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Pikes Peak Det. monthly meeting

15 April 2017: Breakfast at 0800

Meeting at 0900

Cash Sales will be open

VFW Post 4051

430 E Pikes Peak Ave

Colorado Springs, CO 80903



MCL & Toys for Tots

Night at Sky Sox Baseball

29 June 2017, 1600-??

Security Service Field (Sky Sox Stadium)

4385 Tutt Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80922

(719)597-1449



Marine Pat Lewis



Melvin Postlewait and Dwight Dell

Commandant Paul Hinojosa

Greetings Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Chaplains, and Associates,

March was a busy month! Although we didn't have too many events as a detachment, the staff was invited to several events such as the Mt. Carmel Center of Excellence located at 530 Communications Circle in Colorado Springs. This center is the brain child of ours truly, Jay Cimino, CEO of the Phil Long automotive group, Marine, and guest speaker at our 2015 Marine Corps ball. The center is open to all veterans, not just veterans who have recently left the military, ALL veterans. They offer various services and the great thing about that is, they are free to veterans and the veterans family. They offer services such as behavioral & Mental, educational, employment, financial, health and wellness, legal, and veterans services. So I encourage you to check them out, they've been around for a little over a year both here in Colorado Springs and in Trinidad and they hope to grow, but are currently working on getting the word out.

Speaking of getting the word out, one of my goals as Commandant is to get the word out on the League. Last year in the Dept. convention, a dept. staff member stated that the League is one of America's best kept secret. That hit home for me, when I found out about the league, back in 2010, I had no idea what that was, until Gunny Gibson dragged me in to a meet. Now...you're stuck with me. But seriously, I

have no background in advertising so I am sort of winging it here, we've implemented car magnets for parades and other events to advertise our detachment, they should be available in cash sales soon. But what I am asking of you, the members, mention the League and our detachment to others, word of mouth is our best and least costly advertisement that I know of, so talk us up!

I want to thank Pat Carty for the excellent job he continues to perform. In March, we had several funeral services which he attended, I know they're not easy, least not for me. So thank you Pat for the excellent work you do to show compassion for our fallen brethren, and for getting as much information and making yourself available to the families.

Peggy Baldwin is officially our Paymaster as of March 25 and I am looking forward to working with her, but I will miss working with Denise who has done a great job these past few years as our Paymaster and has stuck with it patiently, until someone else gallantly stepped up to the plate.

April is bringing some great events, stay tuned for information from our Junior Vice Commandant and keep a lookout for information as it comes available from our Webmaster and Senior Vice.

One final word, and I will bring this back up in our next detachment meeting. The El Paso County Bear Creek Regional Park located at 2002 Creek Crossing has installed a new Veterans Monument dedicated in honor and memory of the men and women of the El Paso County who serviced in the armed forces of the United States. The design includes an area for the installation of pavers. Each Paver is 12 X 12 and for \$60 per paver you can engrave each paver with name, branch and service dates. If interested, please contact; El Paso County Veterans Services, 5850 Championship View, suite 130, Colorado Springs 80922 or call 719-520-7750. I will have copies of the form to fill out for engraving, if interested. We appreciate your attendance, stay healthy and I will see you next month.

Semper Fi, Paul



Senior Vice Commandant Terry Crum

Greetings. This article is in response to the Detachment's March meeting. Some in attendance were offended by the message promoted by a member of the Detachment which some members took to mean the Marine Corps League supports Marines regardless of what crimes they commit. That we are deaf to the cries of victims of crime committed by Marines, that is not true. Once a Marine, always a Marine; however, when a Marine disgraces the Corps they become an ex-Marine. The MCL is here for the benefit of Marines and FMF Corpsmen from all ages, a fraternal organization. As many of you know, one of the main reasons of the Marine Corps League is to support and provide aide to Marines in time of need. This is accomplished by a variety of mean including, but not limited to, friendly support, directing members to appropriate help agencies, and sometimes financial support.

The Marine Corps League is a nonpolitical organization. Our membership includes those of a diverse background, experiences, and beliefs. The MCL is for the benefit of all Marines and FMF Corpsmen. Any member of our detachment is welcome to express their opinions on a subject. As a reminder, this type of organization only works if the members remember to remain civil at all times. A former Detachment Commandant used to preach that there was no room in the MCL for "negativity". He was correct. Unbecoming behavior among membership is a very destructive force and can bring ruin to the best of groups and intentions. It runs counter to the concept of being fraternal.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone the values that make it possible for us to keep our honor clean, so we may always be proud to claim the title of United States Marines. Ooh Rah!

Semper Fi, Terry

Chaplain Pat Carty's message

Greetings Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Associates and, Friends. April... can you believe it? 2017 is well into the first quarter and, as is said "time marches on" and, we march with it. Sometimes it feels more like a forced march we can't fall out of! Sadly, though, some of our Marines and, family members were called out to report to a new duty station. One we will all report to one day, so keep your uniforms squared away and be ready to stand tall before the Man.

