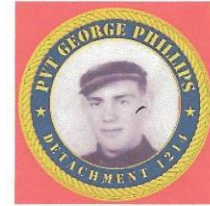


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Marine Corps League
P.O. Box #1
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TO:

ONCE A MARINE ALWAYS A MARINE

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 March 19 2024



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Meetings 3rd Tuesday
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1930 – 7:30 PM



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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 20th at 1930 hours. I look forward to seeing all of you at that time, masks are optional.

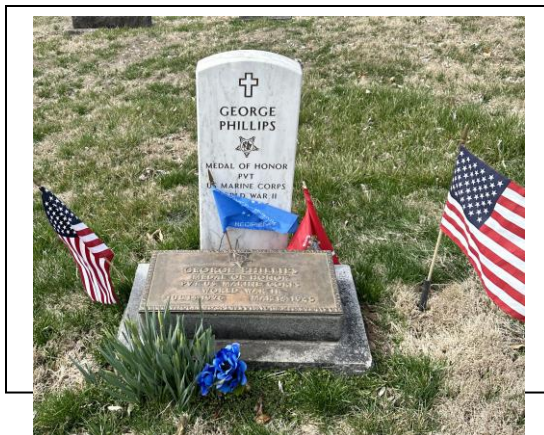
We are going into 3 months of 2024 and its time for our elections, which will be held at our March Detachment meeting on March 19. I hope to see you there.

I'm looking forward to see what we all can accomplished, this year. We have our dates for our fund raisers, which will be published in our April's newsletter, more information to come.

As always I look forward see all of you at our next membership meeting.

As always Semper Fi Marines....

Brad McNeil, Commandant
Pvt. George Phillips Detachment # 1214
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

I have a face book friend named Shane Granger, who uses a sailboat to deliver supplies to remote islands. In his recent book, Cargo of Hope, he tells of the owner of boat with every electronic device known for navigation, also video games to stave off boredom. He claimed his setup was so good, he and his wife could live a normal life watching satellite TV, while his boat steered itself where ever they wanted to go. Shane's response: what's the backup plan on the day all of that electronic equipment fails. He calls that guy a suicidal lunatic and says if you sail long enough like he has, everything will eventually fail. And that doesn't take in account lightning strikes, miss-marked reefs, sudden appearing islands, and other ships doing the unexpected. He falls back on the age-old sailor tactic of posting a watch. On his boat someone is always on watch.

Which brings up my Christian analogy as chaplain. In our Christian life we are directed to always *watch* and *pray*. First Jesus says in Matthew 26:41, Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation. The Spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. Second in Luke 21:36, Watch therefore, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all of those things that shall come to pass. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the son of man.

In conclusion, our Christian life involves watching combined with praying to avoid things that can tempt us into trouble, and to minimize troubles that are coming or are already out there. It's an effective way of staying plugged into Jesus.

Carl Ramsey Chaplain



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
- 8-9 Saint Louis Air Show
415 W McCarty St 573-635-1234
- 12 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 18 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208

July 2024

- 9 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 14 – **Pvt George Phillips Birthday**
- 16 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208

August 2024

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

September 2024

- 9 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 16 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208
- 27 – Pat McCormick Golf tournament
See Brochure

Members Matter Tyler Gerling

Tyler Gerling was born September 18, 1997, in Pacific, Missouri. He attended Pacific High School where he joined the Marine Corps on the high school delay plan in 2016. But due to a paperwork mix-up his date of enlistment was changed to the date he left for Boot Camp in September, 2016. He graduated from Boot Camp in December, and after recruit leave, he went to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, where he graduated from MP School in March, 2017. He served at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina from July, 2017 to July 2020. He was assigned to the Second Law Enforcement Battalion and served two years on the field side of his MOS. This involved training for route security, as well as building and personnel searches. Then he was switched to the garrison side where he worked for the provost marshal. His duties included guarding a gate for a week at a time usually in a patrol car.

One of his memorable incidents involved a DWI, in which during a plain view search with a flash light inside the rear passenger door, he saw a rifle someone tried to hide under a Macdonald hamburger wrapper. He had to get the occupants out of the car, resulting in a weird situation in which he learned the passenger was the wife of the driver's friend, and the driver's wife was at a different location with that friend. A subsequent search of the car, turned up in addition to the rifle, marijuana and one or two empty beer bottles. The driver was taken to the provost marshal, and because the passenger didn't have a driver's license the car had to be towed and she had to be detained at the gate guard house for three hours.

When Tyler got out of the Marines, he cut grass, worked as a service writer for a tractor trailer repair facility, and became a manager. He's been married since March 31, 2017 to his wife Rebekah, and has two sons, Elijah and

Malachi. He likes to play baseball and in the Marine Corps League Detachment he serves as quartermaster and designed the latest detachment challenge coin.



