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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 October. Please read Adjutant Terry Boston's minutes for a snapshot of all that was discussed at the October meeting. A **BIG THANK YOU** to Del Duvall



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and Joe G. Martinez, who handed out boots and shoes and Melvin Postlewait, Pat Carty, Gary George and John & Laura Minjarez who passed out jeans and blankets to an estimated 175 homeless veterans at the Veterans Stand Down. There is a lot going on in the month of November so please make sure you get involved somewhere and enjoy some fun and comradery. Please see Sr. Vice Terry Crum's article regarding some of the events which include the Veteran's Day Parade, Marine Corps Ball, Veteran



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appreciation breakfasts at the YMCAs and Lunch at Russell Middle School. And don't forget the Second Tuesday WWII/Korean Veteran's Luncheon at Western Omelet. By the way, a quick thank you to Garry Gibson for his continued leadership in making sure that our Greatest Generation and veterans of The Forgotten War are encouraged and reminded how much they are

appreciated each and every month at this event. A quick reminder, elections for the four senior officer's posts will be held during the detachment monthly meeting on 21 November. Please note in the Judge Advocates section a listing of the current candidates for the posts. I would like to strongly encourage (plead, exhort, ah heck, beg even) all that are able to come out for this year's Veteran's Day Parade on the morning of 7 November to please do so. SVC Terry Crum has been doing an outstanding job of getting out the Color Guards for our parades and events this year but where he really needs more warm bodies, and preferably ones that move with a little more ease, is as line handlers on the DI float and banner carriers. Lastly, I want to take a moment and thank, once again, our "Little Engine That Could" and keeps on COULDING, Marianne Smith. Once again she has set the bar through her organization, leadership, encouragement, and many countless hours in bringing together a



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wonderful Bowlathon fundraiser. We had so much fun laughing and cutting up at this year's event. Marianne's indomitable drive through all the phone calls and recruiting folks both from within and outside our detachment to come out and bowl to raise money, organizing others to help in contacting donors, coordinating with the bowling alley, and making sure that donors are thanked and sent their receipts, are just a small number of the reasons she was duly recognized as this year's Marine Corps League, Department of Colorado, Associate of the Year. I hope to see you at the Veterans Day Parade and the Marine Corps Ball later in the evening on 7 November.

Semper Fi, Russ



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Greetings Marines, Navy FMF Corpsman, Associate members! Is anyone else surprised that 2015 has passed so quickly? The days are getting shorter and day light savings time is about to end. The holidays will be upon us sooner than you would think. November 7th will be a

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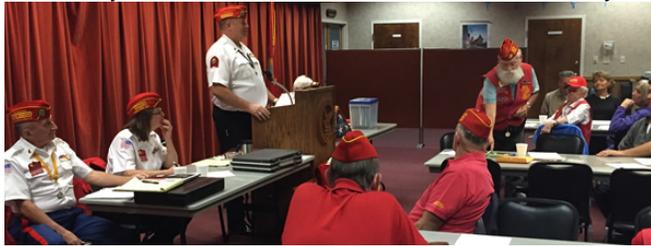
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busy day. We have a parade in the morning and the Marine Corps Ball in the evening. Please accept my apologies for not having more information concerning these events. The Veteran's Day Parade will be downtown and will start at 1000. This parade is always an honor to be part of. As always, your presence as part of our merry crew of marchers makes all the difference. As soon as details of the parade are available, the email traffic will reflect this. Regardless whether you march, drive, walk, or ride we need you.



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Get your Marine Corps "oohrah" look going and join us! After some fun in the sun in the morning, there is the awesomeness of the Marine Corps Ball in the evening to finish your day. The Ball will be held at the Marriott Hotel (behind the Rodeo Hall of Fame) with Cocktail Hour beginning at 1700 followed by the Ceremony beginning at 1800. Dinner will follow the Ceremony. The Ball registration form is located on the detachment website www.mclpikespeak.org if needed. If you decide at the last minute to go to the Ball then contact Roger Baty (719-534-9683) and he will coordinate your registration. There will be a full rehearsal for the Cake Escort, Invocation, and rest of the participants beginning at 1600. Please don't be late. This is the time to look your best. As a gentle reminder do not forget to check that uniform, red blazer, fancy suit, pretty gown (pick the one that applies to you). Does it fit? Is it clean? Don't forget to register www.ppymca.org for the Veterans Appreciation Breakfast (6 & 11 Nov), information was emailed to all. All kidding aside, I look forward to seeing you all during this month. Take care and Semper Fi. **Terry Crum**



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Greetings to all Marines, Corpsmen, and family members! It's time again for the election and selection of Detachment 29 officers to serve during the next year. Nominations for the 4 elective positions opened on the day of our October Detachment meeting and will continue until our November meeting's election. Do not hesitate to call me at 471-3102 or email at kazmueller@gmail.com with any other nominations to be made. Marines to hold all other officer positions will be appointed by the newly elected Detachment Commandant and will be announced when made.

