

Semper Certior

Official Newsletter of the Jack Maas Detachment 1379 Marine Corps League

November 2025



The title of this newsletter is the Latin phrase 'Semper Certior', which loosely translates to 'Always Informed'. The Jack Maas Detachment newsletter was started in March 2019 by the late Scott Pipenhagen, who gave it this name. This newsletter is dedicated to his memory.

Mike Chmielewski, Newsletter Editor

Same Team. New Mission.

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DETACHMENT UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2025

- 1 Spotsylvania Sheriff's Department Veterans Celebration, 11-13:00.
- 8 USMC Birthday Ball 16:30; Moose Lodge.
- 10 Detachment Officer's Meeting 18:30.
- 11 Veteran's Day Ceremony. Procession begins at 10:30, Ceremony 11:00 at the Fredericksburg Area War Memorial. See article below for details.
- 15 Detachment Meeting 10:00; VFW Princess Anne Street. Mission BBQ Lunch.
- 26 STP Dinner 18:00; TBD

December 2025

- 15 Detachment Officer's Meeting 18:30.
- 20 Detachment Meeting 10:00; Museum of the Marine Corps, Quantico.

NATIONAL, DIVISION, DEPARTMENT AND DISTRICT UPCOMING EVENTS

Mid-Winter National Conference:

26-28 Feb 2026; Arlington VA

DETACHMENT INFORMATION

Membership

Annual MCL memberships expire on 31 August, but as of 1 October, the following 15 members have not renewed your annual memberships: Brad Anderson, Tabitha Bartley, Felicia Beaulieu, Robert Crum, Brendan Dean, Tristan Dunlop, Robert Eckerfield, Jorge Fernandez, Alexa MacMurray, Jonathan Myers, Bernard Rogan, Kirk Ross, Alfred Rothschild, Claude St. Dennis, and Roger Wood. You can pay your \$35.00 annual dues at the detachment's monthly meeting by cash, check, or credit card. You can also pay your dues by mailing a \$35 check payable to "Jack Maas MCL Det. 1379" to PO Box 7515, Fredericksburg, VA 22404.

If you're interested in becoming a Paid Life Member (PLM), talk to Paymaster Virgil Young. To become a PLM and never have to worry about annual renewals again, you can make a single payment based on your age:

35 years of age and lower:	\$1,000
36-50 years of age:	\$800
51-64 years of age:	\$600
65-84 years of age:	\$400
85 years of age and higher:	\$100

If you haven't been to a Detachment meeting in a while, please join us at our monthly meetings! We meet at the Moose Lodge at 10:00 on the third Saturday of each month. We would love to see you again! And if you know any other Marines who might be interested in joining our brotherhood, bring them along with you!

Detachment Picnic

The Detachment held our annual Fall Picnic following the general meeting on Saturday, 18 October. Jeremiah Burns once again catered the event with his signature Barbeque chicken and pork with all of the fixings! Commandant Icolari presented Jeremiah with a token of our appreciation.



Robert Icolari and Jeremiah Burns



STP Dinner

Several members of the Detachment and our spouses gathered at Fujiya House Japanese Steak-house for our monthly STP Dinner. STP stands for “Same Ten/ Twenty/Thirty People”. We invite all members to join us for future STP dinners; we choose a different restaurant to eat at 6pm on the 4th Wednesday of each month. If you’d like to recommend and coordinate an upcoming STP dinner, please contact Mike Chmielewski (see contact info in the listing of officers above).



Jerry Zekert and Sherman Brown

Virgil and Ann Young

BBQ Fundraiser

The Detachment held another BBQ Fundraiser outside of Tractor Supply on 25 Oct. While the amount of money raised for the Birthday Ball is not yet available, it was well supported by members of the Detachment, we met several prospective new members, and folks were lined up to purchase Jeremiah's delicious barbeque!



