



# Information Guide

**ONCE A MARINE...**



**...ALWAYS A MARINE**

# **James M. Slay Detachment #329 Richmond, Virginia**



We welcome you to the James M. Slay Detachment and the Marine Corps League. We Marines and FMF Corpsman are a fellowship that is like no other. Every member of our Detachment is proud to have the opportunity to continue their service to our God, Country and Corps. It is the combined efforts of our regular and associate members that we continue to expand upon the successes our Detachment has had in the Greater Richmond Community we serve.

We conduct our meetings the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month with the exception of November and December. In November we have our Marine Corps Birthday Ball and in December our annual Christmas Breakfast. Our regular meetings are held at the Virginia Society of CPA's building at 4309 Cox Road in western Henrico County. We gather for breakfast at 0830, with the business meeting starting at 0900. Come early and get to know everyone. Our camaraderie only grows stronger when we all put forth the effort to strengthen its bonds.

Without our members, there is no detachment. The more our detachment grows, the better we can serve our community, active duty, reserve, veterans, and their families. As Marines we believe strongly in our motto "Semper Fidelis."



The Marines of the James M. Slay Detachment enjoy the camaraderie we have come to know exists nowhere else but in the company of Marines.

Being the oldest active Detachment in Virginia is our heritage. Our membership includes Marines and FMF Corpsmen who fought and served in World War Two, Korea, the Cold War, Viet Nam, Grenada, Beirut, Kuwait, Afghanistan and Iraq, and "in every clime and place" around and in between.

We are comprised of enlisted, officers, grunts, air wing, corpsman, women and men, but above all we are Marines.

The Slay Detachment since its founding in 1964 has been strongly committed to the success and well-being of our members and their families, and to the communities we live in. We pride ourselves on being one of the most active detachments in the Department of Virginia.

This publication was created to assist you in learning more about our detachment and the Marine Corps League in general.





**Colonel James Martin Slay, USMCR**

In April of 1964 the Richmond Virginia Area detachment of the Marine Corps League was formed and named in honor of Colonel James M. Slay, United States Marine Corps Reserve. He was a scholar, a teacher, a churchman, a leader in the community, and an outstanding leader of Marines.

He was a native of Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Colonel Slay earned Bachelors and Master degrees from Duke University and his Doctorate from Harvard University.

He began his military career in 1936 and was assigned to active duty in 1941. From 1941 to 1944 he was an instructor of tactics for the Reserve Officers Classes at MCB Quantico. In late 1944 he was assigned overseas with the First Marine Division and later with the Sixth Marine Division. He was wounded at Peleliu and he received the Individual Commendation Medal for his outstanding performance of duty. He later served with the Sixth Marine Division during the invasion of Okinawa

In 1954 he came to Richmond as the Vice President of Personnel for the Federal Reserve Bank and became Commanding Officer of the First 105 Howitzer Battalion. In 1961 he became Commanding Officer, Seventh Staff Group.

We are extremely proud to have our detachment named after such an outstanding Marine as Colonel James M. Slay.

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**Message From Our  
National Commandant**

Marines:

It sure is nice to be able to get back to “The Information Highway” on this page and fill everyone in on what has been going on in the League. I hear that you have been waiting for more news so that tells me that there is interest in this space and you are reading it. Thank you for listening.

I am sure that by now that you are aware that if you need new forms you can pull them up online and print them without having to order them from National. No more delays waiting for shipments and if you need more they are at your fingertips. This results in a savings in funds that had to be paid to suppliers who manufacture them.

A new Detachment locator is being implemented and we were hopeful it would be completed in time to introduce it a Mid-Winter. This will enable everyone throughout the league have contact information on all our Detachments. This info was destroyed when the site shut down and is being completely rebuilt. When installation reports are submitted this enables the most current info to be put onto the locator.

If you look onto the calendar you will see when some of the Divisions are having conferences making the membership aware of the dates, times and locations. As more information is received from the Departments and Divisions it will be added making it easier to plan your schedules so you can attend.

