

CAROLINA MUSEUM OF THE MARINE

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A Lifetime of Service: Phil Randall



A Marine veteran whose early career included aviation maintenance on a range of Marine Corps aircraft, Phil went on to devote more than four decades to

advancing aviation safety, maintenance standards, and professional training across the nation. After his Marine service, he continued in the aviation field with airlines and maintenance organizations before rising to senior leadership within the Federal Aviation Administration. There, he served in key roles focused on airworthiness, technician training, accident prevention, and human factors—work that helped strengthen aviation safety throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. His distinguished career included receiving the prestigious Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award, one of aviation’s highest honors.

Yet Phil’s commitment to service extended well beyond his professional life. He continued to serve fellow Marines and veterans through years of leadership in the Marine Corps League, including as Commandant of the Marine Corps League’s PFC Jerry L. McKinney Detachment from 2014 to 2024.

That spirit of continued service now benefits the Carolina Museum of the Marine. Earlier this month, Phil was elected to the Museum’s Board of Directors, bringing with him a lifetime of leadership, discipline, and dedication to mission.

He has also become an active ambassador for the Museum across North Carolina’s Piedmont region, opening doors and building relationships with individuals, organizations, and businesses who share a belief in honoring service and inspiring future generations.

Phil’s recent leadership commitment to sponsor the Historic Huey Helicopter Exhibit in Gallery 3, *Meeting New Challenges*, reflects both his lifelong connection to Marine aviation and his continuing desire to give back.

His family’s tradition of service runs deep. Among those who inspired him was his uncle, Sergeant Major James B. Luckadlo, USMC, who served as Sergeant Major of Marine Corps Air Station New River. Today, that legacy continues through another generation, including a nephew currently serving as a Captain at New River.

The Carolina Museum of the Marine is honored to welcome Phil Randall as a board member, supporter, and champion of the mission.

Some Marines never stop serving. Phil Randall is one of them.



The Museum's Vietnam-era Huey, the first Huey to enter service with the United States Marine Corps, is being supported by a \$100,000 pledge from Phil Randall. Special thanks to Marine veteran Karl Renz of Phoenix for restoring this iconic aircraft, which will be on display in the Museum.