

The Scuttlebutt

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2024

James M. Slay
Detachment Marine
Corps League

Richmond, Virginia

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Marines,

Summer is coming to an end, and I hope you were able to enjoy these past few months. In our August meeting, Rachel Tate will join us to talk about the Goochland Veterans Project. Rachel has joined us several times, and it's great to hear how this project has grown the respect and bonds between our high school students and our veterans. What a great opportunity and a great presentation. Please join Rachel in volunteering for this worthwhile Project to share your stories and experiences with these students. You can have an impact.



We are starting to get back to our old routines. We will be manning a recruiting booth at the Richmond Gun Show next weekend August 24th and August 25th- we hope to see you there! We will also be putting up a recruiting booth at Greentop event later this year. Please see the Junior Vice Commandant for more information.

It's not too early to start thinking about Toys for Tots and the Marine Corps Ball. The detachment will deliver the toys in person and take photos to show the community the positive impact our veterans make every day. We would love your participation and support. The Marine Corps Ball will be on November 2nd. Jim will start taking reservations during the upcoming meeting.

Semper Fi,
Nick

Quartermaster Store Link:

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

MINUTES
JAMES M. SLAY DETACHMENT
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
27 July 2024

0900 Call to Order

Commandant Nick Wennberg called the meeting to order, ordering the securing of quarters, posting of Colors, Pledge of Allegiance, opening prayer, and directing the Sargent at Arms to declare the meeting Open. A sufficient number of members were present to establish a Quorum.

Roll Call of Officers

All officers were present.

Introduction of Guests

- Judge Nicole Fox and Marine Curt Powell presented information on the Veterans Docket which has been established in Chesterfield County and is in the works for Henrico County. They are looking for mentors and coordinators for the program.

Application for New Members

- Curt Powell was sworn in as a new member

Reports of Officers

Junior Vice Commandant – Joe Kelleher

- Gun Show-August 24-25. Need volunteers

Adjutant –Phil Hebner

- The minutes from the June meeting were not recorded and therefore were not presented for approval.
- Reminder that we hold an Officer Board meeting two weeks before the general membership meeting. Notes are prepared from that meeting and are available at this meeting if anyone is interested in reviewing them.

Paymaster – Johnny Day

- Updated the members on the financial report and reminded members that yearly dues need to be paid by the end of August.

Newsletter Editor/Historian – Rich Van Damme

- Please submit any news or events to Rich for publication in the Scuttlebutt
- Marine David Dutch, Commandant of a Detachment in Pennsylvania was injured in the assassination attempt on former President Donald Trump

Web Sergeant – Dan Sierra (absent)

Chaplain – Lonny Fry

- We send out a monthly email report on all the members who are experiencing medical issues and try to update all if we have any information on them. It would be really great if members would send a text, email, card, or make a phone call or visit to one or two of the Marines on the report. It really makes them feel good and lifts their spirits.
- Great to see Davis Hopp at the meeting

Quartermaster – Dave Charbonneau

- We have the canopies in for use at MCL events.
- If anyone needs a name tag, please let me know so I can get them made and issued to you.

Senior Vice Commandant – Nick Wennberg - Committee Reports

Honor Guard – Bruce Russell (absent)

- We had a service at Amelia Veterans Cemetery for unclaimed remains of 6 service members

Range Days - Lou Seigel

- The second Wednesday of the month, we get together at Colonial Shooting Academy for our monthly shoot. It is free and we would like to see an increase in participation. Meet at CSA at 1800 and we will head to Mission BBQ afterwards.
- 5 August we will be at the Cavalier outdoor range. Meet at Gochland Restaurant at 0800 for breakfast and then we will head up to the Range. Remember, we will be using the National MCL shooting program and course of fire.

MCJROTC Liaison – Rick Barden, Phil Hebner

- Nothing to report since school is out.

Houston-Holicky-Sitter – Joe Wadle

- We are booked through the rest of this year and one in 2025.
- In November, we will have a former Air Force Chief of staff who will discuss two parts of the US Nuclear Triad, Missiles and Bombers; in December the current Chief of the Navy's Submarine service will discuss the other element of the US Nuclear Triad, Submarines.

Military Order of the Devil Dog – Phil Hebner

- Growl after this meeting.

Fund Raising – Nick Wennberg

- Working on a golf tournament for next year. Details to be worked out soon.
- Would like to do a gun raffle if anyone has ideas on a weapon or donation of a weapon to raffle.

