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Greetings Everyone: I would like to thank everyone who attended our 20 September monthly meeting; we had a great turn out with (40) members & guests in attendance. I want to thank our Jr. Vice Commandant Terry Boston for officiating the meeting, Roger Baty for



September Meeting

taking over the duties of Adjutant and Terry Crum for taking on the duties of Sgt at Arms while I was in Aurora representing our Detachment at this year's 8th Annual Women Marine Association 5K Memorial Run/Walk. You guessed it, I walked. I tried my best but I was only able to garnish a 3rd place win; I think I could have done better but I had to slow down because of possible wind burns. After the race, I was invited to



Commandant Gibson and 3rd Place Finish

the Frank J. Carrol Detachment's yearly picnic. The picnic was held at the home of our Department of Colorado Judge Advocate, Bob Hunter and his wife Pat. They were both gracious hosts, the food was great, the detachment members made me feel at home as a welcomed guest and I was also invited to stay for their monthly meeting as their guest. Elections for 2015 - our Judge Advocate, Joe V. Martinez, will start taking

nominations at our October 18th monthly meeting and Elections will take place at our November 16th monthly meeting. As far as I know, our Sr. Vice Commandant, Russ Miller, is the only one interested in the Detachment Commandant's position. Russ has been working hard at finding qualified members in good standing (dues paid) to fill open Elected & Appointed positions, so please read his newsletter article - he has the scoop on who is interested in being nominated for Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice and Judge Advocate positions and all those that are interested in filling one of the many Appointed Positions. I would like to remind everyone that the continued success and the future of this great Detachment lay with you, our valued members, who step forward each year and assume the duties of one of the Elected or Appointed Officer positions. Cash



Fountain Fall Festival Parade
Pikes Peak Detachment Moving Out!

Sales events for September: please read my Quarter Master report on how well we did in sales on 1 September (Labor Day) in Fountain and how well we did on 13 September in Woodland Park at this year's 23rd Annual "Cruise above the Clouds" car show (and how my 67 Dodge Van was an unsuspected winner at the Car Show.) Our Detachment will host the next Department Quarterly Staff meeting. This quarterly staff meeting is rotated among different Detachments from around the state - the last time we hosted one was back in 2010 when we hosted the Department Convention. This meeting is scheduled for Saturday 25 October 2014 at TREA. As host Detachment, we are



Standup of the Lt. Harry T. Orstrum Jr. Detachment
28 September 2014, Salida, Colorado

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responsible for providing a meeting place, setting the room up for the meeting, and providing lunch for up to 40 people. The cost of providing lunch is paid for by



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the Detachment hosting this event. A new Detachment has been formed in Salida, CO. On Saturday, 27 September, Russ Miller and I attended the Charter signing - the name of this Detachment is Lt. Harry T. Orstrum Jr. Till I see you all at our October 18th monthly meeting along with Cash Sales....Think Positive...Laugh ... Have fun ... and Help someone less fortunate than yourself and Continue to March.

Semper Fi, Garry Gibson



Commandant Garry Gibson (center front) and Senior Vice Russ Miller (2nd row far right) at the Standup of Lt. Harry T. Orstrum Jr. Detachment



28 September – 4 October 2014

Support the Marines and See You There!!!



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Hello Marines, FMF Corpsmen, associate members, and guests. I hope as many of you as possible can come out and support the 27th annual **High Country Toy Run** (5Oct2014). The pre-run breakfast

(\$8 all you can eat) is from 0730-1000 at The Brickhouse, 424 S. Nevada. The run begins at 1100 in



2010 High Country Toy Run Line Up of Motorcycles

front of The Rocky Mountain Motorcycle Museum located at 5867 N. Nevada where Gunny Gibson will make the Detachment's presentation to Jim Wear, who has done so much over the years to bring Veterans and veteran causes to the public's attention. The ride finishes up at Cowboys Nightclub (Tejon St) with a raffle and auction and where all the proceeds of the \$7 per dinner go to the children. The next important event is the Annual **Bowlathon Fundraiser** (12Oct2014) and Marianne Smith and her team have moved mountains soliciting for donations and pledges. It is not too late to contact her with your donation/pledge and please be reminded that this event is the detachment's primary



