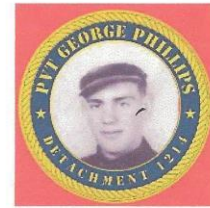




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All annual dues expire on August 31st of each year. Our membership dues are \$40.00 a year and are due prior to George Phillips Detachment" and send to the Detachment address.

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.



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Commandant's Corner

ATTENTION ON DECK



To all members and associate members of our Private George Phillips detachment, Marine Corps League. I am grateful for the honor and privilege to serve as your Commandant. Our May meeting is scheduled for the 21st at 1930 hours. I look forward to seeing all of you at that time, masks are optional.

Marines this month we have our May collection which will be held at the Sam's Club on Manchester the dates are May 24, 25 and 26. We still need volunteers so if you can spare an hour or two, please contact Hugh Smith at 636-484-4188 to schedule your shift.

Also, we need someone to fill in for our Quartermaster Tyler Gerling, he will be on leave during the spring and part of the summer. Please contact me or Dennis if you're interested in helping us out.

Also, our new shed has been purchased and currently we are waiting on Manchester for the permits. Once they have been issued, we will be ready to start installing it in the coming weeks. John Cooper is heading up this project, if you have any questions. Once the shed is completed, we will be requesting all those who can, help us empty out our current storage space. So, if you have some time to help that would be great. Also, if you have a truck to help us move the items to the new location it

would be appreciated. On May 1st our detachment went out to the Pacific high school for the ROTC awards night. I would like to thank Jerry Gerling, John Cooper and Joe Gentile for going and presenting our certificates.

I received a nice email from Gunner Cain as follows:

Brad, thank you for your Detachments participating in our awards' night. Your presence was paramount in the success of the evening.

Semper FI Gunner Cain

Semper Fi Marines.....

Brad McNeil, Commandant
Pvt. George Phillips Detachment # 1214
Marine Corps League Semper Fi
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Chaplain's Message

Detachment member Larry Decker's Visitation will be at 9:30 AM, with a Service at 10:30 AM. Both will be at Good Shephard Lutheran, 327 Woods Mill, located near Manchester and 141. Grave side Service will be at Jefferson Barracks Cemetery at 1230 PM. Latty passed away on March 10, 2024, 19 days before his 78th birthday. He is survived by his wife Janet.

Mother's Day Message.

The modern American holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1907 when Anne Jarvis held the first Mother's Day Service of Worship at Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. Her campaign to make Mother's Day a recognized holiday began in 1905, the year her mother Ann Reeves Jarvis died. She had been a peace activist during the Civil War, who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides. I find it significant it began in West Virginia, the only state in the US created when the previous largest state in the country, Virginia, was split in half by Civil War, in some cases causing brothers with the same mother to fight each other. By 1911, all US states observed the holiday, (Note: Arizona and New Mexico didn't become states until 1912).

As a Marine, my favorite story to tell about my mother, is she served in the Army in the South Pacific in WW II where she met my father. So, I grew up in an Army house, and the first time I heard the word Marine, I thought someone said tangerine. Well, my mother was the keeper of the family records, which I inherited from her, becoming in her place when she passed, the family historian in her place. There's also one thing I have in common with her, which I don't share with my dad. My mother and I both have a good conduct medal.

Carl Ramsey Chaplain

May 2024

- 15 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 17 – Visitation and graveside ceremony for **Larry Decker** (See Chaplain's column)
- 21 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208
- 24-26 – Sams Club Collections Manchester

June 2024

- 7-8 – Department Convention hosted by 725 Sheraton Westport Chalet 191 W Poet Plaza Dr St. Louis MO 63146 314 878n1500 Capital Plaza, Jefferson City
- 8-9 Saint Louis Air Show
415 W McCarty St 573-635-1234

- 12 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 18 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208

July 2024

- 10 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 14 – Pvt George Phillips Birthday**
- 16 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208

August 2024

- 12-16 – National Convention Rancho Mirage CA. For further Information Contact Dennis Simpson.

- 14 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 20 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208

September 2024

- 11 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 17 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208
- 27 – Pat McCormick Golf tournament

See Brochure Last Page

October 2024

- 9 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 15 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208

November 2024

- 13 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 19 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208

December 2024

- 11 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 17 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208

MEMBERS MATTER

Reprint of Tom Heintz, April 2017

I was born in our home at 4857 St. Louis Avenue, St. Louis Missouri on May 2nd, 1936. I grew up in St. Louis and graduated from Blessed Sacrament Catholic School in May 1950. In July of 1951 we moved to Jennings Missouri.

