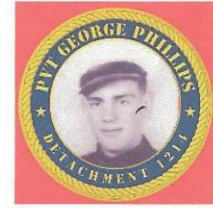


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Please contact the Editor to receive future issues electronically.

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Commandant's Corner

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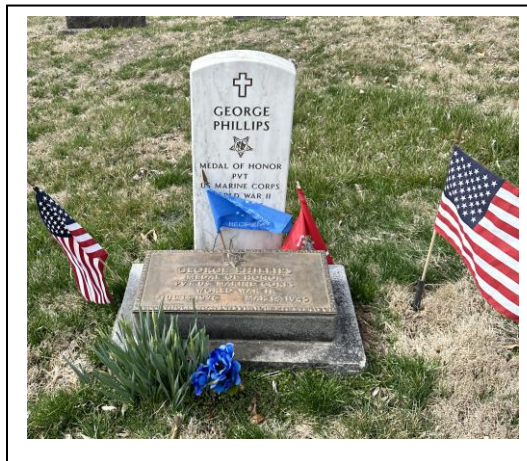
To all members and associate members of our Private George Phillips detachment, Marine Corps League. I am grateful for the honor and privilege to serve as your Commandant. Our January meeting is scheduled for the 16th at 1930 hours. I look forward to seeing all of you at that time, masks are optional.

First I would like to say I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and enjoyed it with family and friends.

We had a pretty good year, and I look forward to 2024 to see what good we can accomplish. I look forward see all of you at our next membership meeting. Note: Our detachment is beginning its twentieth year in 2024.

As always Semper Fi Marines.....

Brad McNeil, Commandant
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Marine Corps League Semper Fi
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The Private George Phillips Detachment #1214, Ballwin, Missouri was chartered in 2005 and is proud to honor a local Marine who, at age 18, gave his life so that his fellow Marines may live. For sacrificing his life on 14 March 1945, Pvt. George Phillips was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, and is buried at Bethel Cemetery in Labadie, Missouri. Since the Detachment received its charter, we have provided and continue to provide volunteer support and financial assistance to area Marines and their families as well as many veteran and Marine Corps related charitable organizations such as: Toys for Tots Campaign, FOCUS Marines Foundation, St. Louis and Franklin County Honor Flight, Missouri USO, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri State Veterans Home, Marine Corps Foundation, Fisher House, Heroes Care, St. Louis Warrior Support Foundation, and many others. In Fiscal Year 2016, our Detachment contributed over \$7,800.00 to these and other worthwhile causes. Our Detachment currently has 103 members, drawing from St. Louis City, St. Louis County, and Franklin County. General Membership meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 1930 (7:30PM) at: American Legion Post #208, 225 Old Sulphur Spring Rd., Manchester, MO 63021.

Chaplain's Message

Catsup and mustard help me find my car in a parking lot even better than the horn I can blast away with on my car keys. Catsup and mustard are the bright colors of my Marine Corps bumper sticker. Actually, the official colors of the Marine Corps, established in 1925, are scarlet and gold (which to me look like catsup and mustard). The meanings associated with those two colors are most interesting. Scarlet traditionally represents the blood of Christ and Christian martyrs; thus, it is worn by Cardinals in the Catholic Church. It also symbolizes devotion, sacrifice, courage, passion, heart, and joy. And it hid the color of blood in wounds which is why it was worn by ancient armies including the Romans, and the later red coated British. Gold symbolizes wealth, success, achievement, and triumph, which is why it's the highest color for an award in events like the Olympics, and even dancing contests. It's further associated with the sun which represents the highest level of spiritual development. Back to our beloved Marine Corps, both colors provide an easy tie-in with our motto: Always Faithful, or in Latin, Semper Fidelis. It means a good Marine should be willing to endure inconvenience, and at times pain with self-sacrifice to accomplish his mission. It's also what our Lord Jesus represented when he died for our sins on the cross, even though the cost of sacrifice made him sweat blood. But he responded with his words to his Heavenly Father, the first person of the trinity, "Not my will, but thine be done." And I try not to forget those words of Christ when I'm on a mission, while locating my car decorated with a bumper sticker of scarlet and gold which also looks like catsup and mustard.

