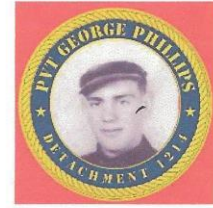


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This newsletter and previous issues can be obtained from the **new Detachment Website. <http://www.pvtgeophillips.org/>**

Please contact the Editor to receive future issues electronically.

As a suggestion, anyone wishing to provide material *should try* to have it to the editor no later than the *fourth Friday* of previous month. (This doesn't mean don't submit anything at all if you need more time, instead please contact the editor.) If sent via email, please note that newsletter submission should appear the subject line.



Next Meeting will be June 20, 2017 @ 1930



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**Meetings 3rd Tuesday of
Every Month
1930 – 7:30 PM**



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**Meetings 3rd Tuesday
of Every Month
1915 – 7:15 PM**

Commandant's Message:

May collections were a success.

Memorial Day at Labadie with the American Legion was great. The guest speaker was Lt Col Richardson from Marine Corps Detachment at Fort Leonard Wood. He did a great job. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Our annual birthday ceremony at Labadie is set for Saturday, July 15th, 1000 hours, This normally has a good turnout. Afterward we will have lunch at the Hawthorne Inn in Labadie.

Semper Fidelis,

Jerry Gerling



Photo taken at Labadie on Memorial Day by Commandant Jerry Gerling.

Detachment Calendar

June 2017

- 13 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 20 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208
- 20 – Auxiliary Meeting – 1915 Post #208
- 25 – Baseball Game Honoring Marines – 1230 Busch Stadium (See May Article and Brochure)

July 2017

- 11 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 15 – Pvt George Phillips Birthday – 1000 Labadie, MO
- 18 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208
- 18 – Auxiliary Meeting – 1915 Post #208
- 29 – Baseball Game Honoring POWs/MIAs – 1730 Busch Stadium (See Article and Brochure)

August 2017

- 5 – Texas Tournament – (See Brochure)
- 8 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 12 – 7th Annual Warrior Support 5K /1M Fun Run/Dog Walk – 0745, Carondelet Park (See Brochure)
- 15 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208
- 15 – Auxiliary Meeting – 1915 Post #208
- 17 – Kaufman Fund Golf Tournament – 1000 (See Brochure)



A big Thank You was presented to representatives of the Woman's Auxiliary at the May Meeting for service above and beyond the call.

Members Matter by Lyle McFarlin

I was born on October 12, 1931, in St. Louis, MO. I have one brother and three sisters. I went to grade school in north St. Louis and then on to Soldan High School. My dad was drafted at age 38 with five children in the household. The military needed plumbers, which was my dad's occupation. The family struggled at home while he served two years in France as a plumber in a general hospital. The family was able to recover some and I joined the Marines in 1948, six months before I graduated from high school. I went to the *only* boot camp, Parris Island, also known as Hell on Earth. I signed up for three years and was involuntarily extended for another year. I spent time at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and then spent six months on a Mediterranean cruise with the FMF, 6th Fleet. That cruise has continued for many years, and is still in place.

The Korean War started in June, 1950. I was shipped with the 2nd Marine Division out of Camp Lejeune to Camp Pendleton, California. The 2nd Marine Division was integrated with the 1st Marine Division. I was then sent off to Korea in 1950 as a machine gun squad leader. My outfit was the 1st Marines, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Division. I was there from September, 1950, through April, 1951.

I went into combat with the 1st Marine Division. We took Inchon, and then encountered thirty miles of fierce fighting. We proceeded to take Seoul, a fierce street fighting Hell. I was wounded in Seoul, with wounds from grenade fragments and was awarded a purple heart. I recovered and rejoined my outfit and we proceeded on to the Chosin Reservoir, again with the 1st Marines and Chesty Puller. Ooooooorah! We were then fighting the Chinese. We, the Marines, know about the Chosin Reservoir, one cold Hell! But I had the privilege of walking out of the reservoir to Hungnam. I served at that time as

a machine gun leader, and a squad leader.

I returned to the states and was sent to Camp Lejeune for a year. I served as an instructor for those qualifying with rifle and pistol. When I was extended I got married to my wife, Verla, in December, 1951. We had a daughter named Deborah the last year I was in the Corps. We then went on to have three more children, two daughters, Karen and Dorothy, and a son, James, Junior. Being married to a Marine is no easy task for sixty-five years.

