



# Pikes Peak Detachment 29 Marine Corps League

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### Pikes Peak Detachment Monthly Meeting

15 July 2017

Breakfast at 0800

Meeting at 0900

Cash Sales will be open

VFW Post 4051

430 E Pikes Peak Ave

Colorado Springs, CO 80903

### Pikes Peak Detachment MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

#### 2017 Bob Smith Memorial Bowl-a-Thon Fundraiser



8 October at 1300

Brunswick Zone  
999 N. Circle Dr.  
Colorado Springs, CO

**Bowlers  
&  
Donations Needed**



For information about how you can participate, in this worthwhile event please contact:  
**Marianne Smith at home 392-4456 or cell 719-432-9715**

All proceeds go to the Pikes Peak Detachment to support Young Marines Detachments, Toys for Tots, Pikes Peak Detachment Marines Helping Marines Program, Care and Share and Christmas Unlimited.



### 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Salute to American Veterans Rally & Festival

Cripple Creek, CO

Please consider helping manning  
the Detachment's cash sales



Meeting guest: Marine Woody Kellogg



Marine Doris Purdy

### **Commandant Paul Hinojosa**

Hello Marines, FMF Corpsmen and Chaplains, associate members and families. It feels as if July has just snuck up on us, we are more than halfway thru the year! I want to thank our Sr. Vice Commandant for stepping up and taking charge in last month's meeting while I, the Jr. Past Commandant, and Joe G. attended the Dept. Convention in Roswell, NM. The temperature down was a warm 110 degrees from dusk to dawn, it never seemed to cool off, but we had a productive time during the meet and ended up with a new Div. Vice commandant and our very own Russ Miller is the assistant Div. Vice commandant. That guy just can't stop volunteering for stuff! This all becomes official in the National convention in August.

We have so many events coming up, we encourage as many members as possible to step up and help out at each event. One event scheduled for September 13 is not a League event, but we've been asked to assist with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division Association annual reunion being held at the Colorado Springs at the Hotel Elegante, 2886 S. Circle Dr. This event is commencing @ 0900 and ending around 1400 hours. Since they don't have a local chapter anywhere in Colorado, they've reached out to our detachment for three volunteers for two main areas, registration and hospitality room. Volunteers please come see me as soon as possible and I will send your name and contact to Ron Deverick, Chairman of the Reunion Advisory Committee.

We will also be looking for some volunteers within the next couple of weeks to help out in cleaning out and setting up our convex box with racks and shelving for our equipment and rifles. The weather should be cooling off some soon, and we will mention the date in our July meeting. Since we are one of the more active detachments in the state of Colorado, we have lots of equipment to move around so the more volunteers we have, the merrier and the quicker we complete the task.

I look forward to seeing everyone in our next meeting, until then, stay healthy and be safe!  
Semper Fi, Paul

### **Chaplain Pat Carty's message**

Greetings Marines, FMF Corpsmen, associates and, friends. June was an active month for health related issues for several of our members. Steve Schwartz underwent gallbladder surgery earlier in June and is recuperating at home. Steve is doing well but, still dealing with a great deal of pain from the surgery as well as back problems. Roger Baty had gallbladder surgery as well. He is doing better and was back at work soon afterward. Hank Hankins was also scheduled for gallbladder surgery but, his doctor decided it wasn't necessary. Hank is back participating in MCL events, donning his Santa Claus suit, much to the delight of the children at the Sky Sox stadium fundraiser on 29 June. He was up to driving his fire truck at the 4th of July Parade in Monument – OUTSTANDING!

