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June 2016



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Hello Marines, Navy FMF
 Corpsmen, associate
 members, and families.
 May was such a whirlwind
 of activity for the Pikes
 Peak Detachment. We

started off the month by hosting the 2016 Department of Colorado Convention here in Colorado Springs and I would like to say thank you to all of you that worked so diligently to make the convention such a huge success. A special thanks to our PPD29 Paymaster, Denise Wickersheim, who was on site handling registration, attending business sessions, managing the Hospitality Suite, as well as donating some incredible pieces of art that were auctioned off to help defray the expenses of the event. I also want to thank our Quartermaster, Trammell Davis, as well as Joe G. Martinez and Hank Hankins for manning the Ship's Store and Auction area throughout the weekend. Our speaker for the Grande Banquet was our own Don Cesare, who was phenomenal I might add. I am hoping that Don will bring some copies of his new book that outline just a few of his incredible experiences while serving in our beloved Corps, the CIA and the FBI to our June Detachment meeting where I will be presenting him with a couple tokens of our thanks. Please read Gunny Gibson's article regarding all that went on with the MODD at the Grand Growl regarding new Colorado Pack elected and appointed officers from Pound 150 as well as those that advanced from Pup to Devil Dog. One last thing regarding the convention, congratulations are in order for recognitions that were bestowed on a few of our detachment's members. Helen Hill was awarded the distinction of being the 2016 Department of Colorado Associate of the Year. I had the honor of submitting Helen for this award based on her 22 years of service to both the detachment and the department in attending funerals, raising funds, as well as her work in meeting/event coordination & operations. PPD29 was recognized with a third Department Meritorious Unit Commendation for our Bereavement Team's efforts in attending now over 175 funerals statewide since 2009. Garry "Gunny" Gibson was

elected to the post of Senior Vice Commandant for the Dept. of CO. for the coming year. And I was fortunate to receive the Department Recruiter of the year award.



We had a great monthly meeting on 21 May with 48 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. One item that I had meant to have Hank Hankins share at the monthly meeting was in regards to a large Storage Container (conex box) that was donated to the detachment. I am checking with the Dept. of the Army regarding the storage of our ceremonial rifles that are on loan from them, but if all goes well, this box would eliminate the need for the rented storage unit that we have been keeping all of our color guard equipment, old files, cash sales merchandise, and miscellaneous donated memorabilia in.

Finally, while we had banner sales and nice weather at this year's Territory Days, I hope that in addition to those from our detachment that participated in the observances of Memorial Day at Memorial Park and at Veteran's Park in Fountain, that we all took some time this past weekend to reflect on those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for not only the freedoms that we enjoy here in America but those who also died in an effort to share that freedom with so many around the world down through the ages.

Semper Fi!

Russ,



Introducing Marine Kyle Craig.



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

As you may already know, the Rocky Mountain Division conference is fast approaching, the dates for this convention are June 16 to 19th, in Cheyenne, Wyoming. If you are planning to attend, mark your calendars, if you haven't already done so.

We had some successful events this year, the last big event, besides territory days, was the Dept. of Colorado Convention at the Embassy suites. One thing I learned as your Senior Vice is, we seem to be the most active and uniformed detachment out there, so KUDOs to everyone who attended with your shined shoes, shiny brass and ribbons all in a row! I think Joe and Hank even got a haircut for this event, almost didn't recognize them as I passed them by. We all looked great!

July is not far, so get ready for the 4th of July Parade. I will be sending out the details as soon as I get them, I hope to see you all there!

Semper Fi!
 Paul Hinojosa



Wyatt Newby was a quest at the Det. Meeting. Wyatt will begin USMC boot camp this summer.



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Greetings to the Detachment Marines, Navy FMF Corpsmen, and associate

members. I have made a few minor changes to the newsletter this month. Most notable is the fact the draft of the last meeting minutes are now after the reports of all detachment officers. This was done in part because I felt it help the flow of the newsletter.

I would like to invite everyone how has a camera on their phone to submit Marine Corps League pictures to me for use in promoting our outstanding detachment. These can be images of parades, meetings or any event the detachment is involved with. Recently I have had photos sent to me by Garry Gibson, Paul Hinojosa and Steve Peterson. These photos were used on the internet and for this newsletter. Thanks for the pictures!

