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Greetings Marines, FMF Corpsmen & Chaplains, and Associates. The year 2017 is upon us, we have many events already lined up for the year and our Junior Vice Commandant will be very busy. As many of you know, we are faced with the challenge of finding a new place to meet for 2017. Our goal is to have a place by our February meeting. We have several places to go look at, time is short, but they look promising and once we decide what will work best for us, we will send out the information. If all works well, we may have a place picked out and ready for announcement in our January 21 meeting. The potential site is the VFW post 4051, 430 East Pikes Peak. Emphasis on the word "Potential".

I am excited for this year to be your commandant for this detachment. I am very appreciative and blessed to have the current staff from 2016, plus Steve Schwartz, on this year's staff. This makes me very optimistic in my new role, knowing that should I need any advice or assistance, this team has had a lot of miles and experience in the positions they have chosen to fulfill.

I pray that this year continues to bring us blessings, stay healthy, and let's go get 'er done! Semper Fi!

Paul



Senior Vice Commandant
Web Sergeant
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Greetings, thank you for electing me as the Detachment Senior Vice Commandant. I want each of you to know that I do not take this duty lightly. It is an honor to be part of an excellent team and Paul Hinojosa will make a terrific Commandant.

No unit succeeds on the merits of one person and it may sound as a cliché, but as Harry Truman said: "It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit". This holds true in the NFL, in corporate America, as well as the Corps. The Pike Peak Det. has outstanding members and together we will make 2017 great. Semper Fi,
Terry



2016 Det. Marine of the Year Terry Crum



Junior Vice Commandant
Steve Schwartz
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Greetings to our Detachment members, and associate members. It's the beginning of a new year and I expect to have many events over the next 12 months. As always, I will be counting on you to support our efforts and join us whenever you can. I hope to have some preliminary information available at our meeting in January and I will be working with our Senior Vice Commandant/Webmaster to keep you up to date on all that is happening. In addition to our usual parades, cash sales events etc. I am also looking ahead to other opportunities that may present themselves in the community. If you are aware of any of these opportunities, please let me know and I'll follow up. Finally, thanks for electing me as the Junior Vice Commandant (my second go around). I think we have an outstanding group of elected and appointed officers and I'm confident that we, along with the members of the Detachment, will continue marching forward. Happy New Year to all! Semper Fi,
Steve



**Judge Advocate
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Greetings Marines, FMF
corpsman, Associates.

Here's hoping for a better year than before. Here's hoping everyone will consider coming out for the events planned and have little fun. Since we are looking for another location for meetings, if you would look into your networks, communities, neighbors and friends to promote this search, it might be fruitful.

Semper Fi,
Gary



Sergeants of Marines Patton and Ramirez.



Chaplain Pat Carty
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Happy New Year Marines, FMF
Corpsmen, Associates and,
friends.

Thanks to all who stepped forward to help support those within our Detachment and without, in sickness and distress this past year and, to the Bereavement Team for their support of families at the services we attended. Please remember those members and family members in our Detachment who are still in the throes of difficulty with their health and, other issues. While it can be hard to keep a positive attitude during trying times Helen Keller wrote "your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties." Please let me know if you hear of any members or anyone in their family, that I am not aware of, who may need our help. I hope this will be a good or better year for everyone.

**Semper Fi,
Pat Carty, Chaplain**



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**You can be 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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Next detachment monthly
meeting: Saturday 21 Jan.
Coffee: 0730
Breakfast: 0800
Meeting: 0900

Please note the new location

The Country Buffett

Citadel Crossing
801 Academy Blvd N
Colorado Springs, CO 80909



**Toys for Tots
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Despite a few flies in the soup, we successfully made it through yet another campaign. I will be compiling the numbers following our inventory on 4-6 January and our toy valuation audit on 12 January for my After-Action-Report in which I will publish the findings of in the February newsletter. I am however quite confident in saying that we served more children in the Pikes Peak and San Luis Valley regions than we ever have in the past. This is due wholly to the efforts of our great

detachment members, Active Duty and Reserve Marines, as well as the public volunteers that came in day after day throughout operations to keep things moving forward. I also want to thank our incredible friends at KRDO for publicizing our shortfall in toy donations during the final days of the Family Give-away portion of the campaign. On day three of the give-away, I was fearful that I would have to send an email to the nearly 400 families that we had yet to serve on day four that we had run out of toys and would not be able to help them this Christmas. As parents started to line up in front of the building though, vehicles started arriving at the back door of the warehouse to drop off toys as a result of KRDO's report the previous evening. The charge was led by a couple of our Marines, one in particular that, "felt this was the best use of his Christmas bonus", who showed up with just the right toys to start filling the requests of those waiting in front. This continued for the remainder of the day and into the late evening. Toys arrived at the same pace as the families to receive them. At the end of the day, no families had to be turned away and we ended up with a few toys left over to start off with next year. Thanks again to every one of you for your faithful support and dedication of time and resources to this most worthy Marine Corps tradition of putting smiles on the faces of less fortunate children at Christmas.