Doc" Frank Evans was hospitalized for pneumonia and, a pulmonary embolism. Frank is now home and able to drive. He hopes to be recovered enough to attend the next monthly Detachment meeting. Jim Woods and his wife Polly are selling their home, in Security, and have moved to Brookdale Vista Grande, on Vickers near Union. It is a senior living community and, they are in apartment 203. They don't have a house phone right now but, Polly's cell phone number is: 719.332.0598. Jim's cell phone is not available for the time being. At this time Jim requests no visitors as they need time to square away their new quarters. Jim said he has an older wheelchair he would like to give away to anyone who may have need for one. Being an older wheelchair it is a bit heavy. Bob Hill underwent surgery to have stents placed in his coronary arteries and, at last report was doing well. Theresa Crum will undergo surgery for Graves' disease/Hashimoto Syndrome later on this year, in the meantime she continues to work diligently as Detachment Adjutant.

Vince Espinosa had hernia surgery 30 June and, is recovering at home. He says the residual pain from the surgery is more painful than the hernia. Hang in there Vince. Junior Past Department Commandant Mark Kauffman is recovering from pelvic surgery, following a four wheeler accident.

Junior Past Commandant Russ Miller was at the hospital, when the surgery was performed, to help aid and comfort Mark's family during his surgery. Russ said Mark came through the operation well.

Gunny Garry Gibson's wife Marjorie was told by her cancer doctors that surgery for her cancer was not a good option and, that most likely they could not get it all. Marjorie and Gunny elected to return home and place Marjorie under Hospice care. The Hospice nurses are working hard to alleviate Marjorie's intense pain as much as possible and, are there to help Marjorie per a schedule they worked out with them. He attends to Marjorie's needs around the clock. Gunny says she has been dealing with cancer for almost a year now but, they remain optimistic. She is a fighter and vows to beat it. Marjorie and Gunny appreciate your prayers, cards and phone calls. Please remember them and other members undergoing ongoing health problems and distress in their lives with your prayers and thoughts.

The Bereavement team attended a funeral service for Marine John Frank Gardino on 26 June at Evergreen Funeral Home Chapel. Some team members also attended the burial service at Evergreen Cemetery, along with the Marine Honor Guard from Buckley. Family and friends sincerely appreciated our attendance. Please consider stepping up and joining the Bereavement Team, our ranks have thinned over time and, we need new members to fill in for those who can no longer participate.

Junior Past Commandant Russ Miller and I went to Cripple Creek for the open house, 18 June, sponsored by the Cripple Creek American Legion Post 171 for Marine Andrew Smith who is 100% disabled and, his son who has muscular dystrophy. The event was well attended and, the house was blessed with a ceremony by the American Legion Chaplain. Awards were given to the many who gave their time and money to make this all possible for Andrew and his son. Our Detachment contributed \$500 as well. Andrew spoke to the gathering and was very thankful for the support from all the contributors. Russ may have convinced him to join our Detachment. Hopefully he will become a member.

I talked recently with former Detachment member Roland Durden. He says he is doing well, at his care center in Florida despite being legally blind and, very hard of hearing. Roland says hello and thanks again for all the help and support he received when he lived in Colorado Springs.

It was good to have Steve Peterson with us, even though his time here in Colorado Springs was too short. Steve came to our monthly meeting and, helped with Cash Sales at Territory Days in Old Colorado City. He is now back home in Surprise, AZ and, hopefully his car hasn't melted on the steamy hot roads down there! Thank you Steve.

It was good to see members turn out for breakfast at the Coffee Cup restaurant and, from there to participate in the 4th of July Parade in Monument. Hope to see you at the monthly meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if you hear of any of our members or family members who may need our help.

Semper Fi, Pat Carty



The Detachment at the 2017 Independence Day parade in Monument, CO.

### **Paymaster Peggy Baldwin**

Now that we are into July I can start sending in renewals for 2018. The 2018 membership dues are \$36 and payable by August 31, 2017. For delinquent members whose membership expired before January 1, 2016 and are still on the National roster a total of \$72 is needed; \$36 for 2017 dues and \$36 for 2018 dues. Delinquent members whose membership expired between January 1, 2017 and June 30, 2017 a total of \$56 is needed; \$20 for 2017 dues and \$36 for 2018 dues.

