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Hello Marines, Navy FMF Corpsmen, Associate Members, and families. We had a good attendance (41) at the April monthly meeting. Spring is in the air and summer is just around the corner. We received some great news from Veronica Hoard at the April monthly meeting. She has requisitioned us a hog, not my long lost twin brother, but a pig for a good ole'



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pig roast summer picnic. Several folks had mentioned the idea of a barbecue (BBQ) this summer for the detachment and Veronica has hit the ground running. Interest was high when it was brought up at the March meeting so please keep your eyes and ears open for more details to come. At this past month's World War II & Korean War Luncheon, we bid farewell to Jane "the World War II Lady" Rogers, who has decided to move to the sunny state of Florida. Our own Gunny Gibson has been tapped to take command of this very worthy monthly event and continue moving it forward. It is a great time of camaraderie for our Greatest Generation



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and the Heroes of the Forgotten War. If you have not been to one, I encourage you to come join us as we enjoy really good chow and listen to remembrances of some of the greatest folks many of us have ever had the privilege to meet. We meet the second Tuesday of every month at Western Omelet, 16 S. Walnut, 1/2 block north of Colorado Blvd. Wear your red vest, and come

have some fun. Gunny can always use help escorting folks to and from their cars, helping them to a table, making sure everyone gets signed in, etc.... If nothing else you can hear stories about our own Jr Vice/Adjutant Terry Boston's childhood from her dad. He is one proud papa. Finally, the Department of Colorado and Rocky Mountain Division Convention is just around the corner (12-14 June 2015) in Thornton at the Hilton Doubletree, 83 E. 120th. A number of our officers and members will be attending the classes and meetings as well as those MODD Pups that will go through initiation to become Dogs at the growl on Friday. Best of luck to those running for Department elected and appointed positions; and please read PDD Gibson's article regarding the MODD and bringing back our Pound. WOOF! WOOF! And hope to see you at Territory Days and the Memorial Day ceremony.

Semper Fi, Russ



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Greetings Marines, Navy FMF Corpsman, and Associate Members; Thank you to all who attended the April detachment meeting and I hope the meeting was a good way for each you to start your Saturday. I would like to take this time to share a few thoughts on volunteering. I bring this up because the time and talent contributed by our members is truly the stuff that makes the Pikes



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Peak Detachment an organization to be proud of. It does not matter how the subject is approached, the person who gives always is always repaid in kind. One can quote the Bible or reference the Beatles, the truth is still the truth. Call it faith or good karma, or call it serendipity, the truth remains that the person who gives is always better for the action. Studies show the positive effects of volunteering are improved physical and mental health for those who give of themselves and those they help. It is no secret that many of the

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members of our detachment are advanced in years. For our senior members, you of course have much to contribute. Look no further than Pat Carty as an example of service to the detachment with a good spirit and a kind heart. Pat, to you sir - I salute. There are of course many other examples of service by our senior



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members; can anyone play a more wonderful Santa Claus than Melvin Postlewait. The list of names goes on and on. For the younger members of the detachment (I am still in my early 50s and therefore still a youngster around here) the benefits are numerous. Along with physical and mental health improvements, a volunteer organization is a great way to belong and truly be part of your community. It is a great way to become a well-rounded person and benefit both personally and professionally. Back in the day we wore our uniforms and served our country. Those days are of course behind us; however, our ability to serve and



Check out Gunny's Woof Woof Bone!

make an impact on our community is a still all around us and as important as always. Now days we can contribute without having to spit polish boots, clean rifles ad nauseam, or living in fear that someone might find a minor error with our uniform (e.g. an Irish pendant longer than 1/32" in length). Need a way to volunteer and reap the benefits of volunteering? I know of this fine detachment of the Marine Corps League in

the Springs....With that I will step off my soap box and hope to see you and others at the meeting on May 16th. Please keep in the back of your "brain housing group" that Territory Days in Old Colorado City is fast approaching (May 23-25) and there will be a wreath laying ceremony at Memorial park Monday the 25th at 10am. Until then stay MOTO (motivated!) as we continue to work together to make 2015 outstanding.

