



Marine Corps League

Pikes Peak Detachment 29

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October 2016



21st Annual Bob Smith Memorial Bowl-A-Thon

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

Brunswick Zone

999 N. Circle Dr.

Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Hello Marines, Corpsman and Associates. The Bowl-A-Thon is fast approaching. I need names of all bowlers and the best way is by calling me at (719) 392-4456 before Oct 7th. This information will be sent to Brunswick Zone and be programmed into their system for lane assignments. All bowlers need to be there by 12:30 on Sunday. Please come and cheer us on. We are behind last year's amount, which was our 2nd best in the 21 year history of the bowl-A-Thon. Please if you have not pledged yet, you can still do it. Checks need to be made out to MCL - Bowl-A-Thon and sent to my address: 546 Raemar Dr. Colorado Springs, CO. 80911 or pay at our meeting on Oct 15th, or Nov 19th meeting. I want to thank those that have already pledged and paid. Thank you, thank you. Remember any amount; small or large is greatly appreciated. So please help us to make this a great event.



Semper Fi,
Marianne Smith
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The funds will help towards:

Young Marines

Toys for Tots

Pikes Peak Marines helping Marines program

Care and Share

Christmas Unlimited



Marianne Smith



Commandant

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Hello Marines, Navy FMF
Corpsmen, associate
members, and families.

We had a great monthly
meeting on 17
September with 34 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.

While I don't have much to add to all that was passed along at our recent monthly SOS breakfast meeting that you will note in the minutes below, I did fail to pass along the word of a visit that our Chaplain and I had with a Veteran Marine that recently relocated back to Colorado Springs from Arizona. He and his family were in need of some assistance from our Marines Helping Marines Project Fund in the form of paying a \$350 deposit for Utilities to be turned on at a house that they were able to rent. He had just started a new job and would not be paid for two weeks, which put them past the landlord's deadline for the Marine to transfer responsibility for the utility bill into his name. After Chaplain Carty and I met with this young man and verified his form DD214, we were able to contact the utility company and make arrangements to pay the deposit plus \$150 to give them some credit towards their first utility bill as they head into the colder months. Hopefully by now they will have been able to get their belongings out of storage in AZ and moved up here as well.

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 all the upcoming opportunities in the coming weeks.

Semper Fi!

Russ



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Senior Vice Commandant Paul Hinojosa

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Hello Marines, FMF corpsmen, and associates. It's September, and as always at this time of year, I start to get excited

about the upcoming ball. It's this time of year when I start to look at YouTube for videos on Marine Corps Birthday messages from present/past commandants, Go Daddy, and reminisce about the past. But before we get to November, there are several events we have to work our way through. Everyone stay healthy, eat your vegetables and I'll see you at the ball!

Semper Fi!

Paul Hinojosa

High Country Toy Run **2 Oct.**

Starts: Wal-Mart 4425 Venetucci Boulevard, across from PPCC on South Academy
Ends: Anchors Country Bar. Fountain, CO.

Bowl-A-Thon **9 Oct.**

Brunswick Zone, 999 N. Circle Dr. COS

Teller County Toy Run **9 Oct.**

McGinty's in Divide and riding up to Cripple creek, Kickstands up at 1100 hours

VA Stand down 0900-1400 **18 Oct.**

Volunteers needed on site 0700-1500.

Marine Corps Ball **5 Nov.**

The Colo Spgs Marriott Grand Ball Room. Watch for an email from the Web Sgt. with the ball registration form, also available on the Detachment web site.

Veterans Day Parade **5 Nov.**

theme "Women in the Military". Starts: 1000



Junior Vice Commandant Adjutant, Web Sergeant Terry Crum

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Greetings.

Time flies when you are having fun and as you can

see we are entering the fourth and final quarter for this year. Hopeful many of our members have taken the opportunity to experience the arrival of autumn. The mountains to our west are putting on their annual show as they transform from the green of summer to vast array of color of fall. Taking an occasional pause in your hectic day will do you a world of good.

