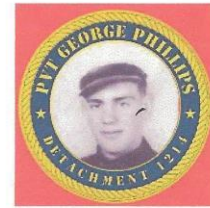


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TO:

ONCE A MARINE ALWAYS A MARINE

Please send your dues in when you receive the notice from National. Our dues are \$40.00 a year as of April 1st. Send this amount with your renewal form to:

**Detachment Paymaster
P.O. Box One
Ballwin, MO 63022**

This newsletter and previous issues can be obtained from the Detachment Website.

www.pvt-george-phillips-mcl.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 on 19 July 2016 @ 1930



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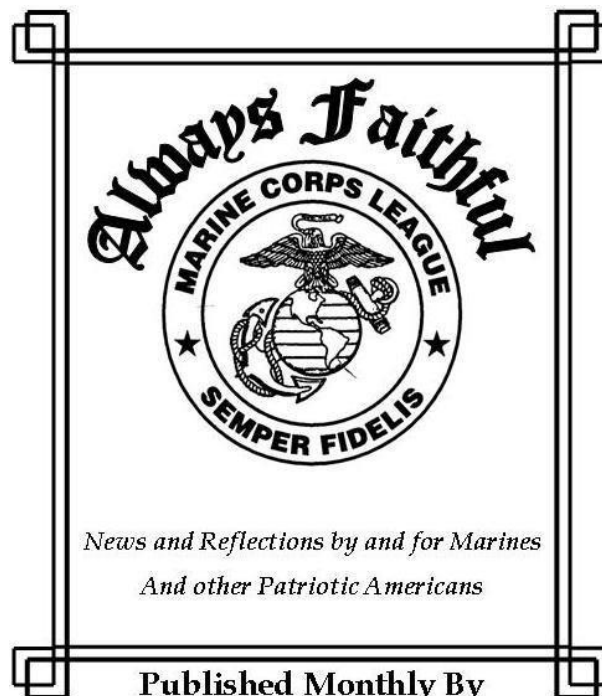
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1930 – 7:30 PM

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1915 – 7:15 PM

Commandant's Message:

The new website is up and running. Dennis has done a super job of getting it up and online.

Check out [old website]

<http://www.pvt-george-phillips-mcl.org/>

or [new website]

<http://www.pvtgeophillips.org/>

Keep Saturday, July 16, open for the birthday ceremony at Bethel Cemetery in Labadie, Missouri. Afterward join us for lunch at the Hawthorne Inn.

Semper Fidelis,

Jerry Gerling.



Detachment Calendar

July 2016

- 12 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208**
- 16 – Pvt George Phillips Birthday – 0900 Labadie**
See Detour Directions on Page 7.
- 19 – Meramec Bluffs Veterans Fair – 1000 – 1400**
(See Brochure)
- 19 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208**
- 19 – Auxiliary Meeting – 1915 Post #208**

August 2016

- 9 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208**
- 16 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208**
- 16 – Auxiliary Meeting – 1915 Post #208**
- 27 – Veterans Baseball Game – 1815 Busch Stadium (See Article)**

September 2016

- 13 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208**
- 20 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208**
- 20 – Auxiliary Meeting – 1915 Post #208**
- 24 – Gold Star Mother's Night – 1800**
(See Brochure)



July 11, 1798 is the Marine Corp's second Birthday: At the end of the American Revolution, both the Continental Navy and Continental Marines were disbanded in April 1783. The institution itself would not be resurrected until 11 July 1798. At that time, in preparation for the Quasi-War with France [7/7/1798-9/30/1800], Congress created the United States Marine Corps. Marines had been enlisted by the War Department as early as August 1797 for service in the new-build frigates authorized by the Congressional "Act to provide a Naval Armament" of 18 March 1794, which specified the numbers of Marines to be recruited for each frigate.

