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# The Scuttlebutt

NEWSLETTER

JULY 2024

Marines,

During the last month, our detachment lost one of our own, a loss I know that we all feel as we reflect on the life and legacy of Marine Bob Hartley. His celebration of life was on July 15, 2024, an opportunity for many of his friends, family, and fellow Marines to come together to celebrate his memory, share stories, and keep his name alive. When I first met Bob, we were a part of a group of Marines from the detachment that travelled to see the Reserve Artillery unit shooting at Fort Picket. He took an interest in my life, asking me questions about my daughters and telling me about his career after the Marines. Ever since that first meeting, Bob always remembered to ask about my daughters, listening to how they were doing in school or soccer. His interest in his fellow Marine's lives was genuine. Marine Bob Harley will be missed. Rest in peace, Marine.



Make sure to come out to our next meeting, where we will have Nicole Fox as a guest speaker. Nicole will talk about becoming a veteran mentor for the county of Henrico Veterans' treatment docket.

Marines- take care in that heat. Try to stay cool in this heat as the temperature continues to rise and the heat index hits between 105-109, while also remembering to check on your neighbors. I hope that this finds all Marines doing well. Our next detachment meeting is this Saturday July 27, 2024, and I look forward to seeing you there.

Semper Fi,  
Nick

Quartermaster Store Link:

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

*MINUTES*  
*JAMES M. SLAY DETACHMENT*  
*MARINE CORPS LEAGUE*  
*22 June 2024*

Due to technical difficulties, the minutes for the June meeting were not recorded.



Today (23 July), Johnny Day (Paymaster) and Tom Hastings (USO Coordinator) presented the Detachment's quarterly donation of \$900.00 in grocery gift cards to Mrs. Jennifer Combs-Pokrywka at the Richmond Airport USO Lounge. These donations go directly to our local USO lounge and provide snacks and essentials for our traveling service members and retirees and their dependents.

# William “Bob” Newton Hartley

June 20, 1939 - June 27, 2024

Midlothian, Virginia

## Obituary

*William “Bob” Newton Hartley, 85, of Midlothian, Virginia, went to a better place on Thursday, June 27, 2024. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 49 years, Myrna Jean Hartley; parents, Armor Llewellyn and Mary Marguerite Greenstreet Hartley; and sister, Betty Ann Straus. He is survived by his sons, Mark Hartley, William E. Hartley (Maureen); sister, Mary Ellen Price (Bill); brother, Armor Llewellyn Hartley (Rhonda); grandchildren, Elizabeth, Jack, Victor; and numerous nieces and nephews.*

*After proudly serving in the Marine Corps, Bob pursued his love of flying by attending flight school. He ultimately became a flight instructor, which led him to meet the love of his life, Myrna. They married and had children together. Their family enjoyed life in Richmond and summers at their river place, boating, fishing, and crabbing on the Rappahannock River. Bob built his own successful business as a manufacturer’s representative for costume jewelry, ultimately taking a leadership position at IFJAG (International Fashion Jewelry and Accessories Group). Upon retirement Bob spent time volunteering for the Marine Corps League and doing the activities that he loved: golfing, traveling, shooting, and spending time with family and friends.*

*His memorial service will be held later this month at Morrisett Funeral & Cremation Service, 6500 Iron Bridge Road, North Chesterfield, VA 23234. Reception to follow at the funeral home.*

*In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made in Bob’s name to the Marine Corps League, <https://secure.etransfer.com/eft/flexblockcode/donation1.cfm?d2org=MCLLeague&d2tool=donate>*

(Copied from: Morrisett Funeral and Cremation Service)



# MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!! BECOME A VETERAN MENTOR FOR THE COUNTY OF HENRICO VETERANS' TREATMENT DOCKET



