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Hello Marines, Navy FMF Corpsmen, Associate Members, and families. Thanks to all that were in attendance at the Detachment monthly meeting in November. Please read Adjutant Terry Boston's minutes for a snapshot of all that was discussed at the November meeting. Elections were held for the four senior officer's posts during the detachment monthly meeting and the elected slate included Gary George for Judge Advocate, Terry Crum for Junior Vice/Adjutant, Paul Hinojosa for Senior Vice and Russ "Tiny" Miller for another go-round as



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Commandant. We will miss Terry Boston greatly as she moves down to Florida. Our one consolation is that this isn't expected to be a permanent move and we can look forward to her peeling herself away from the beach and coming back to brave the cold to see us from time to time. The appointed officers for 2016 will include Pat Carty making a return to the job he is so amazing at as our Chaplain, Denise Wickersheim carrying on for another year as Paymaster, Trammell Davis will be our new Quartermaster, Osa Tuck is



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**Terry Crum, Russ Miller, GOH Charles Phillips,
Roger Baty, Osa Tuck (L-R)**

continuing for another year as our Sergeant-at-Arms and last but certainly not least our slate of officers is rounded out with lil' ole Garry Gibson as our Junior Past Commandant. After all these 12 years as our Web

Sergeant, Roger Baty will be stepping down and taking a much deserved break. Roger has faithfully been our detachment's photographer, historian, newsletter and website editor, keeper of the roster, and email-postmaster general. These will be tall boots to fill but I



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am confident that Terry Crum will do an outstanding job as he takes on the task of Web-Sergeant in addition to Jr. Vice/Adjutant. If I can do more than one job at a time, Terry certainly can. At our November meeting we took a vote for the Detachment to pay for everyone's breakfast at the 19 December monthly meeting. Further, at that meeting we will hold the swearing in of the 2016 officers, presentation of awards for 2015, and I request that you all consider bringing in a new unwrapped toy for our Toys for Tots campaign. We will have no business to discuss, and there will be no cash sales at the December meeting.

Semper Fi, Russ



Senior Vice Commandant

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Greetings Marines, Navy FMF Corpsman, Associate members! November was a busy month for our detachment but it was worth it! Thanks for your attendance at the November meeting and thank you for your support in electing the nominated members to fill 2016 detachment officer positions. Thanks to all who participated in the Veteran's day parade. It was very



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nice of Marine Mark Davis to ensure the participants in the detachment had enough calories in them to complete the parade by cooking hot dogs for all. It was really great to have the Young Marines on hand for the

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event. Their participation really helps our detachment look well during the parade. The two young Marines that carried rifles for the color guard proved that they were tough and determined to continue to march until the end. I am pretty sure the rifles that they carried were as heavy as they were. Some of the Young Marines may join the Corps when they get older but all of them will have benefited from their time with the young Marine program. As I have stated before, your participation in the parade is never too small to make a



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difference. It should be pointed out that Paul Hinojosa and Peggy Baldwin stepped forward at the last minute to carry our banner during the parade, thanks for volunteering. A very loud Ooh Rah is due to Marine Tony "Bear" Barrera even though he was missed in the color guard, having him in the parade as the "True Grunt" was outstanding. On a personal note, I would like to thank the Marines whom contributed to the 2015 detachment color guard. Four parades and various



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other events during the year allowed the members of the color guard to demonstrate what being "always faithful" is all about. We could not do it without Sgt. at Arms Osa Tuck standing out as the color guard motivator; A shout out also goes to Tony Barrera, Kaz Mueller, and Dennis Cambillo for their dedicated participation. It should be pointed out that the color guard Marines for the most part also attended the Toys for Tots events and took part in the cake detail in dress blues. Now that we got that out of the way, Marines get ready to get those dress blues in the cleaners. The St. Patrick's Day parade will signal the beginning of the

2016 parade season and we will do all of this again....Get some!!!! Now for some new business: Please consider yourself welcome to attend the 2015 Pearl Harbor Remembrance. We need one Marine in dress blues to place the wreath for the Corps. If you would like to do it (and got the dress blues) let me know. If there are no takers, I will do it.

