



**Marine Corps League**  
**Pikes Peak Detachment**  
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**July 2016**



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Hello Marines, Navy FMF Corpsmen, associate members, and families. We had a great monthly meeting on 18 June with 54 (4 in Cheyenne

Wyoming at the Division Conference) in attendance. Thank you to all who attended. Please be sure to read the minutes of the meeting in the Jr Vice/Adjutant's article below for a more detailed run down of what information was discussed, items that were passed, as well as a little info on the guests that were in attendance. We are moving rapidly through the 2016 Calendar year and we should all be very pleased with the growth of our detachment in number of members, meeting attendance, and also regarding our impact on the community.

At our June monthly meeting I had Sr. Vice Paul Hinojosa pass along thanks on behalf of our Quartermaster and myself to all those that helped us to have a very successful 3 days of cash sales at Territory Days over the Memorial Day weekend. I failed to acknowledge one Marine that was present and also very instrumental in drawing more of the "younger crowd" to our booth. Aaron Dutton was there with his signature beard and youthful exuberance and I need to add his name to the list of hard chargers that are listed under the Quartermaster's report in the meeting minutes farther down the newsletter in once again declaring OOHRAH, JOB WELL DONE!

Jr. Past Commandant Garry Gibson, Trammell & Nancy Davis and myself were able to attend the Department of Wyoming Annual Convention and Rocky Mountain Division Conference, 17-19 June. I may have gotten a little out of hand once or twice in the merriment and fun times, but we also had some time of serious business and sobering speakers. One of which was our National Junior Vice Commandant, Dennis Tobin, who shared with us some of the adjustments and improvements taking place at National HQ that we are already seeing the benefits of to our Paymaster in regards to membership. We also heard from Past Department of Nebraska Commandant and newly appointed Midwest Division Training Officer David Ossian on some

details of what they have been implementing to reach the more recently civilized (younger) Marines and their families and how they are getting them engaged and motivated to help perpetuate the continued growth of our beloved Marine Corps League.



**Guest Kevin Coward and Kore Coward**

We have gotten off to a great start with our service at the Denver VA Hospital selling popcorn that all the proceeds of which go to directly benefit the hospitalized veterans. By our detachment stepping up just the 2 days a month (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays) that we are currently scheduled for, we are bringing in approximately \$600-700 more a month for purchasing care and comfort items as well as entertainment and educational materials for those that can't get out and buy for themselves. If you are interested in helping out with this endeavor, please contact me ASAP and we can get a schedule up and running. Thanks Ron Asmussen for being the first to jump in and help get the ball rolling.

Semper Fi!  
 Russ,



**Helen Hill and Steve Peterson.**



**Senior Vice Commandant**  
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Good day to all Marines, FMF Corpsmen, associates and families,

Can you believe we are ending the month of June already? This means in 5 months, the Marine



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Corps Ball, and in one month after that, new elections for staff! I think, so far, we've had a very productive semi-year, so when no one is looking or around, give yourselves a round of applause! I say that so no one will look at you all weird for applauding out of the blue. We have lots more events to plan for, here are the upcoming events:

- 4th of July Parade in Monument, still awaiting details on parade number, will contact them real soon for more details.
  - 0600 Breakfast at the Coffee Cup Cafe on 251 Front Street in Monument
  - 0730 Meeting at Walgreens, located at 265 W. Highway 105, to carpool/caravan to the parade starting point spot #18.
  - 0800 staging and judging
  - 4 August, Marine Corps League & Toy for Tot Night at the Skybox
  - 5 August, Marine Corps Birthday Ball Golf Tournament, Silver Spruce Golf Course on Peterson AFB, cost is \$60 per player. Businesses are encouraged to sponsor a hole (\$100) or an active duty enlisted Marine to play in the tournament.
  - 7-13 August, National Convention and Supreme Growl in Tulsa, OK
  - 18-21 August, Salute to American veterans and POW/MIA rally in Cripple Creek
  - 10 - 11 Sept. 2016 Cruise Above the Clouds car show, cash sales in Woodland Park
  - 16 Sept, Thanks Troops Golf Tournament, we will provide a Color Guard so we will need four volunteers in red blazers. Tournament is at the Patty Jewett Golf Course, Color Guard meets at 0630
  - 9 October (Tentative), Bowl-A-Thon
- I'll be sending out more details as I get them, hope to see you at the events!

