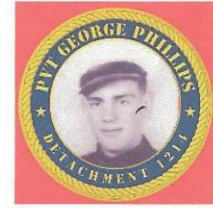


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**This newsletter and previous issues can be obtained from the **new** Detachment Website. <http://www.pvtgeophillips.org/>**

**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 September 17, 2024**



# September 2024

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**of Every Month**  
**1930 – 7:30 PM**



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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 September meeting is scheduled for the 17th at 1930 hours. I look forward to seeing all of you at that time, masks are optional.

I would like to Thank Jr. Vice Joe Gentile for putting the picnic together and doing all of the cooking. It was a great day the weather was great Simpson Park is really nice they had a big lake and the kids got to doing some fishing and taking out the Pinata, and everyone got a attendance prize. I would like to thank everyone who was able to attend. At our next meeting we will a guest speaker Sheila from Kaufman Fund.

After words we will have a short meeting to discuss the upcoming , Marine Corps Birthday celebration on November 19<sup>th</sup> at our normal meeting.

Semper Fi Marines.....

Brad McNeil, Commandant  
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**July 20, 20224**



**Let's not forget September 11.**



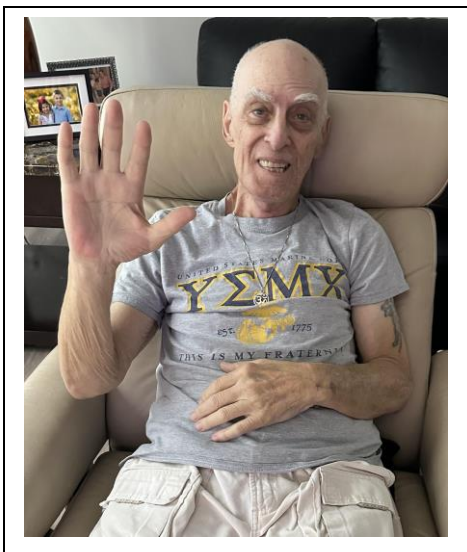
## Chaplain's Message

**Harry Hope** was discharged from St. Luke's Rehab Hospital today (Tuesday, 9/10/2024). He is going home. Thanks to all who volunteered to help transport Terry back and forth between their home and the hospital. While no longer needed, your services were sincerely appreciated by the Hope's.



Jim Tayon, former president Franklin County Honor Flight (Left)  
Harry Hope, detachment member and president Emeritus, Greater Saint Louis Honor Flight (Right)

**Mike Moss** is living at home where he now uses a feeding tube. He is able to take care of himself with showers and provide his own transportation. He welcomes visitors. Carl Ramsey watched the baseball game with him on Sunday, September 1, and took the attached picture.



Thomas Heintz has blood issues and will be getting a blood infusion on Friday, September 13. It is a 60-minute process. Tyler and Jerry Gerling deserve a lot of credit for providing him with transportation to the hospital in the past. However, he still drives as much as possible himself. His wife is suffering from cancer. Tom is a charter member of the detachment and still gets together with friends in his workshop to make flag and brass cartridge holders for anyone who has had a military funeral.



**Tom Heintz** with flag and brass cartridge cases he presented to family of Iwo Jima veteran Bill Bragg at December 2019 members meeting.



Painting of Jesus, given to the chaplain Carl Ramsey while serving at El Toro in 1969 which looks very similar to an AI construction of Jesus based on the shroud of Turin

## Members Matter by Lyle McFarlin

Reprint from May 2017

I was born on **September 15**, 1947 at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. I have two siblings, a sister Pattie and a brother Terry. I attended school in Wisconsin until my dad lost his job. Then we moved to St. Louis in 1959. I lived in the city of St. Louis and went to Roosevelt High School. Then we moved to St. Louis County and I continued my education at Lindbergh High School.

I joined the Marine Corps on January 2, 1968. I went to boot camp in San Diego, California. After ITR (Infantry Training Regiment) I was sent to Khe Sanh, Republic of South Vietnam. We then walked to Danang, also in the I Corps area. I spent thirteen months in Vietnam. We had some Marines blown up, but for me that assignment was mostly boring. My MOS was 0341, Mortarman.

I rotated home after my tour, got out of the Corps and returned to a job I had held before enlisting, at the 905 Store in Saint Louis City. I spent ten years there and then got a job at the Chrysler Plant in Fenton, Missouri. I spent thirty-five years working there and then retired on December 31, 2008 when the plant closed.

I married my wife, Anna, on November 11, 1983 and we have two adult children, a daughter, Toni, and a son, Vince.

I joined the Pvt. George Phillips Detachment, Marine Corps League in 2007. My hobbies include walking and lifting weights. Also I did some reading. I haven't traveled much, and have missed a number of Detachment meetings lately because of health. I have been diagnosed with disabilities linked to Agent Orange; my legs are all screwed up. I have Diabetic Neuropathy. I can drive, but have problems sitting for any period of time. I attend therapy twice a week, to improve my legs. I am

content to remain at home but would like to attend meetings and see my Marine friends.

My name is Rodney Greenman.



