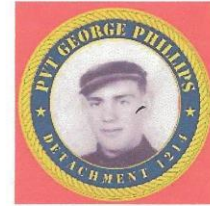


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This newsletter and previous issues can be obtained from the **new Detachment Website. <http://www.pvtgeophillips.org/>**

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 will be July 18, 2017 @ 1930



July 2017
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1930 – 7:30 PM



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Meetings 3rd Tuesday
of Every Month
1915 – 7:15 PM

Commandant's Message:

Welcome to new member, Charles Scott.

Dominick Delia is moving out of the area and has resigned as Sergeant at Arms. So anyone who would like the position please step forward.

July fifteen is the Pvt George Phillips ceremony at Labadie. Please bring extra chairs for the family members of Pvt George Phillips. Afterwards lunch is at the Hawthorne Inn.

Semper Fidelis,

Jerry Gerling

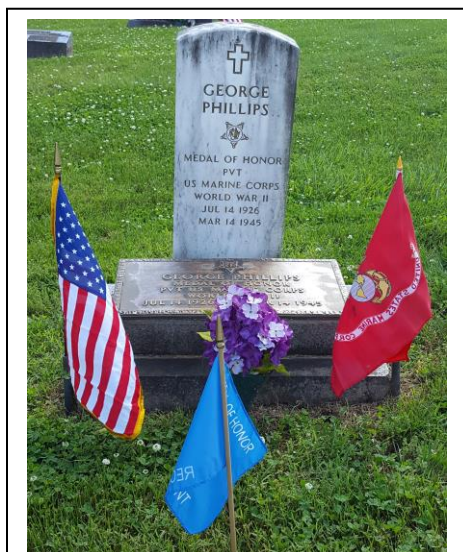


Photo taken at Labadie on Memorial Day by Commandant Jerry Gerling.

Detachment Calendar

July 2017

- 11 – United States Marines re-established, 1798 after being disbanded, April, 1783.
- 11 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 14 – Pvt George Phillips Birthday, 1926
- 15 – Pvt George Phillips Birthday Remembrance – 1000, Labadie, MO
- 18 – Meramec Bluffs Veterans Fair – 1000 – 1400
1 Meramec Bluffs Drive, Ballwin, MO, 63021
- 18 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208
- 18 – Auxiliary Meeting – 1915 Post #208
- 29 – Baseball Game Honoring POWs/MIAs – 1730 Busch Stadium (See Article and Brochure)

August 2017

- 5 – Texas Tournament – (See Brochure)
- 8 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 12 – 7th Annual Warrior Support 5K /1M Fun Run/Dog Walk – 0745, Carondelet Park (See Brochure)
- 15 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208
- 15 – Auxiliary Meeting – 1915 Post #208
- 17 – Kaufman Fund Golf Tournament – 1000 (See Brochure)
- 25 – Trivia Night for POW MIA Museum – 1900 VFW Post 3944, Overland (See Brochure)

September 2017

- 9 – American Legion Bunco Night – 1900 Post #213, Maryland Heights (See Brochure)
- 12 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 15 – National POW MIA Recognition Day
- 19 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208
- 19 – Auxiliary Meeting – 1915 Post #208

Story of Private George Phillips whose birthday will be observed on July 15, 2017.

Private **George Phillips** (July 14, 1926 – March 14, 1945) was a United States Marine who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for sacrificing his own life to save the lives of fellow Marines on Iwo Jima by throwing himself over an activated hand grenade.

Initially buried in the 5th Marine Division Cemetery on Iwo Jima, Pvt Phillips' remains were reinterred in Bethel Cemetery, Labadie, Missouri, in 1948.

Medal of Honor citation

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the MEDAL OF HONOR posthumously to

PRIVATE GEORGE PHILLIPS
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving with Second Battalion, Twenty-eight Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the seizure of Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands, on 14 March 1945. Standing the fox-hole watch while other members of his squad rested after a night of bitter hand grenade fighting against infiltrating Japanese troops, Private Phillips was the only member of his unit alerted when an enemy hand grenade was tossed into their midst. Instantly shouting a warning, he unhesitatingly threw himself on the deadly missile, absorbing the shattering violence of the exploding charge in his own body and protecting his comrades from serious injury. Stouthearted and indomitable, Private Phillips willingly yielded his own life that his fellow Marines might carry on the relentless battle against a fanatic enemy and his superb valor and unfaltering spirit of self-sacrifice in the face of certain death reflect the highest credit upon himself and upon the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

/S/ HARRY S. TRUMAN

Source: Wikipedia



Left: Private George Phillips, Second Battalion, 28th Marines, Battle of Iwo Jima March 11-14, 1945 (His unit was also known for the earlier flag raisings on Iwo Jima, February 23, 1945.)