Semper Fi,
Terry



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Greetings, Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Associates and, Friends. The Bereavement Team and other MCL members attended two Marine services in May. Bob Roper's son Geoffrey's service was held 23 May 2016 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Thanks to all members who came to honor Geoffrey and support Bob. Special thanks to Russ Miller and Steve Peterson for stepping in to do the flag ceremony and, Paul Darrow for playing Taps, as the Marines from Buckley were unable to attend. Bob really appreciated everyone's participation. A service for George Salazar was held 31 May 2016 also at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. The family was very grateful for all the team members that came to the service. There will be another service for Marine Thomas H. Ridenour 04 June 2016 at 1030,



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Swan Law Funeral Directors, 501 N. Cascade, Colorado Springs, CO. All MCL members are encouraged to attend the service. Iris Rudesill is still having health issues but, is feeling somewhat better. Joe G. Martinez goes in for outpatient surgery on his arm 07 June. Hank Hankins has been under the weather lately as well. Jim Maurer says his condition has stabilized to an extent but battles with it daily. Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers. There was a good turnout for the Memorial Day wreath laying at Memorial Park but. Let's make it bigger and better next year! You can 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.

"Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices." – *President Harry S. Truman*

Semper Fi.
Pat Carty, Chaplain



Our quest Christina Bartalo with Jim Woods.



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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: 18 June 2016.

Coffee: 0730
 Breakfast begins: 0800
 Meeting: 0900

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Toys for Tots
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On 13 May we held, hopefully our first annual, Marine Corps Toys for Tots golf tournament. Attendance was less than optimal this year due to

the NORAD/NORTHCOM change of command ceremony being held the same day, thus pulling away all of the active duty personnel that have so faithfully supported the annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball golf tournament each year, which I might add will be held at the Silver Spruce Golf Course on-board Peterson AFB on 5 Aug. We did however raise over \$2000 that will allow us to buy supplemental toys for the many children that we will be helping this coming Christmas.

Semper Fi,
Russ



The Memorial Day wreath laying ceremony.



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NSTR
**Semper Fi,
Trammel**



We will always remember...



**Garry D. Gibson
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WOOF! WOOF! To all of you measly, mangy flea infested members of Pound #150, alias the Karnivorous Kanines of Pikes Peak: well the Colorado Pack Growl has come and gone and here are some of the highlights of the Growl that took place on the evening of 6 May 2016. First off, we had 10 Pups from our Pound who survived initiations and advanced to Devil Dog (DD); they were sworn in by Rocky Mountain Division Vice Chief Devil Dog, PDD Tom Krueger; please read Detachment minutes to see who advanced. Secondly, during this Growl we elected & appointed new Pack Officers for 2016/2017. Five of our current Pound Officers/members now hold 5 out of 10 of those Elected/Appointed positions within the Pack. Let me introduce you to this bunch of mongrels: (1) our Dog Trainer DD Russ Miller is the new Pack Dog Robber in addition to being our Detachment Commandant, (2) our Mad

Dog, DD Terry Crum is the new Watch Dog, (3) our Police Dog DD Pat Carty is the new Pack Watch Dog, (4) the new Dog Trainer for the Pack is DD Peggy Baldwin and your Pound Keeper/acting Dog Robber (Yep that's little ole Woofing me) was Elected as the new Pack Leader of Colorado Pack. I would like to mention that PDD Steve Schwartz & Pup Gary George did an outstanding job during the growl collecting well over \$100.00 Big Bones in fine - over all it was a great Growl with 37 members in attendance. The next scheduled Pack Growl is scheduled for 9 July 2016 in Pueblo, CO - more information is forthcoming. Till then...keep your paws on the ground...sniff the Rocky Mountain air...laugh...have fun snarling, growling and chasing down future Pound #150 wannabes...and...help all those mutts out there less fortunate than your measly flea infested selves; don't forget that chasing parked cars/trucks can be hazardous to your health. **S/F & WOOF! WOOF! PDD Garry D. Gibson,**



Bob and Helen Hill

Minutes of the 21 May 2016 Pikes Peak Det.

(Note: Draft until accepted at the 18 June 2016 meeting). Commandant Russ Miller opened the 21 May 2016 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.

Guests / Application for Membership:

- Kyle Craig served in the Marines between 2008 and 2012. Cpl. Craig is a veteran of Afghanistan.
- Wyatt Newby visited us. He begins Marine Corps boot camp 13 June 2016.
- Theresa Crum's daughter Christina was a guest.

Minutes: Member Bob Berndt made a motion to accept the March 2016 minutes. Member Roger Baty seconded the motion and the motion carried.



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New Correspondence: NSTR

Paymaster: The paymaster was happy to report that the MCL national office is handling routine administration more smoothly than in the recent past. New membership pins are in. If you feel you are owed one, see the Paymaster Denise Wickershiem.

Sick and in Distress:

- Chaplain Pat Carty discussed the following members:
- Iris Rudesill
- Steve Schwartz
- Barry Farris – his wife, LeEtte, has terminal cancer and is in the care of hospice at home.
- Jim Maurer, Navy FMF Corpsmen
- Roland Durden – Our chaplain reports that Roland told him in a recent conversation that he missed the Pike Peak detachment.
- Bob Roper – A funeral service for Bob's son Geoffrey, served in the Marine Corps and is a Desert Storm war veteran, will be 1000 23 May at Sacred Heart Parish, Colorado Springs.
- Theresa Crum's stepfather, Jim Stokes, passed away.
- Carmella Miller's dad, Pete Soto, passed away.

