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Marine Corps League
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ONCE A MARINE ALWAYS A MARINE

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 December meeting is scheduled for the 17th at 1930 hours. We will have guest speaker Karen Bolhuis; she is a member of the MCL 183 and is the Sr. Vice Commander of the Ballwin VFW. She will be talking about the Mental Health First Aid course they are offering that will be held in late February 2025.

I would like to thank everyone who made it to our Marine Corps birthday celebration; we had great food that was prepared by our former ladies' auxiliary and everyone had a great time. At this time, I would like to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving. I hope you all have a great time with your family and friends. Try not to eat too much,

I look forward to seeing all of you at our December meeting. Also, the Toys-for-Tots campaign has been kicked off, so we will need help in giving out the boxes. Please contact John Cooper if you can help with this task.

Semper Fi Marines.....

Brad McNeil, Commandant

Pvt. George Phillips Detachment # 1214

Marine Corps League Semper Fi

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July 20, 2024



Newsletter editor Carl Ramsey invited to help dedicate Veterans Park at Fee Fee and Dorsett in Maryland Heights. on November 11, 2024.

10 November 2024

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

For 249 years, Marines have served as our Nation's sentinels of freedom. As we celebrate our Corps' birthday this year, I encourage all Marines to reflect on our legacy forged in blood on battlefields since 1775, and to rededicate ourselves to carrying that legacy untarnished into the future. Collectively, we who wear the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor have an obligation to uphold the ideals of self-discipline, warfighting proficiency, professionalism, and personal conduct that define what it means to be a Marine. I know you are all up to the task.

Twenty years ago this month, Marines fought and won the Second Battle of Fallujah, a brutal, grinding house to house fight, whose victory ultimately paved the way for the stabilization of the Republic of Iraq. Often in Iraq there were no true front lines, and by necessity, Fallujah was a battle in which every Marine fought, demonstrating once again our cornerstone philosophy that Every Marine is a Rifleman.

Our history bears witness to Marines of all stripes picking up their rifles and fighting for Corps and Country when the call came. From Wake Island to the Chosin Reservoir to Khe Sanh to Camp Bastion, every Marine fought. Our future battles will be no different. Our rear areas will be as vulnerable as our front lines and every Marine from our infantry battalions

to our aviation squadrons to our headquarters and support elements will have to stand-to when called.

Preparing for the threats of the future requires the same exceptional standards and ironclad discipline that are the hallmarks of our Corps. Twenty years ago in Fallujah, our predecessors staunchly adhered to these virtues, earned our Nation's trust, and ensured the U.S. Marine Corps would remain the most feared fighting force in the world. It is our sworn duty to uphold those standards and stay true to our Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment. Though technology and equipment change, the Marine Corps' culture of excellence must not. The road ahead is far from certain, but our ethos will never change — *Every Marine a Rifleman and Everyone Fights.*

As I've said before, it is the honor of my lifetime to be a Marine and serve as your Commandant. I'm proud to stand alongside each of you, and I'm excited to see what the future holds for our Corps. When I travel to visit Marines here at home and deployed around the globe, I find absolute confidence that this generation of Marines has what it takes to uphold our Corps' legacy and prevail in any conflict we face. Happy Birthday, Marines!

Semper Fidelis,



General, U.S. Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps

Chaplain's Article

In the United States of America November is a month in which we say thank you twice. On November 11 at the beginning of the month we say thank you to veterans. On the last Thursday of the month, we say thank you to God, although in secular circles that's sometimes down-graded to turkey day in which people seem to say thank you to a bird for giving its life to provide a large meal. Strange how that secular sentiment mirrors the sacrifices of both veterans and Jesus the son of God. A life is sacrificed in each case for the benefit of others.