**Benevolence Fund Recommendation,
Submitted by Jack Bickerton, Chairman**

Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Iwo Jima Memorial Fund. The monument's design by Curt Fentress, designer of the National Museum of the Marine Corps Quantico base in Virginia. The bronze design and cast will be done by Tom Bollinger, whose uncle was killed at Iwo Jima. The monument will be able to be seen by drivers on Interstate 5, ships off of the shore and military aircraft flying overhead.

Currently, the goal is to complete the monument by the Marine Corps' birthday on November 10, 2018. The budget was set for \$10.7 million with a 15 percent contingency and must be secured before the construction begins. According to the web cite, over \$200,000 has been raised. The Memorial is to be paid for with 100% private funds. The names of donors will be listed on the website (without amounts) and at the Memorial in an interactive kiosk.

Project: Build a spectacular Iwo Jima Flag Raising Memorial at Camp Pendleton, facing the Iwo Jima coordinates across the Pacific. Site it on a hillside viewable adjacent to the PVEC (aka SNCO Club), for Marines, and the public transversing I-5, and offshore, a permanent symbol of American courage and sacrifice.

Fentress Architects has previously designed and built the magnificent National Museum of the Marine Corps, Triangle, VA. One of the most respected and honored US architects in the field of public buildings, Fentress has taken the vision of Iwo Jima Monument West, non-profit, and turned it into a proposal that will become the most significant symbol of the USMC on the Pacific coast.

Lit at night 24/7, the monument will shine like a beacon of freedom to all who see it, an icon of American history, and resonate with all who see it. The tantamount example of courage, it will stand for hundreds of years so that the legacy will never be forgotten!

Fentress presented his design at a national unveiling in front of 13 Iwo Jima veterans at "The Celebration of Courage" event, Newport Beach, CA sponsored by Iwo Jima Monument West, October 31, 2015. His remarks can be seen here by all Marines and Americans. Support building this magnificent tribute that displays American courage and determination. That is the USMC!!

MISSION: OPERATION HOME OF THE BRAVE

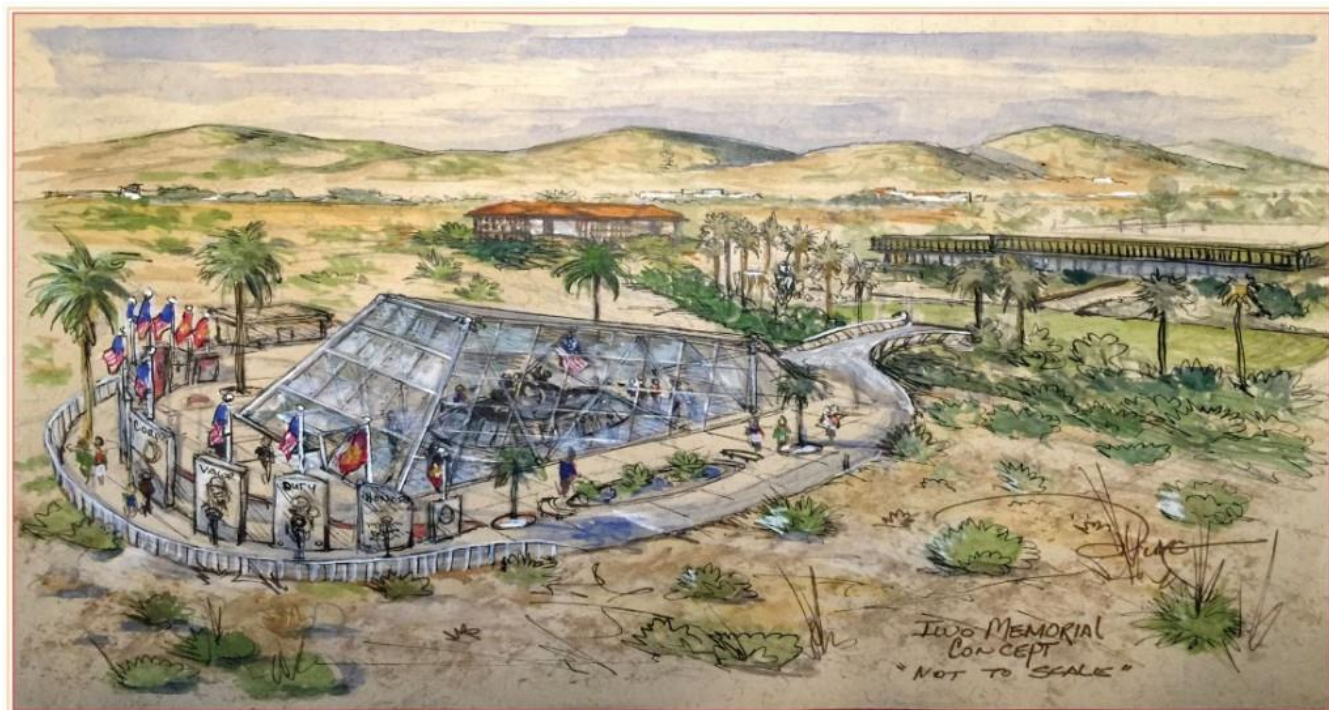
To fund an Iwo Jima Flag Raising monument and memorial site at Camp Pendleton to make all who see it reflect and pay their respects to Marines who have, and will continue to make the ultimate sacrifice in defense of the United States of America;

