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**2019**  
**Rocky Mountain Division Convention**  
**Colorado Department Convention**

Hosted by the Union Colony Det. 1093  
DoubleTree by Hilton Greeley at Lincoln Park  
919 7th St  
Greeley, CO 80634

**3 - 5 May 2019**



The Union Colony Det. have signed the contract with the DoubleTree Hotel in Greeley for the 2019 Division / Department Convention which includes up to 40 rooms for Friday and Saturday. To access the exclusive rates available to the Marine Corps League for this event go to <http://group.doubletree.com/USMarineCorpsLeague>

Information is available at:

<https://mclco.org/2019-colorado-state-con>

The Union Colony Det. Paymaster is accepting ad forms and RSVPs for the May 3-5 Convention. Please have all of your forms submitted to her by April 1. Completed forms can be sent to [paymastermcl1093@gmail.com](mailto:paymastermcl1093@gmail.com) or to the Union Colony Detachment address found in the forms.



## Colorado Department Commandant Clem Schuette

If you are like me , you are tired of the cold weather, and looking forward to spring. I always look forward to the Department convention. This year the Union Colony Marines are hosting the event in Greeley, CO. We are also hosting the Rocky Mountain Division Convention. The delegate registration forms have been sent to your Commandants as well as the information for hotel reservations. Unfortunately the RSVP for the banquet, scholarship etc., had been delayed, and was sent out late. You should have them at the time of this publication. My apologies for the delay.

At our quarterly meeting in Salida, a resolution was presented to make a Phillip M. Price an Honorary Commandant of the Department of Colorado for 2019. This resolution was passed and a certificate and plaque will be presented to his widow, Holly Price, at the Department convention.

A big thank you to the Union Colony Marines for providing an honor guard team to pay the last tribute of honor and respect to our fallen brother. To Tom and Debbie Krueger, Steve and Mitzy Abeyta, the Frank J. Carroll, Windsor Marines, and Broomfield Detachments, and the Rocky Mountain Diamonds Auxiliary for their help in assisting Holly in the preparation of the celebration of Phil's life. He is one of THE FEW, THE PROUD, a UNITED STATES MARINE.

He will be missed by all.  
SEMPER FI MARINES  
Clem



Marine Corps Commandant General Robert Neller with AVC RMD Russell Miller at the 2019 MCL mid-winter conference.



Colorado Department officers at the February 2019 Department staff meeting at the Salida, CO Elks Club.



### **Senior Vice Commandant Russ Miller**

Hello Marines, FMF Corpsmen, FMF Chaplains, associate members, auxiliary members, family and friends. As we move into spring and the weather “improves”, we hope, I know that all your Detachments will be extremely busy planning for events, fund raisers, parades, etc. When you’re out there, please keep your eyes and ears open for prospective new members to continue to grow our League. Remember, it isn’t enough to gag and drag them to a meeting. We need to be sure that we are helping them get engaged with our membership and programs so they know they are part of the mission.

National Senior Vice Commandant, Dennis Tobin shared something that I’m sure some of you are already doing in some form or fashion. He recommended creating a mentorship committee. I can hear the groans of pain now, NOT ANOTHER COMMITTEE!! If the word committee makes you want to vomit in your shoes, then call it a mentorship team. Here is the long and short of what Dennis shared, “Have a group of volunteers or volun-tolds, standing by at your gatherings to take a new member under his/her wing for the first few months and help them get acclimated to the League.”

When each of us arrived at a new duty station, we had another Marine that would show us around the base and explain where things were. We also had a check in list, that we took everywhere and got signed to prove that we had physically seen medical, dental, admin, armory, blah-blah-blah. In a way, new members are “Checking In” with the League and in some cases, they are checking in with your town as a brand new civilian. Introduce them to other members their first few times. Sit with them during the meal. See if they have questions about what goes on during our meetings and explain to them what the different officers do in the league. Call and invite/remind them before each future get-together. If they have come to your detachment through the Marine 4 Life program, they could more than likely use some advice on a good realtor, what neighborhoods and schools are best for their family, where to find a good church family to join. More than likely, they have never heard of Young Marines, and may want their children to get involved there. Welcome them to your CLAN.

I can only speak for myself on this, however, if in 1996 when I first stepped into a Marine Corps League meeting in Colorado Springs the members present would have done what is suggested, I guarantee I would have jumped in with both feet. Instead, they sat around and continued to talk about Vietnam, which didn’t interest me since I was still dropping bombs in my diapers during Vietnam. I told them “if I wanted to be ignored, I would have stayed home with my wife and kids. Jump forward to 2009 when I was hounded to death, I mean encouraged repeatedly, to give it another try. Due to our members welcoming me the way that they did, I joined in 2010, and now you poor slobbs are stuck with me. Neener-neener-neeeeener!