Carl Ramsey, newsletter editor and chaplain



January 2024

- 6 – Department Meeting – 656 Jefferson City
- 8 – **Battle of New Orleans, 1815**
- 10 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 16 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208
- 21 – **Khe Sanh, 1968 thru July 9**

February 2024

- 14 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 19 – **Iwo Jima, 1945 thru March 16**
- 20 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208
- 22-23 – Mid Winter Conference, Sheraton Pennington City
- 23 – **Iwo Jima, 1945, Flag Raising**

March 2024

- 13 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 14 – **Iwo Jima, 1945, anniversary of Pvt George Phillips falling on grenade**
- 19 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208
- 23 – Department Meeting – 656 Jefferson City

April 2024

- 5-6 – Mid West Division Conference Capital Plaza, Jefferson City
415 W McCarty St 573-635-1234
- 10 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 16 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208

May 2024

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

June 2024

- 7-8 – Department Convention hosted by 725 Sheraton Westport Chalet 191 W Poet Plaza Dr St. Louis MO 63146 314 878n1500
Capital Plaza, Jefferson City
415 W McCarty St 573-635-1234
- 12 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 18 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208

August 2024

- 12-16 – National Convention Rancho Mirage CA. For further Information Contact Dennis Simpson.

Members Matter Sean Jackson

Sean Jackson was born in Bridgeton, Missouri on December 29, 1981. He grew up in Saint Peters, Missouri, graduating from Fort Zumwalt High School South in 2000. He was attending Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois, during the New York City Trade Center terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. He completed his second semester and returned to Saint Louis to enlist in the Marine Corps. This was on January 1, 2002, in the Robert A. Young building, at 1222 Spruce Street (where many of us in the detachment, including myself, also joined up, although many years earlier). He said the standing joke in the induction center was how old the guy looked who told you to stand sideways while he checked for hernia.

On January 15, 2002, Sean left for MCRD, San Diego, California, and I'm sure he stood on the same yellow footprints as the rest of us. His basic training events were different than those of us who served in the Vietnam War. Instead of Boot Camp immediately followed by ITR (Infantry Training Regiment), 30 days recruit leave, and MOS training school, his went as follows: Boot Camp, 10 days recruit leave, MCT (Marine Combat Training), and radio operator school at 29 Palms, California. However, when he got to 29 Palms, because of a backlog of students waiting to attend his school he had to wait two and half months before he could start. He did his share of Marine Corps fill-in jobs during that time.

Once school began, he discovered the radios in use hadn't changed since the Vietnam War and possibly earlier. In fact, nothing new would come into use until President Bush authorized money for modernized equipment in 2004. After radio school he did two tours in Iraq, one lasting twelve months and the second ten-eleven months. He went all over the country

including to Basra. The Tigris and Euphrates rivers reminded him of the Mississippi and Missouri, but the area around them was so marshy, landings had to be made from deep water ports in neighboring Kuwait. Incidentally, during his Iraq tours he was blown up twice. He then did a six-month tour in Bahrain for CENTCOM, went to Senegal, West Africa, and did training stents in Ukraine for friends of NATO.

