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Hi Everyone; I would like to start off by thanking everyone who attended our 18 January 2014 monthly meeting; we had 43 members in attendance. January started off quite busy. Saturday 4 January,



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our Toys for Tots Coordinator John Kowall, along with Joseph G. Martinez, Veronica Hoard, myself and the Colorado Spring Young Marines Detachment headed by their Unit Commander Tim Gardiner, were at the warehouse helping to count every toy (in the thousands), then packing them into boxes prior to loading them into our 45 foot Toys for Tots Storage Trailer. These toys will be stored till our Toys for Tots (T4T's) program starts up again in the



Young Marines Pack Toys

fall. John Kowall has been our T4T's Coordinator for the past 6 years and is looking for someone to take over as our next coordinator. There are hundreds if not thousands of needy children in the area that have benefited from Johns hard work leading our very successful Toys for Tots program. Thank You John!!! I want to thank our Jr. Vice Commandant & Adjutant Terry Boston for hosting our 1st Officers meeting & training period on Saturday 11 January 2014. We covered subjects ranging from the use of the MCL Ritual at our monthly meeting, filling out & submitting a Detachment Information Update Form, finances, and who would be attending this year's Department Convention in Denver, CO. Everything that we voted

our approval on was passed on to our members at our 18 January meeting. Please read our Adjutants very through report on what was covered and what was voted on. If you have any questions regarding her



Garry Gibson, Katsuko Griego, Pat Carty, Yoko Nevers and Jim Woods

report please feel to contact me at any time. Fund raising results for Katsuko Griego: I would like to thank everyone who helped our Past Commandant Jim Woods raise funds during November & December for Katsuko, wife of Past Commandant George Griego. On 16 January 2014 Jim Woods, Chaplain Pat Carty and myself presented Katsuko the sum of \$1,167.00 dollars; she was very surprise and very grateful for all the help and support she had received from the members of our Detachment, Katsuko does not fully understand English so she had Yoko Nevers, a close friend of hers on hand to translate for us during the presentation. On Saturday 25 January I was on hand



Antonio "Bear" Barrera and Commandant Gibson

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at the DAV to "Honor our Women Veterans." This event was held to honor our Women Veterans from generations past to the present. Our very own Antonio "Bear" Barrera was also on hand in dress blues working with the Pikes Peak Detachment Young Marines as they participated in the "Missing Man Table Ceremonies." The Detachment furnished their first all Women Young Marine Color Guard detail at this event. These young ladies did an outstanding job handling those big flags & rifles. ARC collection Trailer: on the 25 and 26 January the Pikes Peak Young Marines were busy trying to earn \$1,800.00 dollars by completely filling a 53 foot trailer with donations.



Young Marines and a Full Trailer of Donations

Representatives from ARC said they doubt that they could do it in just 2 days or 12 hours. Well they did it!!! I guess you should never doubt what a Young Marine can or can't do! I spent a good part of Saturday and Sunday with this Detachment of Young Marines and these gals & guys are polite, possess a lot of energy and they are fun to be around. I encourage all of you to

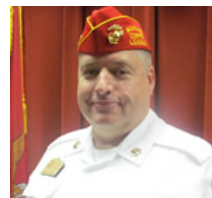


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volunteer to help out at a Young Marine event. You will not regret it. Veterans Cemetery: A deal has been reached to purchase 374 acres of land as a burial

place for our Veterans from southern Colorado. This site is known as the "Rolling Hills Ranch" and is located near South Powers Blvd and Bradley Road. The cemetery is planned to serve the region's 95,000 Veterans. The first burials at the cemetery are planned for 2015 with full completion of cemetery facilities expected by 2017. Till I see you all at our 15 February 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 to all who supported our detachment with your presence at our January meeting. If you were unable to attend please note some upcoming events that were brought to everyone's attention and mark them in your calendar. First off, we have the St Patrick's Day Parade (15 MAR 2014) that will be upon us before we know it. I will be contacting many of you in the weeks between now and then to solicit your help in filling out the empty slots in our color guard detail, banner detail, and side walkers



