

James M. Slay
Detachment Marine
Corps League

Richmond, Virginia

www.richmondmarines.net

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The Scuttlebutt

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025

Marines,

Fall is here and Halloween is right around the corner. I know my family is looking forward to handing out our candy next week, getting together with family, and of course, football. (Go Broncos!!)



We hosted the Department of Virginia Marine Corps League convention, recently held in Richmond, with 10 detachments in attendance. It was a great opportunity to talk with other members across the state, and we were able to vote on items such as scholarship funding. Stay tuned for more information on the spring convention, which will be held in Fredericksburg.

Our next meeting is this coming Saturday. We are excited to welcome Ms. Tate from Goochland High School, who will be giving us an update on the Goochland Veterans Project. This is a great opportunity to mentor our high school students. I recently joined the latest outing with this group and enjoyed talking with the students while attending the homecoming game at the high school.

Don't forget- our Marine Corps Ball coming up on November 8th. Make sure to secure your tickets as we celebrate our 250th birthday!

Mark your calendars- the James M. Slay detachment breakfast is coming up on December 13. I look forward to seeing all our members and their families at this holiday gathering to celebrate the season.

See you this Saturday!

Semper Fi,
Nick

Quartermaster Store Link:

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

MINUTES
JAMES M. SLAY DETACHMENT
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
27 September 2025

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

Commandant (present), Senior Vice Commandant (present), Past Commandant (present), Junior Vice (present), Adjutant (present), Judge Advocate (excused), Paymaster (present), Chaplain (present)

Introduction of Guest

Application for New Member

Reports of Officers

Junior Vice Commandant – Joe Kelleher

Keep recruiting and talk to all the Marines you come across. Bring a prospect to a meeting.
 GreenTop Expo event October 4-5. Please sign up for a time to help out.

Adjutant – Phil Hebner

Minutes from July and August were presented and passed

Paymaster – Rich Klein

Financials are available to review at any meeting or upon request.
 Annual dues are being collected. Please get paid up.
 Ball ticket sales are coming along.
 New mailing address for the Detachment: MCL 329, P.O. Box 27, Moseley, Va. 23120

Newsletter Editor/Historian – Rich Van Damme

Please submit any news or events to Rich for publication in the Scuttlebutt.

Web Sergeant – Dan Sierra (excused)

Website is current with the information he has received. Please send any updates/information to him for posting on the site.

Legislative officer-Tim Taylor

Discussed new legislation being considered/recommended by the JLC
 Textbook support for veterans returning to school
 Cracking down on organizations/individuals preying on veterans benefits through the VA.
 Tracking reasons for veteran suicide and possible preventative measures
 Possible gaming tax exemptions for VSOs
 \$1,500 states tax exemption for active military service members

Chaplain – Lonny Fry

Shared news about Bruce Terrel's health and asked for prayers
 John Alexander passed away on 9/18/2025. No details on the funeral plans.
 Bill Wagner had a recent diagnosis of Alzheimer's onset.
 Please keep the Chaplain updated with any information that you may receive on our sick/shut in members to be passed on to the Detachment.

Senior Vice Commandant – Joe Shusko - Committee Reports

Honor Guard – Spike Williamson

Looking to hit the same number of events but donations are down for the year
 Rifle stocks have been refurbished
 Unclaimed remains funeral at Amelia on October 16
 Always looking for volunteers

Range Days - Lou Seigel

Outdoor range end of year competition- October 6 -Rifle, October 13-Pistol

October 8- indoor range at GreenTop

Houston-Holicky-Sitter – Joe Wadle

October- Brig Gen. Simon Doran- Marine Warfighting Lab. Speaking on FD 2030.

Always looking for suggestions/connections for upcoming speakers. Please see Joe with information

USO Program –Tom Hastings-Joe Shusko reported

Great time meeting and talking to troops transitioning through Richmond

We need more volunteers at the Airport USO Center to work 2–3-hour shifts. Free parking for volunteers.

Please see Tom Hastings for more information

Quartermaster store- Dave Charbonneau

See Dave for nametags and shirts/swag. We have a link on our website to TSI to order any apparel.

Hats are in and available through TSI.

Dave has business cards

Updated the members on the status of the Purple Heart Firetruck

Ball committee- Mary Anne Wilson (excused)

Please address any suggestions or comments to Mary Anne

Limited seating (109). Over half are sold. Get them soon!!!

Fred Marotta is arranging table assignments if needed.

Guest of Honor has been secured. MajGen Craig Crenshaw- USMC retired- Virginia Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Recruiter's Ball November 1st and details will be upcoming. \$135 per person.

