



Marine Corps League

Pikes Peak Detachment 29

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August 2016



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Hello Marines, Navy FMF Corpsmen, associate members, and families. We had a great monthly meeting on 16 July with 38 in attendance. Thank you

to all who attended. Please be sure to read the minutes of the meeting 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. Steel yourselves mentally and physically for the whirlwind of activity that will take place during the remaining months of 2016.

Thank you to the 10 PPD29 officers and snarling MODD mutts that made the trip down to Pueblo for the Department of Colorado Quarterly Staff meeting and Pack Growl. An item of note that was voted on at the staff meeting was regarding the 2017 Department of Colorado Convention. I was delighted to throw our next Commandant under the bus by giving a pitch for the Pikes Peak Detachment to once again host the Department Convention. I agree with our Department Senior Vice Commandant that PPD29 should have a pass from hosting future conventions for at least the following 25 years. Yea, like that's going to happen! Union Colony Marines Detachment gave a pitch as well to host next year. A vote was held, and Pikes Peak was chosen to host again. It is only because of all the stellar help that I received from our members and hotel staff in putting the 2016 convention together as well as seeing it through to completion that we were overwhelmingly tasked with this honor again. Thank You ALL for your help and support!!

Please give extra attention to the Sr. Vice's article and our detachment event schedule from Jr. Past Commandant Garry Gibson (also available at the top left of the www.pikespeakmcl.org website) for a list of the many upcoming events.

Due to a sudden need to move back to Texas, our Quartermaster Trammell Davis has relinquished his post and we are in even greater need for volunteers to man the cash sales booth at upcoming events like Salute to Veterans in Cripple Creek and Cruise Above the Clouds Car Show in Woodland Park. Please contact

Commandant Russ Miller to volunteer and to get more details on these and other events.

Semper Fi!

Russ



Congratulations to Antonio Barrera Jr. for earning the title of Marine. Parents are proud!



**Senior Vice Commandant
Paul Hinojosa**

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Good day to all Marines, FMF corpsmen, associates and families.

Can you believe July has come and gone already? Seems like just a few days ago, I was sending out greetings for July and now, here we are in August. This month is a busy one for us, we have several events almost back to back for the league. As Commandant Miller mentioned in last meeting, there are four tickets available for the first four to volunteer for the Skybox Toys for Tots on August 4. So if interested, contact Russ as soon as possible. On August 18th to the 21st, is the Salute to American veterans in Cripple Creek, we'll need as many volunteers as possible for cash sales.

Everyone stay healthy, and no matter who wins this next election; just remember, smile and wave, just smile...and wave.

MCL Picnic Time and place to be determined. No luck yet finding covered picnic area to hold event.

Here is a highlight of Detachment future events:

4 August: Marine Corps League & Toys for Tots Night at Sky Sox Baseball.

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.



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5 November: Marine Corps Birthday Ball.
Semper Fi!
Paul Hinojosa



Gunny Gibson is patriotic for the July 4th parade.



**Bike brigade for the July 4th parade.
Detachment riders are always welcome!**



Chaplain Pat Carty

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Greetings, Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Associates and, Friends. Sadly, Helen Hill's brother Colonel Charles Nowalk, U.S. Army, Retired, passed away recently. Please keep Helen and Bob in your thoughts and prayers. Gary George's wife Karen went back under the knife for corrective surgery on her foot a few days ago. Hopefully this surgery will help eliminate the pain she has had to endure the past several months. Jim Wood's reports that Polly is better, after her recent heart attack and, enjoyed her time at the July ladies' luncheon. The Bereavement Team was active during July attending services for Harry Hoth, Terry Pokorny and, Charles Anderson. Harry, a WWII Marine, participated in landings at Saipan, Tinnian and, Guam. He went on to become a leader in Colorado Springs, serving as Mayor in the mid 1960's and, was involved in many charitable programs and, business ventures. At Terry Pokorny's service his nephew told funny stories about his beloved Uncle Terry's adventures in the Marine Corps but, best not to elaborate here other than to say I don't think he mentioned brig time being involved. Charles Anderson, a Captain, served from 1968 - 1971 in Artillery. He later became a dentist and, was very active in the Woodland Park, CO scene. Please 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.

"Your soul may belong to Jesus, but your ass belongs to the Marines." — Eugene B. Sledge, With the Old Breed: At Peleliu and Okinawa
**Semper Fi,
Pat Carty, Chaplain**



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Semper Fi,
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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



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The next detachment monthly meeting will be:
20 August 2016.

Coffee: 0730

Breakfast begins: 0800

Meeting: 0900

The Enlisted Association

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Grins from Hank Hankins and Russ Miller.