New members and members no longer on the National roster will need to pay the new member fee of \$41. After that renewals will be \$36 and payable by August 31 each year.

Now is a great time to consider purchasing a life membership if you can afford it. In the long run it can you save money and you avoid the hassle of having to pay annual membership dues. Members must be in good standing (current on dues) before purchasing a life membership. See me for more details.

Semper Fi, Peggy

### **Toys for Tots Coordinator Russ Miller**

Children were extremely surprised to walk into the June 29<sup>th</sup> Military Appreciation Night Sky Sox game and see that Santa is a Sky Sox fan too. Santa Jr. (Hank Hankins) was there in his Christmas regalia and all the children, big and small, came running up to give him a hug and get a Toys for Tots sticker and refrigerator magnet. Santa Sr. (Melvin Postlewait) was also on hand in his Marine Corps league gear along with some of his elves to help hand out Toys for Tots promotional materials. Our Detachment Commandant, Paul Hinojosa, started off the game by throwing in the first pitch, and I was fortunate enough to be interviewed on AM1300 "The Animal" during the game and answer some questions about our successful 2016 campaign and the upcoming 2017 campaign. I also want to thank our always faithful Santa helpers, Joe G Martinez and Gary George for coming out to set up the train, hand out info, and talk to folks about T4T and MCL.

As we all know it is never too early to start looking for a building to house this year's campaign. Please keep your eyes and ears open for any "empty" buildings of approximately 10,000 sqft and preferably with loading dock or at least a large roll-up door. I am already seeking community assistance to get something locked down before the End of August. We need to be moved in and distributing boxes on 1 October. The Toys for Tots Golf Tournament will be held 6 October and I am hoping to capitalize on media coverage for both the tournament and collection box distribution in mid-September. As you get closer to fall and begin making your holiday plans, please be mindful of carving out a little time to help with our detachment's mission of Toys for Tots.

"Every child deserves a little Christmas"

Semper Fi, Russ

### **Quartermaster – Russ Miller**

Our next outside cash sales event will be the Salute to American Veterans POW/MIA Rally which will be on Aug 18-20<sup>th</sup> in Cripple Creek. Please contact Russ to volunteer for this event as some of our usual salespeople will be in Kansas for the 2017 MCL Annual Convention.

Semper Fi, Russ

### **Minutes of the 17 June 2017 Pikes Peak Detachment Meeting**

Senior Vice Commandant Terry Crum opened the 17 June 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 Junior Past Commandant.

#### **Guests / Application for Membership:**

Nicola Rathburn was present to speak to the Detachment about 1<sup>st</sup> Command Financial Services.

Woodrow "Woody" Kellogg served in the Marine Corps Reserves in the early 1960s. Editor note: Woody Kellogg expressed interest in joining the Marine Corps League. Hoping to get him in as a member in the near future.

**Minutes:** A motion to accept the May 2017 minutes was made and seconded by Bob Berndt and Roger Baty respectively. The motion carried.

**New Correspondence:** No new correspondence.

**Paymaster: Peggy Baldwin**

Informed the membership that the most recent Detachment financial report was available upon request. The membership was reminded that a life time membership would save the member money and time.

**Chaplain/Sick and in Distress:**

The following matters were discussed:

Update on those in sickness/Distress: Marjorie Gibson, Jim Woods, Mark Kuffman, Jim Maurer, Theresa Crum, Pat Thompson.

Associate member Don Lopes updated the detachment on the rebuilding of his home and thanked the Detachment for all the support and prayers he and his family received.

31 people attended the recent WWII/Korean war veteran's luncheon.