USO Program –Tom Hastings

- Tome Hastings and Johnny Day delivered gift cards to the USO at Richmond Airport so that our donations stay at the local USO.
- We need more volunteers at the Airport USO Center to work 2–3-hour shifts. Free parking for volunteers.

Purple Heart Firetruck-Dave Charbonneau

- Participated in Reedville parade and met MOH recipient who was Grand Marshall
- New garage location in the works and truck also needs some muffler work.
- August 6 looking for help at VA event

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- None.

Good of the League/Announcements

- On 2 November the Birthday Ball will be in the Lakewood Ballroom (where we regularly meet). General Tony Zinni (USMC Ret) will be the guest speaker.
- Former Commandant Lou Siegel presented awards to:
Johnny Day- Certificate of Appreciation for work as paymaster
Jim Barrett- Certificate of Appreciation for coordinating Lakewood.
Lonny Fry- Certificate of Appreciation for ongoing service as Chaplain for the Detachment
Tim Taylor-Certificate of Appreciation for service as Adjutant
Nick Wennberg- Certificate of Appreciation for service as Senior Vice Commandant
Rich Van Damme- Certificate of Appreciation for excellent work publishing the Scuttlebutt
- Fred Marotta is coordinating a visit to the Virginia Army National Guard at Chesterfield Airport. Please contact him if interested in attending. (804) 572-7180 or FREDLMAROTTA@gmail.com

Closing Ceremony

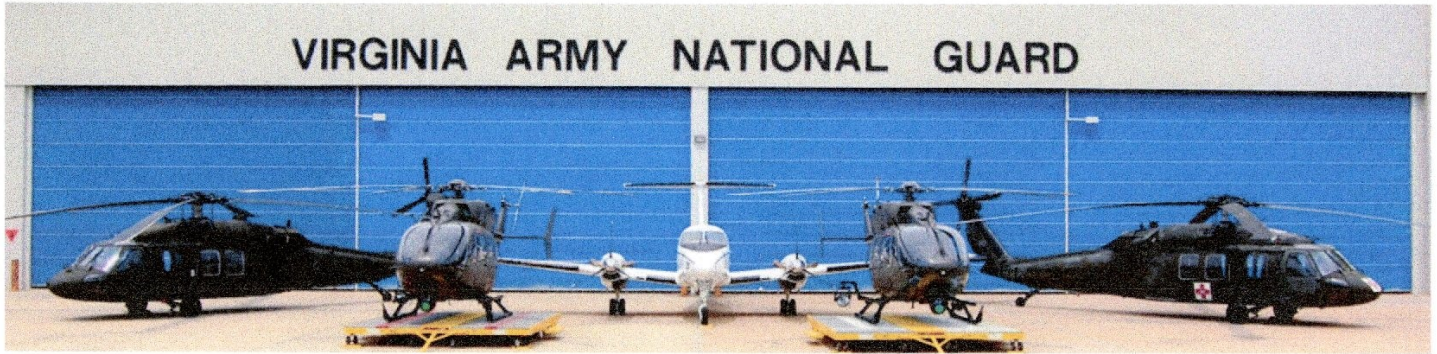
By order of the Commandant, the Colors were retired, the Marine Corps Hymn was sung, the Chaplain gave the closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned until Saturday, 24 August 2024, at 0900.

Respectfully Submitted,
Phil Hebner, Adjutant

Memorial Service For Bob Hartley







Approximately 120 full-time employees at the AASF and the annex at the Chesterfield County Airport support a number of aircraft including 18 UH-60 Black Hawk utility helicopters, three HH-60 medical evacuation Black Hawk helicopters, four UH-72 Lakota light utility helicopters and a C-12 twin turboprop passenger and cargo aircraft.

Members of the Slay Detachment of the Marine Corps League have been invited to visit the Virginia Army National Guard UH-72 Lakota unit at the Chesterfield Airport in September. A UH-60 Black Hawk will also be on display. You'll have a chance to talk to crew members, hear and feel the power of these rotary aircraft for yourself.

Note: Reservations will be made for lunch at the King's Korner Restaurant on the airport property.

