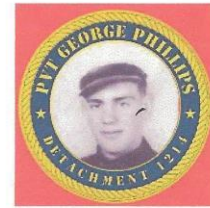


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**Please contact the Editor to receive future issues electronically.**

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**Next Meeting February 16 2021**



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## Commandant's Corner

### ATTENTION ON DECK



To members and associate members of our Private George Phillips detachment, Marine Corps League. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Commandant for this coming year.

Our regularly scheduled meeting on meeting on January 19, 2021 was held at 1930. We had 10 members in attendance. It was good to see all of the members who attended. Our meeting for February is scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup> at 1930 hours. I look forward to seeing all of you at that time. Masks will be required as well as social distancing.

I invite you to contact me by phone, 636-978-3522 or email, [thermalflyr@yahoo.com](mailto:thermalflyr@yahoo.com), to share your ideas as to how we can make your experience with the detachment more

meaningful.

Ed Rau, Commandant  
Pvt. George Phillips Detachment  
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Due to the on-going COVID restrictions, the Pvt. George Phillips Detachment will be conducting the election of officers for 2021 via email. Also, due to COVID, all elected and appointed officers currently serving have agreed to remain in office for 2021.

#### Elected Officer Positions and Nominees for 2021:

Commandant: Ed Rau  
Senior Vice-Commandant: Brad McNeil  
Junior Vice-Commandant: John Cooper  
Judge Advocate: Hugh Smith  
Trustee (3 year): Jim Hubbard

New nominees for officer positions are always welcome. If you have a nominee for an elected or an appointed position, or you are interested in serving, please submit the name in response to this email. **BEFORE SUBMITTED A NOMINEE, YOU MUST VERIFY THAT THE PERSON YOU SUBMIT WILL BE WILLING TO SERVE IN THAT POSITION.** Nominee names are due by Sunday, February 13, 2021.

Elections will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021. On that date a separate email will go out listing candidates for each office and giving you the opportunity to vote for your 2021 Detachment Officers.

#### Appointed Positions

Paymaster/Adjutant: Dennis Simpson  
Sgt.-at-Arms: Jerry Gerling  
Chaplain: Joe Gentile  
Web Sgt: Brad McNeil  
Newsletter Editor: Carl Ramsey

Semper Fi,

Dennis Simpson  
Paymaster / Adjutant

## Chaplain's Corner by Joe Gentile

Lord we give thanks for our detachment members and their service. We ask that you continue to bless those who serve.

As is the case of Lori Hollingsworth. After divorce left with sole custody of two children, she gave up her paralegal job to become a paramedic. After earning her degree, she began working for a private ambulance company. Though the pay and long hours are challenging, she loves helping and serving others.

What drives a single mom with household expenses to stay on the job when she could make more money? Her heart and spirit to serve and make a difference.

Any time we have a chance, we should thank those who serve. Lord, bless all of those on the front lines. Take care of them with thy Devine Protection.



### February 2021

- 9 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 16 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208
- 19 – Battle of Iwo Jima Day 1, 1945.
- 23– Flag Raising on Iwo Jima by members of 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 28<sup>th</sup> Marines, for which Pvt George Phillips will be a replacement

### March 2021

- 9 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 11 – Pvt George Phillips arrives on Iwo Jima
- 14 – Anniversary of Pvt George Phillips saving comrades on Iwo Jima in 1945 by smothering a grenade
- 16 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208
- 26 – Battle of Iwo Jima Final Day 1, 1945.

### April 2021

- 13 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 20 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208

### May 2021

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

### June 2021

- 8 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 15 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208

## *February Birthday Scroll*

*Paul Brown Jerry Bryant*

*Dan Covert Dominick Delia*

*Chris Ketcherside Eugene Kroenung*

*Michael Moss Andrew Stone*

*No Auxiliary members born in February*

## Members Matters

James “Jim” Hubbard

As told to Carl Ramsey



I was born at St. Mary’s Hospital in St. Louis, November 12, 1958. My dad was a cook, a Navy veteran of World War II in the Pacific and Korea. He and my uncle were the first twins from St. Louis to enlist in the Navy following the attack on Pearl Harbor and my dad was the first sailor recalled from St. Louis for Korea. His troop ship would be converted to a hospital ship following the Chosin Reservoir campaign and that was largely the reason my brother and I ended up in the Marine Corps. The Marines in Korea really impressed him. My mother was a house wife. I was one of five, three girls and two boys.