Marianne Smith, Views Scores at 2011 Bowlathon

fundraiser event for operating funds so don't hesitate on your support (see newsletter article). The next event that we can use your assistance in is the **Annual Homeless Veterans Stand Down 16 Oct** from 0900–1500 in the Colorado Springs City Auditorium at 221 E Kiowa. The Stand Down is a one day event providing services to Homeless Veterans such as food, shelter, clothing, health screenings, VA and Social Security benefits counseling, and referrals to a variety of other necessary services, such as housing, employment and substance abuse treatment. There have been a few changes to the duty stations for Stand Down volunteers this year. We have been asked to man three security posts because we are, "all so official looking and intimidating in our matching red vests". The other change this year is that they are asking for a head count of volunteers ahead of time. Rather than all

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of our detachment working in just one or two areas, they want to spread us around in multiple areas so we can show them how a squared away, highly motivated bunch of Marine Corps volunteers adapt and overcome!!! If you are able and willing, please contact me at rcmlr@msn.com or (719) 235-1058 as our Commandant has entrusted me with organizing this operation. If you have not received a registration form for the **Marine Corps Birthday Ball** (8Nov2014 at the Marriott Hotel) and you would like one, please contact Roger Baty or myself and we will get one to you. I hope you are looking forward to this year's **Veteran's Day Parade** (8Nov2014) as much as I am. It's a jam-packed day (and the same day as the Ball) but we have some new recruits to join our already stellar Color Guard as well as the Young Marines and the most exciting array of vehicles that I have seen since I joined the detachment. Lastly, detachment officer elections

so be it. Pat makes the difficult easy. Last and certainly not the least is our ever able world-renowned Web Sgt, Roger Baty. I honestly believe it would take at least two people to do all that Roger has faithfully done for this



Fountain Fall Festival Parade

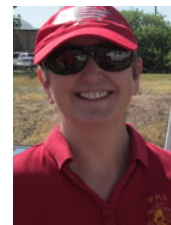


Veterans Day Parade 2013

are just around the corner. I am twisting the arm of one particular individual I will be nominating for the office of Sr. Vice. Terry Boston has agreed to stay on if elected as our Jr. Vice/Adjutant. And Joe V. Martinez Jr. has expressed his desire to stay on as our Judge Advocate. If you all suffer a lapse of sound judgment and elect me to be our detachment's next commandant then I will be appointing some very capable personnel to the other posts. Gunny and I are trying to talk Mike Monaghan for Quartermaster, well, I am trying to talk him into it, but Gunny keeps confusing him with the true facts of the job. Pending Mike's acceptance to Quartermaster and if she accepts, I would appoint Denise Wickersheim to the post of Paymaster. I think we can all agree that Pat Carty has been an amazing Chaplain and he is a true credit to the post and I may have to (metaphorically speaking) hold a gun to his head to beg him to stay on. But if that's what it takes,

detachment all these years. We should all count ourselves lucky if he agrees to continue on in bringing so much recognition to our detachment. While at the Toys for Tots conference I spoke with individuals from four other states, two of which were on the east coast who follow our website and newsletter monthly and have copied Roger's format for their detachment newsletter. Having said all that, if you are interested in throwing your hat in the ring for any of the officer positions or wish to nominate someone for a post, please speak with our Judge Advocate at the October monthly meeting (20Oct2014) as elections will take place at the November meeting (15Nov2014).

Semper Fi, Russ



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Greetings Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Associates, and Friends; September has been an eventful month. Some of our members have had some recent serious health issues but, are home and recovering well, thankfully. The Bereavement Team has attended

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three Marine funerals during September: Mark McCart, Larry Lubbers, and Zeke Montoya. Mark McCart's family was helped with burial expenses from the Detachment Marines Helping Marines Fund; he was an Afghanistan War veteran. Larry Lubbers' family had difficulty finding his DD214 in time, so could not get the Marine Honors Detachment assigned to Buckley AFB to attend. Members of our Team stepped up, and

Miller's article in this newsletter. I've noticed, attending our monthly meetings that some of our members say they will stand up and help the Detachment in whatever is needed and I ask that you participate as often as you can.

**Semper Fi,
 Pat Carty, Chaplain**

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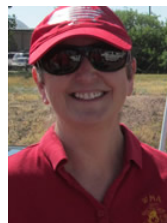


Please send your membership dues (annual renewal) to the Pikes Peak Detachment address.

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

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Minutes of the 20 September 2014 Meeting of the Marine Corps League Pikes Peak Detachment (Note: Draft until accepted at the 18 October 2014

meeting).