Mike Remington and Jose Vazquez



Andy Dorman and Robert Icolari



Customers lined up for Jeremiah's BBQ



Andy Dorman, Sam McDonald and Virgil Young



Sam McDonald, Sherman Brown and Andy Dorman



More folks buying Jeremiah's BBQ

4TH ANNUAL QUANTICO 24-HOUR WALK, RUN, & RELAY

By Ernie Bartosh

Detachment members Virgil Young, Robert Icolari, Michael Diamond, Sam McDonald, Ronnie Edwards, Clinton Firstbrook, Ernie Bartosh, Tai Mamea, and Clayton Hill who participated in at least part of the two-day event, 4-5 October.



Ernie Bartosh, Clint Firstbrook, and Sam McDonald



Members of Jack Maas Detachment, 1379

The Walk, Run & Relay raised more than \$3,000 for the Semper Fi & America's Fund. Of note, Past Commandant Michael Diamond had his longest walk to date since his health events, which was a real inspiration to the entire group. Clayton Hill completed a virtual Marine Corps Marathon of 26.2 miles, plus a little extra to boot. Both Sam McDonald (over 21 miles) and Ernest Bartosh (24 miles) participated the full 24 hours of the event. A great team effort on behalf of the Detachment, which also assisted the day prior by handing out registration packages and manning our tent, which resulted in several prospective new members.



Representative from Rose Gaming Resort, Clinton Firstbrook, and Kevin Brown, Mayor of Quantico



Tai Mamea and Michael Diamond



Group photo of Walk, Run & Relay participants

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

6 Paul Schultz	12 Alfred Rothschild
8 Edward Homendy	14 Stephen Combs
8 Joseph Plummer	15 Richard Link
9 Abel Perez	21 Matthew Manieri
9 Mark Weinhardt	27 Tristan Dunlop
10 Richard Spillman	

MARINE CORPS HISTORY IN NOVEMBER

by Ernie Bartosh (sources: <https://www.Samara.org/This-Month-in-History/November>, and Wikipedia)

November 7, 2004: The Second Battle of Fallujah, initially codenamed Operation Phantom Fury, Operation al-Fajr (Arabic: 'The Dawn') was an American-led offensive of the Iraq War that lasted about six weeks. A joint military effort of the United States, the Iraqi Interim Government, and the United Kingdom, the battle was the war's first major engagement fought solely against the Iraqi insurgency, not the military forces of the Ba'athist Iraq government. Led by the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Army, the Second Battle of Fallujah was later described as "some of the heaviest urban combat Marines and Soldiers have been involved in since Huế City in Vietnam in 1968" and as the toughest battle the U.S. military has been in since the end of the Vietnam War. It was the single bloodiest and fiercest battle of the entire conflict, including for American troops.

November 8, 1990: President Bush announced that he planned to add more than 200,000 U.S. troops to those already deployed in Operation Desert Shield in the Persian Gulf area. The number of Marines in the area would be doubled by the addition of II MEF units from the Corps' east coast bases, and the 5th MEB from California. Within the next two months, Marine strength in the objective area would increase to nearly 90,000 Marines.

November 10, 1921: This date marked the first formal commemoration of the birthday of the Marine Corps as 10 November. On 21 October 1921, Maj Edwin McClellan, OIC of the Historical Section, HQMC, sent a memo to MajGen Commandant John A. Lejeune, suggesting that the original birthday of 10 November 1775 be declared a Marine Corps holiday to be celebrated throughout the Corps. Accordingly, on 1 Nov 1921, Gen Lejeune issued Marine Corps Order No. 47 summarizing the history, mission, and tradition of the Corps, and directed that it be read to every command each 10 November.