My dad got me on at Westwood Country Club when I was twelve and that would eventually lead to an Evans Scholarship<sup>1</sup> at the University of Missouri in Columbia. I graduated with a BA in Economics and History in 1982. Following college, I worked in sales before landing a job as an assistant manager at a local

country club. The long hours weren’t exactly appealing to me so I decided to go back to college to work on my MBA. My boss saw my text book and asked me about it so I told him my plans. The next day he called me in the office and fired me because he didn’t feel I could do the job and attend school at the same time. Wondering what the next step was, my brother called from 29 Palms where he was stationed in Third Tanks and suggested that I talk to a recruiter because the Marine Corps would pay for school. The next day I called and a week later signed the papers.



**Jim’s father, James Dewey and  
Uncle Joseph Lawrence, first twins from St.  
Louis to join the Navy in WW II**

I left for boot camp January 8, 1985, and completed recruit training March 28. From there I was assigned to Landing Force Training Command for school in the Marine Corps Integrated Maintenance Management System. While waiting for enough Marines to show up to form a class I was assigned as a runner and distributor in the training office. I would

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<sup>1</sup> College scholarship given to golf caddies

have to take notes during meetings and would get frustrated listening to the staff NCO's and officers talk about how over the next few years "it would be an exciting time to be a grunt." I was envious. I wanted to be where things were happening and there I was designated to be a pog/remf.<sup>2</sup> No one signs up to spend all their time in the rear with the gear or in the trunk with the junk.

Little did I know. In July, 1985 I reported to General Support Maintenance Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Maintenance Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> FSSG on Camp Pendleton, got settled in, started school and spent a lot of time hanging out on the beach. In October of that year my CO approached me and told me the clerk they had sent to MSSG-11<sup>3</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup> MAU<sup>4</sup> got himself in some trouble and was booted from the unit. He asked me if I would be interested and told me it would be a great chance to get hands on experience in my field. I agreed and after the ceremony for the Marine Corps Birthday, during which I was promoted to Lance Corporal, I took my sea bag and reported to the Mainside barracks that would be home while I was stateside for the next couple of years. I spent Thanksgiving with my brother and sister-in-law at 29 Palms and the following week we departed Camp Pendleton for Long Beach and embarked on the U.S.S. Mobile (LKA 115).<sup>5</sup> We spent the next several weeks intensely practicing landings from landing craft, helos and amtracs. Benigno Aquino had been murdered following his return to the

Philippines and there was a good possibility we would be going ashore in Manila to evacuate Americans and possibly the embassy.

We departed Long Beach on my first anniversary as a Marine, January 8, 1986. The objective was to make a stop at Iwo Jima to make some more practice landings but things were heating up in the Philippines and the five ships in our group made maximum speed to get to Manila. While enroute the captain of the Mobile broke in on the 1MC following lunch and alerted everyone to the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster. Another celestial occurrence, Haley's Comet was visible in the night sky as we headed west.

We arrived in Subic Bay three weeks after we departed, replenished then left port to take up station off of Manila. It was not quite ten years since the evacuation of Saigon but we watched video of those operations and attended lectures to prepare us. While doing circles off of Manila the Captain of the Mobile granted a request to tell his story. He started his military career as a Marine enlisted man before being awarded an appointment to Annapolis. When he graduated, he became a Naval aviator and would spend time with John McCain as his cellmate in the Hanoi Hilton. A pretty heavy buffet in the food for thought department.

Senator Paul Laxault successfully convinced Marcos and his family to leave the Philippines and we were able to stand down, returning to Subic Bay. The Mobile had to stay in port to have some engineering work done. Some Marines, myself included, were assigned to the U.S.S. New Orleans (LPH 1)<sup>6</sup> and set sail for Hong Kong. After a couple of weeks of some great libo in the British Crown Colony we returned to Subic. More issues were going on in the Philippines and we assisted the Marine contingent doing fence line patrols and security on the base. An attempted coup against Corazon Aquino was met with a stern warning from the State Department and we prepared to head for Manila again. The Philippine Army returned to their barracks and we prepared for

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<sup>2</sup> POG is an American military slang for a non-infantry MOS. REMF is slang for Rear Echelon M----- F-----

<sup>3</sup> MSSG in this context probably means Marine Expeditionary Unit Service Support Group

