

**Private George Phillips Detachment #1214  
Marine Corps League  
P.O. Box #1  
Ballwin, MO 63022**



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**TO:**

**ONCE A MARINE ALWAYS A MARINE**

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

**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 on 16 August 2016 @ 1930**



**August 2016**  
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Meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of  
Every Month  
1930 – 7:30 PM



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**Meeting Location:**

225 Old Sulphur Springs Road  
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**Detachment  
Membership as  
of 31 July 2016**

**110**

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1915 – 7:15 PM

## Commandant's Message:



As reported at the July meeting, the staff voted to purchase a brick at the Chesterfield Veterans Honor Park [in honor of past commandant James Brooks]. The cost is \$250.00.

There are two new committees. Awards Committee will be chaired by the Senior Vice Commandant, Lyle McFarlin. He will be needing some input from the membership.

Activities and events Committee will be chaired by the Junior Vice Commandant Elliot Glassman. I'm sure the Elliot will be needing help also. Anyone who has any ideas please let him know.

We have also brought the detachment by laws up to date. They now coincide with the National Headquarters, Marine Corp League.

Semper Fidelis,

**Jerry Gerling**



## Detachment Calendar

### 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 in July newsletter)

### 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)

### October 2016

- 11 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 18 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208
- 18 – Auxiliary Meeting – 1915 Post #208



Saint Louis Boxer Rebellion Marine buried at Calvary Cemetery. Citation: In the presence of the enemy during the action at Peking, China, 21 July to 17 August 1900, Gaiennie distinguished himself by meritorious conduct. Note: the siege lasted from June 20 to August 14, 1900, 55 days.

## MEMBERS MATTER

(monthly column by Lyle McFarlin)

I was born on April 15, 1947, in Cheyenne, Wyoming. My family moved shortly thereafter to Pueblo, Colorado where I grew up. I went to school there, graduating from Pueblo Central High School in June of 1965. I entered the Marine Corps in May of 1965, on the delayed entry program and went on active duty on June 6, 1965. I went to Boot Camp AT MCRD [Marine Corps Recruit Depot] San Diego, California, Platoon 337.

My first duty station after initial training was at 29 Palms, California, where I was assigned to be an artilleryman with Lima Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines. My MOS [Military Occupation Status] was 0811. I was sent to Vietnam, arriving there on March 7, 1966. I was assigned to Delta Battery, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines. In April 1967, I extended my tour for six months and in the matter of three months I was wounded three times, receiving three Purple Hearts.

I was returned to CONUS [Continental United States] before completing my extension and was assigned to the Fifth Marine Division (Headquarters Company, Headquarters Battalion) in a non-deployable status for two years. I reenlisted in 1968 and was sent to MCB, Camp Lejeune and assigned to MP & Guard Company, working at the Base Brig.

In December 1968, against the advice of my First Sergeant, who I served with on my first tour in Vietnam, I waved my non-deployable status to return to Vietnam. I arrived back in country in March, 1969.

I was assigned to Echo Battery, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines until the 3rd Marine Division was pulled out in September 1969, and sent to Okinawa. There I was transferred to Lima

Battery, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines at Camp Butler, and then to Camp Hansen, Okinawa.

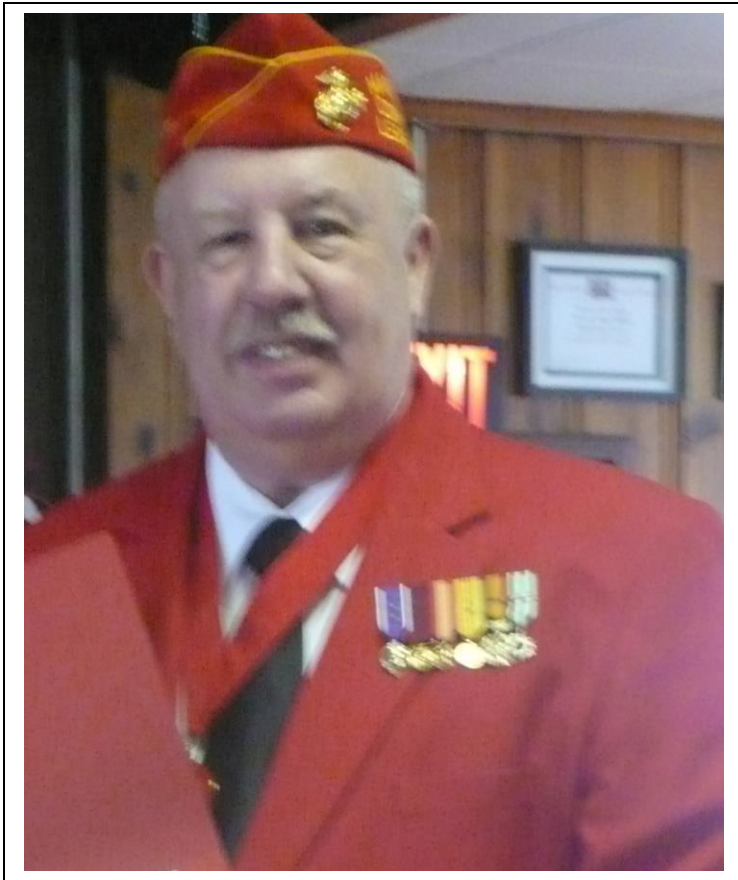
I was transferred then to Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, and assigned to Marine Air Group 24 with Group Security. When the 1st Marine Brigade formed I was transferred to Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion 12th Marines. My MOS was changed from 0811 (artillery) to 3516 (mechanic). While stationed in Hawaii, I met and married my wife on January 8, 1971.

