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Greetings Everyone: I want to thank everyone for attending our October 18th monthly meeting - we had 49 members & guests in attendance. Free SOS Breakfast: our members voted on and approved a Free SOS breakfast for everyone in attendance at 20



October Meeting

December monthly meeting. This is a small way to say thanks to everyone for supporting Marianne Smith and her efforts with the 18th Annual Bowlathon Fundraiser. I was pleased to hear from Marianne that we surpassed last year's fund raising efforts (please read Marianne's report for the rest of the story). Elections for 2015 have begun; at our October meeting the following



At the Bowlathon
Terry, Roger, Joe G. and Marianne

members were nominated for one of the four open Elected Officer positions: Russ Miller is running for Commandant, Michael Monaghan is running for Sr. Vice Commandant, Terry Boston is running for Jr. Vice Commandant and Kaz Mueller is running for Judge Advocate. Russ has also stated that he will take over my duties as you next Quarter Master, a position that I have held for 5 years and 116 Cash Sales events. I know that Russ will do a great job - he has some fresh new ideas and he is business savvy. Elections will take place at our November 15th monthly meeting. Swearing in Ceremonies of all newly Elected and appointed officers will take place at our December 20th

monthly meeting. The Department of Colorado Commandant, Allen Brinks, has agreed to perform the Swearing in Ceremonies (this could change due to his busy schedule or inclement weather). The 27th High Country Toy Run was held on Sunday 5 October. I had the honor of presenting Jim Wear of Pro-Promotions



Award Presentation to Jim Wear

the Distinguished Citizen Bronze Award Certificate with medal for hosting this event for the past 27 years. His efforts in collecting toys through these 27 years have helped thousands of needy children enjoy a better Christmas. In addition, I also presented Jim Wear the Distinguished Citizen Bronze Award for his extraordinary efforts in supporting and honoring our Veterans for the past 27 years. In addition to supporting our Veterans in the local area, he has been hosting the Annual POW/MIA Recognition Ride for the past 27 years. I would also like to thank Russ for providing the shadow box and mounting the medal I presented to Jim Wear. Our Detachment hosted the Department of Colorado Staff quarterly staff meeting on Saturday 25 October at TREA. We also provided lunch for everyone at a cost of \$435.23 dollars. TREA did an outstanding job with lunch for this event. We



Department of Colorado MCL Meeting

had over 60 MCL members from around the state in attendance (this included members of the Ladies Auxiliary). Preparing for this Staff meeting took a lot of work by the members of our team who set up the meeting room, helped serve food, cleaned off tables, worked the sign in table, sold 50/50 tickets, helped set up a 12 X 14 foot tent for the Ladies Auxiliary meeting, and helped set up our cash sales tent and tables. I would like everyone to know that we were successful in

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raising sufficient funds to cover the cost of lunch (please read my Quarter Master report for the rest of the story). Till I see you all at our November 15th monthly meeting ...Think Positive...Laugh...Have Fun... and Help Someone Less fortunate than yourself... and... Continue to March.

Semper Fi, Garry Gibson



Bowlathon – Terry Boston & Royce Roland



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Hello Marines, FMF Corpsmen, associate members, and guests. Please see the Toys for Tots article

regarding the outcome of the High Country toy run. At the last count I received we were able, along with other area organizations, to aid 117 homeless veterans at



Veterans Stand Down

this year's annual VA stand-down. That number only represents the veterans and does not include the other members of their families present that were also helped. So the actual number is a bit higher. I would like to say thank you to Pat Carty on parking lot security, Joe G Martinez on entry door security, and Steve Peterson who did an outstanding job ensuring the safety and privacy of the veterans who took advantage of the shower room. He kept everything tidy and organized and I dare say left the place cleaner when we left than it was when we got there. Thanks go out as well to Terry Baty and Veronica Hoard who made sure everyone was well fed. Gary George kept us all hopped up on coffee and soda as well as

stepping in along with John Kowall to escort homeless vets through the maze of service agencies and picking out of necessities. John Minjarez did a great job making sure folks got a new warm coat to hopefully see them through the coming winter. Thank you all very much and remember, there but for the grace of God could be any one of us. This year's Veteran's Day Parade (8Nov2014) is shaping up quite nicely. We have a full color-guard lined up for the parade and we



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will have the addition of Don Garrison and his M422 Mighty Mite and trailer. Remember that we will be meeting up for breakfast at Denny's on Bijou just west of I25 at 0600, lining up (#40) for the parade between 0800 and 0830 on the east side of Tejon St. just south of Cache la Poudre. I hope you all got your Marine Corps Ball (also 8Nov2014) registrations in. The Ball is to be held once again at the Marriott hotel next to the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame.

