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**Greetings Marines, Navy FMF
 Corpsman, Associate members,
 Spouses and Members at Large;**

I hope everyone had a joyous holiday season, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I would like to start off the New Year by congratulating two very dedicated and deserving ladies in our detachment; Shirley Coston; she was voted our "Marine of the Year"



**Pikes Peak Detachment Marine of the Year
 Shirley Coston**

for 2012 and longtime Associate Member Helen Hill, was voted our "Associate of the Year" for 2012. In addition to Shirley and Helen, I would like to also congratulate the many other deserving members in the detachment that were presented award certificates during our December 17th meeting. Please read our Adjutants detailed report on who and what our members did to earn their awards. I would like to start off the New Year by thanking all of our outgoing officers for doing a great job during 2012; it's because of members like Joe V. Martinez Jr., Steve Schwartz, Sam Sparks, Shirley Coston, Heike Cummins, Iris Rudesill, Orlando Rodriguez and Roger Baty that the future of our great Detachment continues its legacy as

being the 2nd oldest and the biggest Detachment in the state of Colorado. I would like everyone to congratulate and thank our newly elected & appointed officers for 2013. Steve Schwartz will serve again as our Sr. Vice Commandant, August "Toby" Bolender will serve as our Jr. Vice Commandant and our outgoing Commandant Joe V. Martinez Jr. will serve as our Judge Advocate. Our appointed officers for 2013 are: Shirley Coston will continue as Adjutant, a position she has held since 2009, Heike Cummins has agreed to serve another year as our Pay Master, James "Pat" Carty has agreed to serve as Chaplain, Terry Farstad has agreed to serve as Sgt at Arms, and Roger Baty has agreed to serve again as Web Sgt, an important position that he has held for the past ten (10) years.



Transfer of Colors
**Commandant Joe V. Martinez Jr. passes Command
 to Commandant Garry D. Gibson**

Our officers are eager to serve you during the next year; they will be very busy learning their many duties and responsibilities that go with their job, in addition they will be sacrificing a great deal of time away from family & friends when they are attending and representing our Detachment at several Department Staff meetings held around the state of Colorado during 2013; some of our officers will travel close to 800 miles (round trip) in order to attend and represent our Detachment at the Rocky Mountain MCL Division Conference in Albuquerque, NM in June. You will notice that most of our new officers have purchased or are in the process of purchasing the MCL officers uniforms, our officers are not required to wear or purchase this uniform, the only item of the uniform they are required to purchase & wear is the Red MCL Cover with gold Marine Corps Emblem (EGA), this according to our National Bylaws is considered being in uniform, yet most of our officers will spend over \$200.00 out of pocket in order to look professional at our monthly

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meetings and at the many other events mentioned above. One of my goals as Commandant this year is the training of officers in hopes they will move up the ladder and accept higher Officer Positions within the Detachment, in order to do so I will be furnishing our officers with the "MCL Professional Development Program" training CD's, these CD's are recommended training aids and are furnished by MCL National Headquarters, in addition we will be insuring that all



December 15 2012 Meeting (Bob Middleton on Rt) officers will have updated copies of our National, Department & Detachment Bylaws and a copy of "The Guide Book for Detachment Officers." Please remember that when you ask our Officers to do all the above, remember that we are no longer on active duty, that we are all volunteers, that we all have busy lives outside the League and that we have duties & responsibilities to our families and loved ones, many of our officers work full time, so please take the time to thank and encourage our officers during their tour of duty. I do take my elected position as your Commandant seriously, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me after anyone of our monthly meetings are over, or by phone and or e-mail, Till then...Think positive...Laugh...Help someone less fortunate than you...and Continue to march.

Semper Fi....The Gunny



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Chaplain's Corner
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To my fellow Marines: As your newly appointed Chaplain I will endeavor to walk in the path of the Chaplains who have gone before me. These are big shoes to fill, especially Iris Rudesill's, who I have come to know and respect. Iris is a devoted member of the Pikes Peak Detachment. One who has worked tirelessly to bring aid and comfort to those members who have fallen ill or become injured, and a real source of solace to the families of Marines who have sadly passed away; Iris we salute you. Please put Shirley Coston, Kaz Mueller, Del Duvall, and Bob Middleton in your hearts as they cope with their health. They all appreciate the prayers, phone calls, and visits - both at home and in the hospital. We need more participation and members for the Bereavement Team. Please consider joining, it is an outstanding way to show our