When I got out I went to work a short time at McDonnell Douglas and then I worked for eighteen years as a photo engraver. I was injured from Nitric Acid chemical burns, and went to work selling printing to customers. I am still doing that on my own part time. In 1980 I became self-employed, selling printing. I was a dedicated union member until I began working for myself.

I have no "Bucket list" of things I still want to do. I can't hear very well. I got closest in the detachment to Dave Anderson, Ted Eberley and Harry Hope. My wife has been ill for the past eight years. She had been active in the detachment auxiliary until she became quite ill. I hope to attend detachment meetings in the future but I will always be a member. I enjoy my membership with friends from the Corps.

I am James Richard Hellmann.



James Hellmann, August 20, 2013. (Has same birthday as newsletter editor, Carl Ramsey.)

Attention On Deck by Lyle McFarlin

While we can debate the rights and wrongs of war, what is not open to debate is what these men and women did for their country. This country called, and they answered that call, and many did not return.

People ask why this is important. It's important because this country sent men and women into harms' way and made them a promise. They would be returned. And it is a promise made not just by our government and our military; it was also made by each individual American.

“Each of these men and women were somebody's father or mother, they were somebody's brother or sister, they were somebody's husband or wife. All of us are those mothers, fathers, husbands, wives, brothers, and sisters. That makes the promise we made to them, one husband or wife to another, one mother or father to another, one brother or sister to another, and this is a promise that we're determined to keep.”

Joint POW-MIA Accounting Command

The Jefferson Barracks POW-MIA Museum is a part of that promise and commitment with which we have all been entrusted. A commitment which our fellow Americans will be able to see and understand – a promise made, and a promise kept.

The mission of the Jefferson Barracks POW-MIA museum is to reverently honor all who served our country in any branch of the United States military, who were captured by enemies of the United States, or who is missing in action, from any year and from any conflict.

This mission includes raising the awareness of the American public to the numbers of captured Americans who returned to us alive, and to the

numbers of those who perished in captivity and to the numbers of those persons still missing who have yet not been returned to us for the homage they deserve.

The Jefferson Barracks POW-MIA Museum was initially formed as a LLC in August of 2011. In order to qualify as a 501 © (3) non-profit, tax exempt entity, it restructured into a C Corp under the Missouri Non-profit Corporation Act, Chapter 355 of the Revised Statues of Missouri and became the Jefferson Barracks Museum, Inc. on May 18, 2012. The museum is managed by its Board of Directors. An Executive Committee consisting of a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer elected from the Board of Directors, exercises general executive supervision over the affairs and activities of the Jefferson Barracks POW-MIA museum as authorized by its Bylaws and the Board of Directors. The Board members and Executive Committee officers all serve without compensation.

The Jefferson Barracks POW-MIA Museum is located on 16-18 Hancock Road, Jefferson Barracks Historic District, in south St. Louis, MO.

We are grateful for the participation of Carolyn Martin (Below Right), member of the Pvt. George Phillips Detachment Auxiliary, who serves on the POW-MIA Board of Directors. Carolyn is very active in many other military and veteran organizations. And we are grateful too for Pvt. George Phillips Detachment member and newsletter editor, Carl Ramsey (Below Left), who serves as the appointed historian for museum.



**Benevolence Fund Recommendation,
Submitted by Jack Bickerton, Chairman**

Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Iwo Jima Memorial Fund. The monument's design by Curt Fentress, designer of the National Museum of the Marine Corps Quantico base in Virginia. The bronze design and cast will be done by Tom Bollinger, whose uncle was killed at Iwo Jima. The monument will be able to be seen by drivers on Interstate 5, ships off of the shore and military aircraft flying overhead.

Currently, the goal is to complete the monument by the Marine Corps' birthday on November 10, 2018. The budget was set for \$10.7 million with a 15 percent contingency and must be secured before the construction begins. According to the web cite, over \$200,000 has been raised. The Memorial is to be paid for with 100% private funds. The names of donors will be listed on the website (without amounts) and at the Memorial in an interactive kiosk.

