



Pikes Peak Detachment 29 Marine Corps League

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Pikes Peak Detachment 2017 Officers

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Pikes Peak Detachment monthly meeting information 18 February 2017

0800 - Breakfast is served
0900 - The meeting begins
Cash Sales will be open

**New
Location**

VFW Post 4051
430 E Pikes Peak Ave
Colorado Springs, CO 80903



St. Patrick's Day Parade 11 March 2017 Downtown Colorado Springs

The Pikes Peak Det. will be in the St. Patty's Day parade and looking good! Wear some green if you got it. And if you do not, our Quartermaster can sell you a nice t-shirt at the next Detachment meeting. More details will be posted soon.



Commandant Paul Hinojosa



Jim Woods

Commandant Paul Hinojosa's message

Hello Marines, FMF corpsmen, associate member, and families. I would like to thank everyone who showed up for the January detachment meeting at Country Buffet. I think the meeting and discussions went very well. I do want to apologize for the inconvenience we experienced while at the Country Buffet, but there was a mix up, the management at Country Buffet had lost the reservation we made two months in advance and gave the room we had requested to another group.

As we move forward on this new year of 2017, there will be numerous opportunities for you to get involved in events and fund raising opportunities. The Jr. and Sr. Vice are currently working on gather dates but the events listing should be out shortly. This year, we will be hosting the 2017 Department of Colorado convention again at the Embassy Suites off of Woodman and I25 on Corporate Center Drive, May 4 to 7. We will need a number of volunteers for this event so please mark your calendars and help us out in any way you can.

Reminder, we have a new home thanks to the fancy foot work of detachment member Rich Archuleta and Jr. Past Commandant Russ Miller. Going forward, and beginning with our February 18 detachment

meeting, we will be at the VFW Pikes Peak Post 4051, located on 430 East Pikes Peak. This facility allows for plenty of parking handicap parking is in the back of the building which can be accessed via Wahsatch Avenue or N. Corona St. I am so excited to call this our new home. Our Web Sgt. has put the location and linked it to google map on our website; pikespeakmcl.org.

Please remember to talk to the Paymaster, Denise Wickersheim regarding your membership dues. As discussed in the January's detachment meeting, members whose membership dues were due between July 2016 and Dec. 2016 will pay \$36.00 for 2017, members whose renewals are due between January and June of 2017 will pay \$20.00, and members who renewals are due between July and August will pay \$36.00 with the understanding that the renewals will be submitted for August of 2017. Going forward, the new expiration date for membership will be August 31 of each year.

Final note, the detachment is forever grateful to Mr. Harry Hoth, former Mayor of Colorado Springs, owner of KRDO, a life member of the detachment. Mr. Hoth was a yearly contributor of our Bowlathon since 1996. In his passing, Mr. Hoth has provided for one last time in his final will and trust, the sum of \$5000.00 to the detachment to assist in the continuance of the mission of our organization.

I look forward to working with you all this year, and remember, things turn out best for people who make the best out of the way things turn out.

Semper Fi! Paul



Good Times...



Karnivorous Kanines Pound Keeper Schwartz

Senior Vice Commandant Terry Crum's message

Greetings, I hope you are enjoying the new format for the Detachment newsletter. A rough draft of this new layout was sent to the Detachment officers and the response was positive. The newsletter coupled with the Detachment schedule will help our membership stay abreast of Detachment activities. Our members whom receive the newsletter via snail mail will now also receive a copy of the newsletters. Two new additions have been made to the Detachment website, <http://www.pikespeakmcl.org>. By selecting the forms/links website page, members can now download old newsletters. Secondly an obituary page has been made to honor local Marines whom have passed on.

Semper Fi, Terry

Junior Vice Commandant Steve Schwartz's message

Greetings to all Detachment members, Associates and FMF Corpsmen. As I mentioned, the St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held March 11. I'm still waiting on times and staging locations. As soon as I hear, you will hear. I'll also be working on other future events: Territory Days, Memorial Day, 4th of July etc. Stand by for more information.

Semper Fi, Steve

Chaplain Pat Carty's message

Greetings Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Associates, and Friends

At the January meeting we celebrated two Jima veteran Jim Woods 90th birthday. Jim was genuinely grateful and thankful for the surprise event. Thanks to all who helped keep it under wraps.

