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Greetings Everyone; I would like to start off by thanking everyone for attending our 15 March 2014 monthly meeting; we had a great showing with 55 members in attendance; in addition we were honored to have (2) hard charging & squared away U.S. Marines join us for breakfast in their Dress Blues; Sgt White and Sgt Gray are both Marine Corps Recruiters



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who are stationed here in the Springs. The following Monday at about 0720 I stopped by their office to thank them again for supporting us as part of our Color Guard Detail in the St. Patrick's Day Parade but they had already left their office; they were out PT-ing. Another Marine Recruiter was in the office having their prospects doing pull-ups; they don't want to send these young men & women off to MCRD San Diego unless they can handle the physical challenges of boot camp. There's no use sending them to boot camp only to have them drop out because they are not physically fit. These Marines put in some very long hours working (6) days a week, they deserve our respect and admiration



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for a job well done. We salute them and thank them all for serving. The St. Patrick's Day Parade was held several hours after our monthly meeting adjourned; I would like to thank everyone for braving the cool temperatures and windy conditions to participate in this



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event. I attended ill prepared (a senior moment) and was standing out there freezing my derriere off until Roger Baty took pity on me and loaned me his extra jacket - thanks Roger. I would like to commend our Sr. Vice Commandant Russ Miller for doing a superb job organizing all aspects of our attendance at the parade which included pulling permits, insuring that registration fees were paid on time and making sure that proper insurance was taken out for this event. Russ was at our storage unit at 0600 to pick up all of the flags, harnesses, etc. needed for our Color Guard & Banner Details; then Russ joined us at TREA to help out with Cash Sales and he then filled his position as our Sr. Vice at the head table - please read his detailed report. On Saturday 8 March 2014 our Pay Master



**Young Marine Graduation and Award Ceremony
 Pueblo Colorado**

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Veronica Hoard and I traveled to Pueblo, CO to attend the Graduation and Award Ceremonies of "The Pikes Peak Young Marine Detachment," "The Colorado Springs Young Marine Detachment" and "The Pueblo Young Marine Detachment." We all met at the Pueblo Military Air Craft Museum for the Ceremony. The guest speaker was the National Executive Director of Young Marines, LtCol Michael E. Kessler, USMC Ret.; who flew in from Washington, DC to attend the Ceremony



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and speak to these graduating Young Marines. LtCol Kessler brought with him (2) "Marine Corps League Unit Commendation Award" Certificates. I had the honor of presenting these award certificates to Unit Commanders Chuck Jackson and Tim Gardiner. They received these deserving awards on behalf of their Young Marine Detachments for their many years of supporting our Detachment. I want to thank Hank Hankins, Joe Martinez (the DI Guy) and Ron Asmussen for attending with Veronica & me and setting up the DI Balloon for the ceremonies. I would also like to thank Gary George and Richard Archuleta



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for taking the time to attend this event. I would also like to mention that John Sprague, Commandant of the Home of Heroes MCL Detachment was on hand to present the MCL Unit Commendation Award to Joe McDonough Unit Commander of the Pueblo Young Marine Detachment. Cash Sales events: I have

scheduled (5) days of fund raising events at Walmart starting in April; please read my Quarter Master Report for the rest of the story on where and when. Till I see you at our 19 April 2014 monthly meeting, Think Positive...Laugh...Have fun...Help someone less fortunate than you... and Continue to March!!!

Semper Fi...The Gunny



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Hello Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Associate Members, and Guests. Thanks again to all who attended the Saint Patrick's Day Parade and helped make it such a success this year. A special note of thanks to Sgt. White and Sgt. Gray (recruiters here in Colorado



Springs) for jumping in last minute to round out our Color Guard detail. I would also like to extend our thanks to Kaz Mueller, Terry Crum and Bear Barrera for volunteering for the color guard. It gave me goosebumps walking behind them and hearing and seeing

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the crowd's reaction to them as they marched down the parade route. They did an excellent job dodging those equestrian land mines! Let us not forget all of our other volunteers that helped to make this year's Saint Patrick's Day parade a success: Hank Hankins (fire truck), Joe Martinez #1 (DI float), Phil Beckerich (drove

(1-4May2014) which many of the officers will be attending. That same weekend is the Blossom Festival Parade in Cañon City (3May2014). Although our detachment has historically taken part in this event at the request of "Muddy" Waters, it has been brought to my attention that since it is within the confines of the



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his convertible PT Cruiser up from Cañon City), Glen McMullan (6X) and our newest member, Jason Helton along with his girlfriend who rode his motorcycle in the parade. Thanks as well to all the DI line handlers, and



