



Pikes Peak Detachment 29 Marine Corps League

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November 2017 Newsletter



Pikes Peak Detachment 2017 Officers

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The 242nd Annual Marine Corps Ball 10 November , 2017 1700-0000

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Colorado Springs
1775 East Cheyenne Mountain Blvd.
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80906
1-719-576-8900

Cost of the ball is \$45.00 per person

The registration form is available to download at the Detachment website: <http://www.pikespeakmcl.org>

The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel is no longer accepting reservations; however, a number of hotels nearby are.

The Pikes Peak Detachment Marine Corps League November Monthly Meeting

18 November 2017

0800 - Breakfast is served (\$10.00)

0900 - The meeting begins

VPW Post 4051

430 E Pikes Peak Ave
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Bowl-a-thon Coordinator Marianne Smith

The 22nd annual bowl-a-thon took place and 22 people attended. Lots of fun was had by all. It was quite successful. Of course, not like last year, which was a record year. I want to thank all the members and friends, who so generously gave. Also thanks for all the help I received. If you need a tax receipt, please let me know. Thanks again! Semper fi, Marianne Smith



Russ Miller, the cook



Our newest associate member, Karen George.

Commandant Paul Hinojosa

Hello Marines, Navy FMF corpsmen and chaplains, associate members and families, Octobers meeting was another successful meet, we got lots accomplished including holding the nominations for next year's detachment officers. We had 31 members present, 20 of which ate breakfast of SOS, biscuits and bacon cooked by our very own Russ Miller. Those of you who missed out on breakfast, everyone who ate voted that they enjoyed it and many went back for seconds and thirds. So, consider eating with us in November. The consensus was to include eggs this coming meet, which we will try to comply but consider helping us out with cooking breakfast. Russ is a man wearing many hats right now and could use some help when cooking our breakfast.

As I mentioned earlier, nominations were held for next year's staff. Russ Miller filled in as pro-tem Judge advocate and solicited nominations for elections which will be held during our November meeting. There is still time in November to nominate members in our detachment, elections will follow immediately afterwards. Nominations thus far, are as follows:

Commandant: Paul Hinojosa
Senior Vice Commandant: Terry Crum
Junior Vice Commandant: Pat Carty
Judge Advocate: Gary George

On October 28, we completed our fourth and final staff meeting of the year. It was a great turn out and the Pikes Peak Det. was awarded the Travel award for most detachment members in attendance at this year's CO Dept. MCL convention. We were also presented a certificate of appreciation from Paula Sarlls, President of the USMC Memorial Foundation for our participation and attendance at the Memorials 40th Anniversary in Golden, CO. To the detachment I say "Thank You" for making this all possible.

Kudos goes to Marianne Smith, who once again organized and held another successful Bowl-A-thon for the detachment, raising \$4,810.00, minus expenses for reserving the bowling lanes of \$151.14, leaving a total of \$4,668.86. I understand Marianne has been doing this event for us for 22 years now! Wow! I've been informed that the Nov. newsletter will make it out to you all before the Marine Corps Ball, I hope everyone will have the opportunity to attend, but just in case I miss you, Happy Birthday to all! Our Guest speaker is Major General William T. Collins, Commanding General, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing. Everyone take care, stay healthy, and I will see you in next month's meeting.
Semper Fi, Paul

Junior Vice Commandant Steve Schwartz

Greetings to all Detachment members, Associates and FMF Corpsmen. Thanks to those who participated in the Veterans Day Parade. No more events scheduled until March (St Patrick's Day Parade). Here's an early wish for a very Happy Thanksgiving. Looking forward to the elections on the 18th and I hope we have great attendance. See you then!
Semper Fi, Steve



Toys4Tots Charity game held 28 Oct collected many toys for Toys for Tots. Many needy kids will benefit from this. To the football players and to coach "Bear" Barrera, job well done!



Korean War veteran Melvin Postlewait was recently awarded the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal by a representative of the South Korean ambassador.

Chaplain Pat Carty's message

Greetings Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Associates and, Friends. Hank Hankins and Joe G. Martinez are home from recent stays in the hospital and are doing well. Matt Broker was released from Parkmoor Health and Rehabilitation and, is recovering at home after a severe stroke. Even with their health issues they all are chomping at the bit to help with Toys for Tots. The Toys for Tots Program is now well underway and needs your help, so please consider volunteering. Contact coordinator Russ Miller at 719.235.1058 to get involved. Iris Rudesill at last report was doing well at home. Please keep them all in thoughts and prayers. At the last monthly MCL meeting WWII FMF Corpsman Frank Evans was presented with a birthday cake to celebrate his 93rd birthday. Frank was really surprised and thanks everyone for remembering him. Korean War Veteran Melvin Postlewait received the Ambassador for Peace Medal from Brigadier General Pyo at his office in the Republic of South Korea Embassy on Wednesday, 04 October 2017. As a member of the Bereavement Team Melvin always tries to attend funerals for our deceased Marines, especially those who served in the Korean War. He presents the family members with a book titled *Korea Reborn, A Grateful Nation* which honors war veterans for 60 years of growth. Well done Melvin! Please let me know if you hear or know of anyone in sickness or distress.