THE MCL History/Awards page had not been touched for several years; the MCL History is now up to the present and those that have been presented awards from the MCL is current. We were happy to make the awards and are more than happy to recognize the achievement on our web pages.

On the Links web pages we have installed easily recognizable as links. So instead of having to squint to read what the link says, this made it easier even us “older” people.



**Message From Our  
National Commandant**

In regards to Veterans Info --We are updating the website with outside resources and within a very short time we should be in full swing and have useful and viable info to pass on. We have just sent two people to school for handling veterans claims cases, as soon as the certification is completed they will start handling cases for the League.

The Web Team is also working on installing video capability similar to YouTube. They hope to have it available in the near future. This way we can provide video clips from our conferences, conventions and other events that affect our Marine Corps League.

Also in the works are new committee pages that will contain the committee roster information, forms, reports and other information they deem valuable to the membership.

The Web Team is working hard to keep the website responsive and compatible with mobile devices. If the site is slow we may lose potential new members. The website is a communication tool for our membership but it is also a great recruiting tool, especially for the younger generation of Marines.

When the old site was taken down we lost the online ship store. This gave us the opportunity to put together a new site that did not require special logon/passwords. We were proud to launch The Semper Fi online store in December.

Remember to attend the Mid-Winter Conference, if possible, and once again be reminder to purchase your chances through Military Historical Tours for a free trip to any of the locations they are offering. Five tickets for \$20.00 is still the best deal I've ever seen. Information and tickets can be found on this website with the Mid-Winter Conference information.

I want to thank everyone for allowing us, your Board of Trustees, the honor of being of service to your needs in being of service to our Corps. Remember there is no "I" in The Corps and we accomplish our goals as a T.E.A.M.

"Semper Fi"

Richard D. Gore, Sr.  
National Commandant  
Marine Corps League  
774-239-6067



## **About the Marine Corps League**

### **Mission Statement**

Members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service, that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy, voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines and former Marines, their widows and orphans, and perpetuating the history of the United States Marine Corps by appropriate observation of the anniversaries and historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

### **History**

The Marine Corps League perpetuates the traditions and spirit of ALL Marines and Navy FMF Corpsmen, who proudly wear or who have worn the Eagle, Globe and Anchor. It takes great pride in crediting its founding in 1923 to World War I hero, and then Major General Commandant, John A. Lejeune. It takes equal pride in its Federal Charter, approved by an act of the Seventy-Fifth Congress of the United States of America and signed and approved by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on August 4, 1937. The League is the only Federally Chartered Marine Corps related veterans organization in the country. Since its earliest days, the Marine Corps League has enjoyed the support and encouragement of the active duty and reserve establishments of the U.S. Marine Corps. Today, the League boasts a membership of nearly 76,000 men and women, officer and enlisted, active duty and Reserve Marines, honorably discharged Marine Veterans and qualified Navy FMF Corpsmen and is one of the few veterans organizations that experiences increases in its membership each year.

The Marine Corps League is headed by an elected National Commandant with 14 elected National Staff Officers who serve as trustees. The National Board of Trustees coordinates the efforts of 48 department, (state) entities and the activities of more than 900 detachments throughout the United States and overseas. The day-to-day operations of the League are under the control of the National Executive Director with responsibility for the management and direction of all its programs, activities, and affairs, as well as supervising the National Headquarters staff.



## **Programs Supported by the James M. Slay Detachment**



### **FAMILIES OF THE WOUNDED FUND**

The James M. Slay Detachment is very active in community affairs. We fully support the Families of the Wounded Fund. This fund was founded by local military veterans in the Richmond metropolitan area to financially assist families of wounded combat veterans receiving treatment at the McGuire Veterans Hospital. Each deserving family is given a substantial sum of money (with no strings attached) to help them with their living expenses. Often family members must travel great distances and make numerous sacrifices in order to be near their loved ones. We honor the sacrifice these young warriors have made for our nation's security and we are proud to support and promote this worthwhile project.