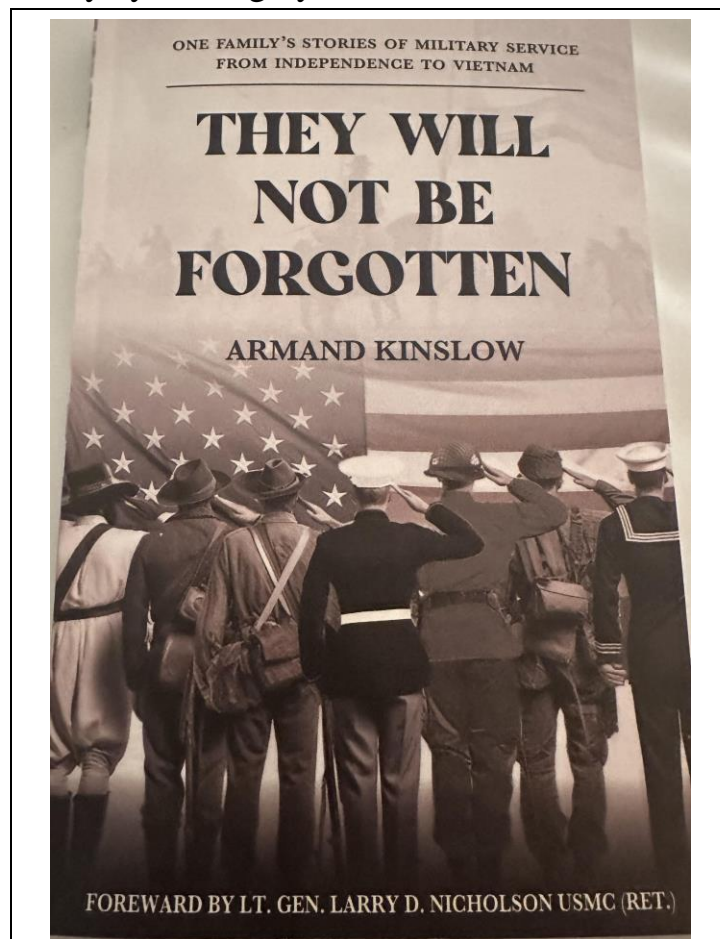
Saying thank you to someone for blessing or helping you is a Biblical principle. In a well-known Bible story Jesus healed ten lepers, but only one came back to say thank you after their healing was verified. Jesus commented on it. One Bible teacher suggested the Samaritan who returned to Jesus to say thank you, in addition to his healing received back all of his missing body parts which rotted off while he had leprosy. So, he became not only healed but completely restored.

I remembered this principle of giving the additional blessing in return for a thank you the last time I gave graduation presents. The nephew who sent me a thank you card received a second gift from me equal to the first.

Back to the veterans' side of saying thank you: On November 3, at the POW MIA Museum, I met with Marine Lieutenant Colonel, Armand Kinslow, who wrote the most amazing book in which he researched the wartime experiences of twelve family members. This was his way of saying thank you to them, as he told their stories from Vietnam back to the American Revolution. He came to Saint Louis during the last week of October, in which he met on Tuesday with Brent Trout, History and Genealogy Department, Saint Louis County

Library, on Wednesday he was given a live interview on the morning show with John Pertzborn, FOX 2 (October 30), on Thursday he addressed the Naval ROTC Marines at Mizzou, and on Saturday he had breakfast with the newsletter editor of the Iron County Historical Society. When he came by the POW MIA Museum on Sunday to meet with me and president Paul Dillon, I took him next door and introduced him to Mark Trout, president of the Missouri Civil War Museum.

His thoroughly enjoyable book is written in a style reminiscent of Landmark books about military heroes I read as a boy. Each chapter is a short page-turning biography which showed great sensitivity and left tears in my eyes. I highly recommend this book.



Pictures of Armand Kinslow on next page. As a boy he lived in Webster Groves and Manchester. He graduated from Parkway West Highschool in 1975, studied at Mizzou on NROTC Scholarship, was commissioned in 1979, assigned as an infantry officer to 1/3 Marines. later was in intelligence and, retired in 2005. He currently resides in Ellicott, Maryland.

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November 2024

- 10 – Marine Corps Birthday, 1775
- 20-23 – Tarawa, 1943
- 27 – Chosin Reservoir, 1950 thru Dec13.

December 2024

- 11 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 17 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208
- Guest Speaker Karen Bolhuis:
Mental Health First Aide

January 2025

Detachment is 20 years old

- 8 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 15 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208
- Guest Speaker Amanda Schmidt,
Assistance Home Care

February 2024

- 12 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 18 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208
- 19 – Iwo Jima, 1945 thru March 26
- 23 – Iwo Jima, 1945, Flag Raising

March 2024

- 12 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 14 – Iwo Jima, 1945, anniversary of
Pvt George Phillips falling on grenade
- 18 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208
- 26 – Iwo Jima ends, 1945.



Paul Dillon, Carl Ramsey, Armand Kinslow at POW MIA Museum, Armand's family includes one POW during the Civil War



