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Greetings Everyone; I want to thank everyone who attended our 19 April 2014 monthly meeting; we had 43 enthusiastic members in attendance; at this meeting I challenged our Sr. Vice Commandant Russ Miller, I said I would take on the duties of Quarter Master again next year (my 5th year) if he would be our next Toys for Tots Coordinator for 2014; Great



**April Meeting**

News! Russ has accepted the challenge and taken the bait!!! Please take the time to thank Russ; he has agreed to take on the important duties and responsibilities that go with being our next Toys for Tots Coordinator. I will take on the duties again as your Quarter Master next year, 2015, if so asked and appointed by our next Commandant, which will probably be Russ, since he is the only member that has openly stated that he is running for the Commandant position for 2015. On Tuesday, 13 April



**WWII and Korean War Luncheon**

2014, Joe V. Martinez, Joe G. Martinez, Kaz Mueller, Paul Darrow and I celebrated our 4th year of supporting the monthly WWII & Korean War Luncheon

which is held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Omelets ETC. restaurant located at 1616, 8th Street here in the Springs at 1100 AM. This is where our WWII Veterans from the "Greatest Generation" and Veterans who served in the Korean War, also known as the "Forgotten War" meet old friends for conversation, swap war stories, etc. We are honored



**Kaz Mueller, new Sgt at Arms, sets up the meeting**

and enjoy being there each month to welcome them at the door as they arrive; we are there to help them in and out of their vehicles, help them with their wheel chairs, and help escort them to their tables. These Heroes from generations past have some very interesting stories and experiences to share with everyone at these monthly gatherings; so come join us for lunch, you'll never regret it. The upcoming 2014 Department Convention will be held from 1-4 May in



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Denver, CO at the Embassy Suites Hotel. Several of our Officers will be attending this yearly event. I will pass on the results of who received Department awards, who advanced from Pup to Devil Dog, who



**Glen McMullan & Jay Bennett brought their Trucks to the April Meeting**

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might have been elected or appointed to Department Officer positions and other important information that pertains to the MCL at our 17 May 2014 monthly meeting. Finally, I want to thank Kaz Mueller for stepping up for the Sgt at Arms position as Toby Bolender has been very busy with his job. Thanks also to Toby for his service to this detachment. Till then...Think Positive....Laugh...Have fun... and Help someone less fortunate than you...and.... Continue to March!!!

**Semper Fi, Garry Gibson**



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Hello Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Associate Members, and Guests. Please be aware of the important

events we have in May. 24-26 May is Memorial Day weekend, and we desperately need volunteers for: 1) Color Guard Detail (Dress Blues) for Territory Days in Bancroft Park, Old Colorado City; 2) Cash Sales at Territory Days (Gunny has this covered along with his usual group of suspects, you know who you are, so make sure you contact him to coordinate times to man the tent); 3) Honor Guard (Red Blazers) for wreath

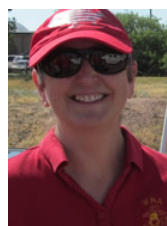


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laying at Memorial Park on Memorial Day (as of our April meeting we now have the two volunteers needed for this detail). If you would like to volunteer for any of these events please contact me by voice or text at 719-235-1058 or via e-mail at rcmlr@msn.com. I have begun the registration process for the July 4th parade in Monument, the Salute to American Veterans Motorcycle Rally in Cripple Creek (15-17August2014), the Fountain Fall Festival parade on Labor Day weekend 30Aug-01Sep2014 and we are registered for the Veterans Day Parade on 8Nov2014, 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. Last item, Gunny Gibson has practically twisted my arm right out of the socket regarding the Toys 4 Tots coordinator position and

after a couple of conversations with John Kowall and my family, I believe it is just too important and we have too much at stake for me not to step up to the challenge. Those of you that have helped John in the past and the new folks that have expressed that you will be willing to help out with this significant endeavor played a large part in my decision making process. So, if you back out, fair warning, I will hunt you down and remind you of your participation pledge!!! Here we go!!!