Final note; as our Division and Department Marine 4 Life Liaison, I would also ask that each Detachment please identify a Marine For Life (M4L) Liaison from among your ranks as soon as possible that can become the eyes and ears in the community. Networking with job fairs, talking to companies that may be hiring, making contacts at un-employment agencies, and other Veteran Service Organizations. This way, when your detachment gets a call that a Marine is transitioning off active duty and moving to your community, you will be prepared to reach out to them and put them in contact with the resources they need to get “Checked In” to the next chapter of their life.

Semper Fi,  
Russ



### **Junior Vice Commandant Paul Yott**

Good day Marines. Hope things are going well for you and your family. As for my wife and I, we are OK. In response to a request for an article for the Department Newsletter, I am not sure what to write since this is my first time in trying to submit something to a newsletter. I do want to thank all of our Marines, Corpsmen, and Chaplains within the Department of Colorado Marine Corps League for giving me the opportunity to be the Junior Vice Commandant for the Department of Colorado. I am willing to learn, and to work alongside our Department Commandant, and Senior Vice Commandant to help our Department grow, and do my best in the position that I am ask to hold. I am also looking forward to communicating with our members and to receive any ideas from them in helping draw new members to all of our Detachments in Colorado. I thank all of our brothers and sisters with the Dept. of CO MCL again for allowing me the opportunity to serve in the Department of Colorado as a Junior Vice Commandant.

Semper Fi  
Marine Paul L. Yott



### **2019 Marine Corps League 96<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention**

<https://www.mclnationalconvention2019.com>

The Eugene Sara Det. of the MCL is proud to host this year's national convention in Billings Montana.



*In loving memory of our brother Marine*

**Marine Phillip M. Price  
1963 – 2019**

Phillip M. Price Jr. age 55, of Golden Co. passed away peacefully Feb. 12, 2019. He leaves behind his wife Holly, children Charity, Sarah, Rachel, and Isaac, mother Sandra and 7 siblings.

Marine Phil Price was the CO Dept. Senior Vice Commandant. During the CO Dept. February staff meeting, Phil was named the honorary 2019 CO Dept. Commandant.



### **Web Sergeant Terry Crum**

Greetings motivated Marines, dedicated FMF Corpsmen, and outstanding associate/auxiliary members. I hope that you are enjoying your time reading this newsletter while perhaps picking a bit of useful knowledge along the way. I would like to thank everyone that contributed an article for posting. This document that you are reading is only possible because of the Dept. officers and committee members taking time out from their busy days to organize their thoughts and compose the articles that are before you at this time. To all that contributed articles, thanks for your efforts. I ask also that you allow me to aide you in present and future duties and responsibilities in the Colorado Department. Feel free to use this newsletter and the Department web site as a tool to advance your Marine Corps League mission.

As always do consider yourself welcome to visit the Colorado Department website at <https://mclco.org> . Like this newsletter it is intended to be informative and somewhat entertaining in a manner that is easy to navigate. I would like to draw a bit of attention at this time to the web page regarding the Departments outstanding Detachments <https://mclco.org/detachments> . If you visit this page you will see an array of link buttons, one for each Detachment in the Department. Selecting a button will either take you to a Detachment's own web site or to a Detachment information page that I maintain. If a Detachment chooses not to have their own web site, I think that is just fine; however, the Detachment information page I manage is only as good as the input that you provide. Here is an example of what a Detachment information page can look like please see: <https://mclco.org/windsor> . Wrapping up this paragraph, be like the Windors Marines and send me timely and accurate information relating to your Detachment. The website can no more accurate than the information provided.

Semper Fidelis,  
Terry

### **Memorial Service honoring Marine Lt Frank J Carroll**



On March 31, 2019 the Frank J. Carroll Detachment & Auxiliary will be holding its annual Memorial Service honoring Marine Lt Frank J. Carroll, who was killed in action 50 years ago on April 1, 1969 in Viet Nam. It is being held at his graveside at Crown Hill Cemetery at 14:00 at 29<sup>th</sup> Ave and Wadsworth Blvd. in Lakewood, CO. If any of our fellow Marine Corps League or Auxiliary members would care to join us for this brief ceremony honoring our namesake, we welcome you.

If any Detachments knows of members that will join us, please advise Barry Georgopoulos at [bandbmcl@aol.com](mailto:bandbmcl@aol.com) so we can have enough programs for everybody.

Thanks & Semper Fi  
Ron Ice, Commandant  
Frank J. Carroll Detachment



## Colorado Pack of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs Pack Leader P.D.D. Russ Miller

Woof Woof, Devil Dogs!