MEMBERS MATTER

(monthly column by Lyle McFarlin)

I was born in St. Louis, MO on July 13, 1948, the day the All-Star game was played in St. Louis. My Dad and brother went to the game while I was being delivered. I learned many years later that my grandmother was very mad at my Dad over this situation. Incidentally, Stan Musial hit a home run but the NL lost the game. Fortunately my Mom was not a baseball fan or my name could have been Stanley Frank Casey. George is bad enough.

I grew up by Washington University near Skinker and Delmar, close to Forest Park and what is now the U City Loop. I went to high school at CBC and then to St. Louis University where I graduated with a BA Degree in Psychology in 1970. I played sports at both schools but excelled at neither.

As many of you recall there was some sort of disagreement going on somewhere in the world that none of us knew existed. Not many could find SE Asia on a map, nor even Vietnam. But Uncle Sam was in need of many bodies. They ended the “draft” and substituted it with a different idea, the “lottery” system. Those born on July 13th pulled the “lucky” number of 42. I had no objection to going into the military and serving my country but there was no way I was going to be drafted into the Army.

While a senior at SLU I applied for flight school in the Air Force. Don’t know why but I was rejected. I couldn’t believe it. While many of my friends were doing whatever they could do to avoid military service, e.g., going to Canada, getting into Reserve outfits, intentionally exaggerating medical issues, I was trying to get in. And the Air Force rejects me. Next I tried the Navy flight program. I was not accepted as a pilot but could be a Navigator/Engineer. I didn’t want that. If you

were a monkey and you had a pulse the Army would take you into their Warrant Officer pilot program. I was kind of dumb in those days...but not that dumb. By now it is mid-summer 1970 and the Army is looking for me. I called the Marine Corps on a whim and the Officer Recruiter said come on down and we’ll give you some tests. I must have done ok because they let me in.

I joined the Marine Corps on October 10, 1970, and went to Officers Candidate School (OCS) at Quantico, VA. Upon commissioning as a 2nd Lieutenant I stayed in Quantico for a six month Officer’s Basic School (TBS). One of our instructors at The Basic School was a young, hot-shot Marine by the name of Lt. Oliver “Ollie” North. He was a Tactics instructor specializing in the ambush. After that I went to the Navy Flight School in Pensacola, FL. Flight School lasted a year. My first duty station was MCAS, Santa Ana, CA. I was assigned to HMH-363 and flew the CH-53, the Jolly Green Giant. In September of 1974 I got my orders for the *ever-popular* 13 month, unaccompanied tour overseas. By this time I had achieved HAC (Helicopter Aircraft Commander) status. I landed in Okinawa. Fortunately I was only on “The Rock” for three months. My squadron, HMH-462, was ordered to fly our helicopters to the Philippines. This may have been the most dangerous job I had while in the Marine Corps. We flew nine hours, 75% over water, with one refueling stop, someplace in Taiwan.

All twelve helicopters made it without incident. We arrived at NAS Cubi Pt, PI, boarded the USS Tripoli and two weeks later cross-decked to the USS Okinawa, “home” for the next five months. In addition to being a pilot, my “day” job was in Operations. We were tasked with training and qualifying every pilot for any possible contingency. Little did we know that we were preparing for “Operation Frequent Wind”, the evacuation of Saigon. We floated around in the South China Sea for nearly four months waiting for either President Gerald Ford or Ambassador Graham Martin to give the order. Finally on April 29, 1975 the evacuation

began and I flew four sorties from the ship to an LZ in the city of Saigon, taking evacuees back to the ship. This represented my only “combat” action in the Marine Corps. I got an extra \$58 in my paycheck that month.

Since the last chapter of the Vietnam War was now history there wasn’t much for our squadron to do. I returned to Okinawa in July 1975 and then rotated to the U.S. in October . I went to New River, NC as a Captain and an instructor pilot at HMT-201. I mustered out of the Corps in June 1976. It was quite a ride and the best six years of my life.

I returned to St. Louis, MO and entered into the financial services business where I am still employed today. I was married for 42 years and have three sons and a daughter; no grandchildren. One of my sons, Kevin, is a Commander in the Naval Medical Corps, a surgeon stationed at Balboa Naval Station in San Diego, CA.

