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Commandants Message

We got a good soaking in February, let's hope for more rain in March so we can fill our reservoirs.

For March we need to keep going with elections for the year. Late nominations will be at the March regular meet-



ing where we hope to get elections going as well. Open slots still include nominations for Commandant, Sr. Vice Commandant and Jr. Vice Commandant. It would be nice to see some new blood for officers and some new recruits as well.

Several of us attended funeral services for Charles Lee Harrison. At 93 he outlived most of his friends and fellow Marines. Charlie was involved in 3 wars and was a POW twice. General Steele was at the funeral to give a well informed speech and a great sendoff to an outstanding Marine. *(See more details below).*

For those of you who have not gotten the word, we do have a website where you can get the latest Boondocker and view our

calendar. Do make use of this site and give me feedback as to what you like or what more we could add to it.

Upcoming conventions—the State convention is in San Diego, Ca. in June 11-14. Info at http://www.mclcal.com/?page_id=302. There is usually a base tour and other events in and around San Diego.

The National convention is in Scottsdale, Az. August 9-15.

Info at <http://2015mclnationalconvention.com/>

I expect I'll be going to at least one of these events. More info can be obtained

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Happy Birthday!!!

March:

- Ken Brady
- Jim Edwards
- Skip Rankin

From the Adjutant's Desk

Gary has not been feeling well (off and on) so he gives his regards to you all. I talked with him lately and he seems to be on the mend so he'll be at our March meeting. I believe he wants to introduce the idea of a fundraiser in the form of a chili cook-off with the other Vets organizations in town. More details about this will be spelled out at the March meeting.



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at the state MCL website. In addition to the above mentioned there will be an airshow in July at our local airport. The local EAA chapter is helping to sponsor this event and they usually give us a booth so we can sell items and get donations for rose pens. This one day event is a lot of fun and gives us exposure to the local community. We'll be needing our members to help in the booth. The day before the event there will also be a dinner/dance and a live band in the hangar with the warbirds parked outside. WWII uniforms will be the uniform of the day, it a lot of fun!

Information will become available in the next couple of months and will be posted on our website.

We recently had an officers meeting and bantered a few ideas around for fund-raising. We will be presenting a few ideas and will be asking for input from members. Please let us know what you are interested in doing.

Until we meet again, Semper Fidelis.

Jim Brodeur

Commandant

Sr. Vice's Comments

To All,

Toys for Tots is now behind us, I wish to thank you all for another successful year. This year we will again be thanking our sponsors with a special event to honor them. The date to be determined.



John Bynes—Sr. Vice commandant
& Toys For Tots Coordinator

For Sale/Wanted Items

Wanted: Top loader washer and electric dryer, working or not. I also want old computers to refurbish.

Call Jim Brodeur—477-5120

Pendleton Marines to host Battle of Fallujah reunion

Update: This event is open to all Marines, not just ones who fought in the Battle of Fallujah.

A decade after the Battle of Fallujah, California-based Marines are holding a reunion and ceremony to honor those who were a part of one of the most significant fights in Iraq and some of the heaviest urban warfare in the Corps' history.

Members of 1st Marine Division is will host the Nov. 7 event for veterans ranging from privates to general officers at Camp Pendleton, California. Now-retired Lt. Gen. Richard Natonski, the commander of 1st MARDIV during the battle, is attending.

By 2004, Fallujah had become a hotbed and stronghold of Iraqis loyal to Saddam Hussein and religious fundamentalists. It would become the bloodiest battle of the war, and was the first time that coalition forces would fight against non-government insurgents. Dozens of Marines were killed over the course of two separate campaigns in the city.

The reunion at Pendleton will include a luncheon, and Marine Corps officials are trying to get as many veterans of the battle to attend as possible. It will be held at 1st Marine Division Headquarters, Building 1133, across from the 11 Area Parade Field at Camp Pendleton, California. It starts at 10 a.m. on Nov. 7.

To attend, RSVP by Oct. 28 to Margaret Williams at either 760-763-2808 or Margaret.williams2@usmc.mil.

Charles Lee Harrison, known to all as "Charlie," and as "Pete" to his sisters, passed away on Jan. 17, 2015, at his home in Grass Valley. He was 93.

A memorial service will take place at 1 p.m., Friday, Feb. 6 at Hooper and Weaver Mortuary. There will be no reception following.

Charlie was born in Tulsa, Okla., on March 21, 1921, to Dan and Adeline Harrison. He graduated from Sand Springs High School in Oklahoma and joined the U.S. Marines, a career he was very proud of choosing.

His service was from Sept. 1939 to his retirement in 1969. Charlie was in three wars, World War II, the Korean War and the VietNam War. He was a prisoner of war during WWII, as well as a Wake Island survivor.

Charlie was married to Mary Hogan from 1946 until her death in 1999. He married Beverly Baker on Nov. 21, 2007.

Charlie made beautiful furniture, played the organ for many years, loved hiking, gardening, and cross-country skied with Mary in their later years together.

He was a history buff and wrote several magazine articles. He also was a huge animal lover. He had a very kind and generous nature and would literally give the shirt off of his back for someone in need.

Charlie is survived by his wife Beverly; daughter Jane Williams; sons, Pat and Joe Harrison; sisters, Ruth and Peggy; and grandchildren, Amanda and Matthew.

He's preceded in death by his first wife Mary, son Mike, one sister and two brothers.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice of the Foothills, Marines Toys for Tots, Sammie's Friends or Scooter's Pals.

Semper Fi



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Do check out our updated 885 Detachment Web page:
"<http://www.mcl885.org>"

Other News

I'm using Microsoft Publisher for this newsletter and I'm liking it the more I use it so please send me your articles to fill in the blank spaces. Make them interesting but short. I want to hear what's going on in your life. Try to make it relevant to the MCL if possible or just plain funny is good too. Also, if you have something for sale or have a service to offer let me know and I'll post it.

Thanks,

Jim Brodeur

Upcoming Events

- **March 2nd —Regular Meeting**
1800 at the Grass Valley Vet's Hall. Be on time and bring a friend! Officer nominations and elections.
- **April 6th—Regular Meeting**
- **June 11-14—State Convention in San Diego**
- **August 9-15—National Convention in Scottsdale, Az.**



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