



Marine Corps League

Pikes Peak Detachment 29

P.O. Box 10536
Colorado Springs, CO 80932-1536

www.pikespeakmcl.org

September 2016



21st Annual Bowl-A-Thon

Sunday, October 9
1300 (1 p.m.)

Brunswick Zone

999 N. Circle Dr.

Hello:

We are off to a slow

start and it seems like October is approaching fast. The committee of Iris Rudesill, Denise Wickershiem, and I have been calling and leaving messages with our members. Please call back whether you can help with a donation or not.

8 lanes are reserved and bowlers are needed. Sure would like to get 7-8 teams together with 3 or 4 people per team.

Please help us make this a great Bowl-A-Thon. You may let me know at a meeting or call me. My Answering machine is always on. Remember the money goes for a good cause. Pledge forms are available at every meeting.

Donations should be made out to:

"Marine Corps League Bowl-A-Thon".

Pay at the meeting or send your donation to:

Marianne Smith

546 Raemar Dr.

Colorado Springs, CO 80911

Semper Fi,

Marianne Smith

Bowl-A-Thon Committee:

Iris Rudesill: (719) 685-5014

Denise Wickersheim: (719) 460-7408

Marianne Smith: home (719) 392-4456 or
cell (719) 432-9715

The funds will help towards:

Young Marines

Toys for Tots

Pikes Peak Marines helping Marines program

Care and Share

Christmas Unlimited

Semper Fi,

Marianne



Commandant

Russ Miller

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Hello Marines, Navy FMF Corpsmen, associate members, and families. We had a great monthly meeting

on 20 August with 39 in attendance, including those at the Salute to American Veterans and POW/MIA Rally in Cripple Creek Colorado all weekend. 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 in attendance.

With all that was going on in the month of August, it just seemed to fly right past. Thank you to all that came out in support of our many events as well as our monthly SOS Breakfast/meeting.

For those that are unaware, due to the incredible hail storm the end of July, the 8th Annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball Golf Tournament (5AUG2016) had to be re-scheduled as a result of the damage that the golf course suffered from the storm as well as the 80% chance of rain that we expected the day of the tournament. We will march forward with the tournament (9 SEP 2016). The postponement caused us to lose a few players, so if you know of any duffers that would like to help a worthy cause and go swing the "wicked sticks", please have them contact Marine Gary Green at the Peterson AFB Silver Spruce golf course (719-556-7414) or on his cell (719-357-1541) to get registered ASAP.

I want to thank Pat Carty, Del Duvall, Joe G. Martinez, Hank Hankins, Jim Woods, Paul Darrow and Iris Rudesill for all coming up to help with the popcorn sales at the Denver VA hospital. 100% of the proceeds go into a private fund to help the hospitalized veterans in the Denver VA Hospital and their families. One story I would like to share with you all, is in regards to a veteran from Montana and his wife that had to come down to Denver for some tests/treatment, etc... Unfortunately, the veteran passed away while in Denver and because his wife was not a veteran she was ineligible to receive the per diem to pay for her gas and meals on her return home to Montana. The committee operating the popcorn fund was able to help her with those expenses,



New member Samuel Leathes.



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because of the efforts of all the folks that give of their time volunteering at the popcorn stand. It also gives those waiting for their appointments a quick snack, as well as a fun place to share a little scuttlebutt and meet some interesting Marines to add to all of our various detachments around the Division. As we approach the gear-up of Toys for Tots, some of us that are going up on a regular basis will be otherwise occupied. Please give some thought to getting involved and adding to our number of volunteers from the MCL. Contact me and we will be glad to have you go up and get snapped in at one of our upcoming dates (1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month).

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 that are available for your participation in addition to our monthly SOS Breakfast the third Saturday of every month.

Watch your email for more information on these and more in the coming weeks.

Semper Fi!

Russ



Senior Vice Commandant

Paul Hinojosa

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Summer has come and gone (almost), fall is around the corner. We have several events going for the month of

September. Fall parade in Fountain, so check your schedules and please make some time to come on out and support the League on Sept. 5th. We will have the inflatable DI and fire truck at the parade, and asking for volunteers to ride in the motorcycle brigade, if anyone is interested, please contact me. The Bowl-a-thon is October 9th. Marianne Smith announced in the last meeting that she has not gotten the expected turn out for this year's event. If you were waiting to sign up later, or if you can, please register for this year's bowl-a-thon.

