



Marine Corps League

Pikes Peak Detachment 29

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November 2016



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Hello Marines, Navy FMF Corpsmen, associate members, and families. We had a great monthly meeting on 15 October with 33 in attendance.

This total included Myself, Garry Gibson (Dept. Sr. Vice), and Royce Roland as we attended the NEW Broomfield Detachment's monthly meeting and Charter Signing. 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 the nominees for next year's elected officer positions, all the information that was discussed, items that were passed, as well as a little info on any guests that were in attendance.

The newsletter is going out a little early, in order that we might get information out regarding the 241st Marine Corps Birthday Ball and as a last minute reminder that it is not too late to get registered for the Ball. This year's Ball will again be held at The Colorado Springs Marriott up the hill from the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame. Our Speaker will be Marine Jay Cimino, CEO of the Phil Long Dealerships, and a southern Colorado native. Cost of the Ball is \$50 per person and the deadline for registration is 31 October. As a result of Marine Gary Green's hard work running the MC Ball Golf Tournament, there are scholarship funds available for MCL Members on limited incomes as well as Active Duty E4s and below. If you are in need of a scholarship to attend the Ball or would like to sponsor someone's attendance, please contact me immediately. Those in Dress Blues that are available to handle the cake detail, please contact me **ASAP!**

I wish to thank all the hard-chargers that came out to help with the Homeless Veteran Stand-down on 18 October. Del Duvall, Joe G Martinez, Steve Schwartz, Pat Mesa, Hank Hankins, and myself had a very rewarding time of handing out new hiking boots to some 176 homeless veterans over the course of the day. As a result of some additional funds that were donated to the Homeless Veterans Coalition, they will be housing 12 homeless "family units" over the course of the next 30 days. As part of

helping these folks get signed up with local, state, and federal agencies and place them in more permanent housing, track down jobs, and enroll children in school, a few of our detachment members have volunteered to drive the 12 passenger van that will take these veterans around to their many appointments. If any other members are able and willing to assist in this, please contact me.

Reminder: Elections and a Toys for Tots toy drive will be held at the November monthly meeting. Don't forget to bring a toy to donate and receive your breakfast free. Installation of the new staff as well as presentations of awards will be held at the December meeting where all members receive their breakfast free as a thank you for all your hard work in our many endeavors throughout the year.

Last but certainly not least, we all need to give Marianne Smith a **LOUD OORAH!!** for coordinating yet another incredibly successful bowl-a-thon. We all thank her so much for her steadfast loyalty and dedication to the success and growth of this detachment.

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



Senior Vice Commandant
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Hello Marines, FMF Corpsmen, and associates, Soon is the Marine Corps 241st birthday! Each year,

this brings back some great memories, and unfortunately some sad memories, but I always look forward to this event because it's one I get to spend with my family within the league. until then, stay frosty! Here is a list events for the remainder of the year.

Semper Fi,

Paul



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Cost: \$50.00 per person
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Cocktail hour @ 1700, Ceremony @1800
Reserving at room @ \$97.00

5 Nov. Veterans Day Parade

1000 hours, theme "Women in the Military"

10 Nov. Marine Corps Birthday Lunch

1130 TRE - The Enlisted Association (TREA)
Cost \$22.00 per person
Uniform of the day is coat and Tie
Menu: roast beef or roast turkey, side dishes and Birthday cake.
Reservations must be in by November 3rd.

Marine Corps Ball 5 Nov.

The Colorado Springs 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



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Greetings. I hope you are enjoying the newsletter in front of you. It is early so

the snail mail readers receive a copy of the ball registration form. The form is changed slightly but all the substance is still here.

To my fellow Detachment officers: thanks for your prompt article submissions for this newsletter. The Pikes Peak Detachment has an outstanding group of officers. This group led by Russ Miller, works hard to make the Pikes Peak Det. an organization to be proud of. Outstanding Marines are often called "GUNG HO", Chinese for "work together". This gung ho attitude is a common virtue of the Pikes Peak Detachment.