Report of Officers

Commandant: Commandant Miller

The detachment has been asked to consider supporting the popcorn sales both at the VA hospital in Denver on Tuesdays. Currently members of the Union colony handle Wednesdays and Thursdays. The proceeds go to support the veterans at the VA hospital. There is also an opportunity to hand out free coffee and cookies at the VA hospital on the 2nd Wednesday and 4th Monday of each month.

Department of Colorado MCL was convention was a success, details to be announced during special committee report.

The Community Service was awarded to Mark Davis, Bob Brendt, and Richard Inhoffer.

It was announced that Commandant Russ Miller was named the State of Colorado recruiter of the year.

Also at the convention the detachment was awarded the Department level on account of the detachment bereavement committee.

Senior Vice Commandant:

Senior vice Hinojosa hopes everyone is well rested from April to be very active with the detachment. Upcoming events include:

29 – 30 May: Territory Days 0900 – 1900 in Old Colorado City. Contact Quartermaster Trammel Davis if you would like to volunteer for cash sales.

30 May: Memorial day wreath laying ceremony at Memorial Park at 1000.

June 16 -19 Rocky Mountain division conference will be in Cheyenne WY.

The Monument CO July 4th parade is fast approaching.

August 17 – 30 will be the national convention and Supreme Growl in Tulsa OK.

Junior Vice Commandant: NSTR

Judge Advocate: NSTR.

Junior Past Commandant: Garry Gibson

Junior Past Commandant gave a "shout out" to Commandant Russ Miller for his outstanding job on the recent state level convention hosted by our detachment.

At the recent state convention Garry Gibson was elevated to Department Senior Vice Commandant from Junior Vice Commandant.

Quartermaster:

Still looking for volunteers to help with the Territory Days cash sales. High quality polo shirts left over from the convention will be sold at cost.

Sergeant at Arms: NSTR

Web Sergeant: NSTR

Toys for Tots:

The recent golf tournament was a success with a net profit of nearly \$2000.

Military Order of Devil Dogs (MODD):

The next growl will be 9 July in Pueblo, CO.

The following Pound 150 pups were promoted to Devil Dog: Roger Baty, Peggy Baldwin, Pat Carty, Toby Bolender, Terry Crum, Paul Hinojosa, Russ Miller, Pat Thompson, Arden Rivers, Curt Charboneau.

The following Pound 150 members were promoted to the following Colorado Pack Officer billets: Garry Gibson – Pack Leader, Peggy Baldwin – Dog trainer, Terry Crum – Watch Dog, Pat Carty – Barking Dog, Russ Miller – Dog Robber.

Standing Committees: Scholarship.

The scholarship committee reports that 2 of the 3 scholarship applications were approved and hopes that 3rd application will be approved soon.



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Report of Special Committees:

Commandant Russ Miller released the following figures for the Department Convention held recently.

Item	Income	Debts	Balance
Ad Book	930	-311.11	618.89
Commandant Breakfast	0	-82.96	-82.96
Luncheon	390	-136.64	253.36
Scholarship Fund	0	-253.36	-253.36
Banquet	2960	-3909.9	-949.9
Goody Bags	0	-34.25	-34.25
Raffle	600	0	600
Ship Store	927	-1080	-153
Hosp Suite	300	-294.75	5.25
2 rooms/2 nights	0	-507.16	-507.16
Hotel ?	0	-219.26	-219.26
donation	2.4		2.4
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	6109.4	6829.39	-719.99

New Business:

Jim Woods reported that there would be a flag folding class would be given and that he hoped there will be practice sessions scheduled to ensure that our detachment members perform the ceremony in a professional manner.

Jim Woods announced that he was looking for a good home for free Marine Corps themed VHS movies.

Recently Theresa Crum celebrated her 50th birthday.

Paul Darrow brought up the theme of this year's Veteran's day parade in Monument to be "honoring women in military service" and he suggested that we write up a submission for Doris Purdy, Pat Thompson, and Iris Rudesill to be part of the parade.

Good of the League:

We can now give honorary memberships to active duty Marines as a recruiting aide for when they leave active duty. They will receive the Semper Fi magazine free.

Melvin Postlewait mentioned that he used the

Semper Fi magazine as a MCL recruiting tool.

Gunny Garry Gibson inform the detachment he had new green metal roofs put on 6 of his buildings by long time detachment member Robert B. Alvarez; owner of All Phase Gutters & Roofing Inc.

Coffee, Juice & Set up in private dining room
With no additional business at hand, the 50/50 drawing was held. The total amount collected was \$103. Member Bob Roper was the lucky winner of \$51.50.

