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**Commandant**  
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Hi Everyone; I want to thank everyone again for attending our 19 October monthly meeting; we had 46 members and guests in attendance. On 6 October several of us were at the Rocky Mountain Motorcycle Museum for the 26th annual High Country Toy Run; please read my Quarter



**High Country Toy Run Cash Sales**

Master Report for the rest of the story. On 13 October 2013, we had members and friends at the Bowlathon. On 17 October 2013, thirteen (13) of our



**Bowlathon Fundraiser**

members were at the city auditorium to support this year's 15th Annual Veterans Stand Down. This event is hosted by the EL PASO COUNTY HOMELESS VETERANS COALITION; This Stand Down was designed to connect Veterans with services which enable them to attain financial resources and stable

housing and to help them escape homelessness. I want to thank the following members



**Homeless Veterans Stand Down**

who worked with me in support of this event; they are Joe V. Martinez Jr., Pat Carty, Heike Cummins and her daughter Michaela, Terry Farstad, Joseph G. Martinez, Del Duval, Steve Peterson, John Kowall, Richard Inhoffer, John Minjarez and his wife Laura, Paul Darrow and Veronica Hoard, who took time off from



**Homeless Veterans Stand Down**

work to help out at this very worthy event. On Saturday 26 October I attended a meeting of Viet Nam Veterans Chapter #1075 at Fire Station #8 here in Colorado Springs, CO. Manuel Pedraza who just recently joined our Detachment, was a Navy FMF Corpsman, a Viet Nam Veteran and is the State Council President & Chapter #1075 VVA Chapter President - Manuel hopes to have more information for Viet Nam Veterans at our next month's meeting. Our very important 2014 Elections will take place at our 16 November monthly meeting; our Judge Advocate (JA) Joe V. Martinez Jr.

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started taking nominations at our October 19<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting. I want to thank Roger Baty for nominating me for the 2014 Commandants position at this meeting; I do appreciate his faith in me. I had to discuss this nomination with my wife and my best friend of 24 years, she (my CO) had to be involved in my decision



**Marianne Smith at the Bowlathon**

making - after being elected/appointed to (9) Elected & Appointed Detachment positions (combined) since 2008 and serving as the Quarter Master for Department of Colorado during 2010 & 2011, I have decided that it's time for me to decline all nominations as your next Commandant, a position I first held back in 2010 & again this year. I will also relinquish my duties as your Quarter Master; a position I first held back in 2009, again in 2010, 2011 & again this year. Russ Miller wants to be appointed to this position by our next newly elected Commandant. Russ has changed his mind about wanting to be nominated for the Junior Vice position, Russ has set his sights much higher - he now wants to be nominated for the Senior



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Vice Commandants position. He wants to learn as much as he can next year so he can run for Detachment Commandant in 2015. We need (2) highly energetic and motivated regular members like Russ Miller to run for the position of Detachment

Commandant and Junior Vice Commandant. If any of you are interested in these positions please feel free to contact me or our Judge Advocate at any time. My plans for next year are as follows; help out where & when I can, attend our monthly meeting and help myself to (3) or more heaping helpings of SOS, relax, work on my many projects and spend more time with my CO. Till then...Think positive...Laugh...and Help someone less fortunate than you...and Continue to March.

**Semper Fi...The Gunny**

**Senior Vice Commandant**

**Steve Schwartz**

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To all MCL Detachment members, Associates, FMF Corpsmen and Guests: Thanks for attending our

meeting in October. There were several important agenda items discussed. As you know, our final parade



**October Meeting**

for 2013 will be held in downtown Colorado Springs on 9 November beginning at 1000 hours. As I've said before, Veterans Day is our day and marching in this parade is an honor for all Marines. I hope we have a large turnout of Marines in red vests so that we can return the appreciation this community has shown to us. Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

**Semper Fi, Steve**



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say a prayer for those MCL members, and any of their family who are undergoing health problems, or distress of any sort. Please let me know of anyone in need.