Take care and Semper Fi
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Chaplain's Corner
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Greetings Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Associates, and Friends; While the good news is that we didn't have any funerals to attend this past month, unfortunately we do have a number of hard chargers that aren't feeling much like charging anywhere. Please keep Bob Roper, Iris Rudesill, Jim Wiese, and Jim Maurer in your thoughts and prayers. As I have mentioned, we are always in need of more members for the Bereavement Team and I would also ask you to



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consider spending some time going and visiting some of our fellow Marines and FMF corpsmen that are hospitalized, living in nursing care facilities, or just unable to get out and about on their own. If you would

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like a visit, so we can share how great we used to be with one another, please contact me. There is a group of us that would love to just sit and chat a bit. If you are aware of any of our 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

Salute to Colors and opening prayer. All officers were present.

- Guests / Application for Membership:
 - Jim Pritchard is transferring from another Detachment. He served in the Marine Corps during the 1950s and spent time at 29 Palms.
 - Pat Highland joined the Marine Corps in June 1963, went to boot camp in San Diego and became a Radio Relay Repairman. Spending time at Camp Lejeune with 6th Marines, he left the Marine Corps in 1967. He is joining our Detachment.



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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



Pat Highland Speaks to the Members

- Greg Harris served from 1975 to 1981 as a Combat Engineer, spending time with 1st and 3rd Marine divisions. He has also spent many more years with DOD as a civilian.



Jim Pritchard Speaks to Members



Greg Harris Speaks to the Members



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Minutes of the 18 April 2015 Meeting of the Marine Corps League Pikes Peak Detachment (Note: Draft until accepted at the 16 May 2015 meeting).

- Commandant Russ Miller opened the 18 April 2015 meeting of the Marine Corps League Pikes Peak Detachment for Official business at 0900 with

- Minutes: Member Bob Hill made a motion to accept the March minutes. Member Jim Woods seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- New Correspondence: The family of a recently deceased Marine donated \$25.00 to the Marines Helping Marines fund.
- Sick and in Distress: Commandant Miller, acting Chaplain, had the following information on

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members who have requested our thoughts and prayers:

- o Iris Rudesill compounded her recent ailments by falling. She is at The Center at Centennial and welcomes calls, visits and chocolate!
- o Bob Roper has followed pneumonia with bronchitis.
- o Jim Maurer also needs our thoughts and prayers.
- Report of Officers:
 - o Commandant
 - o The Detachment came to the aid of a Marine reservist who had moved to Colorado Springs for a railroad job. Unfortunately, the contract under which he was hired was not fulfilled. We helped him with a car payment. He thanks us and wants to join the Detachment!
 - o 2015 Department of CO Convention – Let Commandant Miller know if you can be a delegate; the more the better for voting purposes.

- o Chaplain – There were no funerals in April. Let Chaplain Miller know if you know of anyone who is sick or in distress.
- o Quartermaster (QM) – Everyone has received uniform items ordered. See the latest Event Calendar update for upcoming cash sales events.
- Standing Committees:
 - o Toys-for-Tots – Several companies are donating Toys-for-Tots assets to include sheeting for the Semi on which the Marine Corps League and Toys-for-Tots logos will be placed.
 - o Scholarship Committee – Two to three applications are anticipated; however, none have been received. There is still time for those who are eligible to apply as 30 April is the deadline! Contact Jim Woods for information.
- Unfinished Business: Member Veronica Hoard announced we have a donated pig for the picnic. She will have more information for us, soon regarding location and date/time!
- New Business: None.
- Good of the League:
 - o WWII/Korean War Luncheon (every 2nd Tuesday of the month)
 - o Our very own Gunny Gibson is now leading this effort as of May as Jane Rogers will retire to Florida.



HMMT-164 CH-46E will go to Marine Corps Museum

- o Senior Vice
 - o The 23-25 May Territory Days cash sales arrangements are set. Volunteers are needed to man the booth.
 - o Monday, 25 May is the wreath laying ceremony at 1000 in Memorial Park.
 - o Members Joe V. Martinez and Melvin Postlewait will take a wreath and Colors to Fountain, as well.
- o Junior Vice / Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Sergeant at Arms, and Web-Sergeant had nothing significant to report.
- o Pay Master – Pay Master Denise Wickersheim provided financial reports for members. She also provided pictures of the Marine Memorial in Golden CO for which the Detachment provided a donation for maintenance. Members should provide her change of address information.



