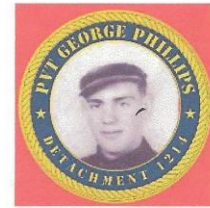


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ONCE A MARINE ALWAYS A MARINE

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 April 15, 2025



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Commandant's Corner

ATTENTION ON DECK



Marines. Thank you for your confidence in electing me commandant. The detachment needs your help. First at monthly meetings, then at collections on May 23,24,25. Thanks for your support.

Semper Fi Marines

Joe Gentile Commandant

Pvt George Phillips Detachment #1214

Marine Corps League

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The following is Joe's farewell address as Junior Vice Commandant when he agreed to bypass the position of Senior Vice Commandant to serve as *the Commandant* of the Pvt George Phillips Detachment of the Marine Corps League.

A special salute to the following Marines: Carl Ramsey, Chaplain. Thanks for visiting me while I was in the hospital.

Hugh Smith, for his work organizing collections.

John Cooper, for his dedication in getting the storage shed and his work on Toys for Tots.

ⁿ
Brad McNeil, for serving three consecutive years as Commandant.

April 2025

USMC disbanded April, 1783, reactivated March 27, 1798 for Naval War with French Republic

7 – **Exploit of James E Swett, 1943, Shot down 8 planes in one day.**

9 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208

12 – Veterans Resource fair in O Fallon Mo
10:00-14:00 1163 Tom Ginnever Av

12 – Focus Marines Mess Night (Brochure)

15 – Membership Meeting – 1900 Post #208

18 – **Gold and Scarlet become official USMC colors 1925**

25 – Lindbergh High School History Alive

27 – **Marines capture Derne, Tripoli, 1805**

May 2025

14 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208

20 – Membership Meeting – 1900 Post #208

June 2025

11 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208

13-14 Department Convention

Cape Girardeau

17 – Membership Meeting – 1900 Post #208

July 2025

9 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208

14 Pvt George Phillips Birthday

15 – No Membership Meeting

August 2025

13 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208

11-15 National Convention

Grapevine TX

19 – Membership Meeting – 1900 Post #208

American Wars that started in April

Revolutionary War, April 19, 1775.

American Civil War, April 12, 1861.

Spanish American War, April 21, 1898.

Second Samoan Civil War Battle of Vailele, April 1, 1899.

WW I, April 6, 1917.

Elections for Detachment Officers were held the at beginning of our March 18, 2025 meeting.

**In addition to Commandant Joe Gentile
pictured above (who is also the Eagle Scout
Coordinator, get to know your other
officers.**



**John Cooper, Senior
Vice Commandant**



**Hugh Smith, Judge Advocate, and
Public Information Officer**



**Andrew A. J. Neely
Trustee - One Year**



**Jason Lehr, Junior
Vice Commandant**



**Mike Cicchese
Trustee - Two Year**



**Brad McNeil
Trustee Three Year,
Jr Past
Commandant,
Quartermaster,
Web Sergeant**



Dennis Simpson
Adjutant and Paymaster:



Jerry Gerling,
Sergeant at Arms



Carl Ramsey, Chaplain,
Newsletter
Editor, Historian



Mike Lee from District
addresses detachment
prior to March
meeting election.



March Meeting Oath of Office after election

April Birthday Scroll

John Bickerton Charles Corpening, Jr.
Elliot Glassman James Grgurich
Aaron Kent Jerry Kisner
Steven Lind Andrew "AJ" Neely

**Vietnam Veteran Recognition,
Woodson Terrace Community Center
March 22, 2025, hosted by former
Auxiliary Member, Caroline Martin.
Event featured singing of the military
songs of all five branches, a nice lunch,
and two special pins. One was
presented to each Vietnam era veteran
present, and a pin of a slightly
different design presented to a spouse
or family member. See next page.**



**Detachment members
George Casey and John Cooper**



**Louise Howard, widow of recently
deceased Special Forces Marine and
detachment member Robert Howard
with newsletter editor Carl Ramsey**



**Former detachment member
Ken and Sharon Dieckman**



Louise Howard with niece Kim Baker



**Former Auxiliary Members Donna
Murdock and Lois Kessler. Donna (Carl
Ramsey's younger sister sister) was
married to deceased Vietnam era Marine
Ray Murdock.**



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION

50th

Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin

"A lasting memento of the Nation's thanks!"



Eligibility:

Presented to living U.S. veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time during the period of November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location, are eligible to receive one lapel pin.

