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Please make yourself familiar with **H.R. 4099**. The purpose is to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that children of homeless veterans are included in the calculation of the amounts of certain per diem grants. This bill has a lot of support and we say we support veterans; we now have an opportunity to do something tangible. Information is available on the Dept. website.



Pictures from the Department staff meeting in October.

Colorado Department Commandant Garry D. Gibson



Greetings to all Marines & Navy FMF Corpsman from generations past, to the present, their Spouses and Members at Large.

First off I would like to recognize the eight dedicated Detachments Commandants who have continue to attend & support our Quarterly Department Staff meetings since I was elected as you Department Commandant at our 4-7 May 2017 Department Convention, in addition to attending the 29 July Staff meeting in Greeley, CO, they also attended the 28 October Staff meeting in Salida, CO; they also submitted their Quarterly Reports to me as I had requested. These same Detachment Commandants, and some of their members drove very long distances to attend that meeting in Salida, those highlighted in **RED** drove anywhere from 275 miles to almost 400 miles (round trip) to attend, the other Detachments drove (aprox. 200) miles, or more; of course Commandant Fred L. Schmidt & his crew from the Salida Detachment, they didn't have to drive anywhere, as they were the one's hosting this event, I not only want to thank Fred & his crew for doing an outstanding in hosting this event; I would also like to thank them for providing a great meal for those 48 members & guests in attendance.

1. Phillip Price, Frank J. Carroll Det. # 28
2. Paul Hinojosa, Pikes Peak Det. #29
3. Michael Davis, Robert L. Crites Jr. Det. #624
4. Donald Howell, Windsor Marines det. #904
5. Michael Buck, Union Colony Det. #469
6. Ernie West, Home of Hero's Det. #1376
7. Fred L. Schmidt, Lt. Harry T. Ostrum Jr. #1420
8. Mark Crow, Broomfield Det. #1441

I would also like to this time to thank the Ladies Auxiliary President; Holley Price, she and 11 dedicated members also had to drive long distances in order to be there.

Even though it was not their turn; Union Colony has again volunteered to host our next Department Staff meeting, it will be held in Evans, CO, they; also hosted our Dept. Staff meeting back on 29 July of this year in Greeley, CO.

Till I see you all at our next scheduled Staff meeting on 24 February in Evans, CO: stay healthy, have fun enjoying Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Years with family & friends. Please continue to help those less fortunate than yourselves and continue to march. And let us not forget that our Detachments maybe separated by hundreds of miles; but we are still a Department of #1".

Semper Fi,
Garry D. Gibson

Senior Vice Commandant Clem Schuette



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARINES

I hope all of you had an opportunity to celebrate the 242nd birthday of our beloved Marine Corps. My Detachment, Union Colony Marines, celebrated in Greeley at the Doubletree Hotel and the detachment worked hard at getting the word out. attendance at the ball was 175, an increase of 50% over last year. Some new faces and some we haven't seen in a while.

Many thanks go out to Maj. Stephen Kintzley USMC Ret., Master Gunnery Sergeant Bryan Yarolem USMC Ret., and 14 very sharp cadets from the Northridge Marine Junior ROTC program. The Major and Master Gunnery Sergeant have these cadets so well trained, they look like they are auditioning for 8th & I. They provided the Color Guard and the Honor Guard for the cake ceremony. Our oldest Marine was Gene Bailey 95, and the youngest was Stephen Bailey 34, no relation. We have used the JROTC in the past to present the Colors, but adding the Honor Guard makes the ceremony so much more impressive. This will be an ongoing tradition for our detachment. Our scheduled speaker for 2018 is Lt. Gen. Carol Mudder. She is a native of Eaton Co., and a graduate of The University of Northern Colorado. She is the first female of any of the services to attain the rank of Lt. Gen. Carol Mudder was also inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame. If you don't have a Ball to attend next year, you should consider coming to Greeley. I'm sure she will have an inspiring message.

I also want to touch on the topic of presenting the Good Citizen Certificate to scouts that have attained the rank of Eagle Scout. So far as I know, Pikes Peak, Union Colony and Lt. Harry Ostrem detachments are the only detachments that participate in the Scouting program. Windsor Marines Detachment is also looking into getting involved.

Union Colony Marines will be presenting 9 certificates at one ceremony, on the 25th of November. As I have said in the past, it's good for the Scouts, and it's good for your detachment. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Semper Fi,
Clem Schuette

Junior Vice Commandant Phillip Price



Marines, associates, FMF Corpsmen, Chaplains!
Because my job is to assist the detachments in Recruitment and Retention, I would like to recommend you get a current roster and connect with the folks currently on it. If I can be of any help in the matter, please let me know. And if you're reading this and haven't been to your detachment meeting recently, please stop in and say hi to the folks! I know most of them would be thrilled to have you join them! If you know someone no longer attending, call them and see if you can help in some small way. It's our primary mission, helping Marines.