### **THE LEATHERNECK CLUB**

The Leatherneck Club is a group of dedicated Marines who go "above and beyond" to financially support the Slay Detachments many charitable endeavors. In addition to supporting The Families of the Wounded Fund, we also:



Host an annual Marine Corps Birthday celebration for the patients and staff at the McGuire VA Hospital.

Support the four high school Marine Junior R.O.T.C. Programs located in the Richmond Area.

Donate canteen coupons, toiletries, fruit, books, videos and music for the patients at the McGuire VA Hospital and the Sitter-Barfoot Veterans Center.

We support the Fisher House, a new on site housing facility exclusively for family members of patients receiving treatment at the McGuire VA

Send flowers and/or make donations in memory of our deceased members.

Support a college scholarship program for the children of Marines.

Help any Marine or their families who may find themselves in distress.

## **SITTER-BARFOOT VETERANS CARE CENTER**

The James M. Slay Detachment provides support to the Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center. Situated on a 19.2-acre site, near the McGuire Veterans Care Center. It provides full services to Virginia veterans in a 160-bed long-term care facility. The one-story building consists of three wings with two levels of care --nursing and Alzheimer's.



Its design included maximized natural light, logical way finding, easily facilitated nursing care, assembly and activity spaces, outdoor amenities, in-house access for dental, cosmetic, physical and occupational therapy services, and full-service kitchen and dining facilities.

## **CENTRAL VIRGINIA USO**



The United Service Organizations (USO) was formed in 1941 in response to a request from President Franklin D. Roosevelt that private organizations handle the on-leave recreation of the U.S. Armed Forces. Six civilian agencies: the Salvation Army, Young Men's Christian Association, Young Women's Christian Association, National Catholic Community Services, National Travelers Aid Association, and the National Jewish Welfare Board coordinated their efforts to provide services that were not duplicated or overlooked. As a result, the USO center was born. Despite the conflicts and uncertainty of the decades that followed, the USO center had endured and continues to be regarded as a "Home Away From Home" for the U.S. Armed forces and their families.

It is the mission of the Central Virginia USO is to enhance the quality of life and public support for armed service members and their families .

There are a variety of volunteer opportunities at the USO of Central Virginia at the Richmond International Airport. Detachment members or others who wish to volunteer should contact our USO liaison **Marine Bruce Patton at 804-690-6185 / bapatt77@aol.com**



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## **THE HOUSTON - HOLICKY-SITTER LUNCHEON**

The Holicky-Sitter Luncheon was started to help support local Active Duty Marines serving in the Richmond Area and Fort Lee. Our goal is the continuing support of our local Marine Reserve Unit, Hotel Battery 3/14, the Marine Detachment at Fort Lee, Marine Corps Recruiters and the Marines assigned to the Defense General Supply Center. We are also now taking a very active roll in working with and supporting the families of the wounded from all the services at McGuire Veterans Hospital.

Although the Holicky-Sitter Luncheon is not an official function of the Marine Corps League many of our League members, active duty personnel and veterans of all the services attend this monthly gathering to share in camaraderie and hear excellent military-related speakers.

Named for Medal of Honor recipient Colonel Carl Sitter, Colonel Joe Holicky and Lieutenant Colonel "Chip" Houston this monthly event is well attended and enjoyed by all.

Uniform: Whatever you want to wear.

Cost: The chow you get in the line.

Date: The second Tuesday of every month.

Chow: 1130 - Speaker - 1210 - Secure at 1245.

Where: The Martins Grocery (Formerly Ukrops)  
Community Meeting Room at 2250 John Rolfe Parkway, Henrico County.

## **OTHER DETACHMENT ACTIVITIES**



### **Troop Support**

The Slay Detachment continues to support our deployed Marines serving in Iraq and Afghanistan with “Care Packages” from home. We have mailed dozens of boxes loaded with pogy bait, comfort items, and other necessities in support our Marines and Corpsman serving in harms way. This effort led by Marine Herb Delbridge, has been very well received by the troops. We have received numerous letters of thanks from our Marines who greatly appreciate receiving those creature comforts we here at home often take for granted.