Nonmember Marines David Sheffield and Mike Chapman have been sent home from the hospital to begin extensive rehabilitation. David for a serious motorcycle accident in which his back was broken. His doctors say that he may never walk again. When I saw him last in December he was in good spirits. Mike suffered a major heart attack several weeks ago and was given a slim chance of surviving. He managed to beat the odds and is determined to make a full recovery. Vince Espinoza is doing very well after suffering a stroke

late last year. He was running circles around me at the Toys for Tots warehouse. Keep up the good work Vince.

Sadly, January has started the year off with a spate of Marine funerals. Services were held for member Jim Wiese -16 January and, nonmembers Bill Davis - 23 January, Michael Ordonez - 29 January (private service) and, Earnest Smith, Jr. - 30 January. Thanks to the Bereavement Team members who attended services but, attendance by team members is dwindling, for whatever reason. So please consider attending a service for our Marines whether you are a Bereavement team member or not. Family members and friends of those Marines who have passed sincerely appreciate our attendance.

The World War II/Korean Luncheon on the 2nd Tuesday of every month is a good way to meet and get to know our older veterans. They have many stories to tell. So please mark it on your calendar and, I hope to see you there. Please let me know if you hear of any members or anyone in their family, that I am not aware of, who may need our help. See you at the next meeting 18 Feb. at our new home. Until then, God Bless! Semper Fi, Pat Carty, Chaplain



Our newest associate member, Don Lopes



Every Detachment meeting is a family reunion



**Toys for Tots Coordinator
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Outstanding job everyone!! At the completion of the After Action Report to Quantico, our 2016 campaign throughout the 9 counties we served (El Paso, Teller, Cheyenne, Huerfano, Las Animas, Costilla, Conejos, Alamosa, and Rio Grande) ended up looking like this:

Toys received -	16,911
Toys purchased with monies from online and local donations -	2,117
Books received and distributed -	1,045
Number of children that received toys from our location -	17,747

Our thanks once again to Springs Church for the generous donation of warehouse space to operate or campaign from this year.

Look for details regarding the 2017 Toys for Tots Golf Tournament in next month's newsletter.

Semper Fi, Russ



Karnivorous Kanines Pound Keeper Steve Schwartz' s message

Thanks to all who were present at the Growl. Our next Growl will be held in April and don't forget the Pack Growl at the Department Convention in May. Several of you will have the opportunity to advance to Devil Dog at the Convention.

WOOF! WOOF! Steve

Minutes of the 21 January 2017 Pikes Peak Detachment Meeting

The minutes are a draft until approved at the 18 February meeting.

Commandant Paul Hinojosa opened the 21 January meeting of the Pikes Peak Detachment for official business at 0900 with Salute to Colors and opening prayer. All officers were present.

Guests / Application for Membership:

Don Lopes was voted in as an associate member. Don retired from the Army and has been an adult leader of the Young Marines for ten years.

Minutes: Marine Osa Tuck made a motion to accept the December 2016 minutes. Marine Hank Hanson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

New Correspondence: No new correspondence.

Paymaster: Denise Wickershiem

As mentioned in the November meeting minutes, all memberships in 2017 will expire at Midnight, August 31, 2017. All renewals will default to September 1, 2017. Every year afterward, all membership renewals will require renewal on or before August 31 and since the National Database does not recognize the 31st of August, all membership ID cards will show a renewal of Sept. 1.

Membership renewals can be paid in advance for each following year, for example \$36.00 for 2017 and another \$36.00 for 2018.

This year will be a unique year for all detachments and its members. Per National, those whose dues are due between July and Dec. 2016 will pay \$36.00 to renew, with a new expiration date of Aug 31, 2017.

Members with a renewal between January and June 2017 will pay \$20.00 with the following breakdown:

\$10.00 National Fee

\$10.00 Department fee

\$6.00 Detachment fee (Waived)

Renewal fee for 2018 will be due by August 2017 = \$36.00

Members with a renewal date between July and August of 2017 will pay a renewal fee of \$36.00 with the understanding that the renewals will be submitted for August of 2017.