Project: Build a spectacular Iwo Jima Flag Raising Memorial at Camp Pendleton, facing the Iwo Jima coordinates across the Pacific. Site it on a hillside viewable adjacent to the PVEC (aka SNCO Club), for Marines, and the public transversing I-5, and offshore, a permanent symbol of American courage and sacrifice.

Fentress Architects has previously designed and built the magnificent National Museum of the Marine Corps, Triangle, VA. One of the most respected and honored US architects in the field of public buildings, Fentress has taken the vision of Iwo Jima Monument West, non-profit, and turned it into a proposal that will become the most significant symbol of the USMC on the Pacific coast.

Lit at night 24/7, the monument will shine like a beacon of freedom to all who see it, an icon of American history, and resonate with all who see it. The tantamount example of courage, it will stand for hundreds of years so that the legacy will never be forgotten!

Fentress presented his design at a national unveiling in front of 13 Iwo Jima veterans at "The Celebration of Courage" event, Newport Beach, CA sponsored by Iwo Jima Monument West, October 31, 2015. His remarks can be seen here by all Marines and Americans. Support building this magnificent tribute that displays American courage and determination. That is the USMC!!

MISSION: OPERATION HOME OF THE BRAVE

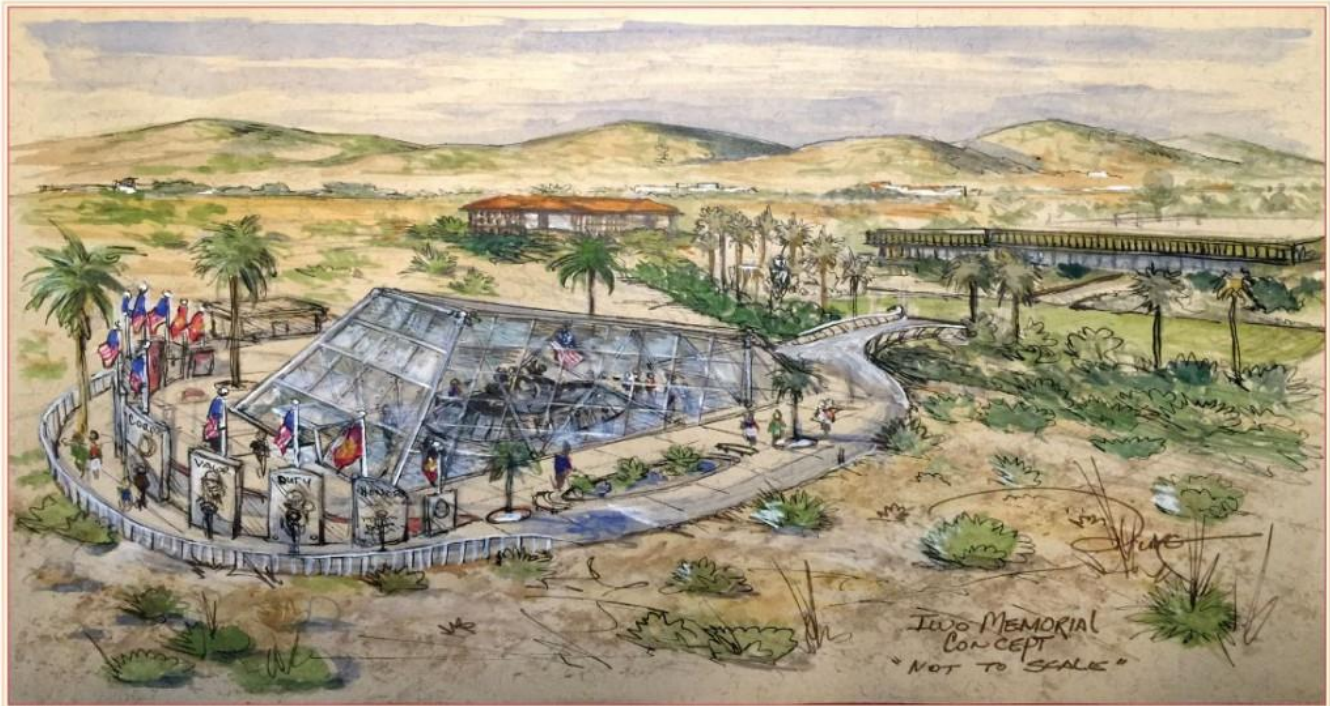
To fund an Iwo Jima Flag Raising monument and memorial site at Camp Pendleton to make all who see it reflect and pay their respects to Marines who have, and will continue to make the ultimate sacrifice in defense of the United States of America;