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respect and honor for our deceased fellow Marines, and their families. We had an outstanding turnout for Muddy Waters visitation and funeral service. His wife Beth and family greatly appreciated all the heartfelt tributes to Muddy. I will do my best to keep you informed of those brothers and sisters who need our thoughts, and prayers, but I will need your help as well. Please let me know of anyone who is in need in any way. You can reach me anytime on my cell phone: 719.337.7179. "Time is like a flowing river, no water passes beneath your feet twice, much like the river, moments never pass you by again, so cherish every moment that life gives you and have a wonderful New Year." (Author unknown)



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 51 - 60 - \$300.00
 61 & over - \$150.00

Please send your membership dues (annual renewal) to the Pikes Peak Detachment address (top of the newsletter). **Semper Fi, Heike**



Toys for Tots at Walgreens



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Minutes from 15 December 2012 meeting (Note: Draft until accepted at 19 January 2013 meeting).

- 0900 Opening Ceremony
- Commandant's Roll Call: Chaplain absent, all others present.
- Introduction of Guests: Jeff Church's' guests were his son Jeff Jr., Gary Rice and his son Tim, and Kevin Graves. Good job Jeff, we hope all these fine people join us as new members!
- Chaplains Report: Our Chaplain Iris Rudesill and many others were in Canon City on an errand of love, attending Bill Waters' funeral service. Rest in Peace dear friend, you will be missed.
- Adjutant's Report: Minutes of previous meeting (November 17 2012), accepted as printed in the newsletter.
- Paymaster's Report: Received and Accepted.
- Committee Report: Pikes Peak Detachment Awards 2012. This year has been a very busy year for many in our detachment; several of our officers and members were awarded many well deserved awards for going above and beyond the normal

and sometimes unusual call of duty. All Awards were presented by our Department Commandant Terry Wright who came down from Denver and honored our detachment with his help and service. The awards being presented at today's Awards Ceremony" were discussed, approved and voted on by our Elected & Appointed Officers on Saturday 1 December 2012.



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➤ **Distinguished Citizen Bronze Award**

This is the highest award that can be given to a member at the Detachment Level - On 13 January 2010 the Department of Colorado put out the word out that a Navy Homeless Veteran was being laid to rest at the Ft Logan Cemetery, the following members attended that Funeral, these same members have traveled over 2100 miles, spent hundreds of dollars on fuel, eating out, they have attending 19 Funerals outside Colorado Springs area. **Joe V. Martinez Jr., Shirley Coston, Kaz Mueller, Joseph G. Martinez, Doris Purdy, and Garry Gibson;** For Training of Young Marines the following members have dedicated and sacrificed



Veronica Hoard, Chuck Jackson, and Paul Hinojosa

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their time and energy in their support and the training of the Young Marines of the Pikes Peak Young Marine Detachment and the Colorado Springs Young Marine Detachment. **Chuck Jackson, Paul Hinojosa, and Veronica Hoard.**

- **Detachment Marine of the Year for 2012** "This is a (1) one time award" and is based on the overall contributions this one Marine has had on the overall success of the Detachment. **Shirley Coston** is voted "Marine of the Year" for her extraordinary efforts in supporting the many events of the Pikes Peak Detachment.
- **Associate of the Year** - Awarded to **Helen Hill** for her tireless efforts in supporting the Pikes Peak Detachment and its many important events during the past 15 or more years.



Veronica Hoard, Helen Hill, Bob Hill (in Hawaii)

- **National MCL Recruiting Citation Award** - **Garry Gibson** is awarded the "National Jr. Vice Commandant Citation" Award for his efforts in recruiting 13 new member's during 2011/2012, this is the 3rd year in a row that the National Jr. Vice Commandant has recognized Garry Gibson for his recruiting efforts.
- **Detachment Recruiter of the Year for 2012** - Is awarded to **Garry Gibson** for recruiting (10) Ten new members during 2012, he is authorized to wear the Detachment Recruiting Medal award with (3) stars.
- **Distinguished Service Bronze Award (DSBA is the 2nd highest Detachment award)** - Is presented to all Detachment Officers for their hard work, their sacrifices of time, energy and monies in the support of the Detachment during 2012. **Joe V. Martinez Jr., Steve Schwartz, Garry Gibson, Shirley Coston, Heike Cummins, Iris Rudesill, Orlando Rodriguez, and Roger Baty**
- **DSBA** is awarded to **Benjamin Gifford, George Griego, Jim Woods** for their sacrifice of time and

their expertise in the rewriting our Detachment Bylaws.