**A POEM WORTH READING**

He was getting old and paunchy  
 And his hair was falling fast,  
 And he sat around the Legion,  
 Telling stories of the past.  
 Of a war that he once fought in  
 And the deeds that he had done,  
 In his exploits with his buddies;  
 They were heroes, every one.  
 And 'tho sometimes to his neighbors  
 His tales became a joke,  
 All his buddies listened quietly  
 For they knew where of he spoke.  
 But we'll hear his tales no longer,  
 For ol' Joe has passed away,  
 And the world's a little poorer  
 For a Veteran died today.  
 He won't be mourned by many,  
 Just his children and his wife.  
 For he lived an ordinary,  
 Very quiet sort of life.  
 He held a job and raised a family,  
 Going quietly on his way;  
 And the world won't note his passing,  
 'Tho a Veteran died today.  
 When politicians leave this earth,  
 Their bodies lie in state,  
 While thousands note their passing,  
 And proclaim that they were great.  
 Papers tell of their life stories  
 From the time that they were young,  
 But the passing of a Veteran  
 Goes unnoticed, and unsung.  
 Is the greatest contribution  
 To the welfare of our land,  
 Some jerk who breaks his promise  
 And cons his fellow man?  
 Or the ordinary fellow  
 Who in times of war and strife,  
 Goes off to serve his country  
 And offers up his life?  
 The politician's stipend  
 And the style in which he lives,  
 Are often disproportionate,  
 To the service that he gives.  
 While the ordinary Veteran,  
 Who offered up his all,  
 Is paid off with a medal



**Chaplain's Corner**  
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October was a sad month for the Pikes Peak Detachment. As many or all of you know George Griego, and Fred Leenerts both passed away. There was a great turnout of MCL members for George's funeral, and the Marine Honor Guard from



**In Memory of George Griego – Monument 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade 2013**

Buckley AFB was there as well. He would have been proud. Fred Leenerts requested that no service be held for him. I sent a sympathy card to Fred's widow Elena on behalf of the Detachment. There was also a funeral



**In Memory of Fred Leenerts – Surrounded by Marines at the July 2013 Meeting**

for Marine George W. "Jeff" Jeffrey, a World War II aviator, on 10 October 2013 at the Shrine of Remembrance. Thank you to those on the Bereavement Team who attended. Please remember all that have passed this year - so far the Bereavement Team has attended 32 funerals. Also remember, and

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And perhaps a pension, small.  
 It is not the politicians  
 With their compromise and ploys,  
 Who won for us the freedom  
 That our country now enjoys.  
 Should you find yourself in danger,  
 With your enemies at hand,  
 Would you really want some cop-out,  
 With his ever-waffling stand?  
 Or would you want a Veteran  
 His home, his country, his kin,  
 Just a common Veteran,  
 Who would fight until the end.  
 He was just a common Veteran,  
 And his ranks are growing thin,  
 But his presence should remind us  
 We may need his likes again.  
 For when countries are in conflict,  
 We find the Veteran's part,  
 Is to clean up all the troubles  
 That the politicians start.  
 If we cannot do him honor  
 While he's here to hear the praise,  
 Then at least let's give him homage  
 At the ending of his days.  
 Perhaps just a simple headline  
 In the paper that might say:  
 "OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING,  
 A VETERAN DIED TODAY."

**Semper Fi,  
 Pat Carty, Chaplain**



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**Regular Members:** I would like to clarify "a delinquent member status:" per National Bylaws Section 620, a member shall be identified as delinquent whenever the member's dues are not paid and transmitted on or before membership expiration date as shown on the member's card. If a member's dues expire, the member is carried on the rolls for one year. During that year if a member wants to bring their membership up-to-date they must pay the renewal fee (\$36.00) and the expiration date will be one year later than their current expiration date. If the member waits until after the one year period they will be dropped off the roster and then must pay a new member fee (\$36.00) and they will be given a new expiration date. **Life Members:** regular or associate members of the MCL

who are in good standing may become a Life Member upon proper payment of the fee as is required herein. This means that the person applying for Life Membership must already be a member of the league. Their dues must be up-to-date. This is per National Bylaws Section 645. Once a month the paymaster sends off a transmittal; **if you pay after your expiration date you will be considered delinquent.** Please ensure that you pay on time the amount of \$36 per year. If you don't know when your dues are due or you have problems receiving the magazine, please send me an e-mail or contact me at the meeting. One more thing, I request everyone pay their dues thru me because I keep records and it takes about 3-4 months for National to send reply back.

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

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

**Semper Fi, Heike  
 Adjutant**

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Minutes of the 19 October 2013 Meeting of the Marine Corps League Pikes Peak Detachment (Note: Draft until accepted at 16 November 2013 meeting)

Commandant and Quartermaster Garry

Gibson opened the 19 October 2013 meeting of the Marine Corps League Pikes Peak Detachment for official business at 0900 with Salute to Colors, opening prayer, and Roll Call. All Officers were in attendance.