**Current Sergeant of Arms Jerry Gerling
With Grandson Tyler Gerling 12/20/2016**



**Tyler and Jerry Gerling
November 2021**

Officer Elections

Marines, it is that time of year where we decide who will lead our Detachment. We are in desperate need of Detachment members willing to step up and move our Detachment forward.

If you are interested in any of the elected or appointed positions, or would like to nominate someone for a position, please contact Ed Rau: 636-978-3522 thermalflyr@yahoo.com

We need new leaders with fresh ideas to keep our Detachment active and current. Please consider stepping up.

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.

Appointed Positions

Trustees

Acts as auditing committee. Conducts at least one financial audit of the Detachment yearly.

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.

Public Relations Officer

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

Various Committee Chairmen

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

March Birthday Scroll

*Larry Decker, Norman Franklin,
Michael Gollon, Carl Martin
Lawrence Schwartz*

*Jennifer Johnson, Donna Murdock
Donnas Eberley*

Marine Corps Humor

Did You hear about the California psychic who was in a car accident with a Woman Marine? The California psychic couldn't predict which way the Woman Marine was going to turn.

Please share this news article on what's new on the PACT Act: 2024 Expanded Health Care Eligibility toolkit as appropriate. It has the latest talking points, videos, social posts etc.

[The PACT Act: 2024 Expanded Health Care Eligibility toolkit - VA News](#)

Tax Prep for Vets

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Pvt. George Phillips Detachment

to bcc: me

The Kaufman Fund ([Programs for Veterans \(thekaufmanfund.org\)](http://thekaufmanfund.org)) is offering free tax preparation services for veterans. Pre-registration is required.

Location: American Legion Post #397, 934 East Rue De Labanque, Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Time and Dates are 10:00AM - 2:00PM on

Feb. 24

March 16

March 30

April 6

April 13

Tax Prep for Vets

The Kaufman Fund helps Veterans with filing their tax returns. Tax help is available during the tax season. The returns are done for free to Veterans. Tax Prep for Vets can prepare both federal and state taxes. However, The Kaufman Fund may not be able to do all returns requested due to complexity or IRS due diligence requirements. Tax Prep for Vets is done in partnership with local tax preparers and tax attorneys.

Veterans will be asked to provide all personal records needed to process a return. These include W2 forms, 1099 forms, business records, proof of residence for dependents being claimed, childcare information, along with social security numbers and date of birth for all individuals being claimed.

For more information about how to schedule a tax appointment (during tax season), email TKFTaxPrep@gmail.com or call 314-530-9182.

Serving Those Who Served



www.thekaufmanfund.org

ESTATE PLANNING FOR VETERANS

March 19, 2024
3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

10815 Midland Blvd.
Overland, MO 63114

* Free services offered for
Veterans and spouses include:

- Simple wills
- Powers of attorneys
- Living wills
- Health care directives

RSVP Deadline: March 18, 2024
mvc.dps.mo.gov/will-clinic-reservation
or call Scotty Allen - 573-522-4224

*by appointment only | must be a Missouri resident



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[RSVP](#)



20th Annual Patt McCormick Golf Tournament

***** Friday September 27, 2024 *****

07:30 am Registration

08:00 am Shotgun Start – 4 Person Scramble

Entry Fee - \$125.00 per player

All Tournament Applications & Payments must be submitted to
Frank Remsik – Tournament Organizer before Friday September 13, 2024

TOURNAMENT LOCATION:

Paradise Valley Golf & Country Club

1005 Lochmoor Dr.
High Ridge, Mo 63049
(636) 225-5157 — parvalgolf@aol.com

INCLUDES:

- Green Fees & Cart
- Beverages & Hot Dogs on Course
- Prizes for A, B & C Flights
- Prize for longest drive
- Prize for Closest to Pin: 2, 12, 17
- Awards and Meal (cash bar) @
Paradise Valley Golf Club House

Option:

- Meal only \$24.00

Player / Sponsor Applications
Coming Soon

CONTACTS:

Frank Remsik - 636-751-3204

frankremisik.post208@gmail.com

Harold Isom - 314-749-2702

isomh@charter.net

Make Checks Payable to:

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225 OLD SULPHUR SPRING RD.

MANCHESTER, MO 63021

636-391-9424

www.legionpost208.org

501 (C) 19 Veterans Organization

Marine Corps League Application for Membership



Full Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Email Address: _____

Date of Enlistment/Commissioning: _____ Date of Discharge/Retirement/Separation: _____

Type of Application--- New Renewal Membership Type--- Regular Associate Dual

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

Please locate a Detachment using the locator on The Marine Corps League National website. Upon completion submit this form and attach a copy of your last DD-214 (Service 2 or Marine 4)*, as well as any applicable fees as defined by the Detachment. If you desire to join as a Member At Large, please go to The Marine Corps League National website and apply using the online form.

*Regular Member applicants only

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