Among those who recently stood tall were Sgt. Major Jim Cody, at the age of 98. Jim served his Country and Corps in three wars: WWII, Korea and, Vietnam. He was a member of the Pikes Peak Detachment. Jr. Past Commandant Russ Miller said members of the Royal Gorge Detachment visited with him as he fought his last battle with Stage 4 Melanoma. A service for Marine Ted Hebel Smith was held 25 March. Ted served in the Marines from 1950 - 1953 at Parris Island. Rachel Dewey, daughter of member "Doc" Manuel Pedraza, passed away as the result of a skiing accident 19 March. Rachel was a teacher, mentor and, visionary leader. She lived life to its fullest, inviting us to do the same. Her service was held 23 March. There is an upcoming service for Marine John D. Martin 08 April in Westcliffe, CO at 1300. The location is Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, in Lange Hall, 312 S. 3rd Street, Westcliffe, CO. We will be carpooling down there and, those who would like to attend this service please meet at Panera Bread, 1832 Southgate Ctr., Colorado Springs at 1000 on 08 April.

Associate member Don Lopes' home was completely destroyed in a fire mid-March. Commandant Paul Hinojosa talked to him recently and says that Don and his family are doing well under the circumstances. At this time, they are waiting for demolition on the remains of their house to begin so they can rebuild. The Young Marines among others have stepped up to help Don and his family with fund raising events. Our Detachment is standing by to help however necessary.

Gunny Garry Gibson says his wife, Marjorie, is valiantly battling her fight with cancer and appreciates your concern and prayers. Pat Thompson is recovering at home from a fall she suffered in March and, at last report was on the mend despite enduring a great deal of pain in her arm. It was very good to see "Doc" Jim Maurer and his wife Sally at the March MCL meeting. Agent Orange is taking its toll on Jim but, it is not keeping his spirit down. Jim and Sally also attended the service for Rachel Dewey.

On a happier note, Hank and Mary Hankins celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary 01 April. Many members of the Pikes Peak Detachment.

All members are invited. Here's to many more years together! Please continue to keep all our members in your thoughts and prayers and, let me know if you hear of any members or family members who may need our help. You are my eyes and ears...

Semper Fi, Pat Carty, Chaplain



Staff members attended the Eagle Court of Honor for Jared Reilly Jones.

**Territory Days
Memorial Day Weekend
May 27 - 29
Old Colorado City**

**Cash sales needs help.
Please volunteer!**

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](#)

Minutes of the 18 March 2017 Pikes Peak Detachment Meeting

Commandant Paul Hinojosa opened the 18 March meeting of the Marine Corps League Pikes Peak Detachment for official business at 0900 with Salute to Colors and opening prayer.

Guests / Application for Membership:

Pat Lewis, 30 year Marine Corps veteran, Pat served as in the enlisted ranks and as an officer.

Dwight Dell, served in the Marines as a jet mechanic, stationed at MCAS Cherry Point.

A motion was made by Osa Tuck and seconded by Hank Hankins to accept both Marines into the Marine Corps League upon proof of honorable service and payment of dues.

Minutes: Marine Russ Miller, made a motion to accept the February 2017 minutes. Marine Steve Schwartz seconded the motion and the motion carried.

New Correspondence: No new correspondence.

Paymaster: Denise Wickershiem

Reported New members; Mar 1 to July 31, cost is \$15.00, next full dues is Sept. 1, 2017 of \$36.00. All New members after September 1, 2017 will pay a new membership fee of \$41.00.

Renewals; Members whose dues are between Jan. 1 2017 to June 30, 2017 will pay only \$10.00, next full dues is Sept. 1, 2017 of \$36.00.

Renewal fee for 2018 will be due by August 31, 2017 = \$36.00

National will no longer send out dues renewal notices as of January 1, 2017

Chaplain/Sick and in Distress:

The Chaplain reported thankfully that there were no Marine funerals since the service for Bert Cole, which was right after last month's meeting on the 18th.

There were 40 people at the WWII, Korean, and Vietnam Luncheon this month. The speaker was Cheryl Christie from Mt. Carmel Center of Excellence. She shared information about services offered to veterans at Mt. Carmel Center. It is up and running and will be the place to go to get help for veterans.

Those undergoing sickness and distress: Marjorie Gibson, Gunny Gibson's wife continues to receive treatments and is in our thoughts and prayers. Pat Thompson fell and has a cast on her wrist to her elbow. Mary Ann Smith is currently suffering from bronchitis. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Don Lopes, associate member of our detachment; spoke about the house fire at his house this past week. He and his family are safe and staying at a hotel. The detachment has assisted him with finances in paying for his family's prescriptions and his wife's glasses through our Marines Helping Marines Fund. The Young Marines are assisting the family, also. Royce Roland, associate member from the Broomfield detachment has graciously donated \$50.00.

Report of Officers

Commandant: Paul Hinojosa

The 2017 Division convention will be held this year in Roswell, NM on June 16th and 17th. The attendees from our detachment will be Russ Miller, Garry Gibson (aka Gunny) and Paul Hinojosa. In our first staff meeting, this convention was not in our agenda so it reimbursement costs were not discussed. An email vote was submitted and voted upon unanimously that the detachment will use its funds to pay for the hotel rooms and fuel cost for this event. The fuel cost will be paid to the owner of the vehicles used to transport the attendees to and from the conference site. Cost of the hotel rooms will be for double occupancies, one may choose to have his or her own room at their cost. This is an event that has been paid for since 2010, but voted upon each year.

