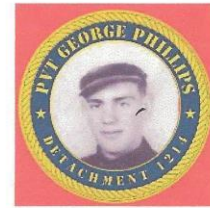




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Marine Corps League  
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**All annual dues expire on August 31st of each year. Our membership dues are \$40.00 a year and are due prior to George Phillips Detachment" and send to the Detachment address.**

**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 February 18, 2025**



**Jan-Feb 2025**  
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Dennis Simpson  
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**Judge Advocate**  
**Public Information**  
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**Sgt at Arms:**  
Gerald Gerling  
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**Chaplain**  
Carl E. Ramsey  
314-304-7915

**Web Sgt: Brad McNeil**  
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**Meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday**  
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**of January 31**

**70**

**Trustee 3Yr:**  
Mike Cicchese  
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**Trustee 1Yr:**  
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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 February meeting is scheduled for the 18th at 1900 hours. I look forward to seeing all of you at that time, masks are optional. **Attention on Deck!!!!**

We had a good year, and I look forward to 2025 to see what good we can accomplish.

It's that time of year for us to Elect New Officers for 2025. We would like to see some new faces stepping up to help lead the detachment. So with that being said if you would like to run for one of the positions or know someone who would accept being nominated for one of the positions listed below please let one of the following know either myself or John Cooper, Joe Gentile and Dennis Simpson as soon as possible.

The positions are as follows:

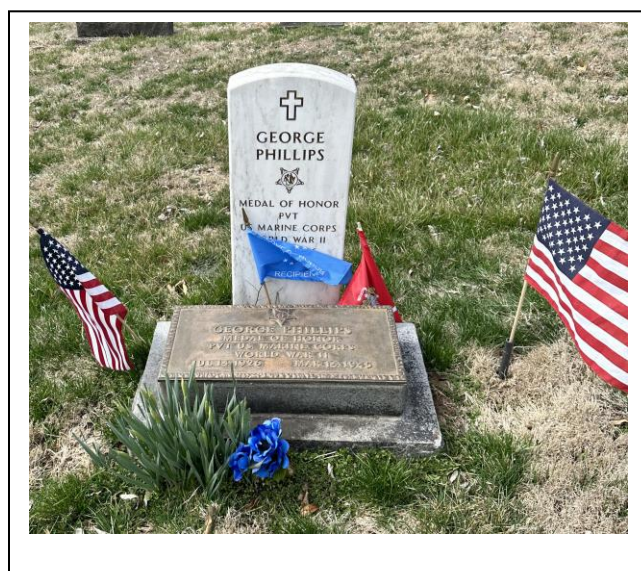
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Ways & Means  
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Elections will be held in February and installation of the new officers at the March membership meeting. It is rewarding to see what we can accomplish as a team. So please consider in running for one of the offices above.

I look forward see all of you at our February membership meeting.  
As always Semper Fi Marines.....

Semper Fi Marines.....

Brad McNeil, Commandant  
Pvt. George Phillips Detachment # 1214  
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## **Elections for Detachment Officers will be held at our February 18, 2025 meeting.**

Any and all members are greatly encouraged to volunteer to hold an elected or appointed office and/or serve on special committees. New ideas and fresh perspectives are desperately needed to keep your Detachment strong, viable, and relevant. A description of elected and appointed positions along with special committee options is attached.

Anyone wishing to self-nominate or nominate someone else who has agreed to serve can respond directly to this email or contact Senior Vice-Commandant John Cooper at (314) 712-0738. Nominations must be received by February 11, 2025.

Below is the current slate of candidates. Many of these officers have served for several years and continue serving only because no else has stepped up. All would welcome a fresh slate of candidates willing to take over.