- **DSBA** is awarded to the following dedicated members of the Detachments Color Guard Detail, who unselfishly support our color guard details; they have march in the many parades held in C/S and many distance towns and cities. **Heike Cummins, Kaz Mueller, Charles Tuck, John Minjarez, Bob Berndt, Steven Dagostino, and Antonio Barrera.**
- **DSBA** is awarded to the following members for their support of the Toys for Tots program. **John Kowall, Joseph G. Martinez, Steve Peterson and Shirley Coston.**
- **DSBA** is awarded to the following members who support our many parades in C/S and in distance cities and towns. **Charles Hankins, Joseph G. Martinez, Glen McMullan and Jay Bennett.**
- **MCL Community Service Award** - is awarded to the following members who have participated in the yearly Veterans Stand Down, Funerals, Parades, Bowlathon, Wounded Warrior Program, and Toys for Tots. All have participated in at least three (3) or more these of events during 2012. **Joe V. Martinez Jr., Paul Darrow, Hank Hankins, Heike Cummins, Steve Schwartz, Antonio Barrera, Jim Woods, Mark Davis, Sam Sparks, Robert Berndt, Kaz Mueller, Arden Rivers, Shirley Coston, Steve Peterson, Richard Inhoffer, Pat Carty, Garry Gibson, Doris Purdy, Orlando Rodriguez, Iris Rudesill, Joseph G. Martinez, John Minjarez, Toby Bolender, Robert Hill, Del Duvall, John Kowall, Roger Baty, Helen Hill, George Griego, Glen McMullan, Charles Tuck, Melvin Postlewait, Steven Dagostino, Terry Boston, and Kenneth Sanguinetti.**
- **Meritorious Commendation Individual Award** - is presented to the following members for their support of the monthly WWII & Korean Luncheon during 2012 and have been supporting this event since April 2010. **Joe V. Martinez Jr., Del Duvall, Joseph G. Martinez, Garry Gibson, and Shirley Coston.**

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- Installation of officers was conducted by Department Commandant Terry Wright; another event well done. Thank you Terry!
- Good of the League: Thanks go to Debbie Bolender who stepped up to help with the attendance and 50/50 collection in the absences' of our remarkable ladies Helen Hill and Marianne Smith. The 50/50 was won by Mike Monaghan.
- 0945 Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Shirley Coston



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2013 - Lead with the left and follow with the right. To kick off the New Year right I challenge each of you to - search for your MCL membership card and verify its validity. If it's valid, great, should it need to be renewed, make-it-happen!

Semper Fidelis

Next Meeting

19 January 2013 0900 at TREA - Breakfast at 0830
 Come early (0730), drink coffee and tell stories

Upcoming Events

TBD

Announcements



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My thanks to all those who volunteered this year! This Thursday and MAYBE some of Friday the 3rd and 4th January will be the final days working with the remaining toys from 2012. Joe and I picked up more toys New Years Eve and a few small boxes New Year's Day. We will be counting the toys by age and gender and stocking stuffers up for grabs, then packing them so they take up less space. All boxes will go onto pallets and be ready to be sent to storage. Basically 9 to 3 but actually stay as long as you want or can. Any time you can spend will be helpful. With enough people we should be done in a day or less. A lunch break for sure, 5625 North Academy in the Erindale Shopping Center, South side of Vickers at Academy; looking forward to making this fun. You all get a toy to play with and take home. HA!

Semper Fi, John

Quartermaster News
Red Vest Orders

Several of you have asked when I would start ordering Red Vests again; the answer is NOW, you may order by e-mail or by phone (after 6pm) or at our January 19, 2013 monthly meeting, just e-mail me your name, phone number and your size. I strongly recommend that you order your Red Vests (1) one size larger than what you normally wear, there is some shrinkage plus it'll make it possible for you to wear your Red Vest over your sweatshirt, jacket, etc. the sizes run from Small thru XXX large, the cost of all Red Vests is the same, this does include tax & the cost of shipping. NOTE: The cutoff date will be our 19 January 2013 monthly meeting; it takes 3 weeks to a month to get them. I will notify each of you when I receive your vest. You can pay me the \$25.00 and pick up your Vests at our February 16th monthly meeting. The total cost for all sizes, to include shipping is \$25.00 each.

Green St. Patrick's Day T-Shirts

I know it's early but I am now taking orders for Green T shirts, please review the below information regarding the ordering of; short sleeve Green T shirts, Long Sleeve Green T shirts and Green Sweat Shirts for the 2013 St Patrick's Day Parade which falls on 16 March 2013. If you are interested in ordering please review the below items, sizes and your cost; the cost of your order will include tax (if any) and shipping charges.



