



# Carson Valley Footprinter



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## The President's Message

Janet Asman led us in the pledge of allegiance to our flag and the February 15, 2007 meeting was off and running at the Carson Valley Inn. If you did not attend this gathering, you missed an opportunity for remembrance of why we here in America still have our sometimes taken for granted freedoms as we know them today! Mr. Buzz Brunson, an IFA, Carson Valley Chapter #72 member and our Guest Speaker reminded us of the significance in taking a little known island in the Pacific during World War II; its name, Iwo Jima. Yes, Buzz is a survivor of that 36 day bloody battle that cost more American lives than any other operation in the Marine Corps history. While some 6,800 of his Marine Corps hero buddies did not return, his and their sacrifices led to the capturing of this two and one half by five mile peace of real estate. The significance in winning this campaign was; this island provided the

staging point for our B-29's to take-off from and bomb Japan. Also, instead of ditching their aircraft into the ocean, this patch of ground provided a safe haven for our crippled aircraft to land on. It is estimated that Air Force crewmembers lives numbering in the thousands were saved because we owned this island called Iwo Jima. All I can say is thank you Buzz.

Here is some information that was news to me! Your Sergeant-at-Arms, Claudia Lowe informed me, because her husband Chuck is an honorably discharged American Veteran and a Nevada resident, he qualifies for a Nevada State Veterans Exemption. If you meet the same criteria as Chuck, you are entitled to an \$85.00 annual exemption that can be applied to either your property taxes or your automobile license fees. All you have to do is, take your discharge papers (Form DD 214) to the Douglas County Clerks Office on 8th Street in Minden and your application will be immediately processed. It

worked for me; I hope it works for you, thanks for the information Claudia.

Here is a great big welcome to our newest member, Ms Avis Hardy. I hope to see you at all of our future meetings (Your schedule permitting). If you wish to learn more about the Footprinter Association and what we are about, ask any member or Board Member, again welcome Avis. What would our meetings be like without our greeters? The answer is dreadful. Thanks go to Ms Juanita Coyle and Ms Janet Bryant for filling this need at our February meeting.

Membership growth and your ongoing support is the backbone of our IFA, Carson Valley Chapter #72. Search your memory bank and invite a friend, a neighbor or an associate to attend one of our meetings. The outcome may be surprising. See you at the Carson Nugget on March 15, 2007.

*Larry*



## From the Secretary-Treasurer

Some of you may have figured out that we were due to have our quarterly Service Recognition Program award presentation in February. Historically, our scheduling has consistently been for August (Douglas County SO), November (Carson City SO), February (State Depts of Corrections or Public Safety), and May (East Fork Fire & Paramedic Districts) to make these presentations. This year, with all the leadership changes in state government coupled with the legislature being back in session, we decided to skip them this cycle. When things settle down, we'll insert them back in the rotation.

The Grand Board of Directors, at their winter meeting in January, has apparently decided to recommend to the Annual Convention this coming June to raise the Per Capita Tax each chapter pays to the Grand Chapter (akin to the central office of

IFA) by 50%. To add insult to injury, they also are recommending that an automatic increase be triggered by the Consumer Price Index each year. Currently, each chapter pays \$10 per member per year to the Grand Chapter. The Grand Board is going to recommend that that figure be increased to \$15. The central issue driving this recommendation is that the membership numbers around IFA are dwindling and chapters are folding. Instead of **doing something** about the declining membership, the Grand Chapter is going to fix the problem by seeking more income from those who remain. Brilliant! What do we get from the Grand Chapter for our money, you may ask??? Well, let me think...

- Members get a Membership Certificate and an annual membership card.
- We get **no** communications, newsletters, magazines, or other information on what is

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## 1st VP ramblings:

Iwo Jima veteran Buzz Brunson gave a fine speech, and I thank him for his service, and for the program.

The March meeting, at Carson Nugget, \$19, will feature Harold Willard explaining the program "Drug use is Life Abuse." Our April meeting, also Carson Nugget \$19, we will hear from another of our chapter members, John Williams, who will tell us about being a fighter-pilot and a P.O.W. in WWII. John also served during the Korean War. I am always delighted to find such interesting people among our members. My thanks to Janet Asmann for referring me to John.

*Fred*

## March Birthdays

Robert Dutton	6
Dawn Gibbons	9
Beverly Thayer	14
Jay Tomlinson	14
Nancee Goldwater	19
Richard Upton	21
Barbara McRoberts	24
Bob Owens	24
Lois Mitchell	25
James Terborg	27
William Depew	28
David Trueblood	28
Richard Scholfield	30
Robert Morrow	31



## Vice Presidents' Stuff

### Greetings from the 2nd Vice President

Hello to all! I hope those of you who were present at the February meeting enjoyed the speaker. It certainly was interesting hearing about Iwo Jima.

The March meeting will be at the Carson Nugget. Cost for dinner will be \$18.00. I will not be there for the March meeting. The April meeting will also be at the Carson Nugget and the price of dinner will be the same. I look forward to seeing you all then.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

*Barbara*



### From the Secretary-Treasurer

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going on among other chapters and districts. There is **no** coordination among chapters, either inside or outside of our district.

- We **rarely** hear from any of the Grand Officers. They **rarely** come to see us. They **never** inquire about how we are doing, if we need any support from them, if we can be of some assistance to other chapters, etc.
- Service, generally, is at an all time low.

What does the Grand Chapter spend its money on? According to the Grand Secretary-Treasurer's most recent report, here is a list of categories: Convention Album, Grand Secty Income, Shipping expenses, Communications, Office expenses, Printing, Supplies, Grand Officers Per Diem & Mileage, President's expenses, Fidelity Bond & Insurance, State Filing Fees, Award expenses, Publication expenses, Memorial expenses, Minutes expenses, and Website expenses. It would appear from the services we see, that a number of those categories could easily be zeroed out/eliminated. Your Board plans to meet in the near future to consider our options for the future. Stay tuned! We'll keep you informed...

*Ray*



Fred Hersey & speaker Buzz Brunson



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**Lots of Gifts for Pot o Gold**

I would like to again thank Pat Sikes for  
providing all of this month's photos. sp





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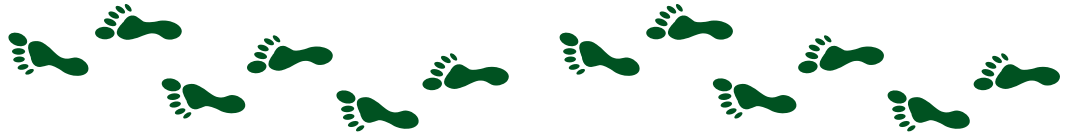
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