Marine Gear for Sale

for the DI. The second upcoming dates to make a note of are those of Territory Days on Memorial Day Weekend (24-26 MAY 2014). While our booth at the Territory Days Street Fair is an important opportunity to raise funds for the Detachment, let us not forget the more important reason for that weekend, of remembering our fallen brothers and sisters. Volunteers will be needed for the Wreath Laying at Memorial Park, and Color Guard at the opening ceremony of Territory Days. I will be contacting many of you that have taken on these responsibilities in the past by phone and e-mail as we draw closer to the aforementioned dates. If you have dress blues, that fit, or a Marine Corps League uniform (Red Blazer) and

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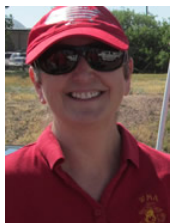


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have not taken part in the past or just in a very long time and would like to "step-up" please contact me and let me know.

Semper Fi, Russ



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Marines, FMF Corpsmen, and Associates; 2014 is well underway and, hopefully this year will be one of your best ever. One never knows when it will be the "best of times or the worst of times" to paraphrase Dickens. The hand you're dealt is the one you have, so make the best of it, good or bad. Sam Sparks has been dealt a pretty bad hand. He is in Memorial Hospital Central, in the ICU. He welcomes visitors, so please take some time to visit him. His wife Mary Ann is recovering from Cancer and cannot drive and could use some help getting to Memorial to visit Sam. Sam has pneumonia, and his situation as of this writing is touch and go, stable at the moment, but it



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could change at any time. Please call ahead (719-365-5000) if you plan to visit him as his room number may have changed. Sam was glad to hear the VA has given the go ahead for the new Veterans Cemetery here in Colorado Springs. Sam and I agreed that we hope we can hold out until they can bury us old curmudgeons there. Also, Mike Monaghan had a heart attack late

Sunday night and was admitted to Penrose Hospital but is now at home. Please keep Sam and Mike in your prayers. The League has had some notable birthdays recently: Doris Purdy, Jim Woods, and others I am sure. So please let me know if you hear of any of our members who need help in any fashion or have a birthday or whatever special event is occurring in their lives. Let me know either by phone or e-mail.

Semper Fi,
Pat Carty, Chaplain



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I am looking forward to this next year as the Detachment Paymaster. When I joined the League last year I wanted to be someone who contributed to the success of our Detachment and what better way than getting involved. I want to give a big thank you to Heike Cummins as my predecessor who did a great job as paymaster and for her time to train me on this new position. I look forward to getting to meet more of you at our monthly meetings and other events.



Commandant Garry Gibson and Paymaster Veronica Hoard

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

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Semper Fi, Veronica

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Minutes of the 18 January 2014 Meeting of the Marine Corps League Pikes Peak Detachment (Note: Draft until accepted at 15 February 2014 meeting).

Commandant and Quartermaster Garry Gibson opened the 18 January 2014 meeting of the Marine Corps League Pikes Peak Detachment for Official business at 0900 with Salute to Colors, opening prayer, and recognition of all past commandants and past officers for their dedication to the Detachment; All officers except the Sergeant at Arms were in attendance.



Ilan Bonnell speaks to the Marines

- Minutes: Commandant Gibson made a motion to accept the November and December meeting minutes as published in the newsletter. Member Iris Rudesill seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- New Correspondence: None.



Mike Monaghan fills in as Sgt at Arms at January Meeting

Guests / Application for Membership:

- Commandant Gibson introduced Ilan Bonnell, a retired 0369 MSgt and Colorado Springs recruiter. He is looking forward to working with the Detachment as he has in the past. By unanimous vote he was welcomed to the Detachment! Reintroduced was Brigid Rudolph who was voted in, as well. Welcome aboard to both!

- Sean Hutton explained he was in artillery from 1993-1997. He will be volunteering with the Young Marines, as his son is joining the organization. We encourage him to join the League soon!