### **Elected Positions**

Commandant: Brad McNeil  
Senior Vice-Commandant: John Cooper  
Junior Vice-Commandant: Joe Gentile  
Judge Advocate: Hugh Smith  
Trustee - One Year: A. J. Neely  
Trustee - Two Year: Mike Cicchese  
Trustee – Three Year: Vacant

### **Appointed Positions**

Adjutant: Dennis Simpson  
Paymaster: Dennis Simpson  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Jerry Gerling  
Chaplain: Carl Ramsey  
Newsletter Editor: Carl Ramsey  
Eagle Scout Coordinator: Joe Gentile

### **Committees:**

Benevolence Fund  
Toys for Tots  
Pvt George Phillips Birthday memorial

committee  
Ways and Means Committee  
Recruitment and Retention Committee  
Activities Committee

An organization can only survive when its members are actively engaged and committed to ensuring it succeeds to carry on its mission.

Semper Fi. Dennis Simpson  
Paymaster / Adjutant Pvt. George Phillips  
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## **Description of Elected Positions**

### **Commandant**

**Leadership** of the Detachment. **Chief Executive Officer** of the Detachment. **Responsible** for the activities, financial standings, and the image portrayed in the community and the League. **Presides** over meetings. **Formulates and develops** programs. **Appoints** committees, and **represents** the Detachment.

### **Senior Vice-Commandant**

**Second in command** of the Detachment and **logical successor** to the Commandant. **Provides** support to the Commandant. **Backs-up** the Commandant in his absence, **Assists** with the achievement of Detachment goals and operations.

### **Junior Vice-Commandant**

**Primarily responsible for the recruitment and retention** of members. **Assists** the Commandant and Senior Vice-Commandant and **presides** in their absence.

### **Judge Advocate**

**Knowledgeable** in National, State, and Detachment by-laws. **Assures** that the Detachment abides by those by-laws. **Renders opinions and rulings** during meetings on procedures.



## **Trustees**

**Acts as auditing committee.**

**Conducts** at least one financial audit of the Detachment yearly.

## **Appointed Positions**

### **Adjutant**

**Corporate recording secretary** for Detachment meetings and affairs. Maintains correspondence, documentation, written communications and provides other staff assistance. Keeps accurate minutes of meetings and prepares them for permanent record of the Detachment.

### **Paymaster**

**The Detachment's Chief Financial Officer.**

The Paymaster serves as treasurer, accounts for all funds received and expended, assists in the annual financial audits of the Detachment, and files all forms required by law. **Maintains** Detachment roster, **submits** new member transmittals, roster additions /deletions as required to the National MCL.

### **Sergeant-at-Arms**

**Responsible** for setting up and maintaining order at business meetings.

### **Chaplain**

**Provides comfort and special service** to members and families in time of need. Offers invocations and prayers for meetings, installations, ceremonies, and funeral services. **Visits sick members or corresponds** appropriately. **Provides comfort and information** to families of deceased members. **Provides notification** to Department, Division, and National on deceased members. Maintains the record of deceased Detachment members.

## **Quartermaster**

**Maintains** the property of the Detachment. **Ensures** the Detachment has adequate supplies needed to perform its function and items necessary for the membership. **Provides** Marine, Marine Corps League, Veteran related, and other items for sale at Detachment meetings.

## **Historian**

**Responsible** for the historical records of the Detachment. **Obtains** member history for inclusion in official Detachment historical records.

## **Newsletter Editor**

**Responsible** for putting together the Detachment monthly newsletter, publishing it, and disseminating it to members and other interested parties.

## **Web Sgt.**

**Responsible** for maintaining and updating the Detachment website.

## **Public Relations Officer**

**Responsible** for getting publicity about the Marine Corps League and the Detachment publicized and recognized in the public arena.

## **Eagle Scout Coordinator**

**Responsible** for maintaining the Detachment's Eagle Scout program. Presenting MCL certificates to new Eagle Scouts, and submits quarterly reports on those presentations to the Department, Division, and National MCL.

## **Various Committee Chairmen**

- **Toys for Tots**
- **Marine Corps Birthday Ball**
- **Ways and Means**
- **Benevolence Committee**
- **Memorial Day Committee**
- **Private George Phillips Birthday Committee**
- **Activities Committee**
- **By-Laws**

## Chaplain's Article

### I am sad to report the passing of the wife Of detachment member **Thomas Heintz**



**Betty Pauline (Meyer) Heintz** of St. Clair, MO a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother passed away peacefully on February 2, 2025, at the age of 86 years.