Contact Fred Marotta if you'd like to attend:

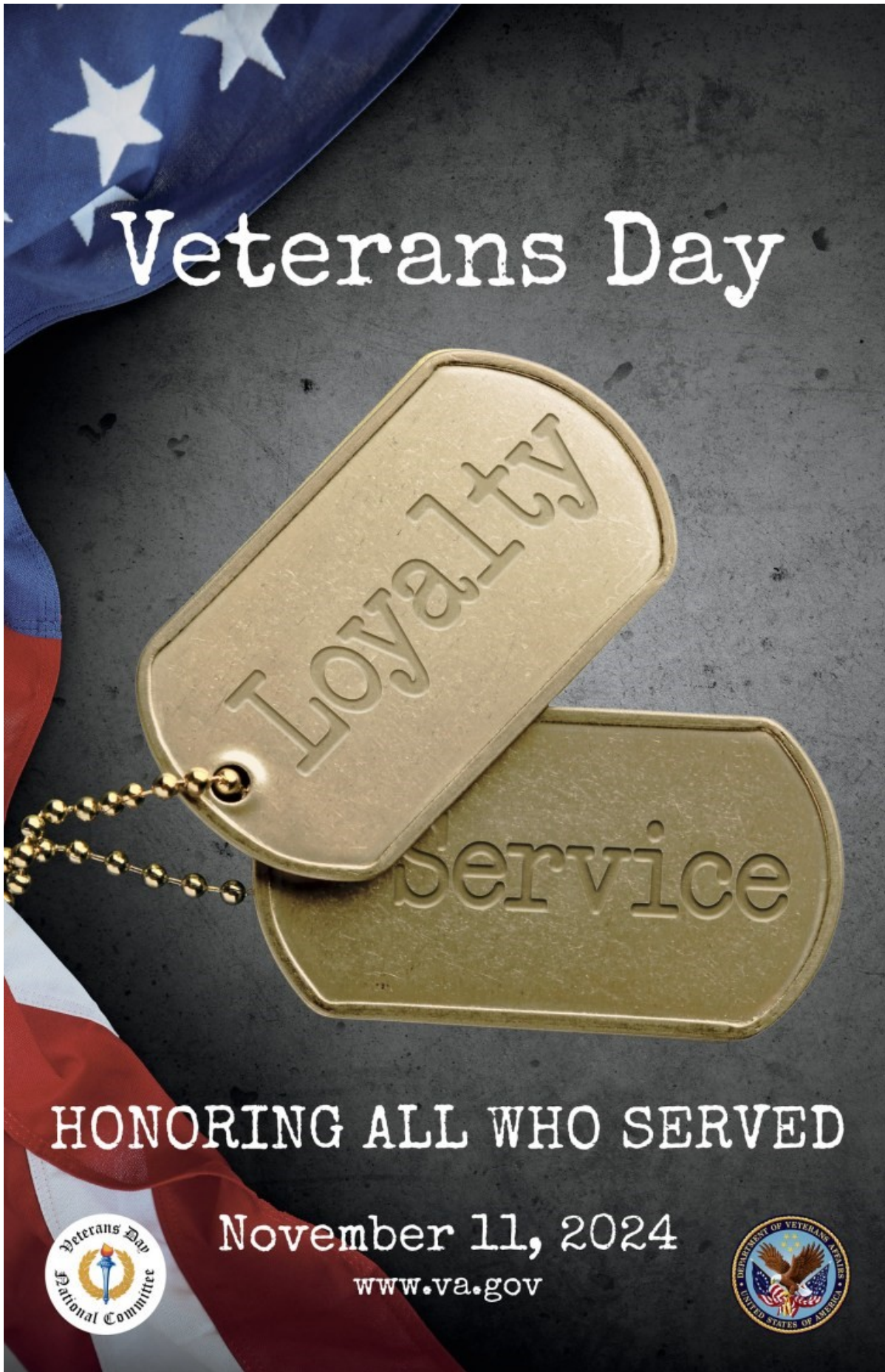
Cell: 804-572-7180

Email: FREDLMAROTTA@gmail.com

The date has not been set.
I'm hoping that 10-20 will want to do this.
When I have a number, I'll set a date with
the State Aviation Officer and the site
Chief Warrant Officer.

Thanks, Fred





Be Part of the JRT JROTC Holiday Fun Walk/Run



We will host our 2nd Annual Walk/Run on Dec 7, 2024. In effort to make this event great, we are offering sponsor opportunities. This event will help our JROTC program to continue to flourish and benefit many young people. Please take a moment and consider helping. Any consideration is greatly appreciated!



