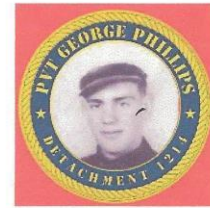


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This newsletter and previous issues can be obtained from the **new Detachment Website. <http://www.pvtgeophillips.org/>**

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.



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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 January meeting is scheduled for the 21st at 1900. We also have a guest speaker Amanda Schmidt assistance Home Care; we may also have Paul Compos from the 183 to talk to us about the youth program.

I would like to give a big shout out to John Cooper for the great job he did for our Toys-for-Tots campaign.

We have also decided to switch our start time of the membership meeting from 1930 to 1900.

As 2024 comes to a close, I would like to thank all of you for what you do for the detachment, especially volunteering for collections and when we cleaned out our storage space and moved it into our new shed. In the near future we will schedule a time to organize the new shed.

I would like to wish each one of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Years.

Please be safe and enjoy your time with family and friends.

Hope to see you all at the January meeting.

Semper Fi Marines.....

Brad McNeil, Commandant

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December 15, 2024

Hello to the membership of the Marine Corps League!

This year's travel for me has ended. It has been remarkably busy November and December. In November, I traveled to Washington DC for a jam packed 5 days. The TMC (The Military Coalition), to which we are plank holders, held its annual Board of Trustees meeting. For those that do not know, the TMC is a partnership of all the major/minor VSO. It partners together to support specific Congressional resolutions in hopes to push it into law concerning our veteran's. It is much better to have a unified front of all VSO instead of just us. This tied into the next day where I attended the Macks Marines Legislative luncheon at 8th and I. It was well attended, and we also held a cake cutting ceremony.

Next, I had dinner with Gen Laster, the CEO of the Toys for Tots Foundation. Here we talked about what the MCL can do to help the foundation. Gen Laster is really a great leader and really appreciates our participation in the program. Fun Fact, did you know that the MCL provides about 30% of all toy donations? He will be at Midwinter this year and has asked if I would like a tour of the Pentagon and possibly have an in call with the CMC and SMMC. Cannot pass that up. Anything to strengthen our relationship with the Marine Corps.

Next day was the Marine Corps Commandants Ball. Another magnificent event and had great company with the likes of National Executive Director/COO Bob Borka and his wife, MODD Chief Jeffrey Jones and his wife, National Sr Vice Russ Miller, National Jr Vice David Poter and NVC New England Division Pat Maguire.

Monday was Veterans Day, so I was able to go to the White House for a breakfast and off to the Amphitheater to hear the President and Secretary of the VA message. The Chief and I also laid a wreath at the Tomb of the unknown. Being in custody of the USSS is an eye-opening process.

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Back home for 2 days then off to the Greater Northern Detachment Ball in Las Vegas. Guest of Honor was Gen Livingston What a motivating Marine!

December brought in an invitation to be a VIP at the 83rd Pearl Harbor ceremony. I was also able to be with our Young Marines at their Punchbowl ceremony as well as the parade the next day. Let me tell you Col Davis and his Wife Brenda do such an amazing job with the Young Marines as well as all the adult leaders there. The Young Marines brought in units from all over the country. I was honored to be interviewed and be part of some AV work that will be presented at midwinter. I also met with the Aloha Detachment during a luncheon. What an excellent group of motivators there and my hope is that Hawaii will be a department soon. Hats off to them and all they do for their community.

We have a new VAVS chairman who has taken the bull by the horns and is working on making that a gold star program. I want to thank Howard Shaffer for his time as VAVS chair. The new chair is Michael (Mugsy) Marzano from the Dept of Arizona. Please email hi, at VAVSRep@mcleague.org if you have VAVS members in the field. He has questions for you!

Bob Borka has his nose to the grindstone and our VSO program is growing stronger by the minute and our name is getting out to the veteran community. Calls are coming in from all over from veterans seeking help in filings claims.

Our first small social media campaign started November 9th and ran for a few weeks. We saw plenty of people like our ads as well as download applications but that has not equated to membership as of today. Next campaign will be at our Modern-Day Marine expo. Speaking of that, the team of the MCL, MCA and Emerald Expo, is working overtime to make our next MDM the best ever. The Marine Corps Commandant has requested that the 2025 event be bigger and better in celebrating our 250th birthday.

Please do your best to recruit and retain new members and attend all meetings as your circumstances allow. Hope to see you at midwinter and start our kickoff off celebrating 250 years of the United States Marine Corps.

