



# The Mountain High Marine

## Colorado Department Marine Corps League Spring 2018 Quarterly Newsletter



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### U.S. Marine Corps Memorial Golden, CO

28 May 2018 @ 1400

Please join the Colorado Department of the Marine Corps League in celebrating Memorial Day at the US Marine Corps Memorial. The ceremony is about 30 minutes long and the Memorial is located at US Hwy 6 & US Hwy 40 in Golden, CO. <http://usmarinecorpsmemorial.com/>



Pictures from the Department staff meeting chaired by Senior Vice Commandant Schuette

## Colorado Department Commandant Garry D. Gibson



Greetings to all fellow Marines, Navy FMF Corpsman, Spouses & Members at Large. Here's a little of what I have been up to since my 15 November newsletter article (Fall Edition) 1<sup>st</sup> off I would like to discuss League business.

On Saturday 17 February I was an honored guest at the English Tea Cup (Aurora) where Woman Marines from generations past to the present were celebrating 100 years of Woman Marines, they were founded 1918, and it's been 75 years since they became a permanent part of the Marines Corps back on 13 February 1943. This gathering/celebration was led by Marine Paula Sarlls. Paula is the President of the Women Marines Association CO -1, Paula was also a Past National President of the Women Marine Association '05-'08.

24 February was the recent Department Staff meeting. I was unable to attend due to a bad cold. I could have been a martyr and attended; but I don't think those of you in attendance would have appreciated me being up at the podium coughing & wheezing all over the place. So I stayed home knowing that your future Commandant Clem Schuette could handle the meeting. Please read our Adjutants report/minutes for issues/topics, that were discussed at the meeting.

15 March 2018 is the date that this newsletter articles. It's also the day that I sell & move out of my home of almost 26 years. After the passing of my wife last year and the fact that over 92 thousand people are moving within 10 miles of my little piece of heaven here in Black Forest, CO.; I have decided to leave for a much quieter and much less populated area like the Silver City, New Mexico. Silver City has a population of less than 12,000 people and has a small but very active MCL Detachment there. I'm supposed to close on a house down there on 19 March, the deal fell through due to property line issue's, and severe electrical problems; so I am not sure if Silver City will be my final designation or not, wherever I move its going somewhere here in the Rocky Mountain Division, meanwhile I will be staying with a friend in Aurora, CO for the time being. My new phone number is (719) 337-2056, and my new address is 23658 E. Ellsworth Ave, CO. 80018-1554.

I will continue being a proud member of the Rocky Mountain Division. I plan on becoming a dual member, I will continue being a member with the Pikes Peak Detachment and I hope to become a member of the nearest Detachment closest to my new home. Ooh-RAH!

Till I see you all in Denver at the 3-6 May 2018 Department Convention...Think Positive...Stay healthy...Have Fun...Laugh...and...Help others much less fortunate than yourself...and continue to March.

S/F

The Gunny

## Senior Vice Commandant Clem Schuette



Greetings Marines and FMF Corpsman,

I would like to touch on several issues regarding our upcoming Department Convention. First item is awards. There are a number of award nominations that are due by April 1. Among them are Marine of the Year, Dog of the Year, Associate of the Year Distinguished Silver, Distinguished Bronze, Recruiter of the year etc. If you think someone is deserving of any of these awards check the Department website for the requirements of nominating someone.

April 1<sup>st</sup> is also the deadline for scholarship applications. Mike Davis is the head of the scholarship committee and all applications must be sent to him by April 1. Scholarship winners will be announced at the Scholarship Luncheon at the Department Convention in May. Please plan on attending the luncheon, it is one of the ways we raise the money to these help families with the cost of higher education.

Also at our Department Convention we will be electing our slate of officers for the coming fiscal year. If you are thinking of running for one of the elected offices, please check out the Profession Development program on the Department website.

Commandant Gibson has stated that he will not be running for reelection, so all elected positions are open. As your Senior Vice Commandant, I will be running for the position of Commandant for the Department of Colorado and I would appreciate your support.

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Clem Schuette



Marine Raymond Delgado



Marine Tom Kruger



## 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 Department Convention in Denver Tech Center, CO, May 3-6, 2017. Share what's working and what isn't and allow me help if I can.