2015 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony
Place: Pikes Peak Regional Building Department
2880 International Circle
Colorado Springs, CO 80910

Date/Time: **Monday December 7th at 11:00 am**



Admiral Gortney Presents his 4 STAR Coin to Jim Woods at the 240th Marine Corps Birthday Ball

This will be my last newsletter input as the Senior Vice Commandant and I ask that you give my replacement Paul Hinojosa, the same high level of support that you provided to me. This was my first year holding an officer position in the detachment and it was a very eye opening experience. With that said, I am not going anywhere and will be holding the position of Junior Vice Commandant/Adjutant. I will also replace Roger Baty as the detachment Web Sgt. He has faithfully maintained this post for 12 years and he deserves a



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break. With Roger as my mentor I hope to maintain the exceptional service that we have come to rely on in the past. Do not forget the next meeting is the last meeting for 2015 and the time will be used for the installation of officers for 2016 and awards ceremony. No business will be discussed at this meeting and do not forget to bring a hearty appetite with you to the December meeting as the SOS breakfast is going to be free!!!

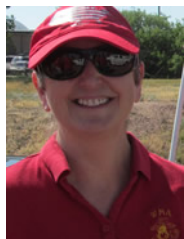
Take care and Semper Fi
Terry Crum

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Greetings, Season's Greetings to all Marines, Corpsmen, Associates, and families! At our November meeting, PPD Marines elected 4 officers to manage activities of the Detachment during 2016. Results of the elections are as follow:

Commandant: Russ Miller
Sr. Vice Commandant: Paul Hinojosa
Jr. Vice Commandant: Terry Krum
Judge Advocate: Gary George

The remaining Detachment officers will be appointed prior to our next meeting, and sworn into office along with our new electees at the December 19th meeting.

Semper Fi, Kaz



Chaplain's Corner
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Greetings Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Associates, and Friends; While we are greatly encouraged by the physical progress and miraculous healing that some of our members have been experiencing as of late, we are also saddened at the loss of Jack Dale Crowson. Pat Carty and I were able to spend some time with Jack during his many recent trips back and forth to the hospital. I was particularly impressed with Jack's attitude regarding the prognosis the doctors had given at the time and the fact that through it all, knowing that his days were numbered, he always had such a positive attitude. All Jack wanted to talk about was how you were doing, and how much he cared for his family's future once he was gone, specifically his dear mother. Fair winds and following seas Jack. Semper Fi! Please keep the following detachment members in your thoughts as they are battling ailments, some more severe than others, but I'm sure they can all use a bit of healing prayer; Doc Jim Maurer, Steve Peterson, Steve Schwartz, and Barry Farris. If you are aware of

any of our other members, member's families, Marines, or FMF Corpsmen residing in our community that are sick or in distress, please contact me day or night (719) 235-1058 so that we might lift them up in our thoughts and prayers and see how we might otherwise comfort them and be of assistance in their time of need.

Semper Fi, Russ Miller, Chaplain



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Please send your membership dues (annual renewal) to the Pikes Peak Detachment address (located at the top of the Newsletter).

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

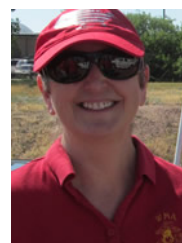
Semper Fi, Denise

Adjutant

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Minutes of the 21 November 2015 Meeting of the Marine Corps League Pikes Peak Detachment (**Note:** Draft until accepted at the 16 January 2016 meeting as no business will be conducted at the 19 December 2015 meeting.)

- Commandant, Russ Miller, opened the 21 November 2015 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.