### **Range Days**

On the first Monday of the month, from April to October, the Detachment conducts open range days and firing competitions for it’s members. The only requirements are that you bring your own ammo and weapon. If you don’t own a weapon you can contact our Range Master Marine Lou Seigel ([804-492-9202/mrngny@gmail.com](mailto:804-492-9202/mrngny@gmail.com)) to make arrangements to borrow a weapon if one is available. Many of our members participate, enjoying the fun and camaraderie of shooting while upholding the tradition of “Every Marine a Rifleman”.

A rifle and pistol competition (iron sights only) is conducted annually for those who wish to compete for the title of the Slay Detachment's “Top Shooter”.



### **Ceremonial Honor Guard**

The James M. Slay Detachment Honor Guard renders professional military funeral honors to all eligible veterans regardless of branch of service. The rendering of Military Funeral Honors is our way to show the nation's deep gratitude to those who, in times of war and peace, have faithfully defended our country. The playing

of Taps and the ceremonial folding and presentation of the flag is a moving tribute of lasting import to the veteran's family. If you wish to participate or have any questions contact Marine Lee Smith.

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## **THE MILITARY ORDER OF DEVIL DOGS**

The term “Devil Dog” was given to the Marines commanded by General John J. “Black Jack” Pershing at the Battle of Belleau Wood on 6 June 1918 by engaging the Germans in hand-to-hand combat. The battle was so intense that some of the marines had lost their weapons and resorted to biting the Germans. As a result of the tenacity of the Marines, the German adversaries called the Marines “Teufelhunde” which literally means “Dogs of the Devil”. This term is now known as “Devil Dogs”.

The Military Order of the Devil Dog (MODD) was organized in 1939, in Boston, MA. The charter as a subsidiary organization of the Marine Corps League occurred on 19 March 1940. The MODD is organized in nearly every state where the Marine Corps League has a presence.

The MODD is the Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League is comprised of only regular members of the League who have been recommended for membership by two members of the MODD. Each member undergoes a series of initiations. First as a Pup, in their Pound (the local organization), then as a Devil Dog in their Pack (the State organization), and finally as a Pedigreed Devil Dog at the Supreme Growl held in conjunction with the National Convention of the League. Each degree must be held for one full year before candidacy for the next degree may be considered. Advancement is not automatic after one year, it must be earned, it is a privilege, NOT a right.

The MODD promotes good fellowship amongst the members of the different Marine Corps League Detachments. It provides amusement and entertainment at all gatherings of the League, when and where advisable, preserves and strengthens the principles and ideals of the League. The MODD is very active in raising funds for different charities with an emphasis on children's charities.

Our local pound is the Ralph A. Lewis Pound #139. We meet quarterly at the Virginia Society of CPA's building in in Glen Allen, VA. Our pound leader, who's title is “Pound Keeper”, is **Marine Bruce Steeley, 804-746-4413 / [rbsteeley@comcast.net](mailto:rbsteeley@comcast.net)**



**THE FUN AND HONOR SOCIETY OF THE MARINE  
CORPS LEAGUE**



**THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY** was chartered on September 4, 1937 as a subsidiary organization of the Marine Corps League. On August 25, 1950, the Auxiliary was incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia as an affiliate of the Marine Corps League. The Auxiliary was formed for the purposes of promoting the interests of the U. S. Marine Corps, the Marine Corps League and to protect and advance the welfare of Marines and their dependents. Auxiliary members participate in a wide variety of programs that benefit and preserve the fundamental rights and freedoms of every person of this Nation young and old.

The Marine Corps League Auxiliary is open to all Wives, Widows, Mothers, Grandmothers, Sisters, Daughters, Granddaughters, Stepmothers, Stepdaughters, and Daughters in law of a Marine eligible to belong to the Marine Corps League.

**PURPOSE :** To preserve the tradition and promote the interests of the United States Marine Corps. To maintain true allegiance to American Institutions

**HISTORICAL:** To hold sacred the history and memory of the men and women who have given their lives to this Nation. To perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts, to observe anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

**FRATERNAL:** To create a bond of comradeship between the Auxiliary and the Marine Corps League. To aid voluntarily and to render assistance to all Marines and former Marines as well as to their families.

