



The Scuttlebutt Newsletter
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**JAMES M. SLAY DETACHMENT
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
MEETING**

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

**Christmas Breakfast (Page 2)
2 December 2017**

**0830 Breakfast - 0900 Meeting
www.richmondmarines.net
(804) 417-4569**



**THE
JAMES M. SLAY DETACHMENT
LADIES AUXILIARY**

**CORDIALLY INVITES YOU AND YOUR GUESTS
TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017 AT 9:00 A.M.

**AT THE
VIRGINIA CPA BUILDING
4309 COX ROAD, GLEN ALLEN VA**

GIFT BASKET RAFFLE

**AWARDING
OF
THE JAMES M. SLAY DETACHMENT
MARINE OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Slay Marines

Commandant Vass reminder - all who plan to attend the Detachment Christmas Party on 2 December to consider bring toiletry items to be sent to the patients at McGuire VA and toys for the Toys For Tots Program. This strictly voluntary of course, but they are both worthy causes.

Thanks and S/F

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The Scuttlebutt

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2017

NOVEMBER—BUSY!

BUSY is an understatement!

We had the Marine Corps 242nd Birthday and celebrated it in many ways and places. Many Detachment members attended the FT. Lee celebration at the Marriott in Richmond. (Photos and comments on page 4.)

We hosted a Birthday celebration at McGuire Veterans Hospital as we have for years with guest speakers and a traditional cake ceremony.

We provided Birthday cakes for observances at multiple Marine Corps High School JROTC's.

We provided awards for the Richmond Recruiter of the Year and to the Ft. Lee Instructor of the Year.

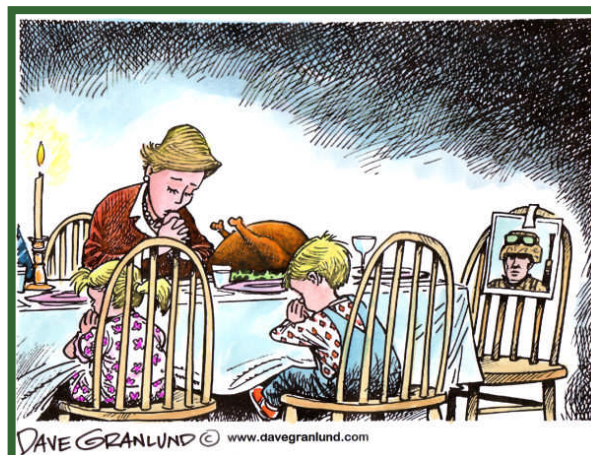
Annual Shooting Range Competition (Results page 6).



Bill Jeffress, Bill Akers and Bruce Steeley at McGuire Veterans Hospital

And, of course, Thanksgiving always becomes the focus of many families getting together.

But accordingly, it is important to remember all those service members who are deployed in the many corners of the world without their families. Many are in harms way, others are just "standing watch" for all of us. I know many of us on our active duty time probably were away from family on Thanksgiving and/or Christmas.



So let's continue to remember, support and honor *Those Who Serve*.



U.S. Marine Corps 242nd Birthday

We had the usual outstanding attendance at the Marine Corps Birthday Ball hosted by the Ft. Lee Marine Detachment. Our presence was easily noticed by our numbers but also by some of the Red Marine Corps League Uniforms, Marine Dress Uniforms and even one White formal Tux.

We assisted in suggesting the Guest Speaker, LtCol Joe Shusko, USMC (Ret). LtCol Shusko made a rousing presentation ending with one of his favorite “Tie-Ins”, The Parable of the Pencil. I highly recommend his book, “Tie-Ins For Life”.

The Active Marines (I’m tempted to say Young Marines, but that’s redundant) were energetic and spontaneous. Were we ever like That?



Joe and Jackie Wadle with Joe Shusko



Mike Kelley and Victoria Shipp



Sally and Jim Barrett



Three Joes—Joe Wadle, Joe Vass and Joe Shusko
“young” and sharp looking!



LtCol Garza with Marty Bufano. Marty a 93 year old WW II Marine was this Editor’s guest at the Ball

An Army officer sums up what makes Marines different By Col. Daniel F. Bolger, USA
(Excerpt from DEATH GROUND: TODAY'S AMERICAN INFANTRY IN BATTLE)

What makes Marine infantry special?

Asking the question that misses the most fundamental point about the United States Marine Corps. In the Marines, everyone—sergeant, mechanic, cannoneer, supply man, clerk, aviator, cook—

is a rifleman first

The entire Corps, all 170,000 or so on the active rolls, plus the reserves, are all infantry. All speak the language of the rifle and bayonet, of muddy boots and long, hot marches. It's never us and them only us. That is the secret of the Corps."

"If Army infantry amounts to a stern monastic order standing apart, on the edge of the wider secular soldier world, Marine infantry more resembles the central totem worshipped by the entire tribe. Marines

have specialized, as have all modern military organizations. And despite the all-too-real rigors of boot camp, annual rifle qualification, and high physical standards, a Marine aircraft crew chief or radio repairman wouldn't make a good 0311 on a squad assault. But those Marine technical types know that they serve the humble grunt, the man who will look the enemy in the eye within close to belly-ripping range. Moreover, all Marines think of themselves as grunts at heart, just a bit out of practice at the moment. That connections creates a great strength throughout the Corps."