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- Guests / Application for Membership: Commandant Miller made a motion to vote the following individuals into the Detachment which was seconded by Member Bob Hill. The motion carried unanimously:
 - Brian Moulton served 11 years with Recon at Camp Pendleton and is now studying veterinary medicine at University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.



Brian Moulton Speaks to the Members

- Erin Walker served from 2001-2005 including a tour in Afghanistan. She now works with Soldiers on Ft. Carson as a Social Worker.



Erin Walker Speaks to the Members

- Minutes: Member Bob Berndt made a motion to accept the October 2015 minutes. Member OSA Tuck seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- New Correspondence: Commandant Miller, read a letter from Sarah Clapp, the Executive Director, Guide Dogs of the Desert, thanking the Detachment for purchasing a table for their 20 February 2016 Banquet. Commandant Miller will solicit attendees later.
- Paymaster: NSTR.
- Sick and in Distress:
 - Acting Chaplain Pat Carty reported the sad news that Member Jack Crowson passed 15 November 2015. A Celebration of Life for Jack will be held 1600 on Monday, 23 November at the Cappadona Funeral Home, 1020 E. Fillmore St.
 - Several Detachment members are ailing or injured; please keep them in your thoughts and prayers: Steven Peterson (AZ), Steve Swartz, Barry Farris, Arden Rivers, Bridget Rudolph, and Pat Thompson.
 - The Bereavement Committee will be attending funerals for local Marines who passed recently.

- Report of Officers:
- Commandant Miller made a motion to make breakfast for the December 2015 meeting free for attendees. Member Roger Baty seconded the motion and, unsurprisingly, the motion passed unanimously! Additionally, since installation of new officers and presentation of awards are scheduled, no other business will be conducted.



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- Senior Vice (SV) – SV Terry Crum announced there are no more parades this year! He added the Detachment looked awesome during the Veterans Day Parade, particularly the Color Guard. One Marine in Dress Blues is required to lay a wreath during the 7 December 2015 Pearl Harbor ceremony at the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department, 2880 International Circle. Contact Terry if you're available.
- Junior Vice (JV) / Adjutant (Adj) – JV / Adj Terry Boston announced she will be moving to Florida and thanked the Detachment for its comradery over the years.
- Judge Advocate (JAG) – JAG Kaz Mueller stated he will be overseeing elections during Unfinished Business.
- Quartermaster – The new supplier of the red vests stated they would be free if they have not arrived by December's meeting!
- Sgt-at-Arms and Web Sergeant – NSTR.
- Toys-for-Tots (TFT):
 - We have a new warehouse at 1824 Dominion Way! Many thanks to the owners who donated two units and to the folks who will pay utilities. The TFT season is upon us so volunteers are needed on a daily basis. Don't forget to bring goodies for those working.
 - There are a number of events coming up to include the Cumbres Toltec Scenic Railroad toy run. TFT Coordinator Russ Miller will place all events on the event calendar.
- Military Order of Devil Dogs (MODD) – Pound Keeper #150 Garry Gibson:
 - Informed the Detachment that there will be a growl after the December 2015 MCL meeting.

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- o Encouraged the Detachment to attend the WWII / Korea luncheon to listen to the speakers and visit with the veterans.
- o Made a motion for the Detachment to pay for members to attend the WWII aviation museum. Discussion determined the cost would be around \$200.00. Commandant Miller made a motion to do so and it carried.
- Standing Committees: NSTR



