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May 2017 Newsletter



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Pikes Peak Detachment Monthly Meeting

20 May 2017
Breakfast at 0800
Meeting at 0900

Cash Sales will be open

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



Department of Colorado Marine Corps League 2017 Annual Convention Colorado Springs 4-7 May 2017

Volunteers needed for the hospitality suite and cash sales

Embassy Suites by Hilton Colorado Springs
7290 Commerce Center Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80919
Please see the last page of this newsletter for more information.

Commandant Paul Hinojosa

Hello Marines, Navy FMF Corpsmen, associate members and families. I hope everyone is in good health, April came and went, we had several personal issues the occurred but the month flew by. JoAnn would like to thank you all for your condolences, and is forever grateful for your thoughts and prayers.

May will be busy, first off we have the 2017 Department of Colorado Convention from May 4 to May 7, we are still looking for volunteers to help out with events, if interested, please contact Russ Miller as soon as possible. I am certain that this year's event will be just as successful and memorable as last years.

Territory days is scheduled for May 27 and 28, we will be in need of volunteers to help out with cash sales last year's volunteers stayed from start to end, if you find some free time, please stop by to support us.

The Colorado Springs Cyclones has requested our color guard for the game opener on May 13, at the Garry Berry Stadium. It's a good feeling knowing that our color guard has made an impression on others and have asked us to help celebrate a game opener.

One of the Pikes Peak Young Marines very own will be attending a national board for national Young Marine of the year this month as. The board will be in Nevada from May 3 to May 9, the Young Marine is YM/SgtMaj Angel Orozco. Orozco had requested a practice board with MCL members, I would like to thank Pat Carty, Peggy Baldwin, and Russ Miller for attending the practice board on April 22. The questions were hard, no kidding! However, Orozco flew thru these questions with flying colors. I would like to also thank the Young Marines for including us in this momentous occasion for YM/SgtMaj Angel Orozco. Now, go get 'em!

Please take note of the events from our Jr. Vice Commandant and we appreciate your attendance!
Semper Fi,
Paul

Junior Vice Commandant Steve Schwartz

Greetings all Detachment members, Associate members and FMF Corpsmen. May will be a reasonably easy month with only two things on the agenda:

1. Territory Days at the end of the month and as our Commandant has reminded everyone we can always use lots of volunteers. Please contact me with any questions or if you'd like to volunteer.
 2. Memorial Day ceremonies at Memorial Park at the end of the month. More details to follow as I receive more information.
 3. MODD - my apologies for having to postpone the scheduled Growl in April due to my injury. We will have our next Growl in June.
- Looking forward to seeing many of you at the Convention May 4-6.
Semper Fi and Woof! Woof!
Steve



Commandant Hinojosa puts out the word.



The motivator Gunny Gibson is back!

Chaplain Pat Carty's message

Greetings Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Associates and, Friends. April has been a sad month for our Detachment and elsewhere. Pikes Peak Detachment Life Members Chuck Brown and Bud Sterns passed away: Chuck 21 April and Bud 16 April. Chuck served as a Marine during the final days of World War II and, for four years after the war ended. A service for Chuck was held 26 April at St. George's Anglican Church in Colorado Springs. Bud served in the Marines during the Korean War and, was also a Life Member of the VFW. There will be no service for Bud, at this time, per the family. Marine Kenneth E. Baird of Pueblo passed away 27 March 2017. He joined the Marine Corps in 1942, serving in the South Pacific during WWII and, was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action. He was stationed at Camp Pendleton during the Korean War. Services will be held Saturday April 29th at 1030 at Christ The King Catholic Church in Pueblo. There was a service for Marine Paul Pack 18 April at the First Baptist Church in Colorado Springs. While in the Marine Corps he dreamed of flying and, eventually served as a pilot for the Civil Air Patrol. On 08 April, Jr. Past Commandant Russ Miller and I traveled to Westcliffe, CO to attend a service for WWII Marine John D. Martin. John saw action on Bougainville during WWII. He later enlisted in the United States Army and retired as a Sergeant Major. JoAnn Hinojosa, wife of Commandant Paul Hinojosa, lost her father Sam Moreno in April. They went to San Antonio, TX to be with family and friends and, attend the service.

Many of our members and family members are in the throes of health issues: Pat Thompson, Joe G. Martinez, Hank Hankins, Steve Schwartz, Gary George, Jim Maurer, Bob Roper, Marjorie Gibson, Polly Woods, Marianne Smith, Ron Asmussen's daughter and, perhaps others that I am not aware of at this time. Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers.