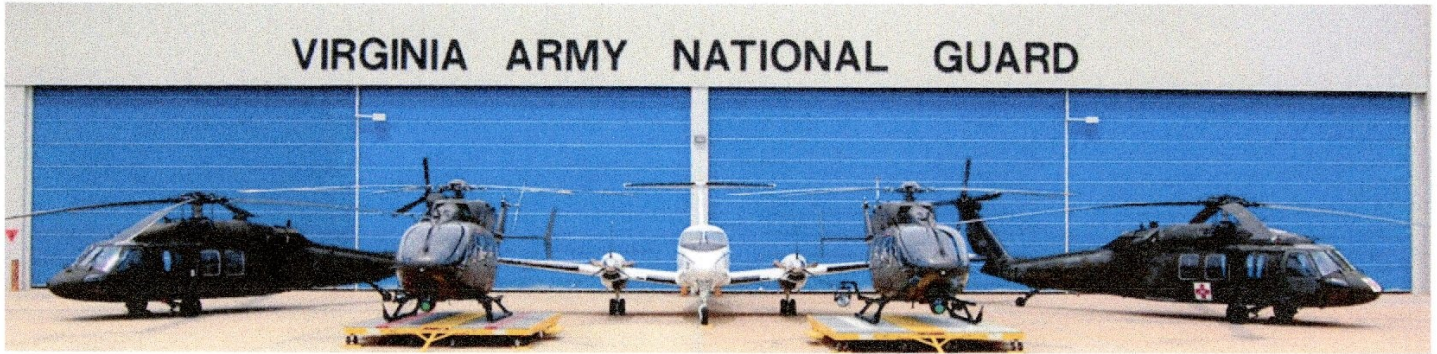
## ***WHAT IS THE VETERAN'S TREATMENT DOCKET AND THE ROLE OF THE MENTOR?***

Henrico County is in the process of implementing a specialty docket that focuses on "justice involved veterans" who struggle with substance abuse and/or mental health issues. Twenty years of war have left lasting scars on some of our veterans, and self-medicating with drugs and/or alcohol has led to problems. The docket diverts these veterans from the criminal justice system into an intensive treatment program, giving them a chance to finally address the underlying issues that led to their criminal behavior.

For this docket to succeed, it is essential to have veteran mentors assigned to each veteran defendant mentee. The Mentor is a volunteer who acts as a coach, guide, role model and advocate for the Mentee and provides moral support during the treatment program. Mentors are assigned to mentees based on branch of service, gender, age, interests, etc. All mentors must be veterans who have an honorable discharge and must have time on a weekly basis to devote to their mentee. Mentors are expected to attend all court dates (typically every other week for a couple hours) with their mentees as well as maintain communication outside of court to offer support and guidance throughout the process. Mentors are not treatment providers, but rather help rekindle the pride and camaraderie the veteran had while in uniform.

If interested in being a Mentor, please contact Sheila Lopez-Fetty , Deputy Clerk of Henrico County General District Court at [slopezfetty@vacourts.gov](mailto:slopezfetty@vacourts.gov).





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](mailto: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





The Slay Detachment was recently recognized by the Department of Virginia for it's newsletter, the Scuttlebutt and the editor Rich Van Damme.

As you can see, the award is so new that we weren't even given a data plate for the plaque.





# 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](mailto: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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## RACE INFORMATION



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**If you would like to share your medical center experience, concerns, suggestions, or volunteer to serve on the Council,**

**please contact**

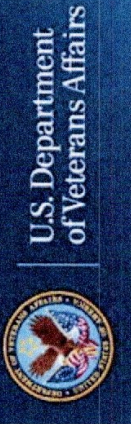
**Dr. Jessica Bolger**

**Clinical Psychologist & Local Recovery Coordinator**

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**or email:**

**[richvmhc1@gmail.com](mailto:richvmhc1@gmail.com)**



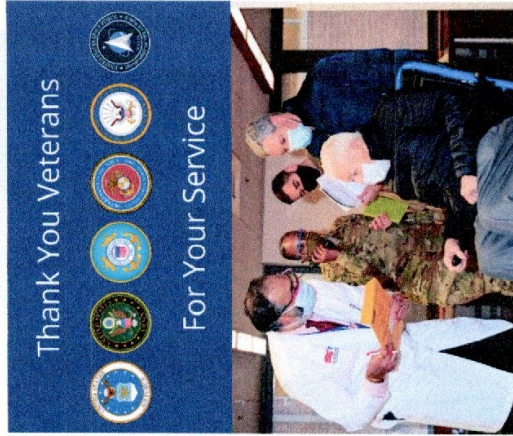
**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**

**Central Virginia VA Health Care System (CVHCS)**

**1201 Broad Rock Blvd.  
Richmond, VA 23249  
(804) 675-5000**



**Richmond VETERANS Mental Health Council**







### Purpose

The purpose of the VETERANS Mental Health Council is to: **Assist** VETERANS and their families in accessing services and coping more effectively with mental illness; **Facilitate** growth of recovery principles among VA staff and VETERANS; **Reduce** stigma related to mental illness; and, **Develop** methods of measuring VETERANS satisfaction, advocating for needed changes, and setting priorities for recommended changes.

**VETERANS** may contact the Council by calling 804-675-5000, ext. 1972, or e-mailing to [richvmhc1@gmail.com](mailto:richvmhc1@gmail.com)



### Council Membership Requirements

Council members should:

- Be a Veteran receiving VA mental health services or a family member or caregiver of a Veteran receiving VA mental health services through CVHCS.
- Be able to attend meetings regularly 3rd Tuesday of the month 9:30am-10:30am.
- Have time to devote to the work of the council (2-3 hours per month).
- Commit to being part of the council for at least one year.
- Be interested in working collaboratively with Mental Health leadership and community partners.