November 11, 1919: Veterans Day was initially known as Armistice Day and celebrated the end of World War I known at the time as "The Great War". The Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles, however, the fighting had ended on Nov. 11, 1918, when an armistice went into effect on the "eleventh hour" of the "eleventh day" of the "eleventh month". Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The observance of Veterans Day on November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

November 20, 1943: The Battle of Tarawa was fought on 20–23 November 1943 between the United States and Japan on Tarawa Atoll in the Gilbert Islands, and was part of Operation Galvanic, the U.S. invasion of the Gilberts. Nearly 6,400 Japanese, Koreans, and Americans died during the

battle, mostly on and around the small island of Betio, in the extreme southwest of Tarawa Atoll. The Battle of Tarawa was the first American offensive in the critical Central Pacific region. It was also the first time in the Pacific War that the United States faced serious Japanese opposition to an amphibious landing. Previous landings had met little to no initial resistance, but on Tarawa the 4,500 Japanese defenders were well supplied and well prepared, and they fought almost to the last man, exacting a heavy toll on the United States Marine Corps.

November 24, 1992: Marines lowered the flag at Subic Bay, U.S. Naval Facility, Republic of the Philippines, for the last time during ceremonies to turn over the facility to the government of the Philippines. The withdrawal ended almost a century of U.S. presence in that nation.

November 25, 1968: The conclusion of Operation Lancaster II ended 10 months of action against the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army troops in the west-central sector of the demilitarized zone region. Over 1,800 enemy were killed, 42 captured, and 913 weapons seized.

November 27, 1950: In a carefully planned assault, eight Chinese Communist divisions in Korea launched a massive attack which was intended to destroy the 1st Marine Division. This action led to the successful southward Marine Corps attack out of the Changjin (Chosin) Reservoir to the coastal port of Hungnam.

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

by Robert Icorali

Fellow Marines, as we come together to celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday, we honor 250 years of shared history and sacrifice. Let us dedicate ourselves to another year, another decade, another century, of brotherhood and sisterhood. Whether we began our service to Corps and Country at Parris Island, San Diego, or Quantico, one of the first things our Drill Sergeants and Sergeant Instructors instilled in us – in addition to how to fall in on the yellow footprints, stand at attention, and march in formation - was our history. We would never do anything to let down those who came before us and sacrificed so much. Let us keep their memory alive as we celebrate another year of accomplishments for our Detachment, our Marine Corps League, and our beloved United States Marine Corps!



Robert Icorali

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A MARINE

Forwarded by Mike Chmielewski

Marines, I came across this poem written by a Marine who I served with, Cpl Kelly Lamonda, and I thought it was an appropriate reminder of why we decided to join the brotherhood of Marines.

To understand a Marine you must know:

We left home as teenagers or in our early twenties for an unknown adventure.

We loved our country enough to defend it and protect it with our own lives.

We said goodbye to friends and family and everything we knew.

We learned the basics and then we scattered in the wind to the far corners of the Earth.

We found new friends and a new family.
We became brothers and sisters regardless of color, race, or creed.
We had plenty of good times, and plenty of bad times.
We didn't get enough sleep.
We smoked and drank too much.
We picked up both good and bad habits.
We worked hard and played harder.
We didn't earn a great wage.
We experienced the happiness of mail call, and the sadness of missing important life events.
We didn't know when, or if, we were ever going to see home again.
We grew up fast, and yet somehow, we never grew up at all.
We fought for our freedom, as well as the freedom of others.
Some of us saw actual combat, and some of us didn't.
Some of us saw the world, and some of us didn't.
Some of us dealt with physical warfare, most of us dealt with psychological warfare.
We have seen and experienced and dealt with things that we can't fully describe or explain, as not all of our sacrifices were physical.
We participated in time-honored ceremonies and rituals with each other, strengthening our bonds and camaraderie.
We counted on each other to accomplish the mission, and sometimes to survive at all.
We have dealt with victory and tragedy.
We have celebrated and mourned.
We lost a few along the way.
When our adventure was over, some of us went back home, and some of us started somewhere new, and some of us never came home at all.
We have told amazing and hilarious stories of our exploits and adventures.
We share an unspoken bond with each other, that most people won't experience, and few will understand.
We speak highly of our own branch of service and poke fun at the other branches.
We know, however, that if needed, we will be there for our brothers and sisters and stand together as one, in a heartbeat.
Being a Marine is something that had to be earned, and it can never be taken away.
It has no monetary value, but at the same time, it is a priceless gift.
People see a Marine on the street and they thank us for our service.
When we see each other, we give that little upwards head nod, or a slight smile, knowing that we have shared and experienced things that most people have not.
So, I commend you and thank you for all that you have done, and all that you have sacrificed for our country.
Try to remember the good times and make peace with the bad times.
Share your stories.
But most importantly stand tall and proud, for you have earned the title of Marine!