Semper Fi!  
Paul Hinojosa



Guest Chuck Katalenas and Melvin Postlewait.



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Semper Fi,  
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Chuck Jack and his daughter, Zoe.



**Chaplain's Corner  
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Greetings, Marines, FMF  
Corpsmen, Associates and,  
Friends. **Polly Woods, Jim's  
wife, suffered a heart attack**

**on 26 June. After going to the emergency room at Memorial Central for observation and tests she was admitted there for two days. She is now resting comfortably at home and will soon see her doctor for further evaluation and treatment. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.** It was good to see Jim Maurer and, Iris Rudesill at the June meeting after prolonged absences due to serious health issues. They looked great even though they are still struggling with their health. Joe G. Martinez appeared to be doing very well after undergoing surgery the week prior to the meeting and, Marianne Smith said she was doing much better recovering from injuries she suffered in a car



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accident a while back. LeEtte Zoe Farris, wife of member Barry Farris, passed away 21 June 2016. Barry and LeEtte were married 12 June 1957, God Bless them. Thank you to all who came out to support Barry during this difficult time for him and his family. The Bereavement Team also attended services for Marines Thomas Ridenour and, Jerry W. Childs during June. Bob Berndt represented the Detachment at a service in Trinidad, CO, 28 June 2016, for Marine Travis Mason, age 24, who was tragically killed during a robbery while working as a security guard for a business in Denver. Travis had recently been discharged after serving four years active duty in the Marine Corps. He leaves behind his wife Samantha and three small children. Anyone wishing to contribute to Travis's family please visit this website:

[www.gofundme.com/2adtqw9g](http://www.gofundme.com/2adtqw9g). You can call or email me, anytime, if you know of anyone in the Detachment or, their family members who may be suffering from illness or, are in distress. Hope to see you at the 4th of July Parade in Monument.

*"We identify the flag with almost everything we hold dear on earth: peace, security, liberty, our family, our friends, our home... but when we look at our flag and behold it emblazoned with all our rights we must remember that it is equally a symbol of our duties. Every glory that we associate with it is the result of duty done."*

- Calvin Coolidge

**Semper Fi,**

**Pat Carty, Chaplain**



**Paymaster**

**Denise Wickersheim**

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Please send your membership dues (annual renewal) to the Pikes Peak Detachment

address.

New Member and Renewal Dues - \$36.00

**Think about becoming a Life Member!!!**

**Life Membership Costs:**

Age 35 - below - \$500.00

36 - 50 - \$400.00

51 - 64 - \$300.00

65 & over - \$200.00

Semper Fi,

Denise



**Sergeant-at-Arms**

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The next detachment monthly meeting will be: 16 July 2016.

Coffee: 0730

Breakfast begins: 0800

Meeting: 0900

The Enlisted Association (formally TREA)  
834 Emory Cr. Colorado Springs, CO 80915



**Guest Jamie Rogers**

**Toys for Tots**

**Russ Miller**

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We are already putting the Conex box that was donated to the detachment to good use storing toys for the upcoming campaign.

As some of you may have

heard, the Old Chicago downtown on Tejon is closing it's doors later this month. For a number of years they have brought homeless families in for a night of good food and fun, as well as toys for all the kids from Santa. In preparing to move everything out of the restaurant they found a large cache of new toys in the basement and decided they still wanted them to go to needy little boys and girls at Christmas. Thank you Chaplain Pat Carty for spending a morning this past week helping to pack into boxes and lug them all up out of the dungeon and put them in storage.

We also received two pallets of toys, clothes and shoes from the local Toys R Us that are in addition to the toys and \$10000 that we receive each year from donations made in store. All of the shoes and clothes were taken to the Airmen's attic on Peterson AFB where they will be distributed free of charge to young active duty



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families from all branches that are have a tough time making ends meet.

