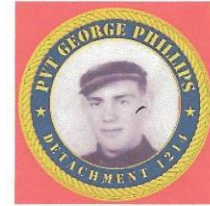


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All annual dues expire on August 31st of each year. Our membership dues are \$40.00 a year and are due prior to George Phillips Detachment" and send to the Detachment address.

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.



Next Meeting October 15, 2024



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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 October meeting is scheduled for the 15th at 19:30 hours. I'm currently on leave because I had knee replacement surgery 2 weeks ago. Everything went well. Now I'm in recovery and have a lot of PT ahead of me. Sr. Vice-Commandant John Cooper will be running this month's meeting and will be talking about our Birthday Celebration coming in November

We are again helping with Toys-for-Tots. John Cooper will be sharing the details for this year's campaign. He is going to need help this year, so please sign up to help.

Everyone stay safe and remember to vote on November 5th.

Semper Fi Marines.....

Brad McNeil, Commandant
Pvt. George Phillips Detachment # 1214
Marine Corps League Semper Fi
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Thanks to all who attended the picnic. A league shout-out to Hugh Smith, John Cooper, and Dennis Simpson, whose donations made the picnic a success.

Today the word hero is over used. Doctors, police, fire fighters, teachers, are others are called heroes. Let me tell you about a person who is a hero. He went to work even when sick (before sick days). He taught his children to give an honest day's work for an honest day's pay. He taught his children to do right even when others scorned it. He taught the importance of family values. This was my father, Tony Gentile, who passed away February 1, 2005.

Junior Vice Commandant, Joe Gentile

October 2024

- 8 – **First 2 USMC Aviation Medals of Honor, 1918.**
- 9 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 15 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208
Pam from Champ Assistance Dogs

November 2024

- 8-10 – Collections at Sams, De Peres
– 0800-1800 Brochure Page 12
- 10 – **Marine Corps Birthday, 1775**
- 13 – **Detachment Marine Corps Birthday Celebration** – 1900 Post #208
- 20-23 – **Tarawa, 1943**
- 19 – No Membership Meeting
- 27 – **Chosin Reservoir, 1950 thru Dec 13.**

December 2024

- 11 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 17 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208
- Staff Meetings are now on 2nd Wednesday**

January 2025

Detachment is 20 years old

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From the Paymaster

Annual dues notices will be going out in July. All annual dues memberships expire on August 30th. 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

October Birthday Scroll

***John C. Cooper
George Dragan
Gregg Follmer
Buck Freeman
Erik Nielsen
Carl Ramsey***

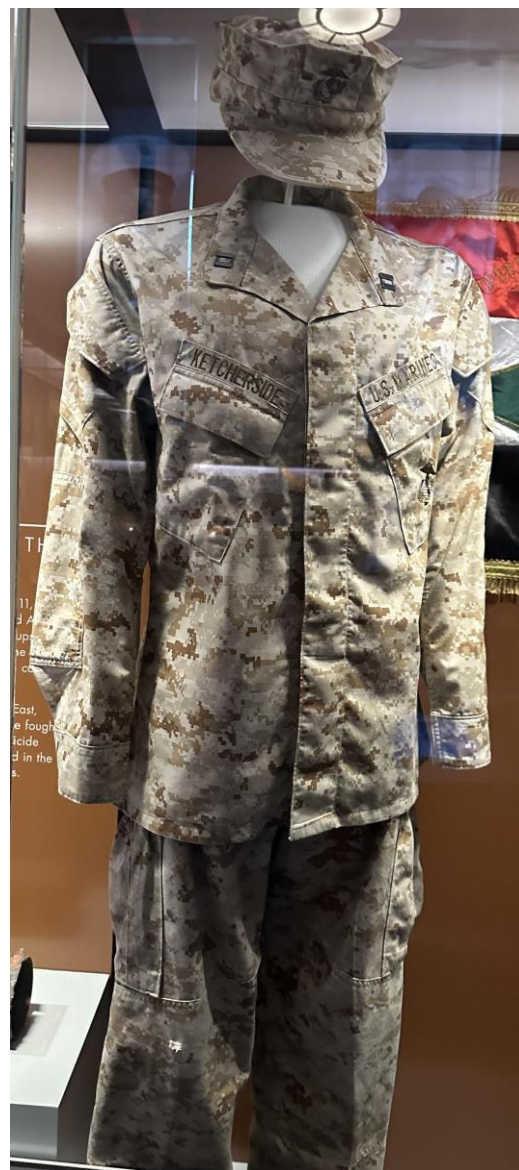
Chaplain's Message By Carl Ramsey

From the beginning of September through the beginning of October, by the time this newsletter is printed, I will have attended three funerals. I will also be one year closer to my own. Joe Gentile remembered the passing of his father in his article. One of our fellow Marine detachment members even called me regarding where the braid on his uniform should be placed so his uniform it looks correct in the coffin at his funeral. One of the funerals I attended in September which caused me to miss the September meeting because I traveled out of town to Shawnee, Kansas, one of my four closest life-long friends whom I served with during the Vietnam War. One of the others, an Air Force Christian I served with at Danang, passed away in 2022. Mentioning the Vietnam War veterans, only one third of us remain. And of that third, most of the ones I know have health issues of some sort.

