



The Scuttlebutt Newsletter  
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**September 2017**



**JAMES M. SLAY DETACHMENT  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE  
MEETING**

**Virginia Society of CPA's  
4309 Cox Rd, Glen Allen VA  
I-64 Exit I78B**

**The Fourth Saturday Of Each Month  
Next Meeting 23 September 2017  
0830 Breakfast - 0900 Meeting  
[www.richmondmarines.net](http://www.richmondmarines.net)  
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## Mark Moore, Sr. Vice Commandant— The Social “Climber”

..9/11 Stair Climb at the Suntrust building was 21 flights of stairs 5 times for a total of 105 to honor the fallen first responders who entered the World Trade Center. This is Mark Moore’s third year in a row doing this event. Doing both events he received, along with several others, the first combat 9/11 challenge patch for completing the stair climb and the 5k. It was a great day indeed.



Mark looking impressive in a pose with the Richmond Marine Recruiters at the Run.



Combat 911 Patch for completing both the Stair Climb and the 5K.



### Speaking of Running...

As some of you know, Marine John Hunt and I have been running together for about 10 months. John (who has been totally blind for 7 years) and I have run 3 military-related 5K’s— Run to Remember, Patriots, and 911 Heroes Run. We’re planning another, Veterans 5K, on November 4th in Midlothian, put on by the James River H.S. Navy JROTC. I’m recruiting at least 4 more Marine Veterans to join us. Our pace is very slow, our chatter is entertaining and we both have taken at least one minor fall to prove our klutziness. But I will pay the entry fee and provide a team shirt for the first 4 to commit to join us. I just would like to have a showing of Marines, certainly not is step, but in a group—to show our brotherhood. Knowing we have only a few Slay members capable I will be extending this offer to some other groups of runners with Marine Vets.

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Summer's essentially over and (so far) we have been spared the weather extremes associated with the hurricane. The detachment has been active with good attendance at meetings, on range days and have made the transition to the new Publix for the Houston-Holicky-Sitter luncheon.

A group attended a Richmond Flying Squirrels game as you can see from this photo of Micky Jennings with Nutsy and Nutasha.



Another group, mostly Devil Dogs, went to the Vietnam Museum in Ruckersville VA. I have it on authority that none of the Marines in this photo jumped out of the helo (except maybe daredevil "former" motorcyclist, Joe Wadle)





**Paymaster Fred Marotta Updates Marine Corps League Dues Process**

After conversations this morning with National HQ and Russell as of 01 Sept 2017, the individual Detachments are responsible for notifying their members when their individual dues are do.

National will no longer notify members of their dues expiration ! (Remember the Pro-rating of dues Russell spoke of)

As of 01 Sept 2017 all MCL memberships will have a common exasperation date.Sept to Sept.

What this amounts to is that ALL PREVIOUS INDIVIDUAL EXPIRATION DATES NO LONGER ARE VALID.

ALL MEMBERSHIPS BASICALLY EXPIRED AT 0001 HRS 01 SEPT 2017

This means that virtually all members (except those posted today by me to Dept. of Virginia and National HQ on dues Transmittal #001) must RENEW their memberships.

We must start contacting membership and tell them that their \$35.00 DUES for Sept. 2017 to Sept. 2018 are DUE .

I believe (hoping) that our initial contact to members can be made by using the Scuttlebutt, email and postal files to send out the first notice

This is going to be fun.

**Veterans Access to Military Exchanges Online**

**Bruce Steeley sent out an email in the past week explaining the opening of online military exchanges to all honorably discharged veterans by November 11th.**

**Approximately 38,000 have been verified through *VetVerify.org* in a process that takes a small amount of time to complete.**

**Veteran's who are in the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) report a quick and easy verification process.**

**The Exchange Services have these online shopping websites see this as a “huge win” for a proposal introduces by the VFW in 2014.**

**To begin the verification process, visit *VetVerify.org* or call 1-844-868-8672.**

**Once verified, veterans can shop at the following exchanges websites: *shpmyexchange.com*, *shopcgx.com*, *mymcx.com* and *mynavyexchange.com*.**



## Irma Relief Operations

— Approximately 700 Marines are embarked aboard USS Kearsarge in response to Hurricane Irma in the Caribbean.