Gunny Gibson Presents a Cake to Jane Rogers

- o Devil Dogs (Woof Woof). Gunny Gibson and several detachment members attended the Mile High Grawl on 11 April. Once there are enough members Gunny is looking to start our own Pound! See Gunny if you are interested in joining or reinstating your status as a Devil Dog.

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Devil Pup Initiation

- o Military ID Cards – Gunny Gibson passed information on changes to the military ID card including the elimination of the social security number. He will provide Web Sergeant Roger Baty with more information for dissemination.



Pete Zobenica and Roger Baty at Camp Pendleton

- o Web Sergeant Roger Baty described the CH-46 reunion also attended by Pete Zobenica, held at the new Camp Pendleton Pacific View Events Center. It included a Casing of the Colors ceremony for HMMT-164, the last Active Duty CH-46 flying squadron which deactivated and was activated as VMM-164, a V-22 Osprey squadron. Roger, in poetic fashion, portrayed a moment in history – 50 years of the Boeing CH-46 Sea Knight service. A CH-46E painted in Vietnam War colors in tribute to those who served in the Vietnam War will be flown to the National Museum of the Marine Corps this summer and forever provide memories to Marines who rode in, worked on, and flew this helicopter.



HMMT-164 transition to VMM-164 MV-22 Squadron

- o Member Steve Swartz recounted his recent experience with the Veterans Administration hospital in Denver. While the medical services provided were satisfactory, the facility was not. He encouraged Detachment members to

express displeasure with the current facility to their representatives and request the new Aurora facility be put back on track.

- With no additional business at hand, the 50 / 50 drawing was held. Member Trammell Davis was the lucky winner! He donated the winnings to the Scholarship Fund. Well done!!!
- With all business being completed Commandant Miller closed the meeting at 0940. The next meeting will take place on 16 May 2015.

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



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Next Meeting

16 May 2015 0900 at TREA – Come early (0730), drink coffee, eat breakfast and tell stories



Casing of HMMT-164 Colors at Camp Pendleton

Upcoming Events

- Territory Days - Memorial Day Weekend 23-25 May
- Department of Colorado and Rocky Mountain Division Convention – 11-14 June, Denver
- Monument 4th of July Parade – 4 July



Toys for Tots

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I have finalized my documentation and been accepted to again be the Toys for Tots Coordinator for the

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Pikes Peak area for 2015. We are always on the lookout for a suitable building (approximately 7000-10000 square feet) to warehouse and operate our campaign from. If you are aware of any large facilities that are vacant and might work for our needs please contact me so I can start negotiating with the appropriate parties.

Semper Fi, Russ



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Territory Days is coming up in just a couple weeks. Please let me know if you are interested in coming out and manning the booth. And don't forget to stop by while you are walking off that funnel cake and turkey leg you shouldn't have eaten. Or am I the only one? I am taking orders for Red Vests (\$25) so call or email me with your size; nametags; \$8 for gold w/ red engraved EGA and text, or \$10 for red w/ white text and raised anodized EGA. 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....so, Ship Store will be open for business at the May meeting, so make sure those wallets are properly stocked.

Semper Fi....Russ



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Scholarship Fund
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The Scholarship Committee (Jim Woods (Chair), Roger Baty, Peggy Baldwin) administers the MSTSGT Bill Walters Memorial Scholarship Fund. Scholarship award(s) are determined through a competitive selection process. This scholarship may be used at any accredited university, college or trade school that offers higher education that could lead to a

degree or certification. Applicants may reapply annually for a maximum of four (4) years. Scholarship grants (one-time \$500.00 grant) are available to Pikes Peak Detachment members in good standing (dues paid up) and their immediate families. (Eligible candidates are Pikes Peak Detachment Marine Corps League Members (excludes Associate Members), members' spouse, children, and grandchildren.) The number of Scholarship grants awarded annually will be determined by the amount of money in the Fund. **Scholarship applications are due to the committee 30 April 2015.** Details on Scholarship Committee Administrative Procedures and application were emailed to all members (21 Feb 2015 - who have email). For those members who do not have email, please contact me if you require the application.