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Royal Gorge Det. we are not "officially" involved. That being said, I understand that "Hank" Hankins will be taking the fire truck down, Joe is taking the DI, and Glen will be taking his 6X to take part with the Royal Gorge Detachment. I am willing to bet they would not turn away any warm bodies that wanted to take part in the parade from our detachment with them. 24-26 May is Memorial Day weekend and we have a number of things to do; 1) Color Guard Detail (Dress Blues) for Territory Days in Bancroft Park, Old Colorado City; 2)



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those of you that walked alongside our vehicles to make sure no one ran out and become a speed bump under our tires. Now that St. Patty's Parade is behind us we start looking forward to April and May. Currently in April we have only our monthly breakfast/meeting (19April2014) so keep your eyes and ears open for more Marines to add to our ranks. The more the merrier!! Please keep in mind that May holds several opportunities for us to take part. The first weekend in May sets up the Department of Colorado Convention



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Cash Sales at Territory Days (Gunny has this covered along with his usual group of suspects); 3) Honor Guard (Red Blazers) for wreath laying at Memorial Park on Memorial Day ceremony. If you would like to volunteer for any of these events please contact me by voice or text at 719-235-1058 or via e-mail at rcmlr@msn.com. Lastly, I have begun the registration process for the July 4th parade in Monument and the Salute to American Veterans Bike Rally in Cripple Creek (15-17August2014) so please mark your calendars accordingly. And a reminder, the Wounded Warrior Games have been moved to September, so more information will be coming out as it becomes available.

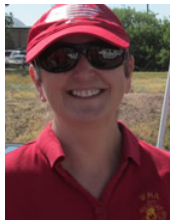
Semper Fi, Russ

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Greetings Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Associates, and Friends; the end of March has sadly brought a spate of illness and passing to members of the Pikes Peak Detachment and their families. LtCol Marvin Gardner, Mary Sally Martinez (mother of Joe G.

anyone who needs the support of the Chaplain or our Detachment. Thanks to all who have visited or helped in any way to comfort those in need. I know the families of those who have passed are very grateful to those who have taken the time to attend funerals. I have received many cards of appreciation from the families of those whose funerals the Bereavement Team and Members have attended. Our efforts do not go unnoticed. Semper Fi!

Semper Fi,
Pat Carty, Chaplain



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Visit with Marvin Gardner on 20 March
Marvin passed away 2 days later

Martinez), Mary Ann Sparks (wife of Sam Sparks), and Eileen Moriarty (sister of Pat Thompson) have passed away in the last few days. Sam Sparks and Karen Godsell (sister of Russ Miller) are in Penrose Main Hospital on Nevada Ave. Please remember them and their families in your thoughts and prayers. I have sent Sympathy and Get Well cards to them or their families on behalf of the Detachment. In addition I am sure a visit, phone call, card, or note from our members would be welcome. If I have overlooked anyone who is ill or has lost a family member I apologize. I would appreciate a phone call or e-mail to let me know of



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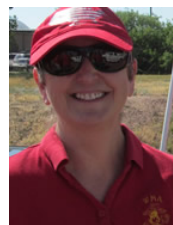
Please send your membership dues (annual renewal) to the Pikes Peak Detachment address (top of the newsletter).

New Member Dues - \$36.00
 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, Veronica



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Minutes of the 15 March 2014 Meeting of the Marine Corps League Pikes Peak Detachment (Note: Draft until accepted at 19 April 2014 meeting).

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- Commandant and Quartermaster Garry Gibson opened the 15 February 2014 meeting of the Marine Corps League Pikes Peak Detachment for Official business at 0900 with Salute to Colors, and opening prayer. All officers with the exception of the Sergeant at Arms who was out-of-state were present.
- Guests/Application for Membership: Commandant Gibson introduced local recruiters Sergeants White and Gray. Sgt White graduated from Palmer High School and served three combat tours. Sgt Gray is an infantry Marine. Both expressed their happiness to participate in the meeting and in the Colorado Springs St. Patrick's Day Parade as part of the Color Guard.
- Minutes: Commandant Gibson made a motion to accept the February meeting minutes. Member Iris Rudesill seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- New Correspondence: None.