Upcoming events:

- **5 Sept:** Fountain Fall Parade
- **10 Sept:** 2016 Cruise Above the Clouds car show, cash sales.

- **13 Sept:** WWII & Korean Luncheon @ Western Omelet 16 S. Walnut St.
- **16 Sept:** "Thanks the Troops" Golf Tournament at the Patty Jewett Golf Course. Volunteers in red blazers needed for color guard. Color Guard meets at 0630.
- **2 Oct:** 29th Annual High Country Toy Run. The event steps off at Walmart – 4425 Venetucci Blvd and ends in Fountain at Anchors Country Bar.
- **9 Oct:** Bowl-A-Thon, Brunswick Zone, 999 N. Circle Dr.
- **9 Oct:** Teller County Toy Run, Kickstands up at 1100 hours, McGinty's in Divide and riding up to Cripple Creek. (assuming at this point of admission is 1 toy per rider).
- **18 Oct:** VA Stand down 0900-1400. Volunteers needed on site 0700-1500.
- **5 Nov:** Marine Corps Ball.
- **5 Nov:** Veterans Day Parade @ 1000, theme "Women in the Military".

Semper Fi!

Paul Hinojosa



Junior Vice Commandant Adjutant, Web Sergeant

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NSTR

Semper Fi,

Terry



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Marine Peggy Baldwin.



Chaplain Pat Carty

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Greetings Marines, FMF
Corpsmen, Associates and,
Friends. Thanks to our
Bereavement Team members
who attended funeral and

memorial services during August. We attended services for Marines Nick Duran and, Thomas Garcia. As I've mentioned before family members and friends of the deceased sincerely appreciate our presence. A special memorial service for Ensign John Charles England was held at Evergreen Cemetery 13 August. Ensign England was aboard the USS Oklahoma during the Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor. He survived the initial attack and escaped topside as the ship was capsizing. Remembering his men in the radio room he went below deck three times to rescue and guide his men to safety but, on his fourth attempt he did not make it out. He was buried in an unknown's grave in the Punchbowl National Cemetery in Hawaii. He was recently identified and, his family had his remains returned to be buried with honors next to his parents at Evergreen Cemetery. We had a good turnout for the WWII/Korean War luncheon on 09 August. Please consider coming to the next luncheon on 13 September. Always the second Tuesday of the month at the Western Omelette, 16 S. Walnut, starting at 1130. Come early, have coffee and, get acquainted with our WWII and Korean War veterans and others. I talked with former member Roland Durdin recently. He underwent gall bladder surgery a couple of weeks ago and is now in assisted living in Deer Creek, Florida. He said he misses coming to our monthly MCL meetings, his many friends here and, says Semper Fi to all. Please remember those who are

undergoing health or other problems with your thoughts and prayers. Call me anytime if you know of anyone that is sick or in distress.

"Stand up for something, even if it means standing alone. Because often times, the one who flies solo has the strongest wings." - Unknown

**Semper Fi,
Pat Carty, Chaplain**



A scene from the Rally in Cripple Creek.
Col. Davis and Lt. (Ret.) Downing.



**Paymaster
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Please send your membership dues (annual renewal) to the Pikes Peak Det. 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**



**Sgt.-at-Arms Osa Tuck
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The next detachment monthly meeting will be:
17 September 2016.
Coffee: 0730
Breakfast begins: 0800
Meeting: 0900

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



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Marine Jim Prichard.



Toys for Tots
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I would like to thank Joe G. Martinez, Hank Hankins, Judge Advocate Gary George and Santa Claus (Melvin Postlewait) for helping with the Colorado Springs Comic and Toy Convention on 30 and 31 July as well as Joe G., Hank, Gary, and Chaplain Pat Carty for their help with the Marine Corps League/Toys for Tots night at the Sky Sox Baseball on 4 August. In total from these two events we collected over \$600 in cash donations as well as 125 Toys, 135 Stocking Stuffers, and 10 books for our upcoming 2016 Campaign.