To not only inspire but educate all Americans that we are, as our national anthem says, "the home of the free, the home of the brave", through inscriptions and visual aids that tell the story on site; to teach that the famous image of the flag raising by Associated Press combat photographer Joseph Rosenthal "electrified" was weary Americans and became the symbol of the most successful war bond drive ("The Mighty 7th") in WWII; the image from the photograph was adopted in multiple modalities and became essentially an American icon; it was the most reproduced photograph in all of WWII;

Visible to millions at the proposed location, near Interstate 5, and lit at night for aircraft and ships to see, we at Iwo Jima Monument West are projecting that it will become a landmark, at night aglow in lighting, servicing as a beacon of freedom that reinforces that "uncommon valor" remains in the American spirit. May God continue to bless America.

LEGAL ENTITY: IWO JIMA MONUMENT WEST

A 501 c 3 charity was established on 11/15/13 to accept private donations to fund this project. The IRS final determination as fully tax deductible was approved on May 19, 2014 (EIN: 46-7128553).



Iwo Jima Memorial

Marine Base Camp Pendleton
Artist Concept

June Birthday Scroll

Marines

***Stephen Grgurich, Gary Harris,
Franklin Hawkins,
Philip Kemp, Leon Oliver***

Auxiliary

Nancy Hale, Terry Hope

VETERANS, VET Groups, Family & Supporters

Your HELP is needed to Locate Families of those

MISSING IN ACTION (MIA)

From the Missouri/Illinois Area

The POW-MIA Museum at Historic Jefferson Barracks

Last Year Honored 3 former POW's of the Vietnam War

This Year we want the Focus to be on the MIA's

Saturday 29 July at Cardinal's Game vs. Arizona

Pre-Game Ceremony at Home Plate to HONOR their Memory

The Museum will provide 2 tickets for selected Families

to be at the Ceremony to HONOR their MIA

The Cardinals are providing \$62 Field Level Seats for ONLY \$31

SPECIAL NOTE: Game Time is 6:15 PM – Ceremony 5:30

We also have some Handicapped and Wheel Chair Seating

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Cards can provide Carts to take you to Seating Sections

Ask Usher after Entering Stadium – COME EARLY

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Marine Corps league – Vietnam Vets of America – VFW – American Legion

Navy League – H.E.R.O.E.S. Care – Focus Marine Foundation

DEADLINE for Reservation is 5 July – Payment by 10 JULY

www.jbPOW-MIA.org

POW-MIA Museum at Historic Jefferson Barracks

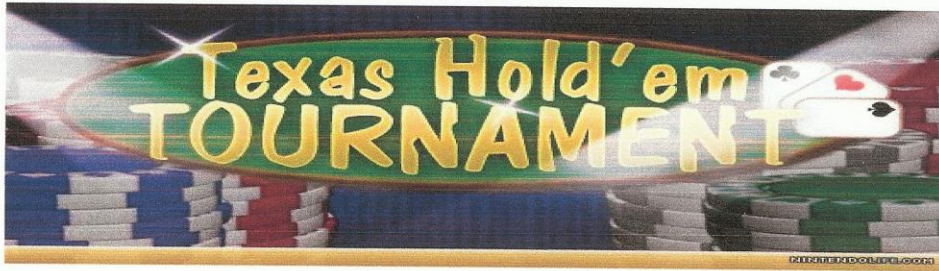
“No One Left Behind – No One Forgotten”



**6/2/1967, Capt
James A. Graham
(Right) KIA
protecting
wounded man
while company
returned to lines.**



**6/7/1945, Pvt Robert
McTureous, Jr. (Left),
Okinawa, threw grenades into
enemy positions to protect
stretcher bearers; killed 6,
disorganized the rest of enemy.**