Guests/Application for Membership: Mark Nagle was introduced to the Detachment. A former member of 3rd Marine Air Wing, he served in Iraq during his time in the Corps. The Detachment welcomed him and we hope he will join us soon!

Minutes: Commandant Gibson made a motion to accept last month's meeting minutes. Member Orlando Rodriguez seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

New Correspondence: None. However Commandant Gibson reported that 13 members of the Detachment attended the VA Stand-down. Well done!

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**Mark Nagle Talks about his Time in the Corps**

**Report of Officers**

1. Pay Master: Pay Master, Heike Cummins provided a summary of accounts; she will provide a copy of the report if requested.
2. Chaplain:
  - a) Chaplain, James Carty, announced that Member Fred Leenerts passed away unexpectedly on 12 Oct 13. There will be no services.
  - b) Interment Services for Member George Griego will be held at Ft. Logan on 31 Oct 13, 1100. Former Commandant Jim Woods thanked the Pallbearers for their efforts during the memorial services.
  - c) Chaplain Carty then suggested the Detachment think about memorials for members and where they should be placed. The traditional flower arrangement is relatively expensive. A Plaque and a brick at Quantico were ready ideas. If you have other suggestions call or e-mail either Chaplain Carty or Commandant Gibson who will bring this up as new business at the next meeting.
3. Senior Vice: Senior Vice Steve Swartz gave a hearty pitch for the 9 Nov 13 Veterans Day Parade! Current plan is to have four vehicles, the Toys-for-Tots Train, two to three Platoons of Young Marines, and Color Guard for which participation is needed. See Senior Vice Swartz to volunteer! He is looking at the Denny's at Bijou / I25 for a pre-parade breakfast. Parade logistics information will be sent by e-mail when obtained.
4. Junior Vice: Nothing new to report.
5. Judge Advocate: Judge Advocate Joe V. Martinez turned the floor over to Commandant Gibson to discuss elections.
  - a) The following members will accept nomination:
    - i) Judge Advocate – Joe V. Martinez
    - ii) Junior Vice – Russ Miller
    - iii) Elected positions still open are Commandant and Senior Vice
  - b) The following members will accept appointment:
    - i) Sargent of Arms – Toby Bolender
    - ii) Chaplain - Paul Darrow
    - iii) Pay Master – Veronica Hoard
    - iv) Adjutant – Terry Boston

- v) Web Sargent – Roger Baty
- vi) Quarter Master – Russ Miller
- c) Web Sgt Roger Baty Nominated Garry Gibson for Commandant.
- d) Send nominations to Judge Advocate Martinez, as next month are elections.
6. Adjutant: Nothing new to report.
7. Quartermaster: Quartermaster Gibson reported results of the 6 Oct 13 High Country Toys for Tots Motor Cycle run Cash Sales: \$276.00 and made a motion to give all proceeds to Toys-for-Tots. Member Osa Tuck seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Quarter Master Gibson also announced Cash Sales has insignia for sale for GySgt and above.



**High Country Toy Run**

**Special Committees:**

1. Associate Member Marianne Smith thanked all who donated and / or participated in the Bowl-a-Thon! 16 members bowled and receipts were impressive! Marianne is still taking donations and will provide you with a receipt. Thank you Marianne for all your hard work in making this event a success!
  2. John Kowall has graciously volunteered to remain as Toys-for-Tots Coordinator! He provided the following comments:
    - i) The Detachment is using the same storage location
    - ii) Toys have been ordered and shopping for toys will occur
    - iii) He is taking donations of toys and money (bring a toy to the next meeting)
    - iv) The effort is off to a good start with several businesses involved and toy collectors to get boxes
    - v) Sign up on the Toys-for-Tots Web Site to spend time at the warehouse
    - vi) Toys-for-Tots Coins are available for \$20.00 donation
    - vii) Toys will be provided to other 401C(3) organizations for distribution
- New Business: Former Commandant Bob Hill announced that he will host the Marine Corps Ball Luncheon on 9 Nov 13 at 1100 at TREA. Cost is

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\$22.00 and he will send out information for all Marines in the Area.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business.