Semper Fi

TJ Morgan
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Chaplain's Article

I'm writing this article late in the month, partly because I had four days of internet outage from December 20-23, and partly because everything seemed to be running later and later in the month for things in general.

Let me begin by saying this is the month in which we remember Jesus, the son of God, being born on the Earth as a baby boy. He was sent in the words of John 3: 16 as follows: For God so loved the World that he gave his only begotten son so who so ever believeth in him shall not perish but have ever lasting life. So, how do you believe in Jesus? If you haven't already done so, confess your sins and sinful nature in a simple sentence: Jesus, I confess all of my sins and sinful nature, and I accept your death on the cross as payment. Therefore, I shall now live for you and not for me. I shall do that my spending some time with you each day by reading the Bible in simple pieces, and I will talk with you in prayer. That will be like plugging my cell phone into a power source to keep it operating. In the Bible it's called abiding in the vine.

Meantime let's remember our three Marine Corps brothers who hopefully went home to be with the Lord this past year. Frank Kekeisen, February 20, Larry Decker, March 10, and Michael Moss, December 16. May the gallant souls rest in the arms of Jesus. I will reprint Michael's Members Matter article. The detachment was informed by his surviving brother, and former associate member, Navy veteran Leslie Moss.

News Years Prayer Marine

One devout Christian Marine was so committed to prayer, that on the first day of every year he got up early in the morning and spent the day praying about every last person and thing he could think of. Then the rest of the year he would rise up early to go before God in prayer where he will yell, "DITTO!"

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 – 1900 Post #208
Guest Speaker Amanda Schmidt,
Assistance Home Care

February 2024

- 12 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 18 – Membership Meeting – 1900 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 – 1900 Post #208
- 26 – **Iwo Jima ends, 1945.**

MEMBERS MATTER, by Lyle McFarlin

I was born 20 February, 1940, in St. Louis Children's Hospital. I have one brother, one step brother and a half-sister. I went to Hamilton Grade School and Soldan/Blewett High School for two years and then University City High School. I quit school at seventeen to join the Marine Corps and went to boot camp in San Diego, California. I got my GED (General Education Development) certificate at my first

MEMBERS MATTER, by Lyle McFarlin



Mike Moss, 2/20/2018

twenty-mile march to the rifle range and then back to San Diego?)

During boot camp I went to Camp Elliot for rifle training and then to Camp Pendleton for ITR (Infantry Training Regiment). I was then sent to Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, for two years, where I was assigned to Headquarters & Services, Heavy Weapons, 81 Mortars. I volunteered for color guards during visits by the Shah of Iran and President Dwight Eisenhower. After that I returned to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, where I was on standby in 1958 for assignment to Lebanon.

In 1959 I got in a fight in Jacksonville, North Carolina, when I was living with a barmaid. I was arrested and charged with cohabitation, against the law at that time. I went before a judge who said, "Bring me a wedding certificate or you are going to spend time in prison, on a chain gang." My lady and I went to Myrtle Beach and got married. We lasted two weeks and it took me two years to get a divorce. She was just looking for a sugar daddy.

In 1960 I was assigned to a helicopter assault ship on its way to Cuba, but we were diverted to Puerto Rico where it was 120 degrees in the

shade, and there was no shade.

I got out of the Marines in October, 1961. I was offered a six-month extension to South East Asia as a mortar instructor, but declined.

I returned to St. Louis and attended Washington University, studying Industrial Engineering. I went to work at Century Electric in St. Louis for three months where they cast brake drums. My job was timekeeper where I also did time studies, calculating how long each step of a project took, and how it might take less time. When my legs became black with coal dust from my knees to my ankles, I had to leave, and I also took leave from the union. I went to work for St. Louis Railway Company, and then Brown Shoe Company for a while. I also bartended at Gas Light Square.

I worked for a production company my brother bought in West Hollywood in June, 1968. But in 1969 I heard a band playing and became their equipment manager for eight months. Then I worked for a group called Bonnie and Delaney.

I also worked for Alice Cooper, Rod Stewart, Lou Reed, Natalie Cole, and other bands until 1977. I toured Europe in 1972 with Alice Cooper. From 1977 to 2012 I worked as a driver in the movie and TV industry. On my last show titled "Luck" a race horse was injured and PETA picketed HBO who caved in and fired 250 of the show's employees. I retired on 1 August, 2012 and returned to St. Louis.

In 2013 a dentist found cancer in my throat which returned in 2018. The doctors had to remove my jaw. They took bone from my shoulder to rebuild my jaw. I am addicted to BMWs. I kept my last model for three years and just bought a new one, a retractable hardtop, which is my favorite toy. I am again looking at the newer models.