We are back on track for the 29th annual High Country Toy Run. Last year we had a couple hiccups with the city of Colorado Springs, so this year we will be changing things up a little. The event will be held the first Sunday in October (2OCT2016) as usual, but this year we will start off from the new Walmart/Sam's Complex at 4425 Venitucci Blvd. (north of Pikes Peak Community College on South Academy near I25) and ending with a HUGE after ride party and auction at Anchors Country Bar in the wonderful town of Fountain. We will have cash sales set up at the beginning of the ride as usual and will need Marines in Dress Blues to hand out official ride pins to all of the participants that bring a new/unwrapped toy.

I am also excited to inform you all that this year will be the first Teller County Toy Run on 9 Oct. Kick-stands up at 1100 in front of McGinty's in Divide and riding to Cripple Creek, CO.

The 2016 Toys for Tots Campaign is quickly approaching. Joe G Martinez, Gary George, and I are diligently looking for a warehouse location for the upcoming season. If you see a large vacant building in your travels around the city,

please call one of us with the address and info on Real Estate Sign and we will follow up on it immediately. Move in day will be on top of us before we know it! Please shoot me a line if you are available to assist with this year's campaign. Whether it be in delivering boxes to drop site locations, sorting and counting toys at the warehouse or by bringing snacks to the volunteers at the warehouse. It takes us all working together to make Christmas incredible for underprivileged boys and girls this year.

Semper Fi,
Russ



Quarter Master
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While we look to appoint a new Quartermaster to replace Trammell Davis, guess who will be filling in.

Thanks again to Hank Hankins, Joe G. Martinez (is anybody else noticing a trend throughout these articles, or is it just me?), Senior Vice Paul Hinojosa and his bride JoAnn, as well as Past Commandant Bob Hill and his Commanding Officer Helen as well as Patricia Thompson for all their time spent at the Salute to American Veterans & POW/MIA Rally in Cripple Creek last weekend. Cash sales was not as profitable as in years past, but the Memorial event and speakers were incredible.

I was very fortunate to meet this year's distinguished guests and hear their great speeches. I was most touched by the words from 103-year-old Pearl Harbor Survivor, Jim Downing, Lt., USN (ret) and the presentation of an engraved, replica Civil War Navy Officers Cutlass. Colonel Don Davis, USMC, (currently serving at NORAD/NORTHCOM) made the presentation to Mr. Downing. Col. Davis called for Marine Staff Sgt. Narcisse (Color Guard SNCOIC) to form up a platoon of the veteran Marines and Sailors in attendance along with the NORAD/NORTHCOM Joint Color Guard's Sailors and Marines to salute the oldest living Pearl Harbor survivor. To which, Lt. Downing unsheathed his saber from its scabbard and effortlessly returned the salute as if he were standing before his crew of Sailors and Marines aboard the last ship he commanded during the Korean war. It was a very moving tribute to a



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great man. My tear ducts were having dry heaves for 20 minutes following.

Once again, Jim and Pam Wear of Pro-Promotions, along with their staff and committee members have done an incredible job, and continue to prove Past Commandant Gunny Gibson was right on the mark in awarding Jim the Distinguished Citizen Medal for all that he does in Southern Colorado for Veterans as well as his work in support of Toys for Tots with the High Country Toy Run every year.

**Semper Fi,
Russ**



Senior Vice and Chaplain



Garry D. Gibson
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Pack Leader
Pound Keeper
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Greetings and a howling

WOOF! WOOF to all of you measly flea bitten Karnivorous Kanines of Pikes Peak. First off, Congratulations & a big OOH RAH are in order to you all; at this year's National MCL Convention, the Rocky Mountain Division took "First Place" for the recruitment of new members during the past year. To ensure that the Rocky Mountain Division takes that First Place award again next year, we all need to continue our efforts in the recruitment of new members. As I mentioned in my August newsletter article, Elections/Appointments of new officers will take place at our 17 September Growl. At this time, I will be stepping down as your Pound Keeper (you lucky dogs). It was an honor to serve you as the first Pound Keeper and Dog Robber. I would like to remind everyone that in order for Pound #150 to grow & prosper we need some of you mutts to stop chasing parked cars, sniffing those irresistible fire hydrants and crawl up to the plate to assume one of the many Elected & Appointed positions that will be available at that

September Growl. In addition to electing & appointing new officers, we will also be handing out awards to some of our deserving mutts, and we will be fining the doggie do-do out of you all for being the great bunch of mixed breed mongrels that you all are. So dig up that rusty can of bones in your back yard and bring them to the Growl. Till I see you at our September 17th growl...keep your paws on the ground...sniff the Rocky Mountain air...Laugh...have fun snarling, growling, drooling while chasing down future Pound #150 wannabe members...and... Continue to help all those mutts out there less fortunate than your measly flea infested selves. Semper Fi & WOOF! WOOF!

