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Pikes Peak Detachment 2017 Officers

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Pikes Peak Detachment monthly meeting information 18 March 2017

0800 - Breakfast 0900 - Detachment meeting
Cash Sales will be open
Please do not park west of the VFW building

**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. Volunteers are needed! The parade starts at 12:00pm noon. Staging to start around 11:00am on Tejon St.



The Young Marines color guard



Our newest member Allen Phillips. He ♥ BBQ!

Commandant Paul Hinojosa

Greetings Marines, FMF corpsmen, Chaplains, and Associates. Our first meeting at the VFW Pikes Peak Post on 430 East Pikes Peak Avenue, got off to a good start. There were some bumps but in the end, it turned out great! Breakfast was a great hit, thank you Michael Cotton, whom we didn't get a chance to formally introduce during the meeting as he worked out some issues with circuit breakers while cooking, and I want to especially thank the detachment members for their patience while we worked out the bugs. Next meeting will run a lot smoother now that we know what we're up against. Other than the breakfast, everything else went as planned. The Pikes Peak Young Marines helped us with presenting the colors at the VFW, their professionalism and discipline is second to none!

We completed our first Department staff meeting and we had a great turn out. I believe we were the detachment with the most members at the staff meeting. Although these meetings can be lots of fun and a great way to build camaraderie, at the end of the day, they are pretty draining. So a big thanks goes out

to the staff, Peggy Baldwin, and Gunny Gibson for hosting his place as a rally point, the coffee and goodies were much appreciated.

We discussed several great points in the department meeting, I do want to share one or two items with the detachment. Please mark your calendars, and I will ask our Junior Vice Commandant to remind the detachment monthly for August 26, 2017, but I would like to get as many members together as possible to attend the 40th anniversary of the Marine Corps Memorial located at 6th Avenue and Colfax Avenue in Golden, Colorado. Former Hanoi Hilton POW Maj. Orson Swindle, USMC (R) will introduce the guest speaker Maj. Gen. James Livingston, USMC (R) MOH recipient. We will discuss a rally point as the time get closer, but what I envision is a great big section of Pikes Peak Detachment marines attending and drowning out the other detachments.

Secondly, two of our detachment members were honored during the department meeting. Jr. Past Commandant Russ Miller received a citation from the National Jr. Vice Commandant for recruiting 7 new members and Gunny Gibson also received the same citation for recruiting 12 new members. There is only one other detachment that comes close to the number of members we have in Detachment 29, and we exceed them by 50 or so more members. Yep, bragging rights.

On March 12, the Pikes Peak Detachment will be presenting a citation for Eagle Scout good citizen award to Jared Jones from Boy Scout Troop 268 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church on 6455 Brook Park Drive. Ceremony starts at 1700 hours, if we have any past eagle scouts within our detachment, I'm sure Jared Jones would be eager to hear from you.

OK, enough said, Spring is somewhat around the corner, events will be coming to light. Please take note from the Jr. Vice Commandant and we appreciate your attendance. Stay healthy!

Semper Fi! Paul



Good Times...



Young Marines learn from the best!

Senior Vice Commandant Terry Crum

As spring approaches Colorado a number of scholarship committees are setting up shop. The Pikes Peak Detachment 2017 Scholarship committee has been formed: Terry Crum, Peggy Baldwin, Roger Baty, Iris Rudesill, and Steve Schwartz and ready to do business. Scholarship information is provided at the end of this newsletter for the Detachment scholarship as well as the CO state MCL scholarship.

Semper Fi, Terry

Junior Vice Commandant Steve Schwartz

It's coming up soon. Our first event of the year will take place on March 11 when we will be participating in the annual St. Patrick's Day parade. As soon as I receive specific staging and location information we'll get the word out to the Detachment. I'll also be setting up a time and breakfast location. Hope to have lots of members marching and riding along with our Young Marines and our fantastic color guard.

I also want to remind anyone who has not paid their annual dues to please do so as soon as possible. I have a list of those who are delinquent and I will be contacting you via phone and email. Thanks for your attention to this.

