

## Happy Birthday, Colonel Hampton!

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left to right: Bill Wasson, Wes Tilton, Norb Nalecki, Dale Cook, John Hampton, Don Hester and Earle Holt cutting the cake

**M**arine Corp Lt. Colonel John L. Hampton of Lafayette celebrated his 101st birthday recently, surrounded by friends. Hampton, a former journalist who also worked in the public information sector, served in the Pacific in World War II and was a key player

in the establishment of the Marine Corp Toys for Tots program in 1947. The Lt. Colonel is a member of the San Francisco Joe Rosenthal Chapter of the US Marine Corp Combat Correspondents Association. Happy Birthday, Colonel Hampton!