**EDUCATIONAL:** To always foster love of Honesty, Loyalty and Truth, and a reverence to our God, Our Country, Our Family and Our Home.

**ACTIVITIES:**

Support and Help the Marine Corps League  
Wreaths Across America  
Community Support  
Toys for Tots

For further information on the Slay Detachment Auxiliary Please contact:

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## **Offices of the Slay Detachment**

There is no rank or status within the League and the elected officers are representatives for the detachment to the community. The three levels of the League are (National,) State (Department) and local (Detachment) level. All major offices are the same at each level with exceptions for additional positions at each level. The below offices are the minimum required and represent the board of trustees for the detachment. All positions within the League are made up of volunteers who serve for the pleasure of the members and are elected by the members and are open to regular members. There are also many volunteer positions for associate members. Volunteering is highly encouraged and even the smallest participation is greatly appreciated.

### **Officer Titles**

Commandant  
Sr. Vice Commandant  
Jr. Vice Commandant  
Judge Advocate  
Jr. Past Commandant  
Adjutant  
Paymaster  
Sergeant-At-Arms  
Chaplain  
Quartermaster

Below is a synopsis of responsibilities of the Officers and Staff as they pertain to a detachment. Some office descriptions may vary slightly from other detachments. These descriptions are for general information and are not intended to be all-inclusive of the responsibilities for a given office.

### **Commandant – Rich Van Damme (Elected )**

The Commandant is the Chief Executive Officer of the detachment, the primary contact for the community and is responsible for the activities and financial standing of the detachment. He/she presides at meetings, represents the detachment at functions, formulates and develops programs to improve detachment operations and achieve goals, appoints staff officers and committees.

### **Sr. Vice Commandant – Joe Vass (Elected)**

He/she gives assistance and support to the Commandant, is second in command of the detachment, presides in absence of Commandant at meetings or events and prepares for succession to the Commandant's office. The SVC chairs committees as requested by the Commandant, performs special tasks as requested by the Commandant and assists in two way communications between members and officers.

**Jr. Vice Commandant - Mark Moore (Elected)**

The JVC is usually primarily responsible for recruiting and retention of members, should be familiar with the operations and projects of the Detachment, be a spokesman on what members are looking for from the organization. He/she promotes special events aimed at enhancing membership, maintains contact with other veterans organizations and generates interest in the Marine Corps League.

**Judge Advocate - David Schneider (Elected)**

The JA provides legal counsel and opinions on the bylaws, policies, corporate regulations, and parliamentary procedure for the detachment. He/she must see that the policies, voted issues, and procedures are in conformance with the bylaws and policies of the detachment, department, and national levels. The JA participates in the writing or modification of the by-laws and renders opinions based on the policies, bylaws, or precedents of the detachment. The Commandant may direct the JA to perform periodic reviews of procedures and finances to assure compliance with detachment policies and procedures.

**Jr. Past Commandant - Jim Barrett**

The JPC assists in providing continuity from one administration of officers to the next. His/her experience should be utilized for the purposes of educating and assisting officers.

**Adjutant - Greg Lee (Elected)**

The Adjutant is the recording secretary for detachment meetings and affairs and is responsible for official notifications to members. He/she must keep accurate minutes of meetings, prepare and transcribe minutes for permanent record of the detachment and assure that resolutions are maintained as corporate records. The Adjutant is responsible for the official correspondence, bulletins and other written communications of the detachment. He/she prepares and submits the "Installation of Officers Report," may assist in the completion of the "Membership Transmittal" forms, prepares a variety of other forms that go to department and national levels, and signs certificates of awards. The Adjutant is typically chairman of the Awards Committee.

**Paymaster – Russell Wyatt (Appointed)**

The Paymaster acts as corporate controller of the detachment funds and is responsible for the accounting of revenues and expenditures. He/she must keep accurate fiscal records, is responsible for banking and financial accounts, signs fiscal and banking documents, makes fiscal and financial reports at meetings, receives dues, and forwards transmittals to department and national levels, and handles tax and licensing functions of the detachment.