From Hawaii, I was transferred to Camp Pendleton, California, and assigned to the 1st Marine Division with Maintenance Company, 1st Service Battalion. While stationed at Camp Pendleton, our daughter Jennifer was born. I left the Marine Corps on July 12, 1974.

Following the Marine Corps, I worked for CF&I Steel Corporation as a Millwright. In 1976 our second daughter, Darcy, was born. At that time I enlisted in the U.S. Navy Reserve for four years in the Seabees. In 1980, I became active with the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and was elected as a 3rd Junior Vice Commander. In 1984/1985, I became the first Combat Disabled Vietnam Veteran to be elected Commander of the DAV Department of Colorado. In 1986, the DAV Department of Colorado hired me as a Department Service Officer. In 1987, I was hired by the National Staff as a National Service Officer. Following a year of training in Denver, I was transferred to St. Louis. During my career, I represented veterans and their dependents before Administrative Law Judges at the Social Security Administration for Disability Claims, Board of Correction of Military Records (Discharge Upgrades) and assisted veterans and their dependents at the local level of the Veterans Administration (VA) up to and through the Board of Veterans Appeals and to the Court of Veterans Appeals. I retired in May 2007 as a Senior National Service Officer.

I joined the Marine Corps League in 1987 and

became affiliated with the Private George Phillips Detachment in August of 2007. I have served the Private George Phillips detachment as the Adjutant, Senior Vice Commandant, Historian, Chaplain, Commandant, and as Chairman of the Benevolence Committee. I joined the Marine Corps Devil Dogs, Pound 66, in St. Louis in 2009. I have been active in the FOCUS Marines Foundation in 2012, as a Team Leader. In addition to my daughters I have seven grandchildren: four girls and three boys. My name is Jack Bickerton.

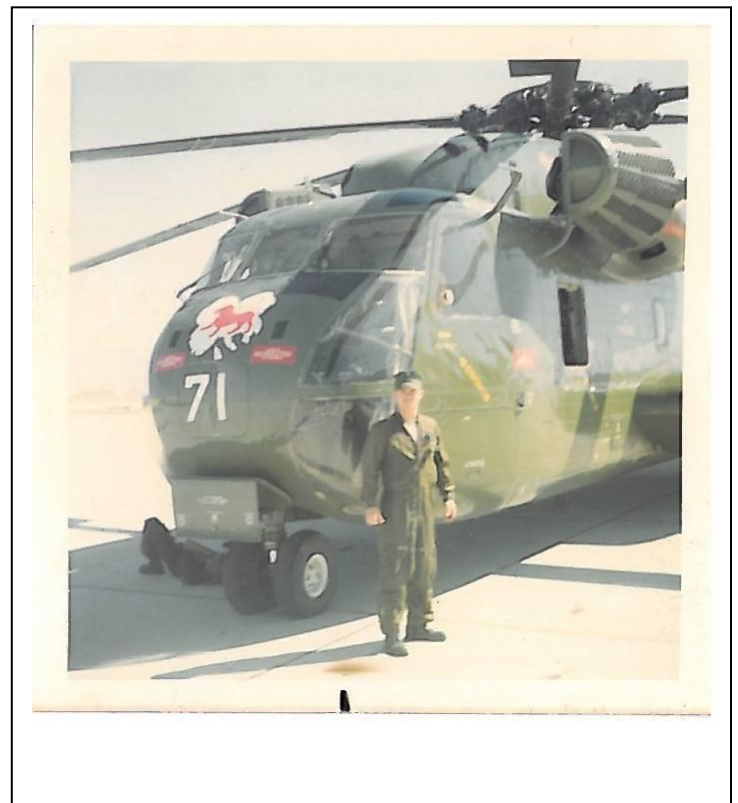


Note: The column, Members Matter, previous page, will be published each month in the Pvt. George Phillips Detachment newsletter. Its purpose is to better know our Detachment, collectively and individually; to understand our lives and connection to the Corps. If you should be contacted for your story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