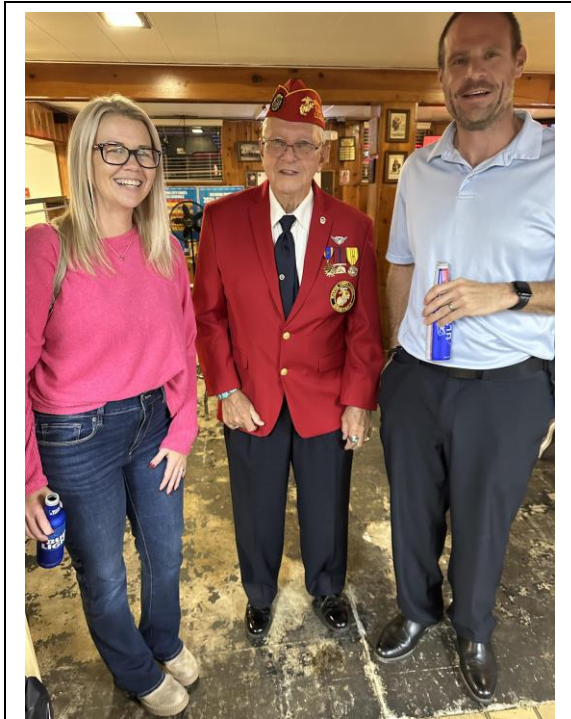
Left: Armand Kinslow with Marine Veteran Mark Trout, president of Missouri Civil War Museum

November Birthday Scroll

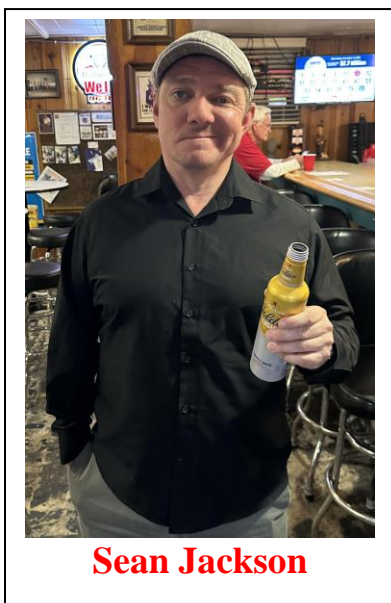
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| <i>Christy Duval</i> | <i>Gerald Gerling</i> |
| <i>Robert Howard</i> | <i>James Hubbard</i> |
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| <i>Alan Taylor</i> | <i>Bernard Widdis, Jr.</i> |

10 November 2024

This year we celebrated our annual Marine Corps Birthday, the 249th, on the second Wednesday of November instead of our normal meeting night on the third Tuesday. The following pictures document our festivities. Let's begin by acknowledging two of our newest detachment members, Jason Lehr and Sean Jackson.



**Becky Lehr, Senior Vice
Commandant John Cooper,
Jason Lehr**



Sean Jackson



Larry and Nancy Schwartz. Our ML detachment is about to complete 20 years in operation. In 2007 Larry along with Jim Brooks (deceased January 1, 2016) became the detachment's first recipients of Marine of the year. That was also the only year it was awarded to two members.



**Jerry Gerling, Sergeant at Arms
and Jack Bickerton, who ran the
Benevolence Committee
for many years.**



Kenneth Hale and Jerry Gerling



Rick Meyer



**Harlene and Mike Cicchese,
Mike is current head of
the Benevolence
Committee.**



**Joe Gentile, Junior Vice
Commandant**



**Senior Vice Commandant
John Cooper and
His wife Denise**



Hugh Smith, Judge Advocate



Adjutant Dennis Simpson, John Cooper, and guest Julio Cruz (youngest Marine present)



Doma Murdock, Carl Ramsey chaplain and newsletter editor, Lois Kessler



Marissa Grgurich and Gail Bickerton, our cooks, the two most important people present.



The Cake



**Right: Larry Schwartz,
oldest Marine
and Julio Cruz,
youngest Marine,
cut the cake.**

Marine Corps League Application for Membership



Full Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Email Address: _____

Date of Enlistment/Commissioning: _____ Date of Discharge/Retirement/Separation: _____

Type of Application--- New Renewal Membership Type--- Regular Associate Dual

Have you ever been convicted of a Felony? YES NO If yes is checked, I agree to waive my rights under the Privacy Act and disclose the nature of the felony conviction for consideration of membership in the Marine Corps League.

I hereby apply for membership in the Pvt. George Phillips #1214 Detachment, Marine Corps League and enclose \$40.00 for one year's membership.

I hereby certify that I am currently serving or have served honorably in the United States Marine Corps, "ON ACTIVE DUTY," for not less than ninety(90) days and earned the Eagle, Globe and Anchor;*or have served or am currently serving in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and have earned no less than ninety (90) Reserve Retirement Credit Points; or that I have served or am currently serving as a U.S. Navy FMF Sailor who has earned the FMF Device or FMF Ribbon. If discharged, I am in receipt of a DD Form 214 or a Certificate of Discharge indicating "Honorable Service". ("Honorable Service" will be defined by the last DD Form 214 or Certificate of Discharge that the applicant received). General Discharge under Honorable Conditions is acceptable. By signature on this application, I hereby agree to provide proof of honorable service/discharge upon request. I understand the DD Form 214 may contain information such as military awards, training, and character of service.

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