Our Surprise, Arizona "AWOL" Marine Steve Peterson may be coming to Colorado in May to visit and stay with Joe G. Martinez, as Joe undergoes surgery. Hopefully we will hear Steve's story as he stands tall for "Office Hours" at our May meeting, to explain his absence. Del Duvall and his wife Sandy are back in Colorado Springs after their yearly winter retreat in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. It will be good to see them after their long hiatus. Hope to see you all at the upcoming MCL Department Convention - 04 May thru 07 May. Until our next meeting take care and, God be with you.

Semper Fi,
Pat Carty

Territory Days



**Memorial Day Weekend
May 27 - 29
Old Colorado City
Cash sales needs help.
Please volunteer!**



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

Paymaster Peggy Baldwin

Here some information to help understand how renewals will be handled until the end of August.

New members: Current date to June 30, cost is \$25.00; next full dues are September 1, 2017 of \$36.00. All New members after July 1, 2017 will pay a new membership fee of \$41.00.

Renewals: Members whose dues are between January 1, 2017 and June 30, 2017 will pay only \$20.00; next full dues are September 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.

Semper Fi,
Peggy

Minutes of the 15 April 2017 Pikes Peak Detachment Meeting

Commandant Paul Hinojosa opened the 15 April 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. All officers were present except for the Junior Vice Commandant and the Sgt. at Arms.

The 15 April meeting was attended by 33 people.

Guests / Application for Membership:

No guests were present at today's meetings.

Minutes: A motion to accept the March 2017 minutes was made and seconded. The motion carried.

New Correspondence: No new correspondence.

Paymaster: Peggy Baldwin

- Thank were made to Denise Wickersheim for her work at paymaster
- Peggy's promise to work diligently.
- Reminder of the request for reimbursement form on line. Save all receipts.

Chaplain/Sick and in Distress:

The following matters were discussed:

1. Passing of JoAnn's father
2. Funeral attended in Westcliffe, CO. for Marine John D. Martin
3. Health updates on Marjorie Gibson, Pat Thompson, Joe G. Martinez, Steve Swartz, Hank Hankins, Bob Roper.
4. WWII/Korean/ Vietnam war luncheon was held and 31 people attended.

Report of Officers

Commandant: Paul Hinojosa

Peggy Baldwin is officially our paymaster as of March 25

- 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

served 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 services 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.

- The Mt. Carmel Center of Excellence located at 530 Communications Circle in Colorado Springs. This center is the brainchild of ours truly, Jay Cimino, CEO of the Phil Long automotive group, Marine, and guest speaker at our 2016 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 veteran's family. They offer services such as behavioral & mental, educational, employment, financial, health and wellness, legal, and veteran's services.

- Member Barry Farris is being nominated for the Alumni Hall of Fame at Palmer HS. They've asked for a letter of recommendation, which we have provided, thanks to the help of our detachment historian Roger Baty. The induction will take place in September and members of the det. are invited. Details to follow.

- \$500.00 was donated by the Detachment Marine Helping Marines fund to Marine Andrew Smith in Cripple Creek for the purpose of helping him move back into his home. His home was in need of major repairs after mold was discovered. The project is being managed by the Cripple Creek American Legion.

Senior Vice: Terry Crum

Discussion on nonpolitical and nonpartisan character of the Marine Corps League.

- Two color guard events approaching; May 13 Cyclones football game opener and Sky Sox baseball game on June 29.

- Marine Charles Corry was allowed to restate his position on the Equal Justice Foundation in veteran courts program.

Junior Vice Commandant: Steve Schwartz (read by Terry Crum)

- Status update Territory days in May

- Memorial Day Ceremonies at Memorial Park

- 4th of July Parade in Monument

Adjutant: Theresa Crum NSTR

Judge Advocate: Gary George – NSTR

Junior Past Commandant: Russ Miller NSTR

Quartermaster: Russ Miller

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

Sergeant at Arms: NSTR

Web Sergeant: NSTR

Toys for Tots: Russ Miller -

Sky Sox military appreciation/Toys for Tots game is June 29th.

Military Order of Devil Dogs (MODD): Steve Schwartz (Read by Paul Hinojosa)

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

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
- Delegates needed to help Gunny Gibson's campaign to become the MCL Colorado State Commandant.

Scholarship committee is accepting inputs for the 2017 scholarships.