I mention all of this because it is also the time of year to wrap up another year with the Pikes Peak Detachment. At our next meeting will be accepting nominations for 2017. Our Detachment is only as good as our membership participation in it. New blood and fresh ideas from time to time will keep the Detachment relevant and an outstanding organization to be part of. Please consider how you can contribute your time and talent. As a reminder, we are a group volunteers and keeping a positive, optimistic attitude will yield much better results than attempting to make things happen with a negative attitudes.

It would be a shame not to give a shout out to the Young Marines for their terrific participation in the last two parades. The Young Marines of the color guard displayed true grit in the long march of the Labor Day parade. Outstanding!

In closing I hope everyone is doing well. There is a lot of fun activities approaching from Toys for Tots to the Marine Corps Ball. Hope to see you at some of these events.

Semper Fi,
Terry



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Chaplain Pat Carty

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Greetings Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Associates and, Friends. September was a tough month for some members of the Detachment.

Sadly Paul Darrow's brother Dean passed away mid-month. Also Paul's son Christopher was involved in a serious motorcycle accident resulting in a skull fracture. He is recovering at home and, Paul says he is doing well but, it will take time for him to heal. Betty (Bett) Brown's husband, Mason is under Hospice care at home. Bett says that Mason is at a very critical stage and may pass at any time. May the comfort of God help you and your family during this difficult time. Brigid Rudolph had hand surgery and is, thankfully, recovering at home. Steve Peterson's doctors gave him a good report on his recent blood tests, however, he is still having internal problems from radiation treatments. We have some members who are also undergoing health issues but, prefer to keep them private. Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers. The Bereavement Team attended a funeral service, 24 September, for WWII Marine Jess Piña Masias. Jess served as a radio operator in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II throughout the Pacific Theater including Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian, and the Gilbert Islands. There was a fair turnout for the WWII/Korean War luncheon on 13 September. [Consider coming to the next luncheon on 11 October.](#) 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. Again, please remember those who are dealing with bereavement, health, or other problems with your thoughts and prayers. Call me anytime if you know of anyone that is sick or in distress.

Semper Fi,

Pat Carty, Chaplain



Paymaster

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Please send your membership dues (\$36.00) to the Pikes Peak Detachment address at the top of this page.

Life Membership Costs:

Age 35 - below - \$500.00
36 - 50 - \$400.00
51 - 64 - \$300.00
65 & over - \$200.00

**Semper Fi,
Denise**

You can be a Life Member!



Sgt.-at-Arms Osa Tuck
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Next detachment monthly meeting: Saturday 15 Oct.

Coffee: 0730
Breakfast: 0800
Meeting: 0900

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



Cash sale is manned.



Toys for Tots

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REMEMBER TO
BRING A NEW

UNWRAPPED TOY TO THE NOVEMBER MONTHLY SOS BREAKFAST MEETING AND RECEIVE YOUR CHOW FREE.

This week we will be picking up a second (Road Worthy) Semi trailer to be used for storage and moving of toys and supplies for Toys For Tots. The wonderful folks at Warehouse Options out on Marksheffel Road were very gracious and willing to sell us a trailer that is in much better



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condition than the one we currently own and within the budgeted amount that we had voted on several months ago. We will be scheduling a couple working parties very soon to transfer everything from the old trailer to the new one so we can safely transport all the toys to a warehouse location as soon as that is locked down. The old trailer will be used as static storage for those times when companies contact us to donate large shipments of toys during the off season months such as those that are currently in our 40' CONEX box that was donated to the detachment over the summer. Now if we could just get our hands on a building for the detachment to call it's own that could not only host our monthly meetings, but also be large enough to operate Toys for Tots out of, we wouldn't have to be the wandering nomads scrounging every year for donated space to operate out of. But that's a task for us to tackle later down the road.

