



# Pikes Peak Detachment 29 Marine Corps League

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## August 2017 Newsletter



### Pikes Peak Detachment 2017 Officers

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### Pikes Peak Detachment Monthly Meeting

19 August 2017

Breakfast at 0800

Meeting at 0900

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

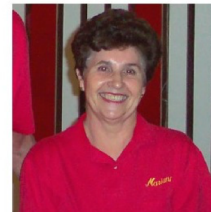
Brunswick Zone  
999 N. Circle Dr.  
Colorado Springs, CO

**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.



### Salute to American Veterans

#### Rally & Festival

August 18-20, 2017

Cripple Creek, CO

Please consider helping manning the Detachment's cash sales



Joshua (Josh) Acevedo



Roddy (Joey) England



Nathan (Nate) Pynn

## Commandant Paul Hinojosa

Hello Marines, FMF Corpsmen and Chaplains, associate members and families.

July was a whirlwind of events for our detachment with funerals, parades, Young marine's survival training and retirement ceremony. I want to thank each member who helped out at these events and know that we, the staff, appreciate any assistance provided to help us look good and in representing the league. But wait! There's more coming our way for the month of August.

First a friendly reminder; after Aug. 31, everyone's membership will expire and come due on Sept. 1. for 2017. Our paymaster, Peggy Baldwin, will have more information on this for you, but I would like to bring up a suggestion. Since National will no longer be sending out notices, you can renew each year on Sept. 1 or as a reminder during the year, pay your renewal on your birth date for the following year. This will ease the responsibility of our paymaster from having to send 120+ membership renewals come Sept. 1, 2018.

Also, as mentioned in the July meeting, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division Association will hold its annual reunion this year in Colorado Springs at the Hotel Elegante, 2886 S. Circle Dr. on Sept. 13. Commencing @ 0900 and ending by 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 contact me and I will send your name and contact to Ron Deverick, Chairman of the Reunion Advisory Committee. At this time, I have one volunteer.

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, and in addition, escorting 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.

Aug 26 will be the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for the Marine Corps Memorial in Golden, Colorado. MOH recipient Maj. Gen. James E. Livingston USMC to present. Colorado Dept. of the Marine Corps League is asking that we have as many red jackets at this event representing their respected detachments. As we get closer, to the date, we will arrange car pools to get us up there.

Finally, I will be changing my email address within the next couple of weeks. I can still be reached by cell phone if need be, that will not be changing. My current ISP is blocking my emails to several staff members and my emails to the post master for resolution are taking over a month to resolve, and resolution has been temporary to say the least. Our webmaster will post my new email on our detachment website as soon as I configure it and test it.

You will be hearing from our Chaplain Pat Carty, but several members have had instances these past couple months, where emergency care was required, hospitalization, or some type of assistance. I want you all to know, I see our detachment as a second family. In saying this, I want you all to know that if you need assistance of any kind, we are all here for each other. Take care and stay healthy.

Semper Fi, Paul



Russ Miller has a little buddy



Chaplain Carty gets an award.

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

Greetings Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Associates and, Friends. The Bereavement Team attended services for Marines Espinoza, 18 July and, Angus 20 July. A mass of Christian Burial was held for David A. Espinoza at St. Joseph's Catholic Church and, burial with military honors at Evergreen Cemetery. Marine Capt. William (Bill) K. Angus, Naval Flight Officer, and Vietnam POW was eulogized by fellow Vietnam POW Orson Swindle, and others, at the US Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel. Burial will take place at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

Iris Rudesill is undergoing treatment at the Center at Centennial, 3490 Centennial Boulevard, Colorado Springs, for severe arthritis pain in her back and, will be there for another week or more. Steve Schwartz is recovering at home from surgery last month and, is making progress but, taking longer than he would like. Jim and Polly Woods are settling into their new apartment (Brookdale Vista Grande). Trying to get things organized there is going too slowly for Jim, as his strength is not at the level he wants it to be. He and Polly are plugging away as they work in doctor's appointments, etc. and, request that you give them a bit more time before stopping by to see them.