I joined the Marine Corps League, Private George Phillips detachment a year ago and enjoy spending my time volunteering.

I am Mike Moss.

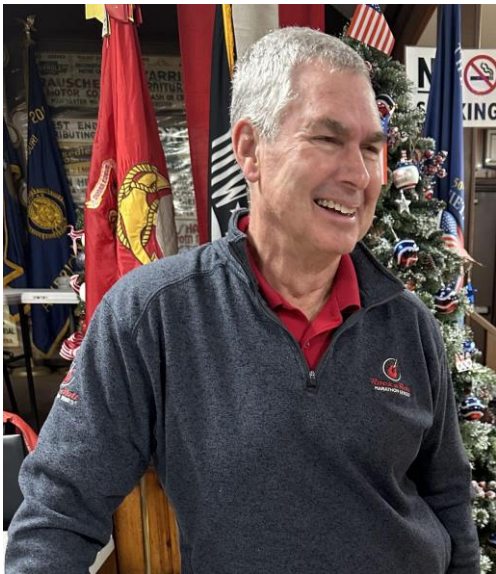
Meeting Candids from December



Michael Hannemann and Karen Bolhuis spoke on Veterans Suicide Prevention



Harry Hope, President Emeritus Greater Saint Louis Honor Flight and veteran of Chosin Reservoir



Dennis Simpson, Adjutant & Paymaster



Hugh Smith, Judge Advocate & Public Information Officer



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December Birthday Scroll

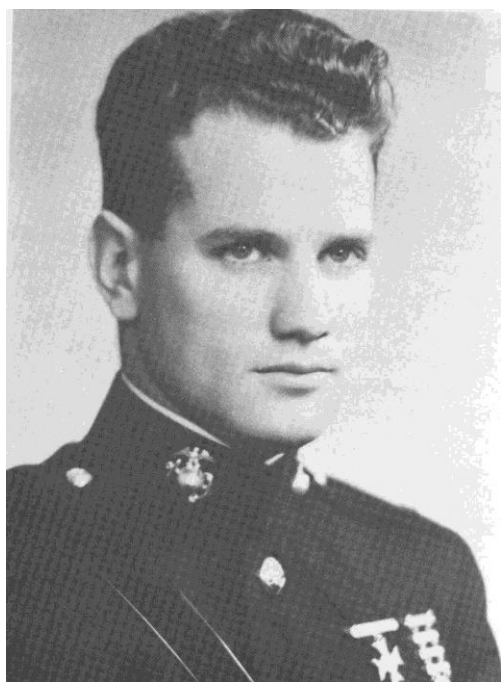
John Bauer III

Sean Jackson

*Edwin Rau (Former
Member and Commandant)*



**Carl Ramsey & WW II
Marine F4U pilot
William Hodson who was 102
December 25. See October
Newsletter.**



**12/7/ 1941, 1st Lt George H. Cannon,
Midway, KIA; 1st USMC WWII MOH**

(from Webster Groves, MO).

First Lieutenant **George Ham Cannon**,
USMC, (November 5, 1915 – December 7,
1941) was the first U.S. Marine in World
War II to receive the nation's highest
military award — the Medal of Honor.

(from Webster Groves, Missouri)

For distinguished conduct in the line of his
profession, extraordinary courage, and
disregard of his own condition during the
bombardment of Sand Island, Midway
Islands, by Japanese forces on December 7,
1941. Lieutenant Cannon, Battery
Commander of Battery "H", Sixth Defense
Battalion, Fleet Marine Force, U. S. Marine
Corps, was at his Command Post when he
was mortally wounded by enemy shell fire.
He refused to be evacuated from his post
until after his men, who had been wounded
by the same shell were evacuated, and
directed the reorganization of his
Command Post until forcibly removed, and
as a result of his utter disregard of his own
condition he died from loss of blood.

(George Cannon on Left)

Marine Corps League Application for Membership



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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.

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OATH OF MEMBERSHIP-REGULAR/ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

"I, _____, In the Presence of Almighty God, do solemnly swear, that I will uphold and defend the Constitution and Laws of the United States of America and the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures of the Marine Corps League. That I take this obligation willingly and in good faith and that I will follow the directions and guidance of elected and appointed officers of the League. That I will participate and support the missions and activities of the Marine Corps League, and that I promise to govern my conduct in such a manner that I will never bring discredit upon myself, Members of the League, or the Marine Corps League, so help me God.

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