- Junior Vice Commandant, Terry Boston opened the 20 September 2014 meeting of the Marine Corps League Pikes Peak Detachment for Official business at 0900 with Salute to Colors and opening prayer.



September Meeting

- Roll Call of Officers present included Junior Vice Commandant, Paymaster, Adjutant, Chaplain, Web Sgt; absent were Commandant (attending Women Marines Association Run, Walk in Aurora CO), Senior Vice Commandant (attending Toys for Tots

27th ANNUAL HIGH COUNTRY TOY RUN

ALL BIKES WELCOME!

PLEASE ARRIVE BY 11 AM

Rocky Mountain Motorcycle Museum
 5867 North Nevada Ave. Colorado Springs

Benefiting needy Kids in El Paso & Teller counties and the Children of Fort Carson

Soldiers through "Santa's Workshop" & the United States Marine Corps "Toys for Tots"

ADMISSION:
 1 NEW TOY PER PERSON

Sunday, October 5th, 2014

The Year's Best Toy Run!

- Tons of great prizes - raffle and auction
- Police escort courtesy of Colorado Springs PD
- Huge post run party at Cowboys NightClub
- \$7 Dinner - All proceeds benefit the children
- Meet the Miller and Coors Girls!

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provided a flag ceremony and, the playing of Taps. Jim Woods, Russ Miller, and Paul Darrow did an outstanding job covering this, Semper Fi! Korean War veteran, Purple Heart recipient, Melvin Postlewait spoke at the service for Zeke Montoya (WWII Army veteran, and Marine veteran of the Korean War). Melvin presented his widow with a book titled "Korea Reborn, A Grateful Nation". This is a wonderful book, from the heart of the South Korean's who sincerely appreciate the United States Military, especially the USMC, helping them during the Korean War. Melvin is a real asset to our Detachment. Semper Fi Melvin! Thanks to all members of the Bereavement Team and other members who participated in these and other memorial services. The families are very appreciative of our attendance. Toys for Tots is on us, so please read Sr. Vice Commandant, Gung Ho Marine, Russ

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coordinator training in Quantico VA), Judge Advocate (out of area), Sgt at Arms (out of area).

- o Roger Baty was acting Adjutant and Terry Crum was acting Sgt at Arms for the meeting.
- Guests/New Members: none present
- Junior Vice Commandant made a motion to accept the minutes from the August meeting as published in the newsletter, seconded by Iris Rudesill, approved by members present.
- Correspondence: none.
- Paymaster report: provided, see Paymaster for copy of report.
- Chaplain report: Chaplain Carty welcomed Orlando Rodriguez, Bob Hill, and Dell Duvall for attending the meeting; there were no funerals to report.

- o Sgt at Arms: Noted that a George Washington picture would be available for raffle at the next meeting.
- o Web Sgt: reviewed newsletter issues with the group.



Commandant Gibson with the "Grocery Getter"!!!

- Committees: nothing to report
- Old Business: JVC reviewed recent detachment donations from the Marines Helping Marines fund. One donation helped to pay an electric bill and one helped with burial expenses. Detachment Officers approved the donations. Additional details can be provided by Commandant Gibson.
- New Business: JVC informed members of the High Country Toy Run on 5 Oct and Commandant Gibson's plan to present Jim Weir with MCL Awards and the Veteran's Stand Down on 16 Oct. Additional details to be provided via email.



September Meeting

- Report of Officers:
 - o Commandant: Not present
 - o Senior Vice Commandant: Not present
 - o Junior Vice Commandant: No cash sales today; however, MCL shirts/jackets provided by Shirley Coston's husband were available for purchase/donation with proceeds going to the detachment.
 - o Judge Advocate: Not present
 - o Pay Master: Nothing additional to report
 - o Chaplain: Nothing additional to report
 - o Quartermaster: JVC provided update on results from cash sales at Metcalf Park for the Fountain Festival and Cruise Above the Clouds. Additional discussion to be held concerning continuation of these events due to low sales over the past couple of years.
 - o **Congratulations** are in order for Commandant Garry Gibson who was presented a First Place Award for his Van in the Category "Grocery Getter" at the Cruise Above the Clouds car show.
 - o The next Cash Sales event will be at the 5 October High Country Toy Run.