AUGUST 5TH, 2017

Proceeds to Benefit **FOCUS** Marines Foundation

Sponsored by Immaculate Conception Men's Club in Honor of Dennis Bible

Doors open 4:00 PM

Games Start 4:30 PM

Location: Immaculate Conception Parish Center

2300 Church Road, Arnold

Cost with reservations* - \$40 plus \$10 extra buy-in chip

Cost at the door* - \$50 plus \$10 extra buy-in chip

* Cost includes beer, soda & snacks

For reservations call: **Steve Ploesser** 314-413-1098

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FOCUS Marines Foundation (FMF), a 501c3 non-profit charity, was founded in 2010 by a group of St. Louis area Marines. FMF conducts four, multi-faceted, seven-day, transformative programs during the year to assist wounded Marines and Navy Corpsmen in their transition from the battlefield to civilian life. All costs, including air fare, lodging and meals are paid by FMF. To date, FMF has served over 700 warriors.

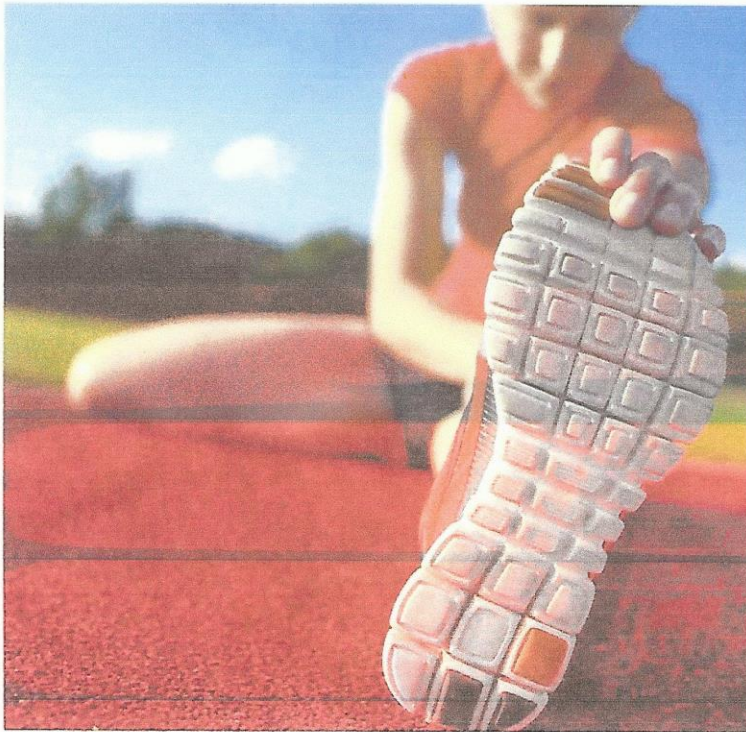
Upon leaving the military, many warriors, especially those suffering physical wounds or the emotional wounds of PTS/TBI, experience depression and a lack of direction and meaningfulness which can lead to confusion, despair and, tragically, suicide. These symptoms can persist over years if not properly addressed.

During the week at FOCUS, participants attend an intense, introspective 3-day workshop to understand and purge negative tendencies and to embrace and overcome the difficulties of civilian life. Superb motivational speakers inspire participants to rise above their challenges, reject victimization, and adopt positive habits. Participants are coached in practical life skills such as networking, resume writing, mock interviews and other important talents. During the week, participants experience renewed hope and direction, develop positive characteristics, experience enhanced self-worth, and are re-committed to themselves and their families and friends.



**6/4-5/1942, Capt
Richard E.
Fleming (Left),
Battle of Midway,
for attack on
cruiser Mikuma
(Right)**





12 AUGUST 2017

**7TH ANNUAL WARRIOR SUPPORT
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We were founded by veterans including some with multiple combat deployments and decades of experience. We also have relationships with many local veteran's organizations. This combination provides us with a unique ability to direct donated funds to St. Louis local veteran's organizations. We have raised and donated \$10,000s to support local organizations. The use of these funds range from PTSD and TBI assistance to support for deployed Marines and other military personnel.

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**6/16/1944, GySgt
Robert H. McCard
(Left) saved his
tank crew on
Saipan, killing 16
with dismantled
machinegun until
KIA.**

**6/16/1968, GySgt
Jimmie E.
Howard (Right)
led 17 against 300
in 12 hour battle
for Hill 488
killing 200, losing
6.**





The Kaufman Fund

Golf Tournament in Memory of Ralph Kaufman

To Benefit Local Veteran and Children's Charities.