Semper Fi, Pat Carty

Toys for Tots Coordinator Russ Miller

We have begun our 2017 Toys for Tots Campaign. We have yet to find a company to donate the use of 10,000 square feet of warehouse space for the 2017 Christmas Season. We are doing what Marines Do, Improvising, adapting and overcoming. A local Company, "Mi-Box" (similar to Pods) has donated the use of a couple storage containers that have been placed out at Hank's place. We have already filled one of them to the brim with toys and are starting to load up the second one.

Last month I told you of some upcoming events that I am happy to report went very well:

The High Country Toy Run. Thanks to Jim and Pam Wear of Pro Promotions, we had a very successful 30th Annual Toy Run. We had a great turn-out and the auction at the end of the run raised a lot of money to buy toys for less fortunate children. Cowboys nightclub donated 100% of the proceeds from the food sales (\$1200) to our local Toys for Tots Account as well.

The Toys for Tots Golf Tournament. Our 2nd Annual Tournament at Silver Spruce Golf Course onboard Peterson AFB run by Marine Gary Green was a great success. This event continues to grow in numbers each year. In addition to the funds raised from the sale of goody bags that contained door prize tickets, golf balls, tees, pens, a three-foot piece of string (ask a golfer), we were also blessed to receive a check for \$2500 from the ORBs (Old Retired Bums) golf league. We thank them very much for their support.

Coach Bear's Toys for Tots Charity Football Game. The Comic and Toy Convention was replaced with a Semi-Pro Football game coordinated by Marine Antonio "Coach Bear" Barrera on the fields of a brand new park at the intersection of Union and Briargate Parkway. All Players were required to bring a new unwrapped toy or make a monetary donation to Toys for Tots to be eligible to play in the game. In addition to all the toys that were donated, Bear was able to raise \$600 for our detachment's T4T program. Team Colorado took the trophy again this year. I also want to thank Santa Melvin Postlewait, John Kowall, Roger Baty and our new Assistant T4T Coordinator for the Southern Counties in our AOR, Vince Espinoza, for setting up the DI and Train and manning the event.

Distributing T4T Collection Boxes and Certificates of Appreciation to Area Businesses. If you are available to deliver boxes or Certificates of Appreciation, we could really use your help. Semper Fi, Russ

Quartermaster Russ Miller

Normally in November's newsletter I wouldn't have much to say as your Quartermaster. All of our Cash Sales events for the year would have been completed and I would be wishing you all a wonderful Holiday season and sitting in front of my computer searching the web for new covers, patches, pins, and paraphernalia for us to sell next year to raise money for our detachment. BUT----- We ain't done yet! As I shared at our October Detachment monthly meeting, we have been encouraged by the VA Clinic here in Colorado Springs to set up our Ship Store during the week prior to the Marine Corps Birthday/Veteran's Day Weekend. Please call me ASAP if you are available and willing to sit out in front of the VA Clinic between the hours of 0900 and 1400 and any of the dates between 06Nov17-10Nov17. We will also be selling popcorn on our usual day that week to raise money for hospitalized veterans.

Semper Fi, Russ

Karnivorous Kanines of Pikes Peak Dog Robber Russ Miller

Woof Woof Devil Dogs! It's time for all you hounds to renew your licenses, and make sure you have your rabies, parvo and dis-temper vaccinations up to date or risk being spayed or neutered. To ensure that you are paying the correct number of Big Bones so we can forward dem bones, dem bones, dem dry bones on to the Pack and Kennel, please recall that last year we raised our paws in agreement to increase our Pound Dues by 2 big bones from 18 to 20 Big Bones a year. (10BB to the Kennel, 5BB to the Pack, and 5BB stay with the Pound). Don't make this BIG DAWG come jump your fence and dig those bones out of your yard myself. Congratulations to our newest mutt to advance from lowly flea bitten Pup to the degree of Devil Dog, Osa Tuck!! Keep having fun chewing those Italian loafers. Woof WOOF!! Russ

Minutes of the October, 2017 Pikes Peak Detachment Meeting

Commandant Paul Hinojosa opened the 21 October 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 Paymaster and Adjutant. 31 members were in attendance.

Guests / Application for Membership:

Karen George, wife of Judge Advocate Gary George, was accepted as an associate member of the Pikes Peak Det. The motion was made by Russ Miller and 2nd by Roger Baty and the motion carried.

Minutes: A motion to accept the September 2017 minutes was made and seconded by Steve Schwartz and Roger Baty respectively. The motion carried.

