



Pikes Peak Detachment 29 Marine Corps League

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Pikes Peak Det. Monthly Meeting

21 April 2018

Breakfast at 0800 - Meeting at 0900

Cash Sales will NOT be open

Sarges' Grill

5855 Palmer Park
Colorado Springs, CO 80915
<http://sargesgrill.com/>

Join us at Sarges' Grill for great food & service.
Veterans get 10% off their bill
Veterans of the wars in Korea and Vietnam get 50% off. Veterans of WWII eat for free.
See you all there!

The Food is great - coffee is fresh. Get Some!



The Warriors Games are coming to Colorado Springs this year with many opportunities to support and encourage these outstanding warriors. The Pikes Peak Pike Det. is currently planning on how to do our share for warriors that truly deserve our support. Please stay tuned for details.

<https://dodwarriorgames.com>



Happy to introduce Marine Christina Aragon and Marine John Brandon. Welcome aboard.

Commandant Paul Hinojosa

Hello Marines, FMF corpsmen & Chaplains, Associate members and families. Can you believe that the first quarter of the year is almost over?! We had a successful meeting last month at Sarges' Grill with 35 members eating and greeting. We welcomed two new members on board, and we finished the meeting 10 minutes early and headed downtown to participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade where 28 members and families joined us, along with the Pikes Peak Young Marines as we marched down Tejon street. It was grand!

Tickets for the Detachments Sky Sox game on July 28 are in, we purchased 26 tickets and we will be presenting the opening ceremony with our very own color guard and first pitch. The charity spotlight for that days will be Toys for Tots and Russ Miller will have the train at the stadium to promote our organization. I am not a baseball fan, but I think that day is going to be lots of fun! The Staff will be coming back from a quarterly staff meeting in Pueblo, so things worked out just fine as far as timing.

I just want to remind the detachment, the 2018 DOD Warrior games are back in town and will be at the Air Force Academy from June 2 to 9, now I'm not sure how these were held before, but this year, per the sponsors, we must register online if we wish to volunteer. A background investigation is in order since it is being held on base. I've asked our webmaster Terry Crum to send out a web link and email out for those interested in volunteering. Since it has to be done this way, I will ask during our meeting who has registered, so that we can give the proper credit where its due. Oh, and we are planning BBQ for the Marine wounded warriors.

Since I'm on that subject, Theresa Crum has graciously volunteered to organize a BBQ and picnic for our detachment. Thank You Theresa! And Good luck! We are here for you, if you need any help.

Finally, I want to thank our bereavement team. This past quarter has been very trying, I believe they've covered more bereavements this quarter than the past two quarters, and unfortunately, three of those bereavements were members of our detachment. My hats off to you guys. In the meanwhile, please stay healthy and consider volunteering at our detachment events and the upcoming Warrior games. Semper Fi, Paul



A few more pictures from the 17 March Detachment meeting at Sarges' Grill. A good meeting indeed!

Senior Vice Commandant Terry Crum

Greetings:

It is truly starting to feel like spring as we all prepare to celebrate Easter. Every day the weather is getting better and better. I hope if you are so inclined to do so that you get your share of the beautiful Colorado outdoors. All work and no play make a person dull.

But in all of the business of your lives, please try to set aside a bit of time the Marine Corps League. A good amount of effort is expended in order to provide the membership of the Pikes Peak Detachment with updated and accurate information concerning the works of the finest Detachment in Colorado. Yes, it is hard to humble when you are the best. Reading this newsletter, you are presented with a number of opportunities to serve. You will be glad that you did. The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few.

In an effort to get the news out as efficiently as possible and in a timely manner there are various sources to use: Detachment website, newsletters, monthly meetings, email, Facebook. An informed membership is a powerful thing, indeed. Yes, the social media site Facebook. As with all things pertaining to the internet, care should be taken concerning what information a person chooses to share. With that disclaimer out of the way,

With that I will step down from the bully pulpit. Hope to see you at the April Det. Meeting.
Semper Fi, Terry

Junior Vice Commandant Pat Carty

Greetings Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Associates and, Friends. We had a great turnout for the St. Patrick's Day Parade, as Commandant Paul Hinojosa wrote in his article, 28 members plus family members turned out for the parade. Estimates for the crowd to see the parade were well over 20,000. O'Donnell and O'Donnell LLP, who sponsors the parade, were expecting up to 30,000. However, many thousands showed up, they sure had a good time shouting, waving and, saluting as the Marine Corps League Detachment and, Young Marines passed by. Thanks to all who decked out in their greenery and joined the festivities.