"It explains why Marine commanders routinely, even casually, combine widely disparate kinds of capabilities into small units.... Marines send junior officers and NCOs out from their line rifle companies and expect results. They get them, too."

"Even a single Marine has on call the firepower of the air wing, the Navy, and all of the United States. Or at least he thinks he does. A Marine acts accordingly. He is expected to take charge, to improvise, to adapt, to overcome. A Marine gets by with ancient aircraft (the ratty C-46E Frog, for example), hand-me-down weapons (such as the old M-60 tanks used in the Gulf War), and whatever else he can bum off the Army or cajole out of the Navy. Marines get the job done regardless, because they are Marines. They make a virtue out of necessity. The men, not the gear, make the difference. Now and again, the Marines want to send men, not bullets."

"This leads to a self-assurance that sometimes comes across as disregard for detailed staff-college quality planning and short shrift for high-level supervision. Senior Army officers in particular sometimes find the Marines amateurish, cavalier, and overly trusting in just wading in and letting the junior leaders sort it out. In the extreme, a few soldiers have looked at the Corps as some weird, inferior, ersatz ground war establishment, a bad knockoff of the real thing. 'A small, bitched-up army talking Navy lingo,' opined Army Brigadier General Frank Armstrong in one of the most brutal inter-service assessments. That was going too far. But deep down, many Army professionals tend to wonder about the Marines. Grab a defended beach? Definitely. Seize a hill? Sure, if you don't mind paying a little. But take charge of a really big land operation? Not if we can help it."

"Anyone who has watched an amphibious landing unfold would be careful with that kind of thinking. The Marines actually have a lot in common with their elite Army infantry brothers, if not with all the various Army headquarters and service echelons. True, Marine orders do tend to be, well...brief. But so do those of the airborne, the air assault, the light-fighters, and the Rangers, for the same good reason: Hard, realistic training teaches soldiers how to fight by doing, over and over, so they need not keep writing about it, regurgitating basics every time. More enlightened soldiers consider that goodness. A three-inch thick order, a big CP, and lots of meeting do not victory make. The Marines consciously reject all that."

"A Corps infused with a rifleman ethos has few barriers to intra-service cooperation. The Army talks a great deal about combined arms and does it down to about battalion level, often with great wailing and gnashing of the teeth. Marines do it all the way down to the individual Marine. Soldiers have defined military occupational specialties and guard their prerogatives like a union shop stewards. Finance clerks don't do machine guns. Mechanics skip foot marches to fix trucks. Intel analysts work in air-conditioned trailers; they don't patrol.

Marines, though, are just Marines. They all consider themselves trigger pullers. They even like it, as might be expected of an elite body.



From Paymaster, Fred Marotta

MEMBERSHIP NOTES:

OF 98 REGULAR (ANNUAL) DUES PAYING MEMBERSHIPS **ONLY 29** MEMBERS HAVE RE-NEWED THEIR MEMBERSHIPS AS OF OCTOBER 10TH 2017.

ALL ANNUAL DUES EXPIRED ON 01 SEPTEMBER 2017(NATIONALS NEW POLICY).

MARINES : MAIL YOUR CHECKS IN THE **AMOUNT OF \$35.00** TO :

JAMES M. SLAY Det 329 M C L

PO BOX 4561

GLEN ALLEN , VA .23058-4561

THE DET HAS 64 PAID LIFE MEMBERS WHICH MEANS WE HAVE A TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF 162 MEMBERS .

RECRUIT-RECRUIT-RECRUIT

Here are the results of the Rifle and Pistol match

held on November 6th, 2017 for the James M. Slay Detachment 329 at the Cavalier R&P club.

In all 8 shooters meet at the Goochland Restaurant for breakfast [8:15] and from there departed to the range around 9am.

There were 5 shooters for the rifle and 6 shooters for the pistol, the scores were as follows.

Rifle

Shooter Score Award

1st: Lou Seigel 288-11X Plaque

2nd: Jim Barrett 285-8X Plaque

3rd: Jim Ralls 280-7X Plaque

4th: Greg Lee 250-2X

5th: Lee Smith 181-0X

Pistol

1st: Lou Seigel 239-2X Plaque

2nd: Jim Barrett 231-2X Plaque

3rd: Spike Williamson 224-1X Plaque

4th: Jim Ralls 178-1X

5th: Joe Washington 159-1X

6th: Richard Zimmer 147-1X



Congratulations to the winners and ALL the shooters who showed up it was an outstanding show, thank you for your participation and for your participation all year long, we had an average of 12 shooters each month, lets get some of the old shooters back in the game for next year, I understand Jack Bell is ready to go again after all his medical stuff.

Wishing all of you all the best for the up coming holidays and all the best in the New Year.

Semper Fidelis

Lou Seigel

From Commandant Joe Vass

We will have a short meeting after the Christmas breakfast. The uniform of the day will be MCL red shirt and MCL cover for all, I repeat for all. Included will be the recognition of the Detachment Marine of the Year.

