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NEWSLETTER

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Marines,

Good wishes to you all for a safe and happy holiday season. What a crazy year this has been transitioning from in person events to virtual and back again. It has been great catching up with everyone after the COVID restrictions were lifted and getting back to our meetings, golf, honor guard, HHS, and the recruiting events. Marines have always been able to improvise, adapt, and overcome which has been taken to a new level this year and I appreciate everyone's effort to meet safely during these events.

Our Toys for Tots campaign saw another successful year with many toys being donated as well as contributions totaling @\$600 which was spent on new toys going to Hotel Battery for the local program. I am including a picture of the event at VFW post #6364, who supports Hotel Battery, with our toys and theirs that have been donated and will be picked up by the Marines at their location. Keep your eyes peeled for a bigger event next year.

Please keep our sick, departed, and deployed Marines and servicemembers in your thoughts and prayers this holiday season and I look forward to a successful 2022.

Semper Fi,
Phil Hebner
Commandant



P.S. Remember that there is no scheduled League meeting in December. Our next meeting will be January 22, 2022.

Quartermaster Store Link:

<https://jamesmslay.itemorder.com/sale>



246th Birthday Celebration

Several Marines from the Slay Detachment attended the Ball hosted by Battery 3/14 'HAVIK'

A sword was presented by Wes Pruitt to a deserving NCO.

Host was the Battery CO, Captain Matt Ford.



The Queen and Her Escorts



Photo taken Nov. 2022
@ Hotel Battery MC BD
Dinner.

Houston-Holicky-Sitter Luncheon 11 January 2022

Kevin K. McAleenan
Former Secretary of Homeland Security



Kevin McAleenan
Chief Executive Officer

Kevin has spent decades managing multi-thousand, cross-functional teams for U.S. national security agencies around the world. Most recently he served as Acting Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) where he managed over 240,000 employees and components of multiple security agencies including the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), the Coast Guard, and more. His past experiences include implementing innovations to the U.S. international arrival and departure process, which saved the government and travel industry millions of dollars. Kevin's received numerous awards for his service and leadership including a Presidential Rank Award—the nation's highest civil service award, and the Service to America Medal, Call to Service Award.

Houston-Holicky-Sitter Luncheon

MC: Col. Bill Parrish, USMC Ret.



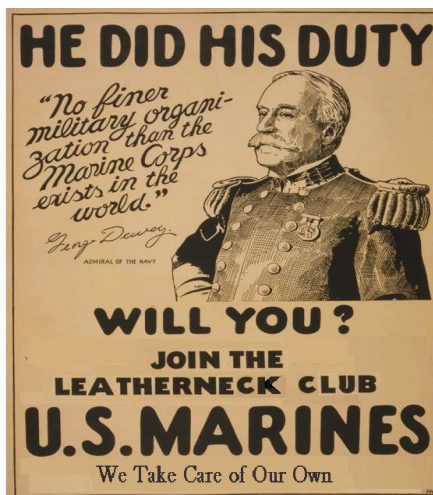
The Houston-Holicky-Sitter Veterans' lunch group is an informal forum for veterans of all branches of the armed forces. Col. Joseph J. Holicky, Jr. (USMC, ret.) and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Col. Carl L. Sitter (USMC, ret.) began having lunch together in the mid 1970's following their retirements. Over the years other veterans and local active duty Marines joined them for lunch. In the early 1980's Lt. Col. L.W. "Chip" Houston (USMCR, ret.) became part of the leadership team and served as its Master of Ceremonies for over 25 years. Today nearly 100 veterans meet each month to carry on the HHS tradition and to hear prominent guest speakers address military history, national security issues, and other topics of interest to veterans.

HHS is apolitical, and promotion of political interests is prohibited. HHS is a not-for-profit group, but it is neither a 501c3 nor a 501c4 organization.

Uniform: Whatever you want to wear.
 Cost: **The chow: Optional but will be available.**
 Date: Tuesday January 11, 2022 (The second Tuesday of every month)
 Speaker: See Bio preceding page
 Chow: Box Lunch 1115-1200, Speaker - 1210, Secure at 1300.
 Where: **"IMPORTANT" Location — Lakewood**
1900 Lauderdale Drive, Richmond, VA 23238

2021 LEATHERNECK CLUB

Bill Akers
 Jim Barrett
 John Beall
 Ron Echols
 Lonny Fry
 John Clickener
 Phillip Gee
 Bob Gilliam
 Houston Holicky Sitter
 Luncheon Group
 Bill Jeffress
 Dave Marotaa
 Fred Marotta
 David Taylor
 Joe Washington
 Bill Wagner



Tom Mraz
 Kevin O'Connor
 Carl Panebianco
 Jim Ralls
 Bruce Russell
 David Schneider
 Lou Seigel
 Bruce Steeley
 Tim Taylor
 Richard VanDamme
 Joe Wadle
 Spike Williamson
 Ron Echols
 Jamie Pleasents
 Phil Hebner

In Memoriam
 Chip Houston Buddy Smith



Begin or renew your Leatherneck Club Membership for 2021. Your \$100 annual membership fee supports the activities and efforts of the James M. Slay Detachment, a not-for-profit 501c4 Veteran's Service Organization. Contact Detachment Paymaster Fred Marotta at: Paymaster329@gmail.com