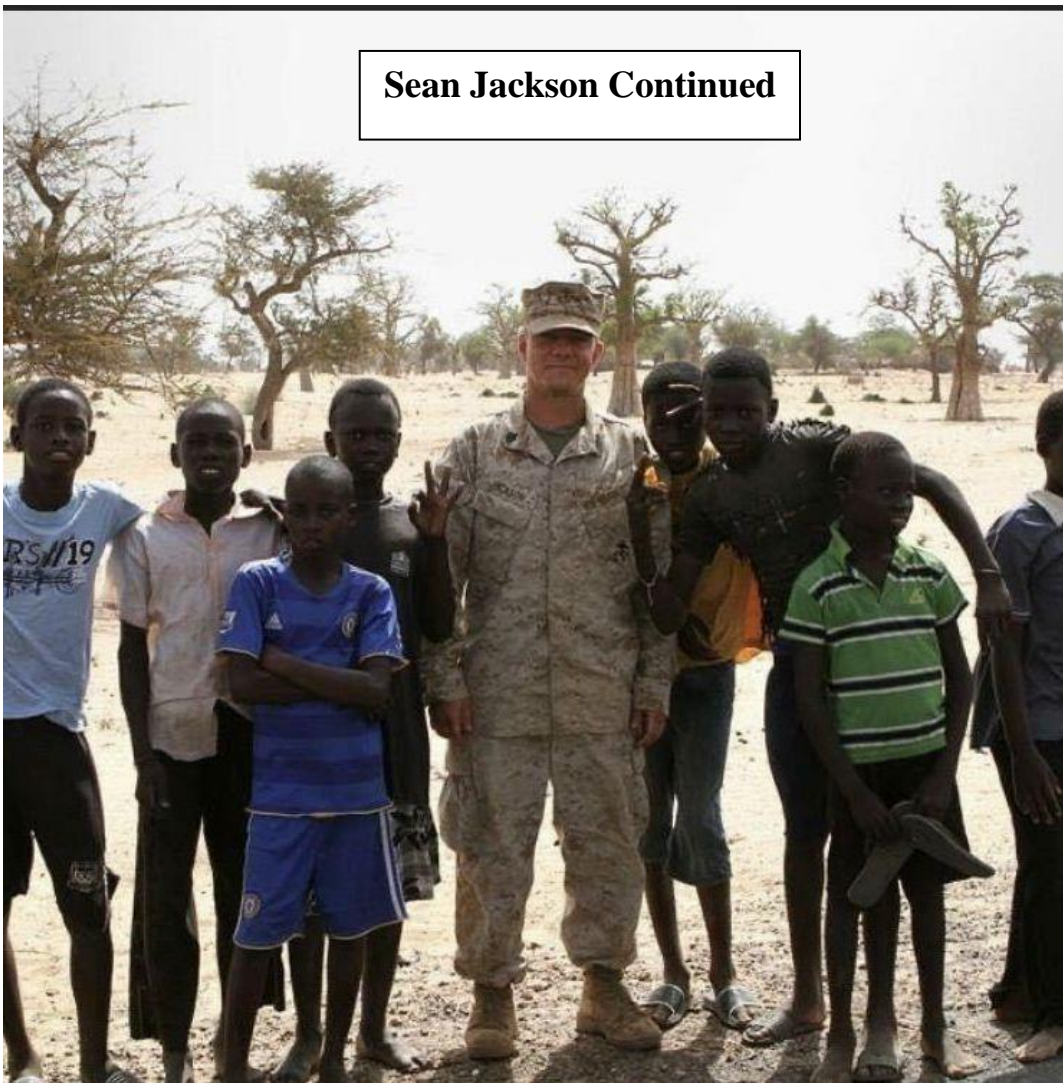
During of all Sean's time in the Marine Corps from the moment he left Boot Camp, he was a reservist. But he wasn't a typical reservist because he was almost always on an active assignment. He would do a minimum of a week to a month at a time, but it was usually longer. He served in the Reserve Unit at Lambert Field which was 3/24 until it was replaced by 3/23. He moved to MLG (Marine Logistics Group) in 2016. I asked how he earned a living when he wasn't on an assignment. He said he is also a mailman.

He retired from the Marine Corps February 15, 2023, as a Gunnery Sergeant. He plans to retire from the Post Office in June and operate a taco food truck. Currently he cooks for the Focus Marines. He is married with four children.