I remain active physically. My routine includes regular workouts, jogging and golf. I enjoy volunteering at various events which include Toys for Tots, Marine Corps Detachment collections for our charities, The Mission Continues, Habitat for Humanity, Tax Assistance Program, Alumni Board at my high school, Old Newsboy’s Day, among others.

I value my association with the members of the Pvt. George Phillips Detachment. This group represents some of the finest, most dedicated and motivated Marines I have known. Many of our deceased members have inspired me with their ambition and leadership. We all know who they are. They are a group to be applauded.

Semper Fidelis,

I am George Casey



I have no pictures of George Casey but above is the CH-53 flown by HMM-363. As stated above he served in HMM-362.



USS Tripoli on which George Casey served.



USS Okinawa from which George Casey flew during the evacuation of Saigon in 1975.

Note: George Casey’s birthday is July 13.

(Note: The column, Members Matter, previous page, will be published each month in the Pvt. George Phillips Detachment newsletter. Its purpose is to better know our Detachment, collectively and individually; to understand our lives and connection to the Corps. If you should be contacted for your story we ask that you consider telling us about yourself, your family, and your military service.)

June Candids



John Paruolo



Frank Kekeisen



Ed Rau



Larry Decker



Bob Howard



John Koch



Mike Erxleben



Elliot Glassman



Lyle McFarlin

July Birthday Scroll

***George Casey Harry Hope
Louis Mataya James Naumann, Jr.
Michael Pate Charles Penn
Ron Sansone Tom Welker***

***Auxiliary
Carolyn Martin Jean Mataya***

***Directions to Labadie for Pvt George Phillips Event.
Highway T is closed 3 miles east of Labadie. Detour west on Highway T to
a long one story brick building. Turn left to Fiddle Creek Road. Go about
2 miles to Grand Army Road. Turn right and go 3 miles to Highway T.
Also there are signs leading to the Hawthorne Inn.***

**MCL VETERANS – Join a Tribute for YOU
Busch Stadium – St. Louis vs. Oakland**

27 AUGUST - Saturday 6:15 Game

HONOR Guard and Pre-Game Salute on Field 5:30

Cardinals Giving \$63 Field Level Seats for ONLY \$25

Active Military/VETS: Active, Reserves, Prior, Retired

Your Family, Friends, Supporters ARE *Eligible*.

Sections Right and Left Field Line (No Upper Deck)

**FORWARD TO YOUR FAMILY - FRIENDS - SUPPORTERS & VETS
NETWORKS**

2016 Cardinals Hall of Fame Inductees Plaque 1st 30,000 Fans

Contact Below for Instructions on How to Order

DEADLINE MONDAY 25 JULY for Reservations - Pay 1 AUGUST

First Come First Served for Best Seats – HURRY Tickets are Limited

Tickets sent by Certified Mail – ADD \$5 Per Order for Cost of Mailing

Tickets from Vietnam Veterans of America – Chapter 794 Florissant

www.VVA794.org NOT On Cardinals Web-Site

MCL Detachment 184 Membership

314/363-8707 KieferVVA794@yahoo.com 395-2788

Meramec Bluffs

5th annual Veteran's Fair



Tuesday, July 19th, 2016
10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
1 Meramec Bluffs Drive
Ballwin, Missouri 63021



**The Meramec Bluffs Veteran Committee is proud to host a
"One Stop Information Shopping" event for all Veterans &
their Spouses or Widows. Find out what benefits are
available for you.**

Lutheran MO Synod
Department of Veteran's Affairs
ACM Care
Bowling for Veteran's/Fisher House
Greater St. Louis Honor Flight
Jefferson Barracks National
Cemetery
LSS Hospice
The Veteran Benefit Administration

VA Healthcare System
The National Archives
Jefferson Barracks POW-MIA Museum
The Missouri Veteran's History Project
The Missouri Veteran's Commission
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Wreaths Across America/The Missouri
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American Red Cross



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*RSVP to: Margaret Cox, Lifestyle Enrichment Coordinator
at 636 923-2356*