Good of the League: Roger Baty made several announcements:

1. All appears well with Marine Corps Ball arrangements! Invitations are out, there are six volunteers for Cake Escort, and rehearsal information is forthcoming. Cost is \$45.00 per person at the Marriot.

2. He also reiterated his advice to make / update your will and destroy old wills that no longer represent your personal situation.

3. National Marine Corps League has changed membership numbers for Associate Members. See Pay Master Heike Cummins who keeps updates of members, about dues.

With no additional business at hand, the Detachment proceeded to 50/50. Roger Baty was the lucky winner and he graciously donated the winnings to the Bowlathon!

Commandant Gibson closed the meeting at 0952. The next meeting will be held 16 November 2013.

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

**Sergeant-at-Arms**

Terry G. Farstad

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 Grunts!

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**Next Meeting**

**16 November 2013 0900 at TREA** - Breakfast at 0830  
 Come early (0730), drink coffee and tell stories

**Upcoming Events**

238<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Ball – 8 Nov

Veterans Day Parade – 9 Nov

Elections – 16 Nov

Toys for Tots Drive – Nov – Dec

**Announcements**

**17<sup>th</sup> Bowlathon Fundraiser**



Hi Everyone! I'm happy to report that our yearly Bowlathon went well even though we did not exceed last year's amount. My Thanks to the Pikes Peak Detachment members and sponsors and friends who donated to the Bowlathon Fundraiser. And most of all, Thanks to the bowlers who have come every year to bowl. A special thanks to



**Bowlathon**

Iris Rudesill, Paul Darrow, and Helen Hill who helped me; without you I could not have done it. We have a few pledges outstanding, please make your checks out to MCL Bowlathon and send them to me (Marianne Smith, 546 Raemar Dr., Colorado Springs CO 80911-2651 or pay at the November meeting. A final report will be given at the November meeting. Thanks to all of you again!!! **Semper Fi, Marianne, Paul, and Iris**

**Bowlathon Committee**

**238<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Ball**

The 238<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Ball will be held on 8 November (Friday) at the Marriott Hotel located next to the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame. Invitations have been mailed out by the Peterson AFB Marines and I have emailed the invitations as well. Ticket prices are \$45.00 per person. The guest of honor is LtGen Mills USMC, CG 4th Marines and MARFORNORTH. We are looking for a big showing this year and some old friends to come back from far away and join us. So pass the word to your friends and come yourself and reminisce and share some camaraderie. I have the following names for **Cake Escort** (Robert Berndt, Bear Barrera, Kaz Mueller, Osa Tuck, John Minjarez, Joe Dickens, & Terry Farstad). We are set for Cake Escort with backups if something comes up.

**Semper Fi, Roger Baty**

**Toys for Tots**

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We are looking for T4T volunteers so please consider your availability to help out. **Please bring toys to the November meeting.**

**Semper Fi, John**

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**Quarter Master**  
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Hi Everyone! We started October off by setting up our Cash Sales tent early on Sunday 6 October at the 26th annual High Country Toy Run that's hosted each year at the Rocky Mountain Motorcycle Museum, this yearly event is held to raise money for the United States Marine Corps Reserve Tots program, it



**High Country Toy Run Cash Sales**

was not only a beautiful day, but we had great time meeting new people, promoting our great Detachment and raising a little money, I want to thank the following members for coming out early and joining me for breakfast at 0700 and for helping me with the setup/tear down of our tent/tables, and helping with sales, they are Steve Schwartz, Joseph G. Martinez, Joe V. Martinez Jr., Arden Rivers, Veronica Hoard, Terry Farstad, Hank Hankins, Del Duvall, also on hand to take photos was our Web Sgt Roger Baty, thanks again everyone. We took in close to \$300.00 dollars in sales. Our members voted at our 19 October meeting to give 100% of all monies raised to the Toys for Tots program. We held our 2nd cash sales event at the same meeting, where we took in close to \$200.00 dollar's, this money will go into our general fund. I want to thank Terry Crum & Kaz Mueller for donating several new items that we will sell along with our current inventory. Our next Cash Sales will be held at our November 16th meeting; Till then....Think Positive...Laugh...and Help someone less fortunate then you...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.



**Marine Corps Ball 2010**

**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.

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**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.



**Marine Corps Ball 2011**

**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.



**Veterans Day Parade 2010**



**Marine Corps Ball 2012**



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