<sup>4</sup> MAU Marine Amphibious Unit

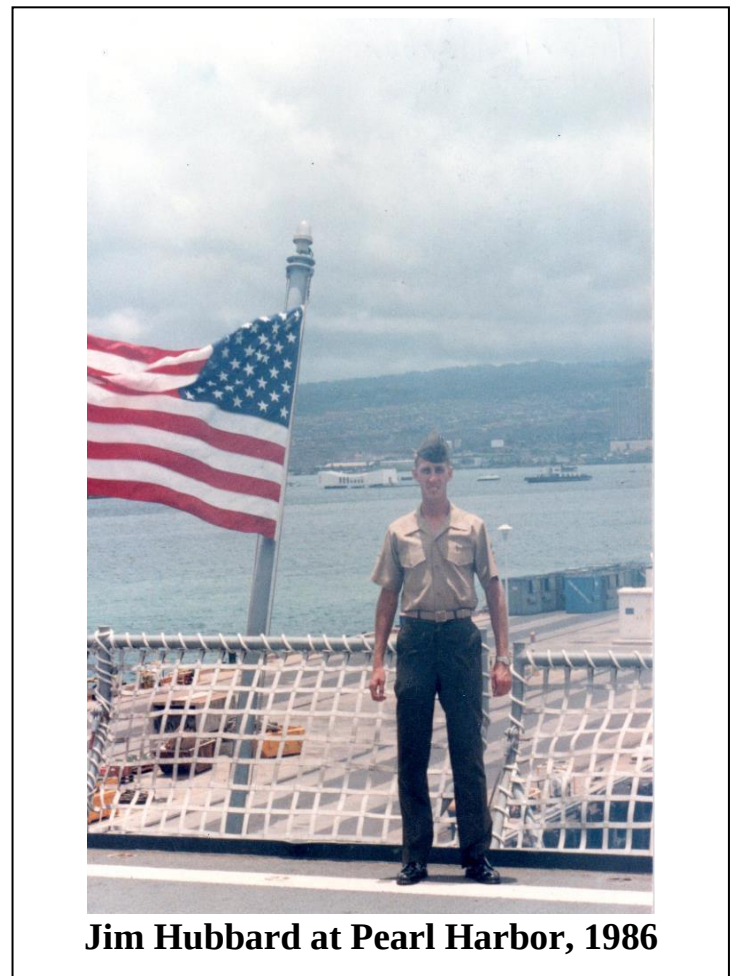
<sup>5</sup> LKA Amphibious Cargo Attack or Amphibious Stores Ship

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<sup>6</sup> LPH Landing Platform Helicopter

Operation Team Spirit in Pohang, Korea. Once that operation was completed, we got about a week's liberty in Pohang then headed to Okinawa for some practice exercises, then back to Subic to prepare for Cobra Gold in Thailand. That operation was finished and we headed to Pattaya Beach, Thailand, then Singapore for work, liberty and ridding myself of the status of Slimy Wog to become a Trusty Shellback. Once that was completed, we returned to Subic and Okinawa then on to Sasebo. Following our visit to Sasebo we headed to Iwo Jima and conducted a memorial service as we sailed around the island. In spite of the battle ending more than forty years before, wrecked landing craft were still beached on the volcanic ash. We wrapped up and headed to Pearl Harbor, then returned to Long Beach the week after July 4<sup>th</sup>. We returned to Pendleton, repaired equipment for the infantry unit and returned it so we could pick up the next unit. I went before a board and picked up meritorious corporal in July, 1986. Following Thanksgiving we headed back to Long Beach and boarded the U.S.S. Ogden (LPD 5).<sup>7</sup> We departed Long Beach early in January, 1987, and headed to Subic. We would participate in Operation Team Spirit again. Liberty this time included a stop in Pusan where we participated in a memorial service for troops killed in the Korean War. While there we encountered some intense moments as Koreans, inspired by events the previous year in the Philippines, threw off their dictatorial president and forced democratic reforms. Things calmed down without too many issues and we would depart for Okinawa and Subic again. Following maintenance to prepare the vehicles and heavy equipment for a beach landing we participated in Cobra Gold in Thailand, followed by a liberty call at Pattaya Beach again. Once that was completed it was back to Subic to clean up and repair vehicles

and equipment. Word was passed that we would be adding a port of call in Australia and the excitement was electric. Then as we were departing Subic the ship turned west suddenly and we were informed that we were headed to the Persian Gulf because the U.S.S. Stark had been hit by a missile and a number of sailors had been killed or wounded. Two days out word was received to stand down and we headed south. After leading our Wogs into King Neptune's domain we continued south and arrived in Hobart, Tasmania taking in the beauties of the island as well as the history and local sites. The turnout on the docks as we departed was unbelievable. After crossing the equator at the international date-line we earned our Golden Shellback certificates then headed to Hawaii and Long Beach. I thought I was finished deploying. I returned to GSM<sup>8</sup> Company and got back into school.