PDD Garry D. Gibson, Pound Keeper, Dog Robber of Pound #150 and Pack Leader, Colorado Pack.



Here we have Devil Doc Frank Evans!

Minutes of the 20 August 2016

Meeting of the Marine Corps League Pikes Peak Detachment.

(Note: Draft until accepted at the 17 September 2016 meeting). Senior Vice Commandant Paul Hinojosa opened the 20 August 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 and Junior Past Commandant.

Guests / Application for Membership:

Samuel Leathes recently moved to the Springs from Minnesota and is already a member of the Marine Corps League. He served in Vietnam 1966-1967 as a Navy Corpsmen. A motion was made by Osa Tuck and seconded by Paul Hinojosa to accept Leathes. The motion carried.

Minutes: Marine Bob Berndt made a motion to accept the July 2016 minutes. Marine Del Duvall



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seconded the motion and the motion carried.

New Correspondence: NSTR

Paymaster: Dennis Wickershiem

Denise announced that she had membership pins for new members. The following members still need to be given their membership pins: Jamie Rogers, Matthew Broker, Aaron Dutton, Hoyt Holloway, and Brian Moulton.

It was noted that a number of the Detachment members have not been receiving notices from national concerning renewal of memberships. Two members, Drew Aquino and Pat Hyland, stated that they were not receiving the benefits of membership, e.g. receiving the Semper Fi magazine. They were informed that the matter would be corrected.

Sick and in Distress: NSTR

Report of Officers

Commandant: Commandant Miller

Senior Vice Hinojosa reported on behalf of the Commandant the following:

- The Vietnam Era Lapel Pin Program is looking for eligible receipts, see Commandant Miller to added to the list.
- VA stand down will be 10 October 0900-1400. Volunteers will be needed from 0700-1500. If you would like to help, see our Commandant or Chaplain for details.

Senior Vice Commandant: Paul Hinojosa.

- 18-21 August, Salute to American veterans and POW/MIA rally in Cripple Creek.
- 5 September Fountain Fall Parade
- 10 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, Bob Smith Memorial Bowl-A-Thon, Brunswick Zone, 999 N. Circle Dr.
- Marine Corps Ball: 5 November 2016.
- Marine Corps birthday luncheon: 10 November 2016.

Junior Vice/Adjutant: Terry Crum: NSTR

Judge Advocate: NSTR.

Junior Past Commandant: Garry Gibson

NSTR

Chaplain: Pat Carty

Chaplain Carty expressed thanks to the bereavement team for attending the funerals for Duran, England, and Garcia. Pat Carty read a biography of Ensign England during the meeting.

Quartermaster: NSTR

Sergeant at Arms: NSTR

Web Sergeant: Terry Crum: NSTR

Toys for Tots: Russ Miller: NSTR

Military Order of Devil Dogs (MODD):

The next Pound 150 growl will take place immediately after the conclusion of 17 September Detachment meeting. The meeting will include awards presentation and elections for the upcoming year. If you are a member of the Carnivorous Kanines, consider running for one of the officer jobs.

Standing Committees:

Marine Jim Woods read the history of MSgt Bill Walters, the Marine the Detachment Scholarship was named after. Marine Woods also asked the membership to consider volunteering for the scholarship committee.

Report of Special Committees: NSTR

New Business:

Marianne Smith reported that the amount of money pledged thus far is below previous years. It was reported that a large amount of phone messages left with detachment members concerning donation pledges have been unanswered. Marianne requested that members respond regardless if they can contribute or not.

Good of the League:

Drew Aquino made an announcement that the YMCA of the Pikes Peak Region would be hosting a free breakfast on Nov. 4th and 11th. With no additional business at hand, the 50/50 drawing was held. The total amount collected was \$90.00. member Roger Baty won and donated his winnings of \$45.00 to the Bowl-A-Thon. With all business being completed, Senior Vice Hinojosa closed the meeting at 1000. The next meeting will take place on 17 September 2016. Respectfully submitted, Terry Crum, Adjutant



The newest life member: Osa Tuck