minds by taking the words "I can't" out of our vocabulary.

What is blocking your path to a victorious life with

God? Do you sometimes struggle with being a good steward of the time and money God has entrusted to you? Do you struggle making healthy choices with diet and exercise? Maybe your struggle is your temper? Whatever it is, the first major lesson can be found inside this pineapple principle...no more "I can't"! Everything about our lives should proclaim, "With God all things are possible!"

Oh, and the next time you see a fresh pineapple, buy it! Cut it open and let its fruit inspire you that there is sweet victory on the other side of every conquered challenge.

Happy Holidays & Semper Fi,

Gary



MCL Detachment 885 Nevada City Chamber of Commerce Display

Detachment Scuttlebutt

The November 1 meeting began at 1805, roll was taken by senior vice commandant, John Bynes. Meeting was called to order by Sgt-at-arms Dan Baldwin. Officers present included Dave Voors, John Bynes, Jim Brodeur, Gary Miller, and Ed Rossovich. Minutes for the last meeting were accepted. Correspondence included a request from the Nevada City Chamber Commerce that the Marine Corps league put a display in their window honoring Veterans Day and explaining the Marine Corps League.

Larry Ransdell reported that Dusty Eichler remains in the assisted care hospice ward recovering. Larry said that she seems more coherent attempting to read a Boondocker that Larry brought for her.

Ed reported briefly on the adopt- a-squad; he is still having trouble getting the names of the deployed Marines. As soon as he gets the names he will be shipping some packages to Afghanistan for those troops.

Casino night will be May 14, 2011. We'll have a luau theme. Dave mentioned that Toys for Tots was expanding the drop zone and distribution zones. The distribution of toys here in Grass Valley will be from 8 to 10 on Saturday, December 18.

John Bynes discussed the Memorial wall including processes and procedures for dealing with the planning commission; as well, as preparing plans at Nevada City Engineering. They will redraw the plans after receiving corrections from Bynes.

The Marine birthday was mentioned and that we are having an informal party at the National Hotel. Dave encouraged people to join us and to try to get other guests including nonmember former Marines. Larry Ransdell also mentioned that they were having free food for veterans at the Grass Valley Elks Lodge on Saturday the 13th. The Grass Valley Ladies Relief requested a color guard. So far Metroka, Steele and Baldwin will be on the guard; we need one more person. Brad Dixon won the 50-50, and donated the proceeds to Toys for Tots. Meeting closed in 1953.

The Staff Meeting was dedicated to Toys for Tots drop box pickup assignments (see Voors email). Tactical scheduling was covered including toy allocation, preparation, and distribution. For drop locations go to <http://grass-valley-ca.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/donate-toys.asp>

Detachment Marine Corps Birthday Bash

Detachment 885 held an informal Marine Corps birthday party at the National Hotel pub on Wednesday, November 10, 2010, from 5:30pm - 10:00pm. The turnout was great including many current members, past members, and former marines at-large. Our guest of honor was Chuck Shea, President of the US Navy League San Francisco. Also honored with the first cake cutting were the oldest Marine present Jack Clark at 90 years, and the youngest Marine present Jake Kelly at 21 years.



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Upcoming Events

- **December 4, 2010 — Festival of Lights**
1800; Old Town Auburn; Toys for Tots Benefit
- **December 6, 2010 — Regular Meeting**
1800 at the Grass Valley Vet's Hall. Be on time, bring a friend!
Detachment Christmas Party after regular meeting.
- **December 12, 2010 — Music in the Mountains**
Amaral Family Festival Center, Nevada County Fairground;
Toys for Tots Benefit
- **December 15, 2010 — Staff Meeting — 1730**
3rd Wednesday of every month

- **January 3, 2011 — Regular Meeting**
1800 at the Grass Valley Vet's Hall. Be on time, bring a friend!
- **January 19, 2011 — Staff Meeting — 1730**
3rd Wednesday of every month



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