VA HEALTH CARE CENTER BENCH PROJECT

Bring your plastic grocery-type bags to our next meeting on Saturday 15 November so they can be recycled into a bench at the VA Health Care Center. See Ernie Bartosh for details.

SPOTSYLVANIA SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

The Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Department will celebrate Veterans of all Services outside of the Public Safety Building, 9119 Dean Ridings Lane. Set up will be from 08-10:30, and the event will last from 11-13:00.

FREDERICKSBURG AREA VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION

The Fredericksburg Area Veterans Council (FAVC) will conduct a ceremony on Veterans Day, Tuesday 11 November. The event will begin with a march at 10:30 beginning at the Memorial Park and concluding with a ceremony at the Fredericksburg Area War Memorial at 11:00. See the map below; for more details see Ernie Bartosh.



TOYS FOR TOTS

OUR 2025 GOAL: 1000 TOYS!!



The Toys for Tots Foundation drive began last month, and continues through mid- December. George Fenton is coordinating our participation, and he will have collection boxes available. Please consider putting a box in your neighborhood, civic center, church, or club. Last year we collected nearly 900 toys; the T4T Foundation collected 159,000 toys. Toys are distributed throughout 16 counties in central Virginia. All members supporting the drive will be awarded The Toys-For-Tots Lapel Pin, and will receive a certificate of appreciation from Dumpy, our Jack Maas Detachment Elf Liaison from the North Pole!

JACK MAAS DETACHMENT 250TH MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL

It's finally here! If you haven't bought your tickets for our Birthday Ball to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, there's still time, but don't wait! Last Date to purchase is 2 November. Tickets are still available; \$30 per person for Members, \$40 per person for non-Members. If you were unable to pick up your tickets at the October meeting, they will be available at the Check-in desk when you arrive for the Ball. See the flyer and menu below for more details.

PURCHASE CHALLENGE COINS!

At the July meeting, the Jack Maas Detachment began a pre-order sale for a new commemorative challenge coin in celebration of the 250th birthday of our beloved Corps. The proceeds of the coin sales will go to fund the Detachment's Birthday Ball. Only 200 coins will be struck, and once we sell out, we will likely not be ordering more. If you are interested in owning a piece of our Detachment's (and Marine Corps) history, you can purchase coins at our next Detachment meeting. Coins are \$20 each, with a \$0.70 service charge per coin for credit card purchases.



If you have a neighbor, a relative, a friend or a business you deal with regularly that you think might support our celebration of the 250th Birthday of our Corps, talk to them about becoming a donor or a sponsor. Print out and give them copies of the Donor/Sponsor Flyer you've received, identifying the benefits a donor or sponsor receives for supporting the ball at varying levels, and the letter describing our tax-exempt status.



COME CELEBRATE THE
**250th MARINE CORPS
BIRTHDAY BALL!**



WITH THE
JACK MAAS DETACHMENT
OF THE
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE



ON
Saturday, November 8th 2025

AT THE MOOSE LODGE FAMILY CENTER

11917 CHERRY RD, FREDERICKSBURG VA 22407

DOORS OPEN AT 5PM FOR SOCIAL HOUR AND COCKTAILS

CEREMONY BEGINS AT 6PM WITH DINNER TO FOLLOW

TICKETS: \$30 FOR Detachment MEMBERS, \$40 FOR NON-MEMBERS

FOR TICKETS OR QUESTIONS: JackMaasDetachment@gmail.com

MENU

Hors d'oeuvres

Veggie, Cheese and Fruit Trays during Cocktail Hour

Appetizer

Steamed Shrimp Cocktail with Fresh Lemon and Cocktail Sauce

Ceasar Salad

Romaine Lettuce, tossed with Dressing and Croutons

Main Course

Choice of either: Smoked Prime Rib Au Jus

or

Seasoned Boneless Grilled Chicken Breast
(topped with Lite Supreme Sauce with Capers)