With all business being completed Commandant Miller closed the meeting at 1000. The next needed meeting will take place including speaker and wife

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

Still hav
= 720.0



Mark Kauffman accepts the MCL State flag.

Selected June Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance

2 June 1918: At dawn on this date, the crack German 28th Division attacked along the axis of the Paris-Metz road hitting the American 2d Division, including the 4th Marine Brigade. The Marines opened with deadly rifle fire and helped hand the German troops a setback which set the stage for Marine victory at Belleau Wood which would soon follow, although at great cost.

8 June 1995: A Marine tactical recovery team from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit stationed on board the USS *Kearsarge* rescued a downed U.S. pilot, Captain Scott O'Grady, USAF, from Bosnian-Serb territory in Bosnia.

10 June 1898: The First Marine Battalion, commanded by LtCol Robert W. Huntington, landed on the eastern side of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The next day, Lt Herbert L. Draper hoisted the American flag on a flag pole at Camp McCalla where it flew during the next eleven days. Lt Col Huntington later sent the flag with an accompanying letter to Colonel Commandant Charles Heywood noting that "when bullets were flying, ...the sight of the flag upon the midnight sky has thrilled our hearts."



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12 June 1961: President John F. Kennedy signed a Presidential Proclamation calling for the American flag to be flown at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, "at all times during the day and night." Discussions between the Attorney General's office and Marine Corps officials earlier in 1961 on improving the visibility and appearance of the monument led to the proposal to fly the Flag continuously, which by law could only be done by Congressional legislation or by Presidential proclamation.

15 June 1944: Preceded by naval gunfire and carrier air strikes, the V Amphibious Corps assaulted the west coast of Saipan, Marianas Islands. By nightfall, the 2d and 4th Marine Divisions, moving against heavy opposition, had established a beachhead 10,000 yards wide and 1,500 yards deep.

20 June 1993: The 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit returned to Mogadishu, Somalia, to stand ready to assist United Nations forces in maintaining peace in the war-torn country. Earlier that month, the 24th MEU had been ordered to cut short Exercise Eager Mace 93-2 in Kuwait to respond to possible contingency operations in Somalia.

25 June 1950: Shortly before dawn, eight divisions of the North Korean People's Army crossed the 38th Parallel and invaded the Republic of Korea. Within three days, the South Korean capital city of Seoul had been captured. On 30 June, President Harry S. Truman ordered a naval blockade of the Korean coast and authorized the sending of U.S. ground troops to Korea. Two days later, General Douglas MacArthur, the Commander in Chief Far East, formally requested that a Marine regimental combat team be deployed to the Far East.

25 June 1966: In Vietnam, Operation Jay began about 30 kilometers northwest of Hue, and lasted nine days. The 2d Battalion, 4th Marines landed north of the North Vietnamese 812th Main Force Battalion, and the 2d Battalion, 1st Marines landed south of the enemy's position. Caught in between the two Marine units, the enemy suffered over 80 dead in nine days of fighting.

26 June 1918: BGen James G. Harbord, the Commanding General of the 4th Marine Brigade, notified American Expeditionary Force Headquarters that Belleau Wood was "now U.S. Marine Corps entirely." After 20 days of combat, and at a cost of over 4,000

casualties, the 4th Brigade of Marines had proven its fighting heart. The grateful Commander of the French Sixth Army would soon decree that in all official correspondence, Belleau Wood would henceforth bear the name, "Bois de la Brigade de Marine."

For all of those that have son's or daughter's at bootcamp let me pass on what I found. Let me give you a little back ground first. When my son left home he had no motivation, he was lazy, sloppy, no pride, no self worth. This is the boy that got off the bus March 18th at Parris Island. The man that I met on Thursday for parent's day is AWESOME. There is no way I can describe to you all the difference. He looks different, he walks different, he talks different, he has such a sense of bearing and pride all I could do was look at him in awe. Oh yes, the training is hard, what he went through is unimaginable to any one that has not been there. They are definitely taught to be Warriors. Let me tell you the surprise of what else they are taught. My Marine son has better values, better morals, better manners than any one I know. It is so much more than Yes Sir, Yes Ma'am...so much more. He cares about how he looks, he cares about what he does, and it is not a boastful, bad ass thing. He is a true gentleman. I saw patience, and a calmness in him that I have never seen. I could never express my gratitude enough to the Marine Corps for what they have given my son. I know this, I have an 11-year-old Devil Pup still at home. When the time comes for his turn if I had to I would take him kicking and screaming all the way. Although I'm sure that will not happen. The hero worship I see in my younger son's eyes for his Marine brother tells me I will have two Marines in the family, and I will be one very proud mother. "Cybil", Mother of a Marine writing to the [myMarine](#) Group