**Sergeant-At-Arms – Jamie Pleasants (Appointed)**

The Sgt. At-Arms is responsible for the physical set up and cleanup of the meeting facilities, maintains order at the business meetings, participates in the presentation and honoring of the Colors at meetings and ceremonies, and greets and introduces members, guests, and program participants. He/she must determine the qualifications for members to attend meetings and excuse those who are not qualified.

**Chaplain— Jim Ralls (Appointed)**

The Chaplain tends to the needs of members and members families during periods of distress, illness and/or death. The Chaplain is called on to offer invocations and prayer at meetings and ceremonies. He/she may participate in funeral arrangements and publicize needs of the sick.

**Newsletter Editor – Kevin O’Conner (Appointed)**

The Newsletter Editor is to prepare the “The Scuttlebutt” newsletter on a monthly basis about what is going on in the detachment. The Editor should solicit articles from officers and members and include the calendar of events for the detachment.

**Veterans Administration Veterans Service – Vacant (Appointed)**

The VAVS coordinator's primary goal is to spend time at the VA hospital on visitation, planning and coordinating events, and soliciting donations of funds needed by occupants of the hospital. He/she should provide direction to various veterans assistance programs.

**Web Sergeant— Rich Schollmann (Appointed)**

Maintains the James M. Slay Detachment’s presence on the World Wide Web at **richmondmarines.com**

**Quartermaster - Lou Seigel (Appointed)**

The Quartermaster will be responsible for the Detachments equipment, care and storage thereof. The Quartermaster will be responsible for purchasing clothes, uniforms and other equipment items for both the Detachment and individual members. The Quartermaster will require payment in full, by members, in advance, for purchases made by individual members. The Quartermaster maintain a copy of all receipts from sales and will maintain adequate records to allow proper audits of the merchandising efforts.



**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
AIR WINGS**



**“SWING WITH THE WING”**

## Marine Corps League Uniform

### Marine Corps League Covers



All members of the Marine Corps League are authorized to wear the **Red cover** and you are considered to be in uniform when wearing your cover. **All other uniform items are optional.** Members elected to National office, or appointed to National Staff/Committees are authorized to wear Gold covers. The National Commandant will wear a White cover. Members elected or appointed on the Department (State) level are authorized to wear Red with Gold crown covers. The Past National Commandants are authorized to wear a Gold with White crown cover. Past Department Commandant, Past Detachment Commandant, Past Kennel Chief and Past National Director of Young Marines, with the years displayed for holding that office, are the only members who are authorized to wear their respective cover after their tour of duty is completed. All other personnel will revert back to what they were wearing before they were elected or appointed to office, removing past office identification strips. The only insignia authorized to be worn on Marine Corps League covers is the **Marine Corps Emblem** on left side. The Devil Dog patch will be worn up front on the right side of the cover. The identification strips, i.e., the Department or Detachment strip or embroidering, will be centered on the right side. If the Life strip is worn, it will be to the rear of the right side. The Life Member strip will be worn the same as the identification strips are worn.

**NO Division pins or other ornaments are authorized to be worn on Marine Corps League covers.**

### UNDRESS UNIFORM- (Long Sleeve)

Standard cover - with Devil Dog patch when authorized.

Devil Dog collar (optional), Name tag (optional)

Sunburst insignias.

Marine Corps League shoulder patch (left sleeve) - Devil Dog patch (right sleeve) when authorized, or U.S. flag 2" x 3 1/2" if not member of MODD.

Marine Corps League ribbons OR Marine Corps ribbons and Badges.

(NOT MIXED).

White shirt, military crease. (to be Airline pilot style with two (2) pockets with button down flaps and epaulets)

Tie, black, with Marine Corps or Marine Corps League gold tie bar.

Trousers, Blue dress (with NCO "red" stripe) with belt, Marine Corps web with brass buckle.

Trousers, Black (optional)

Belt, black with Marine Corps emblem on square gold buckle or Belt, black, dress. (optional)

Shoes, black, plain toe. Socks, black.