The 29th annual High Country Toy Run is this coming Sunday (2OCT2016). It 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 end 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. Our detachment will be occupied with our Bowl-a-thon that same day

I am currently negotiating all the final details for a potential site for the 2016 Toys for Tots Campaign which is bearing down us very quickly. No contracts have been signed as of yet so there is always potential for things to not work out, so, If you see a large vacant building in your travels around the city, please call me ASAP 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
Russ Miller
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While we look to appoint a new Quartermaster to replace Trammell Davis, guess who will be filling in.

Our last outside cash sales event for 2016 will be held on 2 OCT at the high country toy run. For those not in attendance at our Sept meeting, I wanted to let you know that we have a LOT of new merchandise. New Covers, patches, pins, pens, shirts, license plate frames, vests, MCL uniform items. So make sure you come a little early to the Oct, Nov, and Dec meetings to support the detachment by stocking up on gear to show off your pride in being America's Best.

**Semper Fi,
Russ**



Del Duvall and John Kowall.

**Steve Swartz
Pedigree Devil Dog (PDD)
Pound Keeper**

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Greetings Karnivorous
Kanines!! First, I want to
thank you for electing me as



the Pound Keeper for the next year (not that anyone else wanted it!). Let's remember that being a Devil Dog gives us the chance to let our hair down, so to speak, and have a little fun in the process. We are the Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League and, as such, I would like all of us to think of how we can



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improve and enjoy our Pound. Monies raised throughout the year will benefit some children's hospitals and that is a good goal. At the same time, WE have to enjoy what we're doing and have fun in the process. We currently have 19 members of the Pound and as I mentioned at our Growl, I would like each of you to talk to others in our League who are not members about joining us. I think it would be great if we could add 3-5 new Kanines in the next 12 months. Please do your part to grow the order. Now, as for the fun part, remember that we will be having a dinner at the Country Buffet on Academy and Platte on 22 October 2016 at 1800 hours. I will update you as we get closer to the date and I will definitely have more information for you at our October meeting of the League. Since we decided that this would be considered a Growl, it may get a little loud. I don't think anyone will mind!! Finally, I have to thank Gunny Gibson for leading us this past year and for him taking over as Dog Robber when I got sick. He truly pulled double duty. Looking forward to leading you mangy mutts!!!
Woof!! Woof!!

Steve



Bob Hill gets an award at the MODD growl. Minutes of the 17 September 2016 Meeting of the Marine Corps League Pikes Peak Detachment.

(Note: Draft until accepted at the 15 October 2016 meeting). Commandant Russ Miler opened the 17 September 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 officer: Paymaster.

Guests / Application for Membership:

No guests were in attendance.

Minutes: Bob Berndt made a motion to accept the August 2016 minutes. Osa Tuck seconded the motion and the motion carried.

New Correspondence: Commandant Miller announced that VA stand down is 18 October.

There is a need of 1 driver per day of a 12 passenger van on 19 Oct. through 16 Nov. No special driver license is needed to shuttle homeless veterans to and from appointments.

The Detachment was asked to provide one or two meals for 32-36 people during the same dates.

Marine Don Cesare was presented an award from a MCL Detachment in Texas for his donation of copies of his new book to their area High school JROTC program.

A card was received from the family of Harry Hoth thanking the Detachment members in the funeral service of Harry Hoth. The Mile High Stadium Club made a \$500 memorial donation to the MCLPPD29 Bob Smith Memorial Bowlathon Fund in Marine Harry Hoth's honor.

Paymaster: NSTR

Sick and in Distress:

Chaplain Pat Carty discussed the following members:

- Steve Peterson received good news on blood test results.
- Paul Darrow: his son is recovering well at home from motorcycle accident. Paul's brother, Dean, passed away 15 September.
- Betty (Bett) Brown: her husband Mason is undergoing hospice at home.
- Roland Durden: lives in assisted living after gall bladder surgery.
- Jim Cody: living at the Bruce McCandless Veteran's Home in Florence, CO. Being treated for melanoma.
- Brigid Rudolph recovering at home after hand surgery.

Report of Officers

Commandant: Commandant Miller

Marine Corps Ball Golf tournament raised over \$1,800.00 for the Marine Corps ball. This is despite low participation due to a Varsity of factors.