Toys for Tots
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In addition to the many toys that we recently received from Old Chicago Restaurants and Toys R Us, this past week a little girl by the name of Sunny (age 7) had her birthday party where her wish was for her friends to bring toys to be donated to Toys for Tots, instead of bringing her gifts. In

recognition of her selfless act, once school starts back up, I will be going to her school to present her a certificate of appreciation for community service and being an outstanding role model to her peers as she collected 55 toys, 54 stocking stuffers, and 3 books for less fortunate children.

Semper Fi,
Russ



Garry D. Gibson
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Greetings & Howling

WOOF! WOOF! to all of you measly flea bitten mongrels;

As most of you mutts know the mighty Karnivorous Kanines of Pikes Peak, Pound #150 held our 4th Pound Growl for 2015/2016 on 16 July 2016; our next and most important Pound Growl for 2016 will be held on 17 September 2016. Now let's get back to what was discussed at that 16 July 2016 Growl; we briefly discussed the upcoming Elections that will take place at that September Growl; we all know that elected & appointed officer positions are important to the overall success of our pound; however finding a Pedigree Devil Dog (PDD) to fill the Pound Keepers position is not always easy; now that PDD Steve Schwartz has his health back; and when he returns from running the Alaska Iditarod as lead dog (yep, yep, yep); he is eager to lead the Karnivorous Kanines of Pikes Peak should we elect him?, PDD Kaz Mueller will not be available as he will be traveling extensively during the next year; another important position that is not always easy to fill is the position of Dog Robber; this is a very important appointed position, he/she is the mutt who is responsible to the Pound Keeper for all records and financial accounts of the pound, DD Russ Miller has agreed to fill this position should the new pound keeper appoint him; I might add that Russ is also the current Dog Robber of Colorado Pack. We also discussed what awards we can present to deserving flea infested mutts of the Pound; and lastly we discussed having a bone jarring feast for our members sometime after the September Growl/Elections. Till than...keep your paws on the ground...sniff the Rocky Mountain air...Laugh...have fun snarling,



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growling, drooling while chasing down future Pound #150 wannabes members...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.

16 July 2016 Meeting Minutes of the MCL Pikes Peak Detachment.

Minutes of the 16 July 2016

Meeting of the Marine Corps League Pikes Peak Detachment.

(Note: Draft until accepted at the 20 August 2016 meeting). Commandant Russ Miler opened the 16 July 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: Paymaster, Quartermaster, and Sergeant at Arms.



Raymond and Jacquie Embrey

Guests / Application for Membership:

Raymond Embrey with his wife Jacquie. Raymond served in the Marines in Vietnam 1965 as a heavy equipment operator. He has battled health issues related to his tour of duty in Vietnam ever since. A motion was made by Russ Miller and seconded by Roger Baty to accept Raymond Embrey into the detachment as a member upon proof of honorable service and payment of \$36. The motion carried.

Minutes: Marine Iris Rudesill made a motion to accept the June 2016 minutes. Marine Bob Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried.

New Correspondence: Commandant Miller announced that in the near future a big event would take place honoring Vietnam veterans. Lapel pins will be given to the Vietnam vets as a thank you gift and news media attention is expected. Contact Commandant Miller if you qualify for this honor.

Paymaster: NSTR

Sick and in Distress:

- Chaplain Pat Carty discussed the following members:
- Iris Rudesill
- Jim Maurer, Navy FMF Corpsmen.
- Polly Woods is in need of prayer as she recovers from a recent heart attack and battles cancer.



Meeting in progress

Report of Officers

Commandant: Commandant Miller

Commandant Miller requested help in selling popcorn at the VA hospital in Denver on the 1st and 3rd 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. Volunteers are needed for September and October. Volunteers will need to receive credentials at the veteran's hospital in Denver.

The Detachment received two awards at the recent July 4th parade: distinguished motorized entry and 2nd overall best entry.

The following highlights subjects covered at the recent MCL Rocky Mountain Division

- The Pikes Peak Detachment was awarded a citation.
- A tax increase is up for a vote in Colorado on cigarettes. 14% of the money generated would be used for veterans.
- A redesign of the Denver Marine Corps memorial was presented.

Senior Vice Commandant: Paul Hinojosa.

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- Marine Corps Ball: 5 November 2016.

Junior Vice Commandant/ Adjutant: Terry Crum

The newest roster was received from national. An updated Pikes Peak Detachment phone roster is forth coming. Recruiting for Color Guard. It was suggested that the detachment purchase red jackets for the color guard. The idea appeared unpopular and no vote was taken. Recently the MCL authorized a ceremonial guard ribbon and details will be known soon. It was also pointed out to the Detachment that the only requirements for being in uniform for a Detachment officer at the head table is the red MCL cover and M.O.D.D. collar (if applicable).



MCL ceremonial guard ribbon

Judge Advocate: NSTR.

Junior Past Commandant: Garry Gibson

The Pikes Peak Detachment will host the 2017 CO State MCL convention.