To not only inspire but educate all Americans that we are, as our national anthem says, "the home of the free, the home of the brave", through inscriptions and visual aids that tell the story on site; to teach that the famous image of the flag raising by Associated Press combat photographer Joseph Rosenthal "electrified" was weary Americans and became the symbol of the most successful war bond drive ("The Mighty 7th") in WWII; the image from the photograph was adopted in multiple modalities and became essentially an American icon; it was the most reproduced photograph in all of WWII;

Visible to millions at the proposed location, near Interstate 5, and lit at night for aircraft and ships to see, we at Iwo Jima Monument West are projecting that it will become a landmark, at night aglow in lighting, servicing as a beacon of freedom that reinforces that "uncommon valor" remains in the American spirit. May God continue to bless America.

LEGAL ENTITY: IWO JIMA MONUMENT WEST

A 501 c 3 charity was established on 11/15/13 to accept private donations to fund this project. The IRS final determination as fully tax deductible was approved on May 19, 2014 (EIN: 46-7128553).



Iwo Jima Memorial

Marine Base Camp Pendleton
Artist Concept

July Birthday Scroll

George Casey Harry Hope

John Koch Louis Mataya

Michael Pate Charles Penn

Patricia Powell

Ron Sansone Tom Welker

Auxiliary

Carolyn Martin Jean Mataya



Frank Kekeisen, temporarily unable to attend the monthly meeting, visited by newsletter editor Carl Ramsey

June Candids



Charles Scott



Jerry Kisner



John Koch



**Former Sgt at
Arms Dominick
Delia**



Dennis Simpson



Al Statler



**Brad Statler, son of
Al Statler**



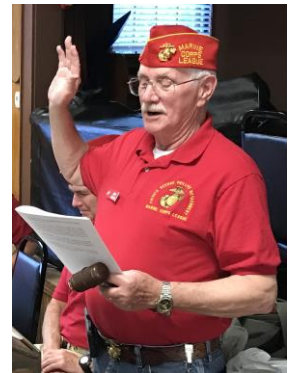
**Lee Oliver and Gary
Harry**



**Caroline Martin
presents Harry Hope
with Chosin Few
Donation.**



**Charles Scott is sworn in by
Commandant Gerry Gerling as the
detachment's newest member.**



VETERANS, VET Groups, Family & Supporters

Your HELP is needed to Locate Families of those

MISSING IN ACTION (MIA)

From the Missouri/Illinois Area

The POW-MIA Museum at Historic Jefferson Barracks

Last Year Honored 3 former POW's of the Vietnam War

This Year we want the Focus to be on the MIA's

Saturday 29 July at Cardinal's Game vs. Arizona

Pre-Game Ceremony at Home Plate to HONOR their Memory

The Museum will provide 2 tickets for selected Families

to be at the Ceremony to HONOR their MIA

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SPECIAL NOTE: Game Time is 6:15 PM – Ceremony 5:30

We also have some Handicapped and Wheel Chair Seating

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Marine Corps league – Vietnam Vets of America – VFW – American Legion

Navy League – H.E.R.O.E.S. Care – Focus Marine Foundation

DEADLINE for Reservation is 5 July – Payment by 10 JULY

www.jbPOW-MIA.org

POW-MIA Museum at Historic Jefferson Barracks

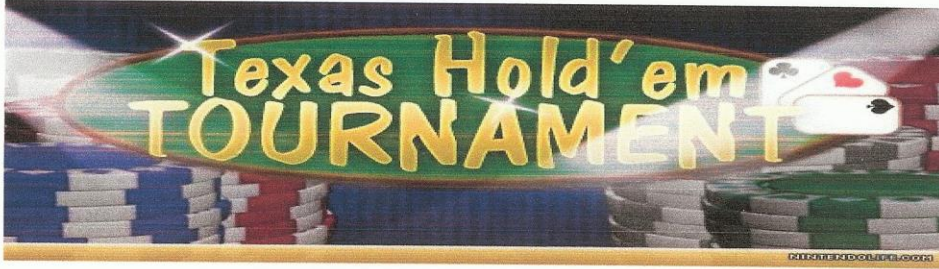
“No One Left Behind – No One Forgotten”