**Rod Greenman 2015.**

Note: by the editor, As I edited Rod' story, I noticed it is the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the flight made by Charles Lindbergh, May-20-21,1927, whom Rod's high school is named after. By the way, when Rod was in better health, he was always seen doing collections with his good friend, Gary Harris, as seen below.





**Detachment Picnic September 8, 2024**



**Becky, Grace, Oliver, and Jason Lehr**



**Commandant Brad McNeil  
and his wife Sandy**



**Mike and Harlene Cicchese**



**Sr Vice Commandant John Cooper  
and his wife Denise**



**Sgt at Arms Jerry Gerling and Adjutant  
& Paymaster Dennis Simpson**





Lois Kessler, Jr Vice Commandant Joe Gentile,  
Newsletter Editor, Historian,  
and chaplain Carl E Ramsey





## August Meeting



**August Guest Speakers:  
Jim Donahue, Fisher House  
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## 2 Vietnam War USMC MIAS from Missouri

### 9/11/1970 1stLt/Capt Bernard Herbert Plassmeyer USMC VMA 311 MAG 11 Freeburg, MO

Bernard Herbert Plassmeyer was born on May 5, 1945. According to our records [Missouri](#) was his home or enlistment state and [Osage County](#) included within the archival record. We have [Freeburg](#) listed as the city.

#### SERVICE



He had enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Entered the service via Regular Military. Served during the Vietnam War. Plassmeyer had the rank of First Lieutenant. His military occupation or specialty was Pilot VMA A 4. Service number assignment was 498502482. Attached to III Marine Amphibious Force, 1st MAW, VMA 311.

#### CASUALTY



During his service in the Vietnam War, Marine Corps First Lieutenant Plassmeyer was reported missing and ultimately declared dead on [September 11, 1970](#). Recorded circumstances attributed to: **Died while missing in action, body not recovered.** Incident location: **South Vietnam, Thua Thien province.**

#### DETAILS



Captain Plassmeyer was a member of the Marine Attack Squadron 311, Marine Attack Group 11, 1st Marine Air Wing. On September 11, 1970, he was the pilot of a Douglas Attack Aircraft Skyhawk (A-4E) flying on a support mission on the South Vietnam/Laos border when his aircraft crashed. His remains were not recovered.

## 9/25 1966 1stLt Dean Wesley Reiter USMC HMM 161 MAG 16 Manchester, MO

### ORIGINS



Dean Wesley Reiter was born on October 10, 1942.

According to our records [Missouri](#) was his home or enlistment state and [St Louis County](#) included within the archival record. We have [Manchester](#) listed as the city.

### SERVICE



He had enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Entered the service via Reserve Military. Served during the Vietnam War. Reiter had the rank of First Lieutenant. Service number assignment was 090274. Attached to III Marine Amphibious Force, 1st MAW, HMM 161.

### CASUALTY



During his service in the Vietnam War, Marine Corps First Lieutenant Reiter experienced a traumatic event which ultimately resulted in loss of life on [September 25, 1966](#). Recorded circumstances attributed to: **Died through hostile action, air crash on land, body not recovered.** Incident location: **South Vietnam, Quang Tri province.**

### DETAILS



First Lieutenant Reiter was a member of the Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 161, Marine Air Group 16, 1st Marine Air Wing. On September 25, 1966, he was flying in a Sikorsky Seahorse Utility Helicopter (UH-34D) on a medical evacuation mission in Quang Tri Province, South Vietnam. His aircraft was hit by enemy ground fire, crashed and burned. His remains were not recovered.



## From the Paymaster

Annual dues notices will be going out in July. All annual dues memberships expire on August 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are an annual dues member, please save your Detachment a stamp and submit your \$40.00 Detachment membership dues for 2025.

Checks/money orders should be made payable to the Pvt. George Phillips Detachment and mailed to:

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If you are interested in a life membership, submit the appropriate age category life membership amount to same address. Once a life member you will pay no additional membership fees. Semper Fi.

### Life Membership rates

#### Age

0 – 35:	\$1,000
36 – 50:	\$ 800.00
51 – 64:	\$ 600.00
65 – 84:	\$ 400.00
85+	\$ 100.00

### September 2024

- 8 – Detachment Picnic – 1200 -  
2000  
Simpson Park in Valley Park  
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

### *September Birthday Scroll*

*Carl Brown Michael Erxleben  
Joe Gentile Tyler Gerling  
Rodney Greenman Rick Meyer  
Charles Scott III Hugh Smith*



# 20<sup>th</sup> 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  
Frank Remsik – Tournament Organizer before Friday September 13, 2024

## TOURNAMENT LOCATION:

### Paradise Valley Golf & Country Club

1005 Lochmoor Dr.  
High Ridge, Mo 63049  
(636) 225-5157 — parvalgolf@aol.com

### INCLUDES:

- Green Fees & Cart
- Beverages & Hot Dogs on Course
- Prizes for A, B & C Flights
- Prize for longest drive
- Prize for Closest to Pin: 2, 12, 17
- Awards and Meal (cash bar) @  
Paradise Valley Golf Club House

### Option:

- Meal only \$24.00

Player / Sponsor Applications  
Coming Soon

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