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Greetings Everyone: First off, I would like to congratulate and thank everyone who attended & supported this year's 4th of July Parade in Monument, CO. For your efforts we were awarded a "Best Appearance" ribbon. Secondly, I would like to thank



Commandant Gibson and Best Appearance Ribbon

everyone who took the time on such a beautiful day to attend our 19 July monthly meeting. We had 49 members and guests in attendance. I'm sorry to say that I will not be at our August or September meetings; our Sr. Vice Commandant Russ Miller will officiate our 16 August 2014 monthly meeting as I will be up in Cripple Creek to raise funds & recruit new members at this year's "22 Annual Salute to our Veterans Rally" that's being held from 15-17 August (Fri-Sun). Terry Boston, our Jr. Vice Commandant & Adjutant, will



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officiate our 20 September monthly meeting as Russ will be in Quantico, Virginia training to be our next Toys for Tots Coordinator. I'll be in Aurora at the Aurora Reservoir participating in this year's 8th Annual "United States Marine Corps Memorial 5K Fun Run/Walk." I will post additional information on this event shortly for those of you who might like to join me in this fun, fund raising event. This event is being hosted by Colorado Columbine-WM History Chapter of the Women Marines

Association. Thirdly, I would like to thank Terry Farstad for inviting Sandy Esposito (our guest speaker), her husband Joe and their Guide Dog; "Bobbie" to Saturday's meeting. Sandy (what a lady) - here is a



Sandy Esposito speaks to the members

healthy young woman who is going to college sleeps in her dorm room and wakes up the next morning blind. Everyone who heard her speak had to be as inspired as I was by her positive attitude and all she is trying to do by sharing her story and trying to raise funds for the "Guide Dogs of the Desert" program. These Guide Dogs will go to Veterans who are blind, visually impaired and to veterans who are suffering from PTSD. All funds raised will go to provide a highly trained, customized guide dog to each Veteran selected, pay for their equipment and a 28 day residential stay on campus (Includes lodging, meals and veteran/dog team training by California licensed instructors) and post graduate follow-up for the life of the working guide dogs. I want to thank everyone for voting to purchase a table for (10) at the "2nd Annual Guide Dogs for our Heroes Banquet" to be held at the well-known Abby in Cañon City on 31 January 2015. All proceeds from this Banquet will go towards supporting this great program. Till I see some of you in Cripple Creek....Think Positive...Laugh...Have fun...Help someone less fortunate than yourself...and Continue to March.

Semper Fi, Garry Gibson



Senior Vice Commandant

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Hello Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Associate Members, and guests. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you and extremely loud OOHRAH!! to all that helped to make the Monument 4th of July Parade such a huge success. Thanks to the line handlers for the DI, wheel walkers that kept little Johnny and Suzy from becoming

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chalk blocks under the 6x's and the fire truck. Thanks go to Charley "Hank" Hankins for driving the fire truck, Joe G. Martinez for pulling the DI float, Gunny Gibson



Monument 4th of July Parade

for driving his little wind up clown car or little red convertible for the women Marines to ride in, and Glen McMullen, and Jay Bennett for bringing their 6x's. The ride back from the end of the parade to our rally point in the 6x's was a lot more fun than the parade itself. My hair still won't lay flat. Most importantly, I want to say a very special thank you to our outstanding color guard consisting of Heike Cummins, Kaz Mueller, Antonio "Bear" Barrera, and Charles "Osa" Tuck. It was HOT and windy and we followed an elephant and a camel. ENOUGH SAID! Excellent job Marines!! Lastly I



Monument 4th of July Parade

want to thank Terry Boston for helping me carry the banner in two parades now. I'm six foot five and take a thirty-six inch step and well..... she doesn't, what a hard charger. Thanks to Heike, Kaz, Osa, and new addition, Jeff Falks for presenting the colors for The 7th Annual Thanks Troops Golf Tournament VIP Dinner at the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame on 25 July. They did an outstanding job! Make sure to jot down these upcoming activities that we are taking part in: Salute to American



Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame

Veterans Bike Rally in Cripple Creek (15-17Aug2014); Fountain Fall Festival and Parade on Labor Day weekend (30Aug-01Sept2014); Cruise



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Above the Clouds Car Show in Woodland Park (13-14Sept2014); Wounded Warrior Games (28Sept-4Oct2014); High Country Toys for Tots Motorcycle run

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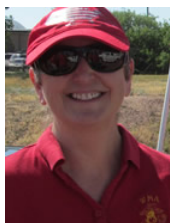
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(5Oct14); Bowlathon on 12 October; Veterans Day Parade and Marine Corps Ball (8Nov2014). Hope to see you all at next month's meeting (16 Aug), and watch your email for more information regarding the Fountain Fall Festival Parade (1 Sept) as it becomes available.
Semper Fi, Russ



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Coming in September 2014
Stand by to Support the Marines!!!