— The U.S. Marine Corps has approximately 300 Marines from the 26th MEU and 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing aboard USS Iwo Jima. In total, 1,000 Marines, 11 Marine Corps aircraft, and three expected additional aircraft are conducting hurricane relief efforts.

— Marines with 26th MEU are conducting community cleanup throughout Key West, Florida, clearing debris and making Key West livable and safe for the citizens.

— The U.S. Marine Forces Reserve have units in Florida and Alabama who are supporting Federal Emergency Management Agency, state and local response efforts after Hurricane Irma made landfall.

— Personnel from 3rd Force Reconnaissance Company, based in Mobile, Alabama, 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion, based in Tampa and Jacksonville, Florida and Combat Logistics Battalion 451, based in Orlando, Florida, are providing support. The units are critical to Northern Command's support of FEMA's assistance to federal, state and local authorities' ongoing relief efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma.

### Farther South

— The SS Wright is loading FEMA containers and is scheduled to depart for St. Thomas.

— Three KC-130 aircraft arrived in Marathon, Florida as part of a fuel resupply mission.



**General Orders for Sentries:** (excerpt from *Warrior Culture of the U.S. Marines*, copyright 2001 Marion F. Sturkey)

I recently had a call from a Marine buddy from Vietnam who opened the call with: Marine, what is your 7th General Order? What I told him can't be printed here. But since most of have forgotten these General Orders I decided to remind us.

But to add a little challenge—the Slay Det. will award this “elegant” *Semper Fidelis* wood Word Art to a randomly selected attendee at Saturdays meeting—provided they can recite at least one (maybe two) of the General Orders



The eleven General Orders for sentries never change. They constitute the unyielding bedrock upon which Marines enforce military security in the United States and throughout the world. General Orders dictate the conduct of all Marines on guard duty. These orders apply to all Marines at all bases and outposts in time of peace, and in time of war.

Marine recruits in boot camp must memorize these General Orders. Woe be unto the unfortunate recruit who can not shout out, verbatim and without hesitation, all eleven of them. Such a recruit will incur a firestorm of wrath from his Drill Instructor. There is sound logic for this rigid training. The eleven General Orders will guide each Marine throughout his years in the Corps:

1. To take charge of this post and all government property in view.
2. To walk my post in a military manner, keeping always on then alert and observing everything that takes place within sight or hearing.
3. To report all violations of orders I am instructed to enforce.
4. To repeat all calls from posts more distant from the guardhouse than my own.
5. To quit my post only when properly relieved.
6. To receive, obey, and pass on the sentry who relieves me, all orders from the commanding officer, officer of the day, and officers and noncommissioned officers of the guard only.
7. To talk to no one except in line of duty.
8. To give the alarm in case of fire or disorder.
9. To call the corporal of the guard in any case not covered by instructions.
10. To salute all officers and all colors and standards not cased.
11. To be especially watchful at night and, during the time for challenging, to challenge all persons on or near my post and to allow no one to pass without proper authority.

**Houston-Holicky-Sitter Luncheon  
Tuesday, 10 October 2017  
Bill Chrystal (Alexander Hamilton)**

Bill Emeritus of the First Congregational Church (United Church of Christ) of Reno, Nevada.

is Pastor

A native of Seattle, he graduated from Roosevelt High School and the University of Washington (B.A. & M.Ed.). He attended Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California, and completed seminary at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis (M.Div. & D.D.). Bill also studied at The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore (M.A.).

Bill was the pastor of churches in Illinois, California, Maryland, Massachusetts and Nevada before retiring from church work in 2007. He also served five years as a Navy Chaplain—three with the 1st Marine Division and two aboard the U.S.S. Samuel Gompers (AD 37). For this service, he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal—the latter for providing "ministerial and humanitarian aid" following the October 17, 1989 San Francisco Earthquake.