Convention Update:

Convention progress is going well. Most everything is finalized except for Tour transportation.

Working on that...It's going to be great!

Hopefully everyone has had a chance to review the Banquet registration form, I haven't received that many so I'm hoping you're waiting until payday, before April 1<sup>st</sup>, our deadline.

Also, the Ad book forms are a great way to support convention costs; I hope your detachment plans to help that way as well!

I wanted to thank everyone for your support that past year, it's been hectic but the work is rewarding.

[Click here to download the Banquet form](#)

[Additional information on the 2018 Colorado Department Marine corps League convention.](#)

Take Care everyone and Semper Fi!

Phil Price



The Honor Guard of the Union Colony Detachment. An example of the good the MCL can do.

## Judge Advocate Russ Miller



At the 24FEB2018 Department Staff Meeting a question was raised regarding the voting rights of Associate Members within the Marine Corps League.

**Marine Corps League, National By-Laws, Article 6, Section 600, Paragraph (b), CH10 2004 states:**

*An associate member shall be entitled to the rights, privileges, and benefits of a regular member, unless otherwise prohibited. Such member shall not vote on a membership application, an election of officers, or hold an elective office. A Detachment, or a Department may by provisions in the By-Laws and/or Administrative Procedures allow an associate member to vote on it's internal affairs provided such vote does not affect policy of the Marine Corps League.*

Some examples; Associate members can hold appointed officer positions, as well as seats on committees. They can vote on things such as financial decisions, day to day operations of the League. If an associate member were appointed by the Department Commandant to sit on the Scholarship Committee, said member would thus be eligible to vote on the prospective awardee of a scholarship from the pool of applicants for the Department Scholarship Fund.

While the Department of Colorado By-Laws and Administrative Procedures have no explicitly detailed provisions regarding "Associate Members", National By-Laws would necessarily be the binding authority. While a Detachment's By-Laws "could" place additional restrictions on the rights, responsibilities and benefits of its own respective associate members, it cannot however give any additional ones or countermand those laid out in the National By-Laws. The Pikes Peak Detachment for instance, could not amend its By-Laws to allow an Associate Member to hold one of the elected officer positions, as that would be in direct conflict with the National By-laws.

Where I gathered some confusion might be coming from is perhaps in regards to Chapter III Operations, Section E Conventions and Conferences, Sub-section 03 Delegates and Alternates, point c. of the Department of Colorado By-Laws, which reads; *Delegates and Alternates must be members in good standing with properly executed and signed credentials and shall be registered with and approved by the Convention Credentials Committee.* The question here being the need to define "members". The language does not specifically state "regular members" so therefore, on its face, it does not expressly exclude associate members from being delegates and alternates. However, referring back to the National By-Laws, Administrative Procedures, Chapter Two - National Convention, Section 220 – Registration, paragraph (a); refers to *"All approved and certified Delegates, Alternates, Associates, Members and Guests....."* The language here does differentiate Associates from Delegates, Alternates and Members. Thereby I am led to conclude that an "Associate Member" would not be able to fill the position of a delegate at the Department Convention which is in conjunction with our past SOP. Historical precedence is further evidenced by our many past years' worth of Department, Division, and National Convention Delegate Registration Forms that have had separate columns for Delegates, Alternates, Members, Associates, Attendees and Guests.

We might argue the finer nuances of the language of the varying documents, but it is important to keep the bigger picture in focus and remember that we should all strive to continuously do what is to the best benefit of the League and our members.

Semper Fi,  
Russ

## Marine Corps League Auxiliary

Hello everyone! It's starting to look like Spring! Isn't it wonderful?

I'd like to invite everyone to join us for our annual Department of Colorado Convention Thurs. May 3<sup>rd</sup> through Sun May 6<sup>th</sup>.

It will be held at the Embassy Suites  
10250 E. Costilla Ave.  
Centennial, Co 80112

Thursday night the ladies of the Auxiliary are planning a fun night with Madame President Karen Aune. I hope many of you ladies will join us in welcoming her to our convention, and relax and have fun! We'll be going to Bennet's BBQ – 7685 E. Arapahoe Rd. Centennial, CO 80112 at 6:30pm. We can work out ways to car pool from hotel if need be. This is all tentative, as I am waiting to hear when Madame President is arriving. If she is not here, we can get together to put her welcome basket together and enjoy each other's company.