Our next event will be Territory Days in Old Colorado City, Memorial Day weekend May 26 - 28. Volunteers are needed there to help with Cash Sales. So come on out whether you help out or, just show up for moral support. A good time to tell your Sea Stories. We also look forward to participating in more parades this year: 4th of July, Labor Day and, Veterans Day. These will be interspersed with others events: Wounded Warriors, Wreath Laying at Memorial Park, Sky Sox Game, Toys for Tots Golf Tournament, Veterans Stand Down, Cruise Above the Clouds, High Country Toy Run, Teller County Toy Run, Bowl-A-Thon, Pearl Harbor Day... among others. As you can see our Detachment is very involved in our community and surrounding area. Please continue to help support these activities by signing up. We will give plenty of notice prior to these events. You can also check out what events are coming up on the Detachment Schedule sent out by our Web Sergeant Terry Crum.
Semper Fi, Pat

Not too late to applying for the Pikes Peak Detachment scholarship Accepting applications until the end of April

A link to download the procedures and application can be found on the bottom of the Detachment web page
<http://www.pikespeakmcl.org>

Applications and needed paperwork can be email to the
Scholarship chairwoman Theresa Crum at cscgirl88@gmail.com

or mailed to:
Theresa Crum
3830 Soft Breeze Way
Colorado Springs, CO 80918



Paymaster Peggy Baldwin

I want to thank everyone who has paid their dues. Our delinquency status is improving but we still have 18 members that have not renewed their membership. Your membership dues help provide support at all levels--National, Department and Detachment. When members don't renew it creates a void in cash flow. At the national level this cash flow impacts their spending for ordering supplies to replenish their Ships Store, paying rent, electric, computer and telephone systems, staff salaries and the insurance for the entire organization (overhead expenses). A lack of funds at any level can impede with being able to support the many programs of the Marine Corps League.

Since all annual memberships expire September 1 each year, renewal notices will no longer be sent out from National. You can pay your 2019 fiscal year membership at any time. I encourage you to consider purchasing a life membership and would recommend doing that before August due to the processing time. You must be a member in good standing (not delinquent) to purchase a life membership.

Schedule for life membership

Age	0 - 35	36 - 50	51 - 64	65 - Over
Amount	\$500	\$400	\$300	\$200



Become a lifer.
Pay this.

Semper Fi,
Peggy

Chaplain Jamie Rogers

I'm happy to report that I have not received any new information on and sick or distressed members.

Iris Rudesill has been released for the rehab center and is now home. She is still working with her doctors to get her blood pressure under control, but hopes she can return to her normal activities soon. After such a long fight with multiple illnesses and medical conditions she still feels weak, but is very happy to be home!

The bereavement team has attended the following funerals:

Polly Woods' service was on the March 20th at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Bryon "Biff" Turner's service was on March 18th at The Springs Funeral Services-North.

Thanks,
Jamie

Quartermaster Russ Miller

Some upcoming dates for Cash sales are May 26-28 at Territory Days in Old Colorado City. Please put the dates on your Calendar and contact Russ to volunteer to work a couple hours during the one of the days. You will be helping to raise needed capital for our Detachment and the many programs we operate and support. It's also a great time of fun and comradery as we meet other Marines, FMF Docs and FMF Chaplains to add to our ranks.

We are still taking orders for detachment coffee mugs. Please contact Russ for more information and to place your order. Mugs are 15.00 and 100% of the proceeds go to our detachment funds.

Karnivorous Kanines Pound #150 Pound Keeper Steve Schwartz

Reminder! Our next quarterly Growl will be held immediately after our regular Detachment meeting in April.

Reminder #2! My wife Cathy and I will be hosting a Detachment get together on May 12. I'll have details and such at our meeting. It will be a Mexican themed food affair and everyone is invited to bring your favorite dishes (salads, covered dishes or desserts). We'll be providing some green chili, burritos, water, beer and soda. More to follow!!

Woof! Woof!
Steve

Toys for Tots Coordinator Russ Miller

This past week we received an email from a toy manufacturer offering to send us 24 pallets of toys for our Southern Colorado Campaign. Our only problem is that we have no more available space to store the toys. Once again though, Marine Jay Cimino has come to our rescue offering space in one of his buildings. Only catch was, the space he has available at the moment is in Trinidad. That's ok though. When we ramp up our 2018 campaign in October we will divide the toys up among some of the southern Colorado counties that our detachment services and be able to help the detachments in Pueblo, Canon City, and hopefully Alamosa will have their detachment back up and running by then. We will also transport some toys up here to the Springs for our own distribution efforts as well. Please contact Russ if you would like to go to Trinidad and help unload and stow all these toys. We should have a delivery window from the shipper by the 2nd or 3rd of April.
Semper Fi!



Sky Sox Baseball Toys for Tots



**The Marine Corps League will attend!
28 July 2018**

Colorado Springs Sky Sox vs the Albuquerque Isotopes.