Semper Fi, Terry



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Greetings Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Associates and, Friends. I am out of the area as of this writing and thank Commandant Miller for

volunteering to take over the Chaplain duties while I am away. Also thanks to Pat Thompson for keeping a lookout for the Bereavement Team to notify them of any upcoming funeral or memorial services. Thankfully there haven't been any so far this month. Please keep our members and family members who are undergoing health and other issues in our thoughts and prayers. I will see you at the next meeting in November, until then, "Fair Winds and Following Seas."

Semper Fi, Pat Carty, Chaplain



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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!





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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



Toys for Tots

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PLEASE REMEMBER

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

The High-Country Toy Run came back for another year with a roar, as well as the inaugural Teller County Toy Run. What an incredible outpouring of support from bikers from all over the state as we moved the Toy Run from Colorado Springs to Fountain this year. Thanks to the continued support of Jim and Pam Wear with Pro-Promotions as well as the city of Fountain, Fountain Police Department, Widefield Police Department, Pikes Peak Community College Police, El Paso County Sheriffs, Teller County Sheriffs, Colorado State Troopers, Widefield Fire Department, Security Fire Department, Fountain Fire Department for keeping the riders and commuters safe and making this such an incredible event. Thanks also to the Anchors Country Bar for allowing us to use their venue for the post ride auction I estimate that we had at least 1500 motorcycles that took part in this year's run as we collected nearly 3000 toys that will benefit the children of Fort Carson through the Santa's workshop as well as the children of the smaller communities in eastern El Paso County. Thanks to the coordinating efforts of "Santa Tas" up in Cripple Creek, the first Teller County Toy Run had a smaller group, approaching 200 scooters, that rode from Divide to Cripple Creek. The toys and monies collected (~ \$5000) will go to provide a little Christmas magic for the needy children of Teller County as Tas will once again take his place on the stage at the Cripple Creek High

School and have each child sit on Santa's lap as he personally hands them their Christmas gift. Good News!! We have a space to run the 2016 Toys for Tots Campaign. For the past few years we have been supplying toys for the El Paso County DHS "Feed the Children/Mercy Giveaway". Each year the event has been held at the Springs Church at 1515 Auto Mall Loop (the old Pace building). The church has graciously given us space in the massive warehouse portion of their building as well as some office space to run our operations out of this year. Unlike years past where we just gave them the toys to distribute. This year we will be taking family toy requests directly and fulfilling those requests ourselves. With the help of Young Marines, Active Duty Marines, Scout Troops, College Students, Academy School District 20 Bus Drivers (Wheels of a Dream), and hopefully some YMCA Staff we will be handing out toys both in conjunction with the EPCDHS giveaway and a couple days following for those families that are unable or unavailable to attend the large event. The large event will take place on 17 Dec from 0700-1500 with follow-up dates of 19-21 November for those families that miss the event.

We also need volunteers to help with the move-in, deliver collection boxes, warehouse volunteers to count, sort, and bag toys for delivery, as well as toy drive event site support. Please contact me if you are available or just stop by the warehouse anytime between 0700 and 1700 Monday – Friday. We may not always have something for you to do, but I guarantee we will have coffee.

Semper Fi,

Russ



Quarter Master

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Cash sales will be OPEN at the November monthly meeting.

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Russ



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Steve Schwartz
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WOOF! WOOF! to all Pound
#150 Devil Dogs! As I
briefly mentioned at our

Detachment meeting on the 15th, our first annual dinner will be held on 22 October 2016 at the Country Buffet - Citadel Crossing, 801 Academy Blvd N. Dinner is at 1800 hours and following that we will have a short growl (be sure to bring your Passports, small and large bones and your Cover). It looks like several spouses will be joining us for the dinner only. When I sent the update for the September meeting I neglected to address the following: our Pound Keeper Garry Gibson was selected by the members of the MODD as the Pound Dog of the year for his dedication in helping start the Pound in 2015 and for assuming the duties of Dog Robber while I was ill. As you know, Garry is also the Colorado Pack Leader and the Department of Colorado Senior Vice Commandant. Pound Keepers Meritorious Commendation "Individual Award" were presented to all elected and appointed Pound officers for their dedication and support for the Pack Growls in Pueblo and Greeley and also in support of the Department of Colorado Grand Growl held in Colorado Springs. I'm looking forward to another outstanding year with continued support, fun and increased membership. It's up to all of us to do our part! Thanks and we'll see you in Greeley on the 29th. WOOF! WOOF!