Marianne Smith holds Raffle Items

- Good of the League:
 - o Bill Steven's provided a Marine Corps Ball update; 8 Nov, Marriott Hotel, 1700 cocktails, 1800 ceremony, cost - \$48.00 per person
 - o Paul Darrow passed that the new VA clinic in Colorado Springs would hold its grand opening on 26 Sep.
 - o 50/50 raffle: won by Steve Swartz who donated his winnings to the Marines Helping Marines fund.

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- o Additional raffle items included a Bronze Eagle (Veronica Hoard), and three W.E.B. Griffin books (Mike Monaghan, Mark Damschen, Trammell Davis)
- o Denise Wickersheim passed that there were bumper stickers and other items available that she picked up from her recent trip to San Diego Recruit Depot.
- With all business being completed Junior Vice Commandant Boston closed the meeting at 0926. The next meeting will take place on 18 October 2014

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



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Next Meeting

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

Upcoming Events

Wounded Warrior Games 28 Sep – 4 Oct
 High Country Toys 4 Tots Motorcycle Ride – 5 October
 Detachment Bowlathon – 12 October
 Veterans Day Parade – 8 November
 Marine Corps Ball – 8 November
 Detachment Elections – 15 November

Announcements



Toys for Tots
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I must say I was correct in my assessment of John Kowall's instruction regarding Toys for Tots.

In Major Murray's opening remarks at the conference he warned that, "you will feel like you're taking a sip of water from a fire hydrant". However, I want to again thank John. As a result of the instruction and mentoring I had received prior to attending, it felt more like a garden hose to me. There are over 760 Toys for Tots locations nationwide. Around half of the attendees were newbies like me. The one thing that I enjoyed most about the conference was the networking and sharing of ideas that were passed around by the salty old dogs like John who have been Santa's little helpers for so long. Many of the Foundation staff wanted me to

pass along their best wishes to John and their thanks for his years of service even during the time when he lost some of his out-buildings and precious belongings in the Black Forest fire. Oorah, to all of you that showed up for the remote radio spot at Designer Signs and Banners on 17 Sept; I think I will build a special



Kicking off T4T at Designer Signs and Banners
 Melvin, Steve, Gary, Garry, Pat, and Joe

shadowbox to display the one toy we received and hang it in the warehouse, because every toy matters to some little boy or girl. But truly, I want to say thank you again to Joe G. Martinez, Steve Peterson and Gunny Gibson for going early, setting up the train, and eating the "diet free pizza and soda". Also, thanks go out to Santa Melvin, Gary & Karen George, Chaplain Pat Carty, David Guevara, Jeff Falks, and Mykel Gurule for coming out to support the detachment and Toys for



Wounded Warrior Games Cheering Section 2011

Tots at the event. Designer signs and banners is one of our T4T drop sites this year as well as being the company that is arranging for the semitrailer to be re-skinned to cover up the giant ugly "rent me" and phone number on the side, as well as making new Marine Corps League logos and T4T logos to go on the rig. As

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I mentioned in my email to the detachment this past weekend, we have secured our usual T4T warehouse location at 5625 N. Academy, across the parking lot to the south of the Marine Corps recruiter's office. I ask that you please consider going online to <http://colorado-springs-co.toysfortots.org>, click the "About Toys for Tots" drop-down menu and under the "give and receive" header click "volunteer for toys for tots". It only takes a few minutes and it helps greatly when scheduling other volunteers from around the city. 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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Let Marianne Know if you're going to Bowl at the Bowlathon ASAP!!!
 Our Bowlathon is fast approaching. It is Oct 12th, 1300 at Brunswick Zone, 999 North Circle Drive. Bowlers should be there at 1230. Please come and

cheer us on. Pledges are needed as we are still not at last year's goal which is this year's goal. Checks should be made out to MCL Bowlathon and please send them to Marianne Smith (546 Raemar Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80911) or pay at the October meeting (18 Oct). To all those who already pledged and paid, a huge THANK YOU!!! 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. **Semper Fi,**

Marianne Smith and the Bowlathon Committee.