MCJROTC

Trying to get instructors in and give brief on their programs as well as present our \$500 support check.

Hope to hear soon on the formation of a new program in Louisa.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Good of the League/Announcements

October 4-5 Green Top Expo

Goochland HS is having homecoming on October 3 and invites veterans to attend the game. Mrs Rachel Tate of the Goochland Veterans Project is coming to the October meeting.

October 6-Operation Purple Heart Truck Golf Tournament at Hanover GC

October 11-Fall Department of Virginia Conference at Lakewood. October 10 social 1700 Capital Ale House

November 8- Detachment Marine Corps Ball at Lakewood

Working on golf outing at Federal Club November 10 for MC Bday

December 13- Christmas breakfast at Lakewood

Curt Powell talked about the Veterans Docket and the impact it has on the future of these veterans. Please see Curt to volunteer/mentor a veteran in the program.

Both October meeting will be in the Sim Center

When sending Detachment related emails please copy commandant329@gmail.com so that records can be kept for future commandants.

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, 25 October 2025, at 0900.

Respectfully Submitted,
Phil Hebner, Adjutant



James Matthew Slay, Jr.

James Matthew Slay Jr. died peacefully in his home in Westminster, MD, on Saturday, September 6, 2025. He was 82.

Jim was known as a true gentleman, thoughtful of others, warm and generous-hearted, and devoted to his family.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Fallis Slay; a son, James Matthew Slay III; a daughter, Mary Catherine Slay; a granddaughter, Pryor MacKenna Claudias; a sister, Elise Slay Finkner (Steve); two brothers, Charles Thompson Slay (Araceli); and Joseph Ronald Slay (Martha).

Jim was the son of James Matthew Slay and Catherine Thompson Slay. Born in Quantico, VA on May 27, 1943, he grew up in Durham, NC, and Richmond, VA, graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School in Richmond. He was a graduate of Washington and Lee University (1965), where he was president of Delta Tau Delta Phi chapter. Jim graduated from Washington and Lee University School of Law in 1971. He practiced law in Maryland for 25 years, serving in state government as Assistant State's Attorney- Anne Arundel County, and Assistant Secretary of State of Maryland, and as County Attorney for Talbott County. He was a partner with the law firm of Henry, Hairston and Price in Easton, MD. Before and following his law career, Jim taught at schools in Maryland and Virginia, including Landon School in Bethesda, MD; Episcopal High School in Alexandria, VA; and Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham, VA. As teacher, he was able to indulge his love of history and storytelling, or as he might describe it, "prevaricating." He was a relentless volunteer. An Eagle Scout, he worked with scouting troops in Virginia and Maryland nearly all his life. He served on the Vestry of Christ Church Saint Michaels in St. Michael's, MD. Jim was also a member of the Society of the Cincinnati of Maryland.

The family asks that those wishing to do so may make a memorial contribution to 'Life Hospice' of Carroll County, MD.

To plant trees in memory, please visit the [Sympathy Store](#).

John Henry Alexander



John Henry Alexander 88, St Johns Fl, passed away unexpectedly September 18, 2025; his partner Pamela Berlin was by his side.

John was born July 25, 1937, to Linwood Winston Alexander and Peggy Irene Alexander of Richmond, VA and the youngest of six siblings, Lois, Jean, Winston, George, Shirley and Kitty.

He is survived by his daughter Susan Hetrick, his only grandson Brad Romano of Chesterfield VA, who dearly loved his PaPa, his special nieces Peggy Scott (Mark) and Flo Lawton (Mark) as well as many other nieces, nephews and daughter Janet Alexander in California.

John was predeceased by his loving wife Faye in 2017 and their son Jeffrey in 2007. He and Faye had a wonderful and full life together with their children Susan and Jeffrey. They enjoyed many family vacations and enjoyed cruising, vacationing to Hilton Head and had a lot of wonderful times with their family and lots of friends along the way. He loved God, his family and our American flag.

John enlisted, at age 17, to Company A, 176th Infantry Regiment 29th Infantry Division, VA National Guard and went on to enlist as a Private in the US Marine Corps. He had a long career with CSX and retired before moving to Florida.

John was a simple man, very detailed and soft-spoken, a gentleman's gentleman. He enjoyed talking to Susan and Brad almost daily. One of John's favorite things to do was to dance with his partner Pam; they were members of the Friday Night Dance Club in Jacksonville, FL. He was a very talented builder of Bluebird nesting boxes and donated to about 15 men and women who lost their spouses while in Richmond, VA US Marine Corp League. He and Pam continued to go cruising with his family of friends in Savannah GA and vacationed at different beaches.