Staff members attended an Eagle Court of Honor for Jared Reilly Jones from Boy Scout troop 268 on Sunday, March 12. The detachment presented Jared Reilly with the Eagle Scout Good Citizen Award and

the Distinguished Service Award Bronze. Staff in attendance was Russ Miller, Terry Crum, Pat Carty, and Gary George. Jared sister, LCpl Karrissa Reilly from Camp Pendleton, was also there to present the award.

Peggy Baldwin has volunteered to take the roll of Paymaster starting March 25, 2017.

Sec. of Veteran Affairs, Dr. David Shulkin, has established presumptions for the service connection of eight diseases associated with exposure to contaminants in the water supply at Camp Lejeune and MCAS New River. This presumption of service connection applies to active duty, reserve, and National Guard member who served at these based for a minimum of 30 days between Aug. 1, 1953 and Dec. 31, 1987.

Proposed bylaw change in compliance with ARTICLE 11, section 1100 of the department of Colorado bylaws for the Marine Corps League. Amendment to: article seventeen- communications, section 1700 – newsletter.

Senior Vice: Terry Crum

Terry Crum spoke about the color guard in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. He said they enjoyed it and look forward to many more to come.

He also reminded everyone that the newsletter can be found on the website or it can be sent in the U.S. mail. If you cannot receive it electronically, please let him know and he will make sure that you receive it via U.S. mail.

Junior Vice Commandant: Steve Schwartz

Marine Steve Schwartz spoke and thanked everyone for making the St. Patrick's Day Parade a big success. Nineteen members were in attendance at the parade along with family members. The Cyclones football team assisted in walking the parade and holding the ropes for the D.I. Great turn out everyone!

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

Quartermaster: Russ Miller

Sergeant at Arms: NSTR

Web Sergeant: NSTR

Toys for Tots: Russ Miller

Marine Miller reported that a business had called him because they had found several bags of toys in a backroom that were in Toys for Tots bins! They were donated and put in storage for next year.

Military Order of Devil Dogs (MODD): Steve Schwartz

Marine Schwartz reminded everyone that the Karnivorous Kanines of Pikes Peak Pound 150 will be meeting in April with at least one new member initiation.

Standing Committees:

Report of Standing Committees:

Scholarship committee – Marine Crum reminded all that the scholarship applications are due by April 30th.

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 needed with registration
- Businesses are encouraged to place ads in the convention booklet. If you know of a business that would be interested, let Russ know. It helps to offset the costs of the convention booklet.
- There will be a Tour of NORAD on Friday morning of the convention. Space is limited with only 30 openings. You must be able to walk distances and must be able to go up and down stairs.
- There will also be a tour of Dragon Man's Museum. He has the largest vehicle weapons collection in the United States. This is open to all who are interested.

Unfinished Business; NSTR

New Business;

Marine Charles Corry, Ph.D., FGSA spoke to the league about his work with the Equal Justice Foundation in veteran courts. He asked the league if anyone would be willing to mentor these veterans.

Gunny Gibson has asked the league if they will make a one-time donation of \$500 to the Colorado Marine Corps Auxiliary. The money will go to the Little Angel Project which will benefit a group in Colorado Springs. Russ Miller made the motion and Osa Tuck seconded it. Motion carried.

Awards were given out to those that were not in attendance at the December meeting.

Good of the League:

With no additional business at hand, the 50/50 drawing was held. The total amount collected was \$89.00. Iris Rudesill owned the winning ticket!

With all business being completed Commandant Hinojosa closed the meeting at 1000. The next meeting will take place on 15 April 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa Crum, Adjutant



Warmest congratulations and sincere best wishes on your Golden Wedding Anniversary. May your beautiful and admirable union be richly blessed and your love grow stronger! Cheers and abundant blessings as you celebrate your 50 Years of Marriage!



Marine Corps Values

Honor

This is the bedrock of our character. It is the quality that empowers Marines to exemplify the ultimate in ethical and moral behavior: to never lie, cheat, or steal; to abide by an uncompromising code of integrity; to respect human dignity; and to have respect and concern for each other. It represents the maturity, dedication, trust, and dependability that commit Marines to act responsibly, be accountable for their actions, fulfill their obligations, and hold others accountable for their actions.

Courage

The heart of our Core Values, courage is the mental, moral, and physical strength ingrained in Marines that sees them through the challenges of combat and the mastery of fear, and to do what is right, to adhere to a higher standard of personal conduct, to lead by example, and to make tough decisions under stress and pressure. It is the inner strength that enables a Marine to take that extra step.

Commitment

This is the spirit of determination and dedication within members of a force of arms that leads to professionalism and mastery of the art of war. It promotes the highest order of discipline for unit and self and is the ingredient that instills dedication to Corps and country 24 hours a day, pride, concern for others, and an unrelenting determination to achieve a standard of excellence in every endeavor. Commitment is the value that establishes the Marine as the warrior and citizen others strive to emulate.

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