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- Report of Officers:
 1. Pay Master - Pay Master Veronica Hoard explained the new report format and provided the financial report. See her if you have questions or want a copy.
 2. Chaplain – Chaplain Carty provided the Detachment with the following news:
 - a. Member Sam Sparks is home from the hospital; however his wife is now in a nursing home.
 - b. Member Ken Sanguinetti had a kidney removed which was diagnosed with cancer. It appears to have been caught in time. Please keep him in your prayers.
 - c. Member Melvin Postlewait was thanked for presenting a book on the Korean War to each of two families of deceased Korean War veterans at their services; as was Member Paul Darrow for presenting a Bible.
 - d. If you have any other news of sick or distressed members, let Chaplain Carty know.
 3. Commandant and Quartermaster:
 - a. Commandant Gibson announced that Marianne Smith has been nominated for "Associate of the Year"

Award for the Department of Colorado; for her many years of dedicated service and fund raising for the Pikes Peak Detachment.

b. Web Sgt Roger Baty has been nominated for the Distinguished Citizen Silver Award – the highest award that can be given to a member at the department level - for his extraordinary efforts and hard work in producing the finest and most informative Newsletter in the state of Colorado. He has done more to promote our Detachment, the Department of Colorado and the Marine Corps League during the past 10 consecutive years than any one member of the Detachment.



Helen Hill and Marianne Smith Capture Attendance

c. The Pikes Peak Young Marine Detachment & the Colorado Springs Young Marines Detachment were awarded the "Marine Corps League Unit Commendation Award." Presented during the Young Marines Graduation Ceremonies in Pueblo on 8 March, the awards recognized their support of our Detachment for many years. The Guest of Honor, LtCol Michael E. Kessler, USMC Ret., National Executive Director of Young Marines, was said to have been impressed with the Young Marines going the extra mile in backing the Detachment. Note: All Units are from the 3rd Colorado High Plains Bn., 1st High Plains Regiment, 4th Young Marine Division As our Young Marines renown grows, so does the organization – a fourth battalion will be standing up in New Mexico. Well done to all the Young Marines!



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d. Quartermaster Gibson announced that 101 cash sales events had been completed as of 15 March and he recognized all who have helped.
 4. Senior Vice Commandant – Senior Vice Miller provided the latest logistics information for the St. Patrick’s Day Parade and encouraged all to participate.

- With all business being completed Commandant Gibson closed the meeting at 0928. The next meeting will take place on 19 April 2014.

Respectively submitted by Terry P. Boston, Adjutant Marine Corps League, Pikes Peak Detachment

Sergeant-at-Arms



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Next Meeting

19 April 2014 0900 at TREA - Breakfast at 0800
 Come early (0730), drink coffee and tell stories

Upcoming Events

Department of Colorado Convention – 1-4 May
 Football – 3 May
 Cañon City Music & Blossom Festival Parade – 3 May
 Territory Days – 24-26 May

Announcements

Colorado Springs Semi-Pro Football

Bear Barrera let everyone know that the first game would be 1300 3 May at Harrison High School. Show military or veteran ID to get a discounted Ticket. Bear will be coaching his team this year. There will be recognition of all Veteran organizations. All are welcome!!!



Getting the DI Ready – St. Patrick’s Day Parade

5. The Junior Vice Commandant, Judge Advocate, and Adjutant had nothing additional to report.
 6. Web Sergeant Roger Baty will send pictures from the Young Marine Graduation event in Pueblo to Semper Fi magazine.
 7. Chaplain – Chaplain Carty recognized those members who provide rides to other members who can’t drive. Thanks to all of you.

- Unfinished Business: None.
- New Business: None.
- Standing Committees: Nothing new to report.
- Good of the League:

1. Member Paul Darrow reminded the Detachment of its yearly donation to the Veterans Council of Colorado Springs. Web Sgt Roger Baty made a motion for the Detachment to donate 10 cents per member paid in full to the Council. Paul seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Member Antonio “Bear” Barrera announced the start of the Colorado Veterans Football Team season, with him as Head Coach, starts on 3 May. He asked that all who can, show up at Harrison High School at 1300. While this conflicts with the Cañon City Music & Blossom Festival Parade, we have enough members to support both if we all pitch in!

- With no additional business at hand, the 50 / 50 drawing was held. Former Commandant Bob Hill won and donated the winnings to the Young Marines. Way to go, Bob!



Bear Barrera Talks Football

Toys for Tots



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<http://colorado-springs-co.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/default.asp>

Search for a new TFT coordinator is still on! Each year when TFT coordinators sign up early to be coordinators for the next year your site is added to the

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list of supplemental toy deliveries thru the foundation. The value of these toys is around \$10,000 dollars. So, I thought I would mention this if there is someone out there who is thinking they might want to sign up for this **GREAT** endeavor. And of course you get expert hands on experience from me for what is in the TFT SOP and what's required of you. Better than what you get at the TFT conference but you will be required to go there as well. It costs you nothing to go of course as it is paid for by the TFT program. Call me and I'll answer your questions.