So that's where belief in Jesus comes in. If we have accepted him as our savior and walk with on a daily basis, it's incidental we're slowly fading away like the others to join Jesus at our next duty station. So, I call on anyone reading this message, if you have not yet accepted Jesus as your savior, do it now, today. There's no telling when the next one of us will be called home.

Let me share I Cor 15:3-5, called the gospel in a nutshell. For I deliver until you of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas and to the twelve.

So, if you accept Jesus as your savior, death is not the end. And one day you will also rise from the dead with him. So here is a simple prayer: Jesus, I confess my sins and accept your death on the cross as payment. And I seal the deal by making you Lord of my Life. Amen

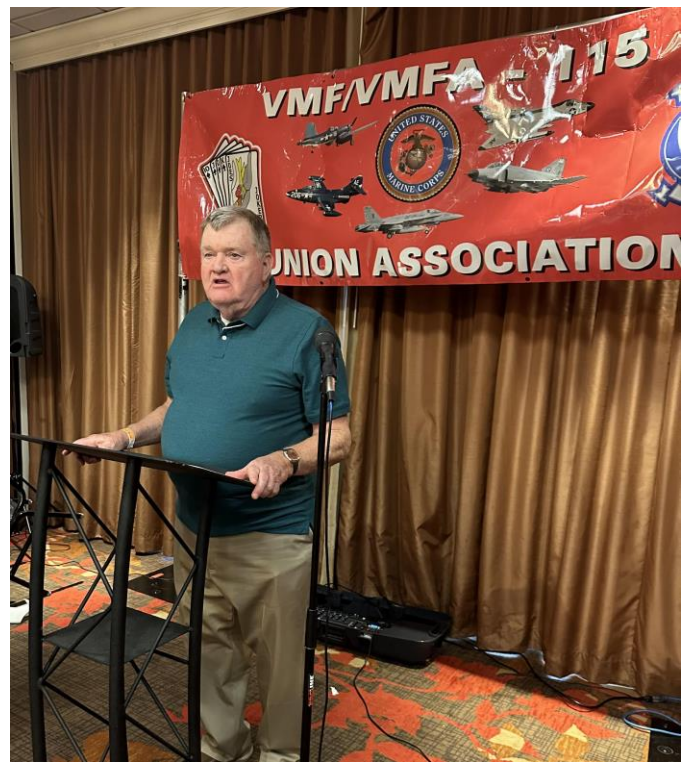


Detachment member **Chris Ketcherside's uniform which he wore in the Middle East during the War on Terror is a major display at the Saint Louis Soldier's Museum. It was spotted by the newsletter editor during the VMFA 115 Reunion in September. More on the reunion on the next pages.**

In September there was a VMFA 115 Reunion at Westport Plaza hosted by Andy Riggle and involved various detachment members in surprising way. Newsletter editor Carl Ramsey, who served with Andy at Danang in the ordnance shop was one of the attendees. We appear together in a historic photograph in which Andy is easy to spot posing by a jet intake, but I'm crouching in front, and even when cropped, I'm hard to make out. So, I won't show that picture. However . . .



Carl Ramsey with 101 year-old William Hodson at Boeing Museum. He flew 30 WW II missions In an F4U-Corsair, crashed in 3, earning him membership in the caterpillar club for parachute bailouts and is eligible for membership in the goldfish club for two rescues from the sea, one by pt boat and one by sea plane. In one occasion he floated in the Pacific Ocean for 7-8 hours.



Andy Riggle of the St Peter's Detachment was one of the key organizers of the reunion.