**Semper Fi,  
Russ**



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NSTR  
**Semper Fi,  
Trammel**



**Senior Vice and Don Cesare**



**Garry D. Gibson  
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**WOOF! WOOF! To all you measly flea invested Pups, Devil Dogs and you Pedigrees who think your breeding makes you better than the rest of us mongrels out there – hey, I’m one of those WOOFING Pedigrees.** Our Detachment Commandant & Devil Dog (DD) Russ Miller and I attended the Rocky Mountain Division Conference & Growl in Cheyenne, WY from 17 June-19 June 2016 along with our Quarter Master, Trammel Davis, and his wife Nancy. Russ (Pack Dog Robber), along with Jr. Vice Pack leader DD Phillip Price and the Colorado Pack Leader (hey, that’s me again), were the only current Pack Officers from Colorado in attendance at this Division Growl. DD Russ Miller’s conduct at this Growl was not befitting of any human, but not to us Devil Dogs. He was loud and obnoxious; he’s big & ugly too. His conduct was disgusting; his body language was repulsive, all good traits of a distempered

Devil Dog! For his anti-social conduct & actions at this Growl, he was awarded the worthy **“PITA”** award medal - this medal/award stands for **Pain In The A%@**. As we say, being a Devil Dog is the fun part of the Marine Corps League. Please Note: our next Pound #150 Growls is scheduled to be held after our monthly meeting is adjourned on Saturday, 16 July 2016; to become a Pup at this Growl, you must be a measly flea infested mongrel/member in good standing (dues paid). If you survive initiations and pay \$35.00 Big Bones for your Pup Kit, you too may become an exclusive & distinguished member of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs (MODD). Don’t forget that you will also become a member of the already famous “Karnivorous Kanines of Pikes Peak” **WOOF! WOOF!** At this Growl, we will be discussing our upcoming Elections of Pound Officers that will take place at our 20 September Growl which, by the way, is our one year anniversary. We will also be discussing those very important Appointed Officer positions and who might be interested in filling them (if appointed). We will also be discussing Pound awards and a possible Pound Lunch/Dinner at some kennel here in the springs or maybe a cookout at some ones Dog House? Remember that all the fines/bones that we collect from you mutts at our Growls during the year stay with our Pound to use as we wish (like paying for our rabies shots, our distemper shots, dog treats (Lunch/Dinner)). Till... our 16 July Growl...keep your paws on the ground...sniff that clean, cool Rocky Mountain air...laugh...have fun snarling, growling & howling as you chase future MODD wannabes...and...help all those mutts out there less fortunate than your measly flea infested selves. **Semper Fi & WOOF! WOOF! PDD Garry D. Gibson; Pound Keeper & Pound Dog Robber of the Karnivorous Kanines of Pike Peak, Pound #150 and Pack Leader, CO. Pack.**



**Mr. and Mrs. Mauer**



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### 18 April 2016 Meeting Minutes of the MCL Pikes Peak Detachment.

(Note: Draft until accepted at the 16 July 2016 meeting). Senior Vice Commandant Paul Hinojosa opened the 18 April meeting of the Marine Corps League Pikes Peak Detachment for Official business at 0900 with Salute to Colors and opening prayer. All officers were present except for the following excused officers: Commandant, Jr. Past Commandant, and Quartermaster.



The Chaplain receives sand from Iwo Jima from Bob Roper.

#### **Guests / Application for Membership:**

- Mike Regnier: Served in the Marines in infantry and recon. He later joined the Army as a helicopter pilot, retiring with the rank of major.
- Jamie Rogers: Retired Gunnery Sergeant, served 1985 – 2006.
- Kevin Coward: Served in the Corps active duty and reserves. He is the Young Marines XO.
- Kore Coward: Currently serving the Corps – LCpl of Marines.
- Chuck Katalenas: visiting the Colorado Springs area. He is a lifetime member of the MCL and MODD. Served active duty 1974n – 1982, followed by time in the reserves.
- Zoe Jackson: Former Young Marines Sgt. Maj. She was recently awarded a Navy ROTC scholarship (USMC option).

The following Marines were voted into MCL upon verification of service and payment of \$36: Mike Regnier, Jamie Rogers, Kevin Coward, and Kore Coward.