Semper Fi, Jim Woods



**Devil Pups after their Initiation
 With the Mile High Pound**



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WOOF! WOOF! ARF, ARF fellow MODD members and you wannabe Pups: Fellow PDD Kaz Mueller, Devil Dogs, Pups and all you wannabe potential Pups out there: Saturday 11 April 2015 was a day to Growl in Golden, CO. Six potential Pups met at my ole homestead out in Black Forest in preparation for the 80 mile trip to Golden, CO to participate in the Mile High Pound 128 Growl (Mile High is the name of the Pound 128.) When we become a Pound, we will get a new name and new number. This mangy pack of 6 wild potential Pups went through some (very secretive) initiations at this Growl in order to become Pups; I want to congratulate & welcome Terry Crum, Pat Carty, Peggy Baldwin, Pat

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Thomas, Paul Hinojosa and Arden Rivers into the Military Order of the Devil Dogs (MODD). I would also like to thank Pup Russ Miller and PDD Kaz Mueller for joining us and supporting this Growl. The next scheduled Growl will take place at the upcoming Department Convention scheduled for 11-14 June 2015 at the Double Tree Hotel in Denver. The Growl itself will be held on Friday 12 June 2015 - Pup Bob Hill and Pup Heike Cummins will be advancing to Devil Dog (DD) at this Convention. I will be posting additional information on this Growl as we get closer to the Convention.

Semper Fi...&...WOOF! WOOF!...The Gunny



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This Month in History

Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance

2 May 1946: Marines from Treasure Island Marine Barracks, under the command of Warrant Officer Charles L. Buckner, aided in suppressing the three-day prison riot at Alcatraz Penitentiary in San Francisco Bay. WO Buckner, a veteran of the Bougainville and Guam campaigns, ably led his force of Marines without suffering a single casualty.

5 May 1983: In Beirut, Lebanon, a UH-1N helicopter carrying the commander of the American peace-keeping force, Colonel James Mead, was hit by machine gun fire. The six Marines aboard escaped injury. Colonel Mead and his crew had taken off in the helicopter to investigate artillery and rocket duels between rival Syrian-backed Druze Moslem militiamen and Christian Phalangists that endangered French members of the multinational force.

8 May 1995: In the wake of the most devastating storm to hit the New Orleans area in more than 200 years, a group of Marines and sailors from Marine Forces Reserve demonstrated the quick response synonymous with the Navy/Marine Corps team. Within 24 hours of being called, Marines assisted in the evacuation of 2,500 civilians, and Navy corpsmen treated scores of flood victims.

10 May 1945: The 22d Marines, 6th Marine Division, executed a pre-dawn attack south across the Asa

River Estuary and seized a bridgehead from which to continue the attack toward Naha, the capital of Okinawa.

15 May 1862: Corporal John Mackie, the first Marine to earn the Medal of Honor, was commended for service in the USS Galena during action against Confederate shore batteries at Drewry's Bluff which blocked the James River approaches to Richmond.

16 May 1945: The 22d and 29th Marines continued the attack against Half Moon Hill, a day characterized by the 6th Marine Division as the "bitterest" of the Okinawa campaign. By the 18th, the famed "Shuri line" had been breached.

22 May 1912: First Lieutenant Alfred A. Cunningham, the first Marine officer to be assigned to "duty in connection with aviation" by Major General Commandant William P. Biddle, reported for aviation training at the Naval Aviation Camp at Annapolis, Maryland, and Marine aviation had its official beginning.

23 May 1988: The V-22 Osprey, the world's first production tilt-rotor aircraft, made its debut during rollout ceremonies at Bell Helicopter Textron's Arlington, Texas, facility. More than 1,000 representatives from the military, industry, and media, gathered to hear various speakers, including Gen Alfred Gray, Commandant of the Marine Corps, praise the versatile rotor craft designed to meet the needs of 21st Century battlefields.

26 May 1969: Operation Pipestone Canyon began when the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines and 3d Battalion, 5th Marines began sweeps in the Dodge City/Go Noi areas southwest of Da Nang. It terminated at the end of June with 610 enemy killed in action at a cost of 34 Marines killed.

29 May 1991: Elements of a joint task force that included the 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade departed the Bay of Bengal off the coast of Bangladesh after nearly two weeks of disaster relief operations following a devastating cyclone. The joint task force delivered tons of relief supplies using helicopters, C-130s, and landing craft in Operation Sea Angel.



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