## MEMBERS MATTER JULY Revisited

Last Month Lyle shared the story of detachment member George Casey, and his part in the historic helicopter evacuation of Saigon, in 1975. Since then George made available to me as newsletter editor a picture of him and his helicopter. Let me introduce it with an excerpt from last month's George Casey Story.

“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.”



You have an opportunity to join the Military Order of the Devil Dogs (MODD), the fun and honor society of the Marine Corps League. Devil Dog meetings are designed to have fun; no pressures, and we really focus on helping children and children's hospitals. We have given a lot of money to Children's hospitals from the state and national levels of the Order.

In the St. Louis, MO area the MODD is represented by Pound 66 of the Devil Dogs, which meets quarterly at the South St. Louis MCL Detachment # 183, 5700 Leona St., St. Louis. Meetings are held quarterly. Activities include fund raising BBQs for the annual Toys for Tots campaign; and other events where we raise money for children's charities, gathering to enjoy the company of others who have honorably served in the Marine Corps or as FMF Corpsmen.

Mongrels (those applying for membership) must be recommended by a current Member of the Devil Dogs, and their application endorsed by the Commandant of the applicant's MCL detachment, certifying that the applicant is an MCL member in good standing.

Being a Devil Dog is another means for a Marine to continue giving back to our country, supporting our nation's children, while having a good time with others who, like you, stepped up to serve. Contact a current member of the Devil Dogs if you are interested in joining us. Those in Pvt. George Phillips Detachment # 1214, MCL may contact any of the following Devil Dogs for further information

Lyle McFarlin, 314, 630-5647

Jerry Gerling, 636, 271-3778

Elliot Glassman, 314, 322-0550

Ted Eberley, 636, 398-4293

Ed Rau, 636, 978-3522



You are encouraged to consider membership with Marines of all generations.

Semper Fi! Lyle McFarlin

### ***August Birthday Scroll***

***William Biddle, Michael Cicchese***

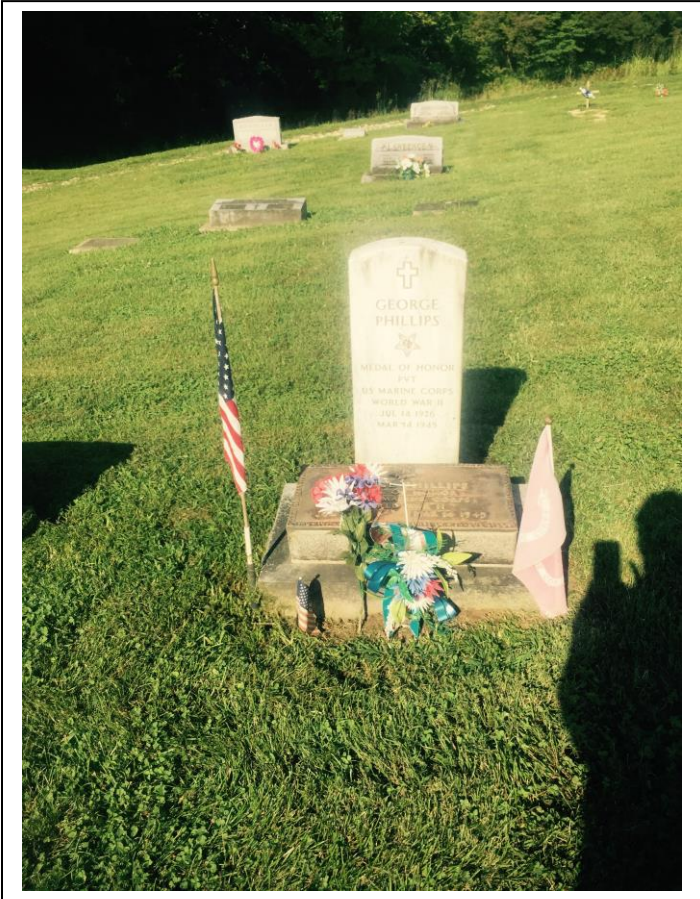
***Kenneth Hale, Andrew Hendrix***

***Frank Kekeisen, John Parulo***

***Randy Rayfield, Dennis Simpson***

***Mark Troutt, Thomas Walter***

***Marisa Grgurich***





## 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 Burials Services for Homeless Veterans, Veteran Honor Flights, Gold Star Families and Children, while promoting patriotism to country. *2016, AGSM are expanding our efforts to include assisting the Jefferson Barracks POW-MIA Museum in becoming a state-of-the-art Museum paying homage to the service and sacrifices of our former POW's, our MIA's, and those of their families.*

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

\$200 per team (of 10) - 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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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](mailto: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.