Men's, Women's
& Mixed Teams
Welcome

August 17, 2017

Four Person Scramble – Shotgun Start

PROGRAM:

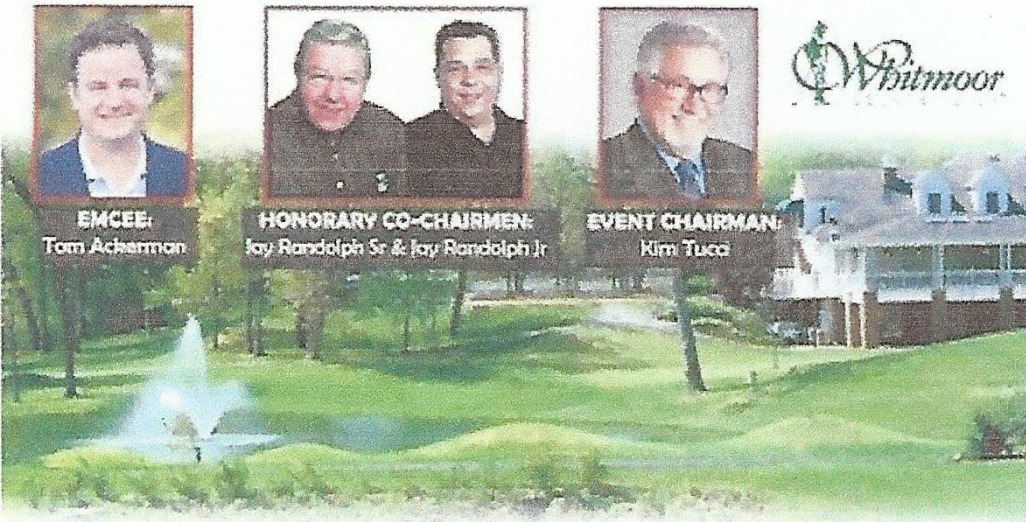
- 10am – Registration Begins, Receive Golfer Gift
- 11am – Lunch
- 12pm – Shotgun Start
- 4pm – Wine Tasting by *Island Winery*
- 5pm – Cocktails & Silent Auction
- 6pm – Dinner, Program & Live Auction, Presentation of Awards

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL:

Entries are \$275 if purchased by July 1, 2017

Cost is \$300 per player. (\$175 is tax deductible) which includes a guest for wine tasting, cocktails, dinner and auction. Checks made payable to: The Kaufman Fund or online at www.TheKaufmanFund.org/events/golf

The Kaufman fund is a 501(c)(3) charity and contributions are deductible to the extent allowed by law.



The Kaufman Fund...Serving Those Who Served.

The mission of The Kaufman Fund is to support local veterans and children who are at risk of abuse or poverty, needing food, shelter, clothing, medical care and basic needs.



6/11/1871, Private Hugh Purvis (Left) on board the U.S.S. Alaska during the attack on and capture of the Korean forts. Braving the enemy fire, Purvis was the first to scale the walls of the fort and capture the flag of the Korean forces.

6/6/1918, GySgt Ernest A. Janson (Right), Chateau-Thierry, dispersed machinegun unit; 1 of 5 WW I Marines to receive MOH from Marines & Army for same action.





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May 23, 2017

Gerald Gerlin
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Dear Mr. Gerlin

Energizer Holdings, Inc. is one of the world's largest manufacturers of primary batteries, portable flashlights and lanterns. We are proud to be stewards of two iconic, globally recognized brands that consumers know and love around the world.



As a global leader in power solutions, our mission is to lead the charge to connect our brands, our people and the products we offer to the world better than anyone else. Our more than 40 locations include:

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Thank you for your referrals and support.

With kind regards,

The Energizer Recruitment Team

Gunnery Sergeant John H. Quick (far left, buried in Jennings, MO, Medal of Honor, 6/14/1898.) photographed sometime prior to 1912 with three other legendary Marines. From left to right: future Major General & Marine Corps Commandant Wendell Cushing Neville, future Lieutenant General & Commandant John Archer Lejeune, & future Major General & two time Medal of Honor recipient Smedley Butler.