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Chaplain's Corner
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Greetings Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Associates, and Friends. The Bereavement Team attended one funeral on 25 July for Marine Mike Vialpando and there was a Visitation on 20 July for Marine David Miesse. At the last meeting Paymaster Mike Monaghan gave me a check he received from Isabel Laber. She wrote a check for \$100.00 in memory of her husband Marine Donald Laber,

designated to be used for the "Marines Helping Marines Fund." I sent her a thank you card for her generous donation on behalf of the Detachment. Members that attend funerals for Marines, whether they are on the Bereavement Team or not, are very much appreciated by the family and friends. Bob Hill remains in the Center at Centennial, 3490 Centennial Blvd., room 335, phone number: 719-685-8935. Bob is being treated for high blood pressure, some memory problems, and a minor stroke he suffered at the outset of his hospitalization. He is doing better and is undergoing physical therapy and working to improve



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his memory. He welcomes visitors so if you haven't been to see him please consider doing so. As of 28 July he will remain at the Center for some time. Wayne Reynolds has also been undergoing some serious health problems. He had a couple of operations during July for kidney stones, and a recent related emergency visit to St. Francis hospital. He is home now recovering and says he is doing much better. He welcomes visitors and phone calls as well. His home number is 719-570-1446. Beth Waters would like to show a DVD of her husband Muddy's burial at Arlington National Cemetery following the conclusion of our next meeting at TREA in August. Senior Vice Commandant Russ Miller is working out the details for the showing. Please stay to see the DVD if at all possible as it is a great tribute to an Outstanding Marine. Please call me with any information you may have on any of our members that may be sick or, need help.

Semper Fi,
Pat Carty, Chaplain



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

New Member and Renewal Dues - \$36.00
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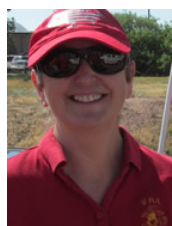
51 – 64 - \$300.00

65 & over - \$200.00

Semper Fi, Mike



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Minutes of the 19 July 2014 Meeting of the Marine Corps League Pikes Peak Detachment (Note: Draft until accepted at the 16 August 2014

meeting).

- Commandant Gibson opened the 19 July 2014 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. Commandant Gibson took a moment to display the ribbon the Detachment won for the Monument 4th of July Parade. He thanked all who participated.



CWO Trammell Davis speaks to the Members

- Guests / Application for Membership:
 - CWO Bill Stevens, who we met last month was present and will send in his application!
 - CWO Trammell Davis will also send in his application. He spent time in the Marine Corps

and retired from the Army! A helicopter pilot, he moved to Colorado Springs after 9/11. A motion was made to accept him as a member and he was unanimously welcomed to the Detachment.

- Joshua Deets was a sniper and MP who was in the Corps from 1999 to 2012. He was nominated as a member of the Detachment.



Joshua Deets speaks to the Members

- Member Veronica Hoard introduced her son, a LCpl, and mechanic. We welcomed him and wish him the best in his Marine Corps career!
- When Joe Esposito and his wife Sandy of Guide Dogs of the Desert arrived, they were introduced and Sandy delivered her moving story. As a young woman, she awoke one morning with blindness. This did not; however, stop her from obtaining a Master's Degree and helping others by fund raising for the non-profit corporation. With the mission of improving the lives of the blind by creating opportunities for independence, the organization has many fund raising activities scheduled. One of these is a banquet at the Abbey in Cañon City on 31 January 2015. Commandant Gibson made a motion to sponsor a table for \$300.00. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote. The money raised will remain in Colorado. If you wish to find out more about Guide Dogs of the Desert and upcoming events, see their web site at www.guidedogsofthedesert.org
- Minutes: Commandant Gibson made a motion to accept the June meeting minutes. Member Barry Farris seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- New Correspondence: None.
- Report of Officers:
 - Pay Master – Pay Master Mike Monaghan has the financial report. See him if you have questions or want a copy.
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LCpl Hoard speaks to the Members