Gunny Gibson's wife, Marjorie, is sadly in the last stages of her battle with cancer. Her doctors have given her less than two weeks but, Gunny says she is still fighting and, will until her last breath. God bless her and, please say a prayer for this tough lady and Gunny, as he is always at her side. Gunny appreciates all your support and, needs it now more than ever.

Others in the Detachment are recovering at home, say a prayer for them as well and, please let me know if you hear of any of our members or family members who may need our help. See you at the next meeting, until then God be with you.

Semper Fi, Pat Carty

### **Paymaster Peggy Baldwin**

The Marine Corps League runs on a fiscal year and not calendar year. National HQ has decided that all memberships will expire August 31st and will no longer be sending out renewal notices.

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 will pay the new member fee of \$41. After that renewals will be \$36 and payable by August 31 each year. Members no longer on the National roster who want to be reinstated will need to complete another application and pay the renewal fee of \$36.

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



**U.S. Marine Corps Memorial Association**  
**Department of Colorado**  
**Marine Corps League**  
40th Anniversary Celebration  
26 August 2017  
Ceremony starts at 1400 (2:00 P.M.)  
6<sup>TH</sup> and Colfax, Golden CO.

The 40th Anniversary of the Memorial will be celebrated on August 26<sup>th</sup> 2017. The official ceremony will be at 2 PM but lots going on most of the day. Marine Corps League officers are asked to wear their MCL covers and undress uniform (aka staff uniform). This includes the white short sleeve shirt black trousers or dress blues trousers. Other members to wear red covers and detachment vests due to the temperature and time frame. Come and show your Marine Corps pride!

The Detachment will organize a carpool, time and place forthcoming.

### **Bowl-A-Thon Coordinator Marianne Smith**

Hello members and associates:

The 22nd annual bowl a thon is on Sunday, October 8th at 1300 at Brunswick Zone  
999 N Circle drive CS, CO.

This year 10 lanes have been reserved and hope to fill them with teams of 3 or 4 people.

Please help us with your pledges/donations to make this as successful as in previous years.

The funds will go to Young Marines, Toys for Tots, Pikes Peak Marines Helping Marines Program, Care and Share and Christmas Unlimited.

Pledge forms are available at every meeting.

Bowl-a-thon committee members are:

Iris Rudesill - 685-5014

Denise Wickersheim- 460-7408

Marianne Smith- 392-4456

We will be calling all members for donations.

If you have any question please call me.

You can pay at our meetings or mail checks to Marianne Smith at 546 Raemar Drive, CS, CO. 80911  
Checks should be made out to: MCL BOWL-A-THON

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU OR SEE YOU AT THE MEETING.

SEMPER FI, Marianne Smith

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

Preferred Early Registration for the 06OCT2017 Toys for Tots Golf Tournament will open on 01 Aug. Flyers will be available if anyone would like to help distribute around the city. We can use help in reaching out to area businesses to ask for gift cards/certificates or items that can be used as raffle items and prizes at the tournament. Media push will begin mid August- early September.

Also in early September we can use help delivering Certificates of Appreciation to our drop sites from last year's campaign. We will also use this time to remind them to go online early and sign up to be drop sites again this year. We will start delivering Toy Collection Boxes on 01 Oct. regardless of when we find a building. Thank You to our Judge Advocate for reminding everyone to keep their eyes peeled for vacant buildings that we can check into.

Semper Fi, Russ

### **Quartermaster Russ Miller**

The Salute to American Veterans POW/MIA Rally is in just a couple weeks. We are in need of some more volunteers to help man the Cash Sales tent up in Cripple Creek on Saturday (19Aug) and Sunday (20 Aug). Please contact Russ ASAP to get scheduled.

Semper Fi, Russ





### **Minutes of the 15 July 2017 Pikes Peak Detachment Meeting**

Commandant Paul Hinojosa opened the 15 July 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 Sergeant at Arms (excused).

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

Joshua Acevedo, served in the Marines 2004 - 2014

Roddy (Joey) England: Chief Warrant Officer retired in 2012. Veteran of Haiti, Liberia, and Iraq.

Nathan (Nate) Pynn, Served in the Marines 2001-2012. 2 tours Iraq.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the three Marines as members of the Detachment upon prove of honorable service and new membership dues are payed. The motion carried.

**Minutes:** A motion to accept the May 2017 minutes was made and seconded by Hank Hankins and Roger Baty Respectively. The motion carried.