Vegetable

Green Beans Almondine

Starch

Golden Steamed Rice Pilaf

Dinner Rolls with Butter

Desert

Marine Corps Birthday Cake

Please note that the meal will be served buffet-style, and while there are no Vegetarian or Gluten Free options, guests are free to choose what they would or would not like to eat.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- 16:30 Doors open. Professional portrait photography will be available throughout the evening, except during the ceremony and remarks portion. Guests can purchase raffle tickets for various items.
- 17:00 – 17:55 Cocktail Hour, Hors d'oeuvres. There will be a cash bar available.
- 18:00 Ceremony Begins.
- 19:00 Following the ceremony, dinner will be served, buffet style.
- 20:00 Guest of Honor and the Detachment Commandant will make their remarks after dinner.
- 20:30 – 23:00 Dancing; music provided by a DJ.

ATTIRE

At some point in our Marine Corps careers, we have probably all attended a Birthday Ball. It is a formal occasion that calls for formal attire. This can be as formal as the Marine Corps League Evening Dress uniform or the MCL Red Blazer. A tuxedo that you own or rent would also be appropriate, as well as a dark suit and tie. Covers are not required, unless directed as part of the ceremony.

Here are some examples of appropriate attire to help you figure out what you might wear:



As a veteran, you have earned the right to wear miniature medals of the awards you received while you were in the Marine Corps, OR you can wear any medals that you have received as a member of the Marine Corps League. Marine Corps League and Department of Defense medals and / or ribbons should NEVER be mixed on any uniform. The wearer has only the choice of wearing authorized medals and/ or ribbons of EITHER, but NEVER BOTH TOGETHER. Here's a couple of links that might be helpful:

https://www.marinecorpsleague726.com/docs/UniformCode_2009.pdf

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lp86WYQEnDk>

Finally, if you need help with finding the appropriate attire fitting the solemn occasion of the Marine Corps Birthday, please reach out to other members, especially the officers. Don't be "that guy" who shows up in torn blue jeans and a Molly Hatchet concert T-shirt!

GUEST OF HONOR, LTCOL RICHARD L. (BILL) CODY SR USMC (RETIRED)



Richard Loyd Cody, Sr. was born in Lincoln Nebraska 27 May 1938 to Joseph F. Sr. and Lucy Pearl Cody. He is the youngest of three children: his sister Helen, the eldest, and brother Joe Jr. the next in line (both now deceased). Joe, the older brother, joined the Marines in 1947. In September 1955, “Rich” followed his brother and joined the Corps. Both the older and younger brothers would serve 30 years as leathernecks and retire as Lieutenant Colonels. For them, the Corps was truly a “band of brothers”.

As a sergeant in 1962 “Rich” was selected for OCS and commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant. During his career, Cody commanded platoons, companies, and finally an infantry battalion (1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment). Other major assignments included service as Action Officer Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps, Chief Tactics Instructor at the Officers’ Basic School Quantico, S-3 Operations Officer 8th Marines then as the Landing Force Sixth Fleet (Israeli-Arab October War 1973), Asst AC/S G-3 8th Marine Amphibious Brigade, AC/S G-2 4th Marine Amphibious Brigade, and Asst Director of Training, Landing Force Training Command Atlantic.

He served two combat tours in Vietnam. The first was 1965-66. After completing Army Special Warfare School at Fort Bragg, NC, then Lieutenant Cody was assigned to the Military Assistance Command Vietnam and saw action as senior advisor to a South Vietnamese infantry battalion operating along the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). Returning to the war as a captain in 1968 he commanded Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment and fought in several battles. Captain Cody was wounded twice and awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action. (It was during his second Vietnam tour that he acquired the nickname “Bill”, by which most people know him today.) Bill retired from the Corps as a Lieutenant Colonel in July 1985. His personal decorations include the Silver Star, Bronze Star (with Combat V), Meritorious Service, Purple Heart (with Gold Star), and Marine Corps Good Conduct Medals.