I started in my first job in the 6th grade. I delivered groceries by balancing the box of goods on the handle-bar of my bicycle.

I attended and graduated from William Cullen McBride Catholic High School in June of 1954. All through High School I worked after school and on Saturday at the local Tomboy Store on Jennings Road. Later in 1954 I went to work at Orchard Paper Company. On November 18th 1954, I joined the U.S. Army Reserve, 102nd Ozark Division in St. Louis. In doing so, I was obligated for eight years. After fourteen months and a lot of ribbing from my Marine Brother, I joined the U.S. Marine Corps for a period of three years. Later, I extended my enlistment for three months, so I served a total of 39 months on active duty. The remainder of my 8 year obligation was Class III Ready Marine Corps Reserve.

After Boot Camp at MCRD, San Diego, I got my infantry training at Tent Camp 2, Camp San Onofre, MCB Camp Pendleton. From there I was assigned to India Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines at Camp Margarita on MCB Pendleton. I spent the entire remainder of my enlistment there. For two months I was a rifleman in the 1st Platoon. I never paid any attention to the MOS I was given out of Boot, just figured I was an 0311, Rifleman. Later, I was taken to the Company Office and told my MOS was 0141, Clerk Typist. Evidently I did too well on the typing test in Boot. Later on in my enlistment I was given a Secondary MOS 0311.

The Company Chief Clerk was due to be separated in a couple months. So, I was trained to take his place. One of the main jobs of the Chief Clerk was typing up the Unit Diary every day. Sounds easy, but it was graded at Division Headquarters and mistakes were not permitted. The good part of this job was the T/O called for a Staff Sergeant. In September I finally got my PFC (E2) Stripe, but then in October I was given a Meritorious Promotion to Corporal (E3). In January of 1957 I was sent to Personnel Administration School located at Camp Delmar outside of Oceanside. I came out first in the class. In May of 1957 I was meritoriously promoted to Sergeant (E4) as a result of a Letter of Commendation for my PA School achievement.

I was fortunate in that my Company Commanders always gave me the chance to go to the field with the Company on the many Division Operations. Thereby I was able to experience going over the side of the U.S.S. Okanagan (APA), and off the deck of the U.S.S. Thetas Bay (Helicopter Carrier). Not so much fun was the two trips to Pickle Meadows: Once in the summer for mountain leadership training and once for Cold Weather Training.

Our Regimental Commander was Colonel David Smuck. He commanded a Battalion during the fight out of the frozen Chosin. He liked to take the Regiment on a 110 mile hike every year. I managed to complete both of them. We would hike 2 days down, beer party and bar-b-que on the third day and two days back.

In January of 1958 I married my first wife. Our first child, Tommy, was born at the Oceanside Hospital on December 27, 1958.

I have to say this in closing. I never considered myself a veteran because there was no war in the entire eight years of my obligation. I was approached by Gunny Eberle who at the time lived in my subdivision in St. Clair. He had a wooden statue of a Marine in his front yard. One day as I was walking my dog, I stopped and told him that I was an ex-

Marine. That is when I learned that “once a Marine, always a Marine”. He corrected me and told me about the Marine Corps League. I became a Charter Member and found out from a couple Iwo Jima Veterans at my first meeting that they considered me as much a Marine as them. They were Bill Bragg and Elmer Dapron. I was floored by that. I love being a Marine and am now proud of my time served.

Semper Fi Brothers.
My name is Tom Heintz.

Note: by the editor, Tom Heintz makes the folded flag & brass holder for the families of deceased Marines. According to Jim Tayon of Franklin County Honor Flight, who attends the First Baptist Church of Village Ridge with Tom, after Tom presented one his holders at the December, 2015 meeting, deceased Commandant Jim Brooks asked him to make one for him. Jim passes away a few weeks later on January 1, 2016. One last note to Tom Heintz, I grew up in Jennings, Missouri too.



Tom Heintz presents one of his customized two-piece wooden case sets (one to hold and display the folded American flag and one to contain the brass from the volleys fired at grave site) to Bill & Dan Bragg for displaying the flag of their father, Iwo Jima veteran Bill Bragg at the December, 2015, meeting. Jim Brooks, who would pass away January 1, 2016, looks on. The newsletter editor was later told by Jim Tayon of Franklin County Honor Flight (who attends the same church as Tom) that Jim privately asked Tom that night if he would make one of those wooden case sets for him.



Tom Heintz, November 2013.



With collections coming up, here is Tom Heintz (right) collecting money with Gary Harris (left) in a previous November.

May Birthday Scroll
Thomas Heintz
Russell Lake
Richard Shelton
William Tyler Jr.