John and Pam loved watching the birds in their backyard and he named some of the beautiful Egrets; his favorite bird was the pelican.

Rest in Peace Semper Fi

A Celebration of Life will be held 11 AM, October 17, 2025 at Hardage-Giddens Rivermead Funeral Home, 127 Blanding Blvd, Orange Park, FL 32073. Please post words of comfort at www.hardage-giddensrivermead.com.

In lieu of flowers, John would like you to save your money and please hug someone or dance.

Calendar of Up-Coming Events 2025/26

October 25	Detachment Meeting
November 7	+Veterans Day and Marine Corps Birthday at the Richmond VA Medical Center +Hermitage Veterans Day Breakfast 07 Nov 2025 @ Hermitage Ace Center from 0800-0930
November 8	BIRTHDAY BALL, Slay Detachment
November 10	+MARINE CORPS 250 th BIRTHDAY +Marine Corps Cake Cutting Ceremony/Promotions- 10 Nov 2025 Hermitage HS (Small Gym) 1030-1200
November 12	League Pistol Shooting at Green Top
November 15	Navy League bus trip to the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, see details in this issue of the Scuttlebutt
November 22	Detachment Meeting
December 10	League Pistol Shooting at Green Top
December 13	Family Breakfast (in lieu of Detachment meeting)

2026

January 17	Hermitage MCJROTC Drill Competition, 0800-1500 at JR Tucker HS
January 24	Detachment Meeting
February 7	Hermitage MCJROTC Drill Competition, 0800-1500 at Hermitage HS
February 28	Detachment Meeting
March 21	Salute to Service, Virginia War Memorial, https://na.eventscloud.com/website/84228/
March 28	Detachment Meeting
April 25	Detachment Meeting and Officer Elections
May 7	Hermitage MCJROTC Awards Night, 1800-2000, Hermitage Ace Center
May 23	Detachment Meeting
May 29-30	Department of Virginia Spring Convention: Host Jack Moss 1379, Fredericksburg
June 27	Detachment Meeting
August 10-14	National Convention in Indianapolis, IN



Marine Corps 250th Birthday Ball

8 November 2025

1700 - 2100

**Lakewood Retirement Community
1900 Lauderdale Drive, Henrico, VA 23238**

Formal Ceremony

Guest Speaker

**MajGen Craig Crenshaw USMC-retired
Virginia Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs**

Menu

Buffet Dinner with Prime Rib, Seafood Entree,
Salad, Assorted Vegetables, Bread, & Dessert
Cash Bar: Soft Drinks & Adult Beverages

Dress

Mess Dress, Dress Blues,
Red Blazer with MCL Cover, or Civilian Cocktail Attire

Price: \$55 per Ticket

Purchases begin 8/1 and end at room capacity

Toys for Tots Support

New, Unwrapped Toy or a Monetary Donation

Karen Taylor Davis
Palladin Photography

Instructions to Register for the Ball

The window to purchase tickets is now open and will remain as such until room capacity is achieved. Once the max number of tickets are sold the window will closed and no more tickets will be sold.

To purchase tickets you may buy them at the Detachment meeting from the Paymaster Rich Klein or send a check to the Paymaster at MCL 329, P.O. Box 27, Moseley VA 23120. Note MCB on the memo line.

There are also two electronic options: PayPal and Venmo. QR codes are on next page. This is the fastest way to reserve you seats.

Whichever option you choose, you must register at the following link:
<https://forms.gle/iHtWHB46ZTEuhxMe8> Fill out the form and choose one of the methods of payment. **Choosing PayPal or Venmo only lets the Paymaster know to look for your payment. You must use the QR code to make payment.**

New Mailing Address for the James M. Slay Detachment 329

MCL 329
PO Box 27
Moseley, VA 23120

PayPal



Marine Corps League
@MarineCorpsLeague329



venmo

Scan this code to pay

It is time to renew your **Marine Corps League Annual Dues**. Annual dues are due by August 25, 2025 to remain “in Good Standing” for the coming year. You have four options for paying your annual dues.

Pay by check:

Make your \$35.00 check payable to MCL 329.

Mail to:

MCL 329

PO Box 27

Moseley, Va. 23120

Or bring your check to the next meeting and give it to the paymaster

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Pay with cash:

Bring your \$35.00 in cash to the next meeting and give it to the paymaster

Pay Via Paypal:

Add \$1.50 for the Paypal fee.

Use the Paypal QR code to send your total of \$36.50

Please add memo – ANNUAL DUES

Pay Via Venmo:

Add \$1.50 for the Venmo fee.