## **UNDRESS UNIFORM - (Short Sleeve)**

Standard cover - with Devil Dog patch when authorized.

Devil Dog collar (optional) Name tag (optional)

Sunburst insignias.

Marine Corps League shoulder patch (left sleeve) - Devil Dog patch (right sleeve) when authorized, or U.S. flag 2" x 3 1/2" if not member of MODD

Marine Corps League ribbons OR Marine Corps ribbons and Badges (NOT MIXED).

White shirt open collar, military crease. (to be Airline pilot style with two (2) pockets with button down flaps and epaulets)

Trousers, Blue dress (with NCO "red" stripe) with Belt, Marine Corps web with brass buckle.

Trousers, Black. (optional)

Belt, black with Marine Corps emblem on square gold buckle or Belt, black, dress. (optional)

Socks, black.

Shoes, black, plain toe.

## **CASUAL UNIFORM (Red Blazer)**



Standard cover - with Devil Dog patch when authorized.

Devil Dog Collar. (Optional)

Blazer, Red, two (2) Marine Corps League buttons on front and three (3) Marine Corps League buttons on cuffs. (NO) ribbons/medals or sunburst insignias are to be worn with this uniform.

White shirt, plain collar. (no button down collars or sunburst insignias on collar)

Black tie with Marine Corps or Marine Corps league gold tie bar.

Marine Corps League Crest of Bullion seal.

Trousers, black.

Belt, black with Marine Corps emblem on square gold

buckle or belt, black, dress (optional).

Socks, black.

Shoes, black, plain toe.



## **FORMAL DRESS UNIFORM**



Military bow tie - black.  
White shirt, formal (standard collar), pleated. (NO RUFFLED SHIRTS).  
Gold cuff links and gold studs.  
Marine Corps League Blazer Crest or Bullion Seal is optional with the Formal Dress when miniature medals are worn.  
Red Blazer, Cummerbund, gold or Gold vest front (only approved design).  
Trousers, black tux pants or trousers, black Belt, black with Marine Corps emblem on square gold buckle or belt, black, dress (optional).  
Socks, black.  
Shoes, black, plain toe.  
Miniature medals as prescribed .

Red Mess Jacket (shown above is optional) may be worn with either black tux trousers or dress blue trousers

### **Uniform Purchase**

The only uniform item required to be worn by any League member is the red uniform cover. All other items are optional. The cover can be purchased from the MCL National Headquarters “Ships Store”. This can be done directly via their website at [www.mcleague.com](http://www.mcleague.com) or by phone at 1-800-625-1775. This item can also be ordered by our detachment quartermaster.

***Optional uniform items may be purchased, but are not limited to, the following retail locations:***

**Red Blazer and Formal Accessories:** MCL National Ship’s Store at 1-800-625-1775 [www.mcleague.com](http://www.mcleague.com) or the Marine Shop at Quantico 1-877-640-7195 [www.marineshop.com](http://www.marineshop.com)

**Dress Blue Trousers:** [The Marine Shop](#) or at the [Quantico Base Exchange](#) (must have retired or active military ID to purchase at BX)

**Black Shoes and White Shirts:** Quartermaster Police and Supply 1-800-444-8643 or [www.qmuniforms.com](http://www.qmuniforms.com)



**Regular Member Dues  
\$35.00 per year**

**Life Membership**

To become a Life Member, you must already be a "Member in Good Standing". That means becoming a member and paying your initial dues first. According to the bylaws, you could join the League, pay your dues and then pay your Life Membership Dues all in the same day.

If you have any further questions about life membership, please contact our Paymaster Russell Wyatt.

**2016 Life Membership Dues:**

<b>age 35 to and including 35 years</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>age 36 to and including 50 years</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>
<b>age 51 to and including 64 years</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>
<b>over 65 years</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>





## **Oath of Membership Marine Corps League**

I, Your Name, in the presence of Almighty God and the members of the Marine Corps League here assembled, being fully aware of the symbols, motto, principles and purposes, of the Marine Corps League, do solemnly swear, that I will uphold and defend the Constitution and Laws of the United States of America and of the Marine Corps League.