Symbolism:

- **Eagle** - The eagle represents courage, honor, and dedicated service to our Nation. As one of the most recognizable and notable American symbols, it is emblazoned on numerous military insignia.
- **Blue Circle** - The color blue matches the canton of the American flag and signifies vigilance, perseverance, and justice.
- **Laurel Wreath** - A time-honored symbol representing honor and victory.
- **Stripes** - The stripes behind the eagle represent the American flag.
- **Stars** - The six stars represent the United States and the five allies who served, sacrificed, and fought alongside one another: the Commonwealth of Australia, the Kingdom of Thailand, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea and the Republic of the Philippines.
- **Message** - "A Grateful Nation Thanks and Honors You" is embossed on the back, closest to the heart of the wearer. The official name of the Commemoration is included to remind each veteran that this is a national initiative.

July 2024

Join the Nation ... thank a Vietnam veteran!

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Marine Corps League Awards Order of Precedence



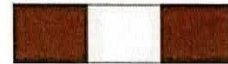
MCL Hero Medal



MCL Distinguished
Citizen — Gold Medal



MCL Distinguished
Citizen — Silver Medal



MCL Distinguished
Citizen — Bronze Medal



MCL Distinguished
Service — Bronze Medal



MCL Marine of the Year
Ribbon — National



MCL Associate Member of the
Year Ribbon — National



MCL Marine of the Year
Ribbon — Division



MCL Associate Member of the
Year Ribbon — Division



MCL Marine of the Year
Ribbon — Department



MCL Associate Member of
the Year Ribbon —
Department



MCL Marine of the Year Ribbon
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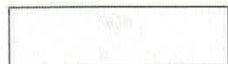
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Gold Medal



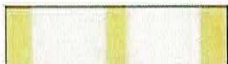
MCL National Recruiter —
Silver Medal



MCL National Recruiter —
Bronze Medal



MCL Past National
Commandant Medal



MCL National Staff
Elected Medal



MCL National Staff
Appointed Medal



MCL Past Department
Commandant Medal



MCL Department Staff
Elected Medal



MCL Department Staff
Appointed Medal



MCL Department Recruiter —
Silver Medal



MCL Past Detachment
Commandant Medal



MCL Detachment Staff
Elected Medal



MCL Detachment Staff
Appointed Medal



MCL Detachment Recruiter —
Bronze Medal



MCL Community / VAVS Ribbon



MCL Board of Trustees
Commendation Ribbon
(Victor T. Fisher Award)



MCL National Meritorious
Commendation Ribbon



MCL Department
Meritorious Commendation
Ribbon



MCL Individual Meritorious
Commendation Ribbon



MCL Ceremonial Guard Ribbon



MCL Marksmanship
Rifle Ribbon



MCL Marksmanship
Pistol Ribbon



MODD Kennel Dog of the
Year Medal



MODD Chief Devil Dog
Meritorious Commendation
Ribbon



MODD Pack Dog of the Year
Medal



MODD Pack Leader Meritorious
Commendation Ribbon



MODD Pound Dog of the Year
Medal



MODD Pound Keeper
Individual Meritorious
Achievement Ribbon



MODD Past Chief Devil Dog
Medal



MODD Past Pack Leader Medal



MODD Past Pound Leader
Medal



MCL Membership Medal



MCL 100th Anniversary
Ribbon
(gold frame for convention attendees)



MCL 75th National Convention
— Silver Medal
(elected / appointed)



MCL 75th National Convention
— Bronze Medal
(attendee)



