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OBITUARY ANNOUNCEMENT



Mr. James P. Lewis

November 12, 1924 - April 23, 2018

The National Montford Point Marine Association and the nation lost another one of the first African American Men to join the United States Marine Corps.

Private First Class (PFC) James Lewis passed away on Monday, April 23th. PFC Lewis was a member of the Philadelphia Chapter of the National Montford Point Marine Association and although restricted to a wheelchair and his room at a nursing home, his mind was still in excellent condition.

Chapter President, Joe Geeter, made regular visits to Mr. Lewis after church services on the Sundays he was in town. Each and every one of these visits were educational as far as Mr. Lewis sharing facts about his time in the Pacific during World War II or just his time in and around the City of Philadelphia, which he loved dearly.

In addition to Joe's visits, other members of the Philly chapter, specifically Chapter Vice President Richard Bright and Philly Chapter Sergeant at Arms, Odell Young would visit as did auxiliary member and Daughter of Joe Geeter, Taishay Gordon.



Mr. Lewis loved talking sports, particularly boxing and enjoyed visitors, especially his son Michael, who visited often. Although blind, his room was always expertly decorated to fit whatever season was current.

Mr. Lewis funeral services will be as follows at Pinn Memorial Baptist Church, 2251 North 54th Street Philadelphia PA 19131 Monday, 30 April 2018, viewing from 9-11AM with the funeral service to follow at 11AM. Burial will take place on Tuesday at the Washington Crossing National Cemetery in Newtown starting at 1030AM <https://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/washingtoncrossing.asp>

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to the Montford Point Marine National Museum <http://www.montfordpointmarines.org/national-museum/>