**Minutes:** Member Chuck Jackson made a motion to accept the March 2016 minutes. Member Osa Tuck seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**New Correspondence:** NSTR

**Paymaster:** NSTR

#### **Sick and in Distress:**

- Chaplain Pat Carty discussed the following members:
- Iris Rudesill
- Joe G. Martinez
- Jim Maurer, Navy FMF Corpsmen was present with his wife, Sally.
- Marianne Smith –
- Bob Roper – Thanked members of the Detachment for attendance at the funeral service for his son Geoffrey, Desert Storm war veteran. Bob presented vials of sand from Iwo Jima to various Detachment members.



Yes, our MCL officers clean up well.

#### **Report of Officers**

##### **Commandant: Commandant Miller, Reported by Senior Vice Hinojosa**

Commandant Miller obtained VA volunteer credentials and the Detachment is set to begin selling popcorn at the VA hospital in Denver on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month. If you are interested in helping in this cause call Commandant Russ Miller. With enough volunteers, each person would only need to go help once every 2 or 3 months.

Work is still being made to see if the Detachment can help at the Colorado Springs Clinic.

Hank Hankins has the new donated CONEX box for the storage of toys for Toys for Tots. We are still hopeful that this CONEX box will eliminate our need for a storage locker at the self-storage facility. So far many toys have been placed in the CONEX box.

##### **Senior Vice Commandant: Paul Hinojosa.**

June 16 – 19 is the Rocky Mountain Division of the MCL held in Cheyenne WY.

4<sup>th</sup> of July parade is around the corner. Calling all color guard members!

0600: breakfast at the Coffee Cup Café- 251 Front St. Monument, CO.

0730: Meeting at Walgreens for carpool to the parade start point- 265 W. Hwy 105.



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staging number 18. Same spot as last year.

0800: staging for judging.

August 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps League and Toys for Tots night at Sky Sox.

August 5<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Ball Golf Tournament at the Silver Spruce Golf course, Peterson AFB.

Cost: \$60 per person. Business' are encouraged to sponsor a hole (\$100) or an active duty enlisted Marine to play in the tournament.

August 7 -13 is the National MCL convention and Supreme Growl in Tulsa, OK.

August 18 – 21 is the Salute to American Veterans and POW/MIA rally in Cripple Creek.

September 16 @ 0630 is the "Thanks the Troops" Golf Tournament at the Patty Jewett Golf Course.

**Junior Vice Commandant/ Adjutant: Terry Crum**

We are always working on removing mistakes from the Detachment phone roster. If you find a mistake on the roster, let the web sergeant.

The Detachment is looking for new members for the Detachment color guard. Future color guards will be composed of either dress blues, red blazers, or MCL uniforms based on personnel available.

In less than a year the Detachment will be holding elections for the 2017 officers. Consider volunteering for a seat at the front table.

**Judge Advocate: NSTR.**

**Junior Past Commandant: Read by Paul Hinojosa**

5 KKPP members are now CO. Pack officers.

**Chaplain: Pat Carty**

Recent funerals include: Geoffrey Roper, George Salazar, Thomas Ridenour, and Jerry Childs.

**Quartermaster: Read by Paul Hinojosa**

Thanks to the Territory Days cash sales volunteers. Because of the volunteers over \$5000 was raised. Special thanks to Steve Peterson, Joe G. Martinez, Hank Hanson, Roger Baty, Richard Inhoffer, Pat Carty, Paul Hinojosa, Russ Miller, and Trammel Davis.

The active duty Marines are selling T-shirts (\$20) as a ball fund raiser.

Seeking cash sale booth volunteers for Cripple Creek event.

**Sergeant at Arms: NSTR**

**Web Sergeant: NSTR**

**Toys for Tots: NSTR**

**Military Order of Devil Dogs (MODD):**

9 July: Pack Growl following the Dept. staff meeting in Pueblo, CO. Heads up to newly

elected/appointed pack officers – you ARE expected to be there. More information is forth coming. Red DD collars will be handed hand out before heading to Pueblo. If necessary, any red collars no presented at this time will be presented at the next meeting.

**Standing Committees: Scholarship.**

The scholarship committee reports that of the 3 scholarships awarded, 2 of the 3 scholarship funds have been delivered to the awardees college with the 3<sup>rd</sup> expected to be paid soon.