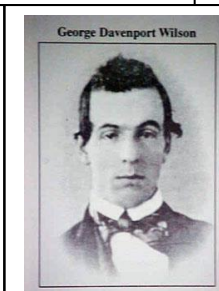
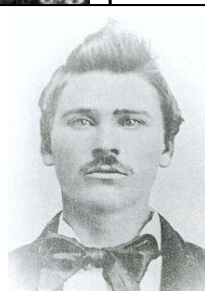
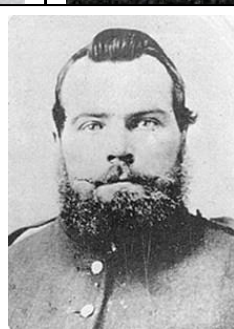
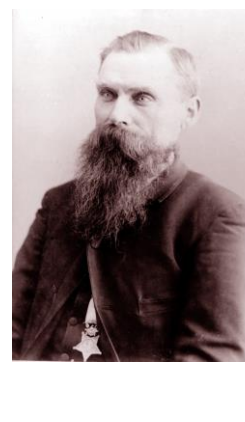
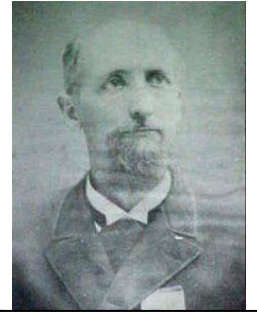
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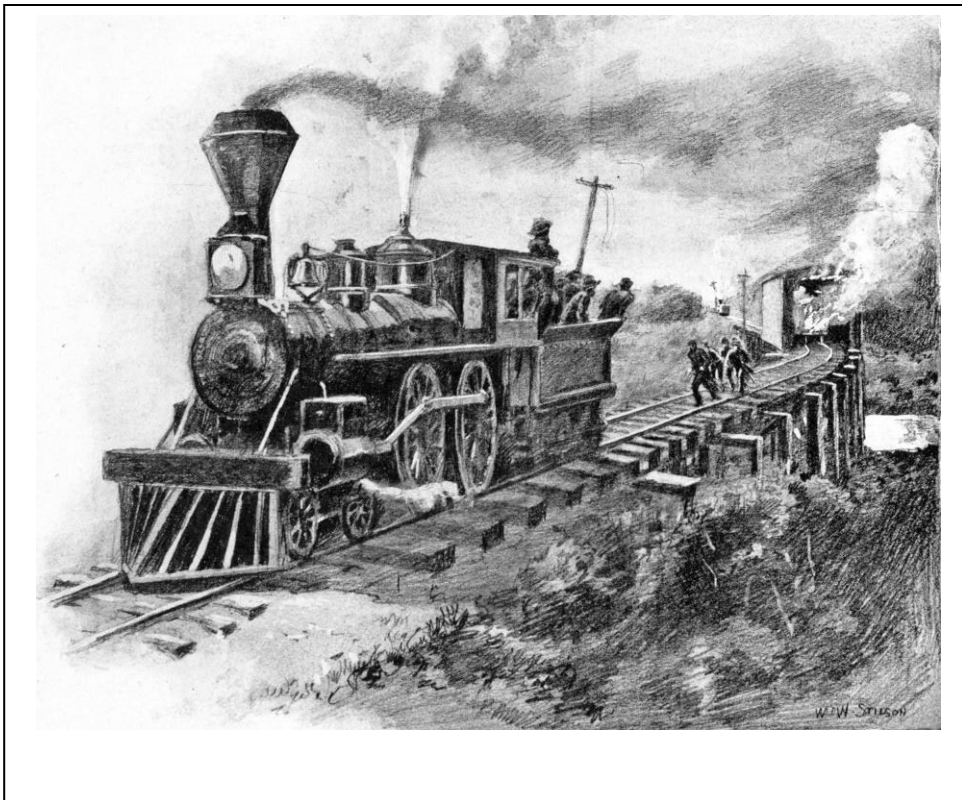
1st MOH POWS in the Civil War great locomotive Chase

(Sources include Wikipedia and www.homeofheroes.com). Medal of Honor Heroes below



List of names and award dates on following page.

4/11/1862, Great Locomotive Chase. First Medals of Honor awarded March 25, 1863. Row 1. Pvt Jacob Parrott, 1st recipient; Pvt William Bensinger, 2nd recipient; Pvt, Robert Buffum, 3rd recipient; Sgt Elihu H. Mason, 4th recipient; Sgt William Pittenger, 5th recipient (although he received his first in Walt Disney film, based on his book). Row 2. Cpl William H. H. Reddick, 6th recipient; Medals of Honor awarded September 17, 1863. Sgt Wilson W. Brown, served as the engineer; Cpl Daniel Allen Dorsey; Pvt Williams James Knight, Pvt John Reed Porter, last living raider; Row 3, Pvt Samuel Robertson; Sgt Major Marion A. Ross; Pvt John Alfred Wilson; Pvt Mark Wood, from Nottingham, England. Medal of Honor awarded July 6, 1864, Pvt Ovid Wellford "James" Smith. Row 4, Medal of Honor awarded July 20, 1864. Pvt John Wollam; Medal of Honor awarded July 28, 1883. Pvt Samuel Slavens; Medal of Honor awarded August 4, 1866. Sgt John Morehead Scott, Medals of Honor awarded January 28, 2008. Pvt Charles Perry Shadrack (Philip Gephart Shadrach) & Pvt George Davenport Wilson.



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 ☐

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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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