In 1986, after going back to school, Bill worked in the information technology (IT) field until recently retiring in 2020. In the 34 years spent in the IT field he participated in designing, developing, and maintaining many large computer information systems for the U.S. Army and other DoD and civilian agencies. ‘Moon lighting’, he actively participates in Marine Corps history programs. In this respect he is a DOCENT (guide) at the National Museum of the Marine Corps, contributes to the Marine Corps Gazette and Leatherneck magazines, and was part of the Marine Corps History Division team that compiled the centennial history of Marines in World War I. He is a published military illustrator and artist, his most famous work being the popular ‘HAPPY HOUR’ lithograph.

Bill and his wife, Marilyn, settled down in Stafford VA. Sadly, Marilyn recently passed away. His first and former wife, Margaret, resides in Virginia Beach. Bill is blessed with large family including six daughters and a son plus many grand and great grandchildren. One of his grandsons, SSgt Ethan Porch USMC, is an MP recently assigned to MCAS Miramar.

LCPL CALEB JOHN POWERS UNIT YOUNG MARINES

POWERS’ PRIDE

by YM/Sgt Clevenger from the Lance Corporal Caleb John Powers Unit.



This week, I’ve been delving into the true meaning of patriotism. Patriotism to your country and to your fellow Americans is so *incredibly* important. So important, that I’m not even sure if I can go over everything in this short article.

Patriotism is more than waving the flag or singing the national anthem — it's a deep love for our country and a willingness to serve, protect, and strengthen it in whatever ways we can. President John F. Kennedy once said, *"Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country."* To me, that quote represents the heart of patriotism: putting others before ourselves, standing together as Americans, and showing gratitude for the freedoms we often take for granted.



To me, patriotism is a lifelong act—it's caring for our veterans, supporting our fellow Americans, uniting our communities, and guiding those who will come after us. It's not about perfection, but participation. Every act of service, no matter how small, helps strengthen the fabric of our nation. In the words of President George Washington, *"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve... shall be directly proportional to how they perceive veterans of earlier wars were treated."* That quote reminds me why I do what I do—because how we serve today shapes the America of tomorrow.

DONATIONS REQUESTED TO HELP SEND A YOUNG MARINE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2025 PEARL HARBOR MEMORIAL SERVICE

By Detachment YM Liaison Virgil Young

For many years, Young Marine Units around the country have sent some senior YMs to Pearl Harbor to participate in the annual Pearl Harbor Memorial Day Parade and other memorial activities to help them understand the significance of the attack on 7 Dec. 1941 that propelled our country into World War II. This year, YM Sgt. Faith Clevenger will be the only member of the LCpl. Caleb John Powers YM Unit going to Pearl Harbor for the memorial activities.

Faith will be graduating from high school next May, when she must leave the YM Program, so this is her last chance to make this trip as a Young Marine. As you know, Faith has been writing monthly columns for our newsletter for the last year keeping us up to date about the Young Marines. Her father, Marty Clevenger, is a member of our detachment and both Marty and Faith's mother, Linda, are Adult Volunteers with the Powers YM Unit.

Faith and her mother, who will accompany Faith as her chaperone, plan to travel to Honolulu, HI for the memorial activities from 3-8 Dec. Unfortunately, each YM and Adult Volunteer must make their own travel/hotel plans and pay their own expenses for the trip. Linda and Faith estimate that it will cost about \$1,500 for the trip.

If you would like to donate funds to help pay for their trip, as I will, please make checks payable to Linda Clevenger and bring them to me at the 15 Nov. detachment meeting or mail them to our detachment mailing address (PO Box 7515, Fredericksburg, VA 22404) and I will get the checks to Linda. I know that Faith and Linda will have a wonderful trip, and I look forward to hearing from them about it when they return. I'm sure Faith and Linda will be able to come to one of our detachment meetings to tell us about it.