Born in Qulin, MO on October 18, 1938, to Dorothy (Davis) and Adolph Meyer, she will be remembered for her warm and inviting smile, gentle spirit, and kind heart. She loved her family unconditionally and was always ready with a listening ear and Meemaw hugs. Her hobbies included bowling, sewing and crafting with her daughter, playing bingo, word games, and going to the casino to play the penny slots.

She is survived by her loving husband of 44 years, Thomas Heintz of St. Clair; children: twins Stan (Adrienne) Beeman of Sachse, TX, and Sonora (Steve) Copling of McKinney, TX, Tracey Beeman of St. Clair; one stepson, Tommy (Toni) Heintz of Mokane, MO; stepdaughters: Laurie (Jeff) Brown of Springfield, MO, and Kathy Powell of Kaiser, MO; siblings: Mary Burgette, Lee (Ellen) Meyer, Joann (Randy) Ray, Joette Payne, and Joe (Cindy) Burgette; along with 17 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. Her family, and especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the highlight of her life, and making Meemaw's egg or sausage gravy and biscuits was one of her special ways

of showing it.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Adolph and Dorothy Meyer; one sister, Wilma Hoelscher; brothers: Robert Meyer and James Burgette; stepdaughters: Patty Gant and Becky Heintz; sons-in-law: Mark "Spider" Gant and Jerry Powell; and one grandson, Aaron Tiehes

Please join us in celebrating Betty's life on Sunday, **February 23, 2025 at 2:30 PM at The Ridge Church in Villa Ridge, MO.** In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Mercy Hospice Foundation ([mercyhealthfoundation.net](http://mercyhealthfoundation.net)) or Samaritan's Purse ([samsritanspurse.org](http://samsritanspurse.org)). To plant Memorial Trees in memory of **Betty Heintz**, please [click here to visit our Sympathy Store](#).



**Thomas Heintz**



Amanda Schmidt and Mia

### February 2025

- 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**
- 23 – **Memorial Service for Betty Heintz 1430**  
**The Ridge Church, Villa Ridge MO**

### March 2025

- 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.**

### April 2025

- USMC disbanded April, 1783**, reactivated  
March 27, 1798 for Naval War with French  
Republic
- 7 – **Exploit of James E Swett, 1943,**  
**Shot down 8 planes in one day.**
- 9 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 12 – Focus Marines Mess Night (Brochure)
- 15 – Membership Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 18 – **Gold and Scarlet become official**  
**USMC colors 1925**
- 27 – **Marines capture Derne, Tripoli, 1805**


### American Wars that started in April

- Revolutionary War, April 19, 1775.
- Civil War, April 12, 1861.
- Spanish American War, April 21, 1898.
- Second Samoan Civil War Battle of Vaialele,  
April 1, 1899.
- WW I, April 6, 1917.

### January Guest Speakers (Pictured Above)

At the January meeting we had the honor of hearing from **Amanda Schmidt and her daughter Mia**, as our mother daughter guest speakers. Mia read her essay which she wrote for the Voice of Democracy and received an award from her local VFW post. I later learned, John Gross, the commander of VFW Post 3944 in Overland, Missouri, where I am also member had been one of her judges. She received overwhelming applause. Then Amanda, who is my supervisor at **Assistance Home Care, where I have worked as a caregiver since June, 2018**, gave a presentation on how our company can provide Home Health Care for veterans, including through a new VA program for which Assistance Home Care was awarded a contract. Before I was added to Amanda's team, I have taken care of many veterans working for Assistance Home Care. This included taking one member of our detachment to a doctor visit, and serving as regular caregiver for a member of our American Legion Post. In an unrelated event, a non-veteran I was taking care of, said his neighbor was an Iwo Jima veteran. When I asked which one, he said Deward Terry. When I showed him a picture of me and Deward taken at a concert 2 years earlier, he called Deward up and got me invited over. As a result, Deward invited the officers of our detachment over, and Hugh Smith swore him in as a member of our detachment.