Sean Hutton speaks to the Marines

- Report of Officers:

1. Pay Master - Pay Master Veronica Hoard provided the financial report. See her if you have questions or want a copy of the report. Also, please update your information on the Pikes Peak Detachment members list, if you have moved and / or changed phone number or e-mail address.
2. Chaplain - In his report of those sick or in distress, Chaplain Pat Carty requested our thoughts and prayers for Thomas Burns and Curt Charbonneau who are ill, and Veronica Hoard, who lost a family member.
3. Senior Vice - Senior Vice Russ Miller provided an overview of upcoming events:
 - a. St. Patrick's Day Parade: All is set for 15 March 14, except we are waiting for insurance. See the Senior Vice if you can be part of the Color Guard, banner carrier or escort the "DI."

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b. Territory Days: Like the St Patrick's Day parade, we are only waiting for insurance. Please volunteer for cash sales, Color Guard, or wreath laying!

4. Quarter Master: Quarter Master Garry Gibson thanked everyone who supported the sale of George Griego's Marine Corps clothing. The funds from the sales were presented to George's wife Katsuko and were greatly appreciated. Former Commandant Jim Woods expressed his appreciation of the Detachment helping fellow Marines.

5. The Adjutant and Web Sergeant had nothing additional to report.

- Unfinished Business: Commandant Gibson provided the Detachment a synopsis of the Officer's Meeting of 11 January 14 (discussion below). All activities were accepted by the Detachment:

a. Regarding December's tabled discussion on memorials for funerals/memorial services – Discussion and Decision / Vote was to allow \$50.00 (funds permitting) for Pikes Peak Detachment members who have passed to buy flowers or to be donated per the family's wishes (Chaplain to determine). A sympathy card will be sent to the families of other Marines and Navy Corpsman who are not members who have passed.

b. Scholarship Fund (discussed at Officers meeting) – Decision / Vote was to move \$500.00 from the General Fund to the Scholarship Fund. This allows for the issuance of three, one-time scholarships to qualified applicants as determined by the Scholarship Committee. Scholarship Committee lead for 2014 is Jim Woods and he reminded members that the scholarship is open to all members of the League.

c. Outgoing Expenses (discussed at Officer's meeting): Full year for storage room; trailer Registration fees; reimbursement for hand-outs provided for the 11 January meeting; yearly premium for Marine Corps monument insurance (located at Memorial Park); fuel allowance for members who support parades with "big rigs" (amount capped at \$100.00 or \$150.00 depending on type of vehicle); reimbursement to officers for office supplies (with proper receipts copied onto full 8.5X11 sheet of paper), to include postage for the Chaplain. This will be capped at \$100.00.

d. Colorado Convention (discussed at Officer's meeting) – Decision / Vote was Detachment payment for four double rooms, hotel for two nights, double occupancy; purchase full size advertisement in convention booklet; registration for delegates; and reimbursement to the driver for monies spent on fuel. Reimbursement will not occur for meals eaten on the road.

e. Support to Department of Colorado (discussed at Officer's meeting) – A decision / vote of "no" was taken for providing funds to Dept. of CO Scholarship and Marines Helping Marines as our Detachment supports our own accounts. A decision / vote of "yes" was taken to provide \$100.00 to the Marine Memorial in Golden, CO.

f. Decision was made to provide only one hardcopy report for the Department and Rocky Mountain Division Conference/quarterly meetings and make electronic copies available to all attendees/representatives (discussed at Officer's meeting). It was noted that the majority of copies provided at these meetings ended up in the trash after meetings ended. This decision was based on financial considerations.

- New Business

a. \$100.00 was approved by the Detachment for St. Patrick's Day Parade registration fee.

b. Web Sergeant Roger Baty announced changes to the Detachment web site including availability of newsletters from 2011 to present, updated links, and yearly activities posted under Events (he will update the activities list regularly). In response to member John Kowall's question regarding use of the "cloud" for access to Detachment pictures, Roger stated to provide him a flash drive, if you want them.

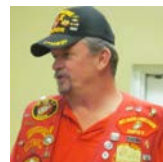
- Standing Committees: No reports.

- With no additional business at hand, the 50 / 50 drawing was held. Beth Waters won and donated the winnings to the Scholarship Fund. Thank you, Beth!