We aren't done quite yet though! We can use help with inventory and the field day of our warehouse location at the Springs Church (far back corner of the building), 1515 Auto Mall Loop on 4-6 Jan and following our audit on the 12th, we will be loading everything into the semi on the 13th.

If you can't help with the heavy lifting but would be willing to drop off some goodies to keep the workers from revolting or just to keep the most important piece of equipment (coffee maker) running, we would appreciate that as well.

Semper Fi and Job Well Done Everyone!!!

Russ



Many Detachment members received awards



**Quarter Master
Russ Miller
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Cash sales will be **CLOSED** at the Jan. monthly meeting. Semper Fi, Russ



**Steve Schwartz
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A reminder that we will have our next Growl immediately following the Detachment

meeting in January. Bring your bones (small and large) as well as your passports. I have some ideas and thoughts I'd like to talk about at the Growl and I'm looking forward to your input.

WOOF! WOOF!

Steve



**Theresa Crum
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Minutes of the 17 December 2016 Meeting.

(Note: Draft until accepted at

the 21 Jan. 2017 meeting). Commandant Russ Miller opened the 17 Dec. meeting of the Pikes Peak Det. for official business at 0900 with Salute to Colors and opening prayer. All officers were present except for the following excused officer: Junior Past Commandant.

Guests / Application for Membership:

Don Lopes was represented the Young Marines.

Sgt. Gerald Patton and Sgt. Ramirez attended as guest. Both Marines received awards from

the Detachment during the meeting.

Commandant Miller announced that due to presentation of awards and installation of new officers, the Detachment would forego the rest of usual business.



Marine Peggy Baldwin receives an award
Pikes Peak Detachment Awards for 2016

Several of our Elected, Appointed, and Associate members have been recognized and may have received several different awards *“for going above & beyond the call of duty”*

Note; All awards & monies being presented at today’s “Awards Ceremonies” were approved and voted on by our Elected & Appointed officers on November 2016

Honor Guard Award

Presented to those Marines that have served in at least three color guard details, Birthday Ball Cake ceremony, and or performed military Honors at the funeral of a Marine, FMF Corpsmen, or FMF Chaplains.
Terry Crum and Charles Tuck

Community Service Award

Presented to the following members who may have participated in the yearly Veterans Stand Down, Monthly Meeting’s Operations, Funerals, Parades, Cash Sales events and supporting our Toys for Tots program. All individuals must have participated in at least three (3) or more of these events during 2016.

Antonio Barrera	Peggy Baldwin
Roger Baty	Pat Carty
Kevin Coward	Terry Crum
Theresa Crum	Paul Darrow
Del Duvall	Gary George
Garry Gibson	Charles Hankins
Helen Hill	Robert Hill
Paul Hinojosa	Veronica Hoard
Richard Inhoffer	Chuck Jackson
John Kowall	Joe V. Martinez, Jr.
Joseph G. Martinez	Richard McGee
Pat Mesa	Carmella Miller
Russ Miller	Steve Peterson
Melvin Postlewait	Doris Purdy
Iris Rudesill	Steve Schwartz
Marianne Smith	Patricia Thompson
Charles Tuck	Jim Woods

Meritorious Commendation “Individual” Award

This award is presented to the following members for their support of the monthly WWII & Korean Luncheon during 2015. All individuals must have participated in at least (3) or more of these events during 2016 to earn this award.

Pat Carty	Paul Darrow
Del Duvall	Garry Gibson
Joseph G. Martinez	Russ Miller
Iris Rudesill	Patricia Thompson

Detachment Recruiter of the Year for 2016
Russ Miller

Distinguished Service “Bronze” Award

The second highest award that can be awarded at the Detachment Level.

This award is presented to all Elected & Appointed Officers for their hard work, their sacrifices of time, energy and monies in the support of this Detachment during 2016.