New membership

Cost for new membership has also increased from National. September 1 2016 to end of February 2017, the cost is the current dues plus the current new join fee. Renewal on August 31 of each year, including 2017.

March 1 to end of July 2017, national declared the cost is ½ of the National fee plus the new join fee.

Detachment will waive this and submit all new members on August 31.

\$20.00 National fee

\$5.00 new membership fee (National)

\$10.00 Department fee

The fee is now \$41.00 for all new memberships. Once a member has joined the detachment, all renewals are \$36.00 and due by August 31 of each year.

The Pikes Peak staff hopes that the change for this year will not burden anyone. If so, please see Denise or I, to see what we can work out.

Sick and in Distress:

The Chaplain reported on the funeral for Marine Jim Wiese and thanked the bereavement team for attending.

Updates were given on the following Marines: Vince Espinoza, Shane Brasgalla, and David Sheffield.

Report of Officers

Commandant: Paul Hinojosa

Officers meeting and training session was originally scheduled for Jan. 14, however, due to illness, the meeting was cancelled and will be rescheduled for a later date.

Joe V. sent me an email from the Civilian Marksmanship Program. They are asking for volunteers to support for 2017 National Match events. Volunteer duties include firing line range officers, assistance with stats/scorecards or other tasks assigned as needed.

- Chosen volunteers will receive a per diem travel stipend based on amount of time worked and other exclusive benefits.
- Chosen volunteers will attend a specialized range officer training course, no past experience is needed to volunteer.
- Volunteers are also encouraged to compete during times when not volunteering.
- If you would like more information, please come see me and I will forward you the email. This is not an MCL sponsored event.

Next quarterly staff meeting for the Dept. of Colorado MCL will be hosted by the Windsor Marines Detachment and will be held at the Windsor Gardens Auditorium, 595 S. Clinton St. Denver CO 80247

- Feb. 25, 2017
- Lunch served from 1200 to 1300
- Staff meeting starting at 1300 hours.
- MODD Pack of Colorado GROWL following the dept. staff meeting.

The next Detachment meeting will be at the VFW Post 4051. Starting 18 February This will be our home. 430 East Pikes Peak Ave.

Senior Vice: Terry Crum - NSTR

Junior Vice Commandant: Steve Schwartz

St. Patrick's Day Parade 11 March @1200. We will require many volunteers to help make the parade a success.

Adjutant: Theresa Crum - NSTR

Judge Advocate: Gary George - NSTR

Junior Past Commandant: Russ Miller - NSTR

Chaplain: Pat Carty - NSTR

Quartermaster: Russ Miller

Cash sales will be open at the next Detachment monthly meeting. Special green St Patrick's day t-shirts "who needs luck when you are a Marine" will be for sale.

Sergeant at Arms: NSTR

Web Sergeant: NSTR

Toys for Tots: Russ Miller

Expressed thanks to all whom helped with this last Toys for Tots season. Especially the anonymous person who called the news media concerning a shortage of toys.

\$450 check was received from Kinder Morgan.

The Airmen's Attic of Peterson AFB gave the Detachment a plaque for donated toys.

This year \$37,449 and 16,911 toys were collected. 17,747 children received toys.

Military Order of Devil Dogs: Steve Schwartz

The next growl will start shortly after the meeting ends.

Standing Committees: NSTR

Report of Special Committees: NSTR

Unfinished Business;

New Business:

Marine Iris Rudesill expressed the joy and pride she felt being one of the honorary grand marshals at the 2016 Veterans Day Parade.

The Detachment was informed that the detachment would celebrate Marine Jim Woods 90th birthday immediately after the meeting was concluded with a cake.

It was announced that the Detachment ladies would meet for lunch Tuesday, January 24th 1:00 PM.

Good of the League:

Marine Roger Baty spoke about the Marine Corps Ball 10 November. He mostly wanted to let it be known that the rumors of the guest of honor are not true.

With no additional business at hand, the 50/50 drawing was held. The total amount collected was \$47.50. Hank Hankins owned the winning ticket and donated his winning to Toys for Tots.

With all business being completed Commandant Hinojosa closed the meeting at 1000. The next meeting will take place on 18 February 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Crum, Adjutant