Sean Jackson

Sean Jackson Continued



January Birthday Scroll

David Campbell Ray Cromer
David Edgar
Gary Keesling Bradley McNeil
Philipp Petersen Walter Suhre
Alfred Wallach
Gail Bickerton

Marine Medal of Honor for first Air Lifted Medevac, Nicaragua January 6-8, 1928 First Lieutenant Christian Franklin Schilt

During the progress of an insurrection at Quilali, Nicaragua, 6, 7, and 8 January 1928, 1st Lt. Schilt, then a member of a marine expedition which had suffered severe losses in killed and wounded, volunteered under almost impossible conditions to evacuate the wounded by air and transport a relief commanding officer to assume charge of a very serious situation. 1st Lt Schilt bravely undertook this dangerous and important task and, by taking off a total of 10 times in the rough, rolling street of a partially burning village, under hostile infantry fire on each occasion, succeeded in accomplishing his mission, thereby actually saving 3 lives and bringing supplies and aid to others in desperate need.^[2]



Marine Korean War MIAS in January (None from Missouri)

1/3/1952 Maj George Major MIA Minnesota VMF 311 MAG 33 (Picture 1)

Major George Major joined the U.S. Marine Corps from Minnesota and served with **Marine Fighter Squadron 311, Marine Air Group 33, 1st Marine Air Wing**. On January 3, 1952, he piloted a single-seat F9F Panther (bureau number 123713, call sign unknown) as the third aircraft in a flight of four on an armed reconnaissance mission over North Korea. During the mission, the flight came under intense anti-aircraft fire from enemy positions on the ground. Major Major radioed that his aircraft had been hit, but that he didn't think he was badly damaged. Another pilot from the flight pulled in close to Maj Major's plane and saw no damage. Then Maj Major's aircraft unexpectedly went into a steep dive and crashed. The other pilots in the flight circled the crash site but saw no parachute and no signs of life. Because the crash site was in enemy territory, further searches could not be attempted. Major Major was never reported to be a prisoner of war, and his remains were not identified among those returned to U.S. custody after the war.

1/15/1953 2Lt Edward Thomas Fogo MIA from Ohio (Picture 2)

During January 1953, the 1st Battalion, 1st Regiment, 1st Marine Division, was in positions along the eastern portion of the Main Line of Resistance (MLR) known as the Jamestown Line. The battalion conducted nightly reconnaissance patrols and manned listening posts. The battalion also sent forward four reinforced combat patrols, with the mission to make contact with enemy forces, capture prisoners, and destroy enemy positions and equipment. **Second Lieutenant Edward Thomas Fogo, who joined the U.S. Marine Corps from Ohio, served with C Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Regiment, 1st Marine Division**. He was killed in action on January 15, 1953, during a combat patrol forward of the Main Line of Resistance. The enemy's presence prevented the immediate recovery of his body, and his remains were not identified among those returned to U.S. custody after the ceasefire.

1/17/1952 Capt Walter Andrew Clinnin MIA from California VMF 312 MAG 12 (No Pic)

Captain Walter Andrew Clinnin, who joined the U.S. Marine Corps from California, served with Marine Fighter Squadron 312, Marine Air Group 12. On January 17, 1952, he piloted an F4-U Corsair (bureau number unknown) as part of a six-aircraft flight on a mission against enemy ground targets near Karhwa-ri. His Corsair was hit by anti-aircraft fire, and he radioed his fellow pilots that he was going to bail out. His aircraft was seen to roll over several times, then hit the ground and explode before he was able to escape from it. Witnesses reported that the crash was not survivable, and his remains were not identified among those returned to U.S. custody after the ceasefire. (The newsletter editor met his niece last summer who lives in Saint Louis.)



New Membership Forms on last two pages

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I hereby apply for membership in the Pvt. George Phillips #1214 Detachment, Marine Corps League and enclose \$40.00 for one year's membership.

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