

# Elk Grove Marine Corps League

## Detachment 1238

Elk's Lodge, 9240 Survey Road  
Elk Grove, CA

"Once a Marine...always a Marine"

Feb-Mar 2018 Editor: Elena Gamboa



### BILLY FOX

March 8, 1923

February 10, 2018



This will be very amateurish because I have never done anything like it before.

As all my friends know I was born March 8, 1923. I have a good life even after surviving thirty three surgeries, some minor, some major but I survived them all. My mother, whom I adored all my life, died when she was ninety two, my sister and brother passed in their eighties. No need to go into my history but will say my mother could not support we three properly, so we went to the Soldier's and Sailor's Children's Home in Knightstown, Indiana in 1934, the height of the Depression. I graduated from the high school there in 1941. My brother, Raymond and I joined the Marine Corps July 28, 1942, we were in a Service and Supply outfit, did duty at New Caledonia, Guadalcanal and Okinawa. We were best of friends in civilian life but could not sleep in the same tent in the Marines. He went home shortly after the war but I had to stay until November of 1945, thirty-five months overseas for me.

Raymond worked at a GM plant in Anderson, Indiana thirty years. I became a printer and worked thirty years at the Sacramento Bee, 1960-1990. I am still in touch with several very good friends from the Bee as well as in the Marine Corps League. These friends mean so much to me and although I don't see all of them often we keep in touch and share some laughs as we did years ago. My newer good friends keep in touch by having brunch/breakfast now and then. I would name some of them, but I know I would forget some so will not write any on this. They all know who they are because I tell them I love them and vice versa when we do meet. I am happy to say I have more friends, (very good friends) now than any other time in my life and I want them to know, as I have told each one, that I love everyone of them very much. I think they know I would do anything I could for any of them if need be.

I have had a very good life and am ready to go with my mom whenever it is my time, sometimes, I wish it was soon. But then I think of the fun I will miss by not being with you people any more. So when you get word I have left this world, please don't fret or be unhappy because I will be happily waiting for all of you so we can get our fun going again! **Cont p. 2**

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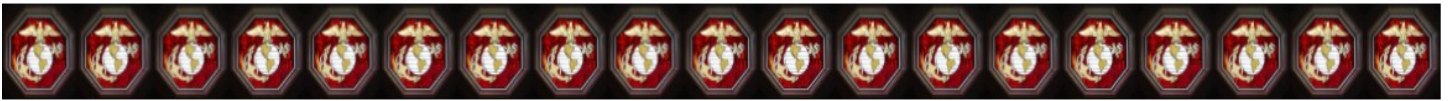
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### Monthly Meeting Information

April 5, 2018 at Elk Grove, Elk's Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, at 7pm. Join us for pre-meeting supper at 6pm.





## Billy Fox continued...

I want to add that I won three First Place Ribbons Ca. State Fair for my bread and butter pickles and in the 60's I was awarded a U.S. Patent for a device that extinguishes cigarettes in fifty seconds when pushed into the dash of a car. Couldn't sell it but after seventeen years my patent ran out and all new cars came out with



Bill left this earth peacefully on February 10, 2018. He leaves behind his wife Nancy, daughter Jerri Classen (Dan Classen), stepsons Rick and Dan Maxfield and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, folks who want to can either donate to their favorite charity in bill's name or make a donation to the Marine Corps League, which he helped found and was one of the original members. Send any donation in his honor to: Marine Corps League, 8698 Elk Grove Blvd, Ste. 1-328, Elk Grove, CA 95624



Pictured above: Billy Fox at the Iwo Jima Memorial, during his Honor Flight.

*Billy Fox with family and friends he loved so much !*







## BILLY FOX

Celebration of Life on March 4, 2018







## BILLY FOX

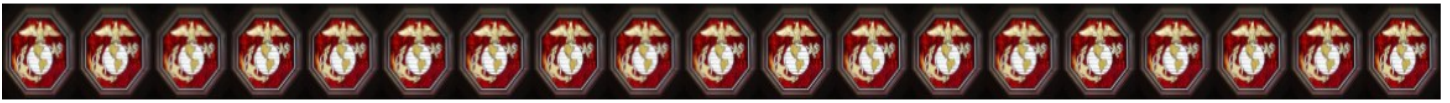
Sacramento Valley National Cemetery on March 5, 2018



*Billy  
Until we meet again,  
Semper Fi !*







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## **PAYMASTER POSITION**

Elena Gamboa has been our Paymaster for years now. Recently she has indicated to the Detachment membership that this is her last year as Paymaster. She has done a great job for all of us and has made our lives in the Detachment easier as a result of her hard work and dedication. Now, however, the Detachment needs a new Paymaster.