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- Special Committees: Commandant Miller has started planning for the 2016 Department Convention which our Detachment will be hosting. He asked members to consider becoming committee members to: identify a guest speaker, identify local businesses to solicit ads for the Convention Book, provide raffle items, and to put the Convention Book together. Commandant Miller also provided an update on Hotels to host the Convention. More to follow on this. Please consider volunteering for this endeavor.
- Unfinished Business: Commandant Miller turned the floor over to JAG Kaz Mueller for **elections**. No new nominations were provided so he made a motion which passed for unanimous election of the slate of officers: **Commandant – Russ Miller, Senior Vice – Paul Hinojosa, Junior Vice - Terry Crum, and Judge Advocate – Gary George**. Congratulations to all!
- New Business: NSTR.
- Good of the League:
 - o Chris "Doc" Donahoue from The Springs Funeral Services is offering a free seminar provided by an international grief counselor on 1 December 2015. For information visit http://www.thespringsfuneralservices.com/mg_xroot/page_10796.php.
 - o Associate Member of the Year Marianne Smith provided final results from the Bowlathon. With over \$5000.00 in net proceeds results were not only better than last year, but also the second best results ever!
 - o Member Paul Darrow provided an update on Cemetery Committee actions. Deliberations on

the name of the cemetery will occur at the next meeting. The proposed name is the Pikes Peak Veterans Cemetery. See him if you have thoughts on this matter.

- With no additional business at hand, the 50 / 50 drawing was held. Member Veronica Hoard was the lucky winner! She donated the winnings to the Marines Helping Marines Fund.
- With all business being completed Commandant Miller closed the meeting at 0950. The next meeting will take place on 19 December 2015 (Officer Installation, Awards) and the next business meeting will take place on 16 January 2016.

**Respectfully submitted, Terry Boston, Adjutant
Pikes Peak Detachment, Marine Corps League**



Sergeant-at-Arms

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Next Meeting

19 December 2015 0900 at TREA – FREE

BREAKFAST TO ALL MEMBERS!!! Come early (0730), drink coffee, eat breakfast and tell stories



Toys for Tots

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We have been very fortunate to have not only finally found a warehouse space to run this year's campaign from, but also that it is being donated for our use and that another business has offered to pick up our utility costs. We are located at 1824 Dominion Way, just southeast of the intersection of Dublin and Academy next to The Dublin House. Please drop by and have some coffee and snacks. We may or may not put you to work sorting toys while you are there. Thanks to all that came out and helped us unload the Semi-trailer, a packed POD, and the small trailer as well as driving all over kingdom-come delivering boxes to all the businesses that will be collecting toys for us to distribute to the needy children of the area. I want to say a special thanks to Joe G Martinez, Hank Hankins, and Vince Espinosa for traveling down to the San Luis Valley and Walsenburg to distribute toy collection

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boxes and let the folks know that we are working to help make the holidays a little brighter for the families that are struggling financially this Christmas. Please



Veronica Hoard Sorting Toys at the Warehouse

watch your email for the updated activity roster coming from Gunny Gibson that will give details regarding some of the many Toys for Tots events taking place in the next couple weeks. These are a great time of comradery and showing the public what all we do for our community. **Semper Fi, Russ**

Upcoming Events

- Toys for Tots Events - December
- 7 December – Pearl Harbor Day
- 19 December – Installation of Officers Ceremony
- 19 December – Awards Ceremony
- 16 January 2016 – next Detachment Business Mtg



Quarter Master
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After looking at the events calendar for this year and dates where outside cash sales events conflict with our monthly meetings, we will continue to have cash sales at our monthly meetings only in the odd months, Jan., Mar., May, etc. Ship Store will be closed at the December meeting.