Sizes and Cost (please read carefully when ordering)

1. Green short sleeve T shirts; Small thru X-Large will run you \$ 12.00 dollars, XX-Large T Shirts will run you \$ 14.00 dollars, XXX-Large T shirts will run you \$15.00 each.
2. Green Long Sleeve T shirts; Small thru X-Large Long sleeve shirts will run you \$ 18.00 dollars, XX-Large Long sleeve T shirts will run you \$ 20.00 dollars,

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XXX- Large Long sleeve T shirts will run you \$20.00 each.

3. Green Sweat Shirts; Small thru X-Large Sweat Shirt will run you \$ 23.00, XX-Large Sweat Shirt will run you \$25.00 dollars, XXX-Large Sweat shirt will run you \$28.00, a 4X-Large Sweat Shirt will run you \$32.00 each.

The cutoff date for taking orders will be at our 19 January monthly meeting, I will hopefully have them ready for pickup and payment at our February 16th monthly meeting. The St Patrick's day parade falls on the same day as our monthly meeting.

You may order by e-mail at gunny1@mindspring.com or you may call me at (719) 495-9640 (after 6PM).

**Semper Fi,
Gunny Gibson**

This Month in History

Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance

10 January 1995: The Pentagon announced that 2,600 U.S. Marines would be deployed to Somalia for Operation United Shield to assist in the final withdrawal of UN peacekeeping troops from Somalia. The decision came in response to a UN request for American protection of its peacekeeping forces serving in the war-torn African nation.

11 January 1945: The first elements of Marine Aircraft Group 24, commanded by Colonel Lyle H. Meyer, landed at Lingayen, Luzon, Philippine Islands, to provide close air support for Army forces. Over the next three months, MAG-24 and MAG-32 would fly a total of 8,842 combat sorties and drop more than 19,000 bombs as part of the Fifth Air Force in support of the Sixth Army.

16 January 1991: Operation Desert Shield became Operation Desert Storm as forces of the allied coalition launched an all-out air campaign against targets in Iraq and occupied Kuwait in an effort to liberate Kuwait and enforce the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council. Overall, in the theater of operations, the coalition forces included more than 415,000 U.S. troops.

18 January 1951: Marines of the 1st Marine Division began mopping-up operations against guerrillas in the Pohang area, South Korea, following the Division's return from its epic battle with Communist Chinese troops at the Chosin (Changjin) Reservoir.

20 January 1968: The second battle for Khe Sanh began when Marines from the 3d Battalion, 26th Marines attacked a North Vietnamese battalion between Hill 881 South and Hill 881 North. More than 100 of the enemy were killed.

21 January 1918: The 1st Aeronautical Company arrived at Ponta Delgada, Azores, for anti-submarine duty. That unit was one of the first completely equipped American aviation units to serve overseas in World War I.

22 January 1969: Operation Dewey Canyon, perhaps the most successful high-mobility regimental-size action of the Vietnam War, began in the A Shau/Da Krong Valleys when the 9th Marines, commanded by Colonel Robert H. Barrow, and supporting artillery were lifted from Quang Tri. By 18 March the enemy's base area had been cleared out, 1617 enemy dead had been counted, and more than 500 tons of weapons and ammunition unearthed.

25 January 1856: Marines and seamen from the U.S. sloop DECATUR went ashore at the village of Seattle, Washington, to protect settlers from Indian raids. The Indians launched a seven-hour attack but were driven off later that day after suffering severe losses. Incredibly, only two civilian volunteers were killed and no Marines or sailors were lost.

27 January 1988: About 400 Marines and sailors from the 2d Marine Division, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, and 2d Force Service Support Group deployed for the Persian Gulf. The Contingency Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) CM 2-88 would relieve Contingency MAGTF 1-88 in the volatile Persian Gulf and provide the effective landing force capability to Joint Task Force Middle East.

29 January 1991: The first serious ground fighting of Operation Desert Storm broke out when Iraqi troops mounted an attack into Saudi Arabia along a 40-mile front. Iraqi units centered their efforts on Khafji, a port city six miles south of the border. Saudi and Quatari troops, supported by artillery from the 1st Marine Division and attack helicopters and other allied coalition aircraft, recaptured the town two days later.



Jay Bennett, Glen McMullan, Charles Hankins, and Shirley Coston

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