I will never knowingly wrong, deceive, or defraud the League, to the value of anything. I will never knowingly wrong or injure or permit any member, or any member's family, to be wronged or injured, if to prevent same is within my power.

I will never propose for membership, one known to me to be unqualified or unworthy to become a member of the League, I further promise to govern my conduct in the League's affairs and in my personal life, in a manner becoming a decent and honorable person, and will never knowingly bring discredit to the League.

So help me God.

# Dick Branich Memorial Scholarship

The Department of Virginia annually awards a minimum \$500 dollar scholarship to a worthy incoming college freshman. Any student who meets the following criteria is eligible to apply:

The son, daughter, grandchild, or stepchild of a Virginia Detachment Marine Corps League, or Virginia Unit of the Ladies Auxiliary member in good standing.

The son, daughter, grandchild, or stepchild of a Marine, or FMF Corpsman, who lost his/her life in the line of duty.

A member in good standing in a Virginia based Young Marine Corps League Program with a minimum of two (2) years of honorable service.

A member in a Virginia USMC Jr. ROTC Program with a minimum two (2) years of honorable service.



### LETTERING:

Lettering should be 3/8" in height with 1/4 spacing between lines. Maximum of 3 lines can be used, all lettering should be in CAPITALS. Bottom line has three options: DETACHMENT or DEPARTMENT or LOCATION (e.g. CITY, STATE or COUNTY, STATE).

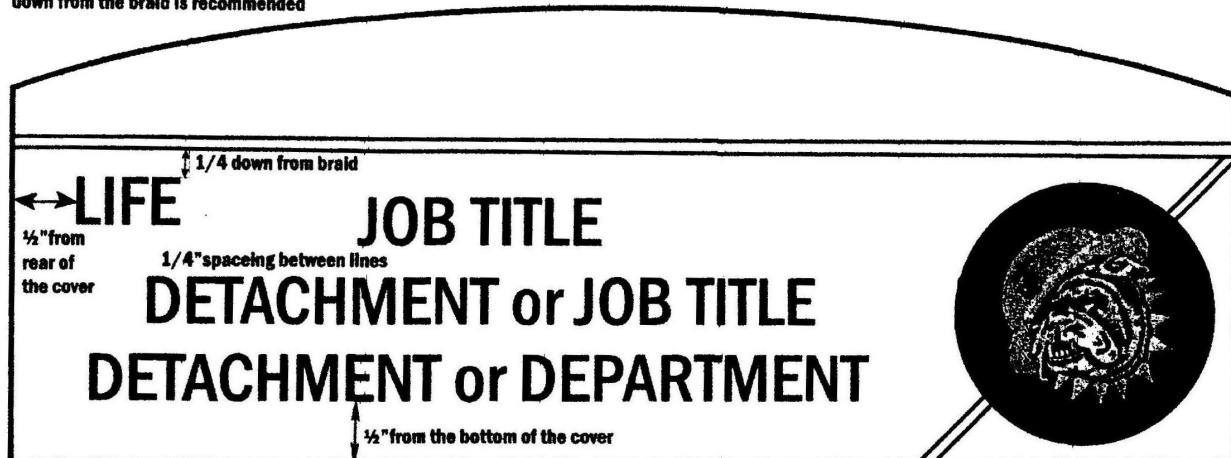
### FONT

FRANKLIN GOTHIC MEDIUM CONDENSED

This is a font to be 3/8" in height and all CAPITALS, this font allows the use of longer words and names.

### LIFE:

Can either be in the form of a NAME STRIP or DIRECT EMBROIDERY. If the word LIFE is used it is placed as show. For neatness 1/2" from the rear of the cover and 1/4" down from the braid is recommended



### CENTERING:

Lettering should be centered between rear of the cover and front braid (this would allow for future placement of the MODD Patch if needed)





## **Detachment Golf Shirts**

The James M. Slay Detachment golf shirt is not a part of the official League uniform, but is worn by many of our members to meetings and other functions. It also serves as a great recruiting tool. Orders for shirts are taken by our detachment quartermaster at our monthly meetings.

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