Semper Fi....Russ



Working at the Toys for Tots Warehouse



Garry D. Gibson
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WOOF! WOOF! Fellow Karnivorous Kanines of Pikes Peak; First off, I would like for all of us to continue keeping our Dog Robber PPD Steve Schwartz in our thoughts & prayers. Steve is out of the hospital and recovering nicely at home. **WOOF! WOOF! Steve!** We all hope to see you at our December 19th Growl. Except for Steve, I handed out binders to all of our Elected & Appointed Officers at our 21 November meeting. All of these binders contained the following: (1) Page of Job Descriptions (1) Ritual and (1) Constitution and Bylaws manual w/ updates. Our Pound Keeper (little ole me), our Sr. Vice Kaz Mueller and our Jr. Vice Bob Hill also received a Dog Robber manual. I will deliver a binder with all these manuals to Steve shortly. After reviewing our MODD Bylaws, I found out that I owe (1) Big Bone (\$1.00) for wearing (1) too many unauthorized emblems/pins. Did you know that you are only allowed to wear a maximum of (2) emblems (pins) plus one official dog tag disc at any one time on your Black, Red or Gold Dog Collar? Emblems/pins you are authorized to wear may include the American Flag, Marine Corps Emblem, Marine Corps League membership pin, Military Order of the Devil Dogs membership pin, the POW/MIA pin, the VAVs award for hours served (white oval pin with blue figure and red heart indicating number of hours served), and the Bull Dog. Except as may be specifically authorized elsewhere in these Bylaws, no other devices or emblems may be worn on the Dog Collar. All other emblems shall be subject to one fine for each unauthorized emblem. This means you'll be fined (1) Big Bone (\$1.00) for each unauthorized

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emblem/pin we find you wearing at our December 19th Growl (I'll pay my fine then.) WOOF\$ WOOF\$...Till then...keep your paws on the ground...sniff the Rocky Mountain air...laugh...have fun snarling & growling and chasing future MODD wannabees...and... help those mutts less fortunate than your measly flea infested self.

Semper Fi, Garry Gibson



Cash Sales at the November Meeting



19th Annual Bowlathon

Marianne Smith
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This is the last update for the Bowlathon. We had a total of \$5767.00 in donations and a net to the detachment of \$5557.00 after expenses. This was the second highest Bowlathon donation since starting the Bowlathon in 1996. **Thank You!!!** The Bowlathon Committee is humbled by everyone's generosity and thanks for coming out to bowl!!!

Semper Fi,

Marianne Smith, Iris Rudesill, Denise Wickersheim
Bowlathon Committee

This Month in History

Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance
(Extra Dates this Month!!!)

4 December 1950: LtCol Raymond G. Davis led his battalion into Hagaru-Ri, Korea after four days of intense fighting in the mountain passes against a numerically superior hostile force. His battalion, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, helped clear the way for the 5th and 7th Marines, and LtCol Davis was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism.

6 December 1928: A small detail of Marines under Captain Maurice G. Holmes defeated Nicaraguan bandits near Chuyelite. GySgt Charles Williams was mortally wounded during the fighting. Capt Holmes was later awarded the Navy Cross for gallantry, and a posthumous award was given to GySgt Williams.

6 – 9 December 1864: In a fresh advance, the Marine battalion and accompanying soldiers and sailors drive back a Confederate force at Tullifinney Crossroads, South Carolina, and occupy a position threatening the Charleston-Savannah rail line.

7 December 1941: Japanese carrier-borne aircraft attack U.S. forces on Oahu, sinking 19 ships, destroying 188 planes, killing 2,280, and wounding 1,109. Marine losses are 111 killed or missing, 75 wounded, 33 aircraft destroyed, and 12 damaged. Two Japanese destroyers bombard Midway, inflicting 14 marine casualties.

8 December 1941: Japanese aircraft attacked Wake Island within hours of the fateful attack on Pearl Harbor. Marines of the 1st Defense Battalion and Marine Fighting Squadron 211 resisted Japanese invasion attempts for over two weeks before finally succumbing to an overwhelming force.



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9 December 1992: Marines of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations capable) landed in Somalia kicking off Operation Restore Hope, the largest humanitarian relief operation of its kind.

10 December 1995: In Bosnia, 22 Marines from Marine Corps Security Force Company, Naples, Italy were among the first American troops to arrive. They provided the security for Allied Forces Southern Europe headquartered at Sarajevo. About 2,500 NATO troops would be in place by 19 December taking on the task of peace enforcement in former Yugoslavia from the U.N.