The Paymaster is an officer appointed by the Detachment Commandant. This is what the Bylaws say about the appointment of a Paymaster:

Article IV [DETACHMENT OFFICERS], Section 2. Appointed Officers. (p. 7) Upon assuming office the Commandant shall appoint a Paymaster. The job of the Paymaster is essential to the functioning of the Detachment. This is what the Bylaws say about the Paymaster's duties:

Article V [DUTIES OF OFFICERS], Section 6. Duties of the Appointed Officers. Paragraph B. (p. 12):

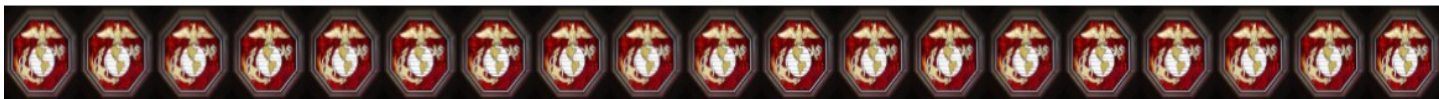
**Paymaster.** It is the duty of the Paymaster to be the custodian of all Detachment funds; to disburse funds only as authorized by the Detachment and as the Bylaws may prescribe. The Paymaster shall:

1. Receive all incoming money and disburse that money according to instructions from the Detachment.
2. Assist in the preparation of the Detachment budget.
3. Keep proper and necessary financial records and reports of the financial business of the Detachment.
4. Ensure that the Detachment spends within the established budget.
5. Provide the Paymaster's records for review by the Financial Review Committee and cooperate with [it] as it performs its review and makes a full financial report annually.
6. Give a report at each regular meeting of income and expenditures between meetings.
7. To [sic] collect dues from members and submit them to the Department Paymaster.
8. To [sic] notify members of their delinquency.
9. To [sic] file annual "Certification of Life Members" as required by the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.
10. Audit for accuracy the National published quarterly Detachment membership roster.
11. Complete and file State and Federal tax forms when required.
12. Surrender to the duly appointed successor all the Detachment financial records, books and other property of this office.
13. To [sic] perform such other duties applicable to the office as prescribed by parliamentary authority adopted by the Detachment.

Additionally, with the Judge Advocate the Paymaster shall be responsible for notifying the following governmental agencies of the name and address changes of the responsible officers:

- Internal Revenue Service
- California Franchise Tax board

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Commandant's report continued

- California Secretary of State
- California Board of Equalization

Pursuant to ARTICLE IV [DETACHMENT OFFICERS] **Section 4. Nomination of Officers** (p. 8) at our meeting on 01 March 2018 our Detachment will nominate four members who in turn shall nominate candidates for elective office and report such nominations to the Detachment at the April meeting. Historically the committee will additionally poll the Detachment membership for potential candidates for the appointive office, including Paymaster.

The appointive office of Paymaster is vital to the success of our Detachment. If any member is willing to support the Detachment by doing this work, please let the Nominations Committee know.

#### **RAFFLE AND FLORIDA SCHOOL SHOOTING**

Our Detachment membership voted to raise funds with another pistol raffle. And our Detachment committed in supporting this activity by selling raffle tickets [1,000 of them]. And then, a mentally disturbed 19 year old entered a high school in Florida and killed 17 and wounded even more. The issue of guns and gun control and the 2nd Amendment has once more been politicized.

We remain sensitive to the suffering of those who have lost loved ones or have been injured by unnecessary gun violence perpetrated by the fringes of our society.

If you are confronted in your fundraising activities with persons who want to debate the 2nd Amendment or criticize the Detachment's choice of fundraising activities, recognize where the antagonists are coming from. Have a little empathy. The fundraising activity supports a tax exempt veterans' organization comprised of citizens who honorably served the United States as Marines, FMF Navy Corpsmen, or FMF Navy Chaplains and are still giving back with scholarships, help to those in need within our community, and supporting active duty and wounded servicemembers. Remind them that the raffle offers other prizes than a pistol, including a week in Las Vegas, a family portrait, a fishing trip, and a commemorative quilt. Remind them that the raffle tickets are only being offered to those 21 years of age or older and who are qualified to possess a firearm in California.