Bill Chrystal is a leading authority on Theologian/Political Philosopher Reinhold Niebuhr and the Niebuhr family. He has written three books about the Niebuhrs and many articles on a wide variety of topics for scholarly journals, including *The New England Quarterly*, *Church History* and *Theology Today*.



For twelve years, Chrystal was the host of the nationally syndicated radio program *The Thomas Jefferson Hour*. He is an expert on our founding fathers and early American history. **Bill is also a leading historical interpreter of Alexander Hamilton and John Adams, and has given hundreds of performances across the country during the past decade.** In addition to writing several books and producing DVDs about these founding fathers, Chrystal has appeared in *USA Today*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Boston Globe*, *Washington Post* and the *LA Times*. Bill has also appeared on WHRO's *HearSay* with Cathy Lewis, *Fox & Friends*, *C-SPAN3*, and the Neil Cavuto show on FOX News. His biography appears in *Who's Who in America*.

Bill currently lives in southern Virginia with his wife and rescued dogs and cats.



**He's still watching you!**

## Houston-Holicky-Sitter Luncheon

MC: Col. Bill Parrish, USMC Ret.

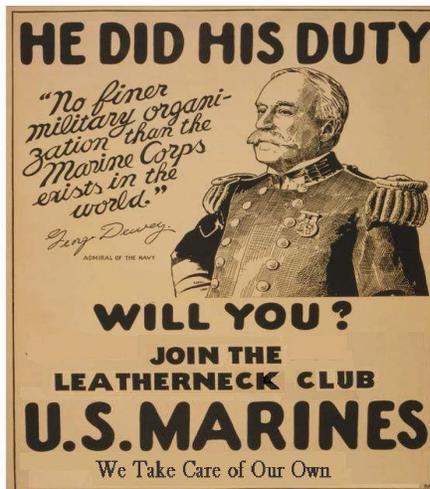


The Holicky-Sitter Luncheon was started to help support the local Active Duty Marines serving in the Richmond Area and Fort Lee. Our goal is the support of the local Marine Reserve Unit, the Marine Detachment at Fort Lee, Marine Corps Recruiters and the Marines assigned to Defense General Supply Center. 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.

- Uniform: Whatever you want to wear.
- Cost: **Optional from the deli on ground floor.**
- Date: Tuesday 10 October 2017 (The second Tuesday of every month )
- Speaker: Bill Chrystal (Alexander Hamilton) (bio page 7)
- Chow: 1130 - Speaker - 1210 - Secure at 1245.
- Where: **“IMPORTANT” Location — PUBLIX (formerly Martin’s),  
2250 John Rolfe Pkwy (& Ridgefield Pkwy) Richmond VA 23233  
Celebration Room, 2nd deck/far right end**

## 2017 LEATHERNECK CLUB

- Bill Akers
- Jim Barrett
- John Beall
- Mike Boudreau
- Norm Carney
- Clyde Childress
- Herb Delbridge
- Bob Gilliam
- Tim Godbey
- Clint Harrington
- Bob Hartley
- Bruce Heilman
- Houston Holicky Sitter  
Luncheon Group
- Bill Jeffress
- David Jennings
- Greg Lee
- Annebel Lewis
- John McCann
- Cee Cee Mickens
- Tom Milhausen
- Kevin O'Connor



- John O'Connor
- Carl Panebianco
- Jamie Pleasants
- Wes Pruitt
- Jim Ralls
- David Schneider
- Lou Seigel
- Fred Smith
- Lee Smith
- Bruce Steeley
- David Taylor
- John Thomas
- Ken Varndell
- Joe Wadle
- Bill Wagner
- Joe Washington
- Jerry Wells
- Spike Williamson
- Christopher Word
- Russell Wyatt
- Richard Zimmer

In Memoriam  
 Chip Houston Pat O'Hare  
 Tom Burton Fred Neurohr



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