The Pikes Peak Detachment Color Guard will be present

17 March 2018 Pikes Peak Detachment Monthly Meeting Minutes

Commandant Paul Hinojosa opened the 17 March 2018 meeting of the Marine Corps League Pikes Peak Detachment for official business at Sarges' Grill in Colorado Springs at 0900 with Salute to Colors and opening prayer. All officers were present. Recognition of Dignitaries: Rocky Mountain Asst. Div. National Vice Commandant Russ Miller.

The following guest/applicants were present this month: Christina Aragon and John Brandon. Both guests paid their dues, and pending submission of their DD-214s it was motioned by Terry Crum and 2nd by Roger Baty, resulting in an approval for membership by voice vote.

A motion was made by Roger Baty and seconded by Osa Tuck to accept the minutes of the 17 February 2018 meeting.

No correspondences were read during the meeting.

Report of Paymaster:

A current membership roster is available. The Paymaster report is also available.

This is an update as to where we are after switching to everyone's dues being due on 1 September of each calendar year. Membership delinquent dues are extremely high for this period of time. A report sent out from National HQ on 8 January reflected 55.4% of members had not renewed creating a huge void in cash flow. This cash flow impacts their spending for ordering supplies to replenish their Ships Store, paying rent, electric, computer and telephone systems, staff salaries and the insurance for the entire organization (overhead expenses). National HQ has monitored their cash flow and delayed paying of bills and placing orders to keep from establishing another line of credit causing the League to be in debt. At the time of this report, they were debt free in their operating funds and have been able to meet all their expenses. In order to continue to have the necessary operating funds members need to pay their renewals.

The Detachment also has an extremely high delinquency of 56%. We have 135 members – 76 PLM, 2 Honorary and 57 annual paid members. Of those 57 annual paid members 25 have not renewed their membership. Letters have been sent to encourage them to renew their membership.

Membership renewal notices will no longer be sent out. You can pay your 2019 fiscal year membership at any time and it is due by 1 September. If you are interested in purchasing a life membership, I would recommend doing that before August, due to processing time.

Thank you to those who paid their dues today prior to the meeting.

Russ – To fill everyone in, the situation at National was rather dire at the end of last fiscal year, as some national staff were furloughed without pay due to lack of funds. Please remind others to pay their dues.

Report of any member or member's family sick or in distress

See Chaplain notes

Report of Officers

Commandant; Paul Hinojosa

Skysox; There are six tickets left for the July 28th game against the Isotopes. Game time is 6 PM, we will be presenting the colors, T4T will be the Charity Spotlight, and we may be throwing out the opening pitch. 6 seats remaining, first come first serve. Roger Baty offered to throw the 1st pitch.

2018 Dept. Convention; Convention will be held in Denver from May 3 to 6 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Denver- Tech Center, 10250 E. Costilla Avenue. The delegates form has been sent in.

If you would like to be a delegate, names must be turned in by April 1st, please let us know.

2018 Dept. of Defense (DoD) Warrior games June 2-9, 2018 at the Air Force Academy. Approx. 250 service members and veteran athletes will participate in the competition. Volunteer positions include escorts, backup scorers, assistant lane judges, cheering squads and spectators, crowd control, official greeter, parking guide, runner, score keeper, and time keepers. I would like to see a show of hands from the detachment on those interested in volunteering, I will sign us up for the event.

As in years past, we will be providing a BBQ lunch for the Marine athletes.

March 31, from 1300 to 14 hours, Pikes Peak Young Marines will hold an Information meeting for anyone interested in putting kids thru the program. This will be at James Irwin Middle school on 5525 Astrozon Blvd.

\$250 was paid out of the Marines Helping Marines fund to the Hankins family to assist in funeral costs.

Sr. Vice/ Web Sgt.; NSTR

Jr. Vice; The St. Patrick's Day Parade is today 17 March. Some members will be leaving the meeting early to get ready for the staging area. We can carpool from Sarges' if you want or, Russ knows an area we can drive to and park closer to our staging area. We need line handlers for the DI, wheel walkers, etc. Territory Days is on the horizon, consider volunteering for Cash Sales, we will need help there. Memorial Day weekend.

Adjutant; NSTR

Judge Advocate; NSTR

Jr. Past Commandant; see also Quartermaster and Toys for tots

Chaplain; Report of any member or member's family sick or in distress

Iris Rudesill is still recovering from a condition that was causing her severe bloody noses, and the flu. She should be released from care on the 17th. She has really appreciated everyone stopping by to see her and checking up on her through the phone.

"**Doc**" **Jim Mauer**, did have a drop in his blood pressure during Hank's funeral and returned home. Jim is doing fine and understands that he needs to take it slow in his recovery from his fluctuating blood pressure issue.