Thank you all once again for helping me to help you! Please let me know how I can be of assistance. Take Care everyone, and please come talk to me at the next Department staff meeting in Evans, CO on Feb 24, 2017. Share what's working and what isn't and allow me help if I can.

Semper Fi!
Phil Price

Adjutant/Web Sergeant Terry Crum



Greetings:

I hope that you are enjoying the newsletter that you are currently reading. Thanks to the Department officers for providing the articles that make this newsletter possible.

On a different subject, please ensure when your Detachment submits the Officer Installation Report for the year that all information is included. An important piece of information that is easy to forget is the **officer's email address**. The email addresses are placed in the same box as the officer's phone number.

Semper Fi,
Terry

Judge Advocate Russ Miller



In each of your detachments it is vital that a number of things take place for the success and growth of the detachment. And each of them, if not done, can spell the end of a detachment.

1. Recruiting and Retention. While the Junior Vice Commandant is specifically charged with creating opportunities for these two to occur. It requires all of us taking part along the way, seeking out Marines, Navy FMF Corpsmen, Navy FMF Chaplains and “others” to become new members and associates. Welcoming these new friends as well as staying engaged with the old friends. Remaining aware to notice when someone has gone missing from our ranks, and seeking them out and attempting to lead (not drag) them back into camp. I say all this because, in the re-write of the National By-laws that was voted on at the 2017 National convention, *Article IX, Section 909 a. (1) [previously Article Five, Section 555 (a) (1)]*; ***The Charter of a Detachment may be suspended or revoked for: The persistent failure to maintain a minimum of fifteen(15) members in good standing.*** We all know from experience that the national roster can more often than not be incorrect, in regards to delinquent members. However, I would strongly encourage ALL detachments to be vigilant in recruiting and retention and stay well above the mark rather than hovering too close to it.
2. Election of officers. At some point you may answer the call to take up the mantle of leadership, so make sure that as a detachment and department you are not only electing good people to blaze a trail. But remember to file your Installation Reports, 990's and Letters of Incorporation (Periodic Report with Secretary of State). Again, I bring this up due to the re-write of the National bylaws that was voted on at the 2017 National convention, *Article VII, Section 701(d)*; ***“Provides the National Board of Trustees the ability to suspend or revoke Charters for failing to incorporate; failure to obtain and comply with EIN's and 990's; and failure to submit Report of Officers Installation.”***

Staying on top of these things regularly can eliminate those very uncomfortable visits for all of us and we can all better spend our time in comradery, and helping those fellow active duty and veteran Marines, Corpsmen and Chaplains that need our fellowship and support.

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year ahead.

Semper Fi
Russ Miller

2018 Colorado MCL Convention Director Phillip Price



Greetings from the edge!

Allow me to apologize for not keeping you well informed of our upcoming convention. I have my reasons, but I have no excuse. I'm hoping to do a better job going forward, so here is my first attempt!

I would like to start out by saying that in order to host the next year's convention (2019), bids need to be turned into the Department Time and Place Committee Chairman (appointed by our fearless leader Garry Gibson!) 15 days prior to May 3-6 or April 18, 2017, a part I failed to do.

Part II. Bids for Convention

1. The Department Convention shall be held during the month of May.
 - a. The Convention weekend may be swapped with another department with the agreement of the Department of Colorado and the swap Department with the approval of the Division Vice Commandant.
2. The Department Convention shall be rotated between Detachments of Colorado.
3. Any Detachment in "Good Standing" may place their bid to host a Convention.
4. Bids should be in writing, accompanied by the Detachment Resolution to host a convention and any other information deemed appropriate.
5. Bids should be given to the Department Time and Place Committee Chairperson fifteen (15) days prior to the preceding convention.
6. The Time and Place Committee Chairperson shall present all bids to the Delegates assembled for consideration.
7. The delegates assembled shall vote to select the next convention site one (1) year prior
8. Notice of Intent may be presented at any Department Staff Meeting.
9. Bids/Notices of Intent may be submitted no more than two (2) years prior.

The convention hotel is the Embassy Suites by Hilton, Denver Tech Center (10250 East Costilla Avenue, Centennial, Colorado, 80112, USA +1-303-792-0433). If you are a Hilton Honors member, there is a special rate available for the time we are there and I am trying to get the hotel to honor the special rate, otherwise, the current rate is \$129 (6.85% taxes). More to follow on this HOT topic...