New Correspondence: NSTR

Paymaster: Peggy Baldwin: NSTR

Report of Officers

Commandant: Commandant Paul Hinojosa

4th Quarter Staff meeting; At 148 E 2nd St. Salida, CO. MODD and members are welcome to attend with staff on Oct. 28. We will meet at Gunny's home at 0730 .

November Detachment Toys for Tots drive. Last year, Russ Miller proposed that the November breakfast meeting be free of Charge in the hopes that the freed up money would encourage better toy donation.

Commandant Hinojosa would like to have the November Detachment meeting be free to members. The motion was made by Terry Crum and seconded by Russ Miller. The motion carried.

Connex Box purchase of \$500.00 for storage of additional items plus armory for future role as honor guard at the veteran's cemetery in Fountain. In addition, an additional cost of \$123.25 for the rental of a forklift and \$2.33 for fuel.

Hank Hankins son (Bobby) paid for our title and registration for our semi-truck, about \$130.00, a one-time fee as the plates will not expire out of Oklahoma. Bobby does not want to be reimbursed. Thank you goes out to the Hankins for all they do!

Oct 28 Toys 4 Tots Charity football game Team Colorado vs. Team Bear. Bring an unwrapped gift to play or a \$20 donation. John Venezia Community Park @ 3555 Briargate Pkwy, game starts at 1 pm. Vince Espinoza has volunteered to help.

Senior Vice Commandant / Web Sergeant: Terry Crum

Nominations for the Det. officers will occur at the Oct. meeting. Think about coming up to the head table.

Junior Vice Commandant: Steve Schwartz

Veterans day parade Saturday 4 November. Details will be announced soon.

Adjutant: Theresa Crum: NSTR

Judge Advocate: Gary George: NSTR

Jr. Past Commandant: NSTR

Chaplain/Sick and in Distress: Read by Russ Miller

Updates on health of Joe G. Martinez, Hank Hankins, Jim Woods, Iris Rudesill, Matt Broker.

The WWII, Korean War, Vietnam Veterans Luncheon.

The Colorado Springs Homeless Veterans Stand down Tuesday, October 17th report was given.

Quartermaster: Russ Miller

\$335 in cash sales at the Toy Run. No cash sales were held at the VA open house. The administrator instead asked that we set up during the week of 6-10 November. Volunteers to man the tent will be needed between 9 and 3 each day as well as our usual popcorn crew on Wed 8 Nov.

Sgt-at-Arms: Osa Tuck: NSTR

Toys for Tots: Russ Miller

The Colorado Springs Comic and Toy Convention will not be sponsoring Toys for Tots this year, but should be a sponsor next year.
Still in search of a building (10,000 square feet)
Need volunteers to deliver certificates of appreciation and solicit businesses for toy drop site locations.

Military Order of Devil Dogs (MODD): Steve Schwartz

Next Growl we be after the December meeting. Please consider joining.

Report of Standing Committees: NSTR

Unfinished business: NSTR

New Business: NSTR

Good of the League:

Marianne Smith informed the membership that the 22nd Bowl-a-thon being a success. Per Marianne Smith we earned a total of \$4,810.00, minus expenses for reserving the bowling lanes of \$151.14 leaving a total of \$4,668.86. Very Nice Job Marianne!

Roger Baty announced that the 2017 Marine Corps Ball will be 10 November at the Double Tree. \$45.00 per person. Rooms are no longer available at the Doubletree; however, Rooms are still available at the adjacent Fairfield Hotel for \$106 a night.

Roddy England discussed Operation TBI Freedom and Veterans Trauma Court, volunteers needed.

Junior Past Commandant Russ Miller served as pro-tem Judge Advocate and solicited nominations for the election of 2018 Detachment officers. The following Marines were nominated:

Commandant: Paul Hinojosa (nominated by Osa Tuck and Roger Baty)

Senior Vice Commandant: Terry Crum (nominated by Steve Schwartz and Roger Baty)

Junior Vice Commandant: Pat Carty (nominated by Steve Schwartz and Terry Crum)

Judge Advocate: Gary George (nominated by Roger Baty and Paul Hinojosa)

With no additional business at hand, the 50/50 drawing was held. The winning ticket was owned by Roger Baty who donated his \$43 winnings to the Bowl-a-thon.

With all business being completed Commandant Paul Hinojosa closed the meeting at 1000. The next meeting will take place on 18 November 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Crum

2017 Veteran's Day Parade Info
Saturday, 4 November 2017

The Pikes Peak Detachment is number **54** in the parade lineup and we will stage on Dale Street west of Nevada.

The parade begins at 0930

Consider joining us for breakfast reservations at the Western Omelette at 0700.

[Parade route information.](#)

Western Omelette
16 S Walnut St
[Colorado Springs, CO 80905](#)