**Semper Fi, Russ**



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**Territory Days 2010**



**Judge Advocate**  
**Junior Past Commandant**  
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**Chaplain's Corner**  
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Greetings Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Associates, and Friends. Since the last newsletter the Bereavement Team and League members have attended seven funeral and memorial services for Marines Joseph Pekar, Carl Hatton, Robert O'Donnell, Jerry

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Carle, Randy Rockrohr, Edward Englert, and a memorial service for MaryAnn Sparks, wife of member Sam Sparks. Sam has been transferred from the Garden of the Gods Care Center to Penrose Main, room 528, Phone: 719.776.3619. Please call first if you plan to visit to make sure where Sam is. He has been going back and forth from the care center to the hospital. MCL members Bob Hill and Charles Schmidt have been undergoing health problems as well. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers. I would appreciate a call with any information you may have about any of our members with health or other concerns. Memorial Day is on 26 May. Let us take time to remember:

*We remember the many brave men and women  
 who have given their lives  
 through the history of our country  
 to protect us from danger and harm.*

*We salute all those who served  
 in the military, the police, and the fire departments.*

*We also remember all those who sustained injury  
 in mind and/or body in the course of their service.*

*Let us pause and remember that God's Spirit fills the whole  
 world,*

*from the east to the west, from the desert to the mountains.*

*Blessed are You, O God, for You have given us a share in  
 Your life*

*and You dwell in us and in our midst.*

*In the name of God our Father and Creator,*

*and Jesus our Brother and Savior,*

*and the Holy Spirit Giver of Life and Grace.*

*Amen.*

**Semper Fi,  
 Pat Carty, Chaplain**



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**Paymaster  
 Veronica Hoard**

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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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**Adjutant**

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Minutes of the 19 April 2014 Meeting of the Marine Corps League Pikes Peak Detachment (Note: Draft until

accepted at 17 May 2014 meeting).

- Commandant and Quartermaster Garry Gibson opened the 19 April 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 recognized Kaz Mueller for taking on the Sergeant at Arms position.



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- Guests / Application for Membership: None.
- Minutes: Commandant Gibson made a motion to accept the March meeting minutes. Member Iris Rudesill seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- New Correspondence: None.
- Report of Officers:

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- Pay Master - Pay Master Veronica Hoard provided the financial report. See her if you have questions or want a copy.
- Chaplain – Chaplain Carty provided the Detachment with the following news:
  - Member Charles Schmidt is experiencing health problems. Send him a card when you get the chance.
  - Member Sam Sparks is still in a Nursing Home, but he appears to be doing better.
  - Senior Vice Russ Miller and the Bereavement Committee were thanked for attending a number of recent funerals (seven since the last meeting).
  - Member Paul Darrow thanked the detachment for the support it provided at Member Sam Sparks' wife's funeral.
  - If you have any other news of sick or distressed members, let Chaplain Carty know.

generally supports this event. While not officially entered, we have been asked to participate. The rally point will be at the Walgreens in Cañon City at 1100.

- Territory Days Color Guard volunteers are needed, as is a volunteer for Memorial Day wreath laying.
- The Junior Vice, Judge Advocate, Adjutant and Web Sergeant had nothing to report.
- Unfinished Business: None.
- New Business: None.



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- Commandant and Quartermaster
  - Commandant Gibson announced the Officers will attend the Department Convention 2-4 May 2014. Officers should anticipate a meeting prior to leaving for the event.
  - The Toys-for-Tots Program still needs a Coordinator. Please step-up to the plate!
  - Commandant Gibson will present Mr. Jim Weir the Distinguished Citizen Bronze award for his support during the Salute to American Veterans Rally and Toys-for-Tots. Detachment consensus was to present the award during Salute to American Veterans Rally at Cripple Creek.
  - Good results were realized from cash sales at Walmart, but we need to keep up the good work! The next event is on 16 May. Come and have fun while supporting the Detachment.
- Senior Vice
  - Senior Vice Russ Miller provided the latest logistics information for the Royal Gorge Blossom Festival parade. The Detachment