11 December 1962: Two Army helicopter companies and 400 men, the first U.S. forces deployed for direct combat support of the South Vietnamese, arrive in Vietnam.

12 December 1930: Gunnery Sergeant William A. Lee and his Guardia patrol fight off an attack by a Sandinista force several times their number at Vencedora Nicaragua.

15 December 1488: The Secretary of the Navy signed a "Memorandum of Agreement" with the State Department which laid the basis for the modern Marine

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Security Guard program at U.S. embassies throughout the world.

19 December 1972: The Marine detachment of the USS TICONDEROGA provided shipboard security for three U.S. astronauts, Eugene Cernan, Ronald Evans, Harrison Schmitt, and their Apollo-17 space capsule. The astronauts had successfully completed a (then) record lunar stay of more than 75 hours.

20 December 1904: Marine forces move into Camp Elliott, their permanent base in the Panama Canal Zone. It is located at Bas Obispo, about one-third of the way along the canal from the east coast.

20 December 1989: Operation Just Cause was launched in Panama to protect American lives, restore the democratic process, preserve the integrity of the Panama Canal Treaty, and apprehend Dictator General Manuel Antonio Noriega. One Marine, Corporal Garreth C. Isaak, was killed and three other were wounded during the operation.

23 December 1919: The 15th Separate Battalion arrives in Philadelphia. It is the last Marine unit to return home from World War I.

23 December 1941: Japanese forces launched a predawn landing on Wake Island and Wilkes Island, while their carriers launched air strikes against Wilkes, Wake, and Peale islands in support of the landing force. After nearly 12 hours of desperate fighting, the three islands were surrendered.

24 December 1813: Lieutenant John Gamble leads a handful of Marines and sailors in a show of force to restore order on the Island of Nukuhiva in the Marquesas, which was serving as the base for Captain David Porter's small Pacific squadron.

25 December 1917: The 9th Regiment arrives at Guantanamo Bay to further reinforce units guarding U.S. sugar production capability.

26 December 1957: Twenty helicopters from Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 162, were rushed to Ceylon onboard the USS PRINCETON where Marines participated in the rescue and evacuation of flood victims.

30 December 1996: Female Marines begin reporting for the first time to Marine Combat Training, a post-boot camp program that provides infantry training to the Marines destined to serve in non-infantry specialties.

31 December 1929: The only balloon squadron in the Marine Corps (ZKO-1M) is disbanded at Quantico. This was the last use by Marines of lighter-than-air craft for manned flight.

31 December 1965: There are 39,092 III MAF Marines in country, of a total U.S. deployment of 181,000. Since 8 March 1965, 342 Marines have died in action, 2,047

have been wounded, and 18 are missing. They have killed 2,627 of the enemy.

Note: Extra dates come from "USMC, A Complete History" Published by the Marine Corps Association.

From the Editor: This is my last Newsletter. It has been a long run being your Newsletter and website Editor. It is time for change and new ideas and that is what Web Sgt Terry Crum intends to bring to the Pikes Peak Detachment. I started the Newsletter in January 2003 and my wife Terry designed the current Detachment website shortly after. It was a paradigm shift for the Detachment as we moved away from Snail Mail and paper into the digital age of moving information to our members as many did not have computers at the time. It is never too late to learn as was evidenced by members who purchased computers. The current Detachment website will be taken down as of 31 December 2015. Web Sgt Terry Crum will publish the January 2016 Newsletter and let us all know where to go for a website. Those members receiving Snail Mail will continue to do so. Another major change will be Web Sgt Terry Crum sending out all the email updates to the membership; you will no longer be spammed by Roger and Terry Baty. Thanks for your support over the years and give Web Sgt Terry Crum your support as he introduces change and new ideas for the Pikes Peak Detachment.

Semper Fi, Roger Baty



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Jim Mauer Speaks with Guest of Honor Charles Phillips and his Wife



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