Chaplain: Pat Carty

The bereavement team attended the following recent funerals: Ridnenour, Childs, Farris

Marine Bob Berndt attended the funeral of Travis Mason in Trinidad.

Services for former mayor Harry Hoth will be 9:30 a.m. Monday 18 July 2016, Shrine of Remembrance America the Beautiful Chapel, 1730 E. Fountain Boulevard.

Chaplain Carty spoke of the generosity of Commandant Miller in his recent assistance to a homeless Marine veteran.

Marine Bob Roper showed the Detachment a Japanese rifle from WWII and spoke on the history of the weapon.



Terry Boston was with us. ☺

Quartermaster: NSTR

Sergeant at Arms: NSTR

Web Sergeant: Terry Crum

The Web Sgt. discussed the importance of the internet and social media in promoting the Detachment.

Toys for Tots: Russ Miller

The search is still on for a building for our Toys for Tots. A possible location is at the Citadel Crossing.

Russ Miller is looking into a T4T motorcycle run for the 1st Sunday in October. Possible locations are Fountain and Manitou Springs.

Military Order of Devil Dogs (MODD):

Pound 150 growl immediately after the conclusion of today's Detachment meeting.

Standing Committees:

Scholarship; Marine Jim Woods received a thank you letter from recent scholarship awardee Joshua Garcia.

Report of Special Committees: NSTR

New Business:

Marianne Smith spoke regarding bowl-a-thon 9 October. Pledge forms are available.

Good of the League:

Buffalo Soldier's Memorial Dedication 28 July @ 1200-1300. Stargazers Theatre 10 Parkside Dr. Colorado Springs.

With no additional business at hand, the 50/50 drawing was held. The total amount collected was



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\$98.00. member Ron Asmussen owned the winning ticket!

With all business being completed Commandant Miller closed the meeting at 1000. The next meeting will take place on 20 August 2016.

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



Bob Roper shows WWII Japanese rifle.

Selected July Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance

1 August 1944: After nine days of fighting in a battle termed "the perfect amphibious operation of World War II," MajGen. Harry Schmidt, commander of V Amphibious Corps, declared the island of Tinian secured. The combination of surprise, heavy pre-assault bombardment, and effective logistical support was responsible for Tinian's recapture with a much lower casualty rate (344 killed and 1550 wounded) than had been experienced in previous landings.

3 August 1950: Eight Corsairs of VMF-214, the famed "Black Sheep" squadron of World War II, launched from the USS *Sicily* and executed the first Marine aviation mission in the Korean War in a raid against enemy installations near Inchon. After the F4Us delivered their incendiary bombs and rockets on their targets, the Marines concluded their greeting to the Communist troops with a series of strafing runs.

7 August 1990: President Bush ordered U.S. military aircraft and troops to Saudi Arabia as part of a multinational force to defend that nation against possible Iraqi invasion. One week later the Marine Corps announced the commitment of 45,000 troops to the Persian Gulf area as part of Operation Desert Shield which would become the largest deployment of U.S. forces since the Vietnam War.

9 August 1942: With the Guadalcanal airstrip secure after heavy fighting with the Japanese, the 1st Engineer Battalion commenced work on the

runway using captured equipment. Three days later, on 12 August, the first plane landed on Henderson Field, a Navy PBV which evacuated two wounded Marines. Nearly 3,000 wounded Marines would be evacuated from Henderson Field during the battle.

17 August 1942: Just prior to dawn, the 2d Marine Raider Battalion under LtCol Evans F. Carlson landed on Makin Island from the submarines *Nautilus* and *Argonaut*. The next day the Marines left the island after destroying a seaplane base, two radio stations, a supply warehouse, and killing about 100 Japanese soldiers.

21 August 1968: PFC James Anderson, Jr., was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by Secretary of the Navy, Paul R. Ignatius, for heroism in Vietnam while serving as a rifleman with Company F, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines in February 1967. This was the first Medal of Honor presented to an African-American Marine. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson, Sr., received the award during ceremonies at Marine Barracks, 8th and I.

23 August 1984: The last Marines to serve peace-keeping duty in Lebanon arrived home. The 24th Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU) arrived off the coast of Lebanon on 9 April to relieve Marines of the 22d MAU who were guarding the U.S. Embassy in Beirut. The 24th MAU left Beirut on 31 July, marking the last presence of U.S. combat troops in Beirut since Marines entered almost two years earlier.

24 August 1814: Captain Samuel Miller's 100-man detachment from Marine Barracks, Washington, fought in the battle of Bladensburg for the defense of the national capital. After helping to fight back three British charges, Captain Miller was wounded and the enemy began to work around both flanks of the American force. Almost encircled, the force of sailors and Marines was forced to retire to avoid capture. The Marines lost 8 killed and 14 wounded.