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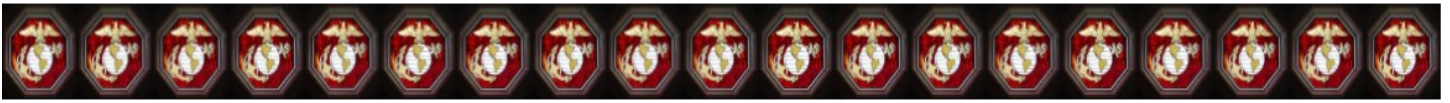
#### **RAFFLE FUNDRAISER**

**Our biggest fundraiser for 2018 is the raffle which runs from January 2018 to August 11, 2018.**

**Get your tickets from Elena Gamboa at every monthly meeting and if you cannot attend call her at 916-417-2271 and she will drop them off to you. We appreciate your help in raising money for our programs. We have great prizes, just take a look at the raffle ticket below.**

**Elk Grove Detachment 1238 \$10.00**  
**Raffle Drawing August 11, 2018**

<u>Grand Prize</u>	<u>2nd Place</u>	<u>5th Place</u>
.45 Cal Springfield 1911-A1 Mil-Spec Parkerized Finish Must be at least 21 years old. All firearm transfers will be done through a Federal Firearms Licensed (FFL) Dealer.	5 Days, 4 Nights - Las Vegas Holiday Inn Club Vacation	Red and Gold Quilt with Marine Corps Logo Centered (72" x 84") By Nancy Erly
	<u>3rd Place</u> Professional Family Portrait By Roger Neria	
	<u>4th Place</u> Fishing Trip for Two (Fish Emeryville a \$300 value)	



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Members of the League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps and to effectively promote ideals of American freedom and democracy.

The Marine Corps League was founded by Major General John A. Lejeune, (World War I Hero, and Commandant of the Marine Corps) in 1923. Congress approved the charter and President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed it into law August 1937 and it is the only Federally Chartered Marine related veterans organization in the country. The League boasts a membership of over 75,000.

For any and all Marine units there are certain uniform requirements. However, for a member of the League to be in uniform he/she need only to wear the standard Marine Corps red garrison cover with appropriate insignia for their class of membership. No other pin or insignia should be on the cover unless approved by National Leadership.

For more information please refer to Enclosure 3 of the National Bylaws that outlines, in detail, approved uniforms and accessories.

Let's all wear our uniforms proudly. Remember, you are the "Front Line". You are the face of the Marine Corps League.

**Ooh Rah...**



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I want thank members who bring guests to our meetings and I encourage them to continue to invite them to the meetings so we can swear-in those desiring to join the Detachment, or, answer questions and offer encouragement to those hesitant with joining.

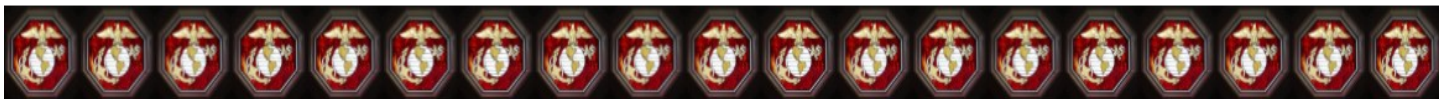
Those desiring to become members should have a copy of their DD214, membership application and the appropriate dues payment. Contact Elena Gamboa, Detachment Paymaster, should there be a question about what dues are required. The DD214 will be viewed by the Jr. Vice and returned to the individual.

Every Detachment 1238 member is encouraged to recruit potential members and mentor those recently joined. By doing this we will see the Detachment grow in numbers and benefit from the talents and experiences of our new members.

Contact me at [shine8758@frontiernet.net](mailto:shine8758@frontiernet.net) should you have questions or need recruiting tools.

**Semper Fi,**





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Operations Account.....	\$ 2,232.75
Programs Account.....	\$ 7,700.27
Reserve Account.....	\$ 4,383.13

I am asking for 4 volunteers to help me with our members' bios, if you are new to this detachment this is a great way to get to know our membership. I cannot do this by myself. If you are interested please contact me via email or cell and I will provide you with questions to ask. If you want to write your own that will be great too.

