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**Pikes Peak Detachment
Monthly Meeting**
17 June 2017
Breakfast at 0800
Meeting at 0900

Cash Sales will NOT 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

Commandant Paul Hinojosa

Hello Marines, Navy FMF Corpsmen, Associate members and families. May was a busy month. No sooner had we completed one event that we barely had enough time to take a breather before the other event took place. We started May off by hosting the 2017 Department of Colorado Convention at the Colorado Springs Embassy Suites. I would like to say thank you to all our volunteers who helped out with the convention, starting with Denise Wickersheim and Peggy Baldwin who handled registrations from the start of day to end, attended business sessions and also helped manage the hospitality suite. I also want to thank Hank Hankins and Joe G. Martinez for manning the ships stores throughout the weekend. Let's not forget our detachment staff members who were present for all business sessions and helped represent the detachment, as well as Melvin Postlewait, Del Duvall, Helen and Bob Hill, Iris Rudesill. If I missed anyone, I truly apologize. With all in attendance, it helped us to earn the attendance award two years in a row! During the awards ceremony, our own Hank Hankins, Joe G. Martinez, and Pat Carty were awarded the Distinguished Citizen Silver award for the hard work they've put in for 2016, congrats!

We had approximately 84 plus souls attending the Department convention, which grew to 98 souls for the banquet. Col. Davis gave an enlightening speech on leadership, one that I was able to take away a great lesson from and I would also like to thank Vince Espinoza and friend for being our DJ during the banquet. The music was great! But a special thanks goes to our Jr. Past Commandant Russ Miller for coordinating the events, I don't recall one event that needed special attention, everything ran like clockwork.

The next big event was territory days in Old Colorado City. A special thanks to Joe G. Martinez, Hank Hankins, and Steve Peterson. Steve came all the way from Surprise, Arizona to experience the cold and wet weather from Saturday and still returned to help out the rest of the weekend (although he had two or three jackets on). Hang on, the list is not done yet, we had Roger Baty, Peggy Baldwin, Jamie and Elaine Rogers, and Pat Carty help out in Territory days where we experienced rain and cold weather on Saturday, hot and hotter on Sunday, followed by warm to hot and cloudy on Monday. Good times!

Finally, on Monday, Memorial day I wish to show my appreciation for Steve Schwartz, Gary George and their lovely wives, Pat Mesa, Pat Thompson, Terry Farstad, Paul Darrow, & Melvin Postlewait for representing the detachment at the Memorial park wreath laying ceremony and Fountain Veterans park wreath laying ceremony where Doris Purdy led us in the pledge of allegiance and her Uber driver Carmella Miller, and Joe V. Martinez who laid the wreath at the monument. My goal here was to name every member who volunteered and showed dedication towards our events and detachment, if I missed anyone, I truly apologize. It was a busy month!

Our prayers go out to Jim Woods who is was in Penrose Hospital this month with Sepsis, please keep him in your prayers, our Chaplain Pat Carty will keep our members apprised on how Jim is doing.

Finally, I hope that in addition to our detachment volunteers who participated at Memorial Park and at the Veterans Park in Fountain, that we all took some time to reflect on those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. I believe that at least 99% of us know or have experienced a loss of a brother or sister in service of our country, "our flag does not fly because of the wind.... it flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it."

Semper Fi!

Paul



Memorial Day Wreath Laying at Memorial Park, Colorado Springs

Senior Vice Commandant Terry Crum

Greetings, summer is upon us and I hope everyone is getting their fair share of it. Thanks to the members who contributed the pictures that adorn the pages of this newsletter from Detachment recent events. The greatest asset our detachments possess is the people whom make up the rank and file. The Marine, FMF Corpsmen, associate member next to you is the face of the Pikes Peak Detachment. Photos of these members are always welcome. After all – a picture is worth a thousand words.

Semper Fi, Terry

Junior Vice Commandant Steve Schwartz

A reminder that we will be participating in the annual July 4 parade in Monument. As soon as I receive the details we will forward the information to the Detachment.

MODD

We will have our next Growl immediately following our next Detachment meeting. Don't forget your Passports and bones. Do you know one of our members who would like to be a Devil Dog? Talk it up with them and invite them to join us on June 17. I'll be glad to talk to anyone interested. Until then WOOF WOOF!!!

Semper Fi and Woof! Woof!