Semper Fi, Steve

Chaplain Pat Carty

Greetings Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Associates and, Friends. The past month has been busy for some of the Detachment members. On 11 February Dress Blues were presented, belatedly, to Marine Mike Chapman. Mike was the Series Honor Man when he graduated from Boot Camp and, was supposed to be awarded his Dress Blues at that time. However, due to a foul-up he didn't get them. Ever since he had that in the back of his mind. His wife, Sharon, contacted then Commandant Russ Miller, late last year, to see if that could be rectified. Plans were in process to present Mike with his Blues when he suffered a major heart attack. After a long period of recovery, a ceremony was conducted at Mike's home to give him his long awaited Blues. Commandant Paul Hinojosa, Past Junior Commandant Russ Miller, active duty GySgt Archer, and myself were there for the presentation. Jr. Vice Commandant Miller was in charge of the ceremony. Mike was very grateful and, was brought to tears during the event - along with his wife Sharon, other family members and, friends. The even better news is that Mike is going to live to enjoy them.



Marine Mike Chapman gets his dress blues!



Det. members and GySgt Archer.

The Bereavement Team attended services for Marines Michael Robert Burns and Bertrand Howard Cole Sr. Thank you to all Detachment members that attended these services. The presence of the bereavement team sends a clear message of love to the families of deceased Marines.

A number of Marines from our Detachment were present for an El Paso County court hearing to show support for Army SSgt Cory Griffin. SSgt Griffin was sentenced to eight years in prison for shooting his friend in the thumb. He was there to appeal his sentence and hopefully have it reduced to probation with PTSD treatment. He was (and is) suffering from severe PTSD and, a traumatic brain injury. SSgt Griffin served multiple combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. After hearing testimony from the defense and the prosecution, 4th Judicial District Judge Lin Billings-Vela said she will render a decision within 30 days. More info at this website: <http://www.usjag.org/stand-ssg-cory-griffin-not-soldier-veterans-court/>.

The WWII, Korean War and, Vietnam Veterans Luncheon had a good turnout with 33 veterans attending. Junior Vice Commandant Russ Miller was the facilitator along with Rena Reweands. The guest speaker was Phil Heacock, lead docent for the National Museum of World War II Aviation. He gave an overview of the museum with details of WWII aircraft on display there and, upcoming programs. If you have not had the opportunity to visit the museum it is well worth your time. Please visit this website for more details: <http://www.worldwariiaviation.org/>.

There is also a veteran's luncheon every Wednesday at the Village Inn - Palmer Park and Academy. There is no set agenda, just a good way to meet and get to know fellow veterans. Wednesday is "Free Pie" day at the Village Inn. The Apple pie I got was very good. If you go, be there around 1130 to get a good seat. Former Det. member Roland Durdin celebrated his 91st birthday 24 February. Now living in Deerfield Beach, FL, Roland says his health is good for a 91-year-old and said to say hello. We have Marines and family members in our detachment that have ongoing health issues. Please say a prayer for our comrades and their loved ones. It is a great source of comfort to them to know we are thinking of them. Please let me know if you hear of any members or their families who may need our help.

Semper Fi, Pat Carty, Chaplain

Karnivorous Kanines Pound Keeper Steve Schwartz

A reminder that our next Pound 150 Growl will be held after the Detachment meeting in April. We will be discussing our support of the Department convention May 4-7 as well as what we can do as a Pound to become more active and involved. See my notes from our last Growl. All ideas and suggestions are welcome and encouraged.

WOOF! WOOF! Steve



All work and no play make Marines dull and sad. Consider joining the **Military Order of the Devil Dogs**, the fun and honors society of the Marine Corps League. After attending a productive MCL meeting have some fun at a "growl" afterwards. Photos taken at the Colorado Pack Growl February 2017.

Join the Fun!

Marine Corps League new memberships fee is \$41.00 the first year.

Member renewals are \$36.00 and due by August 31 of each year.

