

# The Pikes Peak Scuttlebutt Pikes Peak Detachment 29 Marine Corps League

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# The Pikes Peak Det. Monthly Meeting

# 15 February 2020

Coffee at 0730 - Breakfast at 0800 Meeting at 0900

Breakfast is \$10.00

# **VFW Post 4051**

430 E Pikes Peak Ave, Colo Spngs

Cash Sales will be open



# St. Patrick's Day Parade



Downtown Colorado Springs Saturday, 14 March 2020

Join us for the first parade of 2020. The parade is not on the same day as the Detachment meeting. We need the color guard, wheel walkers, rope handlers, banner carriers. Wear green and show the people of Colorado Springs who the motivators are! Details will be forthcoming as they become available.



The Detachment learned about the Honor Bell and a donation of \$500 was made to the foundation to fund an Honor bell for the Colorado Springs area.



The Pikes Peak Detachment donated \$1000 to the Pikes Peak Young Marines. The money will help the Young Marines continue their good works.

# **Commandant Steve Schwartz**

Greetings to all Detachment members, Associates, FMF Corpsmen and FMF Chaplains. Moving forward into the new year, activities will begin to ramp up shortly with parades and community events. Please consider participating in whatever you can - your participation is a key element in supporting our Detachment.

I want to give you a brief update: a couple of months ago at our meeting I told everyone of my efforts to contact Mr. Tom Roeder, Military Affairs columnist for the Gazette Telegraph. I have e-mailed him and left a couple of voice mails asking if he would be interested in doing one of his Sunday columns on the Marine Corps League and specifically our Detachment. I've offered to meet with him at his convenience. Sorry to say he has not yet responded. I know we have a great story to share and I will continue reaching out to him. As a reminder, the next Department meeting will be held on February 22 hosted by the Windsor Marines. You are always welcome to attend - just let me know if you're interested. Also, on May 1-3 the Department will hold its annual convention in Denver. Again, let me know if you're interested in going. I want to thank everyone who attended our January meeting and had the opportunity to see the Honor Bell and the presentation. I thought it was very interesting and inspirational. The Officers and Staff voted after the meeting to donate \$500 to the Foundation to help raise funds for a second Honor Bell which will be "based" in Colorado Springs. Cathy and I also made a personal donation and I would encourage all who can to consider doing the same. Michelle and Jeff have promised to keep us informed about future Honor Bell functions and presentations. I'm looking forward to our next meeting in February and I hope that all remain healthy, wealthy and wise! Our prayers remain for Pat Carty and Vince Espinosa and I will stay in touch with them. Semper Fi Marines!! Semper Fi.

Steve

# Paymaster Peggy Baldwin

There are still some that have not paid their annual membership of \$36. You can mail a check to the address at the top of this newsletter or you can pay by cash, check or card (when cash sales is available) at the next meeting. A big thank you to members that have already paid their dues.

Please consider purchasing a life membership. Russ Miller has informed us that National is talking about increasing the cost of life memberships soon. Now is the time to purchase one before prices go up. You must be a member in good standing.

# Schedule for life membership

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

Semper Fi, Peggy Baldwin

# Luncheon for WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War Veterans



# Western Omelette Restaurant 16 S. Walnut St, Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Every second Tuesday of the month Start is time 1130



This event is intended for the veterans of WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. All red blooded Americans are welcome to show support for our countries senior warriors. A guest speaker is often present to inspire and inform. The patriotism is genuine, the company is friendly, and the food is great. The next luncheon is 11 Feb.

# Ladies Luncheon

The Pikes Peak Det. ladies luncheon is the third Tuesday of every month.

18 February 2020 at 1 pm

This month luncheon will be hosted by Theresa Crum at her home at 3830 Soft Breeze Way. It is a potluck, everyone bring a side dish. Please let Theresa know you are coming and let her know what you are bringing. Her cell number is 719-237-3034.

# **Senior Vice Commandant Terry Crum**

Greetings motivated Marines, dedicated FMF Corpsmen, and outstanding associate members. This newsletter you are reading details many of these chances to get involved with the finest Detachment in the Marine Corps League. Hopefully something catches your eye. The Detachment color guard uniform for the St. Patrick's Day parade will be the green digital cammies.