Steve

Chaplain Pat Carty's message

Greetings Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Associates and, Friends. It was good to see Terry Boston and, Steve Peterson at the May meeting. Terry is back from Florida for a while, so hope we get to see a lot more of her smiling face while she is here. Steve Peterson plans to be in Colorado Springs for around a month and will be joined here by his wife before they return back to Arizona. Pat Thompson was in Kansas City the middle of May to attend A National POW Convention. Pat's husband was a prisoner of the Japanese during WWII - captured on Corregidor.

Memorial Day events held at Memorial Park and in Fountain were well represented by our Detachment Marines. Thanks to all who participated and attended. Jim Woods was in Penrose Main Hospital for a few days before being diagnosed with Sepsis. He was sent from there to Brookdale Bear Creek on S. 21st for treatment and physical therapy. Polly, Jim's wife, says he may be there for up to six weeks and looks forward to seeing visitors and, swapping stories. Jim really appreciates those who visited with him while in Penrose Main. Please say a prayer for Jim and all the other members and family members who are still undergoing health and other problems.

Mark Kuffman, the Colorado Department Junior Past Commandant, had an accident on his 4-wheeler and is in Denver Hospital with a broken pelvis and internal bleeding. It is believed that the have the bleeding stopped but surgery may be required. Please keep him in your prayers as well as his family.

Colorado Department
Junior Past Commandant
Mark Kuffman



The Bereavement Team attended services for Marines Paul Berwick (06 May) and Dominick Serna (20 May). Marine Cpl. Wesley Free passed as the result of a car accident in Peyton, CO on 16 May. Cpl. Free was on leave and heading East to visit relatives when the accident occurred. Services for him will be held in Florida. Until next month *Fair Winds and Following Seas*. Semper Fi, Pat Carty



Cash Sales at Territory Days, Old Colorado City.

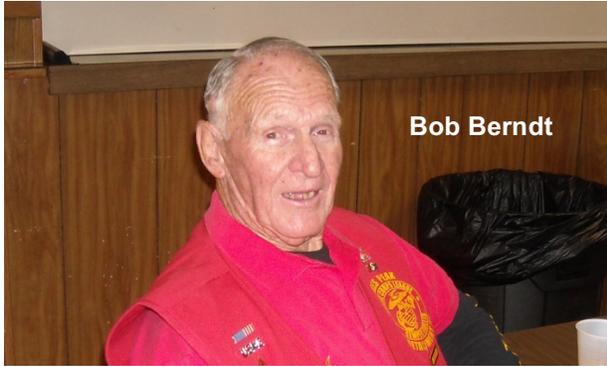
Paymaster Peggy Baldwin

I strongly encourage you to consider paying for a life membership. In the long run, it will save you \$\$ and no more annual fees.

If you are interested in becoming a Life Member, current 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

NOTE: To become a Life Member you must already be a Member in "Good Standing". Semper Fi, Peggy



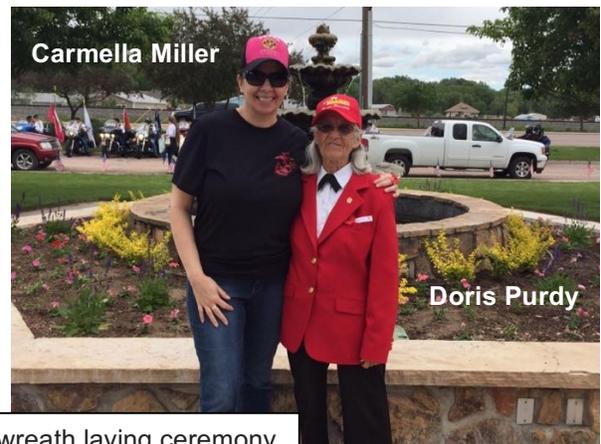
Bob Berndt



Every Detachment meeting is a family reunion!



Fountain Veterans park wreath laying ceremony



Carmella Miller

Doris Purdy

USMC

2017 Birthday Ball Golf Tournament

Silver Spruce Golf Course, Peterson Air Force Base

Friday, June 30th
 Registration Starts: at 6:30 am
 Shotgun Start: 8:00 am

4 Man Scramble
 \$300 Per Foursome
 \$75 Per Individual Golfer
 (we will find you a team)

Registration includes Range Balls, Cart, 18 Holes, & Lunch

For more details or to Pre-Register contact Gary Green
 Silver Spruce Golf Course @ (719) 556-7414

Optional Extras

One Player per team play from forward tees: \$20.00

6 Raffle Tickets: \$5/player

3 Feet of String: \$5/player

2 Mulligans: \$10/player

HOLE SPONSORS \$150



Fantastic Prizes

Great Raffle Items

Minutes of the 20 May 2017 Pikes Peak Detachment Meeting

Senior Vice Commandant Terry Crum opened the 20 May meeting of the Marine Corps League Pikes Peak Detachment for official business at the VFW #4051 Post at 0900 with Salute to Colors and opening prayer. All officers were present except for the Commandant and the Judge Advocate. Attendance head count: 39

Guests / Application for Membership: No guests were present at today's meetings.