**Report of Officers**

**Commandant: Paul Hinojosa (read by Terry Crum)**

1. The Commandant apologized for being unavailable for the second time in two months.
2. Thanks was given to all of the detachment volunteers from last month's events for the 2017 Dept. of Colorado Convention at the Embassy Suites, those who helped out during territory days, the memorial park wreath laying ceremony, and the Fountain Veterans Park wreath laying Ceremony. Without our motivated detachment members, none of these events would've been possible to man. Thank you!
3. Cripple Creek American Legion Post 171 has invited our detachment to attend the open house for Andrew Smith, Marine who is 100% disabled and has a 7-year-old son with muscular dystrophy. Recall, the detachment donated \$500-dollar to help this Marine from our Marines Helping Marines fund. He and his son had gone to the hospital several times due to the excess black mold in his house, which the city of Cripple Creek later claimed his domain uninhabitable. His house has been rebuilt and through other organizations donations, along with ours, they are now able to move back into their home. Chaplain Carty announced that he would attend the open house and invited members to join him.
4. Oct. 17 is the Colorado Springs Homeless Veterans Stand down. Last Year our detachment helped out in this event by handing out clothing and boots, this year, the coordinator, James Griffith, from the El Paso County Homeless Veterans Coalition is asking us to do the same, hand out clothing and boots, 1 volunteer driver for homeless families, also escort homeless vets as we greet them at the registration tables and ensuring they complete and turn in their paperwork and go to the services they need. We would be on standby to escort in the event there are not enough military escorts.
5. The Past Commandant, Dept. Commandant, and Detachment Commandant presented a plaque to the Pikes Peak National Young Marine of the Year on June 10 during their annual Father daughter dance at the Antlers Hotel. Pictures and event details to follow in our next detachment and department newsletter.
6. On July 14, the Pikes Peak Young Marines will hold a retirement ceremony at our VFW building, Post4051, following our detachment meeting if anyone would like to stay. follow for those interested.

**Senior Vice: Terry Crum** –Volunteers needed for the color guard.

**Junior Vice Commandant: Steve Schwartz**

Update on the 4th of July parade in Monument, details will be sent out as soon as they are available.

The Labor Day parade in Fountain

MODD meeting after our Detachment meeting.

**Adjutant: Theresa Crum - NSTR**

**Judge Advocate: GaryGeorge – NSTR**

**Junior Past Commandant: Russ Miller - NSTR**  
**Quartermaster: Russ Miller - NSTR**  
**Sergeant at Arms: NSTR**  
**Web Sergeant: Terry Crum NSTR**  
**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:**

**Unfinished Business: NSTR**

**New Business: NSTR**

**Good of the League:** Nicola Rathbun, financial advisor for 1st Command discussed investments within 1st command. Her office number is 719-465-5555 ext. 109, email is narathbun@firstcommand.com

With no additional business at hand, the 50/50 drawing was held. The total amount collected was \$98.00. Pat Carty owned the winning ticket and donated his winnings to the Marines Helping Marines program.

With all business being completed Senior Vice Commandant Crum closed the meeting at 0950. The next meeting will take place on 15 July 2017.

Respectfully submitted,  
Theresa Crum, Adjutant



On June 10, 2017, the Department Commandant Garry G. Gibson, the Pikes Peak Detachment Commandant Paul Hinojosa, and past Commandant Russ Miller had the pleasure of presenting a Plaque and a check for \$100.00 from the Marine Corps League Department of Colorado to the National Young Marine of the Year, Sgt/Maj Angel Luiz Orozco of the Pikes Peak Unit in Colorado Springs in recognition of his hard work and dedication to the cause of the Young Marines as a national youth organization.

Young Marine Sgt/Maj Orozco was announced the National Young Marine of the Year for 2017. He first joined the Pikes Peak unit in 2008 at the age of eight and is currently on his ninth year in the program. As the national Young Marine of the Year, YM Sgt/Maj Orozco's goal is to have a tangible impact within the organization and to increase the organizations presence thru social media, increase community involvement and to create videos to help other Young Marines in their training and development.

We wish him well in his endeavors and also wish to thank his parents, all the registered adults within the organization, and Young Marines who helped and encouraged YM Sgt/Maj Orozco to reach this prestige's position as National Young Marine of the Year.

Semper Fi!

Paul Hinojosa