Houston-Holicky-Sitter Luncheon

12 December 2017

Maj. General Robert B. Newman, Jr. USAF Ret.

Major

General

Robert B. Newman, Jr., USAF (retired), has over thirty years of business, military, and homeland security expertise in both government and private sectors in the fields of infrastructure protection, financial services, energy, and information security.

As Senior Vice President and Director of Strategic Partnerships for Sera-Brynn LLC, Mr. Newman directs the company's strategic planning effort and is responsible for the strategic marketing and industry awareness programs. He works with professionals both in and out of the information security field to develop new partnerships to expand the company's client base and with other senior leaders in the company to develop new products and analyze their impact on the company's clients and the market.

Long having recognized the rapidly evolving cyber challenges that face our country, Mr. Newman worked as a consultant prior to joining Sera-Brynn with both public and private entities to help secure our nation's cyber, financial, and energy infrastructures and to ensure their reliability for the American economy. He has also worked with the modeling and simulation industry in Virginia to identify opportunities and develop a strategic way ahead to ensure the industry's continued success across the business spectrum in the commonwealth.

Mr. Newman graduated as a distinguished aerospace graduate from the Virginia Military Institute in 1973. While a cadet at VMI, Newman was regimental commander of the Corps of Cadets, president of the honor court, and co-captain of the soccer team being twice named to the Virginia All-State soccer team. In 1979, he received a Master of Arts in Management and Public Administration from Webster University.

Following graduation from VMI, Mr. Newman attended US Air Force pilot training. He received his wings in December 1974 and was assigned to the 23 Tactical Fighter Wing flying the A-7D Corsair II fighter aircraft. During his active duty Air Force career, he was an instructor pilot, a flight examiner, and was named to an 8-man USAF gunnery team that flew against 10 Royal Air Force teams and won the RAF annual tactical fighter competition.

Mr. Newman separated from active duty in 1980 returning to Virginia where he began a career as an institutional bond trader working for both Wall Street and regional brokerage firms. He also joined the Virginia Air National Guard flying the A-7D fighter later transitioning to the F-16C Fighting Falcon.

Following the attacks on September 11, 2001, Mr. Newman was mobilized and assigned to the National Guard Bureau in Washington where he helped stand up homeland security missions assigned to the Guard including the infrastructure protection mission and directed the stand-up of the National Guard's initial element at US Northern Command. He was later promoted to brigadier general serving as the deputy J3/J4 for operations and logistics at US Joint Forces Command.

Following a two-year tour of duty at the Guard Bureau, Newman returned to Richmond where he served in the cabinet of Governor Mark Warner as deputy homeland security advisor continuing work to secure Virginia's critical infrastructure and directing homeland security efforts that established the Virginia fusion center.

In 2006, Governor Tim Kaine selected Newman to be the Adjutant General of Virginia commanding 10,000 Virginia Army and Air Guardsmen and promoting him to the rank of major general. Newman served on many national committees while serving as adjutant general including the Reserve Forces Policy Board and, drawing on his business experience, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Army and Air Force Exchange Services.

Mr. Newman continues to be active in the community serving on many local and national boards to include the Board of Directors of LEAD Virginia, the Board of Advisors for Linxx Global Solutions, the Board of Advisors of the Center for American Studies at Christopher Newport University, the Board of Directors of the Virginia War Memorial Educational Foundation, and the Board of Directors of the Congressional Award.

Houston-Holicky-Sitter Luncheon

MC: Col. Bill Parrish, USMC Ret.



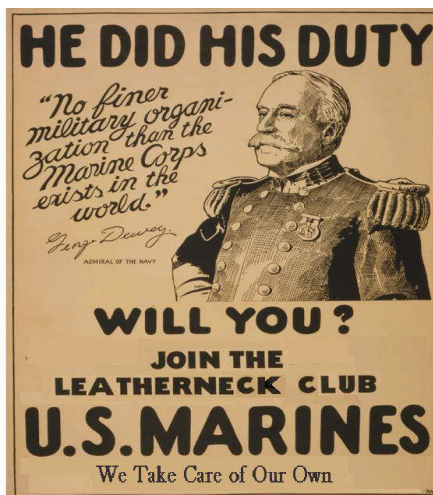
The Holicky-Sitter Luncheon was started to help support the local Active Duty Marines serving in the Richmond Area and Fort Lee. Our goal is the support of the local Marine Reserve Unit, the Marine Detachment at Fort Lee, Marine Corps Recruiters and the Marines assigned to Defense General Supply Center. 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: **The chow: Optional from the Publix take out food.**
 Date: Tuesday 12 December 2017 (The second Tuesday of every month)
 Speaker: Maj. General Robert Newman, USAF (Ret.) (bio page 7)
 Chow: 1130 - Speaker - 1210 - Secure at 1245.
 Where: **"IMPORTANT" Location — Publix (Formerly Martins)
 2250 John Rolfe Parkway, Henrico, VA 23233**

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
 Blaine Mason
 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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