Korean War MIA Captain Perry Wilson Porter Jr. entered the U.S. Marine Corps from Missouri and served with Marine Fighter Squadron 212, Marine Air Group 12, 1st Marine Air Wing. On May 2, 1951, he was piloting a single-seat F4U-4B Corsair that took off from K-6 Airbase, Pyongtaek, South Korea, as last in a three-aircraft flight. Their mission was providing close air support for friendly troops in contact with the enemy northwest of “The Punchbowl,” north of the present Demilitarized Zone. After arriving at the target area, all three aircraft made one successful attack run. The flight was in the process of making another pass when the pilot of the second Corsair observed Capt Porter’s aircraft going down in flames, possibly due to a hit from enemy anti-aircraft fire in the area. Captain Porter was observed to bail out of his stricken aircraft. His chute at first appeared to inflate fully but a short while later its canopy collapsed and he began a rapid free-fall with the parachute streaming above. He impacted the ground beside a group of trees and as his flight circled above, they saw the parachute pulled slowly under a tree. The flight leader believed the parachute was being pulled by enemy soldiers and he assessed there was no chance for rescue and the flight departed the area. An observation aircraft also in the area reported seeing enemy troops carrying a man they believed to be a pilot, and thought he might have been alive; however, it is unknown whether this individual was Capt Porter, and there is no other evidence Capt Porter was taken captive. He remains unaccounted for.



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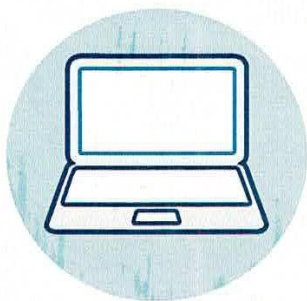
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MCL Hero Medal



MCL Distinguished
Citizen — Gold Medal



MCL Distinguished
Citizen — Silver Medal



MCL Distinguished
Citizen — Bronze Medal



MCL Distinguished
Service — Bronze Medal



MCL Marine of the Year
Ribbon — National



MCL Associate Member of the
Year Ribbon — National



MCL Marine of the Year
Ribbon — Division



MCL Associate Member of the
Year Ribbon — Division



MCL Marine of the Year
Ribbon — Department



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the Year Ribbon —
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MCL Marine of the Year Ribbon
— Detachment



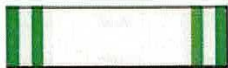
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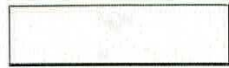
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Gold Medal



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Silver Medal



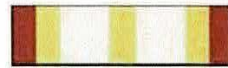
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Bronze Medal



MCL Past National
Commandant Medal



MCL National Staff
Elected Medal



MCL National Staff
Appointed Medal



MCL Past Department
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MCL Department Staff
Elected Medal



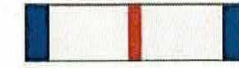
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MCL Department Recruiter —
Silver Medal



MCL Past Detachment
Commandant Medal



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Elected Medal



MCL Detachment Staff
Appointed Medal



MCL Detachment Recruiter —
Bronze Medal



MCL Community / VAVS Ribbon



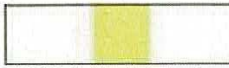
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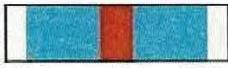
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Ribbon



MCL Individual Meritorious
Commendation Ribbon



MCL Ceremonial Guard Ribbon



MCL Marksmanship
Rifle Ribbon



MCL Marksmanship
Pistol Ribbon



MODD Kennel Dog of the
Year Medal



MODD Chief Devil Dog
Meritorious Commendation
Ribbon



MODD Pack Dog of the Year
Medal



MODD Pack Leader Meritorious
Commendation Ribbon



MODD Pound Dog of the Year
Medal



MODD Pound Keeper
Individual Meritorious
Achievement Ribbon



MODD Past Chief Devil Dog
Medal



MODD Past Pack Leader Medal



MODD Past Pound Leader
Medal



MCL Membership Medal



MCL 100th Anniversary
Ribbon
(gold frame for convention attendees)



MCL 75th National Convention
— Silver Medal
(elected / appointed)



MCL 75th National Convention
— Bronze Medal
(attendee)



MCL 50th National Convention
— Silver Medal
(elected / appointed)



MCL 50th National Convention
— Bronze Medal
(attendee)

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The Department of Missouri Convention will be held June 7-9, 2024
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SCHEDULE



20th Annual Patt McCormick Golf Tournament

***** Friday September 27, 2024 *****

07:30 am Registration

08:00 am Shotgun Start – 4 Person Scramble

Entry Fee - \$125.00 per player

All Tournament Applications & Payments must be submitted to
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