7th Annual Gold Star Mothers Trivia Night "We Honor through Service to our Veterans"

AGSM is American Gold Star Mothers that have lost a son or daughter while actively serving our country, we honor our children while serving in the VA Hospitals, Fisher House, USO, Veteran Homes, Dignified Burial Services for Homeless Veterans, Veteran Honor Flights, Gold Star Families & Children while promoting patriotism to country. 2016, AGSM will induct Vietnam Veterans in our efforts, turning the historical nurse's quarters into a state of the art POW-MIA Museum paying homage to those that served during the Vietnam Era.

Visit <http://jbpow-mia.org/> to learn more.

September 24th, 2016 - Saturday
Elk Lodge, 10261 Bauer Road St. Louis MO 63128
Doors Open at 6pm, Trivia at 7pm

\$200 per team (of 10) - 1st place Award for Best Decorated Table
Vietnam American Gold Star Mother Quilt Raffle - Bring your own Snacks
50/50 - Door Prizes - Silent Auction - Mulligans, Heads or Tails Round
Free Soda, Draft Beer, served at 7pm - Beer donation out, switch to cash bar.

Reservations required tables of 10 @ \$20 per person. First come, first serve basis.
Please send this tear-off registration form and mail checks payable to: AGSM Inc.,
St. Louis Chapter, 7015 Sutherland Ave, St. Louis, MO. 63109. For more
information, contact Terrie Hobson email th_fcb74@yahoo.com or (314)956-4474
DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 15th, 2016

Table Captain Name & Phone _____

(NO outside alcohol allowed and against MO. Liquor Laws of Elks Lodge) Our MC this year will be ... Trish Gazall, Radio Talk Show Host and Charming Personality of the St. Louis Airwaves! "Trish is the entertainment goddess in St. Louis," says Fresh 102.5 Program Director Marty Linck. "She is totally in touch with pop culture and knows this city like the back of her hand."

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
PVT. GEORGE PHILLIPS DETACHMENT #1214
MEMBER DATA SHEET**



REQUIRED INFORMATION	
Name:	
Home Address:	
City / State/ ZIP:	
Spouse Name:	
Home Phone:	
Cell Phone:	
E-Mail:	
OPTIONAL INFORMATION (For Newsletter and Internal Member Only Purposes)	
Nickname:	
Place of Birth:	
Birthday:	
Referred By:	
Employment:	
Service Data: <i>Service Dates, Boot Camp/OCS, MOS, Duty Stations, etc. (cont. on reverse if necessary)</i>	
Hobbies, Interests, Skills	
MCL Activities <i>(Staff, Toys for Tots, Committee Chair, etc.)</i>	
☐ Yes ☐ No	I give permission to use this information in the Detachment monthly newsletter.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

To be completed by Paymaster:

Member Number:

Membership Date:

OATH OF MEMBERSHIP - REGULAR MEMBERS

I, _____, in the presence of Almighty God, and the members of the Marine Corps League here assembled, being fully aware of the symbols, motto, principles and purposes of the Marine Corps League, do solemnly swear or affirm that I will uphold and defend the Constitution and Laws of the United States of America and of the Marine Corps League. I will never knowingly wrong, deceive or defraud the League as to the value of anything. I will never knowingly wrong or injure or permit any member or any member's family to be wronged or injured if to prevent the same is within my power. I will never propose for membership one known to me to be unqualified or unworthy to become a member of the League. I further promise to govern my conduct in the League's affairs and in my personal life in a manner becoming a decent honorable person and will never knowingly bring discredit to the League, so help me God.

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DETACHMENT MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION

**PLEASE ADVISE YOUR PRIMARY CONTACT TO NOTIFY THE DETACHMENT
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OF SICKNESS OR THE PASSING OF DETACHMENT MEMBER.**

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PRIMARY CONTACT NAME:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE #:

RELATIONSHIP TO MEMBER:

SECONDARY CONTACT NAME:

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TELEPHONE #:

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