**7/3/1952, SSgt
William E. Shuck,
Jr. sacrificed life
to assure all dead
and wounded were
evacuated.**



**7/4/1967, PFC Melvin E.
Newlin attacked enemy force
alone, KIA.**



AUGUST 5TH, 2017

Proceeds to Benefit **FOCUS** Marines Foundation

Sponsored by Immaculate Conception Men's Club in Honor of Dennis Bible

Doors open 4:00 PM

Games Start 4:30 PM

Location: Immaculate Conception Parish Center

2300 Church Road, Arnold

Cost with reservations* - \$40 plus \$10 extra buy-in chip

Cost at the door* - \$50 plus \$10 extra buy-in chip

* Cost includes beer, soda & snacks

For reservations call: **Steve Ploesser** 314-413-1098

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FOCUS Marines Foundation (FMF), a 501c3 non-profit charity, was founded in 2010 by a group of St. Louis area Marines. FMF conducts four, multi-faceted, seven-day, transformative programs during the year to assist wounded Marines and Navy Corpsmen in their transition from the battlefield to civilian life. All costs, including air fare, lodging and meals are paid by FMF. To date, FMF has served over 700 warriors.

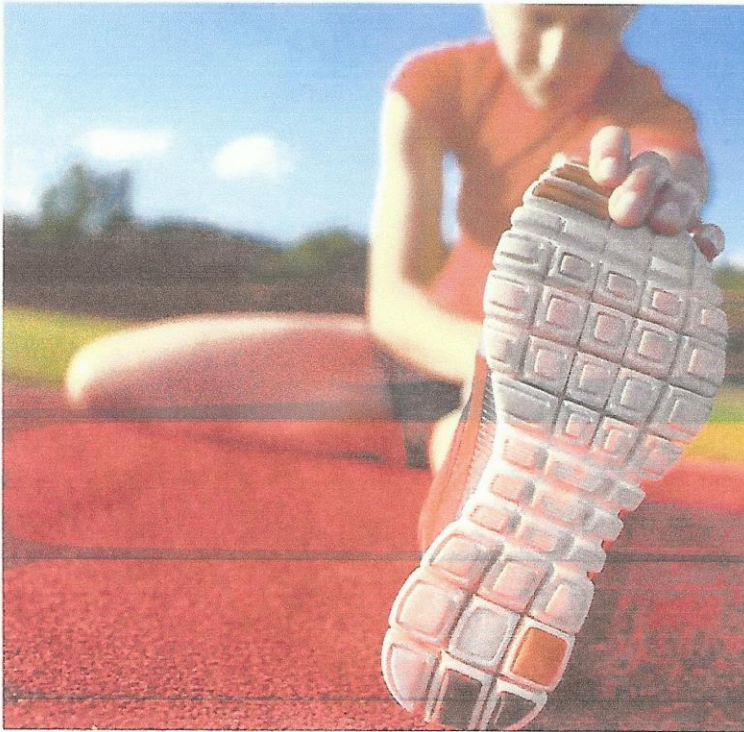
Upon leaving the military, many warriors, especially those suffering physical wounds or the emotional wounds of PTS/TBI, experience depression and a lack of direction and meaningfulness which can lead to confusion, despair and, tragically, suicide. These symptoms can persist over years if not properly addressed.

During the week at FOCUS, participants attend an intense, introspective 3-day workshop to understand and purge negative tendencies and to embrace and overcome the difficulties of civilian life. Superb motivational speakers inspire participants to rise above their challenges, reject victimization, and adopt positive habits. Participants are coached in practical life skills such as networking, resume writing, mock interviews and other important talents. During the week, participants experience renewed hope and direction, develop positive characteristics, experience enhanced self-worth, and are re-committed to themselves and their families and friends.



Saipan, 7/7/1944, Saipan, PFC Harold C. Agerholm (Left) rescued 45 men before KIA by sniper; 7/8/1944, Sgt Grant F. Timmerman (Right), protected his tank crew from grenade that hit his chest, KIA.





12 AUGUST 2017

**7TH ANNUAL WARRIOR SUPPORT
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Who we are and what we do -

We were founded by veterans including some with multiple combat deployments and decades of experience. We also have relationships with many local veteran's organizations. This combination provides us with a unique ability to direct donated funds to St. Louis local veteran's organizations. We have raised and donated \$10,000s to support local organizations. The use of these funds range from PTSD and TBI assistance to support for deployed Marines and other military personnel.

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**7/12/1965, 1st Lt Frank S. Reasoner (Left),
KIA for attempting to aid wounded Marine
on patrol; 7/15-18/1966, Capt Robert J.
Modrzejewski (Right) led men in seizure of
enemy ammunition & supplies as he
continued to counterattack.**





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