A grateful shout out to the following for volunteering for the 2020 Pikes Peak Detachment Scholarship Committee: Ken Sanguinetti, Dean Tollefson, and Cathy Schwartz. The committee is accepting applications for the scholarship now. The application and instructions can be downloaded from the Pikes Peak Detachment website home page <a href="https://www.pikespeakmcl.org">https://www.pikespeakmcl.org</a>. The due date for submitting an application is 30 April 2020.

The Women Marines Association of Colorado is hosting an annual celebration of Women in the Marine Corps. Saturday 15, 2020 at 1100. Learn more at <a href="https://www.wmaco1.org/events.html">https://www.wmaco1.org/events.html</a>. The price is \$35.

Please keep our members who are sick or in distress, especially Melvin and Jackie Postlewait, Bonnie Rudolf and Larry Ehlinger, in your thoughts and prayers.

Semper Fidelis.

Terry

# KARNIVOROUS KANINES OF POUND 150 Pound Keeper PDD Terry Crum

Woof, Woof, to all you dogs of the Karnivorous Kanines and to all that happen upon these deliberations! The next Growl of the Pound will be 18 April 2020 at 1700 (5 pm) at the Black Eyed Pea Restaurant 887 N Academy Blvd. Do bring your passport and some bones. Spouses are welcome.

Woof Woof. We always want more dogs for our Pound. If you are a member in good standing with the Pikes Peak Detachment with at least one year in the MCL, please consider becoming a dog. I bark - therefore I am,

PDD Terry





The 2019 Pound 150 Dog of the year was presented to PDD Roger Baty

# 21 December 2019 Pikes Peak Detachment Monthly Meeting Minutes

Commandant Steve Schwartz opened the December monthly meeting of the Marine Corps League Pikes Peak Detachment for official business at VFW #4051 Post at 0900 with Salute to Colors and opening prayer. All Detachment officers were present except for the Judge Advocate Gary George and Paymaster Peggy Baldwin, both excused.

Recognition of Dignitaries: NVC RMD Russ Miller

# **Guests and Applications for Membership;**

Jeff Mallow and Michelle Mallon from the Honor Bell Foundation.

A motion was made to accept the December 21, 2019 monthly meeting as they were posted in the January newsletter was made by Roger Baty and seconded by Arden Rivers. The motion carried.

Correspondences: A stack of thank you letters and cards for toys for tots was presented. Thank you letter from the WACS.

# Report of the Chaplain; Vince Espinoza

Welcome back Pat Thompson she has recovered from her surgery. Rich Archuleta's Mom Lucy Vigil passed away. Earl Aldridge and Jessie Ortega passed away this passed month. Prayers for Gary George he has been sick. Vince Espinoza reported that he does not have pancreatic cancer, he has esophagus cancer, and is starting chemotherapy treatments and will be in the hospital for 1-2 weeks.

### **Report of Officers**

## **Commandant: Steve Schwartz**

Ceremonial rifles have been received; plans are underway to form an Honor Guard (training, uniforms, ammunition etc.) We may volunteer to host a Department meeting this year.

Summer family picnic/meeting; I'm checking on park availabilities; probably in June, July or August time frame.

Get together at my home for the Detachment; probably in June.

Officers and Staff voted to give the Pikes Peak Young Marines their annual \$1000 donation. A check for \$1000 was presented to the Young marines at the January meeting.

Vince has volunteered to take over as the Young Marine liaison and will take over in August.

**Honor Bell Presentation** 

Ladies lunch will be on January 21, Tuesday at Terry Baty's home, 8720 Rugby Ct. 641-8419 at 1 PM; potluck; let Terry know

# Senior Vice Commandant: Terry Crum

CO Dept. staff meeting 22 February, hosted by the Windsor Marines of Denver.

CO Dept. Convention 1-3 May at the Double Tree Hotel in Thornton, CO hosted by the Broomfield Det.

## Junior Vice Commandant: Jamie Rogers

St. Patrick's Day parade is on March 14<sup>th</sup>, the start of the parade is at noon. Territory Days application completed, waiting for insurance. Will submit for 1 booth; \$175 for the booth & \$35 for the jury fee

XX Will speak to Veterans health ID card you now have access to base Exchanges, Commissary and MWR opening to all with Service related disability, Purple Heart or POW

Judge Advocate: Gary George NSTR Junior Past Commandant: Paul Hinojosa NSTR

Paymaster: Peggy Baldwin

The Paymasters report and membership phone rosters are not available at this time.