LOUISA COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL MARINE CORPS JUNIOR ROTC PROGRAM

Brad Anderson (LtCol, USMC Ret) wants the Detachment to know that the Louisa County High School Marine Corps JROTC unit will be supporting the Gordonsville's Veteran's Day Parade on Saturday 8 November, and into the evening.

On Monday 10 November, members of the Jack Maas Detachment are invited to attend the Marine Corps JROTC unit Birthday cake cutting ceremony in the Louisa County High School Auditorium at 18:30. Following that ceremony, they will promote 15 of their cadets who have stepped forward to support Cannon Team and Color Guard extracurriculars, identified as the program's "plank holders." They now have 49 cadets enrolled for their first classes in January and are gaining enrollment every week. That's up from 34 when they started in August, and that number continues to steadily grow.

Interested members are encouraged to contact Brad for details:

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VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER (VSO) OPPORTUNITY

The Marine Corps League National Headquarters has secured a dedicated office space within the new VA Clinic in Fredericksburg, to be staffed one day per week. This location will serve as a key service hub for transitioning service members from Marine Corps Base Quantico, as well as for veterans receiving care at Fredericksburg VA Clinic. This is more than just office space — it is a front-line post in the ongoing mission to serve those who have worn the uniform.

To fully use this space and fulfill our mission, **National Headquarters is seeking a local MCL member to serve as an accredited National Veterans Service Officer (VSO)**. This is a unique opportunity to directly support Marines and veterans in our community while representing the Marine Corps League as part of the national-level initiative.

To be eligible for accreditation, the members must:

1. Be a member of the MCL for at least 12 months.
2. Receive endorsements from both the Detachment Commandant and Department Commandant.
3. Successfully pass a VA background investigation.
4. Not currently employed by the Federal Government.

If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact Detachment Member and Disabled American Veterans (DAV) officer Skip Lucado who can advise you of the training requirements: skip03@comcast.net

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN SERVICES (VDVS) NEWSLETTER

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/VADVS/bulletins/3f5e15f>

VETERAN'S DAY FREE MEALS AND RETAIL DISCOUNTS

<https://www.militarymoney.com/discounts/veterans-day-deals/>

BEIRUT BARRACKS BOMBING REMEMBRANCE AT CAMP LEJEUNE NC

<https://www.wnct.com/top-stories/jacksonville-marks-42-years-since-beirut-barracks-bombings/>

<https://wcti12.com/news/local/survivors-gather-in-jacksonville-to-honor-beirut-barracks-bombing-victims-legacy>

NEW FOUR PART DOCUMENTARY ON MARINES

On Thursday Netflix released its first trailer for “Marines,” a four-episode documentary series on the U.S. Marine Corps. All four episodes are set to air on the service’s 250th birthday on Nov. 10:

<https://www.militarytimes.com/news/your-military/2025/10/17/netflix-drops-trailer-for-upcoming-marines-documentary/>

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Check out this article about one of the oldest recruits in Marine Corps History:

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/opinions/50-he-survived-marine-boot-camp-then-fought-peleliu-and-okinawa.html>

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DETACHMENT QUARTERMASTERS:

The Ship's Store carries Marine Corps League and Jack Maas Detachment gear. The Detachment Cover is the "official uniform" of the Detachment. Items not in stock may be ordered. If the item is not claimed in 12 months, it will be put into inventory for sale. Payment is by cash, check, or credit card. If you have any ideas for new merchandise, talk to us.

The Ships Store is open before and after the Detachment Meeting but closed during the meeting. It is suggested that members wishing to purchase item(s) do so at least 15 minutes before the meeting begins (30 minutes might be even better).