- Chaplain – Chaplain Carty provided the Detachment with the following news about Detachment members:
 - Bob Hill has been in Memorial Hospital and will be there for a while.
 - Wayne Reynolds is feeling better and wants to return as soon as possible.
 - Jack Crowson is still feeling under the weather. Please give all of these members a call.
 - Sad news of Sam Gonzales' death in April. He was interred in Pueblo.
 - The good news is Del Duval and Roland Durden are well.
 - A visitation is scheduled for Marine David Messi on 20 July 2014.
 - Isabel Laber, wife of deceased Marine Donald Wade Laber, provided the Detachment a donation for the Marines Helping Marines Fund, in gratitude for the attendance of the Bereavement Committee at her husband's memorial service.
 - If you have any other news of sick or distressed members, let Chaplain Carty know.
- Commandant and Quartermaster
 - Dept. of Colorado Staff meeting 26 Jul in Grand Junction. Commandant Gibson, Senior Vice Russ Miller, and Sergeant at Arms, Kaz Mueller will attend.
 - National MCL Convention begins 30 Jul through 10 Aug in Charleston, WV.
 - Salute to Veterans Bike Rally 14 Aug through 17 Aug. Set-up in Cripple Creek is on 14 Aug. Commandant Gibson will present Jim Weir a plaque and the Distinguished Citizen Bronze for his many years of support to the Detachment.
 - Sep will see the Labor Day Parade in Fountain, CO; Cruise Above the Clouds in Woodland Park, CO; the 8th Annual Women Marines Association 5K run in Aurora, CO; and the Wounded Warrior Games. Come

participate and support associated Cash Sales events!

- Senior Vice
 - Sr. Vice Russ Miller needs two Color Guard volunteers for the 25 July "Thanks to the Troops" VIP dinner at the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame.
 - It is not too soon to entertain individuals for next year's officers. If you are interested in being nominated for a position, see Sr. Vice Miller.
- Junior Vice / Adjutant, Judge Advocate and Sergeant at Arms had nothing additional to report.
- Web Sergeant – See Roger Baty if you are having any issues with receiving the newsletter or if your point of contact information needs updated.
- Unfinished Business: None.
- New Business: None.
- Standing Committees: NSTR.
- Good of the League
 - Associate Member Marianne Smith reminded the Detachment about the Bowl-a-Thon, scheduled for 12 Oct at the Brunswick Zone. Calls will be made to members regarding participation and providing a donation.



Bob Berndt and his wife Ann at the Pueblo 4th of July Parade – Bob was this Year's Grand Marshal

- Bob Berndt let us know he did very well on his 150 mile bicycle ride for Multiple Sclerosis; raising \$2110.00!
- With no additional business at hand, the 50 / 50 drawing was held. Web Sergeant Roger Baty won and donated the winnings to the Bowl-a-Thon. Way to go, Roger!
- With all business being completed Commandant Gibson closed the meeting at 0944. The next meeting will take place on 16 August 2014.

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

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Sergeant-at-Arms

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Next Meeting

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

Upcoming Events

American Veterans Motorcycle Rally in Cripple Creek – 15-17 August
Fountain Fall Festival Parade – 1 September
High Country Toys 4 Tots Motorcycle Ride – 5 October
Detachment Bowlathon – 12 October
Veterans Day Parade – 8 November
Marine Corps Ball – 8 November

Announcements

Toys for Tots

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As the newbie to Toys for Tots, I will be traveling to Washington, DC and Quantico for the Toys for Tots coordinator's orientation 18-21 Sept. I am looking forward to coming back and hitting the ground running. For all of you riders of the motorized two wheeled persuasion, the date for the annual High Country Toy Run at the Rocky Mountain Motorcycle Museum and Pikes Peak Harley is 5 Oct 2014.

Semper Fi, Russ

18th Annual Bowlathon

Marianne Smith
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This year's Bowlathon will be held Sunday 12 October at 1300 at Brunswick Zone located at 999 North Circle Dr. in Colorado Springs. Four lanes are reserved and I'm hoping for 16 bowlers this year. Remember, bowling is the fun part of the Bowlathon. Please help us with your pledges/donations. The funds earned support the Young Marine Detachments, Wounded Warrior Program, Toys for Tots, Pikes Peak Detachment's Marines Helping Marines fund, Care and Share, and Christmas Unlimited. Pledge forms are available at every meeting. Iris Rudesill, Denise Wickersheim and I will be contacting all members for donations. Please help us again make this Bowlathon a great success. If you have any questions please

contact Marianne at 719-392-4456; Iris Rudesill at 719-685-5014; or Denise Wickersheim at 719-590-9109. Donation checks should be made out to the Marine Corps League Bowlathon. Donation receipts are available. Also, you can pay at the monthly meetings or mail me your checks (546 Raemar Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80911-2651).