Russ Miller, Commandant/Quartermaster
Paul Hinojosa, Sr. Vice Commandant
Terry Crum, Jr. Vice Comdt., Adj., Web Sgt.
Gary George, Judge Advocate
Garry D. Gibson Jr. Past Commandant
Denise Wickersheim, Pay master
Osa Tuck, Sgt.-at-Arms

This award is presented to those who have made considerable contributions of time, talent, to the furthering of the Marine Corps League and its missions.

Del Duvall	James Woods
Gary George	Helen Hill
Iris Rudesill	Bob Hill
Marianne Smith	Gary Green

Distinguished Citizen “Bronze” Award

This is the highest award that can be given to a current MCL Member, Associate Member or Non-Member of the Marine Corps League at the Detachment Level;

Peggy Baldwin: For outstanding service to the detachment and department of Colorado by serving at the 2016 Department of Colorado State convention and serving fellow veterans at the Denver VA hospital, as well as a member of the Detachment Scholarship committee.

James “Pat” Carty: For the outstanding job he has done as our Chaplain. In leading our Bereavement Committee, for his many hospital/home visits during 2016, and for his volunteer service to veterans at the Denver VA Hospital, and for service at the WWII/Korean War luncheon in Garry Gibson’s absence.

Terry Crum: Web Sgt. For an outstanding job of creating a new website, email distribution system, Detachment Facebook Page, and Toys for Tots Facebook Page in addition to service as Color guard/Honor guard Commander.

Garry D. Gibson: For his hard work running the monthly WWII & Korean War Luncheon and for service to the Department of Colorado as Sr. Vice Commandant and MODD Pack Leader.

Hank Hankins: For efforts in supporting the detachment in Parades with his firetruck, Toys for Tots program, and transporting toys all over southern Colorado with his Truck and 20’ trailer and serving his fellow veterans by volunteering at the Denver VA Hospital

Joe G Martinez: For outstanding support and faithful service in every aspect of the Pikes Peak

Detachment's endeavors, from Toys for Tots, to Department of Colorado State Convention, serving his fellow veterans at the Denver VA hospital, and WWII/Korean War Luncheon, and Bereavement committee.

Russ Miller: Commandant; for his additional duties of serving as Quarter Master, Toys for Tots Coordinator and State Convention Coordinator and for coordinating a group of volunteers to serve at the Denver VA Hospital.

Detachment Marine of the Year for 2016

This is a one-time award; the selection of our Detachment "Marine of the Year" is based upon the overall contributions this one Marine has had on the overall success of the Det. during 2016.

Terry Crum was unanimously voted "Detachment Marine of the Year" by the staff of officers for his extraordinary efforts in revamping our detachment website, detachment Facebook Page, Toys for Tots Facebook page all while serving as detachment Jr. Vice/Adjutant

Associate of the Year for 2016

This is a one-time award; the "Associate of the Year" is based on the contributions this Associate Member has had on the overall success of the Detachment during 2016.

None this year.

Presentation of \$1000.00 Check

Don Lopes accepted the check on behalf of the Pikes Peak Young Marines.

Presentation of \$250.00 Checks

It was announced that Marianne Smith, assisted by Commandant Russ Miller, delivered & presented a \$250.00 dollar check each to Christmas Unlimited and Care & Share.



Don Lopes receives check on behalf of the Pikes Peak Young Marines.



Past Commandant Joe V. Martinez, assisted by Sgt.-at-Arms Osa Tuck, performed the Swearing in Ceremony of the 2017 officers.

Installation of New Officers:

Past Commandant Joe V. Martinez, Jr. performed the Swearing in Ceremony.

Our congratulations and best wishes to the newly sworn-in elected and appointed officers:

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| Commandant | Paul Hinojosa |
| Senior Vice Commandant | Terry Crum |
| Junior Vice Commandant | Steve Schwartz |
| Judge Advocate | Gary George |
| Paymaster | Denise Wickersheim |
| Chaplain | Pat Carty |
| Quarter Master | Russ Miller |
| Sgt. at Arms | Osa Tuck |

Editor note: Theresa Crum was appointed Adjutant after the meeting.

With no additional business at hand, the 50/50 drawing was held. Terry Farstad owned the winning ticket.



The 2017 officers are sworn in.

With all business being completed Commandant Hinojosa closed the meeting at 1000. The next meeting will take place on 21 January 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Crum

2016 Adjutant

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