Sponsor Opportunities

- For \$200, you will get a sign at registration
- For \$300, you will get your logo on the t-shirt
- For \$450, you can get the sign and your logo on the t-shirt

PLEASE EMAIL US AT RSCAULEY@HENRICO.K12.VA.US

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM,

GO TO [HTTPS://BIT.LY/JRT_MCJROTC](https://bit.ly/JRT_MCJROTC)



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Paymaster Corner – July 2024

Reminder, annual membership payments are due by September 30th. We are processing your payments for annual dues from the PayPal platform and depositing the checks that are arriving by mail. Thanks. Again if you have any paymaster questions please reach out to me by email at Paymaster329@gmail.com

Marine Corps League

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Rifle and Pistol Shooting

Colonial Shooting Academy		Cavalier Shooting Range	
11 September		2 September	
9 October		7 October	Rifle Champs
13 November		14 October	Pistol Champs
11 December			

POC: Lou Seigel at 804-492-9202 (home) or 434-391-5909 (cell).

Looking forward to another fun and Safe shooting year.

Paymaster Corner,

We are accepting donations for the 2024 Leatherneck Club. Please mail your check to our new address; PO box 245 in Charles City VA 23030. If you would like to pay electronically please contact me by email at paymaster329@gmail.com and we can make arrangements. Once your Leatherneck Club donation is received I will send you a donation letter by email.

The detachment has a new mailing address:

P.O. Box 245, Charles City, VA 23030

The old address will remain active for one year and mail will be forwarded to Charles City.

Have I missed putting something in the Scuttlebutt that you were expecting to see or read? I'm sure I have. If so, please let me know. When I put the SB together I am usually doing it in a hurried state. I scan through my emails trying to find items I was supposed to include and some I know are there but I can't find them. My apologies.

Lou requests that you bring to the detachment meeting any issues of you Semper Fi magazine you no longer need. They are going to put new labels over your address label, compliments of the Slay Detachment. These will be delivered to the VA.

Richmond Marines, James M. Slay Detachment #329

Richmondmarines.net

This is your location on the net to keep track of what is going on with your detachment. Between this and the *Scuttlebutt Newsletter* you should be well informed.

The website will grow if you help. If you have any suggestions, please forward them to the webmaster (Dan Sierra) at 329WebSgt@gmail.com



HOUSTON-HOLICKY-SITTER VETERANS FORUM

MC: Col. Bill Parrish, USMC Ret.

HHS Veterans' Forum meets next on Tuesday **September 10, 2024.**

Location will be Publix, 2250 John Rolfe Pky, Henrico, VA 23233. We will be in the Community Meeting Room on the 2nd floor.

The guest speaker will be **Mark Morgan. He is the former acting Commissioner of the CBP. His topic is Operations on the U.S. Southwest Border.**

Doors open at 1115, the program begins at 1150, and the program will conclude by 1300. Lunch may be purchased from the Publix' Deli.

The Houston-Holicky-Sitter Veterans' Forum 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.

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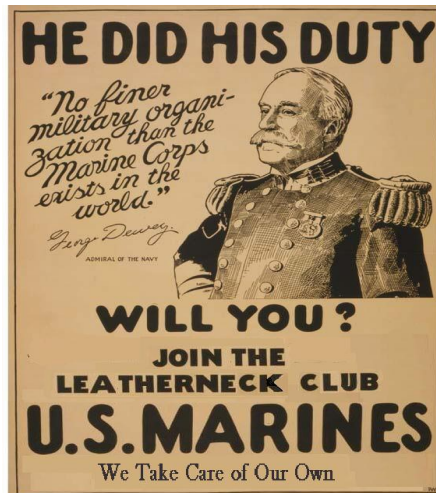
Marine Corps Reading

Do you enjoy reading about Marine Corps history? How about military history in general? If you do then I have a web site for you. It's the Marine Corps History Division. Posted are many publications which are in PDF format for you to open and download. Here is the address (I hope the link works). <https://www.usmcm.edu/Research/History-Division/>

Open the link, then click on Publications, then click on Books by topic, and then choose a topic. Then just pick a book and click on the image. Enjoy

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Lonny Fry
Reese Haller
Thomas Marz



Spike Williamson
Jamie Pleasants
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Begin or renew your Leatherneck Club Membership for 2024. 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 Johnny Day at: Paymaster329@gmail.com