As of today (27 Oct) the following Marines have been nominated for the 4 elective positions:

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

Semper Fi, Kaz



High Country Toy Run Collection



Chaplain's Corner
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Greetings Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Associates, and Friends; Our past Chaplain, Pat Carty has been very helpful and showing once again these past couple weeks why he was chosen as Last Year's Detachment Marine of the Year. He has been very diligent in covering the Chaplain's responsibilities while I have been preoccupied with moving into a new house, bringing my in-laws in to town to live with us and continuing to search for a warehouse for Toys for Tots, and getting the 2016 campaign started. Pat has spent a number of hours visiting our sick members in the hospital and keeping in contact with the families as well

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as keeping a constant flow of information to all of the rest of us regarding prognosis, recovery, and personal and family needs of those affected. **Thank you Pat!!!** I am sure I speak for all of us in saying how much we appreciate all that you are doing. Thank You as well to all that took and continue to take time to go and visit



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with our members that are currently sick and in distress. I have been told repeatedly how much all of your visits have meant, especially to the family members. 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, Brigid Rudolph, Steve Schwartz, Dale "Jack" Crowson, 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



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Minutes of the 17 October 2015 Meeting of the Marine Corps League Pikes Peak Detachment (Note: Draft until accepted at the 21 November

2015 meeting).

- Commandant, Russ Miller, opened the 17 October 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 except the Web Sergeant who was excused.
- Guests / Application for Membership:
 - Acting Chaplain Pat Carty introduced Mike Burns and his wife Debbie who spoke for her husband and she thanked Pat and the Marine Corps League for coming into their lives.
 - Vincent Espinosa served from 1989-1995 and is looking forward to becoming a member.
 - Member Gunny Gibson made a motion to vote the both individuals into the Detachment which was seconded by Member Jim Woods. The motion carried unanimously.



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- Minutes: Member Bob Berndt made a motion to accept the September 2015 minutes. Member OSA Tuck seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- New Correspondence: Commandant Miller, read the latest on the VA cemetery. Planning continues and construction could begin in 2016, but Congress has not approved the funds. Look for upcoming meetings in the October - December 2015 timeframe. Member Paul Darrow added there will be a meeting at TREA Wednesday, 21 October 2015, 1800 - 2000.
- Paymaster: NSTR.
- Sick and in Distress: Acting Chaplain Pat Carty reported several members are ailing and to keep them in our thoughts and prayers: Steven Peterson

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(FL), Brigid Rudolph, Steve Swartz, Jack Crowson, and Barry Farris.

- Report of Officers:
- Commandant Miller relayed the following information:
 - VA Stand-down will be conducted on 20 October 2015. He needs nine volunteers. If you want to participate wear your red vest or something "Marine Corps;" you can wear your League cover or a cap. All League volunteers will be handing out clothes, this year.
 - Two veterans' breakfasts hosted by the YMCA will be held on 6 and 11 November 2015 at no charge! Marines and Navaho Code Talkers will be honored. Gunny Gibson will provide more information. RSVP will be by phone or e-mail.
 - The Marine Corps Ball will be held on 7 November 2015. Call the Marriot Hotel directly if you want to reserve a room. Say you are "with the Marine Corps Ball" to obtain the reduced rate. Invitations have been mailed and e-mailed (Commandant Miller made available invitations in case any had not received one). There will be a full cake escort rehearsal on the day of the Ball and Member Bob Hill will deliver the invocation at the Ball.
- Senior Vice (SV) – Staging for the 7 November 2015 Veterans Day Parade will be prior to the 1000 start. Look for an e-mail with information.
- Junior Vice (JV) / Adjutant – NSTR.
- Judge Advocate – Judge Advocate Kaz Mueller announced he will be taking nominations for officer positions during New Business, as elections are next month.
- Quartermaster – Pick-up your T-Shirt if you ordered one and have not done so; A local vendor has been identified for red vests and they can now be procured in 7-10 days.
- Sgt-at-Arms – NSTR.
- Web Sergeant – Absent.
- Toys-for-Tots (TFT) – Still no warehouse, but activity is underway. Toys received from the Toy Run are yet to be inventoried, but \$533 was raised at the event. Victor Mine will again participate this year under a matching program.
- Military Order of Devil Dogs (MODD): Senior Vice Pound Keeper Gibson informed the Detachment that there will be a Department Staff meeting and Growl on 31 October 2015. Additionally, he will send out an e-mail on next month's WWII Luncheon (note: it will be on the same day as the Marine Corps Birthday Luncheon – 10 November 2015).