Price List: (as of 1 Jan 2025)

Detachment Cover (Complete)	\$65.00
Detachment Patch	\$10.00
Detachment Challenge Coin	\$10.00
Birthday Ball 250 th Birthday Challenge Coin	\$20.00
Name tag (Paid when ordered)	\$18.00
Sweatshirt (no hood, S-XL)	\$36.00
Sweatshirts (hooded, S-XL)	\$40.00
Sweatshirts (zippered hoodie, S-XL)	\$45.00
Sweatshirts (2XL and Larger, Add \$5.00)	
Polyester Polo (short sleeve, S-XL)	\$35.00
Polyester Polo (long sleeve S-XL)	\$40.00
Polyester Polo (2XL and Larger, Add \$5.00)	
Cotton/Poly Blend Polo (short sleeve, S-XL)	\$45.00
Cotton/Poly Blend Polo (2XL and Larger, Add \$5.00)	
Dress Shirt (short sleeve, S-XL)	\$40.00
Dress Shirt long sleeve, S-XL)	\$45.00
Dress Shirt (2XL and Larger, Add \$5.00)	
Detachment Ball Caps	\$25.00
Detachment Watch Caps	\$25.00
Fleece Jacket (S-XL)	\$50.00
Fleece Jacket (Add XL and Larger, Add \$5.00)	
Fleece Vest (S-XL)	\$45.00
Fleece Vest (2XL and Larger, Add \$5.00)	
Tank Top Shirt (S – XL)	\$22.00
Tank Top Shirt (2XL and Larger, Add \$3.00)	
Striated Fleece Jacket (S – XL)	\$65.00
Striated Fleece Jacket (2XL and Larger, Add \$5.00)	
Detachment Patches (Up to 12" wide x 13" tall)	Cost varies with size

In Memoriam

Dedicated to perpetuating the memory of those members of Jack Maas Detachment #1379 who have preceded us in reporting to our Supreme Commandant for assignment to their Final Duty Stations. May we ever remember them and honor their service and sacrifices.

Name	Date	Survived By	Internment
Chris Bennett, Major	<u>24 Nov 2024</u>	<u>Oesuk</u>	Quantico
Billy C. Henry, Major	<u>8 Aug 2024</u>	<u>Family</u>	Arlington
William Zlater, MSgt	<u>24 July 2024</u>	<u>Denise</u>	Unknown
Scott Pipenhagen, CWO3	<u>28 April 2024</u>	<u>Suzanne</u>	Quantico
Tiffany Zapata, Cpl	<u>15 May 2023</u>	<u>Nelson</u>	Private Burial
Ralph Wilcox, MSgt	<u>12 April 2023</u>	<u>Children</u>	Quantico
William Bovee, Capt	<u>16 Dec 2022</u>	<u>Margaret</u>	Quantico
Joseph Venable, MGySgt	15 Nov 2022	Jane	Quantico
Robert Guest, GySgt	1 Sep 2022	Mother	Not Stated
Dennis Chambers, Private	25 May 2022	Family	NH State Vet Cemetery
Lawrence "Doc" Rephanshek	12 May 2022	Irene	Quantico
John Hopkins, Major	4 Dec 2021	Daughter	Quantico
Ron Hardisty, SSgt	6 Nov 2021	Son	Quantico
Joseph Bongiovi, Sgt	25 Sep 2021	Barbara	Quantico
Alan Roberts, SgtMaj	19 Sep 2021	Donna	Private Burial
Russell Lloyd, LtCol	7 May 2021	Jean	Quantico
Donald Shiffert, MSgt	19 Oct 2020	Jean	Quantico
Theodore Hartung, LCpl	22 Aug 2020	Betty	Quantico
William Woolf, Sgt	31 May 2019	Lillie	Quantico
Marv Pixton III, Col	15 Jan 2018	Missy	Arlington
Francis Spalding, Unk	27 Mar 2016	Family	Amhurst Cemetery, VA
Anthony Arbisi, Capt	3 June 2015	5 Children	Arlington
Robert Lyman, Major	19 May 2015	Carol	Quantico
Louis Orlando, Capt	21 Sep 2011	Mary	Quantico

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