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<sup>7</sup> Amphibious Transport Dock

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<sup>8</sup> GSM General Support Maintenance

In September, 1987, I received a call from Gunny Santana, who served with me in MSSG-11. I was to report to battalion at 1300 for a discussion with the CO. When I arrived, there were a number of Marines seated around the table including Lance Corporals DeJong and Melgar. We were told that a deployment was being formed to head to the Persian Gulf and they needed experienced Marines to participate. After talking to the other MIMMS<sup>9</sup> candidates and telling them to go back to their units I volunteered to go on the deployment. Three weeks later we boarded the U.S.S. Okinawa (LPH 3) and departed San Diego after receiving a send-off from Secretary of the Navy James Webb. When a unit is thrown together that quickly there are issues and we had our share of them. We pulled into Subic Bay and found out the mortar sights for the infantry unit were damaged and because they were float items and there were none to be had in Subic, the supply clerk and I found ourselves on a plane going from Cubi Point to Clark Field then to Okinawa to make the transaction happen. When we got back, we drew shore patrol in Olongapo. While out on the street we found out that American service men were being targeted by Philippine militants. The next day the gates would be shut down and we would depart for the Persian Gulf.

On Thanksgiving night, we were served the traditional dinner. Once we finished general quarters sounded and we donned helmets and flak vests and assumed our general quarters stations. This would be our routine for the next four months as we escorted tankers, hunted mines and practiced assaults. The infantry unit that was with us taught us the finer points of fast roping rappelling and urban assault. Several times we were called to general

quarters when threats were made by Iranian or Iraqi forces, but they always backed away. In early March we received orders to depart the Gulf. We turned the convoy route over to a group headed by the U.S.S. Samuel B. Roberts and headed home via the Mediterranean. While transiting the Suez Canal we learned the Sammy B. hit a mine on the same convoy route we had transited numerous times. Nothing was ever easy in the Gulf. In response Marine and Naval units attacked Iranian oil platforms and cleared out the rat's nest we'd been keeping an eye on.

After liberty in Mallorca, Spain, we crossed the Atlantic and had a port of call in Norfolk. Word was passed we would hit Kingston, Jamaica, for a liberty call. It would be a welcome respite from several months of cold, wet weather. As we headed for the break water at Kingston the Okinawa started to turn and we headed southwest to Panama. Noriega was creating problems and it was up to us to show the flag. On March 28, 1988, my third anniversary of graduating boot camp we transited the Panama Canal and turned north toward home. We arrived in San Diego on April 3 and Contingency MAGTF 1-88 disbanded. I returned to GSM Company and went on terminal leave the day after the Marine Corps Birthday. My dad flew out to San Diego and rode back to St. Louis with me.

Since leaving the Marine Corps I completed my MBA from Webster University and have been working in Supply Chain for a variety of companies. I spend my spare time now assisting OEF and OIF veterans through Focus Marines Foundation and rescuing animals through Stray Paws Rescue.



**Joe Hubbard, brother who served in Third Tanks and Jim Hubbard (right)**

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<sup>9</sup> MIMMS Marine Corps Integrated Management System



**Jim Hubbard and his father, 1958**



**Jim Hubbard, Korea, 1986**



**Jim Hubbard with Colonel Libuiti,  
Gibraltar, 1988**



**Jim Hubbard in Panama, 1988**

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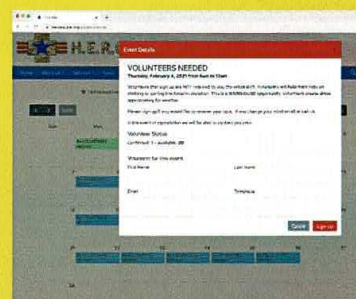
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(\*Korean War Era Marines See National Bylaws, Article 6, Section 600)

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