Semper Fi, Russ



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Marines, elections will be held at the November meeting for next year's detachment leadership. At the October meeting, nominations were discussed and members accepted: Russ Miller for Commandant; Mike Monaghan for Senior Vice; Terry Boston for Junior Vice and Kaz Mueller for Judge Advocate. If anyone else is interested in running for any of the above positions, please let me know. And if anyone has any other nominations, please forward them to me as well.

Semper Fi, Joe V.

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Chaplain's Corner

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Greetings Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Associates, and Friends; thankfully there have been no Marine funerals during October. Beth Waters remains'

in the hospital undergoing treatment for complications from hip surgery. Beth appreciates all those who have taken time to visit with her. If you haven't, please take time to visit her. If you can't visit she welcomes phone calls and/or Get Well cards. Beth will remain at St. Francis for an undetermined time and could use support, encouragement, and prayers to help speed up her recovery.

Beth's contact information:

St. Francis Medical Center
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 Room 6136
 Hospital Room Phone: (719) 571-6136
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Also, please remember others in the Detachment who have been undergoing health issues with your thoughts and prayers. If you know of anyone that is sick or in distress I would appreciate a phone call or, email to let me know. Veteran's Day is coming up soon, so please remember our brothers and sisters and, hope to see you at the Veteran' Day parade.



Toys for Tots High Country Run

Veteran's Day Prayer
 Dear Lord,

Today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country.

We pray that you will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us.

Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression.

We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them, and we pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

By Joanna Fuchs
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
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, Mike



October Meeting

Adjutant

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Minutes of the 18 October 2014 Meeting of the Marine Corps League Pikes Peak Detachment (Note: Draft until accepted at the 15 November



2014 meeting).

- Commandant Garry Gibson opened the 18 October 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.
- Guests / Application for Membership. John Minjarez brought guest Vinson Espinosa who not only is a Marine but comes from a long line of

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Marines - practically a family business! Through unanimous vote, the following individuals were accepted as members of the Detachment:

- o Edwin O'Keefe left the Marine Corps in 1964; he was with 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines and now is a retired master carpenter. He has been looking for fellow Marines and he found us!



Edwin O'Keefe Speaks to the Members

- o Mykel L. Gurule left the Marine Corps last year. He spent 10 years in Assault Vehicles and is happy to be with the League!
- o Joshua Thomas Hosler who was a guest at our June meeting officially became a member.
- Minutes: Member Bob Berndt made a motion to accept the September 2014 meeting minutes. Member Chuck Jackson seconded the motion and the motion carried.



Mykel Gurule Speaks to the Members

- New Correspondence: None.
- Report of Officers:
 - o Pay Master – Pay Master Mike Monaghan announced that correspondence with National is moving well. He has the monthly financial report. See him if you have questions or want a copy.
 - o Chaplain – Chaplain Carty provided the Detachment with the following news about Detachment members:
 - Beth Waters is doing well, but is still in the St. Francis North hospital. Stop by and visit her.

- We have notification that member Donald J. Kelly is deceased. If you have Next of Kin information, please provide it to Chaplain Carty.
- We also need member Arnold Blair's contact information.
- Deceased member Sam Spark's leather vest has been provided for donation to the league. See Chaplain Carty if you wish to donate.
- If you have any other news of sick or distressed members, let Chaplain Carty know.