The banquet price is currently published by the hotel at \$50 pp (Brochure rate), however, they have NOT been contacted yet so that shouldn't be the final price, I'm hoping for around \$40, but we will see, I'm meeting with them today to see what they can do for our group. The final price will be available January 1, 2018, contact your detachment commandant for details.

The Scholarship lunch will be Saturday this year, cost is \$15 as usual, and along these lines, I'm also working with the Hotel to see if they can help with that. I spoke with the scholarship chairman to see if it was acceptable to have everyone present for the lunch, instead of 12-18 that usually show up, to see if we can increase support for the Scholarship fund! In the works is a way to help pay for this, more on that later, but it's very exciting!

We are working on a tour of the new VA Hospital (some of you can see where you will be going once it's open!). This will be a private tour only available to the League. The fee will be \$5.00 to cover transportation. This will be Friday morning, time to be determined based on the availability of our tour guide. A stop at the Colorado Freedom Memorial (near Buckley) will happen on the trip home. The other morning tour (for those younger folks) is a tour in Golden! There are a couple of items on this that would involve "SOME" walking and climbing of stairs, but if you can go, this will be a lot of fun! More details to follow on this one, the 2018 schedule isn't available yet, so I can't confirm the booking until Jan 1. But it will be BIG! A stop at the Marine Corps Memorial will happen on the trip home. (An alternate is being worked on in case the schedule comes out and we have a conflict!)

We have several auction items donated so far, we have 10 "Dinner and a Date" for 2! Dinner is at Texas Roadhouse and the Movie is at Regal Cinemas. I have a raffle grand prize of a week in Freeport, Bahamas, and I'm working on travel to/from Denver. It wouldn't be fair to give away a prize you didn't also get transportation to! Details to follow on this as well, people are a little slow at getting back to me on some of this, but we have some time available. Stay tuned! This trip could be worth \$5,000 so it's best to get it right!

Attached is the Ad book form, it never hurts to have the information available as soon as possible!

That's all for now, I know some of you will have questions, it's only natural. I'm available if you have any, please CALL! I will be publishing an update mid-December with any new information or just updates to this! Thanks for reading.

Semper Fi!
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**Colorado Pack of the Military Order of the Devil Dog
Pack Leader PDD Garry D. Gibson**



A hardy WOOF! WOOF! To everyone; I really don't have much to bark; or growl about at this time except to mention that we did host a "Growl of the Pack" after the Staff meeting in Salida had adjourned on 28 October 2017; please take the time read PDD Russ Millers/Dog Robbers report/minutes of that Growl.

Our next scheduled "Growl of the Pack" will be held on 24 February 2018, in Evans, Colorado. Till than...stay healthy...have fun...laugh...and whenever possible help support our fellow Marines & Navy FMF Corpsmen;... &...their family's that may need our help during difficult times...and continue to march.

S/F, WOOF! WOOF! & an Oo-RAH

The Gunny

Quotes from famous people about Marines

Gen. William Thornton, U.S. Army said; "There are only two kinds of people that understand Marines: Marines and the enemy. Everyone else has a second-hand opinion."

Pack Dog Robber Russ Miller



From the Pack of Colorado Dog Robber.

Woof Woof Devil Dogs! It's time for all your pound's hounds to renew their licenses, and make sure they have their rabies, parvo and dis-temper vaccinations up to date or risk being spayed or neutered. Pound Dog Robbers, please ensure that your Dogs are paying the correct number of Big Bones so you can forward dem bones, dem bones, dem dry bones on to the Pack and Kennel. Keep having fun chewing those Italian loafers. Woof WOOF!

Russ (Slim)

Marine Memorial Association

Marine and Members of the Department of Colorado

It has been a busy year for the Marine Memorial Association. Our Memorial Day ceremony was a great success. And then there was our 40th Anniversary ceremony, this was a major success on all levels. I personally like to say "Thank You" to Paula, Mary and Mark, without their hard work the ceremony would of never came together. Lastly was our recent Veterans Day ceremony. I like to ask all Marines and members to come out at each event and show your support. The next event at the Memorial will be on Memorial Day 2018. I also ask each Detachment to look and see if they have a membership to the Marine Memorial Association, if that answer is no please do so. This is your Memorial, please visit the site and pay your respects. Each Detachment that is a member of the Association is also authorized to have a member of the Board. I ask that all be on the lookout for the next meeting notice and try to make arrangements to have a member of your Detachment present. This also goes for the Department of Colorado. The Memorial Foundation is progressing at a steady pace; however, we would like to see a quicker pace. Please support this remodel as well. If you should have any questions on the Memorial feel free to contact me.

Thank You.

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