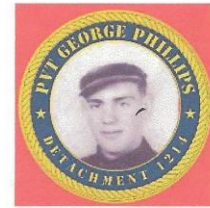


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***As a suggestion*, anyone wishing to provide material *should try* to have it to the editor  
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**Next Meeting June 17, 2025**



**June 2025**  
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## Commandant's Corner

### ATTENTION ON DECK



**Marines! Thanks for your confidence. A big shout out to those that helped with storage shed organization. A special thanks to John Cooper for all his efforts in financing and getting shed set up. Another shout out to those who worked on collection sat Sam's. Semper Fi to the Marines who attended Memorial Services in Labadie. For those attending Pvt George Phillips birthday on July 12, highway MM will be closed. Don't forget, at our June meeting we will have a light meal afterward and a time of fellowship. Semper fi and God bless you and our Corps.**

**Joe Gentile Commandant  
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### June 2025

**1-26, 1918 – Battle of Belleau Wood  
4-7, 1942 – Battle of Midway with loss  
of the USS Yorktown  
11 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208  
13-14 Department Convention  
Cape Girardeau  
17 – Membership Meeting – 1900 Post #208  
19 – Veterans Bar B Q – 1800-2100 Guest  
speakers include detachment member  
Colonel Jack Jackson (See Brochure)**

### July 2025

**9 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208  
12 – Pvt George Phillips Birthday  
Remembrance at Bethel Cemetery in  
Labadie, MO–1000  
14 – Pvt George Phillips Birthday  
15 – No Membership Meeting  
24-27 – The Wall that Heals Jefferson  
Barracks Park Open 24 hours  
(See Brochures)**

### August 2025

**August 7, 1942-February 9, 1943 – Battle of  
Guadalcanal  
13 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208  
11-15 National Convention  
Grapevine TX  
19 – Membership Meeting – 1900 Post #208**

### September 2025

**15, 1950 – Inchon Landing  
10 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208  
16 – Membership Meeting – 1900 Post #208**

### October 2025

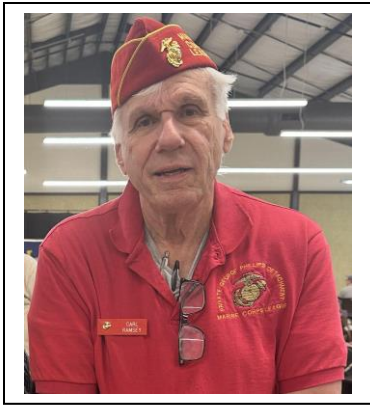
**8 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208  
14 – Membership Meeting – 1900 Post #208**

### November 2025

**10 – 250<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Birthday  
12 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208  
18 – Membership Meeting – 1900 Post #208**



## Chaplain's Message



As newsletter editor and detachment chaplain I received the following email May 31, 2025. *"It is with sadness that we report the passing of Pvt. George Phillips Detachment member Russell Lake. Russ was a life member of the Marine Corps League and an avid supporter of Marines and veterans. Service arrangements are pending."* Russ Lake (pictured below) joined the detachment January 16, 2018 with our current Senior Vice Commandant, John Cooper.



While the detachment awaits further information, Russell's passing brings up one significant point. None of us know for certain how much time we have left living upon this Earth. It could be a brief moment or many years, and everyone's case is different. Since September I have met two WW II veterans who have lived one hundred years or more. The first was a 101-year-old Marine F4 Corsair pilot from the Pacific theatre who would have been 102 on Christmas Day if he is still with us. The second was a 100-year-old sailor who served on a destroyer in the Mediterranean. His wife attends my church and he is a retired doctor. (After the war he went to medical school on the GI Bill.) In our detachment, Chosin Reservoir Marine Harry Hope (who is President Emeritus of Greater St Louis Honor Flight) is in his 90s. I'm 75 and expect to see my 90s, but not even I know for sure. The important thing for us is to walk in the light of our days while we still have that light and share the Good News of the Lord Jesus. Those of us who have accepted the Lord Jesus as our personal savior have nothing to fear from an unexpected dusk leading to the night of our personal death. We simply fall asleep in Jesus the assurance we will awake in the glorious new dawn of the resurrection. For those of us who have not yet accepted Jesus, to take advantage of this Good News, all we have to do is pray something like the following: Jesus, I confess my sins and sinful nature, and I accept your death on the cross as payment. I make you Lord of my life and look forward to spending time in fellowship with you during my remaining time on Earth. Amen.

Carl Ramsey, chaplain and newsletter editor

## Detachment Pictures



**The Sunday Shed cleanup Project,  
May 18, 2025**



**Commandant Joe Gentile checks for  
important communications during shed  
cleanup project**



**Ron Sansone  
May Meeting May 20**



**Charlie Scott  
May Meeting May 20**



**Ken Hale May Meeting May 20**



## Detachment Collections May 25, 2025



**Left to right: Brad McNeil, Jason Lehr, Joe Gentile, Jim Hubbard, John Cooper**



**Joe Gentile and Carl Ramsey**



**Special guest appearance  
by Mike Erxleben**



**Memorial Day at Labadie**  
(2 shots to get a picture with us all)



***June Birthday Scroll***

***Stephen Grgurich--Gary Harris,  
Franklin Hawkins--Philip Kemp  
Jason Lehr***





*for* **YOUR SERVICE**



# **JACK STRUCKHOFF MEMORIAL VETERANS BBQ**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 19TH, 2025**

**6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.**

**ST. RAYMOND - ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**

1420 S. Sappington Road, Crestwood, MO 63126  
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## ***Guest Speakers***

**JACK JACKSON**

**COLONEL, MARINES (RETIRED)**  
Marine Pilot in Vietnam and Desert Storm  
Test Pilot and Chief Test Pilot for Boeing  
TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS: 18,000.

**RICK STREAM**

**US NAVY OFFICER**  
Served on the USS Fort Snelling as Navigator,  
Admin & Personnel Officer and Legal Officer.  
Worked for DOD Army Aviation and Logistics  
Commands as budget and project manager.

**KAREN BUSH**

**US ARMY**  
Installation Postal Officer at Fort Knox, then S1  
for the 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division. Served with 66th  
Military Intelligence Brigade as Assistant  
S1/Administrative Officer in Munich, Germany.

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Refreshments, Food & Entertainment Provided

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### Orlando's Event Center

4300 Hoffmeister • St. Louis, MO

Dinner • Open Bar • Dancing

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Non-Members \$75.00

Reservations Required

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

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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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