The following Marines, and friends of the league has passed away:

Hank Hankins passed on Feb 24th, his service was on the 3rd of March. The service was attended by a large contingent of the League, Fire Fighters, Truckers, family, and friends. It was a great sendoff for a

remarkable man. There was standing room only in the chapel with attendees standing outside the building as well.

Lawrence Davis: I heard about the passing of Larry while speaking to Frank Evans. Larry passed in July of 2017. There was no service and no notifications in the local papers.

Marine James Hughes passed away on March 3rd, followed by his wife (Navy) a few hours later. The service was held on March 10th.

Marine Robert Charles Duke passed away and his service was held on March 14th.

Our beloved friend Polly Woods passed away on March 4th. Her service will be held on March 20th at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. 0900 Rosary and 1000 Mass, followed by a lunch at MiMi's Café (Woodman and Academy).

A rough headcount was requested by the family for lunch reservations, by show of hands, approximately a dozen plan to attend.

Brad Cate; Past Detachment and Department of Colorado Commandant. Brad was a life member of our detachment and of our Devil Dog pound. Working with Steve Schwartz and Pat Thompson to get the death notice for the Devil Dogs filed. He was a Mustang (Major), retired 30 plus years, served from tail end of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam.

Brad resided in Temecula CA. The Detachment was informed of his passing by his nurse after she found information regarding the League when cleaning out his belongings.

Byron Turner, passed on March 14th, his funeral is scheduled for March 18th at 1400.

Quartermaster;

There is a sign-up order form for the personalized League coffee mugs. There are many logo options. All materials and labor donated, all proceeds to the League. Cost \$15

Sarges' Grill has approved our Cash Sales to set up out front once a Quarter and will notify their customer base via Facebook post. 1st date TBD.

The Colorado Springs VA Clinic has approved our Cash Sales to set up once a Quarter. There will be no vendor fee, we will keep 100% of the proceeds. 1st date TBD.

There is a sign-up sheet for serving Popcorn at the Colorado Springs VA clinic. Dates available through November 2018. With enough people, likely will serve once every 2 months. Popcorn proceeds used for hospitalized and transitioning Veterans. For personal items such as toiletries and social events when hospitalized, or bus passes and gift cards (for essentials) when transitioning.

The Toys for Tots Toy Run will be looking for a new sponsor since according to news reports Toys-R-Us will be closing all their stores. We will be applying for grants available from Walmart/Sam's. Each store may grant \$1000, if approved by all local stores it could be as much as \$18,000.00. Please consider contacting store managers and requesting they approve.

The MC Ball Gold Tournament is scheduled for May 18th at the Silver Spruce Golf Course on Peterson AFB. We are looking for Hole Sponsors, cost is \$150. We are also looking for raffle donations.

Sgt-at-Arms; NSTR

Toys for Tots: NSTR

MODD:

The next Growl will be after the 4/21 League meeting.

All League members are invited to gathering at the Schwartz house on 5/12. The theme is Cinco De Mayo since we cannot meet on the 5th due to the Department Convention. We will be providing drinks but ask that those attending bring a dish or dessert to share.

Report of Standing Committees:

Scholarship Committee, Theresa Crum – the application is available on the website and is due by April 30th. Per Terry Crum, those eligible for the scholarship are Active Duty, Active MCL Members in good standing and their children, and grand-children. Applicants may apply every year.

Report of Special Committees: none

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

MCL Picnic/BBQ, Theresa Crum – a picnic has been desired but in past years planning started too late to reserve a venue. Myself and other League ladies would like to work towards this as well as a Quarterly event, a family activity, for the purpose reaching out to younger families. We are looking for others who want to help in this effort.

Good of the League: With no further business the 50/50 drawing was held. Total collected was \$71.00. The winning ticket belonged to Donna Rae Reizel Smith. She donated \$25.00 to the Detachment's general fund.

Commandant Hinojosa closed the meeting at 0950. The next meeting will take place 21 April 2018.



The Pikes Peak Detachment and the Pikes Peak Young Marines looked great at the St. Patrick's Day parade.



Obituary for Marine Byron "Biff" Turner

March 14, 1944 - March 12, 2018

Byron "Biff" Turner, 73, died Monday, March 12, 2018 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He was born March 14, 1944 to Vernon Fay and Grethel Irene (Cottingham) Turner in Lucas, Arkansas. Biff was a longtime Colorado Springs resident and a highly valued machinist for the City of Colorado Springs Utilities for over twenty-six years. **He was also a decorated Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran.**

Above all, Biff was a devoted Christian who's love for our Lord was known by all. He was loved by many for his generosity, sense of humor, ornery and caring demeanor. Biff is survived by his daughter, Jennifer (Jeff) Mollica; brother, Vernon "Ray" (Jeanette) Turner; sister, Vanessa Lynn (Bob) Murphy; and grandson, Dominic Mollica. Biff will be deeply missed by his family and friends.