The 2016 Colorado Springs veteran's day parade theme will be "women in the military". The following detachment members will be grand marshals of the parade: Doris Purdy, Pat Thompson, and Iris Rudesill.

In response to Iris Rudesill's recent proposal to revive the November Detachment meeting Toys for Tots toy drive, Russ Miller proposed that the November Detachment meeting breakfast be



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free of charge (seconded by Osa Tuck). It is hoped that the freed up money would encourage a better donation of toys. The motion passed.

This was followed by a motion from Garry Gibson that the December Detachment meeting breakfast remain free of charge (seconded by Iris Rudesill). The motion passed.

Senior Vice Commandant: Paul Hinojosa.

- **2 October**, 29th Annual High Country Toy Run.

This year's event steps off at Walmart – 4425 Venetucci Boulevard, across from PPCC on South Academy and ends in Fountain at Anchors Country Bar.

- **9 October**, Bob Smith Memorial Bowl-A-Thon, Brunswick Zone, 999 N. Circle Dr. COS

- **9 October**, Teller County Toy Run, McGinty's in Divide and riding up to Cripple creek, Kickstands up at 1100 hours

- **18 October**. VA Standdown from 0900- 1400. Volunteers needed on site 0700 to 1500.

- **5 November** Marine Corps Ball, details forthcoming.

- **5 November**. Veterans Day Parade @ 1000 hours, theme "Women in the Military"

- **10 November**. Marine Corps Birthday Lunch at TREA, details forthcoming. The 2017 Marine Corps Ball will be held at the Broadmoor Resort.

Junior Vice/Adj/Web Sgt: Terry Crum: NSTR

Judge Advocate: Nominations for the 2017 Detachment elected officers will be taken at the October meeting. Elections will be in November and installation of new officers will take place in December. Gunny Gibson advised that people contact individuals prior to nominating them. There is no point in nominating someone unless they are willing to serve.

Junior Past Commandant: Garry Gibson NSTR

Chaplain: Pat Carty

Chaplain Carty informed the members that there are many individual out there scamming the elderly and reminded all that vigilance was needed to avoid being a victim.

WWII and Korean War luncheon is in need of help every second Tuesday of the month at the Western Omelet.

Quartermaster: Cash sales did not pull in as much money as in the past at the Salute to American Veterans & POW/MIA Rally in Cripple Creek or at the Cruise Above the Clouds Car Show in Woodland Park due to low attendance. Volunteers will be needed to help with the Toy

run this fall (ride pin hand out and cash sales. Dress blues are welcome.

Sergeant at Arms: NSTR

Toys for Tots: Russ Miller

Thanks to the YMCA military rep Drew Aquino's efforts the YMCA might allow Tots for Tots to use part of their recently acquired building (the old ITZ bldg on Powers) Volunteers needed to deliver boxes when they roll in.

The semitrailer the Detachment recently purchased had been misrepresented to us and the auction house by the seller. The Detachment got its money back and the search for a road worthy trailer continues.

Military Order of Devil Dogs (MODD):

Pound 150 growl after the conclusion of today's Detachment meeting which will include the election of Detachment officers for 2017.

Standing Committees: NSTR

Report of Special Committees: NSTR

New Business:

Marianne Smith spoke regarding bowl-a-thon 9 October. Pledge forms are available. Marianne Smith feels the amount of pledges received is good and is looking for a few more bowlers.

Bob Hill spoke about the Marine Corps birthday luncheon on November 10th at TREA. The price is \$22.50 and is from 1100 until 1400. Main course choices are roast beef or turkey.

Good of the League:

With no additional business at hand, the 50/50 drawing was held. The total amount collected was \$127.00. Osa Tuck wins! He was given \$63.50 and donated \$60.00 to the bowl-a-thon. With all business being completed Commandant Miller closed the meeting at 1000. The next meeting will take place on 15 October 2016.

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



Pikes Peak Det. ladies at Cheddars 27 Sept.

Next ladies lunch: October 25 at 1pm.

Cheddar's at 1140 Interquest Parkway