Cash Sales at Metcalf Park, Fountain CO



Quarter Master
Garry Gibson

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Greetings Everyone; We started off with our first Cash Sales Event for September on Labor Day, the 1st of

September, in Metcalf Park. We took in \$11.00 in donations and a total of \$310.00 dollars in sales; when you deduct \$75.00 for the cost of the space and deduct 50% of the balance to cover the cost of the merchandise, we ended up with approximately \$125.00 dollars in profit for the day. I would like to thank Pat Carty for helping with the set up and tear down of our equipment and helping with sales all day. I also want to thank Joe V. and Russ for stopping by after the parade was over and helping out for several hours. On 13 September we were up in Woodland Park for this year's 23rd Annual "Cruise above the Clouds" Car Show - we took in a total of \$12.00 dollars in donations and \$340.00 in sales. When you deduct \$50.00 dollars



Cruise Above the Clouds Car Show/Cash Sales

for the cost of our space and 50% of the balance for the cost of merchandise, we ended up with approximately \$146.00 in profits for the day. I would like Joe G. (our DI guy) and Steve Peterson for taking the time to drive above the clouds and helping to set up everything at 0630 AM. I also want to thank Russ Miller and Terry Boston for helping out with sales during the day. During the day we noticed several people taking pictures of my 1967 Dodge Van as it sat next to our Cash Sales tent. At the time we didn't think anything of it as the doors of the van were open & it was filled with tubs of merchandise, etc. As we were packing up to leave, one of the judges came up and presented me with a 1st place winner's plaque in a category all by myself... "Grocery Getter." We are hoping to get approval to hold our last outside event at this year's 27th Annual High Country Toy Run. This event is scheduled for Sunday, 5 October 2014 - please read our Sr. Vice, Russ Millers' article on the time and place for this event. Till I see you all at the upcoming fund raisers (High Country Toy Run and the 12 October Bowlathon), Think positive...Laugh...Have

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fun...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 October 1997: The first African-American female colonel in the Marine Corps was promoted to that rank during a ceremony at MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina. Colonel Gilda A. Jackson, a native of Columbus, Ohio, made Marine Corps history when she achieved the rank of colonel. She was serving as Special Projects Officer, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing at the time of her promotion.



Remember.....

5 October 1775: Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the 2d Continental Congress used the word "Marines" on one of the earliest known occasions, when it directed General George Washington to secure two vessels on "Continental risque and pay", and to give orders for the "proper encouragement to the Marines and seamen" to serve on the two armed ships.

6 October 1945: Major General Keller E. Rockey, Commanding General, III Amphibious Corps accepted the surrender of 50000 Japanese troops in North China on behalf of the Chinese Nationalist government.

8 October 1899: A force of 375 Marines under command of future Commandant George F. Elliott, attacked and captured the insurgent town of Novaleta, Luzon, Philippine Islands, and linked up with U.S. Army troops. There were 11 Marine casualties.

9 October 1917: The 8th Marines was activated at Quantico, Virginia. Although the regiment would not see combat in Europe during World War I, the officers

and enlisted men of the 8th Marines participated in operations against dissidents in Haiti for over five years during the 1920s. During World War II, the regiment was assigned to the 2d Marine Division and participated in combat operations on Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian, and Okinawa, and earned three Presidential Unit Citations.

11 October 1951: A Marine battalion was flown by transport helicopters to a frontline combat position for the first time, when HMR-161 lifted the 3d Battalion, 7th Marines, and its equipment, during Operation Bumblebee, northeast of Yanggu, Korea.

19 October 1968: Operation Maui Peak, a combined regimental-sized operation which began on 6 October, ended 11 miles northwest of An Hoa, Vietnam. More than 300 enemy were killed in the 13-day operation.

23 October 1983: At 0622 an explosive-laden truck slammed into the BLT headquarters building in Beirut, Lebanon, where more than 300 men were billeted. The massive explosion collapsed the building in seconds, and took the lives of 241 Americans—including 220 Marines. This was the highest loss of life in a single day for Marines since D-Day on Iwo Jima in 1945.

28 October 1962: An 11,000-man 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade left Camp Pendleton by sea for the Caribbean during the Cuban Missile Crisis. One week earlier, the entire 189,000-man Marine Corps had been put on alert and elements of the 1st and 2d Marine Divisions were sent to Guantanamo Bay to reinforce the defenders of the U.S. Naval Base. Other 2d Division units and squadrons from five Marine Aircraft Groups were deployed at Key West, Florida, or in Caribbean waters during the Cuban crisis.

31 October 1919: A patrol of Marines and gendarmes, led by Sergeant Herman H. Hanneken, disguised themselves as Cacos and entered the headquarters of the Haitian Caco Leader, Charlemagne Peralte, killing the bandit chief, and dispersing his followers. Sergeant Hanneken and Corporal William R. Button were each awarded the Medal of Honor.



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