Steve

Minutes of the 15 October 2016

Meeting of the Marine Corps League Pikes Peak Detachment.

(Note: Draft until accepted at the 19 November 2016 meeting). Senior Vice Commandant Hinojosa opened the 15 October 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: Commandant, Junior Past Commandant, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, and Quartermaster.

Guests / Application for Membership:

No guests were in attendance.

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

New Correspondence: Senior Vice Commandant Hinojosa read a letter thanking the bereavement team for attending Jess Masias's service.

Paymaster: NSTR

Sick and in Distress: NSTR

Report of Officers

Commandant: Read by Senior Vice Commandant Hinojosa

* Colorado Springs Homeless Veterans Stand own

-18 Oct. @ Colorado Springs City Auditorium on 221 E Kiowa Street, Colorado Springs from 0900 to 1400 hours.

-Parking instructions; First Baptist Church Parking is in the normal church parking lot one block east of the City Auditorium on Kiowa Street. Ms. Emilia Arguello at First Baptist has very graciously allowed us to use up to 50 parking spots. "We are asked to not park along the fence (staff parking) or in the first row (reserved for visitors to the church)."

-Volunteer reporting times; a Food Service Volunteer, a Clothing Issue Volunteer, or a Security volunteer working the Stand Down please report at 7:00 AM and register at Table 1.

* Although we haven't seen the award yet, we have been informed that we received the Chamber of Commerce Trophy in the Fountain Labor Day Parade

* Jay Cimino and his son Mike offered to lend us some classic cars for our three female Marines to ride in for the Veteran's Day Parade

* Past Commandant, Joe V. Martinez will be acting as Judge Advocate pro-tem for the nominations of elected staff for next month's elections.

Senior Vice: Paul Hinojosa

Upcoming events:

* Oct. VA Stand down from 0900 to 1400.

Volunteers needed on site from 0700 to 1500.

* 5 Nov. Marine Corps Ball

* Ball will be at the Marriott Hotel, 5580 Tech Center Drive, Colorado Springs

* Cost is \$50.00 per person. Rooms at the hotel are limited!



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Judge Advocate: NSTR

Junior Past Commandant: NSTR

Chaplain: NSTR

Quartermaster: NSTR

Sergeant at Arms: NSTR

Web Sergeant: NSTR

Toys for Tots: Russ Miller

- * Volunteers to help deliver boxes around the city please contact Russ for instructions.
- * Still looking for a building

Military Order of Devil Dogs (MODD):

MODD; Karnivorous Kanines of Pikes Peak Pound 150

* Dinner for the current members will be Oct. 22nd, would like a headcount on how many will Be in attendance.

* Spouses can attend the but will need that headcount also

* Send out an invitation to detachment members interested in joining the Growl.

Standing Committees:

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

Report of Special Committees: NSTR

Unfinished Business;

Drew Aquino handed out leaflets for the upcoming free YMCA Veterans Appreciation breakfast.

New Business:

Marianne Smith announced that this year Bowl-A-Thon was a success.

JA Pro-tem Joe V. Martinez was given the gavel and accepted nominations for the Detachment Officers November election.

The following nominations were received:

Commandant: Paul Hinojosa and Russ Miller

Senior Vice Commandant: Terry Crum

Junior Vice Commandant: Steve Schwartz

Judge Advocate: Gary George

Good of the League:

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

was \$84.00. Hank Hanson owned the winning ticket! He donated \$42.00 to the bowl-a-thon. With all business being completed Senior Vice Commandant Hinojosa closed the meeting at 0929. The next meeting will take place on 19 November 2016.

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



Pikes Peak Det. ladies next ladies lunch:
October 25 at 1pm.
Cheddar's at 1140 Interquest Parkway