### Mission Statement

The mission of the Veterans Council is to establish a true partnership between consumers of mental health services, their families, VA mental health professionals, community partners, and veteran service organizations in order to improve the quality of mental health services.

## Paymaster Corner – July 2024

Reminder, annual membership payments are due by September 30<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:Paymaster329@gmail.com)

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## Here's the OPHT (Purple Heart Truck)



Former Detachment member Dave Jennings and the Sgt Maj James F. Moore MCL Detachment 1062 Northern Neck, issued the invitation. This great event gave me an opportunity to meet this Medal of Honor recipient and receive his challenge coin. OPHT was just ahead of SGT RECKLESS and the USMC guiding him through the day.

Dave Charbonneau



## Rifle and Pistol Shooting

Colonial Shooting Academy		Cavalier Shooting Range	
<del>10 January</del>			
<del>14 February</del>			
<del>13 March</del>			
<del>10 April</del>		<del>1 April</del>	
<del>8 May</del>		<del>6 May</del>	
<del>12 June</del>		<del>3 June</del>	
10 July		1 July	
14 August		5 August	
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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:329WebSgt@gmail.com)



## HOUSTON-HOLICKY-SITTER VETERANS FORUM

*MC: Col. Bill Parrish, USMC Ret.*

HHS Veterans' Forum meets next on Tuesday **August 13, 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 **CDR Paul Giarra, U.S. Navy (Ret)**. His topic will be USMC operating in the maritime approaches to China, and integration of Marine Corps with USN, USA, USAF, USCG and functional commands (TRANSCOM, SPACECOM, CYBERCOM and STRATCOM). His bio is on the following page.

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.

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.



**PAUL S. GIARRA**

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At this point in his life, Paul Giarra is dedicated to those who are coming next. Certain of the necessity of broadening the debate over and support for American sea power and maritime strategy, he is one of the coordinators of the Navy Strategy Discussion Group, an informal and off-the-record pro bono civil-military organization with its origins extending back to classified Navy staff discussions in the 1980s.

Paul Giarra also is a coordinator of the multi-year American Sea Power Project in the pages of *Proceedings* at the U.S. Naval Institute, chartering current thinking about the ends, ways, and means of American sea power.

He also is one of the founders of the Madison Grand Strategy Project, which convenes monthly sea power workshops.

Paul Giarra uses applied history as a key strategic planning tool. He has been reading naval and military history for more than 60 years, and reading critically for more than 40 years. Commissioned in Harvard's last NROTC class, he never doubted that he was going to be a naval officer, and indulged his enduring interests in ships and aircraft, education, and strategic planning. What surprised him was how broad his Navy and post-Navy career would be.

As a navalist and naval strategist, Mr. Giarra is a frequent collaborator and contributor in the U.S. navalist dialogue on maritime strategy, and writes frequently on the subject of U.S. sea power and maritime strategy.

Before it was publicly acknowledged, he conducted the first unclassified analysis of China's land-mobile, MaRV'd anti-ship ballistic missile capability, and its serious implications for American naval strategy and operations. He also is the author of numerous articles in *Proceedings* and elsewhere, including "Ten Realities for the New CNO"; "The Navy and Nation Need a Maritime Strategy"; "A Coherent Maritime Strategy"; and "Time To Recalibrate: The Navy Needs Tactical Nuclear Weapons . . . Again", in response to recent Chinese and Russian nuclear developments.

During his Navy career, Mr. Giarra was a P-3 pilot; a naval strategic planner; and a political-military strategic planner for Far East, South Asia and Pacific issues. He served in two aircraft carriers, USS *Guam* and USS *Midway*. As a serving officer, he managed the U.S.-Japan alliance in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He attended both the U.S. Naval War College, and the Japanese National Institute for Defense Studies (Japan's National War College equivalent).



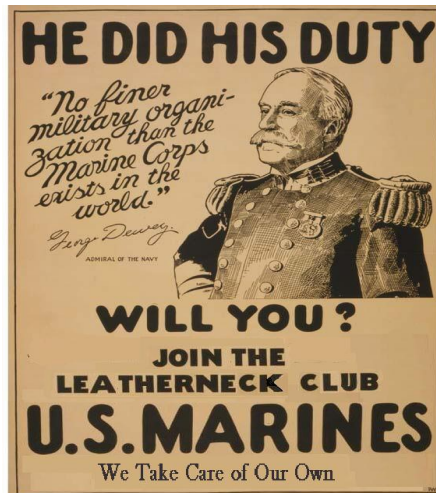
## Marine Corps Reading

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

## 2024 WES PRUITT LEATHERNECK CLUB

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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](mailto:Paymaster329@gmail.com)