Quartermaster: Russ Miller

Thanks to all who volunteered with Toys for Tots last year we delivered toys to 18,143 children, this year we delivered over 37,000 toys to 20.411 children.

The engraved flasks should be here at the February meeting. If you need a League cover see Russ Miller. Red jackets still working on ordering them. Red blazers are no longer available from the ships store. They can be ordered from J.C. Penny's At this time Michelle Malan gave a presentation of the Honor Bell.

**Sgt. At Arms:** Osa Tuck NSTR **Adjutant:** Paul Reifke NSTR

M.O.D.D.: PDD Terry Crum

The next Growl of the Pack will after the Dept. Staff Meeting 22 February. A pup can be elevated to Devil Dog (red collar) at the Department Convention in May.

The next Pound Growl will be on 18 April at 5pm. at the Black Eyed Pea restaurant on Academy near the Citadel Mall. Roger Baty was awarded the Dog of the year.

Report of Standing Committees: NTSR

**Report of Special Committees**: The 2020 Scholarship Committee needs members. Three members is the minimum. Let me know if you'd like to be part of the 2020 Scholarship Committee.

Unfinished Business: NSTR

**New Business:** 

Russ Miller made a motion to donate \$300 to the Costume K-9, A group that trains seeing eye and therapy dogs. Vince Espinoza seconded, the motion carried.

**Good of the League**: Next month at the WW2 and Korea and Vietnam luncheon, at the Western Omelet on Walnut St. On the Second Tuesday of each month. Need volunteers for popcorn sales at the VA.

### **Announcements:**

The 50/50 raffle was held. \$115 was collected. Don Gardner won \$57.50. Without any additional business Commandant Steve Schwartz closed the January Detachment meeting at 1000. The next meeting will take place 15 February 2020. Respectfully Submitted,

Adjutant Paul Reifke

# **Chaplain Vince Espinoza**

This is Chaplain Espinoza wanting to let you know that Sunday February 2, 2020, Melvin Postlewait and his wife Jackie were in a car accident. Melvin had a mini stroke behind the wheel of their car and rolled the vehicle. I'm asking you as comrades that the family needs prayers and hope and faith for their injuries. Melvin came out with bumps and bruises feeling very down for what took place. Melvin and his wife are in Penrose Main Hospital. Jackie had shards of glass in her eye and bruising on the brain and she is in room 2031 2nd floor ICU. Melvin is in room 922 9th floor. I am asking the League for support prayers and thoughts for the Postlewait Family and prayers for your families as well. Once a Marine Always a Marine and we are all a band of brothers and sisters.

Chaplain Espinoza

# In remembrance of our dearly departed brother Marines



GLENN A. WILLIAMS, III June, 1945 December, 2019

On December 29th, 2019, at 74 years young, Glenn Arthur Williams, III, of Florissant, Colorado unexpectedly passed away, enveloped in the love of his family. Glenn was born June 24th, 1945, in Ogden, Utah, to Glenn and Marvel Williams (Flaten). In 1963, while living with relatives in Ray, North Dakota, he graduated from high school and in 1964 Glenn enlisted in the <u>United States Marine Corps</u>. During his 21-year career he completed several tours around the world, including two in Vietnam, and proudly achieved the Marine Corps' highest enlisted rank of Master Gunnery Sergeant (MGySgt). On March 9th, 1968, Glenn married Pamela H. Conrad. In 1971, they welcomed their son Glenn and, two years later, in 1973, their daughter Shellee was born. Some years later, they divorced.

In 1985, as a proud Vietnam Veteran, Glenn retired his Marine Corps uniforms and began the next chapter of his life. In 1986, Glenn met Betty J. McCuen, and after 13 years together, on October 8th, 1998, they married. This union blessed him with the love of Betty's children: Gailon, Judy (Bob), Gaylina (Edwin), Tommy (Janis), Andrea Altmaier, and Shayne Kosman. 1990 saw Glenn graduate from Mesa Community College with honors, earning him an AA in Construction Drafting. Later, Glenn's career path took a completely different turn when he began working for Discover Card as a Securities and Fraud Specialist. He remained at Discover Card until his second and final retirement in 2008.