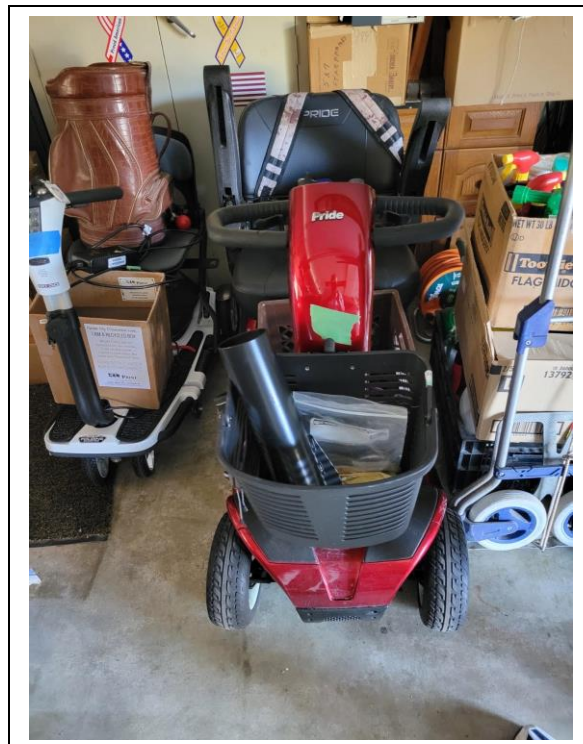
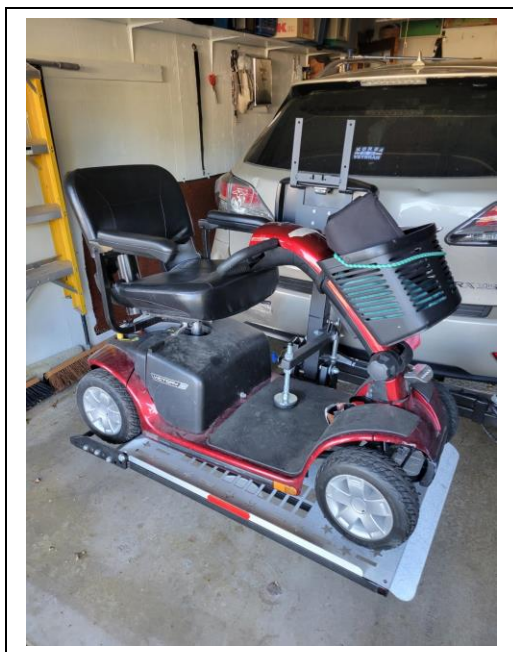


Detachment member Colonel Jack Jackson was the key note speaker

Harry Hope is trying to sell his two, gently used, identical electric scooters. He bought them new for \$5,000 each and would like to sell them for \$1,000.

Contact Harry Hope at (314) 277-4364

or hhkwva5051@gmail.com



Annual 2024 Missouri Athletic Club Veterans Day Commemoration will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2024 at the MAC Downtown Clubhouse. Tickets available for \$35.00 by calling (314) 539-4470 or on line at www.2024veteranscommemoration.eventbrite.com



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Symptoms of GWI



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Headaches



Memory or cognitive difficulties



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Gastrointestinal & respiratory problems

Study Eligibility

- Deployment to the Persian Gulf overlapping with August 1990 to June 1991
- 48-70 years of age
- Willing to take part in a 2-week inpatient overnight stay at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD**

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- Randy H.
Army Veteran



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Typical GWI symptoms:



Fatigue



Headaches



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Poor sleep



Gastrointestinal & respiratory problems

If you are a healthy Veteran or a Veteran living with GWI interested in taking part in this study, here is the basic eligibility:

- **Deployed to the Persian Gulf** overlapping with August 1990 to June 1991

- **48 to 70 years of age**

- **Access to a doctor**

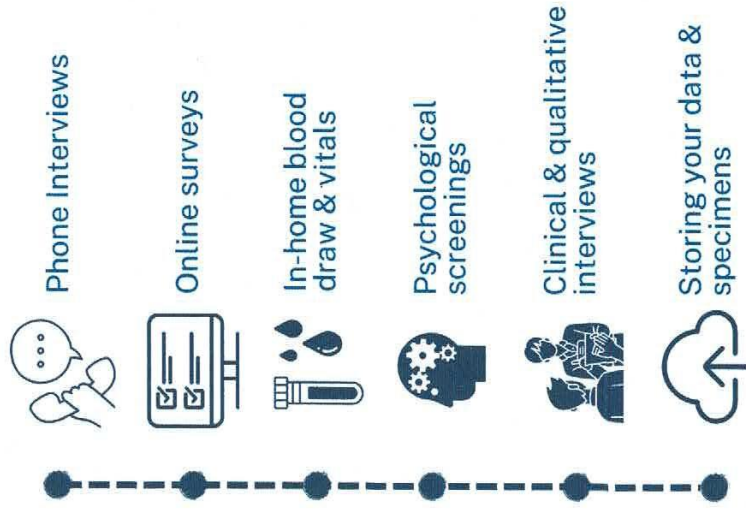
- **Willing to take part in a 2-week inpatient overnight stay** at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD*

Note: Some chronic illnesses may present a safety or medical concern. Our team will discuss this with you at time of enrollment.

**Travel and lodging at no cost to participants.*

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