The following is what Amanda Schmidt had to say about her visit to our meeting.:

Tonight, I had the amazing honor to be a guest speaker at a Marine Corps Detachment group to share our passion at Assistance Home Care and education on Veteran services/home care. An invite was also extended to my Mia to read her award-winning essay to honor veterans and her pledge to them. This child truly never ceases to amaze me! I am so honored to be able to call this passionate advocate my daughter! Please share with any and all veterans you know to spread her appreciation and pledge 

**(Mia's essay & Assistance Home numbers are on the next page)**



# My Pledge to Veterans

By Mia Langley

“The land of the free and the home of the brave,” America is a place where every person has equal opportunity to make their voices heard. As an American citizen, my pledge to veterans is to not only appreciate the opportunities that they have fought to make possible but to use those opportunities to continue to make this nation great. Veterans have given Americans the right to freedom of speech, religion, and the privilege to live in a place where we know we are protected. Most importantly, Veterans have given Americans the chance to have a voice.

As an American, I pledge to use my voice, the voice that has been fought so hard for. I pledge to speak up about what I believe, and to help amplify the voices of those who cannot or will not stand up for themselves and what they believe. I pledge to use my voice to build people up, not tear them down. I pledge to never take for granted the opportunities that I have been given.

I pledge to veterans to fly the American flag with pride, because I know that there is no other nation quite so rich with culture, possibility, opportunity, and freedom. I pledge to honor the brave and selfless acts of our men and women in the armed forces and recognize and thank them for their bravery and selflessness. I pledge that I will take days of remembrance to truly appreciate the liberties that veterans have given their lives for.

Above all, as an American, I pledge to recognize the privilege of having an opportunity to make change, and I thank all of the veterans who have made this a possibility for future generations. The youth of America are the future of America, and it is imperative to our country’s future that the younger generations understand our responsibility to speak up when we see injustice and speak our minds when we believe strongly in something. We have freedom, and we must be brave enough to use our freedom for good.

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2234 Bluestone Drive  
St. Charles, MO 63303  
**636-724-4357**

**St. Louis County**  
9893 Manchester Road  
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**314-631-1989**

**West County**  
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Ellisville, MO 63011  
**636-200-2909**

★ **Training Home**  
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# Mess Night Gala

**SAT • APR 12, 2025 • 5:30-9PM**

SUNSET COUNTRY CLUB 9555 S. GEYER RD, 63127

Join us for an unforgettable evening of tradition, camaraderie, and fundraising for the FOCUS Marines Foundation. This event blends Marine Corps traditions with a lighthearted atmosphere, all focused on empowering veterans. With playful military traditions and "fines" for infractions, it's all in good fun and for a great cause.

**\$150 per individual** ✨ **\$1,500 for a table of ten**  
**\$200 VIP per individual** ✨ **\$2,000 VIP for a table of ten**  
**(VIP includes bubbly & a take home flute)**

Enjoy an open bar, hors d'oeuvres, and a silent auction, followed by a formal dinner at 7 PM and a captivating program. Hear inspiring testimonials from FOCUS graduates about how your support changes lives.

For tickets, donations, silent auction or sponsorship, please visit:  
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*January Birthday Scroll*

*David Campbell*

*Ray Cromer*

*David Edgar*

*Gary Keesling*

*Bradley McNeil*

*Philipp Petersen*

*Walter Suhre*

*Alfred Wallach*

*February Birthday Scroll*

*Paul Brown*

*Jerry Bryant*

*Dan Covert*

*Dominick Delia*

*Chris Ketcherside*

*Eugene Kroenung*

*Andrew Stone*

# Marine Corps League Application for Membership



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Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

### 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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Sponsor (Where Applicable)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Applicant's Signature**

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