Glenn and Betty soon moved to Colorado, where Glenn adopted the motto, "If you're lucky enough to live in the mountains, then you're lucky enough," This motto was quite funny because, until this, he'd always said he hated the cold and snow. In Colorado, Glenn rekindled his love of motorcycles and created many happy memories, riding with his family and special friends Paul, Dawn, Dusty, and Janet. He was especially proud to have ridden in Cripple Creek's Annual Salute to American Veterans Rally and Annual POW/MIA Recognition Ride, which he began doing in 2011 and every year after. Glenn's happy place was on his Gold Wing; he never missed an opportunity to ride and considered any day without snow and ice on the road a good riding day. He was also an avid archer and, when he wasn't riding, loved shooting his bow and guns, with friends and family, in the forest.

Glenn was preceded in death by his father, Glenn Arthur Williams, II; mother, Marvel Flaten; brother-in-law, Art Abbey; stepson, Tommy Scritchfield; and grandson, Levi Scritchfield.

Glenn's legacy is carried on by his beloved wife, Betty J Williams; his children, Glenn Arthur Williams, IV and Shellee Charles; his siblings, Valerie Abbey; Bruce (Sue) Williams; Melanie Howells; and Edmund Howells; his nieces, Andrea (Steven), Angela, and Tamera; and his stepchildren, Gailon Scritchfield, Judy (Bob) Ankeney, Gaylina (Edwin) Reachi, Janis Scritchfield, Shayne Kosman, and Andrea Altmaier. Glenn was loved by many grandchildren and great grand children.



Donald Ray Mariani December 2, 1952 – January 4, 2020

Don was born on December 2, 1952 in Texas City, Texas. He passed away after a long battle with Leukemia in Colorado Springs on January 4, 2020. Don graduated from Texas City high school in 1971. Don served his country in the Marine Corps from 1976 to 1979. Specializing in radio operator, tactical data communication and central technician / central repair. Don earned a rifle marksmanship badge and good conduct medal. Don was honorably discharged May 1979.

Don continued his education the University of Houston earning both a BSA (1983-85) and MS (1986-88). He lectured for some time also at the University of Houston. From 1989-90 Don helped design and build avionics for the Space Station Freedom. The contract work continued from 1990 to 1993. As a program software engineer for the Space Station Freedom.

Don was best known for his heart which he demonstrated through his love for his cats, Christmas and friends. He was involved in many things to include: the local chapter of the Sertoma club, Christmas Unlimited, the Boy Scouts of America. He was a certified NRA instructor. A service for Don was held 1/31/20 at the PPNC.



PATRICK L. CRAWFORD October 16, 1953 January 21, 2020

Patrick L. Crawford loving husband, father and friend passed away on January 21, 2020 after a short but fierce battle with lung cancer. He was born on October 16, 1953 in Tacoma, Washington. He lived in Washington, South Dakota and Iowa before making Colorado his home after serving 4 years in each of the Marines, Army and Navy. Of his many appointments in the various services, his favorite was serving as a Corpsman in the Navy, stationed with the Marines. After his dedicated service, he started a career as an auto appraiser, working for USAA for 25 years, retiring in April 2015.

He met the love of his life Joyce Beck in 1993 and they married after a short courtship on September 3, 1993 (they knew they were right for each other from the beginning). Their 2 sons, Zachary and Samuel were his pride and joy. Pat loved to read and often had up to 6 books going at a time. He enjoyed learning as much as he could and was a member of MENSA. His favorite pastime was shooting and he was a member of BLGC for over 25 years. He participated in NRA service rifle shooting matches for many years, achieving a ranking with the NRA as a Master. He was also a range officer and enjoyed teaching others how to shoot and be responsible with firearms.

Pat is survived by his wife, Joyce L (Beck) Crawford; his children, Zachary A Crawford and Samuel P Crawford. He is also survived by his siblings, cousins, other family members and many, many friends. The family wishes that any monetary donations be made to Pikes Peak Hospice at <a href="https://www.pikespeakhospice.org">www.pikespeakhospice.org</a>

Celebration of life services was held Saturday, February 1, 2020. Graveside service will be at 10:30 am at Fairview Cemetery.