Use the Venmo QR code to send your total of \$36.50

Please add Memo – ANNUAL DUES

****Attention inactive members****

If you have fallen behind on your dues, and would like to become active again, you have 2 options:

1 – Pay back all owed and coming year dues. You will keep your current member number.

-or-

2 – Rejoin as a new member and receive a new member number. See our website for joining details.

www.richmondmarines.net then click join us



**Veterans Day and Marine Corps Birthday
Celebration
Richmond VA Medical Center
November 7, 2025**

This year's event will take place in the Multipurpose Room (MPR) on the first floor near the cafeteria. The event will start at 1100 and last until 1300. The place is expected to be crowded so arrive early. This event will have a speaker for the the Veterans Day Ceremony and a Marine speaker for the Marine Corps Birthday Celebration. There will also be the traditional Birthday Cake in attendance.

Parking may/will also be an issue. Some space may be set aside in Lot 7A (see photos).

At the League meeting this Saturday, 25 Oct, there may be a call for volunteers to help with any pre-event arraignments.





Powhatan County Veterans Day Program

November 11, 2025 at 11:00 AM
War Memorial Cultural Arts & Community Center
2375 Skaggs Rd, Powhatan

*Sponsored by:
American Legion Post 201
Powhatan, VA*



For God and Country!

SHOOTING RANGE SCHEDULES FOR 2025

Green Top Shooting Range (GTSR). 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Reporting time is 1700 so you can get checked in and be ready for our bay assignment. Range time ends at 1830. Range Fee is \$12.50.

Range Dates

January 8th	May 14th	September 15th
February 12th	June 11th	October 8th
March 12th	July 9th	November 12th
April 17th	August 13th	December 10th

Cavalier Rifle & Pistol Range. Dates are the FIRST Monday of the month starting with April 7th. For those who wish to partake, we will meet at the Goochland Restaurant for breakfast at 0800. Place your order when you arrive so you will receive your food in a timely manner. If you do not wish to join us for breakfast then meet us at the gate to the range.

Range Dates

April 7th	May 5th	June 2nd	July 7th	August 4th
September 1st	October 6th (Rifle Shoot)	October 13th (Pistol Shoot)		

Remember to obey the Speed Limit on Boon Dock Lane of 10 mph. Please refresh yourself on the range rules and regulations.

Any questions contact Lou:

804-492-9202

Email; mrngny@gmail.com

Looking forward to a safe year of shooting.

MCJROTC

Earlier this year in February, each MCJROTC leader was invited to come to one of our detachment meetings to brief our members on how the James M. Slay Marine Corps League's financial support impacts their programs. We appreciate the leaders from Highland Springs and Goochland High School taking the time from their busy schedules to join us, briefing the group on what their program has been able to accomplish and what is coming next. Our detachment prides itself on a strong connection with our community and being able to talk in person allows our members to better understand the impact our efforts are making for the next generation of Marines. Unfortunately, we weren't able to have representatives from Tucker High School or Hermitage High School attend. While we are still providing our financial support to these programs this year, I look forward to discussing funding decisions and expectations on engagement with our detachment (see letters below each school received).



MGySgt. Karl Bartley, Sr., USMC (Ret)
 Marine Corps JROTC Instructor
 Hermitage High School
 8301 Hungary Spring Road
 Henrico, VA 23228

February 21, 2025

Dear MGySgt. Bartley,

Our detachment of the Marine Corps League is proud to support you and Hermitage High School's MCJROTC program. Historically, we have offered a \$1,000 scholarship annually to an outstanding cadet in your program who intends to pursue higher education following graduation, and we have provided \$500 annually in support of the program's operating expenses.

We have revised the Sgt. Bruce Heilman Scholarship by emphasizing character of the cadet as the key criterium while academic performance remains important but not the deciding factor. Additionally, we have reduced from 5 years to 1 year from the date of graduation that the scholarship can be deferred. Importantly, your MCL Liaison, currently Rick Barden, must receive the Recipient Data Form by March 31st in order for the award to be presented during the detachment's monthly meeting on the 4th Saturday of April. Attached are the complete revised description/criteria and the Recipient Data Form which is also downloadable as fillable PDF from www.RichmondMarines.NET. Finally, we expect the cadet to attend the meeting with you to receive the check, and we encourage the cadet's family to attend as well.

On the 4th Saturday of September or October, we invite you to attend our monthly meeting to receive our check supporting the program's expenses. At that time, we'd like to hear about your plans for the program in the coming year as well as the number of cadets participating, etc. We are particularly interested in learning how we can physically support your program in person.

Please contact Rick Barden with any questions you may have at RickBarden9102@comcast.net or 804-822-2373.