- Before closing; Commandant Gibson expressed his appreciation for the "phone callers" who expend precious time to remind members of meetings and generate attendance and Helen Hill's dedicated contributions to the Detachment through her accounting of members each month gathering of breakfast funds.

- With all business being completed Commandant Gibson closed the meeting at 0948. The next meeting will take place on 15 February 14.

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Next Meeting

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

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Upcoming Events

St. Patrick's Day Parade – 15 March
 Department of Colorado Convention – 1-4 May
 Territory Days – 24-26 May

Announcements



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Thanks to everyone who helped out with counting and boxing up the leftover toys. Looking for next year's Coordinator!!! Contact me for details.

Semper Fi, John



Quarter Master

Garry Gibson

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Hi Everyone; a quick update on Red Vests; on 31 December 2013 I ordered a total of (16) Red Vests, (12) Vests were ordered for our members, plus I ordered (4) extra ones to carry in my cash sales inventory, as soon as I receive these items I will notify each of you, I hope to have these Vests at our February 15th monthly meeting. Green T- Shirts for the St Patrick's Day Parade; the company that I have dealt with since 2009 no longer sells or carry these items; our Sr. Vice Russ Miller is currently trying to find a local company that might produce these items for us at a reasonable price. I will keep you all informed of his findings. Till I see you at our 15 February 2014 monthly meeting ... Think Positive ... Laugh ... Have fun ... 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/SitePages/Home.aspx>

1 February 1967: Operation Prairie II was begun in Quang Tri province by elements of the 3d Marine Division. During the 46-day search-and-destroy operation which terminated 18 March, 93 Marines and 693 of the enemy were killed.

2 February 1944: The 4th Marine Division, as part of the first assault on islands controlled by the Japanese before the start of World War II, captured Namur and eight other islands in the Kwajalein Atoll.

6 February 1968: Two reduced Marine battalions, the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines with two companies, and 2d

Battalion, 5th Marines with three, recaptured Hue's hospital, jail, and provincial headquarters. It would take three more weeks of intense house to house fighting, and nearly a thousand Marines killed and wounded, before the imperial city was secured.

11 February 1922: BGen John H. Russell was appointed U.S. High Commissioner and personal representative of the President to the government of Haiti. This nine-year assignment placed this future Commandant in supreme command of both the occupying American force and the Haitian Gendarmerie.

15 February 1998: One hundred years ago this date, 28 Marines and 232 seamen lost their lives when the battleship MAINE was mysteriously sunk by an explosion in the harbor of Havana, Cuba. Though no definitive evidence linked the Spanish with the sinking, the cry went up, "Remember the Maine!", and by late April the U.S. and Spain were at war.

17 February 1967: The first full day of Operation DECKHOUSE VI, which lasted until 3 March, was conducted near Quang Ngai city. The Special Landing Force (BLT Y4 and HMM-363) accounted for 280 enemy killed.

23 February 1945: Four days after the initial landings on Iwo Jima, 1stLt Harold G. Schrier led 40 men from Company E, 2d Battalion, 28th Marines, up Mt. Suribachi to secure the crest and raise the small American flag that battalion commander LtCol Chandler Johnson had given Schrier. Within an hour, the patrol reached the rim of the crater. After a short fire-fight with Japanese defenders emerging from several caves, the small American flag was attached to an iron pipe and raised over the island.

24 February 1991: The I Marine Expeditionary Force and coalition forces began a ground assault on Iraqi defenses in the final chapter of Operation Desert Storm. The 1st and 2d Marine Divisions stormed into the teeth of Iraqi defenses while heavily armored allied forces attacked the Iraqi defenses in Iraq from behind. In 100 hours, U.S. and allied forces defeated the Iraqi Army.

28 February 1991: Operation Desert Storm ended when the cease- fire declared by President George Bush went into effect. I Marine Expeditionary Force has a strength of more than 92,000 making Operation Desert Storm the largest Marine Corps operation in history .A total of 24 Marines were killed in action during the Gulf War.



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