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

New Correspondence: No new correspondence.

Paymaster: Peggy Baldwin

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.

Members that are current can pay their 2018 dues of \$36 now, if they want.

Chaplain/Sick and in Distress:

The following matters were discussed:

Funeral for Dominick Serna Sat. 20 May.

Funeral attended for Paul Berwick 06 May.

Update on those in sickness/Distress: Marjorie Gibson, Pat Thompson, Joe G., Jim Maurer, Theresa Crum, Pat Thompson, Mike Chapman, Ron Asmussen's daughter.

Steve Peterson is back in town.

Report of Officers**Commandant: Paul Hinojosa (read by Terry Crum)**

YM SgtMaj Angel Orozco, from the Pikes Peak Young Marines in Colorado Springs was selected as National Young Marine of the Year, one of 6-division finalist from across the nation to compete for this prestigious title. This is a huge achievement for a 17-year. YM SgtMaj Orozco will be given recognition by Dept. of Colorado and our Detachment.

The 2017 MCL convention which was hosted by our detachment and yours truly Russ Miller was a huge success! Our final head count was 84 for the convention, 98 with members and spouses that only attended the banquet. This three-day event went without a hitch and our very own Gunny Gibson was elected Dept. Commandant. Russ Miller was elected Judge Advocate, Terry Crum was appointed Adjutant and Dept. Web Sgt., and Paul Hinojosa was appointed Dept. Sgt. At Arms.

The Marine Corps League has agreed with the American University (AMU) for AMU to award two regular Marine Corps League members a full scholarship (four years) to receive a Bachelor's degree or (two years) to receive a Master's Degree. Interested applicants must apply no later than July 15, 2017. Visit <http://www.amu.apus.edu> for information on degrees and information on AMU.

Memorial day events; Wreath laying ceremony will be at Memorial Park on May 29 starting at 1000 hours, recommend you get there early for good parking.

Afterwards we have another ceremony in which Melvin P., Joe V. and Jim Woods will be attending. The ceremony is at the Mayors Park in Fountain at 1400 hours. It is located at 300 Iris Drive in Fountain. Would like to get some members out there too.

The Dept. has asked about getting as many members out to Golden, at the Marine Corps Memorial. This is a stretch. But if we get the word out and several members want to carpool out there, then let's support it. That ceremony starts at 1400 hours and it is located at 16899 W. Colfax Avenue, Golden CO 80401. The dept. officers stated red blazers, but if that is not possible, the red covers and det. vest.

The Detachment officers voted to donate \$200.00 to the Evergreen cemetery veteran's grave stone flag fund. The money collected for the fund will be used for to purchase 5"x8" flags for the graves of veterans.

This is not mandatory; we have enough events, as you can see, to attend here in our hometown. Again, if we have some who are interested and are willing to attend, then more power to them. I do not know if Gunny Gibson will be attending considering his situation, but he might as the new Dept. commandant.

Senior Vice: Terry Crum - NSTR

Junior Vice Commandant: Steve Schwartz

- 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 - NSTR
Sergeant at Arms: NSTR

Web Sergeant: Terry Crum

The Colorado Department of the Marine Corps League has a new web sergeant (Terry Crum) and a new web site: <http://mclco.org/>

Toys for Tots: Russ Miller - NSTR

Military Order of Devil Dogs (MODD): Steve Schwartz

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

Standing Committees:

Report of Special Committees:

Scholarship committee announced the three recipients of this year's scholarship are: Christina Bartalo, McKayla Miller, and Etan Rehmeier.

Unfinished Business: NSTR

New Business: NSTR

Good of the League:

Bod Berndt gave the membership an update on Marine Matt Dominguez. Matt was wounded and medically discharged from the Marines 5 years ago. He has been awaiting the decision on his medical condition. Also recently his home was flooded and he was forced to move to Trinidad.

Melvin Postlewait invited the membership to join him, Joe V. Martinez, and Jim Woods to the Mayors Park in Fountain Memorial Day ceremony at 1400 hours.

With no additional business at hand, the 50/50 drawing was held. The total amount collected was \$108.00. Pat Hyland owned the winning ticket.

With all business being completed Senior Vice Commandant Crum closed the meeting at 0950. The next meeting will take place on 2017 June 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa Crum, Adjutant