Semper Fidelis,

Robert S. Gilliam III
 Judge Advocate
 James M. Slay Detachment #329
 Marine Corps League



Lt. Col. Christopher M. Gaitens, USMC (Ret)
 Marine Corps JROTC Instructor
 J. R. Tucker High School
 2910 North Parham Road
 Henrico, VA 23294

February 21, 2025

Dear Colonel Gaitens,

Our detachment of the Marine Corps League is proud to support you and J. R. Tucker High School's MCJROTC program. Historically, we have offered a \$1,000 scholarship annually to an outstanding cadet in your program who intends to pursue higher education following graduation, and we have provided \$500 annually in support of the program's operating expenses.

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Captain Thomas W. Holder, USMC (Ret)
 Marine Corps JROTC Instructor
 Highland Springs High School
 200 South Airport Drive
 Highland Springs, VA 23075

February 21, 2025

Dear Captain Holder,

Our detachment of the Marine Corps League is proud to support you and Highland Springs High School's MCJROTC program. Historically, we have offered a \$1,000 scholarship annually to an outstanding cadet in your program who intends to pursue higher education following graduation, and we have provided \$500 annually in support of the program's operating expenses.

We have revised the Sgt. Bruce Heilman Scholarship by emphasizing character of the cadet as the key criterium while academic performance remains important but not the deciding factor. Additionally, we have reduced from 5 years to 1 year from the date of graduation that the scholarship can be deferred. Importantly, your MCL Liaison, currently Tom Hastings, must receive the Recipient Data Form by March 31st in order for the award to be presented during the detachment's monthly meeting on the 4th Saturday of April. Attached are the complete revised description/criteria and the Recipient Data Form which is also downloadable as fillable PDF from www.RichmondMarines.NET. Finally, we expect the cadet to attend the meeting with you to receive the check, and we encourage the cadet's family to attend as well.

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Please contact Tom Hastings with any questions you may have at TomHastings@comcast.net or 703-595-9727.

Semper Fidelis,

Robert S. Gilliam III
 Judge Advocate
 James M. Slay Detachment #329
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Lt. Col. Kevin A. Williams, USMC (Ret)
 Marine Corps JROTC Instructor
 Goochland High School
 3250 River Road West
 Goochland, VA 23063

February 21, 2025

Dear Colonel Williams,

Our detachment of the Marine Corps League is proud to support you and Goochland High School's MCJROTC program. Historically, we have offered a \$1,000 scholarship annually to an outstanding cadet in your program who intends to pursue higher education following graduation, and we have provided \$500 annually in support of the program's operating expenses.

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Please contact Phil Hebner with any questions you may have at PhilHebner2@gmail.com or 804-334-3501.

Semper Fidelis,

Robert S. Gilliam III
 Judge Advocate
 James M. Slay Detachment #329
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P.S. Please commend SSgt Daniel Strong for making an outstanding presentation to us on Saturday 2/22/2025.



HOUSTON-HOLICKY-SITTER VETERANS FORUM

MC: Col. Bill Parrish, USMC Ret.

HHS Veterans' Forum meets next on Tuesday **November 11, 2025.**

Location will be Goochland High School for their MCJROTC Veterans Day Celebration.

Speaker will be Col W.H. Parrish, USMC (Ret). His topic will be "What Veterans Receive during their service."

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.



Due to the Government Shutdown our Speaker has had to cancel for our 14 Oct Meeting. Please remember that our 11 Nov meeting will be held at Goochland High School's Marine Corps JROTC Veterans Day Program. An announcement will be sent out the week prior.

We are seeing smaller attendance at our meetings which is of concern when we have speakers giving up their time and traveling down from northern Virginia and other areas outside the Richmond area. We are looking at options beginning in 2026, to include moving to Quarterly meetings or alternating months. I encourage you to invite fellow veterans to attend our meetings. Also looking for a Speaker Coordinator beginning in January.

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.usmcu.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

2025 WES PRUITT LEATHERNECK CLUB

Bill Jeffress
Tim Taylor
Bruce Steeley
Thomas Mraz
Jack Bell
Charles Slay
Jim Strawn
David Taylor
Phil Hebner
David Charbonneau
Annebel Lewis
Michael Robinson
Randy Abernathy
Lonnie Fry
Tabitha Sierra
Tom Hastings
Mary Anne Wilson
Joe Kelleher



Lou Seigel
Bill Wagner
Robert Gilliam
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Timothy Godbey
Rich Van Damme
Timothy Sharpe
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Jamie Pleasants
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Reese Haller
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2026



Begin or renew your Leatherneck Club Membership for 2026. 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 Richard Klein at: Paymaster329@gmail.com