Vinson Espinosa Speaks to the Members

- Commandant – Commandant Gibson passed information on the Department Staff Meeting being hosted by our Detachment on 25 October 2014. As we must pay for the luncheon, cash sales will be set-up and 50-50 will be offered.
- Senior Vice Commandant – Senior Vice Miller thanked all who attended the High Country Toy Run on 5 October 2014. Cowboy's Night Club donated \$1,100.00 to Toys-For-Tots for which we are grateful. Other announcements:
 - o Mr. Jim Wear called to express his appreciation at receiving the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Detachment.
 - o The VA Stand-Down was a success with nine Detachment members participating and supporting 117 homeless veterans and their families.
 - o The Veteran's Day Parade is on 8 November 2014 – the same day as the Marine Corps Ball. Color Guard volunteers are needed!
 - o The Detachment will have a Toys-For-Tots float for the Parade of Lights, 6 December 2014. More to follow on this event.
- Junior Vice / Adjutant announced there were Marine clothing items from deceased member Shirley Coston still available for a donation. Several members provided a donation for the

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Marines Helping Marines fund. Shirley always helped her fellow Marines and would have been glad to see she is still helping Marines!

- Judge Advocate had nothing additional to report.
- Quartermaster – There will be Cash Sales at the November 2014 meeting. Quartermaster Gibson quipped that Russ Miller will be the new Quartermaster. Way to go, Russ!
- Web Sgt – Web Sgt Roger Baty announced he sends the monthly newsletter by e-mail and posts it on the Detachment web site.



October Meeting

- Unfinished Business: None.
- New Business: Elections will be held next month. Contact Judge Advocate Joe Martinez if you wish to nominate someone for a position. Nominations made during the meeting were as follows:
 - Russ Miller for Commandant by Garry Gibson. Nomination was accepted.
 - Mike Monaghan for Senior Vice by Russ Miller. Nomination was accepted.
 - Terry Boston for Junior Vice by Joe Martinez. Nomination was accepted.
 - Kaz Mueller for Judge Advocate by Iris Rudesill. Nomination was accepted.
- Standing Committees: No reports.
- Good of the League:
 - Associate member Marianne Smith reported stellar Bowlathon results with over \$5,000.00 in proceeds to the League! Contributing to the results were several large donations, however Marianne emphasized that every dollar in donations is greatly appreciated. A standing ovation for Marianne!
- Web Sgt Roger Baty provided a Marine Corps Ball update and registration forms. Cost is \$48 dollars per person needed by 1 November 2014. Ensure you indicate if you want to sit with the Detachment. Roger will do his best to accommodate requests.
 - One additional person plus a backup is needed for Cake Escort. Sgt-at-Arms Kaz Mueller, Osa

Tuck, "Bear" Barrera, Terry Crum, and John Minjarez volunteered. Kudos to all!

- Bob Hill will provide the invocation for the Ball.
- This year's Guest Speaker is Major General Ray Fox USMC (Ret.), former II MEF Commander. In lieu of a gift, he requests the funds be used to provide an enlisted member a ticket for the Ball.
- Member Melvin Postlewait announced he was able to obtain 20 copies of "Korea Reborn," which he presents to the families of Korean War veterans who pass. He will bring one to the November meeting.
- Member Iris Rudesill asked about the annual luncheon that member Bob Hill has traditionally coordinated. As it stands now, no 10 November luncheon will be held this year.
- With no additional business at hand, the 50 / 50 drawing was held. Member Steve Swartz won and donated the winnings to the Marines Helping Marines fund. Way to go, Steve!
- With all business being completed Commandant Gibson closed the meeting at 0949. The next meeting will take place on 15 November 2014.

**Respectively submitted by Terry P. Boston,
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Next Meeting

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

Upcoming Events

Veterans Day Parade – 8 November
 Marine Corps Ball – 8 November
 Detachment Elections – 15 November

Announcements



Toys for Tots
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We had an incredible turnout this year for the 27th Annual High Country Toy Run, put on by Jim Wear and Pro-Promotions. Gunny and I had the honor of recognizing Jim and presenting him the Distinguished Citizen Bronze for all he has done for our