I wish you all had been at the Mid-Winter Growl with Kennel Smart Dog Tom Krueger and I a couple weeks ago. I howled so hard, I peed all over the carpets, furniture, and the walls. It was soooooo much fun watching our Honorable Past Chiefs bark their heads off at each other. It was truly the FUN part of the Fun and Honor Society.

The Grand Growl of the Pack is just a few fire hydrants away (Friday, 3 May). If a PUP in your pound has completed at least one year as a PUP and is ready to advance to the degree of Devil Dog, please scratch out an application for advancement and forward to the Pack Dog Robber ASAP. Make sure your Pups know how to bark their name, license number, Pound and Pack properly. They may also want to BONE up on their Devil Dog and MCL knowledge too. PDD Roger Baty has put together an Obedience School Manual if any of your Pound Mad Dogs are interested in a copy. Don't forget to bring 2 Big Bones for your Grand Growl Passport Stamp and 5 Big Bones for your Delegate Registration. Small bones are advised as well. Those pesky Fleas will be all over the place biting and scratching, so make sure you buy a flea collar.

Devil Dogs that have completed at least one year as a DD and feel they are ready for the challenge of initiation to the degree of Pedigree Devil Dog are commanded to stop dragging their hind quarters across the carpet, scratch their name and license number on an application for advancement to PDD and have your Pound Dog Robber forward to the Pack Dog Robber for his scratching NOW. There is still time to get to the Vet and make sure your shots are up to date. You can buy a flea collar when you get to Billings, Montana on Aug 5<sup>th</sup>. Remember you will need to check in on the human side of the house (as a MCL delegate for your detachment) FIRST and then wag your tail on down to the Dog House and check in with the Mad Dog no later than 1500 to be assigned to your obedience trainer before the 1700 cut-off. No sniffing crotches or knocking over garbage cans on your way there. Bring plenty of Big Bones. I recommend at least 100 to be on the safe side, unless you are either a faster runner than the Police Dog, or more intelligent than the Smart Dog. NO SMALL BONES AT A SUPREME GROWL OF THE KENNEL! I wonder who will be brave/dumb enough to wear my dress all three days of initiation.

Remember that every Dog is a dog catcher for their pound. Keep sniffing out those whelps that have shown themselves worthy by their human actions to be good candidates to become PUPs in the Order. Kindness (community service), loyalty (serving in the league), bravery (welcoming brother/sister Marines) are some of the K-9 traits we are watching for in a prospective Dog of the Order.

Until we meet again in Growl assembled,  
SEMPER WOOF  
P.D.D. Russ

### Marine Corps March History 8th & I



On March 31, 1801, the second Commandant of the Marine Corps, Lieutenant Colonel William W. Burrows, rode then-President Thomas Jefferson in search of, "a proper place to fix the Marine Barracks on." The two chose a square in Southeast Washington, at 8th and I streets, due to its proximity to the Navy Yard, as well as being within marching distance of the Capitol.

## **Marine Corps League Auxiliary Department President Holly Price**

Happy Spring everyone! Warm weather is just around the corner. I know I for one can't wait!

I attended the Midwinter Conference with several wonderful people this year. We had a great time. Next year we're having midwinter in Norfolk, VA!

As many of you know, My husband Phil Price passed away last month. I want to just say thank you to everyone who has donated funds, food, and a shoulder during this difficult time. Your prayers and friendship mean so much. Thank you ladies, for allowing me to postpone our staff meeting till this month. Our staff meeting is now on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Spartan College in Broomfield. Meeting will be at 10 am, lunch to follow. It will be a more casual meeting. No uniforms. I hope to see you all there! We will still have a flea meeting.

Our 2019 Department of Colorado Convention is coming up before you know it! It's at the Doubletree by Hilton Greeley at Lincoln Park.

919 7<sup>th</sup> St

Greeley, CO 80634

970-304-0000

Reservations must be made no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>

We should all be planning on attending.

Don't forget our National Convention this year is in Billings Montana. August 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Registration closes July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 so don't wait.

I want to thank all of you for all you do! Together we can make a difference! If you have any questions, or need help, don't hesitate to call.

Semper Fi

Holly Price

Department of Colorado President

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### **Continuing Prayers for the Colorado Dept. Chaplain Steve Abeyta**



Word has it that our Department of Colorado Chaplain and Pack Smart Dog, Steve Abeyta is doing much better. He has been back in the hospital for 5 weeks now and had a bit of a set back last week but he is finally able to sit up in a chair. Please keep praying for his continued recovery.

Please continue to keep Steve and Misty in your thoughts and prayers. We miss Steve and look forward to your return to our ranks.