**Report of Special Committees: NSTR**

**New Business:**

Don Cesare was presented a plaque and custom cup as a gift for speaking at the recent MCL Colorado State convention. Don announced that he would sign copies of his new book for those interested.

Veronica Hoard commented that the barbeque/picnic was an outstanding success last year and suggested that the Detachment consider doing a similar event this year.

Bowl-a-thon tentative date is 9 Oct 2016.

**Good of the League:**

Melvin Postlewait commented that some non-infantry MOS Marines questioned if they had what it takes to face combat. Melvin spoke how "every Marine is a rifleman, no exceptions.

Doc Chris Donahue stated that the documentary "Voices of Grief" would be showing at the funeral home he works at later in the afternoon.

With no additional business at hand, the 50/50 drawing was held. The total amount collected was \$97.00. member Paul Reike owned the winning ticket!

With all business being completed Senior Vice Commandant Hinojosa closed the meeting at 1000. The next meeting will take place on 16 July 2016.

Respectfully submitted, Terry Crum, Adjutant  
Pikes Peak Detachment, Marine Corps League



**Bear is in the house!**



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*Mr. and Mrs. Davis*

### **Selected July Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance**

**4 July 1801:** President Thomas Jefferson reviewed the Marines, led by the Commandant of the Marine Corps, LtCol William W. Burrows and the Marine Band, on the White House grounds. The smartly uniformed Marines performed drills and fired various salutes in observance of the new nation's 25th anniversary.

**7 July 1941:** The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (1st MAW) was activated at Quantico, Virginia. Within a year of activation, the Wing would participate in the Marine Corps offensive at Guadalcanal. That bitter campaign would be the first in a series of legendary battles in which the Wing would add luster to its reputation. The 1st MAW would earn five Presidential Unit Citations for gallantry in campaigns spanning World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

**11 July 1798:** President John Adams approved "An Act for Establishing and Organizing a Marine Corps", and it became law. The following day, the President appointed William Ward Burrows the Major Commandant of the new Corps. In August, Major Burrows opened his headquarters in Philadelphia, at that time still the capital of the new nation.

**14 July 1993:** The USS *Iwo Jima* was decommissioned after over 30 years of service in a ceremony at Norfolk Naval Base, Virginia. The ship was named for the World War II battle during which three Marine divisions ousted 20,000 entrenched Japanese troops. The *Iwo Jima* was commissioned 26 August 1961, and it was the first ship specifically designed as an amphibious assault ship from the keel up.

**18 July 1918:** The 4th Brigade of Marines began an attack near Soissons, France, as part of a three-division counterattack against the Germans. In the first two days of battle, the brigade sustained 1,972 casualties.

**24 July 1944:** The V Amphibious Corps, commanded by Major General Harry Schmidt, landed on Tinian, in the Mariana Islands. The following morning, the 2d and 4th Marine Divisions began a shoulder-to-shoulder southward sweep of the island. Organized enemy resistance faded within a week, and on 1 August, MajGen Schmidt declared the island secure.

**26 July 1947:** The National Security Act of 1947 became effective, reaffirming the status of the Marine Corps as a separate military service within the Department of the Navy. The Act provided for Fleet Marine Forces, and confirmed the Corps' mission of seizing and defending advanced bases, as well as land operation incident to naval campaigns.

**28 July 1918:** Brigadier General John A. Lejeune assumed command of the 2d Division, U.S. Army in France, and remained in that capacity until August 1919 when the unit was demobilized. He was the first Marine officer to hold an Army divisional command, and following the Armistice, he led his division in the march into Germany.



**Eugene B. Sledge, USMC**

"The Japanese fought to win - it was a savage, brutal, inhumane, exhausting and dirty business. Our commanders knew that if we were to win and survive, we must be trained realistically for it whether we liked it or not. In the post-war years, the U.S. Marine Corps came in for a great deal of undeserved criticism in my opinion, from well-meaning persons who did not comprehend the magnitude of stress and horror that combat can be. The technology that developed the rifle barrel, the machine gun and high explosive shells has turned war into prolonged, subhuman slaughter. Men must be trained realistically if they are to survive it without breaking, mentally and physically."

— Eugene B. Sledge, *With the Old Breed: At Peleliu and Okinawa*