Are you interested in becoming a Life Member, the Life Membership Dues Schedule is as follows:

Age Group	As of January 1st, 2009
0-35	\$500.00
36-50	\$400.00
51-64	\$300.00
65-Over	\$200.00

Minutes of the 18 February 2017 Pikes Peak Detachment Meeting

Commandant Paul Hinojosa opened the 18 February meeting of the Marine Corps League Pikes Peak Detachment for official business at the new location at 0900 with Salute to Colors and opening prayer. The Color Guard was provided by the Young Marines. All officers were present.

Guests / Application for Membership:

Cathy Schwartz, wife of Steve Schwartz, was voted in as an associate member.

Alan Phillips from Missouri, served in Vietnam for 12 months, transferred to the Pikes Peak Detachment from the MCL Missouri.

Minutes: Marine Roger Baty, made a motion to accept the January 2017 minutes. Marine Osa Tuck seconded the motion and the motion carried.

New Correspondence: No new correspondence.

Paymaster: Denise Wickershiem NSTR

Chaplain's Report/Sick and in Distress:

The Chaplain reported that this past month there were three funerals: Bill Davis, Rich Smith and Mike Burns. He thanked the bereavement team for attending. Many will be attending a funeral today after the detachment meeting for Bert Cole.

Updates were given on the following: Marjorie Gibson, David Sheffield, Jim Maurer Please keep them in your thought and prayers.

Chaplain Pat Carty also shared that in lieu of flowers at future funerals a certificate will be given to the families of Marines recognizing their service.

He also reminded all of the WWII Veterans Luncheon at Western Omelet. This past month 33 people were in attendance. There is also another Veterans gathering at Village Inn at noon, every Wednesday (Palmer Park and Academy). For more information, see Gary George.

Report of Officers

Commandant: Paul Hinojosa

Officers meeting and training session was held on Feb. 4. A number of items were discussed and all voted unanimously at the officers meeting and training session.

1. To move the Donation from Mr. Harry Hoth (\$5,000.00) to a temporary CD until we find a suitable Mutual fund investment.
2. To move \$4,000 from the quartermasters account over to the General fund account.
3. To move \$1,000 from the General fund over to the Scholarship fund
4. To make the annual fuel stipend to Hank Hankins for the use of his fire truck in parades and in support of Toys for Tots of \$250.00, an increase of \$100.00 from last year.
5. To continue reimbursing carpool drivers fuel expense to department staff meetings provided those meetings are in excess of 50 miles each way. Fuel receipts must be provided.
6. All meals eaten on the road during events will be at the expense of those officers attending the event. No detachment funds will be used to purchase meals.
7. To contribute \$100.00 each to the following Department of Colorado MCL endeavors; DOCO scholarship fund, DOCO Marines Helping Marines fund, and Marine Corps Memorial Golden, CO.
8. The detachments 14-foot trailer, a cost of \$40.00 dollars was budgeted LAST year for a spare tire mount. This is still in the works. A total of \$0.00 dollars was put aside this year, however in the event of emergency repairs, this may change.
9. The detachments 45-foot trailer has been deemed unsafe to move or operate at this time. The staff has voted to donate this trailer to Hank Hankins son in exchange for the Conex box.
10. The storage unit account was closed as of January 31, all items have been moved to the Conex box.
 - a. We are currently looking for a donation of a gun/rifle safe or gun cage to store our current color guard rifles (2) and up to 21 rifles. The Colorado Veterans Coalition has asked if Pikes Peak detachment would be willing to render honors at the Pikes Peak Veterans Cemetery. If you know of someone or are interested in donating, please let us know.
11. All repairs for the Fire truck were completed last year, at this time, nothing was set aside for repair or parts, however, and this may change in the event of an emergency.

We've been asked to attend a ceremony for Jared Reilly Jones, from Boy Scout Troop 268, who recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout on March 12 @ 5 PM, located at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Bozel Hall Lower Level, 6455 Brook Park Drive. We will be presenting Jared with a certificate for distinguished service in scouting.

Next quarterly staff meeting for the Dept. Of Colorado MCL will be hosted by the Windsor Marines Detachment and will be held Feb. 25, 2017 at the Windsor Gardens Auditorium, 595 S. Clinton St. Denver CO 80247

If anyone is interested, Denise Wickersheim has asked to step down from the roll of paymaster. She is willing to stay with the position until someone steps up to the plate. We ask that anyone who is interested, have some experience with Quick Books.