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community over the past quarter century. He was clearly uncomfortable with the recognition but grateful none-the-less. I can't thank Antonio "Bear" Barrera enough for showing up as he so faithfully does whenever we need him to in his Dress Blues and handing out ride pins to all of the participants that brought a toy. Thanks also go out to Paul Hinojosa, Mike Monaghan and Veronica Hoard who jumped in and assisted Bear with his task as we had what I heard was the largest crowd of bikers in years. We had quite a crowd of our own there. Including those already mentioned, we had a total of seventeen Leaguers plus a couple spouses that showed up to help make this year's event such a success. There was plenty to do helping our Commandant/Quartermaster Gunny Gibson at the cash sales tent or keeping the DI's feet on the ground, as did Steve Peterson, Joe G. Martinez, Hank Hankins, Pat Carty, Del Duvall, Arden Rivers, John Kowall, and Gary & Karen George. Roger Baty chronicled the event in photos and our faithful Motor-pool was present thanks to Glen McMullen and Jay & Katie Bennett. Katie brought out the M141 Jeep that had a mechanical issue and so she sat ever so patiently at Pikes Peak Harley with the Jeep until the event was complete. Thanks Katie!! Lon Luna and the Colorado Springs Young Marines did an outstanding job directing traffic as everyone arrived and helped to make sure everyone lined up somewhat dress right dress and covered down. Dinner sales at Cowboys netted just over \$1100 for T4T to be used towards the purchase of supplemental toys. I will be sending out periodic emails regarding some Toys for Tots events as the requests come in that your help would be greatly appreciated. A couple events currently on the schedule are 5&6Dec and 12&13Dec at two of the area Walgreen's stores and 6Dec is also the Parade of Lights downtown. Please email or call me if you have interest in being a part of these and future T4T events. Thank You all for your support in helping the less fortunate children of our area.

Semper Fi, Russ

18th Annual Bowlathon

Marianne Smith
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This year's Bowlathon was quite successful. Thanks to each and every one who gave so generously. A big thanks to Ann and Phil Parker who made a \$500.00 donation in honor of Phil's brother, Donald Kerry Parker,

Sgt USMC, Korean War Veteran, Purple Heart Recipient who passed away 4 August 2014. Because of Donald, Phil joined the Corps. We also had Colonel

Jim Horn donate \$500.00 as he felt sorry for Marianne's low bowling score and Royce Roland gave a generous donation of \$400.00. We had several \$100 dollar plus donations and many donations from members and friends of Marines that when totaled allowed this year's fundraiser to surpass last year's Bowlathon by \$702.00!!! We could not have done this if it was not for so many giving people. **Thank You, Thank You!!!** If anyone requires a receipt please see Marianne at the November meeting or give me a call.

Semper Fi,

Marianne Smith, Iris Rudesill & Denise Wickersheim
Bowlathon Committee.



Marianne Smith at the Bowlathon

Quarter Master

Garry Gibson

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Hi Everyone; we held 3 different cash sales events during October. When you see the amounts of money we took in at these events, you might ask yourself is it really worth it - is it really worth the time and effort that goes into these events. Every cent we



High Country Toy Run Cash Sales

make after we deduct the cost of merchandise (50%) adds up and helps support our many programs. We don't always make a lot of money, but in most cases we do have a lot of fun harassing each other and

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meeting new people and possible new members. The 27th Annual High Country Toy Run was our 1st cash sales event for October. This event was held on Sunday 5, October 2014 at the Harley Davidson Motor Cycle Museum located on North Nevada Ave. We did \$228.00 in sales and we took in \$4.00 in donations. That's not a lot of money; however, the weather was great, we had the camaraderie of having breakfast with fellow Marines before the event started and we had fun during this event. I would say that it was a day well spent. Our 2nd cash sales event was held at our October 18th monthly meeting where we did \$110.00 in sales and, again, we didn't make a lot of money. We do this as a service to our valued members - the idea of having cash sales at these monthly "get togethers" is to save our members a dollar or two on merchandise and the Detachment makes a dollar or two - that's a win-win situation for everyone. The Dept. of Colorado Quarterly Staff meeting was our 3rd cash sales event for October. This event was held on Saturday 25 October at TREA and the sole purpose of this cash sales event was to help raise money to cover the \$435.23 that the Detachment spent on providing lunch for close to 70 people. We did \$383.00 in sales and we also took in \$268.00 dollars in tips & from a 50/50 drawing. To cover the cost, we deduct 50% for the cost of merchandise from the \$383.00 we did in sales which leaves \$191.50 (we'll say \$192.00 even), add that to the \$268.00 we took in from tips & the 50/50 drawing and we end up with a total of \$460.00 - deduct \$435.23 (the cost of lunch), and we end up with a net gain (plus) of \$24.77 dollars. Not Bad -- Not Bad. Till I see you all at our November 15th monthly meeting... Think Positive...Have fun...Laugh...and Help someone less fortunate than yourself...and Continue to March.

Semper Fi....The Gunny

This Month in History

Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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