Semper Fi, John



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Quarter Master
Garry Gibson

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Hi everyone; I would like to thank all of you for supporting our monthly meeting Cash Sale events; during the first (3) months of 2014 we have done well over \$700.00 dollars in (gross) sales. This does not count the \$1,167.00 dollars (net) that we helped Jim Woods raise for Katsuko Griego, wife of Past Commandant George Griego who had unfortunately passed away. Upcoming Cash Sales Events: I have scheduled the following Cash Sales events at the Walmart located at Woodman Rd & Powers Blvd; the 1st event is schedule for 11 & 12 April (Fri/Sat), 16 May (Fri) and 13 & 14 June (Fri/Sat). In addition to raising funds we will also work hard at recruiting new members and have some fun at the same time. Let's hope for favorable weather. I will pass additional information as we get closer to each of these events. Till then, Think positive, Laugh, Have fun...and Help someone less fortunate than you...and continue to March!!!

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This Month in History

Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance

<https://www.mcu.usmc.mil/historydivision/Pages/This%20Month%20in%20History/Current-Month.aspx>

3 April 1945: On Okinawa, Marines of the III Amphibious Corps continued to make good progress all along their front, clearing Zampa Misaki and seizing the Katchin Peninsula, thus effectively cutting the island in two. By this date (D+2), III AC elements had reached objectives thought originally to require 11 days to take.



Cañon City Music & Blossom Parade 2011

5 April 1947: Five Marine guards were killed and eight wounded when attacked by Communist Chinese raiders near the Hsin Ho ammunition depot in Northern China. This last major clash between Marines of the 1st Marine Division and Communist forces occurred shortly after withdrawal and redeployment plans from China were issued for the 1st Division and 1st Marine Aircraft Wing on 1 April.

10 April 1959: Lieutenant Colonel John H. Glenn, Jr. was named as one of the original seven Project Mercury astronauts selected for space training. The seven astronauts, all volunteers, were selected by NASA from an initial group of 110 leading military test pilots. Three years later, on 20 February 1962, Col Glenn would become the first American to orbit the Earth.

12-13 April 1918: Marines of the 4th Brigade suffered their first gas attack on the night and early morning hours of 12-13 April when the Germans bombarded the 74th Company, 6th Marines near Verdun with mustard gas. Nine Marine officers and 305 enlisted Marines were gassed and evacuated, and 30 Marines died from the effects of the gas shells which hit in the middle of the reserve area cantonments in which they were sleeping.

15 April 1962: Marine Corps operational involvement in the Vietnam War began on Palm Sunday when HMM-362 with its Sikorsky UH-34s arrived at Soc Trang in the Delta south of Saigon. The task unit was

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called "Shufly" and its first operational employment involved lifting Vietnamese troops into battle.

18 April 1983: One Marine Security Guard was killed and seven were wounded when a large car bomb exploded just outside the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon. Lance Corporal Robert McMaugh was standing guard at Post 1, just inside the front entrance when the bomb exploded outside the door. The explosion killed 61 people including 17 Americans. LCpl McMaugh was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on 26 April.



Airshow Colorado Springs 2006



Cash Sales – Raising Funds in 2010

21 April 1951: Marine carrier-based airplanes made their first aerial contact with enemy planes over the Korean front lines. Captain Philip C. Delong shot down two YAK fighters and 1st Lieutenant Harold D. Daigh destroyed one more and damaged another in the heavily defended Pyongyang-Chinnanpo area. Both pilots were with VMF-312 flying from the USS Bataan.

27 April 1805: First Lieutenant Presley N. O'Bannon, who with seven other Marines was part of a force of Greeks and Arabs led by American Consul William Eaton, raised the United States flag for the first time over a conquered fortress of the Old World at Derne, a stronghold of the Tripolitan pirates. Two Marines were killed and one wounded in the assault on the walled city.

28 April 1993: The last A-6E Intruder departed from Marine Corps service. Marine All Weather Attack Squadron 332 transferred the last Marine A-6E to St. Augustine, Florida, and prepared for the squadron's transition to the F/A-18D and eventual movement from Cherry Point to Beaufort, South Carolina.



Monument 4th of July Parade 2005



St. Patrick's Day Parade 2008



Commandant "Gunny" Edder – MC Ball 10Nov2003

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