*The Commanding Officer  
H&S Company, 3/23*

*Requests the pleasure of your company at the  
241st Marine Corps Birthday Ball*



## **Ameristar Casino**

**Who:** All Marines/Sailors and Family Members are encouraged to attend.

**Why:** To bond with your fellow Marines/Sailors and spend an elegant evening celebrating the Marine Corps and its long standing traditions.

**Guest of Honor:** TBD

**Uniform:** Evening Dress, Dress Blue Alphas. Civilians: Black Tie

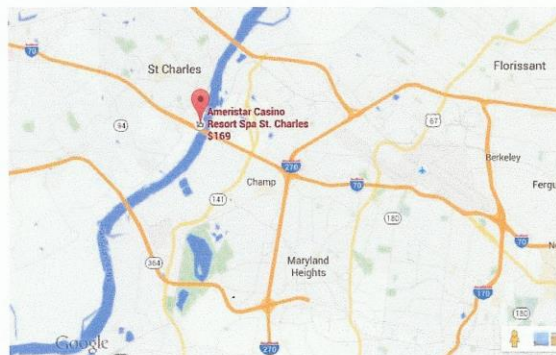
**Pay for Tickets and Register names on our website:**

[www.323birthdayball.eventbrite.com](http://www.323birthdayball.eventbrite.com)

**Make All Checks Payable to:** H&S 3/23

**Room Availability:** There is a block of 50 rooms set aside for Marines, Sailors and guests. Rooms are 1<sup>st</sup>-come, 1<sup>st</sup>-serve & cutoff is Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 2016 Friday night is 120.00 and Saturday night is 129.00 Reserve yours at:

[http://www.ameristar.com/Hotel\\_Reservations.aspx](http://www.ameristar.com/Hotel_Reservations.aspx)  
**Enter Special Offer Code: USMK16A**



*Saturday,  
November 5th, 2016  
Time: 1800 (6:00 P.M)  
Ameristar Casino  
St. Charles, MO 63301  
(636) 940-4301  
Room Info to the Right*

*Ticket Prices*

*E3 & Below*  
\$50.00

*NCO's*  
\$55.00

*SNCO's*  
\$60.00

*Officers*  
\$60.00

*Guest's*  
\$70.00

*Children Under 12*  
\$25.00

*Primary Contacts*  
1stSgt Scarbrough -  
901-378-0128

# NATIONAL POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY CEREMONY

10am, Friday, September 16, 2016

at the



## JEFFERSON BARRACKS POW-MIA MUSEUM

16 Hancock Ave., St. Louis (Jefferson Barracks) MO 63125

Ceremony will include the *Final Salute*,  
the formal Deactivation of the Missouri Department,  
**American Ex-Prisoners of War**

**PUBLIC INVITED**

*Light Refreshments to be served afterwards*



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



<b>REQUIRED INFORMATION</b>	
Name:	
Home Address:	
City / State/ ZIP:	
Spouse Name:	
Home Phone:	
Cell Phone:	
E-Mail:	
<b>OPTIONAL INFORMATION (For Newsletter and Internal Member Only Purposes)</b>	
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>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	I give permission to use this information in the Detachment monthly newsletter.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To be completed by Paymaster:

Member Number:

Membership Date:

**DETACHMENT MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION**

**PLEASE ADVISE YOUR PRIMARY CONTACT TO NOTIFY THE DETACHMENT  
CHAPLAIN OR COMMANDANT IN THE CHAPLAIN'S ABSENCE IN THE EVENT  
OF SICKNESS OR THE PASSING OF DETACHMENT MEMBER.**

**MEMBER NAME:**

**PRIMARY CONTACT NAME:**

**ADDRESS:**

**TELEPHONE #:**

**RELATIONSHIP TO MEMBER:**

**SECONDARY CONTACT NAME:**

**ADDRESS:**

**TELEPHONE #:**

**RELATIONSHIP TO MEMBER:**