Ladies, we all need to turn our hours in! Remember it's from May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to April 30, 2018. Don't forget! All of you have put some time and effort in to help our Marines. Make sure you count it! Do you have a flag? Or perhaps you volunteer somewhere? It all counts! And thank you for all you do! I'd like to reiterate what Frank J. Carroll Commandant Phil Price stated back in January about "Financing a Convention", and how everyone can help...

- 1) Stay at the Host Hotel- It helps cover the cost of the required free rooms for Commandant & Madame President.
- 2) Place an Ad in the Ad-Book-It helps cover expenses
- 3) Attend the Banquet-Besides being fun, it helps reduce the cost of the meeting rooms.

This convention isn't just for the Host Detachment, it is for all of us! Help us make it great! Come out and join us! Please let me know how I can help you.  
Again, thank you for all you do! Many hands make light work!

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## Colorado Pack of the Military Order of the Devil Dog Pack Leader PDD Garry D. Gibson



**With my right paw held high, I say greetings & WOOF! WOOF! To all of you mangy flea bitten mongrels out there;** Really not much has happened since our 28 October Growl of the Pack, except for the last Growl of the Pack that was held on 24 February 2018. I was not able to attend that Growl as I had rabies infected cold. Please read our Dog Robbers report of what was covered at this Growl.

The next scheduled Growl of the Pack is the yearly; Grand Growl of the Pack, it will be held in conjunction with the Department of Colorado Convention on Friday, 4 May 2018. I will be stepping down as your Pack Leader after (2) years of service, WOOF! WOOF! I want to thank all of you Pound Keepers & Dog Robbers; without your support there would be no Colorado Pack.

Till I see you all at the Convention...keep your paws on the ground...sniff the Rocky Mountain Air...Laugh...have fun snarling, growling & drooling, while chasing down future Pups...and...when you can;...Help your fellow MODD mutts out there that are less fortunate than your selves.

S/F & WOOF! WOOF! and a hardy Oo-RAH  
PDD Garry Gibson



Mangy pups promoted to Devil Dog



Who is running the M.O.O.D Growl?





## 2018 Colorado Department Marine Corps League Scholarship

From the Department Scholarship committee

Marines, Auxiliary Members

Marines and their families have always risen to any challenge presented to them. We are proposing a challenge to you that will have long range benefits to the Marine Corps League and Marine Corps League Auxiliary in Colorado and very possibly a member of your family sometime in the future. Many members have experienced the benefit of a grant from our MCL National Scholarship program for a child or grandchild. We hope to be able to add to this benefit and feel that someday one of your own children or grandchildren might enjoy these benefits.

Department of Colorado Scholarship Fund asks that each Detachment and Unit try to support the Scholarship Fund with a \$100.00 donation. Understanding that this might be difficult for smaller underfunded Detachments, and Units we ask that those smaller Detachments and Units that cannot afford \$100.00 still try to meet the traditional \$2.00 per member challenge. On the other hand, Detachments and Units with more than fifty members that have the resources might also consider the \$2.00 per Capita challenge as their resources allow. If each Detachment and Unit would set a goal of honoring this donation request to the Department Scholarship fund each year, our goals could be achieved and the number and amounts of our grants could grow. Please note this is not an assessment, but a voluntary effort that each Detachment and Unit could chose to provide by whatever means would work best for them.

If your Detachment and/or Unit could meet this challenge by passing the hat, conducting a fundraiser for this purpose, an in house per capita assessment, or an outright donation, it will be appreciated and very instrumental in the success of our program. Knowing that some Detachments and Units resources are considerably greater than others, those that can afford to exceed this suggested goal are encouraged to do so.

Please come to this year's Department Convention with a donation meeting this challenge or a commitment from your Detachment to meet this challenge in the near future. This is a program that will pay dividends for our families' youth for many years to come. We do accept donations all year long not just at the Department Convention.

*We do not need to remind everyone, but we will anyway, it is listed in the articles for the Department Scholarship fund and it reads in part: One from each duly chartered Detachment, one from each Unit and The Department Commandant and the Auxiliary President or their designee shall be members of the Board for the Scholarship fund.*

Meg Krebs  
Vice Chairman  
Department Scholarship Fund