Senior Vice: Terry Crum

The Detachment meeting agenda will now be available to the Detachment members prior to the meeting. In the days leading up to a Detachment meeting an email will be sent out and will include the planned agenda/talking points of the meeting. The goal is to have our membership as informed as possible. Please remember the agenda is made out a few days before the meeting and not written in stone. Items can be added, subtracted or modified as deemed fit by the Detachment officers.

The Det. web site continues to grow and improve. Two new features have been added to the web site:

1. Old newsletters are now available for download. Currently 2014 – present.
2. A remembrance page has been added. The first Marine honored here is Jim Wiese.

Terry Crum spoke about the need for more Marines to be in the color guard. In the past the color guard has used Young Marines if needed. It would be great to have other Marines to call on for the color guard.

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. More information is forthcoming. Please watch for an email about the specifics of the parade as it gets closer.

Marine Schwartz also reminded everyone of Territory Days coming up at the end of May. He will need people to do cash sales that weekend.

Adjutant: Theresa Crum - NSTR

Judge Advocate: Gary George – NSTR

Junior Past Commandant: Russ Miller – NSTR

Vietnam lapel pins were given to the following people:

Bob Hill, Hank Hankins, Gary Gibson, Joe G. Martinez, Kaz Mueller, Steve Schwartz, Ron Asmussen, Pat Carty, Gary George.

Quartermaster: Russ Miller

Quartermaster Miller has a list available of the awards earned by the Detachment members.

Special green St. Patrick's day t-shirts "who needs luck when you are a Marine" were 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 and reported that because of the generous people donating toys on the last day the Toys for Tots will begin next year with toys.

Queen Palmer Elementary School sent a flyer to the detachment inviting the MCL to a thank you pancake breakfast on Saturday, February 25th from 9-11 a.m.

Military Order of Devil Dogs (MODD): Steve Schwartz

The next growl will start shortly after the meeting in April.

Standing Committees:

Report of Special Committees:

Russ Miller updated the detachment on the upcoming department convention:

- Convention will be at The Embassy Suites on the weekend of May 4th - 7th
- Help will be needed on the night of the 4th assisting in the hospitality suite.
- Help will also be needed with cash sales that weekend

Unfinished Business: NSTR

New Business: NSTR

Good of the League:

Russ Miller spoke about SSgt Cory Griffin and court hearing attended by a number of MCL members.

Russ also spoke about Marine Mike Chapman being presented Marine Corps dress blues.

Jim Woods asked all for a moment of silence to remember the Marines who passed away from Iwo Jima.

Commandant Hinojosa encouraged members of the detachment to think about volunteering for the Young Marines. He found it to be a very rewarding experience mentoring these kids. If interested, please see him for the information.

Terry Crum is looking for members to be a part of the Scholarship Committee. If interested, please see

him for details.

Popcorn at the VA – The Volunteer Services Coordinator at the VA Medical Center contacted Russ Miller and he is in the process of getting things in order to do popcorn at the local clinic.

With no additional business at hand, the 50/50 drawing was held. The total amount collected was \$105.00. Terry Farstad owned the winning ticket and received \$52.50.

With all business being completed Commandant Hinojosa closed the meeting at 1000. The next meeting will take place on 18 March 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa Crum, Adjutant

Scholarship Information



Pikes Peak Detachment Scholarship

Eligible candidates are Pikes Peak Detachment MCL members, member's spouse, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Before becoming eligible, the member be a paid/current member of the MCL for a minimum of one year, any MCL Detachment.

Application for the scholarship will be accepted until 30 April 2017. The application can be found on the Detachment website www.pikespeakmcl.org or click this link.

[Pikes Peak Detachment 2017 Scholarship Application Download](#)

Colorado State MCL Scholarship

Information concerning the Colorado State MCL scholarship is available on the state web site or click below. The application must be postmarked by April 1st.

[Colorado State Marine Corps League Scholarship Program Information](#)

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The ladies enjoy their luncheon.