**New Correspondence:** No new correspondence.

#### **Paymaster: Peggy Baldwin**

The Detachment is now accepting 2018 dues. The Detachment was reminded that all annual membership expires on 31 August, renewals are \$36.00.

The membership was reminded that a life time membership would same the member money and time.

#### **Chaplain/Sick and in Distress:**

Marjorie Gibson is at home and receiving hospice care. Roger Baty and Steve Schwartz both underwent surgery for gall bladder issues and Hank Hankins almost shared their fate. Junior Past Dept. of CO Commandant Mark Kuffman is recovering from a recent 4-wheeler accident. Doc Frank Evans was treated for pulmonary embolism. Theresa Crum (Graves Disease), Brigid Rudolph (car accident), Bob Hill (heart stent replacement). Jim and Polly Woods moved to Vista Grande apartment 203 but are not taking visitors until they are settled in. Jim has an older wheel chair to give to anyone in need. Vince Espinoza underwent hernia surgery. 31 people attended the recent WWII/Korean war veteran's luncheon.

#### **Report of Officers**

##### **Commandant: Paul Hinojosa**

The Division Conference in Roswell, NM was a great success! Allen Brinks, Past Dept. Commandant was elected the new Div. Vice Commandant and our very own Det. Jr. Vice Commandant Russ Miller was elected the new assistant Div. Vice commandant. This becomes official once Allen and Russ are sworn in during the Aug. 13-18 National Conference in Kansas. In attendance at that conference will be Pat Carty, Roger Baty, Russ Miller, and Paul Hinojosa.

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An idea was presented by a staff member on the subject of conducting future flag burning ceremonies with the Young Marines. Currently, Union Colony Marines are doing this where they replace a worn flag being flown by offering a new flag in exchange in order to properly retire the old one. In our case, we would bring in the Pikes Peak Young Marines and work together to gather and retire flags.

We've approved the purchase of some new equipment for our meetings and color guard. We've purchased a new eagle flag topper, 4 seven-inch army spears, and four new telescopic flag poles (wood grained) for a total of \$354.73.

18-19 August an all Marine color guard was requested by Jim Ware of Pro Promotions for a ceremony honoring a double amputee Gunnery Sergeant with a motorcycle designed for physical disabilities.

**Senior Vice: Terry Crum – NSTR**

**Junior Vice Commandant: Steve Schwartz** – Labor Day parade coming up. Info will be announced soon.

**Adjutant: Theresa Crum - NSTR**

**Judge Advocate: Gary George – NSTR**

**Junior Past Commandant: Russ Miller –**

The Toys for Tots night at Sky Sox Game was as success and the Commandant Hinojosa threw out the first pitch.

The Marine Corps Ball Golf Tournament attracted 60 players and made \$1710.00.

The 2017 Marine Corps Ball will be held at the Mining Exchange on 10 November 2017.

Help was requested for soliciting prizes and sponsors for the Toys for Tots Golf Tournament.

Russ also covered the open house for Andrew Smith in Cripple Creek

**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 Sept.

**Standing Committees: NSTR**

**Report of Special Committees:**

**Unfinished Business: NSTR**

**New Business:** Chaplain Pat Carty was presented with the Distinguished Citizen Silver Medal for tireless years of service to the Marine Corps League.

Update on VA cemetery: The money is in and bids have been made. If you are interested in possibly being buried there, contact David Donohew at the Mt. Carmel Center for Excellence or Carl at the El Paso County Veterans Office. They can help you with the paperwork.

Marianne Smith reminded all that the 22<sup>nd</sup> Bowl-a-thon will happen on October 8<sup>th</sup>. She and the committee are accepting pledges now and have already had \$365 pledged!

The Ladies Luncheon will be on July 18<sup>th</sup>, please contact Marianne Smith if you are interested in attending.

**Good of the League: NSTR**

With no additional business at hand, the 50/50 drawing was held. The total amount collected was \$80.00. Ron Asmussen owned the winning ticket.

With all business being completed Commandant Hinojosa closed the meeting at 1000. The next meeting will take place on 19 August 2017.

Respectfully submitted,  
Theresa Crum, Adjutant