- Standing Committees: Member Jim Woods announced the Scholarship Committee will study options for improving processes.
- Special Committees: NSTR.
- Unfinished Business: Member Bob Hill provided details on the 10 November Marine Corps luncheon. Hosted by Bob & Helen Hill, it will be held at TREA at a cost of \$22.00 per person. Invitations to this event have also been sent. Please RSVP.
- New Business: Judge Advocate Kaz Mueller provided a brief synopsis of the **elections** process and announced the **current nominations**: Commandant – Russ Miller, Senior Vice – Paul Hinojosa, Junior Vice - Terry Crum, and Judge Advocate – Gary George. No other nominations were provided, but there is still time if you wish to make a nomination!



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- Good of the League:
 - In addition to providing information and a brochure on the VA Call Caption Phone program, Member Melvin Postlewait announced an 11 November 2015 service at the Fountain Veterans Memorial at 0900. He needs a volunteer to carry the Marine Corps flag. He also mentioned one can purchase a brick for \$35.00, honoring past and present veterans for the Veterans Wall of Honor in Caboose Park.
 - Associate Member of the Year Marianne Smith provided results from the Bowlathon. With over \$5500.00 in net proceeds, results were not only better than last year, but also the second best results ever!
- With no additional business at hand, the 50 / 50 drawing was held. Member Doris Purdy was the lucky winner! She donated the winnings to the General Fund.

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- With all business being completed Commandant Miller closed the meeting at 0950. The next meeting will take place on 21 November 2015.
**Respectfully submitted, Terry Boston, Adjutant
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Sergeant-at-Arms

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Next Meeting

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



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 Semper Fi, Russ

Item one, we still do not have a warehouse to operate this year's campaign out of and we are not alone in this predicament. I am informed that a number of T4T units are facing the same hurdles that we have. Please continue to pass the word regarding our need for a facility. We are quickly closing in on the "now what are we gonna do" point. Our small trailer is three quarters full of toys from the High Country Toy Run that have yet to be counted. Once we have a facility to operate from I will be sure to publish the totals of what was brought in both monetarily and toy count. Item two, thanks to everyone who participated in collecting toys at the High Country Toy Run at the Harley Davidson Dealership.

Semper Fi, Russ



Upcoming Events

- Veterans Day Parade – 7 Nov
- Marine Corps Ball – 7 Nov
- Marine Corps Birthday Luncheon – 10 Nov – TREA
- Elections – 21 Nov



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 in the odd months, Jan., Mar., etc. Ship Store **will be OPEN** at the November meeting.
 Semper Fi...Russ



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WOOF! WOOF! Fellow PDD's, DD's, Pups and all you wannabes; After a hearty Growl at the moon and before I go out and bite someone, I would like for all of us to keep our Dog Robber Steve Schwartz in our thoughts and prayers as he recovers from his lengthy illness. Since our 19 September Growl I was able to find a nice glass/wood frame to hold our Charter. For those of you that haven't signed the Charter yet, I will have it with me at the 21 November monthly meeting & at the 19 December monthly meeting for you to sign. As you know, I found a brass spittoon to hold all those dirty bones (\$\$\$) that we collect in fines at our Growls. **19 December Growl:** I would like to hold this Growl at the conclusion of our Detachment Awards & Swearing in of new officers Ceremonies. Till then, keep your paws on the ground, sniff the Rocky Mountain air...laugh...have fun chasing MODD wannabees and help those mutts less fortunate than yourself ... Semper Fi & WOOF! WOOF!

Semper Fi, Garry Gibson



A Very Successful Bowlathon!!!