Unfinished Business; NSTR

New Business: NSTR

Good of the League:

Commandant Hinojosa announced that Young Marine Angel Orozco is going up for National Young Marine of the Year and that he has asked use to help him with a practice board. Volunteers are needed Saturday, 22 April to help with the practice board. Contact Paul if you can help.

With no additional business at hand, the 50/50 drawing was held. The total amount collected was \$79.00. Terry Crum owned the winning ticket and donated most of it to the scholarship fund.

With all business being completed Commandant Hinojosa closed the meeting at 1000. The next meeting will take place on 20 May 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa Crum, Adjutant



A number of the Detachment members that earned awards during 2016 were finally presented their award certificates during the April Detachment meeting.

**Memorial Day
Wreath Laying Ceremony**

**Please join us in the wreath laying ceremony
Memorial Park, Colorado Springs
30 May 2017 @ 1000**



*Remember our fallen heroes.
They are the reason that we are free.*

Junior Past Commandant Russ Miller sends:

One last call regarding the Scholarship Luncheon and Grand Banquet. There is still **plenty** of room for both. We can still accept reservations for either until Tuesday Morning (2 May 2017). At this late juncture, if you or one of your Detachment or Unit members wishes to attend, please do not mail in your form, but rather, have them contact me directly with their meal choices and they can pay at the door during the convention. The Banquet is not exclusive to just Convention attendees. If you have people that are not attending the convention but would like to come down for the Banquet, they are more than welcome. Our Guest Speaker for the Banquet is going to be Don Davis, Colonel USMC (Ret.). Don is the new Jefferson County Manager as of 1 May 2017. Col Davis just retired from his last post 30 days ago as the NORAD/NORTHCOM Chief of Theater Strategy and Campaign Plans Division.

For all planning to attend the tour of Dragonman's Military Museum on Friday morning, we will be departing from the convention site hotel at 0830. Registration, The Ship's Store and Hospitality Suite (w/ coffee, juice and goodies) will be open for those arriving after the tour has left or for those choosing not to go.

REMINDER: Due to National Security Concerns, the NORAD tour was cancelled by the Chief of Staff.

**DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO MCL & MCLA
45th Convention Agenda**

Thursday, 4 May: (Early Bird)

1600 - 2200 Early Bird Registration
1800 - 2200 Hospitality Room Open

Friday, 5 May:

0730 – 0930 Convention Registration
0800 – 1130 Ship's Store Open (Cripple Creek Room)
0830 – 1130 Dragonman's Military Museum Tour
1200 – 1330 Scholarship Luncheon / Committee Meeting (TBD)
1400 – 1500 Operation Little Angel (Ballroom A)
1500 – 1700 Ship's Store Open (Cripple Creek Room)
1530 – 1545 MOY / Associate MOY Committees (Breakfast and Evening Reception Area)
1545 – 1600 Colorado Pack DOY Society (Breakfast and Evening Reception Area)
1600 – 1700 Detachment Commandant's Council (Pikes Peak Room)
1700 – 1830 Dinner on your own and Cocktails
1830 – 1900 MODD Initiations "Qualified Pups Advancing to Devil Dog ONLY" _(Pikes Peak Room)
Flea Initiations (Ballroom A)
1900 – 2130 MODD Growl (Pikes Peak Room)
Flea Scratch (Ballroom A)
1900 – 2200 Hospitality Room

Saturday, 6 May:

0730 – 0830 Past Dept. Commandant's & Past Dept. President's Breakfast (Ballroom A)
0800 – 0900 Registration
0800 – 0900 Ship's Store Open (Cripple Creek Room)
0900 – 0930 Joint Opening Ceremony (Pikes Peak Room)
0930 – 1000 Minor MCL and MCLA Awards Presented (Pikes Peak Room)
1000 – 1030 Memorial Service (Pikes Peak Room)
1030 – 1200 MCL & MCLA Business Session #1 Nominations (Pikes Peak Room & Ballroom A)
1200 – 1330 Lunch on Your Own
1330 – 1600 MCL/MCLA Business Session #2 Head Count for Traveling Trophy & Elections (Pikes Peak Room & Ballroom A)
1600 – 1730 Ship's Store Open (Cripple Creek Room)
1800 – 1830 Cocktails (Breakfast and Evening Reception Area)
1830 – 1930 Grande Banquet / Guest Speaker (Ballrooms C&D)
1945 – 2100 Installation of New Officers & Major Awards Ceremonies, Closing
2100 – 0000 Hospitality Room

Sunday, 7 May:

Farewells and Goodbyes