- Standing Committees
  - Toys-for-Tots: The deadline for receiving toys is 1 May 2014. However, a Detachment Coordinator is needed to get the toys. Please think about that! It won't cost you any money to be trained and take on the position.
  - Scholarship Committee: Former Commandant and Scholarship Committee Lead, Jim Woods stated we have no applications! The 30 April application deadline is rapidly approaching. Don't let this opportunity go by! Any members of the detachment with children attending college please apply ASAP.
- Good of the League
  - Former Commandant Jim Woods let the Detachment know that he had seen the bricks for "Muddy" Waters and Frank Arenz. He also has a uniform that belonged to deceased member Frank Arenz. If you know of anyone approximately six feet tall and roughly 150 pounds, see Jim. Lastly, he described a device called the "Caption Call" for veterans who have difficulty hearing while on the telephone. The device is offered at no charge by the Veterans Administration. Check with VA Audiology if you are interested.
  - Member Mark Davis cautioned Detachment members about a skimming device that has been discovered at two Colorado Springs gas stations. This device can gather your credit or debit card number and cost you time, money and angst! Be careful and pay inside for gas.

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- o Member Hank Hankins thanked the Detachment for its support during his mother's funeral.
- With no additional business at hand, the 50 / 50 drawing was held. Associate member Marianne Smith won and donated the winnings to the Scholarship Fund. Way to go, Marianne!
- With all business being completed Commandant Gibson closed the meeting at 0935. The next meeting will take place on 18 May 2014.

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



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**Next Meeting**

17 May 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
- Memorial Day Ceremonies – 26 May
- Monument 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade – 4 July
- 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**

**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!!!



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**Search for a new TFT coordinator has ENDED!!!**  
 Our very own Senior Vice Commandant Russ Miller has agreed to take the reins and lead this rewarding program and I will help him throughout the season. Next month you will hear from Russ on what is happening with Toys for Tots.

**Semper Fi, John**

**Quarter Master**  
 Garry Gibson

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Hi everyone; On 11 & 12 (Fri & Sat) April 2014 we held our 1st outside Cash Sales event for the year at the Walmart Super Store, located at Powers Blvd and Woodman Road. During this two day event we took in almost \$1,000 dollars. I want to thank Sr. Vice Russ Miller, Chaplain Pat Carty, Joe G. Martinez (our DI guy) & Mel Shafer for helping out with this event. Steve Schwartz also stopped by to see if we needed any help. Our next scheduled Cash Sales events for May



**Fundraiser at Walmart**

**Commandant Garry Gibson, Senior Vice Russ Miller, Hank Hankins, and Joe Martinez**

are as follows: Friday 16 May 2014 – we will be at the same Walmart Super Store again from 10 AM - 4 PM selling our merchandise. The next day, the 17<sup>th</sup>, we'll have cash sales inventory set up at our monthly meeting. The 1st Big Event big event for the year is Territory Days in Old Colorado City, CO on Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will be setting up our tent, tables, chairs, etc. This three day event will start the next day, Saturday, 24 May & run thru Monday, 26 May. Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> is also Memorial Day. Territory Days starts at 10 AM each day and shuts down at 7 PM on Saturday and Sunday; on Monday we will shut down at 6 PM. Let's hope for successful week end with good weather and great crowds. As soon as we receive our spot location

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assignment we will let you all know. Please let me know ahead of time if you would like to help out. We will swap out as necessary as we have limited space in our 10 X 10 tent and want to accommodate everyone that may want to help. I Hope to see ya all there.

**Semper Fi....The Gunny**



**Territory Days 2007**

**Jim Woods, Mark Davis, and George Griego Riding Memory Lane!**

**This Month in History**

**Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance**

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

**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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