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19th Annual Bowlathon

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I am so happy and pleased to report that our Bowlathon was very successful. We had 7 teams - 28 people bowled and had lots of fun. Donations are above last year's amount. **Thank You** all, members and

friends, who so generously gave. There are still some pledges outstanding, so please pay at the Nov 21st meeting, or send your check to: 546 Raemar Dr. Colorado Springs, CO. 80911. Again thank you to all bowlers and helpers. If you need a receipt for your donation please see me at the November meeting, or give me a call at 719-392-4456.

Semper Fi,

Marianne Smith
Iris Rudesill
Denise Wickersheim
Marianne Smith
Bowlathon Committee



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This Month in History

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

1 November 1983: 300 Marines of the 22d Marine Amphibious Unit staged an amphibious and helicopter landing on the island of Carriacou, 15 miles northeast of Grenada, in a search for Cuban military installations or personnel. 17 Grenadian soldiers were captured, and arms, ammunition, and training sites were found. The next day the 22d MAU left the Caribbean area and proceeded to Beirut, Lebanon to replace the 24th MAU

1 November 1966: Da Nang – VMA(AW)-242 arrives, bringing with it the first Marine Grumman A6 Intruders; Four Marines die while fighting a brush fire in the Pedro de Lumbre Canyon area of California.

2 November 1870: The Brooklyn Navy Yard dispatches 245 Marines to aid local law enforcement officials in rooting out illegal distilleries in the city.

8 November 1990: President Bush announced that he planned to add more than 200,000 U.S. troops to those already deployed in Operation Desert Shield in the Persian Gulf area. The number of Marines in the area would be doubled by the addition of II MEF units from the Corps' east coast bases, and the 5th MEB from California. Within the next two months, Marine strength in the objective area would increase to nearly 90,000 Marines.



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10 November 1921: This date marked the first formal commemoration of the birthday of the Marine Corps as 10 November. On 21 October 1921, Maj Edwin McClellan, OIC of the Historical Section, HQMC, sent a memo to MajGen Commandant John A. Lejeune, suggesting that the original birthday of 10 November 1775 be declared a Marine Corps holiday to be celebrated throughout the Corps. Accordingly, on 1 Nov 1921, Gen Lejeune issued Marine Corps Order No. 47 summarizing the history, mission, and tradition of the Corps, and directed that it be read to every command each 10 November.

13 November 1982: The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, containing the names of more than 13,000 Marines who lost their lives in Vietnam, was dedicated this date at the Memorial site in Washington, D.C. The dedication and parade that preceded it were part of a week-long National Salute to Vietnam Veterans.

14 November 1973: The Marine Corps adopts the M203 grenade launcher, which is attached under an M-16. One man in each fire team will carry this 40mm weapon and double as a rifleman and grenadier.

15 November 2001: Operation Enduring Freedom – 15th MEU(SOC) elements begin landing in Afghanistan more than 400 miles from the coast and taking control of Forward Operating Base (FOB) Rhino. Marine air

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and ground forces begin patrolling the region in search of Taliban and Al Qaida fighters.

17 November 1918: The 4th Marine Brigade, as part of the 2d Division, American Expeditionary Force, began its march to the Rhine River, passing through Belgium and Luxembourg, as part of the American forces occupying a defeated Germany.

20 November 1943: The 2d Marine Division, commanded by Major General Julian C. Smith, landed on Betio Island, Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands. After seventy-six hours of bitter fighting during which almost 1,000 Marines died, and more than 2,000 were wounded, MajGen Smith declared the island secure.

20 November 1968: Operation Meade River – In support of a South Vietnamese pacification program, the 1st Marines launches a cordon and search operation designed to encircle the entire Dodge City area, 36 square miles of farm land south of Da Nang.

24 November 1992: Marines lowered the flag at Subic Bay, U.S. Naval Facility, Republic of the Philippines, for the last time during ceremonies to turn over the facility to the government of the Philippines. The withdrawal ended almost a century of U.S. presence in that nation.

25 November 1968: The conclusion of Operation Lancaster II ended 10 months of action against the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army troops in the west-central sector of the demilitarized zone region. Over 1,800 enemy were killed, 42 captured, and 913 weapons seized during the operation.

27 November 1950: In a carefully planned assault, eight Chinese Communist divisions in Korea launched a massive attack which had as its expressed purpose, the destruction of the 1st Marine Division. This action led to the successful southward Marine Corps attack out of the Changjin (Chosin) Reservoir to the coastal port of Hungnam.

30 November 1953: Total strength of the Marine Corps is 251,770, its max during the Korean War era.



Toys for Tots at High Country Toy Run



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