Semper Fi

Marianne Smith and the Bowlathon Committee

Quarter Master

Garry Gibson

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Hi everyone; I want to thank everyone for supporting our Cash Sales at our 19 July meeting; we took in close to \$200.00 dollars, this is not a large amount but every little bit we raise helps support our many projects. Now for a quick update - there will be no Cash Sales at our 16 August monthly meeting as I will be up in Cripple Creek for this year's "22nd Annual Salute to our Veterans Rally." Joe (the DI guy) and I will head up to Cripple Creek to set up for this year's Bike Rally early Thursday morning the 14th after Pro Promotions gives us our space assignments later that



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morning where we will set up our tent, tables, etc. Last year, we were located at the corner of Bennett Ave & 1st street which this was a great location with lots of foot traffic. Let's hope we get the same spot again. This three day rally will start the next day, the 15th, and runs thru Sunday the 17th. On 1 September (which is also Labor Day), many members of the Detachment will be lining up for the Labor Day Parade in Fountain, CO - at the same time they are staging for the Parade, we will be nearby in Metcalf Park setting up our Cash Sales tent, tables, etc. Let's hope for good weather and great day for fund raising. Early Saturday morning, 13 September, we will head up to Woodland Park for this year's 23rd Annual "Cruise above the Clouds" Car Show so bring your lawn chairs to this fun event. You'll see some great antique cars, plus we have done fairly

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well in sales at this yearly event – again, let's hope for good weather. Till I see you at the Labor Day Parade or in Metcalf Park on 1 September...Think Positive...Laugh...Have fun...Help someone less fortunate than yourself...and Continue to March.

Semper Fi....The Gunny



Cripple Creek 2011

This Month in History

Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance

1 August 1944: After nine days of fighting in a battle termed "the perfect amphibious operation of World War II," MajGen Harry Schmidt, commander of V Amphibious Corps, declared the island of Tinian secured. The combination of surprise, heavy preassault bombardment, and effective logistical support was responsible for Tinian's recapture with a much lower casualty rate (344 killed and 1550 wounded) than had been experienced in previous landings.

3 August 1950: Eight Corsairs of VMF-214, the famed "Black Sheep" squadron of World War II, launched from the USS Sicily and executed the first Marine aviation mission in the Korean War in a raid against enemy installations near Inchon. After the F4Us delivered their incendiary bombs and rockets on their targets, the Marines concluded their greeting to the Communist troops with a series of strafing runs.

7 August 1990: President Bush ordered U.S. military aircraft and troops to Saudi Arabia as part of a multinational force to defend that nation against possible Iraqi invasion. One week later the Marine Corps announced the commitment of 45,000 troops to the Persian Gulf area as part of Operation Desert Shield which would become the largest deployment of U.S. forces since the Vietnam War.

9 August 1942: With the Guadalcanal airstrip secure after heavy fighting with the Japanese, the 1st

Engineer Battalion commenced work on the runway using captured equipment. Three days later, on 12 August, the first plane landed on Henderson Field, a Navy PBY which evacuated two wounded Marines. Nearly 3,000 wounded Marines would be evacuated from Henderson Field during the battle.

17 August 1942: Just prior to dawn, the 2d Marine Raider Battalion under LtCol Evans F. Carlson landed on Makin Island from the submarines Nautilus and Argonaut. The next day the Marines left the island after destroying a seaplane base, two radio stations, a supply warehouse, and killing about 100 Japanese soldiers.

21 August 1968: PFC James Anderson, Jr., was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by Secretary of the Navy, Paul R. Ignatius, for heroism in Vietnam while serving as a rifleman with Company F, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines in February 1967. This was the first Medal of Honor presented to an African-American Marine. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson, Sr., received the award during ceremonies at Marine Barracks, 8th and I.



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23 August 1984: The last Marines to serve peace-keeping duty in Lebanon arrived home. The 24th Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU) arrived off the coast of Lebanon on 9 April to relieve Marines of the 22d MAU who were guarding the U.S. Embassy in Beirut. The 24th MAU left Beirut on 31 July, marking the last presence of U.S. combat troops in Beirut since Marines entered almost two years earlier.

24 August 1814: Captain Samuel Miller's 100-man detachment from Marine Barracks, Washington, fought in the battle of Bladensburg for the defense of the national capital. After helping to fight back three British charges, Captain Miller was wounded and the enemy began to work around both flanks of the American force. Almost encircled, the force of sailors and Marines was forced to retire to avoid capture. The Marines lost 8 killed and 14 wounded.



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