Elena Gamboa, S/F !



## Detachment Pistol Practice - John Lockett

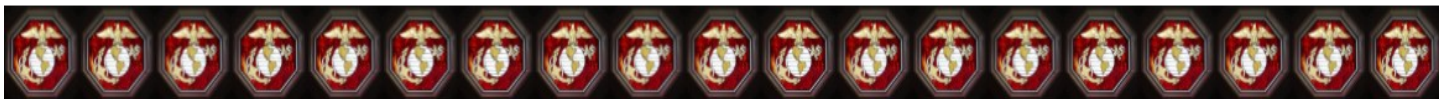
The Detachment's next pistol practice is on Thursday, April 5th at 1700 hours, at the Gun Room, across the road from the Elk's Lodge.

Do you want to keep familiar with your hand gun, practice for annual qualification, meet with other hand gunners or consider participating with our pistol team in preparation for future pistol matches?

Our Detachment's pistol practice sessions are open to all members of Detachment 1238.

Contact: John Lockett, [xnavg8r@gmail.com](mailto:xnavg8r@gmail.com)





Picture of TC at his old squadron VMFA-323 change of command at MCAS Miramar on 12 January 2018. Lt to Rt Ltcol Robert Tomlinson (outgoing Skipper), TC Crouson and LtCol Erik Peterson (new Skipper). TC was in the squadron back in 1962-64. VMFA-323, the Death Rattlers



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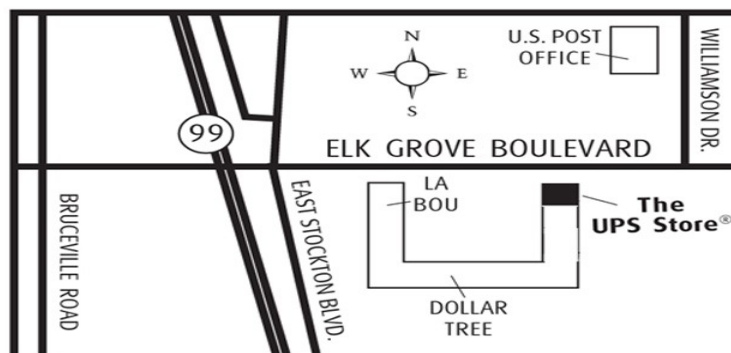
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## VETERAN'S RESOURCES

**Veteran Crisis Line** .....1-800-273-8255

**COUNSELING SERVICES, Vet Center:** 1111 Howe Ave, Suite 390, Sacramento...916-566-7430

**National Call Center for Homeless Veteran (NCCHC):** for immediate support from trained counselors and linkage with local VA staff with intimate knowledge of area resources 24hours/day.....

.....1-877-4AID-VET(1-877-424-3838)

**VETS Connect** ... (arrange healthcare access w/VA Northern CA Healthcare System, or to schedule an appointment) .....1-800-382-8387

**Local Red Cross**.....916-993-7070

**Military services and affairs-** 877-272-7337

**Report a disaster-** 855-891-7325

**Enrollment & Eligibility Mather** ..... 916-843-7035 & **McClellan** ..... 916-561-7580

**Veterans Benefits Administration**.....1-800-827-1000

**Transitions for Veterans** ..... 1-888-929-6055 Corporate Headquarters, 1337 Howe Ave., Suite 250, Sacramento, CA 95825. For more information go to their website: [www.transitionsforveterans.org](http://www.transitionsforveterans.org)

### **Veteran Service Officers/Benefit Assistance**

To obtain benefit information such as: Service Connected Compensation, Non-Service Connected Pension, Aid & Attendance, and other benefit related questions contact agencies:

**Veteran Organization Representatives** – Mather Campus, Building 650, Mon - Frid 9:00-3:00 p. m.

**Sacramento Branch Veteran Service Center:** 10365 Old Placerville Road, Sacramento, CA.

Walk-ins are Tuesdays and Thursdays **ONLY** 9:00 – 3:30 p. m.

**USMC MILITARY HONORS** for a Marine Veteran- 866-826-3628 or 703-432-9524 (your family must present the most recent DD214 AND if you want Firing Detail you must request it when you call otherwise you will get folding/presentation of the flag and Taps)

**Sacramento Valley National Cemetery**...5810 Midway Road, Dixon, CA.....1-707-693-2460

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